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Woodies Take On Lake Sinclair

Organizers overcome obstacles

Although boat shows are fun for the entire family, most avid boaters don't realize



Cruising to the Neff Shop

the work that goes into them. Few realize the problems that have to be overcome without anyone having a nervous breakdown. This year, our annual boat show was no different. It was met with

difficulties and hardships, but thanks to countless efforts, it was a huge success.

The first hurdle we faced was in January when we met with managers of Crooked Creek Marina and Bone Island Grill. We learned that the restaurant was not going to open there, but instead was moving to Lake Oconee. Furthermore, they said it wasn't going to open at all until the other restaurant opened, sometime in July. John Jansen and his associates were gracious enough to let us use the restaurant and all of its equipment as a special events venue. We were told we had

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Chatuge Rendezvous Reaches 25th Year

A new generation takes the helm

The 25th Annual Lake Chatuge Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous has come and gone, and it has again proved to be what it originally started out to be — a lot of fun.



Riggles new ride

There were 32 boats in the water, representing more than 14 different manufacturers, and it is amazing how these boats seem to get better with each gathering. The original intent of the Chatuge Rendezvous was to get out on the water and enjoy our boats. By the looks of the boats coming

and going from the dock, I believe this was accomplished.



Sunset cruise

On Friday evening we had another enjoyable ride by car or boat to the Cunninghams' cottage for dinner and socializing. The weather was as close to perfect as you could ask for, the food was

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Talking boats at the Neffs'

to provide a caterer, lunch vendor and bartenders. Thankfully, they gave us contacts and allowed us to hire the existing staff to run the bar.

Our next step was to recruit volunteers, which are sometimes hard to find locally in the Eatonton area. We decided to get our families involved. I contacted my sister and her husband from Florida, our two sons and a grandson from Atlanta. Family members arrived Thursday evening, ready to put the show together. They worked diligently to put together Hagerty bags with flyers, trinkets and a food source. We owe a huge debt of thanks to all of our families.

Without their tireless efforts, I'm certain there wouldn't have been a boat show.

The day of the boat show finally arrived. We spent the morning packing up the truck, readying our boats and zipping off to the marina. Around 10:00 a.m. boaters began arriving to prepare to launch their boats.

They busily cleaned up their woodies, had some lunch and got ready for the 2:00 p.m. cruise to Neff's shop to see his projects and

relax before heading back to the marina at 4:00. At 5:30, cruisers were welcomed with hors d'oeuvres and an invitation to our cash bar.

On Saturday, the boat show was open to the public. Collectors, enthusiasts and families came out to see our beautiful wooden boats, gave many compliments and voted on their favorite one. The weather cooperated and to our relief, the threat of rain never came to fruition. A fun time was had by all as people rode on the lake and enjoyed talking with fellow boaters.

Saturday evening, boaters were treated to a catered dinner and an awards evening inside the restaurant. It was nice to have the whole place to ourselves. At the awards ceremony, our master of ceremonies, Terry Harbin, was no disappointment as he entertained everyone with his always festive personality. He kept the audience in stitches all evening. Our awards were as follows:

- People's Choice – *Miss Alice II*, owned by Wayne and Alice Forbis, NC
- Skipper's Choice – *Paramour*, owned by Terry Harbin and Jerri Nowlen, GA
- Best of the Rest – *It's Someday*, owned by Art Hampton, FL

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped us out by working the event or coming to support the show. We hope to see you again next year. 🍷



Admirers enjoying the woodies



Wayne & Alice Forbis, Joyce Neff, Terry Harbin



SUCKERS

great, and there was a beautiful sunset cruise back to the docks for those who came by boat. On Saturday, we were joined on the grounds around the docks by a large contingent of arts and crafts vendors. There were some incredible items for sale. Our traditional cruise to the bridge for those amazing photos taken by Linda and Bob Miracle was again a success. Bob and Linda do such a great job of documenting our events, and we do thank them for all the work and

effort involved. If you missed the Chatuge Rendezvous and have computer access, go to Miraclephotography.smugmug.com and click on "boats." Viewing the weekend's event this way can make you feel as if you were there!

Saturday night's dinner was again at The Ridges, and we had our Nautical Trivia Contest with the guys against the gals. I don't know for sure who actually won, but we did establish that "lights on boats" are not called "night lights," that there is no such thing as a "narrow birth," and that "even keel" means "a good day." Sharon Winter again came up with some great door prizes, with Steve Blanchard donating two that he made from old Chris-Craft planks. The Ridges gave a two-night stay at their facility, and we were all very pleased when Sharon Winter won that prize.

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COMMANDER'S CALL



Ahoy! Blue Ridge Chapter has certainly gone over the "bow" with the fantastic Lake Sinclair boating event and the Lake

Chatuge Rendezvous! Both events were the best yet! Thank you chairpersons and all the members who attended. I have a boat show bucket list, and I've been able to check off a couple of wishes, as I have thrillingly ridden in some of your extraordinary boats! (The bucket list continues.)

Next up is Charlotte, September 6-9. The Annual Meeting will be held on Friday the 7th during lunch at

Lake Norman. This meeting will cover important issues such as next year's calendar, restructuring boat show registration fees, liquor insurance for our events, and awards presentations, so be sure to plan to attend.

Our chapter has once again been asked to participate in the Hilton Head Motoring Festival in November 2012. Approximately 25 boats are needed. Their website is HHIMotoringFestival.com. Boats will be land display only. Contact me if you would like to attend.

See you on the docks! ☺

Your President,

Julie

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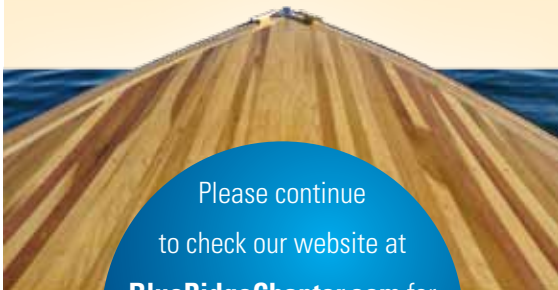
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BRC Annual Meeting

September 7 at Lake Norman
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People's Choice-- 1958 SEA Mac,
WHOO HOO!—owned and restored
by Jerri Nowlen

The event concluded with the People's Choice Award, which went to Jerri Nowlen and her recently self-restored Sea Mac—*Whoo Hoo!* Congratulations, Jerri!! It was most deserving.

Linda and I are passing on the torch for the Chatuge

Rendezvous, and we are happy to announce that Jerri Nowlen and Terry Harbin have agreed to take over this endeavor. They will get help from the Sneddons, the Baynes, and the Hollises, and I'm sure anyone else willing to help. Bob Churchill has offered to take over the Cardboard Boat Event, and with all of those babies at this year's event, it is important to get that back on track. Many, many thanks to the Turners for all their years of doing the Cardboard Boat Event.

It has been fun, sometimes a little stressful, and always rewarding to host this event because of our great people in this Chapter. ☺

Randy Cunningham

DOCKSIDE POSTINGS



FOR SALE Century Resorter 18', 1985 with only 135 hrs. Mahogany color fiberglass hull with white vinyl-covered deck. Original non-restored condition.

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