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Twentieth Anniversary for Hartwell Boat Festival

Farewell to Organizers

By Bonne Olsen

The Hartwell show kicked off a three-day event with 17 attending the Robinson Racing shop tour on Thursday guided by team manager H. Smith.

Friday's speaker, the invincible Mike McSwain, kept the crowd laughing with stories of people and events dating back to the origins of the Blue Ridge Chapter and its boat shows. Many members didn't realize the first show was actually held at Lake Lure.

John Heiderich revved up the members with a "Predicted Log Dinner Run," a timed cruise from Hartwell to Portman Marina. Each captain had to estimate his own arrival time passing certain check points. All cell phones and watches were sealed in an envelope. What could not have been anticipated were the high winds and two-foot waves that slowed everyone down. With more than 20 boats participating, the winning time was recorded by Terry Harbin & Jerri Knowlen. After an excellent dinner, the cruise back to the marina was rather leisurely.



Mike McSwain entertaining members at Marina Luncheon



Scene Changes ready for public viewing



Dinner Run across Lake Hartwell to Portman Marina

Saturday morning, with 39 boats on display, the 20th Boat Festival opened with a beautiful warm day. Public attendance was steady, with a variety of attractions for the visitors. Again this year, the Porsche Club of the Carolinas and Peachstate exhibited more than 30 cars. The Southeast Modelers, with their remote-controlled boats, provided great entertainment for youngsters. Twelve boys and girls volunteered for Youth Judging, and several youth participated in the Build-a-Boat activity.

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New Venue For Sinclair

Award Night Ends with a Bang!

By Tom & Joyce Neff

First and foremost we would like to thank all the club boaters for taking part in our fourth annual boat show and filling our docks with their beautiful boats. We had 20 boats registered, including a new member who brought in his 23' Sprea launch. This year we had our largest public viewing thanks to



Members cruise to Neff's workshop

your support and all the hard work of our volunteers. Luckily the Neff family (a clan of eight) comes out in full support every year, and we're delighted to have a few new recruits: Jerri Nowlen, Terry Harbin, Monty Cheshire and Barney Ross. We couldn't do it without all their hard work. Another success factor was a new location, Sinclair Marina in Milledgeville, GA. This new marina was more accessible for boat rides,

easy boat launch, and a helpful, friendly staff. We're looking forward to returning next year with even more improvements.

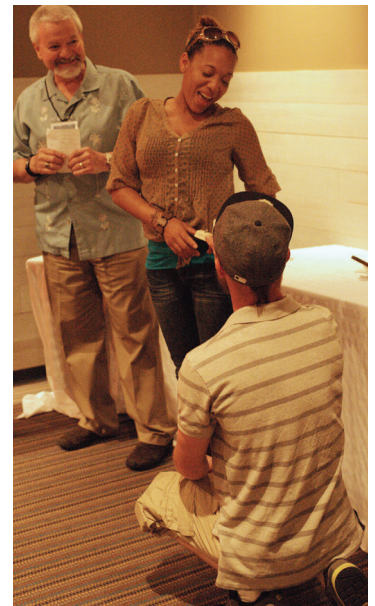
Friday is always an exciting day to participate in the annual run on the lake, during which boaters get to feel the power of their beloved wooden boats and the breeze in their hair (which the guys like best). This year's run took boaters to Neff's workshop and back just in time for the welcome party at

the Sinclair Marina, hosted in their showroom that features a beautiful view of the lake.

Saturday we welcomed more than 250 local visitors to enjoy our show and cast their votes. The top winners this year were as follows: People's Choice Award went to *Ju\$t One More*, owned by John & April Heiderich and sponsored by Woodies on Lake Sinclair; Skipper's Choice Award went to *Slow Dancing II*, owned by Tom & June Riggie and sponsored by Bone Island Grill on Lake Oconee; and Best of the Rest Award went to *Foxy*, owned by Tommy Watson and sponsored again by Bone Island Grill on Lake Oconee.

Saturday evening closed out with a bang -- literally -- as streamers popped when Joel Neff (our grandson) popped the question. It was a big surprise to his girlfriend, Arisha Brown, when he asked her to marry him after our awards dinner and ceremony. Thankfully she said YES! Congratulations to the young couple.

