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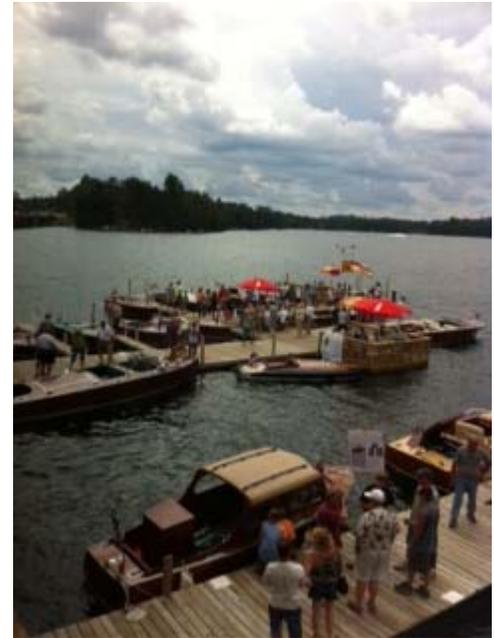
November/December

## A Favorite Boat Show, Now Even Better !

By Kathy Moberg

Always one of my favorites for many reasons, (How many boat shows include eagles, loons and deer?) now there's even more to love about this casual, fun, Northwoods boat show that always meets its proclaimed goals; to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, to share the beauty and craftsmanship of antique and classic boats with the visiting public, and for all to have a good time. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show and fund raiser for MS certainly charmed and inspired many boat owners and spectators July 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

In the heart of Minocqua, WI, there's a new host of the show, Matt Morgan's, (formerly Bosacki's). The new owners, Matt and Kathleen Cullen have made major improvements to the property. The most important, and instantly noticed and appreciated by the boaters, were the new and immensely improved docks, with proper cleats, plus the removal of approximately 40 old pilings that used to make some of us a little nervous while docking our boats there. Big changes inside, too, including the fabulous restaurant, ice cream shop and bakery. Dinner at Matt Morgan's is not only delicious, but a delightful experience, especially for anyone lucky enough to have a table outside or on the scenic upper deck watching those magnificent woodies coming across the lake for the boat parade and ski show.



Saturday brought a glorious, crisp morning, fresh air and infinite blue sky. The smell of fresh coffee and baked goods greeted us on the docks. With the sun's increasing heat it became a sizzling summer day, flavored by 50 glistening woodies at the dock and the smell of brats, beer and sauerkraut. NOTE: That's the smell of money—the concessions (food donated by Trigg's, and labor donated by Matt Morgan's) along with t-shirt sales donated by Pete Eckstrom helped raise \$6,700 for Multiple Sclerosis, the most raised in the show's 19 years! Other sponsors instrumental in reaching this goal were Oneida Beverage and 5 Star Marketing & Distribution.

By early afternoon, we felt a little relief from the heat as a few clouds salted the sky,

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Blackhawk Members:  
With the holidays behind us I am now looking forward to this spring and an exciting 2012 boating season. Thankfully there is still a month or two to get a few things done around the house before the boats go in. Once we splash the boats it seems that the home projects move to the back burner.

Last year we devoted a great deal of time to the ACBS International Show. Our chapter was well represented and the show was that largest and most successful ACBS boat show ever produced. This year I hope to focus on the Blackhawk Chapter and adding value to our membership. We will continue the work we started with the expansion of our youth program, adding additional workshops and tech sessions and more boating events. We started out the year with a little extra time. Unfortunately we were not asked to participate in the 2012 Chicago Boat & RV Show this year. The show management could not decide on an allocation of space for us and as it got closer to the show there was just not enough time to adequately prepare. We will try again next year and hope for better results.

Our calendar of events is developing for 2012. We have a number of events confirmed and waiting to confirm a few additional activities. Our first event for 2102 is a Tech Session scheduled for March 31st. Ted Cartner will be conducting a general session around engines, transmissions and propellers and lunch will be served. More details for this event can be found in this edition of the Smoke Signal.

