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

Summer 2017

From the Bow

Ahoy Captains and Boatresses!

WOW...What a summer! Keels and Wheels was a wonderful experience! Congratulations are in order to Bob, Paul, and Laura, the volunteers, and equally to the folks who brought such spectacular boats. Also, a big thank you to Dave and Belinda for hosting the Thursday night party.

I hope all of you used your classics this summer. Unfortunately, Texas and Louisiana got hard hit by Hurricane Harvey at the end of August, immediately followed by Hurricane Irma hitting our friends in Florida. Our hearts go out to those affected by the wind and flood waters of these two violent storms.

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On a lighter note, I hope to see all of you at the 35th annual Austin/Hillcountry show coming up. It will be a great time to visit friends, go boating, and recharge our batteries!

Brian and Karen



A Photo Gallery of the ACBS display in Reliant Hall



Every year, we're invited by the Houston International Boat, Sport, and Travel Show to participate in their January event. Staged at Reliant Hall, the 62nd annual event placed us in the foyer to the grand hall, a great placement for reminiscing and talking wooden boats and outboards.



Classic outboard motors were intermixed with lapstrakes, cold molded, and race boats.

Dion Johnson does a terrific job getting the right mix of boats and volunteers for the show. He coordinates with the Antique Outboard Motor Club and the show management.



Top left....stressful move in time! Top right...a classic sailing pram
Bottom...a group of Johnsons. A big group of Johnsons.

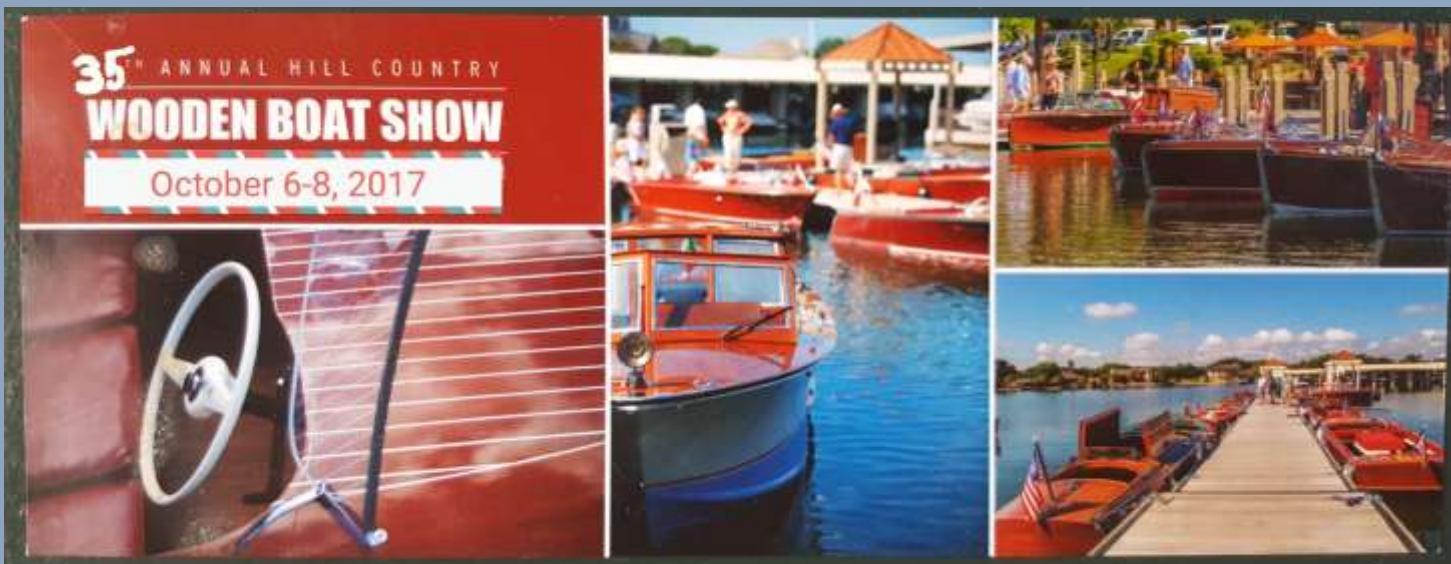


Fellow Boaters

The 35th annual Austin/Hill Country Boat Show will be held October 6-8, 2017 at the Horseshoe Bay Resort on Lake LBJ.

For those arriving before noon on Friday 10/6, we will be boating to lunch at Forno's Grill at LBJ Yacht Club located between Wirtz Dam and Bay Marine. Friday night we will have a fajita dinner cruise on the resort dining yacht departing at 6:15. As this event usually sells out, please reserve early.

The show will be Saturday 10/7 from 10am to 3pm at the Resort Yacht Club docs (not the marina). Lunch will be available at the Lakeside Grill or the resort swimming pool



The Saturday night dinner will be held at a local residence in Horseshoe Bay.

Sunday morning our annual donut run to a waterfront residence in Sunrise Beach will be the close of the long weekend.

Friday and Saturday night dinners need to be paid in advance. Message for details. All other meals are pay-as-you-go.

