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The Southwest Chapter-Antique & Classic Boat Society serving Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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A message from your Southwest Chapter President

Hello all

We've had changes since our last newsletter. The LBJ Show was cancelled due to the organizer being incapacitated. Scott Reichardt had an accident on his bicycle that put him out of commission for awhile. We pray that his recovery is progressing well, and hope he is back on his feet soon. We also lost longtime member Christie Nalle. In addition to an effervescent personality, you may remember her **as the “mermain” at Keels and Wheels for a number of years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill during this time of grief.**

Lisa and I recently retired which has allowed us to travel, visiting other shows and waving the Southwest Chapter flag. We pulled **Class of '59** to Coeur **D'Alene, Idaho, for** the International Show and ran into fellow chapter members Paul and Linda Merryman. At the award dinner, I accepted on the **chapter's behalf the** ACBS 2021 Chapter Growth Award. We then headed south, also having a lot of fun at the Heartland **Chapter's 'Classics Cruising Table Rock'** show. Later in the summer, we attended the WBA of **North Texas' Lake Lewisville Show.**



As many of you know, the ACBS executive director Dan Gyoerkoe has announced his retirement effective December 31st. As a member of the International Board, I recently had the opportunity to meet his replacement, Lora Nadolski Hanson. I was very impressed with her and believe she will be a great asset to the organization going forward. I wish Dan well and thank him for his many contributions.

Looking forward into 2022, the Keels & Wheels show is scheduled for April 30th-**May 1st. It's not too early to start making your plans to attend. Check the Keels & Wheels website for updates.** The marquee boat for 2022 will be Chris-Craft. We are working with the Chris Craft Antique Boat Club to help them celebrate the centennial of the Chris Craft Boat Company. We plan to have the LBJ show next October. Details to come as we know more about the scheduling.

The Wooden Boat Association of North Texas is working on their calendar for 2022, and will be doing several shows. Check their website for dates and locations. The Sunnyland Chapter will be having their show in Tavares, Florida, in March. A number of us plan to attend. The Heartland Chapter will be scheduling their shows soon. The International ACBS Annual Show is scheduled for September 5th thru 10th in Burlington, Vermont. Information on the other Chapter shows can be found by linking to the Chapter websites from the ACBS.ORG website. Information on the International Show can also be found at the ACBS.ORG website.

Lisa and I wish you safe travels and Happy Holidays.

Lindy Robinson



Retrieving Class of '59

By Lindy Robinson

“Dad, have a look at this” was how it all began. My son Chris was looking at boats on the Antique Boat America website. The boat he had found is a 1959 Chris Craft 24ft Sportsman with twin engines. Further research on the boat showed that the restoration was started

in 2010 by Dan Nelson at Nelson Boat Works in Minnesota and finished in 2015 by friend Jim Frechette in Austin, Texas. I was quickly hooked. A rare boat, twin engines, trailerable, and a Texas connection to a close friend.

Negotiations were concluded in December, but getting the boat home from New York was a very slow process. I needed to get a trailer made for her here in Texas. That did allow time for the weather in up-state New York to warm up, the roads to clear, and odds and ends to be rectified before retrieval. As this was a big post-retirement trip for both my wife and I, it also gave us a chance to plan a two and a half week trek across the Northeast and Midwest of the United States.

We readied our trusty Tundra, ordered a custom trailer from Houston-based **McClain's Trailers**, and studied Google Maps.



Lisa and I left Seabrook on May 23rd, pulling a very bouncy empty aluminum trailer. We quickly found it helped to let a little air out of the tires, but it still bounced like a buckboard. We arrived in Clayton, NY four days later. After a short and cold sea-trial on the river, the nice folks at St. Lawrence Restorations began making the necessary trailer adjustments to get **“Class of ‘59”** loaded onto her new trailer. This gave us time to explore the area.

Clayton is a beautiful small town in the Thousand Islands Region and on the banks of the St. Lawrence Seaway. It is home to The Antique Boat Museum, the headquarters for the ACBS, and the showroom for Antique Boat America, among many other local attractions. This part of up-state New York is beautiful and well worth the visit.

