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

Winter 2015—2016

From the Bow....

This was quite the winter for boating! Some of us boated all winter. Others realized winterizing was quite unnecessary for much of the area.

This January started with Di Johnson masterfully orchestrating our booth (its probably most of 5000 square feet!) for the 10 day extravaganza at Reliant Center celebrating new boats. Kudos goes to those that donated their time, **their boats, and their energy.** Several different children's activities were conducted. Thank you to all involved including the Outboard Motor Club. Please read the article starting on page 2.

This week is the board meeting/Keels and Wheels preplanning meeting. Next month starts with the Keels and Wheels Uncorked, followed by the Cajun Classique River cruise in early April.

Our signature event, Keels and Wheels, is slightly early this year. The Concours will be a fun three or four day event. A cruise up Clear Creek is planned for those early-bird attendees on Thursday. Please send in your registration to Keels and Wheels if you have not.

I've got to get out in the garage and get Gypsy ready! Let us know of any suggestions you may have for the club.

Safe Boating!
Brian and Karen Fielder



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61st Houston Boat Show, January 8 - 17, 2016

Once again, the Texas Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club, Inc. (AOMCI) joined the Southwest Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) to co-exhibit boats and motors at the huge annual Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show held at the NRG (formerly Reliant) Center. This is a huge show - over 1100 new "for sale" boats were there accompanied by all kinds of outdoor gear, RVs, campers and 'what all'.

The theme of the 61st show was, "Rock the Boat!". Considering that most rock and roll music worth listening to came from the same 50's and 60's as our vintage boats and motors, I'd say we really rocked the joint. By popular acclaim, the most appealing and crowd pleasing boats and motors were indeed our oldies. We uber-wowed the crowds again in the main lobby area of the NRG Center where folks had to pass by us to enter the show.

All our exhibitors pulled some display booth duty during the 10-day show that spanned two weekends (except for the Jan 9 Saturday of infamy for which the boat show was closed to allow the Houston Texans to show up for the disastrous play-off). During these sessions, we were asked every imaginable question about old boats and motors making our experiences really fun. After all these years, folks stop by our booth telling us of treasures stored in their barns and garages. We seek to help them fix up or find new homes for motors and boats and especially encourage them to join us in our hobby clubs.

John Platou and Alan Bischof led our organization's other most visited feature. Supported by chapter members and interested volunteers, we again sponsored the construction of an 8' wooden pram-style dinghy with all the final assembly work done by kids attending the show. This event has proven to be a great crowd pleaser over the last five shows.

Also again we co-sponsored Kids Build a Motor. A well cleaned up 5 hp Evinrude kicker was completely disassembled and reassembled at least four times by kids under supervision by John Platou. Kids clustered around the motor and many had a turn to pull the power head off, handle what a piston feels like and feel how gears mesh together. Kids really like this project. Some kids didn't want to do anything else at the show.



We launched a new feature with the kids this year, Kids Paint a Boat! During the show, kids sectioned off the hull of one of our prams into random designs and painted in the patterns with primary tempura colors. When they were done, the whole hull was covered in cool little splotches of creativity. During the entire Houston Boat show, our features were the only kids' activities free of charge to families. Spanning two week-ends, we logged almost 300 youthful boat and motor builders and painters. Free raffle type tickets were given to each kid. At the end of the show, we had a drawing and drew the winning ticket holder, who won the wooden dinghy for keepsies. John Platon and Alan Bischof put a great deal of work into this Kids booth each year and should be applauded for their amazing job which is all for the kids.



Di Johnson and Adam Finn organized this year's lobby exhibit. Dedicated club members have been displaying at this show since 1987. Tom Oncken was on hand with his nostalgic photos and brochures and took us down memory lane to the first show (where all the boats had to temporarily exit the show to empty gas tanks to please the Fire Marshal). Among our boats, two impeccable inboards anchored the front and center spots of our display:

First time displayer Walt Thompson from Volente, TX brought his beautiful 1953 Chris Craft 19' Racing Runabout, "Ghost" powered by its original 158hp "MBL". This was one sleek lady -very nice! Walt also has an early 1960's fiberglass boat matched up with an Evinrude 75HP that has been in his family for years. Walt recently joined our club and we hope to see him at our club meets.