Partial list of 2012 Blackhawk Chapter events:

- Spring Tech Session – Saturday March 31st – Ted Cartner's Garage
- Spring Dinner – Date and Location TBD
- Father's Day Cruise – Sunday June 17th – Cruise to Port Edward's in Algonquin
- 28th Annual Fox Lake Show – Saturday July 14th – Famous Freddie's
- Milwaukee Tall Ships Event – August 11th & 12th – Details TBD with the Glacier Lakes Chapter
- Geneva Lake Boat Show – September 28th to 30th – Abbey Resort
- Fall Dinner – Date TBD – Fox River Valley Boat Co. Showroom

Our next Blackhawk Chapter Board of Directors meeting will be on Saturday April 21, 2012. We are working on a location but plan to have this in the Lake Geneva, WI area. As always, the board meetings are open to all Blackhawk members interested in attending. We will publish the location and agenda a few weeks in advance of the meeting for those that would like to attend.

As the weather warms and spring returns take a minute to visit our web site [www.blackhawkacbs.com](http://www.blackhawkacbs.com) for the latest information on club events and meetings. I look forward to see you all out on the water this summer.

Best regards,



# 2011 Lake Tahoe Concourse d'Elegance Boat Show



This past summer I had the pleasure of attending the Lake Tahoe Boat Show. I didn't take a boat this time but plan to make the trip again in the next year or two with boat in tow in. This year's show was of particular interest to me because the marquee class was Gar Wood - the Gentleman's Runabout. I am currently restoring a Gar Wood so this was a chance for me to see several excellent examples of my particular model.

The Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation hosted the annual boat show August 12 – 13 at Sierra Boat Company in Carnelian Bay on Tahoe's scenic north shore. The boat show, founded by members of the Tahoe Yacht Club in 1972 and hosted by the Club's Foundation since 1994, is nationally regarded as the premier event for maritime enthusiasts. Heading into its 39th year, the Lake Tahoe Concours d' Elegance showcases from 75 to 110 antique boats each year and draws more than 5,000 participants and visitors. The goal of the Foundation is to maintain the heritage of wooden boating while providing an entertaining and learning experience for all to enjoy. This charitable Foundation has awarded more than \$250,000 in grants to non-profit organizations in the Tahoe Basin to advance maritime education with the proceeds from the Concourse.

The Tahoe show is one of the few judged boat shows left in the country. The judging system is a 100-point system in which every aspect from hardware, to finish, to wiring and upholstery, is thoroughly examined. Points are taken off for things such as incorrect wiring (from original), incorrect varnish color, imperfections in the finish, incorrect upholstery color, and hardware that aren't correct for the boat. Boats, unlike cars, need not have their original engine but they must have an engine that is correct for that boat model and year. For example, if a Hemi engine was an option that year, but the boat originally had a Chevrolet engine, it will not face a deduction as long as everything has been restored as if the boat were configured with the Hemi. Because of this 100-point system there may be multiple first-place boats for a particular class, or there may only be second or third-place boats. Since the prestige of the show has grown and the restorations keep getting better, it has been said by many judges and experts that some first-place boats may be restored to a condition better than they were when they exited the factory.

The collection of Gar Wood boats at this year's show was spec-

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tacular. Thirty-three Gar Woods were on display representing most of the models offered. Nowhere else in the world can more original Gar Woods be found than in the waters of Lake Tahoe. It is believed that there were more original Gar Woods at this show than have ever been assembled in one place since the factory closed in 1947. I was most interested in the 1939-1942 19' runabouts since that's the boat I'm currently restoring. As it turned out, a 1939 Gar Wood model 912 Custom Runabout won "Overall Best of Show" and "Marque Class Best of Show" honors. This boat is only a few hull numbers away from mine. I had a chance to meet the owner and speak at length with him and the restorer about the details of the restoration. Needless to say I have a "boat load" of pictures of that particular boat for my documentation.

The Lake Tahoe Show lived up to its reputation is every way. I had a fantastic weekend and can't wait to revisit the crystal clear waters of Lake Tahoe...only next time I hope it'll be in my own boat!



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# Blackhawk Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Blackhawk Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2012

Location: Schaumburg, IL

Attendees: Al Bosworth, Matt Byrne, Mark Svoboda, Steve Fleming, Ted Cartner, George Plamondon, Tom Nickols, Larry Lange, Vicki Lynch.

