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The Bow Well another great boat show season has past. We've enjoyed the Keels and Wheels, Eagle Mountain, WBA, Heartland and the Hill Country-Austin Boat Show. We've seen new boats and met new members.

The Hill Country - Austin Show was just completed at Horseshoe Bay (Marble Falls). There were 52 boats this year; some coming from as far as Florida and Colorado.

Participants enjoyed the annual Friday river cruise and poker run; followed by an Octoberfest dinner at the lakeside home of Branard and Georgi Anne Brockstein. They even imported a band from New Braunfels to entertain their guests. The weather was wonderful for the boat show on Saturday afternoon. The awards banquet saw Jim Frechette present Show Chairman Scott Reichardt with "Admiral of The Texas Navy" commission signed by Gov. Rick Perry. Hugh Reed donated and presented the "2006 Best of Show" trophy. Toastmaster Ed Ueckert and wife Jan, made the special awards presentations.

The Emperor's new clothes! Club president Robert Black took delivery of his new boat at the Hill Country Classics festivities. Power is to be determined.



Two new directors were elected at the annual meeting during lunch on Saturday. Dr. Wayne Elliott of El Dorado, Arkansas, replaces retiring director Chris Dorflinger. Wayne and his wife Doll own a Century Arabian. Bob VanGuilder from Dallas, Texas will replace retiring director Dick Peterson. Bob and wife Mildred are also "car people," and they own a beautiful Dart.

Secretary and newsletter editor Craig Stanfield is looking for articles from chapter members. "How I got into antique boating," or a story of an unusual boat. His e-mail address is rancherx1@yahoo.com. Remember college? That's not easy for me either. If Craig doesn't get some volunteers to write articles, we will have to call on someone - beginning with the back row of the class (alphabetically). So we could start with "Stroble, Tanner or Tompkins."

Robert Black, SW Chapter president

Eagle Mountain Classic Boat Club

As many of you know, the Southwest Chapter of the ACBS co-sponsors events throughout the state with regional clubs. One of the groups we co-sponsor with is the Eagle Mountain Classic Boat club. It is always interesting to know how a club comes about. A little about the Eagle Mountain Classic Boat Club. ..It was founded in 1989 “To promote and encourage the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of classic and antique boats.” They have over 50 member names on the roster (with 36 of those being two family members) for around 86 total members. They conduct monthly meetings, have a Christmas party, a March auction, a June boat show, and an end of summer party. For the past three years, the club has built a 10 foot dingy (you should see them) which is raffled off at the boat show. the president’s son (in the submarine service) won it last year so that one sits on club president John Reinhert’s back porch.

Six of the members (including the pres) are members of ACBS and 5 of those are in SWACBS. The club has a large cross section of cruisers of all makes, a few runabouts, utilities, and some beautiful Lymans. One of them is Darryl Miller, bringing his Lyman down to Wheels and Keels again this year. Three of the club members boats are classified as Antiques...the pres’ 17 foot Chris Craft Barrelback, Gibbs and Joy Slaughter’s 21 foot 1937 Utility Deluxe (with the cabin top) which has lived its entire life on Eagle Mountain Lake, and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram’s “West Texan”, a beautiful 1941 38 foot Deluxe Sedan cruiser which has also served its entire life on the lake. You can see photos of Gibbs boat and the West Texan in some of the Chris-Craft books. One of their members is a partner in Nomad Marine who is the only remaining major wood boat repair and restoration operation at the lake. Two of the members have cruisers in there now having bottom repair and restoration work being done and a couple of runabouts or utilities in the sheds waiting.

Outboard Meet In November



Many of us attended the Outboard Meet held in Houston this past November 11 and 12th. A wild time was had at the 3 day event. Lous Rothermel’s shop was the event location. Old outboards were scattered around from the 20s to the 70s. For those of us who cared, and I was one of those, a real, honest-to-goodness Bonneville race car was in the back corner. And there were several beautiful wooden runabouts in various corners of the place. A real grass roots event promoting early pleasure boating.



Airplanes to Wooden Boats...go figure!

A short article by John Reinhert of how he got into classic boating.

For years I was in the airplane business. I scratch-built a two place, 240 mph, fully aerobatic, airplane from 57 pages of blueprints. The airplane was constructed of Sitka spruce and aircraft mahogany. I spoke to the designer, George Pereira, before buying the plans about the difficulty. He asked “Have you ever built a wood boat?” I told him no...only one radio controlled model airplane. He told me this would be a big model airplane.