Bob Germany brought his newly acquired 1948 19' Higgins Deluxe Runabout, "Freedom" - What a head-turner this is with the red trimmed white hull and bright mahogany transom!



We had a variety of outboard boats and motors on display:

Raymond Balsam returned to the show after a few years absence with his 1964 Helton powered by matching year Johnson 75 hp. This rig gets better looking each time I see it. Could it be Ray has more free time retired now?

Darryl Hurst's 1963 15' Proske with 1964 Johnson 60hp Super Sea Horse. The Proske is indeed a Houston-built wooden boat and Daryl did a beautiful job on the restoration.

John Platou's 1960 16' Cruisers, Inc., powered by his 1960 75hp Evinrude Starflite. John completely rebuilt the keel and hull of this boat as evidenced by a big pickle jar of the 4000+ bronze machine screws he replaced in the process.

Bob Macaluso's 1957 16' Crosby Capri powered by a 1963 Evinrude 40hp Lark. This boat is a hybrid with a gorgeous wood deck over a beautifully restored white fiberglass hull.

Di Johnson had on hand his 1957 golden Feathercraft, Vagabond II powered by a 1958 Merc Mark 58, 45 hp. This is the sexiest aluminum runabout of all times with that curvy, barrel back tumblehome transom.



Ellery Andrew brought his 1955 Helton 14' runabout powered by a 1957 Johnson 35. Ellery also displayed his unique creativity in making fun stuff for his grandkids with his 42" boat wagon complete with deck seams.

Knut Bulow once again showed off his superb boatbuilding craftsmanship via his 18' self-built Kenosha canoe. What a beauty!

Another first timer, Paul Johnson brought his restored 1941 Skaneateles Boat Company, Hydro-Lite 8' mahogany strip constructed dinghy powered by a 1939 Johnson model LT-39 5 hp Johnson. This is really a rare boat to be seen away from the Finger Lakes, NY region.

Two youthful boat builders proudly displayed their prowess (with a little help from Grandpa John Platou):

Youngster Jack Toole of Waldon on Lake Houston, TX showed his 8' Owner-built Mini-Most constructed from plans in a 1978 Science & Mechanics Magazine. This boat is powered by modified 1959 Evinrude 3hp (Masquerading as a 175 HP Mercury Black Max). More people saw the 175 HP cowling not realizing the cowling was just hung over the 3hp and were amazed on how such a large motor could possibly be on such a small boat. We laughed to our selves watching people's expressions.

Ty Bayless of Kingwood, TX displayed his 8' owner-built dinghy powered by his 1963 Johnson 3HP. This is the pattern boat for "Kids Build a Boat".

We had a great turnout of free-standing outboards on display this year.

If we gave out an award for enthusiasm, it would go fired-up member Jerry Ball, who brought his beautifully restored 1958 Johnson 18hp. Jerry got some expert aid from Tom Oncken on that baby, but he also brought his self-restored 1935 Minn-Kota electric trolling motor which was rescued by Jerry as a \$5 basket-case refugee of a metal scrap dealer.

Another first-timer to this show is Morten Lovstad, of the Woodlands, who brought his 1929 Super Elto Lightweight Model 309 3.5 HP folding motor. This motor has always been in his family having been purchased by his grandfather. The motor is very original and quite an attention-getter.

Mark Betner once again rounded out the show with his vintage Johnson collection with one Evinrude in there for flavor. Mark's motors were wrapped around a feature corner of our display, and included the entire 1957 Johnson line-up of the Holiday Bronze (red) motors, specifically the 3hp, 5.5hp, 7.5hp, 10hp, 18hp, and 35hp.

Adam Finn brought a couple of his favorite fine specimens of his collection including his 1958 Johnson Model AD-12, 7.5 HP Sea Horse and his 1960 Sea King 3hp, which was the same model and year as Adam's first motor as a kid.

Past TX Chapter President Ed Slominski wasn't able to show off his restored Lyman, but he did bring his pristine 1956 Merc Mark 30, 30 hp which is as clean a motor as you can get.



