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Presidents Message

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Chapter Members & Friends,

Once again, Fall is upon us; although most of us in Texas can't tell much difference from summer. I'm hoping that you all had a fun filled and safe summer of boating.

As summer draws to a close, I'd like to remind each of you of our upcoming fall event - The 28th Annual Austin/Hill Country Wooden Boat Show. This year's show will again be held at the Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club on beautiful Lake LBJ, October 14th – 17th. If you need information regarding the show, you can contact Scott Reichardt at 830-598-4661.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Warmest Regards,

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Day 1! fresh out of a restoration!



Lake Conroe Rendezvous 2010

Late this past June we held our Lake Conroe Rendezvous. Due to Hurricane Ike, and the subsequent drought and draining of the water to repair the dam, it was the first in several years. We decided, in resurrecting the event, we would re-start as a one day event – although some of us started on Friday, and continued well into Sunday.

The event officially started at 10 am on the Saturday morning of June 26th - meeting at the newly opened April Plaza Marina-Hotel. The facilities were easy to get to, had a great boat ramp and good docks, and a newly renovated “no frills” hotel.

We caravanned from there to Sams Boat for lunch, a fleet of 15-odd boats and a distance of probably 5 miles by boat (but only 2.5 by car). The morning lake waters were fairly smooth for Lake Conroe. Sam’s Boat is casual dining, with great boat docks on the Highway 105 side of the lake and college-age dock masters ready to squelch the cracking of planks. We filled every dock fronting the restaurant with classics. Once there, about 20 of us casually dined for lunch, then departed to mess around for the afternoon in various parts of the lake.





Smoking by!



How 'bout that Classic Aluminum!



Riviera!!!



Biminis were the rage!



Beautiful Century Resorter!!



Unique late '50's Chris.



What a sweet boat!

We had our fair share of tows...being on both ends of the line. One Chris Craft had a fuel problem and was able to receive a tow from an awesome Century Resorter, another Chris Craft had a vapor lock (but was able to fire up just as a trusty Ford powered Century Arabian came to the rescue), and our resident Yellow Jacket did the towing of a non-participant's quite large tri-hull boat. Ever try to tow a big heavy boat with a small & light one? It's a good thing Macaluso is a veteran Captain!

One thing about lakes, notably Lake Conroe, is that the amateurs come out in the afternoons (especially summer weekend afternoons) and the lake gets extremely choppy. Some say the lake being mostly bulkheaded contributes to this but, whatever reason, it gets rough! Especially for flat bottomed Centurys. This Saturday was no exception, and it was a long slog back to the more quiet cove of the host marina. Some of us went "messaging around" and at least Fred Burban - along with his grandson and some of the Century owners - went over to the La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa and hung out for refreshments and tell lies.

The Daughertys hosted an afternoon reception. Btw, have you noticed how much more special it is to have an event at someone's home? Its much more relaxing and intimate than a resort or restaurant. Anyways, about 5 in the afternoon we found ourselves at the waterfront home of John and Debbie's, where they hosted hors d'oeuvres. Some of us came by car, and others by boat, but at this point, there were about 30 of us, sunbeated and tired, and having a great time. The Daugherty's place is great for socializing, as John has 4 covered boat houses, a full waterfront kitchen, all backing up to the pool and overlooking the choicest part of the lake. A great time was had by all! Most of us left from there, and drug back to the hotel (with at least one caravan stopping by the editor's new digs in the low rent district of the lake).

Sunday morning at least two of the participants (Gary and Lupita Hoyle and Dale Lipps and his guest), went out for early Sunday morning cruises for breakfast. The rest of us drug out of bed and put our toys up. A great weekend with friends and boats, and no major mechanical mayhem.



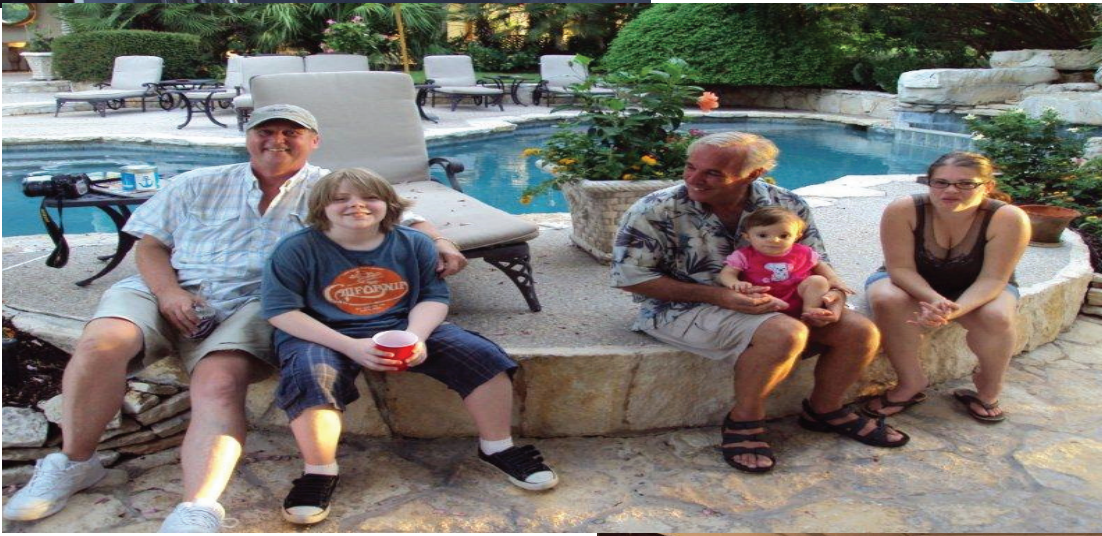
**Yes.
we arranged the sunset.**



Departing from home in their cruiser.