Horseshoe Bay Resort is again extending us a boat show room rate of \$149/night (limited) and reservations can be made by calling 877.611.0112 and using the code: wooden. Other motels in Marble Falls (6 miles away) include Best Western, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and LaQuinta.

We are looking forward to another good show and look forward to having you in attendance.

See you in October!!!
Scott

Austin/Hillcountry Shows in the Past

Be there!!!!!!



Keels and Wheels Thursday

Keels and Wheels 2017 by Craig Stanfield

The closing of the 22nd annual Keels and Wheels Concoursd'Elegance is just now behind us...5 days of celebrating friends, socializing, and enjoying our boats! Bob Fuller, Paul Merryman, Dave Person, and Laura Power really know how to put on a show!



Thursday starts off with a trickle of boats coming in to dock. Here you see in the lower left, Doc Elliott's stunning 1967 Century Arabian with...apparent bilge pump problems. Clockwise from that, is another Century (Dave Person's) being gently let down on blocks as part of the 3 handpicked vessels staged throughout the car displays. Lower right is fellow ACBS member' Ellery Andrew's 1968 Shelby GT500KR (King of the Road) being brought in to the car display.





The EarlyBird Cruise

For happy hour, we motored to the restaurant Outriggers. Lower right, 2 Arabians harnessed to the floating dock. Below, Gary and Lupita Hoyle enjoying the sights. Above, the author and the merry band of revelers.





EarlyBird Cruise....the evening!

Many of us started with what is now a 5 day event on Thursday with an Early Bird Cruise, followed by a catered party at a waterfront home nearby. The original plan **was to drive our boats to the Parker residence. Boats and plans don't mix!** Due to a strong Nor Easter that blew thru the night before - and blew out the water, **we drove our boats to an early happy hour at 'Out Riggers' under the Kemah bridge.** Immediately afterwards, we drove our cars to the water residence of the Parkers.

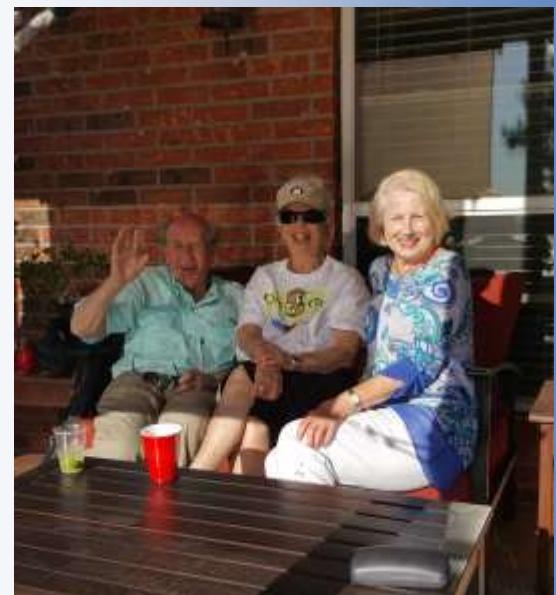






Mid-afternoon, Southwest Chapter members (and GarWood owners) Dave Parker and Belinda hosted a catered Mexican Dinner at their waterfront home on nearby Taylor Lake. Folks in excess of 50 were in attendance from both coasts, and places in between.

Most stayed to clap for the setting of the sun over their pool and dock.





Dave's beautiful 16' Garwood was staged on site.

Below right, folks readying to see the sun set.

Below left, Dave and Belinda are enjoying the sunset (before I interrupted to take their picture!)



Keels & Wheels Friday

By Friday morning, a couple dozen of the close to seventy five boats were docked. The rest of Friday found the balance of boats smoothly coming in, being launched and placed, and their owners participating in the ever important re-uniting of old friends.





The launch crew was staffed by the WBA of North Texas headed up by Scott Reichardt.

The placement crew was overseen by Bill Nalle and Ed Ueckert.

Friday night, some found themselves at the Yachta, Yachta, Yachta party aboard docked megayachts at the host Lakewood Yacht Club.

Others divided into small groups for quieter venues. Many of the volunteers migrated, tired and sore, to a nearby seafood restaurant.

MORE PICS NEXT ISSUE!





This photo was taken at Dave's Thursday night party during Keels and Wheels 2017.

Dear SouthWest Chapter members

It is with great sadness that I inform you that the SWACBS and the world have lost a dear friend. Ron Hill, who was 84, passed away July 21st in Canada where he lived.

Mr. Hill would attend Keels and Wheels with his son, Jeff Hill, bringing with **them their 1925 Disappearing Propeller Boat named 'Harry'. He also** owned a 1946 Port Carling Seabird and a Lake Craft runabout.

I had the pleasure to sit with Mr. Hill as he regaled me with stories from his youth and family trips. He will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff and his family as they go through this tough time.

Brian D. Fielder

Upcoming Events

October 6-8, 2017

Hill Country Show

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

See details on pages 12-13

May 3-6, 2018

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Pics of our past February board meeting, held at the Lakewood Yacht Club.