Di Johnson returned with his three childhood motors on display; Elgin 2½hp, Johnson 5hp (TD-20) and Mercury KG-4 complete with his dad's photos of smilin' Di using each motor on Keuka Lake, NY.

Tom Oncken wowed us again with his awesome little kicker collection including:
1937 Evinrude Model 4201 "Scout" 0.9HP
1940 Evinrude Model 4353 "Sportwin" 3.3HP
1925 Johnson Model A-25 "Light Twin" 2.0HP
1949 Martin "20" 2 1/3HP
1938 Waterwitch "Mae West" Model 571.10 2.5HP
1939 Sea King Model "WK" Thor 2.0HP



John Plato once again displayed his entire lineup of 1960 Evinrude outboards including the 3hp Ducktwin, 3hp Lightwin, 5.5hp Fisherman, 10hp Sportwin, 18hp Fastwin, 40hp Big Twin, 40hp Lark, and 75hp Starflite on his boat.

Wrapping up the free-standing motors on display was Paul Johnson's very original 1955 Wizard Super 5, which you don't see many of in this fine condition.





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Keels & Wheels has established itself as the largest Classic Automobile and Vintage Wooden Boat Concours event in the nation, while in pursuit of multiple goals. The goals include raising significant funds for the charities the show supports, currently Boys & Girls Harbor, \$1.5 million so far, while producing the best possible event that draws over 15,000 participants and spectators each year from every corner of the country and even Europe.



Uncorked
KEELS & WHEELS

The "7th Annual Keels & Wheels Uncorked" will be held Thursday, March 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Wynden Event Center, 1025 South Post Oak Lane, Houston, 77056.

Guests are invited to attend alongside Master of Ceremonies Radio Host Sam Malone for an elegant evening of fine wines and exceptional food presented by some of Houston's top restaurants. On display at the event will be several classic automobiles, as well as a vintage wooden boat.

A Pre-Keels and Wheel s Cruise up the Creek!

Several of us have talked about how nice it would be to use our boats during a portion of K&W weekend. The most logical time to do a short cruise is Thursday, just before the show. Thursday, April 21st.

If you would like to join us, we plan to depart from the inner harbor at 1pm, and run across the lake. From there, we will cruise up Clear Creek past Interstate 45 to Challenger Park for a short respite.

Once across the small lake, the creek meanders, with lush foliage on either side. Additionally, there's always the chance to see an alligator hunting for prey as well as many wading birds.

Our goal is to return to a waterfront bistro near the Lakewood Yacht Club by 5pm for an early dinner. After dinner we will return to Lakewood and secure our boats at the showsite (following our esteemed dockmaster's instructions!).

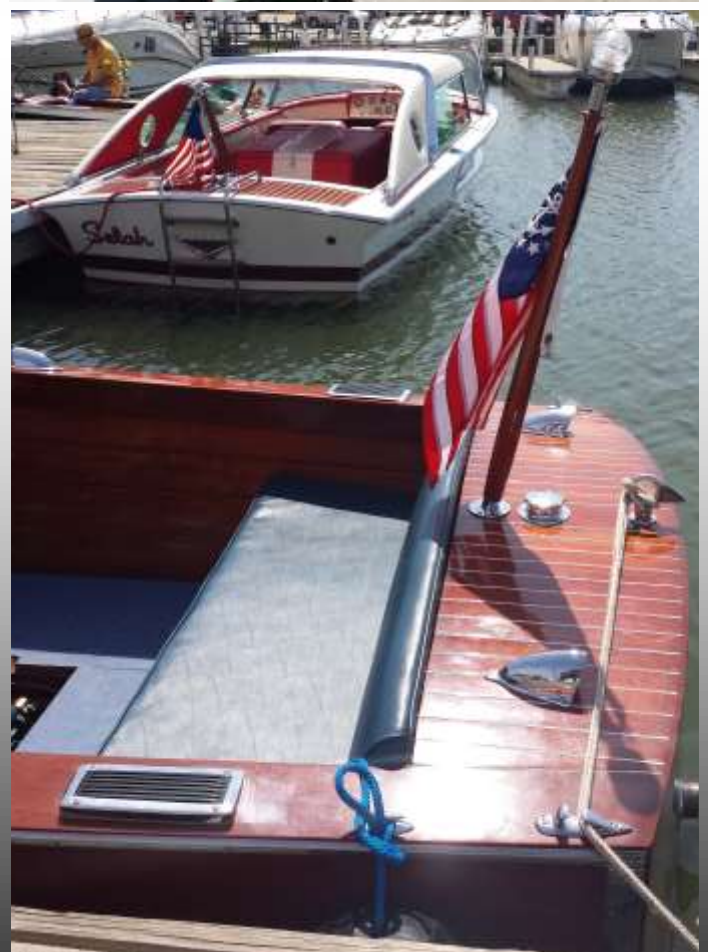
Note; unplanned weather and tide can affect the schedule and destination. If you plan to join us, either with your own boat or to ride along, email Craig at rancherox1@yahoo.com.

