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A Perennial Favorite Shows How It's Done

Charlotte Boat Show

By Paul Crisp

With the warmth of summer, all boaters gravitate to the lakes to enjoy the sun, water and boating. It's not much different for antique boaters, with the exception that they often enjoy their fellowship with one another equally. The Charlotte Antique Boat Show was all of this in spades this year.

The weekend was unofficially kicked off at the restoration shop of Pat Crusse where all attendees were hosted. Food, drink and fellowship were not overshadowed by the display of projects and a wonderful collection of the kind of stuff we boaters love spending our time amongst. My favorite may have been missed by many. She was a very early "Whitehall" pulling boat, still in her unrestored glory, hanging overhead in the shop. My mind pondered the skill of a boatwright making her nearly a century ago without the aid of the modern power tools sitting in the next room. This timeless beauty, which captivates even the non-antique-boater, is what makes all of us invest so much time and effort into the preservation of our boats; and every once in a while it is just overwhelming to this boat restorer to appreciate a masterpiece left alone, in her unrestored state, so she can make a statement about form, lines, and craftsmanship that may be overshadowed by chrome, gloss, and colors. Many thanks to Pat for a great evening.

Friday officially got us started as we brought our boats to Trump National by land and water. The docks were full and the parking lot overflowing with proud owners and their joys.

After a long hot day of setup and travel, we were blessed to share our evening at the home of our Charlotte hosts, Ed & Judy Longino. This evening is a highlight for us all as we are able to have a family style gathering, mingling with friends both old and new. From grazing in the kitchen to sitting in the family room or dining room, or the wonderful new tradition of wood-fired pizza on the lawn, Ed & Judy make this evening much more than an ordinary banquet. This is family, Blue Ridge Chapter Family. Our sincerest thanks to them both for extending their love of their boats to include all of us who come to visit their home. Ed even enjoys showing off his pet catfish. (I guess we will never have a catfish fry for dinner there).

Saturdays at Charlotte are always fun times for us all. Many people come by to marvel at the display of beautiful boats and are even more captivated by the welcome they receive from the owners of them. Conversations often turn to fond memories of a father or uncle who had a boat "just like that." The occasional visitor may even have a relic sitting in a shed, basement or warehouse since the Nixon administration. This always piques the attention of our family in hopes of bringing both new people and a new "old girl" into our fold.

This year boats and boating memorabilia, ranging from primitives to cutting-edge technology and from unrestored barn finds to pristine polished showpieces, were displayed, all gaining the proper attention intended by their presenters, as well as homage to



Ed Longino presents Phil Jones Best of Show award for *Purple Haze*



Popular Pizza venue at Welcome Party

COMMANDER'S CALL



John Heiderich

As the year draws nearer to a close, we as a chapter can look back and say, "What a great year!" We opened 2016 with a "new boat" show in Greenville, and I believe our booth once again had the most visitors of the whole show. Our Lake Hartwell show had 52 boats participating, making this one of the larger Hartwell events ever. The Rendezvous at Lake Chatuge enjoyed wonderful weather until I went to pull my boat out, and the heavens opened up. Once the boat was on its trailer, the sun came out again. Well, that's boating. The Charlotte Antique and Classic Boat Show, with great weather and a large assortment of boats on display, again highlighted the fantastic fellowship demonstrated by our chapter.

See the separate article on our proposed annual meeting scheduled in October in Charleston, SC.. We will hold a general membership meeting the afternoon of the Christmas party in Lavonia on December 3.

The Board has accepted the appointment of Dana Anthony as vice president, filling the remaining term of Greg Jackson, who asked to step down due to family issues. We sincerely thank Greg for his efforts this year.

I would like to thank every one of our members who stepped up to either organize an event or to volunteer to assist during an event. The Blue Ridge Chapter is known across ACBS as having the friendliest and most helpful members. Whether our fellow members are attending one of our events or another chapter's, we pitch in and go over and above every time. We can all be proud of this reputation. Thank you!

The Lake Sinclair Cruise is once again back on our 2017 calendar, scheduled for September 15 and 16th. The 2017 annual meeting will be on Friday afternoon (September 15) in conjunction with the show.