9:15 a.m. Motion to Start meeting by Mark Svoboda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Cartner

## Committee Reports

Mike Stolz reported financials are all in good standing. A brief discussion regarding the 501-C-3

Ted Cartner motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Barrett

Larry Lange reported 267 members, motion to accept by Mark Svoboda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Barrett

Dave Voegler reported on the Youth Group, and is looking for a new project. Title submitted to mark Svoboda for his signature. Larry Lange suggested \$5000 to be allocated to the Youth Group, motion by George Plamondon; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Cartner.

Mark Svoboda motioned to accept Youth Group report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Cartner

## Old Business

- General discussion regarding 2011 International show
- General discussion regarding N.P.O.
- Mark Svoboda reported the Fall dinner cost.

## New Business

- Ted Cartner will chair the Fox Lake show July 14, 2012; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Svoboda
- Mark Svoboda will gather more information from the Glacial Lakes chapter regarding an invitation to attend the Tall Ships event in Milwaukee August 10-12, 2012
- Matt Byrne motioned to add the Tall Ships to the event schedule; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Barrett
- Ted Cartner will do the motor workshop in March
- Larry Larkin will contact Gage marine to host the Spring Dinner
- Discussion of Geneva Lakes Boat Show Committee
- Ted Cartner will coordinate the Fathers Day Cruise on Fox Lake; details to follow
- Mark Svoboda proposed next Board Meeting to be April 21, 2012

**Adjourn** – Motion by Mark Svoboda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bosworth

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and we welcomed a bit of a breeze. The participants lounged at umbrella tables, enjoying the convenient dockside food and beverages while being entertained by the music of Brett & Frisk. As usual, thousands of spectators traversed the docks enjoying the wonderful display of various antique and classic boats, replicas, and contemporaries from a wide range of manufacturers including the well known Chris Craft and Century, as well as the more rare or distinctive Gar Wood, Hacker Craft, Streblov, Grand Craft, Glastron, Switzercraft, Oconto, Ventnor, Sea Doo, Sea Ho, Mariner, Tomahawk, and Sunflower. The streetside attracted spectators also with Woodie cars and handmade canoes.

A wall of black clouds looming above the trees across the lake quickly transformed the day into a spectacular and intensive swirling mass of wind and water, with people running for cover. The ensuing massive waves were the ultimate test of the new docks and cleats, the waves vehemently rocking the boats, but all fared well. While escaping the storm, show participants and spectators alike discovered the tasty treats in the downstairs sweet shop of Matt Morgan's or were awed by the gorgeous antique carved wood bar in the restaurant. Although power outages throughout town lasted a few hours, the storm quickly passed, the sun returned, some canvas covers blown away were retrieved while others were removed from the hastily covered boats and the boat show continued on. The hardest hit by the wrath of the storm was the outside concession stand, but damage control and swift recovery by Matt Morgan's had it promptly open again.

An early evening cruise to experience Lake Minocqua's fiery beauty at sunset is always



an invigorating yet soothing way to end the day, sharing it with eagles and loons. A morning walk or bike ride on Bearskin Trail starts the day off right as you encounter the awesome sighting of deer out for their morning stroll, the peacefulness broken only briefly by the welcoming "good morning!" of other early risers you pass on the trail. The boating on this clear and sparkling chain of lakes, the fishing, the sand bar gatherings, the warm and welcoming family atmosphere make this a place you want to plan on staying a few days after and/or before the boat show; the Minocqua chain is a boaters paradise, offering so much more than what you can experience in a week-end!



Back at Matt Morgan's for the show on Sunday, the downtown shoppes beckon, if only to escape the balmy July day for a short while. All too soon the show was coming to an end. Gordon Moore, who started the show and watched it grow to 50 boats over these 19 years, presented the awards, along with Al Hanley, show coordinator. NOTE: They have determined that given the number and type of boats now attending the show, the award categories will be expanded for future shows. Mark your calendars now for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Minocqua Boat Show beginning with the boat parade Friday evening July 27 through Sunday July 29, 2012. For more information call 715-453-4511 or Email [alh@5starmandd.com](mailto:alh@5starmandd.com)