Thanks,
Lisa, Lindy, Dave,
Belinda, Gary, Craig



WBA Fall Festival Boat Show, Pictorial. October 2015





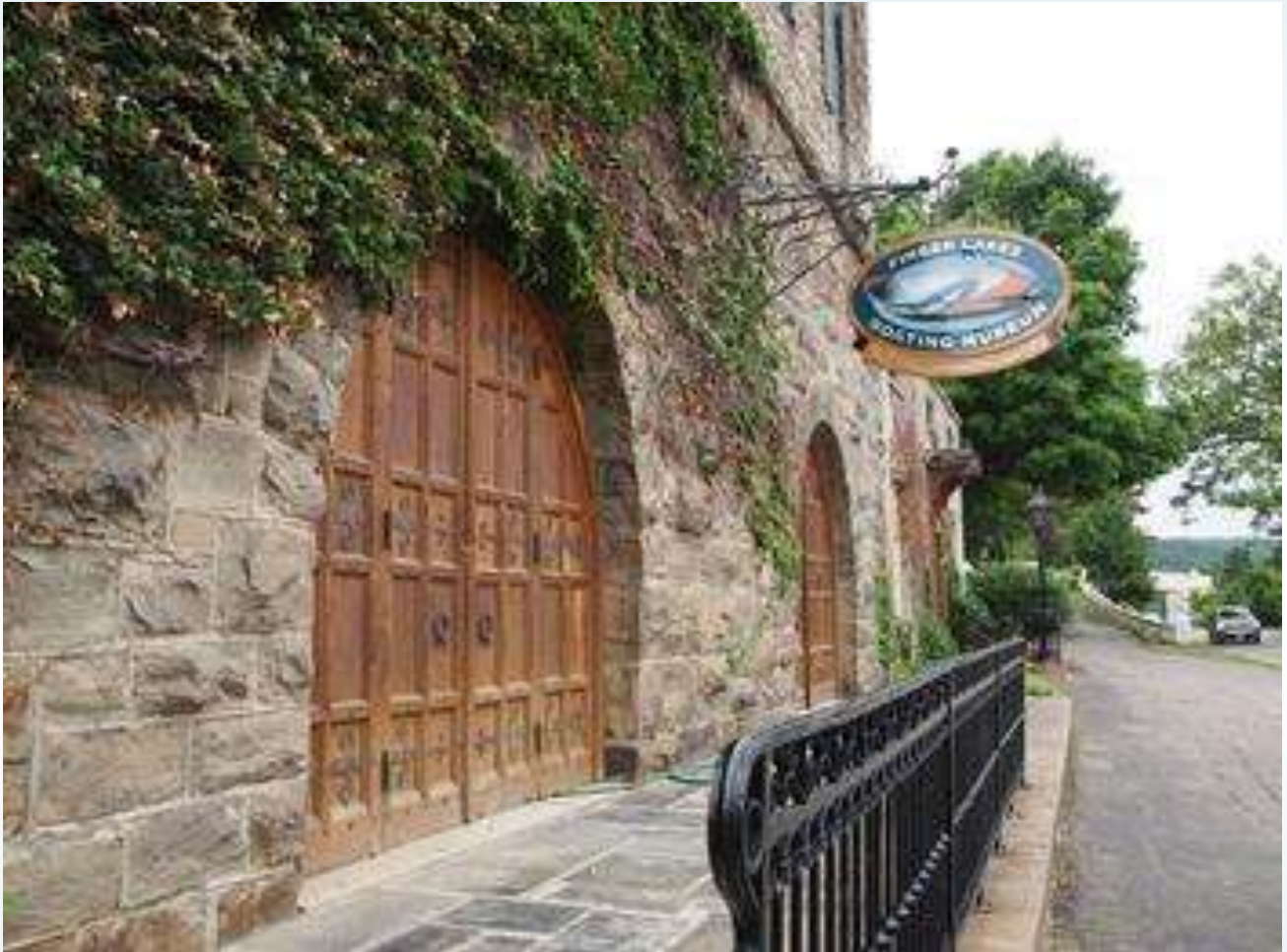




Finger Lakes Boating Museum



Over the past 18 years, group of dedicated antique boating enthusiasts, persevered in establishing a museum to preserve the boating heritage of the Finger Lakes Region of New York State. You can check out the whole story at <http://www.flbm.org/>. As the enthusiasm spread, museum membership has expanded to over 300. A steady stream of vintage boats and related objects have been offered for donation, and the Museum Collection has now grown to more than 115 boats built by many of the 40+ commercial builders identified to date as having built boats throughout the Finger Lakes Region during the last century.



On February 28th of 2014, the Finger Lakes Boating Museum took possession of the former Taylor Wine Company buildings at 8231 Pleasant Valley Rd, just outside of the village of Hammondsport. Since then, an all-volunteer crew has worked tirelessly to restore the main building and put together the exhibits that are on display currently. The collection includes canoes, rowboats, row outboards, outboard runabouts, inboards, iceboats and sailboats; as well as many related artifacts and ephemera. Thanks to the generous efforts of a small army of volunteers, several of the donated boats have been restored to near-original condition.

The museum also conducts numerous shows and exhibits, workshops on boat building and boat restoration techniques, as well as publishes quarterly newsletters and many articles on the boating history of the Finger Lakes region, and provides assistance with countless research requests.



The latest development is the launch of the Finger Lakes Boating Academy (FLBA) as the **umbrella entity that covers all of FLBM's active educational activity offered to the public:** courses, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, youth programs, on water programs, and special events.