Your President, *John*

The Show Must Go On!

Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance 2016

By Jerri Nowlen

Less than a month after Hurricane Matthew ripped through Hilton Head Island, the 2016 Concours d'Elegance team moved heaven and earth and a lot of trees to provide another magnificent show. Mountains of fallen trees were pushed aside and taken off site to make way for hundreds of classic cars and boats.

Twenty-four antique and classic boats were placed on the Awards Park for the displays "On the Water" and "Life on the Silver Screen." As in years past, our position was prime real estate right in the middle of the action. This year we offered two examples of "before and after" restorations which are always a hit. The Purple People Eater owned by John & April Heiderich kept the youngsters enthralled and entertained.

Friday night Charles & Diane Mistele hosted a wonderful welcome party with a choose-your-ingredients pasta station, salad table and Belfair's world-renowned ice cream and petit fours for dessert. We are pleased to report Belfair's Avenue of Oaks survived the hurricane and is as beautiful as ever.

We were blessed with the most beautiful weather Mother Nature could offer with highs in the 70s and sunny skies. On Saturday there were 170 car club classics on the fairways that were a delight to behold. That night, while 22 boaters were enjoying a lovely dinner at the Crazy Crab, those cars pulled out and we had 170 Concours cars to drool over on Sunday. The Concours team provided an amazing spread from local restaurants for the complimentary brunch, and as an added bonus the pub tent next door to the boat display sent servers with luscious Bloody Marys to set the stage for a festive day meeting the show's attendees. After the show closed we converged on Hudson's newly restored restaurant, dining al fresco on Hilton Head's local seafood.

If you have attended the Concours in years past you know how well we are all treated. If you have not displayed your boat there, I would highly recommend adding this show to your calendar in 2017.



Miss Dot, owned by Terry Limehouse



Terry Harbin, H & Jerri Nowlen enjoying event

those who created or recreated them. History literally comes to life as visitors walk through the array of boats our family presents at Charlotte.

Saturday night's banquet was, as always, a great time, with door prizes, great food and drink, and a time to grow our relationships even more after a long hot day of showing and boating. Awards were given to some, but all were deserving, as each one puts valuable time and treasure into their boat. As a professional restorer I attend shows all over the Southeast but the hospitality shown by the team at Charlotte is second to none. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making this show a premier event for the antique boating community and something that the Blue Ridge Chapter can be proud to promote. As the night came to a close, the following 2016 Charlotte Show awards were announced:.

Best of Show - Betty & Phil Jones, 1948 Sheppard, *Purple Haze*, Lynchburg, VA

Best Cruiser - Christine & John Heenan, 1963 Chris-Craft Cruiser, Statesville, NC

Best Lyman - Judy Longino, 1961 Lyman Runabout, *The Twins*, Troutman, NC

Long Haul Award - Ginger & Randy Clark, 1940 Staudacher Hacker, *Oorah*, Geneva, FL

Best Chris-Craft, Penny & Rick Wilson, 1950 Chris-Craft Sportsman Utility, *The General*, Saegertown, PA

Looks Damn Expensive - Karen & Bob Breidert, 2006 Chris-Craft Hydro, *Apparition*, Jacksonville, FL

Best Century - April & John Heiderich, 1948 Century Seamaid, *Au\$um*, Anderson, SC

Best Unrestored - Joan & Dave Wigfield, 1935 Garwood Utility, *Dutchess*, Mooresville, NC

Best Outboard - Marlene & Dana Anthony, 1957 Chris-Craft Cruiser *Hours and Ours*, Clover, SC

Hard Luck Award - Jill Dyas, 1906 Laker Launch, *Sora*, Dunwoody, GA

Wayne Forbis Sportsmanship Award - Kathleen & Paul Crisp, 1928 Chris-Craft Triple, *Bumblebee*, Elijay, GA

People's Choice - Tommy Watson, 1946 Chris-Craft Gentleman's Racer, *Roaring Twenties*, Brunswick, GA

Captain's Choice - Alice Forbis, 1958 Chris-Craft Continental, *Miss Alice*, Charlotte, NC