After a three day stay in Clayton, the boat was ready for travel. We started our return journey, making our way south and west. We detoured briefly to see Niagara Falls. Three days later, after doing a drive-by of the **“Worlds Largest Catsup Bottle”** and the **“Cahokia Mounds”** in Collinsville, IL, and the **“Gateway Arch”** in St. Louis, MO, we found ourselves at the 2nd event. We planned the trip so we could stop at Table Rock Lake for the Heartland Chapter’s Rendezvous and boat show on our way home. We enjoyed four beautiful days at the Rocklane Resort exploring the lake and spending time with the other participants. This provided us the opportunity to give the boat a more thorough trial in warmer conditions. The Heartland Chapter was very welcoming and put on a great show. I would highly recommend it to anyone and we personally plan to return.



Another two days driving, and we were safely back home in Seabrook, with the newest addition to the fleet in tow. Thankfully, there were no major issues with either the truck or the trailer. We saw 14mpg unloaded, but 9 mpg pulling the Sportsman in the Ozarks in Southern Missouri.

Of course the twin V8 powered Sportsman performed in a stellar fashion! 4 days of running, 30 plus gallons of fuel, seeing an easy 35mph

All in all, it was a 16 day trip. **3715 miles under the Tundra's** wheels. Could we have done this faster? *Yes, but why?*





Southwest's Safety Corner

By Craig Stanfield

Fall is here, and that means Old Man Winter is around the corner. Although we live and boat in the Southwest of the United States, many of us do some sort of **winterizing (maybe antifreeze with the 'toilet plunger', or-like me- merely draining the petcocks and quickly running dry....something.). And never forget the Valentine's Day Freeze! Btw, a quick call to my insurance company verified NO coverage.**

Now is a good time to clean our cupboards. Leave the boat clean, dry and covered, with an inventory list for the Spring. Disconnect the battery. Maybe some additive for the fuel? Bring out the life vests, the throwable devices, fire extinguishers, flare kits, etc. Let them air out and dry out. Be generous with moisture control devices such as penetrating oil, and take an inventory. Pull up the hatches. **Prop up[those settee cushions. If you're like me, use some blue tape on the steering wheel or key fob to leave notes for yourself for the spring. At my age, I'll forget!** Oh, and air up those trailer tires, drain the water out of the bilge, coil the lines. Make it easy for the spring commissioning.

Of course, its also a good time to contact your favorite shipwright to get the items taken care of that we may not have time for over the winter.



Here's a portion of the list on the Boat-US site. Google their list, as it's good for thought. This was edited by me for smaller boats and boats kept in the south. Our winter is only a couple or 3 months long, if that. And we may want to go for that boat ride on January 1st!



Don't be this guy



- Fill fuel tanks and add stabilizer to gasoline
- Change oil and filter and fuel filters
- Ck coolant in FWC system and add as nec
- Run antifreeze thru RWC systems
- Fill water strainers with antifreeze
- Fog cylinders in gasoline engines
- Put batteries on tenders

- Remove food
- Open lockers to air
- Take home cushions or store on sides
- Take home portable electronics
- Verify operation of bilge pump and switch
- Clean and dry bilges
- Secure all ports/hatches
- Turn off all breakers (unless in the water!!!!)

Of course, always remember. If **you're cold and wet**, your boat is cold and wet also.

Craig



Upcoming Events

In deepest fall, here's our future....

March 25-27, 2022

Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival

Tavares, Florida

April 29-May 1, 2022

Keels and Wheels

Seabrook, Texas

Sept 5-10, 2022

ACBS International Show

Burlington, Vermont

Oct 2022

Austin/Hill Country Lake LBJ Show and
Colorado River Cruise

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

*As always, please confirm with a board member.
These are tentative dates, especially those furthest
away. And there's more to come!*

Musings from the editor...

Been on a trip?
Seen something cool?
Share it with the editor
Or use the facebook tool

How about a boat story
Your friends wanna share
Either very sad or elated
In your delight or despair

Did that prop
Get ground in the sand
Or your new socket
Disappear out of hand

Come on folks
Gimme some content
We all wanna laugh
When you vent

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Chapter - Vintage Boating**

Is there a photo
Documenting your sorrow?
Did you launch
That truck you did borrow?

Well remember
What Santa says to his reindeer
Never come into the ramp
Yelling for all to hear

And Rudolph keeps
That throttle in check
For the fear of hitting
The dock in a wreck

Peace
Craig