Everytime I cut and assembled a piece of mahogany or spruce, I thought about the wood Chris-Craft, Correct Craft, and Century ski boats I skied behind in high school and college. 9 years and 5747 hours later, the airplane was certified by the FAA and we began flying it. One day the left landing gear collapsed due to a weld break in the retract mechanism and I slid off the runway and down a hill. I decided to quit flying while ahead. I told my wife that I was going to quit and already had buyers. She told me if I did that, I would need a project. Immediately I said...”What about an old Chris-Craft boat like we used to ski behind at the Boat Club (Fort Worth Boat Club) in high school? “She said “Yes! Can you still find them?”

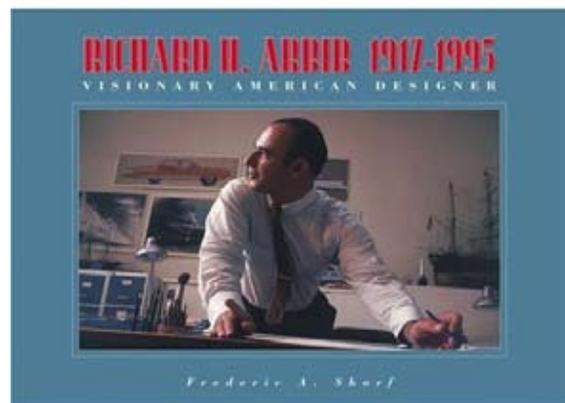


I didn't know if I could find them, but I got on the web and found out all about Chris-Craft boats and about boat brokers, and especially, old antique Chris-Craft barrelback runabouts. I called Lou Rauh at Antique Boat in Cincinnati who told me he had a 1940 17 foot barrelback coming in. I flew up to see it two days after he got it, bought it, and began a new life in the antique boat

business. That was February of 2005. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Book Review

For all you clamoring Centuryphiles out there, your day has come. A biographical essay by F. A. Sharf and never before published drawings shows Arbib loyalists what was going on inside the great man while he was coming up with the early Coronados, the first Arabians, the “carrier deck” Resorter 19, and the...SABRE (his pet project). Anyways, must reading for those who own a part of Manistee, MI.





The editor, the artist (Lisa Daniels) and the bar...waiting on the “other man’s boat” to ride the poker run on LBJ.

Hill Country Classic

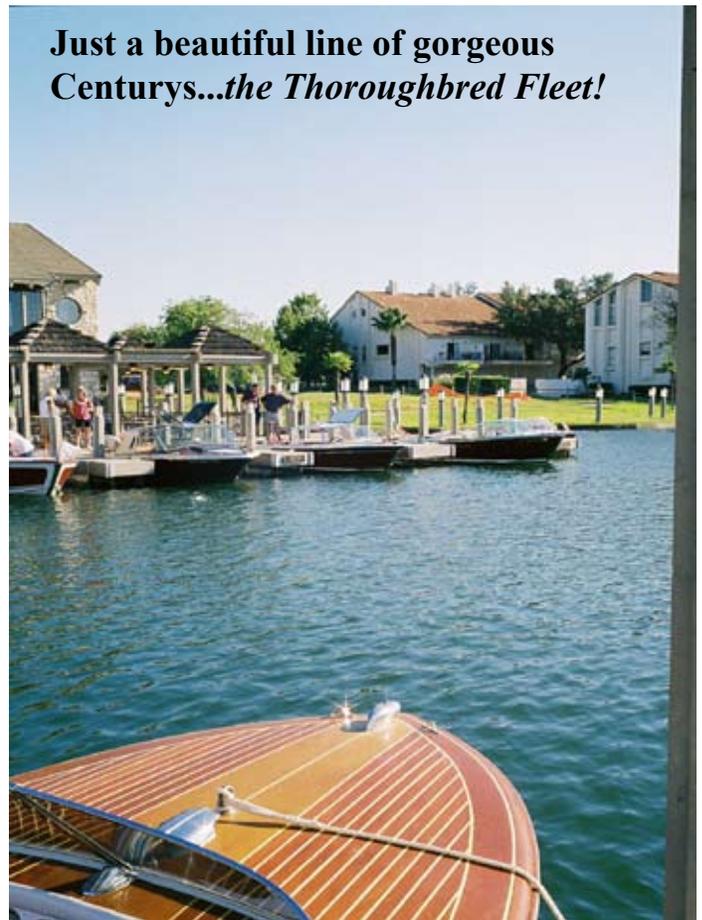
Obtaining instructions for the Friday’s festivities. Geez, look at all those boats!



Bob Macaluso picking up a card on Lil Leslie.



Just a beautiful line of gorgeous Centurys...*the Thoroughbred Fleet!*



Dave Parker enjoying Lake Lewisville aboard his Fairliner Torpedo.