Best Replica - Audrey & Jim Templeton, 1989 Homebuilt Runabout, *Mrs T*, Denver, NC

Best Classic Glass - Mary Lou & Gary Fesperman, 1972 Century Resorter, Lavonia, GA

More pictures of Charlotte Show on page 6



Spectators admiring wooden boats



Here's a trio. Randy Cunningham, Art Hampton & John Heiderich

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Wet and Wild

Georgetown Wooden Boat Show

By John Heiderich

Over the weekend of October 14 and 15, Ed Longino and I attended the Georgetown Wooden Boat Show. We were part of the land show and almost floated our boats on their trailers in the middle of Main Street. The show took place just one week after hurricane Matthew hit the South Carolina coast. While the town suffered little in the way of damage, the river was running high. What we had not planned on was the effect of the full moon, causing a flood high tide at 9:30 on Saturday morning. On arriving on Main Street to set up, we found 12 inches of water on the road to drive through just to get to our assigned parking spot. Once we unhooked the trailers we discovered our spots were quickly becoming a launch ramp. By the time Ed did some fast talking to the show chairman about moving, the boats were in 10 inches of water. Show organizers

agreed people would have a hard time viewing the boats surrounded by water, so we moved to higher ground.

Weather on Saturday was sunny and warm, and the arts and craft display had enough variety and quality to keep boater and non-boater busy the whole day. Every type of wooden rowboat, kayak and small sailboat was represented, and the participation was amazing for the size of Georgetown. In talking to people visiting the show, we learned that they came from all around the state. Attendance exceeded 10,000 people. For anyone who has not visited Georgetown, SC, I highly recommend putting this destination on their "must see" list. I suggest, too, that BRC seriously consider entering two to three boats in the show.

AHOY NEW BRC MEMBERS



Bob Smith,
Chairman

Please join me in welcoming our latest additions to the growing Blue Ridge Chapter fleet.

Michael Maddox

Larry Focke

Joel & Arisha Neff

Fred Henry

Bill & Sharon Gregory

Fred & Patricia Church

Eric & Christine Storm

Bill & Denise Capitani

We all look forward to getting to know these new additions and again welcome them to the finest Chapter in the ACBS.

Bob & Linda Smith
Membership Chair



At last on dry land



Boats being redirected



Ed says, "Yikes"



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INTEL FROM INTERNATIONAL

By Gary Fesperman

Director, ACBS International



Gary Fesperman

ACBS just completed its Annual Meeting and Boat Show in Tahoe with great success. Weather was superb, despite a little snow and ice that disappeared by mid-morning for the boat show at Sierra Boat. With the annual meeting comes a new set of officers and directors. This year I was elected as secretary of ACBS and a member of the executive board for 2017. This is both an honor and a privilege to serve as a representative of the Blue Ridge Chapter, just as Ann Matheson, Les Rue and Gail Turner have served so faithfully in the past.

As many of you already know, Peter Stephens has decided to retire as executive director (ED) and pursue other interests. In the interim search for his replacement, past secretary Kathy Parker has agreed to step up and fill the position until the end of March 2017. Gail Turner has been appointed to the ED search committee, which has done an incredible job of narrowing down the field of applicants

from 44 to 12. By the time this issue is published, the search will be narrowed to three, and personal interviews will take place, a final candidate selected and an offer made by mid-December. The goal is to have the newly hired ED in place by the first of the year so Kathy can have the opportunity to work with him/her until she leaves at the end of March.

Many of you have spoken with Jen Dennie at the ACBS office. Sadly, Jen will be leaving November 8th. We will miss Jen and thank her for all that she did in handling the day-to-day staffing chores at the office. A replacement has already been identified and should start within the next several weeks.

Kathy Parker reported to the officers and directors at the planning meeting held in Chicago this past weekend that ACBS membership is now 7,024 and growing. The planning meeting was very informative and productive. A new budget and goals were set for the coming years, and numerous changes to the website and streamlining the governance and operations of ACBS were discussed. There will be more to come on those issues after the new ED comes aboard.

Happy Holidays to all!!

