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Charlotte Show

by Judy Hills, ACBS Roving Reporter

The Blue Ridge Chapter show began on Thursday, August 24, with a tour of JR Motorsports in Mooresville, NC, honoring the fact that auto racing and NASCAR are BIG in the Charlotte area. This tour was followed by an early dinner at a local favorite BBQ restaurant.

The fun progressed on Friday with a luncheon cruise ending at the North Harbor Club lakefront restaurant in Davidson. That evening there was a reception at the home of Ed and Judy Longino. Everyone who attended was very complimentary of the hospitality of this dynamic duo. We did hear an unconfirmed rumor about peach moonshine at the affair.

The big day was Saturday at the Trump National Golf Club. It was an elegant setting. The employees went out of their way to be accommodating. The Charlotte British Car Club showed their beautiful touring machines.

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Members enjoyed a full scale tour at JR Motorsports

Hilton Head Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance

by Dana Anthony

An avid group of approximately 22 antique boaters from Maryland to Florida met like minded car and plane enthusiasts for the 16th annual Hilton Head Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance November 3-5. Upon arrival at the welcome tent to gather credentials, maps and assorted goodies, boaters were directed to the Port Royal golf course to set up their displays, then off to prepare for evening activities.

The Misteles hosted a well attended reception and dinner again this year at their Belfair Golf Club, where everyone enjoyed the wonderful shrimp, pasta and lively conversation.

Beautiful Lowcountry weather brought out a weekend crowd in the thousands of car, plane and, yes, vintage boat fans. Many, with cameras clicking, asked questions about the history of the boats and shared many of their memories of past family boating adventures.

The group of boating attendees grows each year as word spreads about the gracious hospitality extended to all by the show organizers. The fact that they

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Antique wooden boats fill the Mid-way



Crowds loved the antique boats

COMMANDER'S CALL



John Heiderich

What a year for the Blue Ridge Chapter this has been. We again started the year with displays at two area new boat shows, one in Greenville and the other in Charlotte, each having a great collection of boats on display. We followed up with our Lake Hartwell show, great weather, great boating and great food. Lake Chatuge tried to outdo

Hartwell in food, weather and boats, but I have to call it a draw. We tried something new this year in July with a "Day on the Lake" on Lake Keowee. I would have liked to see more than four boats come out; but for our first try, I will take it. We had a wonderful tour of the lake, stopping at a waterfall for a refreshing dip, then on to lunch. We are still looking for members to step forward and plan next year's event. Although I was unable to attend our Charlotte show, I understand that Ed and his crew provided everyone a great time, as usual.

Once again our annual meeting had to be canceled due to a hurricane. Who would have anticipated this happening two years in a row? We will try Lake Sinclair again next year; it can't happen three years in a row, can it? See the report of the rescheduled annual meeting in this issue.

We lost two members this year, Paul Crisp in August and Hal Crawford in November. Our best wishes are with their families in their time of loss.

As you probably know, Paul Crisp was on our ballot for vice president next year. With his loss, Dana and I were unable to find another person to step up, so I agreed to accept a second term as your president with Dana continuing as our VP. Please consider holding an office in the coming years to help us grow. The chapter needs your help in providing new and different ideas, so please contact Dana or me if you are interested.

You will find our 2018 boating schedule in this issue of On the Horizon, on our website, and on ACBS's website. Please take the time to review the list of events and make your plans to attend as many as you can. Also, if you are interested in lending a hand with planning and or just helping out, let the chairperson for that event know. Any help is gladly accepted.

The Blue Ridge Chapter will be hosting an ACBS regional seminar at the Charlotte new boat show in February for the Southeast regional chapter officers, focused on improving chapter relations, how national can support your chapter, and attracting new members. If you are interested in holding an office in the future, you are welcome to also attend. Please contact me for additional information.

As we close out the year, I would like to once again thank every one of our members who stepped up to either run an event or to volunteer to assist during an event or who just attended an event. We had a great 2017, and I'm looking forward to another great boating year in 2018.

Safe boating to all,
John

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invite us each year with no fee to exhibit our boats is a testament to the class operation they run.

Anyone who enjoys the art-like beauty of antique and classic cars, planes and boats; the scenic beauty of Hilton Head; and a warm social atmosphere with friends and family should plan on attending the show in 2018.