The weather, location, volunteers, boaters, and visitors combined together made for great fun and "boater-ship." The planning has already begun for next year, so mark your calendars for May 9 & 10, 2014. We hope you join us! 🍷



Joel Neff proposing to Arisha Brown



Skipper's Choice Awarded to *Slow Dancing II*, Tom & June Riggie

Twentieth Anniversary for Hartwell Boat Festival *continued from page 1*

The Art Center in downtown Hartwell proved a wonderful venue for the awards banquet, accommodating the buffet, bar and dining tables. Following a delicious dinner, Julie Moore presented the following awards:

Best Ski Boat – *Boomerang*, 18' Correct Craft, Randy Cunningham; Best Outboard – *Mema Pepa*, 14' Feathercraft, John & Cheryl Closs; Best Decorated – *Sora*, Ray Laker Launch, Jill & Darrell Dyas; Best Post-War Runabout – *The Good Life*, 1940 18'6" Garwood, Terry Harbin & Jerri Knowlen; Best User Boat – *One Moore Time*, 1950 18' Shepherd, Henry Moore & Leslie Sutton; Best Cruiser – *Pathfinder*, 1958 32' Chris-Craft Commander, Scott Roden; Best Customized – *Odeyssea II*, 1946 16' Chris-Craft Rocket, Chris Smith; Best Racer – *Mega*, 2012 18' Classic Hacker, Tom & Joyce Neff; Best Riva – *Ciao Baby*, 1971 19'6" Riva, Ed & Sara James; Best Greavette – *Spray*, 1952 20' Greavette Sheer Liner, Matt & Kimberly Curtis; Best Chris-Craft – *Gotcha Covered*, 1949 22' Chris-Craft Sedan, Al & Bonne Olsen; Best New Production, 2012 25' AristoCraft Holiday, Bill & Gail Turner.



Farewell by the Moore's & Olsen's

Special perpetual awards were as follows: Boat Enthusiasts – Ed & Judy Longino; Old Boat-Old Friends – Gary & Mary Jo Fesperman; Fred Thomas Award, Best Antique Boaters of the Year – Ben & Myrna Huizinga; Best of Show with two boats, Al & Bonne Olsen – *Norwegian Son* and *Gotcha Covered*.

To conclude the night, a farewell was in order as the long-standing show organizers, Dennis & Julie Moore and Al & Bonne Olsen, announced their retirement. Next year the Hart County Chamber of Commerce, Hartwell Marina and a small contingent from the Blue Ridge Chapter will organize the 2014 show. 🍷



Best of Show, *Gotcha Covered*

COMMANDER'S CALL



Ahoy Mates!
The Blue Ridge Chapter has started the year with two great boat shows. I was happy to see

everyone and to spend time cruising our beautiful lakes with y'all. Each year continues to get better with the growing participants, inquisitive visitors, new and different boats, and a new venue on Sinclair. Next up is the Lake Chatuge boat show, and then looking ahead to the new Charlotte boat show venue. Once again, our annual meeting will be held during the Charlotte boat show.

The Blue Ridge Chapter continues to grow. We welcome new members Brian & Anne Leazenby, Bart Hanline, Chris & Lindsey Stang, David Sproule, Steve Martin, Foster & Deborah Busby, Mark & Connie Elkins, Elliott Hibbs, Douglas Coe, John Leonard, Joseph Beck, O.O. & Deborah Hart, and Bruce & Leigh Thompson. We invite all of you to put the upcoming boat shows on your calendars and join in all the fun and excitement in our boats, on the docks, on the water, and meeting great new friends.

See y'all on the dock!

Your President,

Julie

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September 6

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Children's Charity Event

September 28

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ATTENTION Mates and Maties

Bits of breaking news

- **The Charlotte Antique and Classic Boat Show** has moved the location to Lake Wiley, N.C. Watch for further announcements regarding the show in the upcoming months.
- **The Blue Ridge Chapter Annual Meeting** will take place once again during the Charlotte Antique and Classic Boat Show. This is the year for elections of new officers.
- **The Blue Ridge Chapter** will host the 2014 quarterly ACBS International meeting in conjunction with the Lake Chatuge Boat Show.
- In the next couple of weeks, **check the Blue Ridge Chapter website gallery** and you will find "Happy Faces at Boating Events".

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