The Almost-Held Annual Meeting

A Brief Report

By John Heiderich

The Blue Ridge Chapter annual meeting scheduled to be held in Charleston, SC, on October 8 was abruptly blown out of the water by a Category 4 hurricane named Matthew. We waited and watched the weather reports and at last had to call the meeting off.

The board decided our only course of action was to reschedule the meeting for the afternoon before the Christmas party in December. With the meeting canceled we still needed to get some information out to the members that would have been communicated at that time.

In August the board accepted the resignation of our vice president, Greg Jackson, due to pressing family matters. Per the bylaws, the board appointed Dana Anthony to fill the remaining term of this office. We believe Dana will be a good addition to our board, and I look forward to working with him in the coming year.

Our chapter has had a great year. We participated in three

in-water boat shows (Hartwell, Chatuge and Charlotte), one new boat show (Greenville), two land shows (Georgetown and Hilton Head) and will finish up the year with a great Christmas party on December 3.

We will have a complete treasurer's report available at the meeting in December. A recap as of October shows that we have total funds available of \$18,603, with assets of \$7,740. This includes monies held by and for the Hartwell, Charlotte and Sinclair boat show committees. As of the first of October our expenses were \$3,723 and our income was \$6,450. Our membership is in line with our projections of 250 members.

We are planning to hold a general membership meeting at 3:00 pm before the Christmas party on December 3 in Lavonia, Ga. We hope to see all of you there.

Our schedule for next year is shown in the On The Horizon column.

ON THE HORIZON

2016

Annual Membership Meeting

December 3 at 3:00pm
Holiday Inn & Suites - Lavonia, GA

Christmas Party

Holiday Inn & Suites - Lavonia, GA
Contact: April Heiderich
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2017

Upstate Boat Show

January 26-29 - Greenville, SC
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Mid-Atlantic Boat Show

February 9-12 - Charlotte, NC
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Lake Hartwell Boat Festival

April 20-23 - Hartwell, GA
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Lake Chatuge Rendezvous

June 2-3
Ridges Resort and Marina - Hiawassee, GA
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Charlotte Antique & Classic Boat Show

August 25-26 - Mooresville, SC
Trump National Golf & Country Club
Contact: Ed & Judy Longino
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Blue Ridge Chapter Annual Meeting

September 15-16 - Milledgeville, GA
Contact: Tom Neff/Brenda Highsmith
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Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d' Elegance

November 4-5 - Hilton Head Island, SC
Contact: Jerri Nowlen
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Annual Christmas Party

December 2
Holiday Inn & Suites - Lavonia, GA
Contact: April Heiderich
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NOTE: See website for event details

CHURCHILL'S TIDBITS & TIPS

Boating in Droughts

by Bob Churchill



Bob Churchill
Safety Chairman

As you know, we are in a severe drought. When the man-made lakes we enjoy were built, all of the trees at the shoreline's lowest point were removed. In the rest of the lake, only the tops of the trees were cut, so when the lake water level drops very low, things start to pop up out of the water. The real danger is when trees and other lake debris are just under the surface. Case in point: Bill and Scott Turner were fishing in a johnboat and saw a very large tree just inches under the surface. An encounter with that is one way to get the bottom off your boat. The safest place to

be is in the main channels. Be careful out there.

Speaking of the Turners, if you missed their open house at their new shop and museum, you missed a great event. Even Bill's 100-year-old father, Claude, was there. He is the one who started AristoCraft Boats back in 1946.

Now is a good time to check some of your safety equipment before you store it for the winter. Check the condition of your life jackets, fire extinguishers and other gear. Remember, the fact that a fire extinguisher's gauge indicates that it's full does not mean it will work. The powder could be compacted. I recommend refillable extinguishers. These cost a little more, but you are assured that their contents are fresh. I refill mine every spring.

Ford has come out with their *Guide to Towing* booklet again. You can view the guide at boatingmag.com/ford. Although it is published by Ford it has a lot of information about many different towing vehicles.

Just a personal note: I am replacing the bottom of my sea skiff from the engine forward. All the planks have been removed, and I am working on the frames. My hope is that it will be ready for the Hartwell show. Wish me luck!



Out for a cruise



Locals pack the docks