## 2011 Winners

### Best Century

Paul Mason, Green Bay WI / 1939, 18' 5" – Deluxe Sedan Century 75 HP "Relic"

### Best Pre War Chris Craft

Jim Gould, St. Louis, MO / 1930 – 22' Runabout Chris Craft 318 HP "Fleur de Lac"

### Best Post War Chris Craft

Gary Rechcygl, Pewaukee, WI / 1956 – 26' Continental Chris Craft 175 HP "Double Trouble"

### Best Outboard

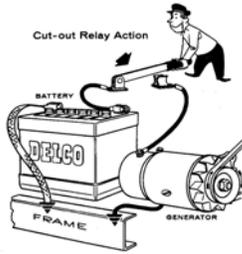
Don Bergman, Marshfield, WI / 1954 14' Replica Tomahawk Fishing Boat "Mini Match"

### People's Choice

Dave Bortner, Mound MN / 1995 – 28' – Hacker Craft 350 HP "Untouchable"

### Special Recognition

Matt Cullen Owner/Operator of Matt Morgan Restaurant on Lake Minocqua for hosting the event



## Blackhawk Spring Tech Session March 31st 10:00am to 2:00pm.



It will be a general discussion as it applies to the mechanics of our engines, props, etc. There is also the opportunity to address your particular problem, if there is something you would like to discuss, call **Ted Cartner (847-395-8902)** and let us know. We'll be happy to include it in the program. Bring in your bad parts.

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## Blackhawk Chapter Youth Project Update

If you are anything like me I cannot wait for the Holidays. I am also equally happy to see them over. Now that they are over and we are all getting back into our daily routines I find myself thinking about boats. **What?** (You say) But there is still snow on the ground! Yes there is but this year I am going to make an attempt to stay ahead of the game and on top of the Youth Group plans.

Although we still have not located a new project boat there is much to do and learn. Tom Wagner has once again volunteered his expertise and facilities for our Youth Group. I would like to get together at least once a month. Right now we are scheduling it to be the first Saturday of the month at Tom's shop in McHenry. We will be learning various restoration techniques based on what they are presently working on in the shop. Our first workshop will be Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to Noon with a Pizza lunch to follow.

The good news for this year is that it will not be all work and no play now that we have a completed boat. (I can hear the kids jumping for joy) We will be planning on having several events with our Wolverine Wagemaker Youth Project Boat. We will also be attending several boat shows in the area and possibly attending the ACBS National show in Table Rock Lake, Missouri.

Members, Non-Members, Sons, Daughters, Neighbors..... We welcome everyone and anyone who wants to participate in the events. Contact me at 847-477-3373 or [riverrats@ameritech.net](mailto:riverrats@ameritech.net)

Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

**Dave Vogeler**

**Blackhawk Chapter Youth Program Director**



### 2012 Event Schedule:

- February 4<sup>th</sup> 10-12 Workshop
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-12 Workshop
- April 7<sup>th</sup> 10-12 Workshop
- May 5<sup>th</sup> 10-12 Workshop
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic (Time and place to be announced)
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-12 Workshop
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day Fox River Cruise
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Fox Lake Boat Show
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Glacier Lakes Pewaukee Boat Show (date tentative)
- September 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> ACBS National Table Rock Lake
- September 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Lake Geneva Show

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## Blackhawk Road Trip!

A group of Blackhawk members are organizing a group trip to the 2012 International Boat Show in September. This years event is being hosted by the Heartland Classics chapter at Big Cedar Lodge near Branson Missouri. Big Bear Lodge is about a 10 hour drive from the Chicago land area. For more information of the International boat show visit [www.tablerock2012.com](http://www.tablerock2012.com). If you're interested in joining the Blackhawk caravan contact Mark Svoboda at [mvsvoboda@ameritech.net](mailto:mvsvoboda@ameritech.net) or 630-208-1775.



**The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique & Classic in-water Boat Show  
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There is no launch ramp at Freddie's, you could launch at any of the other Marinas around the Lake. Ben Watts Marina ramp is 3 minutes by car or water. NOTE: A Waterway Permit Sticker is required, it can be purchased at Watts Marina.