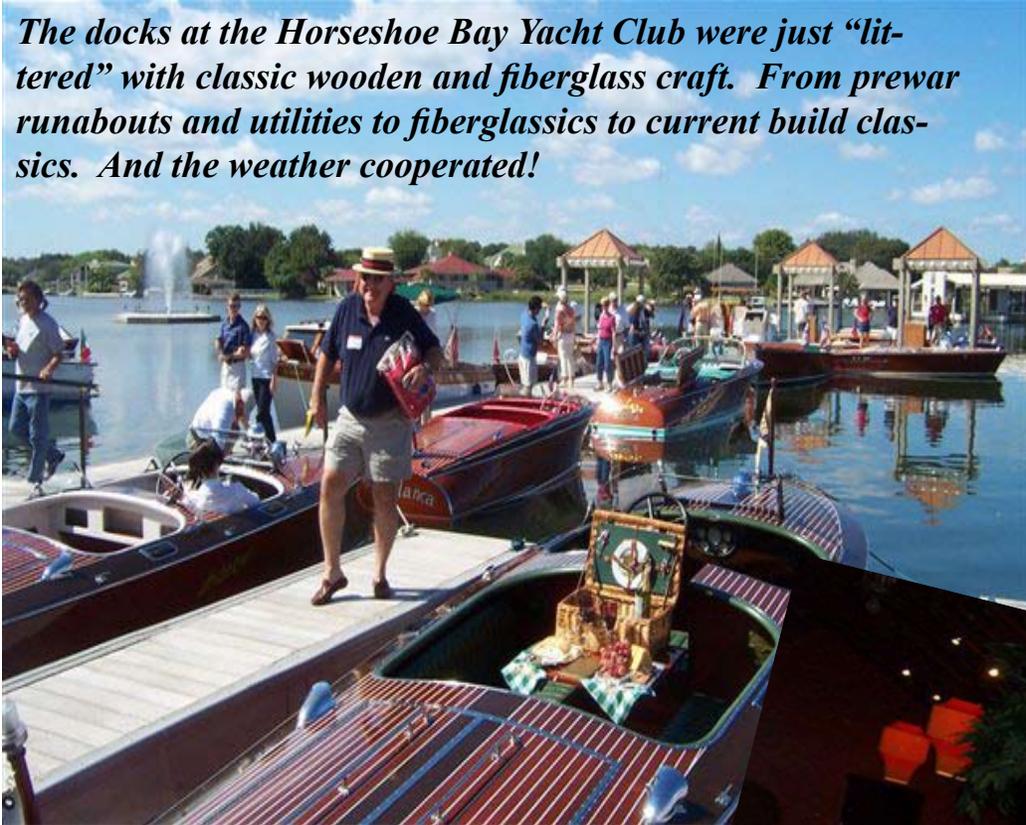


Lake Lewisville Ride-N-Show

Motley crew of revelers on the dock at Sneakey Pete's. Just before an "un-named individual" falls out of her chair and into the slip...all without spilling her beer!



Lowry Matthews inside the "Garage Majal" showing parts of the Chris Craft's mighty 283.



The docks at the Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club were just "littered" with classic wooden and fiberglass craft. From prewar runabouts and utilities to fiberglass classics to current build classics. And the weather cooperated!

*From the editor...new program, please be patient with me, as I am old. Also, **need some stuff.** Thanks...Craig rancherox1@yahoo.com
Happy boating in '007!*

Scott Reichardt receiving the Texas Navy flag from Jim Frechette.



Calendar 2007

Tentative... always verify the event details with a board member.

Seabrook, TX February 3. 11:30am
Winter board meeting/Wheels and Keels planning. Luncheon meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club. Call a board member to verify.

Houston, TX May 4-5-6
Keels & Wheels Concourse d'Elegance
Antique Boat & Car Show. Concours Regatta Thursday May 3rd for exhibitors, Car & Boat Auction Saturday, Luau Saturday Night; Location-Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX. www.keels-wheels.com; Contact: Bob Fuller, 713-521-0105 PO Box 156, Seabrook, TX 77586; Email fullerg@ev1.net.

Ft. Worth, TX June 2
19th Annual EMCBC "In The Water", Classic and Wooden Boat Show at Eagle Mountain Lake Marina.
Friday night dinner. Boat show Saturday. Contact : John Reinhart 817-294-9451, www.emcbc.com

Dallas, TX August 24-26
Annual North Texas Wooden Boat Association Ride And Show on Lake Lewisville.
Friday night dinner. Boat show Saturday. Saturday night banquet. Contact David Kanally %20david.kanally@ps.net, www.woodenboatassociation.com

Austin, TX October 12-14
Annual Austin/Hill Country Boat Show at Horseshoe Bay (Lake LBJ), TX.
River cruise Friday. Dinner Friday night. Saturday night banquet. Contact Scott Reichardt hsbadmira1@hotmail.com
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