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

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From the Bow....

Hello Fellow Skippers!

We'll, summer is finally here in the south—and what a crazy spring we had leading up to it! Some of our boating areas certainly received more than their fair share of rain and then more rain followed!

I would like to thank all the club members that volunteered at the 2016 Keels and Wheels show, and those who brought out their cherished boats. The weather held off until the end although most of us had more than a little fun getting our boats home in the torrential down pours that followed!

We are looking forward to the fall... don't forget our sister club event, the WBA Fall Festival Boat Show, October 1-2 at pier 121 in Lewisville.

Karen and I are looking forward to another great turn out and show at the Lake LBJ ACBS event this October 7-9 at Horseshoe Bay, Texas. With both the Dinner Cruise and dining at the Reichardt home being such popular events, I urge you to mark your calendars and turn in those reservations early.

With the 4th of July long weekend here and plenty of water in all the lakes, lets all be SAFE and have a GREAT time on the water!

Brian

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Keels and Wheels Concours D'Elegance

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Our anchor show at the Lakewood Yacht Club has come and gone for the year 2016. It was an awesome time. Although the weather gods gave us a scare, it was mostly rainbows and blue skies for the Friday, Saturday, and most of Sunday.

The pictures, and the show, has been divided into two newsletters. This, the first, covers the activities on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning before show opening. **The next newsletter will have the activities during the “opening times” of the show.** Why? The show is so large, there are many folks and beautiful boats involved. The outstanding photos are overwhelming to choose from.

Please sit back, sip your coffee, and enjoy.

Previous page: Paul Merryman's extraordinary gull wing Sabre idling by tied up Centurys along the dock.



Right: The editor slogging his Century through the deluge on Wednesday.

Below: Paul Merryman in his custom golf cart with MAG wheels - a Turtle Wax testimonial. Here he is waiting to assist the boaters as they arrive.





Top: Registration requires organizational skills, which is supplied by Christie, Karen, Gay and friends. **Don't cross them. They control everything!**
Below: The big Chris hailing from Lake Conroe definitely has the "Wow Factor."





Above: Carefully placing **Dave Parker's Garwood.**



Right: From the extravagant to the quirky. A new Roller and vintage Barracuda.



Left: Early arrivers.



Below: The hospitality tent was well stocked by Lisa and Lindy Robinson. Christie Nalle is apparently giving a warning.





Left: Bob Fuller in his custom golf cart - *The Commander in Chief*. **And to think he's been** doing this since the early nineties! It takes weeks of preparation on site, and months of behind the scene work for this to **come together. He's a** dynamo!

Lower left: Dock mates socializing between the boat docks and the ACBS tent on the other side.

Lower right: stunning boats both on trailer and floating for the long weekend.





Friday, the boats were coming in on trailers, (note 'Dixie Baby' above!) and the cars – for the most part - were driven in through the gates. Note the extraordinary tilting trailer and sharp wheels/tires with the matching nineteen foot Chris Craft racer. The Green Hornet was powered by a hot vintage Ford Y block.





Above and right: The entrants just keep getting better and better. The quality is amazing.

Below: That “little” steam boat was beyond words, including the teak deck.



Right Middle and Top: Great selection of cruisers like this classic Chris Craft Cavalier. Above it is a classic glass off-shore ketch with tons of teak. It's certainly big on the topsides (with a sweet sheer), but even bigger on bottom side.

Below: On Saturday morning, a large crowd turned out for the official re-naming of the on-shore exhibit area street — Lisa Lane. A very well deserved honor!





Above: Look at that stunning selection of Centurys!!!!
Paul certainly knows what he likes!

Below: Bill Nalle/Ed Ueckert - Harbor Masters and boat placement specialists. How do you make an 18ft. boat fit into a 16 ft. space? These fellows know how! Nice job guys.





Top Left: A 69/70 Chris Craft Super Sport...19. White upholstery looks like it came out of an Impala SS of the same vintage. These boats originally came in this Blazer Blue, and Racing Green and dark Ferrari Red. All had white upholstery and sole. Quite a stunning package. Designed by Deep V legend Jim Wynne.



Middle Left: A dispro resting dockside. These boats are long and light...and sexy. One has to be more athletic than this author to climb underneath the awning. The owners split their time with this exquisite craft between Canada and Dallas.



Lower Left: Speaking of long and narrow and light!!!! Gorgeous canoe (or is it a slipper!). The stern is certainly a high point of design.

Bottom: A vintage Chrysler. I'm not sure if I've seen one in the last 20 years. Maybe I've not seen one at all "in the wild". A rarity, it was in outstanding condition. Powered by Chrysler, needless to say!





Above Left: gorgeous steam boat behind artfully restored Bertram 58.
 Above Right: Wayne Elliot discusses judging with Bob Germany.
 Bottom: Best Century award winner is carefully placed.





Above: A very comprehensive out-board selection was carefully placed **near the “build a boat” and “build a motor” youth areas.** More details to follow next issue!