Great time!



Beautiful setting for a party!



The Daughterys hamming it up!

THAT is a boat house!





First launch.



Wet and ready for the second half of the day.



Saturday night in the boat house!



Sam's Boat for lunch.



Resting by the pool.



OOOOOPS!



**Be
there
or be
square!**

**Annual
Hill Country/
Austin Boat
Show**

Note:
This poster
is for the Sat-
urday SHOW....
hence the date.
Scott and his crew
put out the poster
in local busi-
nesses.

**28th Annual
Hill Country
Wooden Boat
Show**



**Saturday, October 16th
12 Noon until 4pm
Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club
Free Admission**

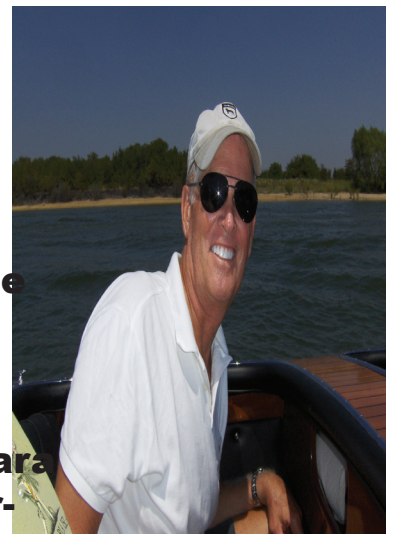
- * **Friday River Cruise**
- * **Friday night dinner at the home of Pam & Scott Reichardt**
- * **Saturday Boat Show at Horseshoe Bay Marina**
- * **Saturday night dinner at Horseshoe Bay Resort**

**Information is available at www.southwest-acbs.org or
Scott Reichardt at hsbadmiral@hotmail.com, 830-598-4661
Show Date October 15-16th**

North Texas WBA Ride N'Show

The North Texas WBA, Ride N' Show, has become an annual event for us. It is always held on Lake Lewisville on the North Side of Dallas.

The Friday night program included a dinner at Al and Sara Kroemer's horse farm. Al turns his air-conditioned, furnished garage, (rivalled only by Clay Thompson's), into a Texas Bar-B-Que. Al is an active car collector in addition to wooden boats. After dinner guests are provided a tour of the stables to see Sara's collection of draft horses.



Taking delivery of his new Gar Wood!

The show on Saturday was held at a new location this year, the Pier 121 Marina. There was ample dock space and the facilities included a covered outdoor bar and grill. As you can see in some of the photos, there was a good representation of Classic Glass in addition to wood. The Ride N' Show format gives members an opportunity to use their boats all day Saturday and Sunday morning.



Ain't nuttin like a HEMI!

Friday night.



Beautiful turned brass dash.

Dinner Saturday night was at the home of Jim and Rhonda Wolfe. Jim also has a garage with air conditioning. You are probably beginning to notice there is a higher standard in the Dallas wooden boat world. Jim and Rhonda have recently finished an extensive remodel of their home. They even enlisted some of their closest friends to be servers and bartenders. We suspect there will probably be a pay back in the near future. What great hospitality.



Ask a male participant about this picture...



Saturday night dinner at the Wolfe Garage mahal.



Cozy!!!



Fleet send-off!!!!





Classic Glass!!!!



The Austin contingent.



All the way from Lake McQueeney.



“Badges? We don’t need no stinkin’ badges!”

or do we...

NAME BADGES – Any new members who have not received name badges, contact Robert Black, blackd@earthlink.net. List names as you want them to appear. Replacement badges are also available to old members for \$ 3.50 each.

Anyone wearing a pacemaker should request a pin badge instead of a magnet.

Eastbound and down, loaded up and truckin’

Ah we gonna do what they say can’t be done

**We’ve got a long way to go, and a short time to get there
I’m eastbound, just watch old Bandit run**

**Keep your foot hard on the pedal Son, never mind them brakes
Let it all hang out cause we got a run to make**

**The boys are thirsty in Atlanta and there’s beer in Texarkana
We’ll bring it back no matter what it takes...**



Sightings along the shores of lake Lewisville. Courtesy of Burt, Sally, Jerry and PONTIAC!!!



**I must
be missing something.
And...the bow has a huge swan
carved in wood!**

Quote of the issue...

In a discussion on the commander.com website talking about the 63 coats of varnish and the lack of laminated wood on one of Van Dam’s latest and greatest...

“I suspect that Van Dam would consider that a crime against history.

Speaking with the Van Dam rep there, I was told that this boat required about 6000 hours of labor.

Think of that - actual ORGANIZED purposeful labor. Not that beer tainted fumbling while listening to the radio that I like to put in.”