Check out the You Tube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzYd7nEiuuc> which is the shown as the Intro film to visitors at the Museum,.



Finger Lakes Boat Builders

Airships, Inc. - Built runabouts in Hammondsport in the 1920's

Angler Boat Company (1951 - 1962) - contract builder of outboard runabouts for Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery Ward & Co.

Bauter, Mish (1883-1964) - An early employee of Glenn Curtiss, he built rowboats in Hammondsport from 1920-1947.

Bourne, Harry - Operated marina on Seneca lake and built Star sailboats.

Burroughs, Alma - Built skiffs in Seneca Falls-Waterloo.

Bowdish Manufacturing Company (1876 - 1893) Skaneateles builder of launches, canoes and rowboats. Became Skaneateles Boat & Canoe Co. in 1893.

Brainard-Bilt Boats - Trumansburg

Campbell, Vince (Campbell Boats) - Built boats in Trumansburg.

Charles Ernst (1906-1968) - Built trout boats and sailboats including Stars in Keuka Park circa 1930's.

Charles Pilgrim & Sons - Built troutboats and motor boats in shop on east side of Keuka Lake near Hammondsport (ca. 1910 - 1940).

Curtiss, Glenn - Yes, the man of aviation fame. Built racing outboards in Hammondsport .

Dundee Boat Co. (1926 - 1962) - Founded by Charles Wixom (1875 - ?), a classmate and employee of Glenn Curtiss'. He built rowboats and outboard runabouts.

Elderlee, Inc. - Oaks Corners, NY Emmons Boat Company - Brewerton, NY

Ericson, Charles - A builder of canoes in Branchport.

Fairbanks,

Grant - Ithaca

FayBow

(1928-

1937) - A

successor to

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Fay & Bow-

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1928) -



Established a boat building business on the Seneca Lake waterfront in Geneva. Built marine engines, rowboats and launches.