For more info: Ron Van Horn 708-347-8951 or Ted Cartner 847-395-8902

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# Annual Father's Day Port Edwards Champagne Brunch & Fox River Cruise Sunday June 17

The Blackhawk Chapter is pleased to announce the annual Father's Day Cruise to Port Edwards Restaurant in Algonquin for the sumptuous Sunday champagne brunch. For those of you not familiar with this cruise, it's not one to miss. The lower Fox River is always calm, the brunch at Port Edwards is extraordinary and the atmosphere is very nautical. This is also a good early season shakedown in the company of helpful companions.

The cruise will start with a free launch at Turnkey Classics in Burtons Bridge, Highway 176 and the Fox River, courtesy of member Chuck Kelley.

Plan to be launched and ready to run by 9:00, at which time we will head south to Algonquin. We will be seated for brunch around 11:00. After gorging ourselves, we have the whole day for the leisurely trip back north. Brunch, includes coffee, brunch, champagne...the works! Look for a registration form and pricing info in the next issue of the Smoke Signal.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name of boat \_\_\_\_\_

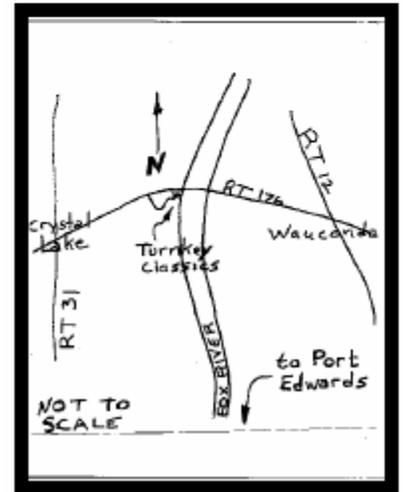
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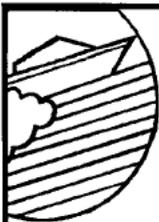
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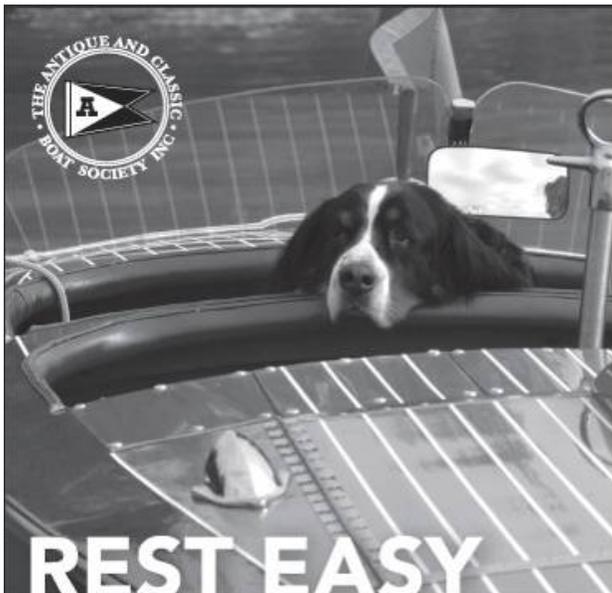
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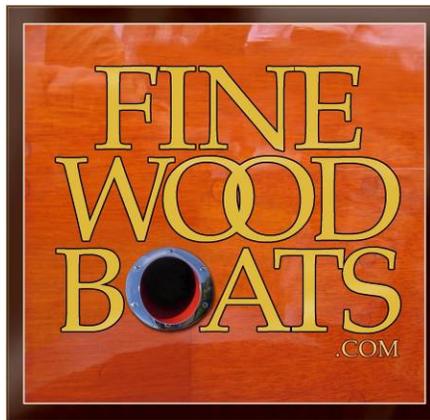


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March 31 Spring Workshop

April 21 Blackhawk Board Meeting Location TBD

June 17 Father's Day Fox River Cruise and Brunch

July 14 Fox Lake Boat Show, McHenry, IL

August 10-12 Tall Ships Milwaukee, WI

September 19-22 ACBS International Boat Show hosted by the Heartland Classics Chapter [www.table rock2012.com](http://www.table rock2012.com)

September 28-30 Geneva Lakes Boat Show, Fontana, WI