Left and Below: Stunning upholstery in this Oklahoma based double ender. A real looker!





Above: Ever wonder how many it takes to ready a Resor 16 for a Concours? A lot! This beauty hails from Oklahoma.

Right: Dew-infested Sunbeam Tiger early in the morning and well before the gates open.



Bottom: Gold finished aluminum outboard was a looker!





Middle Left: Saturday morning's 'Judges' Breakfast' with all in attendance.

Above: Boat judges separate to discuss details prior to walking the docks with our clipboards.

Lower Right: Part of the joy of the event is the socializing!





Above: How's this for an eco-friendly package!

Is that a Reese hitch?

Below: Vintage Crosby getting unveiled.

Bottom: Fins on an early sixties Chris.



Above: The hard working Ms. **Robinson's Chris Craft Holiday.**

This boat runs like a top, with looks to match!!!!

Below Center: Scott Reichardt running himself crazy on the docks.

Below Right: Serenity, a 60' pre war Elco, and her life saver. She's a veteran winner.



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From the editor....

The newsletter comes together as a result of recent events held within the chapter and area, and information deemed of interest to the chapter. This spring, the Chapter held its anchor event, the **Keels and Wheels Concours D'Elegance**. I hope that you enjoy the pics here as much as I enjoyed putting them together. At my age, reminiscing is a good thing.

Since I was overwhelmed with details on the event, the photos have been divided into this issue and the next.

We always need articles and photos. What are you working on? What boats have you seen that look interesting? What have you learned of interest to the group? If you're interested, we're interested. Email me. Or call me and I'll jot down notes over the phone. Or text me. Rancheroxl@yahoo.com. Your newsletter would appreciate it!

Anyways, sit back, read and gaze, and enjoy.

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Ps...why the email address? Because I've owned my 1967 Ranchero since June of 1992. A

The Cruise!

We've talked in the past

about how nice it would be to expand the activities during the Keels and Wheels **Concours D'Elegance**. This was our first year of implementation!

With roughly ten boats, and more soles, signed up, our plan was to cruise up Clear Creek and back, and have dinner. Unfortunately, **Mother Nature didn't quite** agree. Following a week of monsoon-like precipitation, the weather looked bleak. We carpooled to a late lunch at Outriggers, a local waterfront bistro, and discussed the possible clearing. At this point on Thursday afternoon, the rain was stopping, but the blue skies were a deep and dark scary-blue.

Since the weather didn't encourage launching, two fiberglass owners volunteered their boats (Dave Parker and Gary Hoyle). most of the originally planned participants piled into the two boats for a short cruise of both Clear Lake and Taylor Lake. Lower Right: Outriggers bistro. Upper right: Ominous.





Top and Bottom: The weather scared away some of the participants in the Thursday Cruise. Pictured here are the boaters **that don't believe in meteorology.**

Right: transitioning from Clear Lake to Taylor Lake.

What did we learn? Check the **fuel filter! Oh, and we've now a** host for a Thursday dinner at a private home. By leaving later in the afternoon, we can get a larger attendance. Our plan will be to leave between 4 and 5, and return to the docks before dark (a must). :-)



Upcoming Events

This is a tentative list at the time of writing the newsletter. As always, please contact a board member to verify dates and locations of the event.

October 1-2, 2016
WBA Fall Festival Boat Show,
Pier 121, Lake Lewisville

October 7-9, 2016
Lake LBJ ACBS Show
Horseshoe Bay, Texas

March 24-26, 2017
Sunnyland Boat Festival
Wooten Park, Tavares, FL

May 4, 5, 6, 7, 2017
Keels and Wheels 2017
Lakewood Yacht Club, Sea-
brook,

Classifieds

Classic Mahogany for Sale

Sugar Loaf 1 -

18' North

American Marine. Original owner purchased in 1956 in Warsaw, Indiana. Original Mercury Mark 78 motor recently totally restored at

Woody's Restoration in Kentucky. Contact Ronald Hooker. 812.372.0747

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Classic Glass for Sale

A 1959 Cutter day boat it has zero rot. Always garage kept. Nothing to search for other than soft motor parts 1958 60 hp Flying Scott outboard(Automotive alternator type) Its been out of use since 1969. Motor is not frozen complete. I need to sell it to somebody who will bring it back to its glory days It's in Alvin Texas John Cruzen 281-635-1943



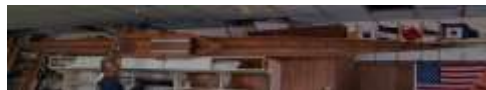
Classic Sail for sale

28 foot
Hinckley.
Sound. Diesel. Trailer.



Classic Oar
28 foot Olympic rowing scull. Ways nothing. Offers. Gary.

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Classic engine for sale

331 cid early marine hemi.
Mostly complete. \$950 obo
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Left: Photo of our board meeting / Keels and Wheels pre-Planning meeting in late February.

Board members attend from the Southwest Chapter region, or participate by phone. Appropriately, we usually have it on the site of the upcoming Concours.