Furerr - A rowboat builder in Canandaigua in about 1930.

Griswald, Pete - Built rowboats in Dresden on Seneca Lake.

Hall, George (1864-1939) - Built rowboats and ran a boat livery in Branchport on Keuka Lake in the 1920s and 1930s.

Hemmert, V.J. - Built sail boats in Penn Yan about 1907.

Hill, Harley - Built rowboats at his cottage on Cayuga Lake during the 1940s & 1950s

Houck, George (1856-1939) - Built rowboats and steam yachts in Grove Springs and Himrod.

Lacy, Fred (1880-1952) - Built Rowboats in Penn Yan in the early 1900s. He borrowed building forms from Henry Sutherland.

Long, Edwin - **Designed and built outboard** runabouts, sailboats and cruisers on Irondequoit Bay from 1900 to 1930.

Pierce Marine - Operated a marina in Penn Yan, NY and built inboard and outboard motor boats.

Mitchell - A builder of rowboats in Canandaigua from 1890 to 1910.

Morehouse Boat Co. - Built wide variety of motor and sailboats on Cayuga lake between 1918 and 1962.

Mulray Products, Inc. - Built sailing dinghys, catamarans and iceboats in Lakemont in the 1950s and 1960s

Penn Yan Boat Company (1921-1935) - Founded by Charles A. Herrmann in Penn Yan, 1921. Became Penn Yan Boats in 1936. Built full line of wooden boats until 1966 when production was converted to fiberglass. The largest of the Finger Lakes Builders, in Penn Yan.

Penn Yan Boats - Successor to Penn Yan Boat Company (listed above).

Pragel, George - Built troutboats in Wayland, NY.

Reno, Ben (1855 - 1951) - Built fine troutboats and motor boats in his shop at Keuka Village from 1910 - 1940.

Ribble, Fred - Built rowboats in Penn Yan

Rochester Boat Works - Built large cruisers, tug boats, military craft, runabouts, and sailboats at Charlotte Station.

Skaneateles Boat & Canoe Co. (1893 - 1932) - Skaneateles builder of canoes, rowboats and sailboats. A successor to Bowditch & Company, it became Skaneateles Boats Co. in 1932.

Skaneateles Boats Inc. (1932 - 1964) - Built wide variety of centerboard sailboats and dinghies including the famous Lightning sailboat which they introduced.

Smith, H. Seymour (1878 - 1947) - Built fine troutboats and outboard motor boats in his shop at Dresden ca. 1920 - 1940. In later life, carved duck decoys that are highly sought after today by collectors.

Springstead, Benjamin and Alonzo (1844-1939) - Father and son, most prolific builders of steamboats and other commercial craft used throughout the Finger Lakes and beyond.

Syracuse Launch - Syracuse, NY

Sutherland, Henry (1875-1914) - Built rowboats and launches in Branchport

Tillman, Fred (1919-1985) - Built rowboats and outboard motor boats in Branchport.

Thompson Brothers Boat Manufacturing Co. -Founded in Prestigo, Wisconsin in 1904. Opened plant in Cortland, NY in 1924. and built full line of boats there until 1962.

Todd, Adelbert - Built rowboats (and violins) in Penn Yan from 1909 until the 1930s.

Wright Built Boat Co. (1932 - 1975) - Founded by Murray Wright (1906 - 1990), who designed and built the K series of sailboats.



Upcoming Events

February 27, 2016,
Board Meeting
11:30am, Lakewood YC

March 18-20, 2016
Sunnyland Antique Boat
Festival, Tavares, FL

March 24, 2016
K&W Uncorked
Houston, Texas
Keels-Wheels.com

April ,4-9 2016
Cajun Classique
Contact Cory Werk at in-
fo@cajunclassique.com or
337.366.0337

April 23-24, 2016
Keels and WHeels
Lakewood Yacht Club
keels-wheels.com
See page 9 for pre event
cruise details

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

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

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 llub6@sbcglobal.net



Classic engine for sale
331 cid early marine hemi with ex-
haust manifolds and trans. Mostly
complete. \$1000.00 obo
Craig. rancheroxl@yahoo.com

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 out-
board(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
black 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. Gary. Lenire@live.com



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