



SOUTHWESTER

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

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The Bow

Well, there's three or four things I wanted to mention in this newsletter.

First, an update on Patty Thompson...Clay reports that on July 1st Patty had the final surgery to repair her hip. There was no infection. She is now using a walker. As he says, it has been a long 10 months. They want to thank everyone for sending all the get-well cards.

Second, many of us participated in our annual Keels and Wheels in Seabrook. Participating in this show by supporting the Concours committee organization has helped our club grow, our members be involved, and the proceeds have helped kids in the region. Our participation has been good for us. Thank you Keels and Wheels.

Third, thanks again to Bob Macaluso for donating the fresh canoe as a fundraiser.

And fourth, hundreds of pictures were taken of the show by Joe Billman. These are some of them. Thanks Joe.

Lets enjoy this photo-story of the boats of Keels & Wheels - 2011.



Lindy

Keels & Wheels 2011

The 2011 Keels and Wheels saw over 90 boats on display and attendance exceeded 13,000. This year the show highlighted Century Boats, complete with a “Century Corral.” The Century Club was also in attendance. Concours Board and Southwest Chapter Member, Guy McCollum arranged the social events. Friday night saw a Boaters Bar-B-Q at the Springhill Suites. The Saturday Banquet was again held at the Somerset Estates, overlooking Galveston Bay. Guests were transported to the event and greeted by a “South of the Border Band”. After-dinner entertainment was provided by Thomas Holmes, president of the Century Boat Club.

Mr. Holmes told some humorous stories about growing up around the recreational boat industry. His mother Dorothy got a new boat to drive every summer. One year she discovered it could be started in “drive.” She had some suggestions for the factory after that incident. We have all taken summer jobs, where we could find them. It is apparent that some are a lot better than others. I would definitely rather work at the Century Boat factory.

The awards were handed out by Lindy Robinson and Paul Merryman on Saturday afternoon. Pictures of all the award winners can be seen on the Keels and Wheels web site.

This year put the Keels and Wheels over the million dollar mark in contributions to charities.



***Its all about
the kids!***



The trailer queens - drydocked



more beauties on the hard



The big dogs!!!!!!

aren't we glad some of 'us' have the means and desires to keep these beauties in shape!





bobbing



In the water



dockside



moored...



Thoroughbreds in the Corral!!!!

**This year, the featured
marque was CENTURY, a fine
brand known equally for Afri-
can mahogany, chrome, and
POWER!**

**The boats were split be-
tween those "tied" to the
corral near the Century hos-
pitality tent, and others tied
on the floating pier.**

**Enjoy these photos of the
CENTURY Thoroughbred
Fleet!**



more of the CENTURY corral...



Centurys in the water





The Century Boat Club president navigating the inner harbour.



more Centurys gracing the waters of Seabrook



run amok with Centurys!



**from the editor:
We thought we'd
run the boats
this issue, and
the parties the
next. Also, next
issue will have a
member profile.
promise!!! Craig**

WBA's Annual Ride 'n Show Moves to Lake Ray Hubbard!

We are pleased to announce that we are moving our annual Ride 'n Show to the Rockwall Bella Harbor area, just off I-30 on the east shore of Lake Ray Hubbard. The city of Rockwall has graciously offered their gorgeous docks, just in front of a beautiful (opened 2008) dining and shopping complex and the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel (reserve through your favorite travel site, or directly with the hotel.) The hotel has lakeview and land view rooms (at different prices, of course!), as well as a lake view restaurant and bar which allow guests to enjoy the event in air-conditioned comfort. This venue kicks our event up a couple notches in class, and will provide our Club members and guests with an unforgettable Ride 'n Show event!



We'll have new events on the schedule, beginning with a group dinner at the adjacent Luna de Noche restaurant on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. Then on Saturday morning at 8 a.m., we'll launch near the docks and get the boats in position around the City of Rockwall's docks.

As usual, we'll have the opportunity during the day to take our boats out for a ride. You'll have lunch on your own (or with old friends!) at your choice of many restaurants in the complex, and welcome visitors to the docks and answer questions about the boats. As a special treat, The Metroplex Mavericks Show Ski Team will be putting on a classic-style waterski show with 12 different acts. The show will start between 4 and 5 p.m. on Saturday. That'll make an exciting addition to our event!

Then on Saturday night, we'll start with a social hour in a suite at the Hilton Hotel, followed by dinner at the nearby Agave restaurant (order from the menu, pay on your own) . After dinner, we'll have a party aboard the 40-foot sailing catamaran "Seawolf" with skipper Scott Self. The one-hour sail is BYOB. If you wish to take the sail, you must register online, following the the instructions on Scott's website, choosing the 9 p.m. sailing on August 27, 2011. Bright and early Sunday morning, we'll roll out for our run on the lake, followed by the always popular Sunday Brunch at the Hilton.

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