BRC member "H" brought his custom built race car

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There were approximately 30 boats in the land display and at the docks, and a steady stream of visitors enjoying the beautiful day and viewing the cars and boats.

During the event, there was one moment we wish had been documented with a photograph, but credible witnesses confirm it really happened. *Knot Firewood* is a 1950 18-ft. Chris-Craft Riviera owned by Eric & Christine Storm of Flowery Branch, GA. Randy Cunningham was driving the boat, and Eric was sitting on the port side. When docking the boat after a ride, Randy got a little too close to a Chris-Craft Sea Skiff, so quick-thinking Eric, who is an amputee, saved the day (and prevented damage to the boats) by removing his artificial leg and gently pushing off the Sea Skiff. And yes, the leg did have a boat shoe on the foot. This is a sea story if we ever heard one!

The awards dinner was held at the Lakeside Ballroom of the Trump National Golf Club. It was a beautiful place to end the show.

The Best of Show was won by Jim and Margaret Moores of Beaufort, NC, for their 1911 Fay & Bowen, *Chinook*, a real showstopper. Jim & Margaret are members of three ACBS chapters, and Jim, owner of Moores Marine (restorer of fine yachts) is a big advocate of clubs cooperating to have better, bigger shows.

The Best Outboard was a 1957 Feather Craft owned by Jim & Sandra McDonald, also of

Beaufort, NC.

The Long Haul award was won by Art Hampton & Tater from Fort Myers, FL, for a 1958 19-ft. Chris-Craft Capri, *It's Someday*.

The Best Cruiser award went to *Annalee*, a 1930 Elco owned by Mike & Kathy Fennell of Charlotte.

My Last Desire, a 1995 Hacker Craft, won the Best Replica award. The boat is owned by Bill & Sharon Gregory of Tega Cay, SC.

Most Original was won by *Lady C*, a 1938, 19-ft. Chris-Craft Sportsman owned by Ron & Linda Chaverin of Charlotte.

The Looks Expensive to Me plaque was awarded to *Rumrunner*, a Saint Custom boat owned by Will & Julie Stout of Cape Coral, FL. This boat, originally designed by John Hacker in 1947 and modified by Saint's Charles Jannace, also won the People's Choice award.

The 1963 Chris-Craft 21-ft. Sea Skiff *Lucky Enuff*, owned by Bob & Dottie White of Arley, AL, won the Best Chris-Craft award.

Last but not least, the club gave the third annual Wayne Forbis Memorial Sportsmanship Award to Judy Longino for all her support of this year's show. Wayne was a very involved member of the Blue Ridge Chapter and avid supporter of the Charlotte Show. He did much behind the scenes and never asked for accolades. After his passing the club established this very special annual award in his honor and presented the first to Wayne's wife, Alice.



Welcome party at the Longino's lake home



Boats and crowds filled the docks all day



Land display well attended



British cars add their style

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AHOY NEW BRC MEMBERS, WELCOME!



Bob Smith
Chairman

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

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

BIG WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John O'Donnell

Linda & Magne Ohldieck

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Chapter Cares & Concerns



Paul up to his waist helping a disabled boat out of the water

"I can do that!" Our Experience with Paul Crisp

by Ed Longino

The Blue Ridge Chapter lost a one-in-a-million member recently. Paul & Kathy Crisp have always been eager to volunteer their services at every single boat show they attended. This is what you will hear from every show chair in the chapter.

Judy and I came to know Paul & Kathy when our two boats were involved in the filming of the movie *Live by Night*. We spent several days together in Brunswick, GA, and on the movie set in Riceboro, GA. We came to know the story of how Paul and Kathy met and how many things they had done together for their church. We came to know how

Paul cared for his fellow man, whether it was underprivileged kids or BRC members. When he worked on or restored a boat, he bonded with the owners and made sure at shows that any problems with all boats were taken care of.

He and Kathy stayed with Judy and me at our home for the past two Charlotte shows and were a tremendous help, tirelessly spending most of the weekend in party preparation. I will miss many things about Paul, but his humor was my favorite. Damn, he could make you laugh! Godspeed, Paul. We're gonna miss you!

Hal Crawford, a True Southern Gentleman

by Julie Moore & Gail Turner

For the past few years, due to health considerations, Hal & Jean have not been able to attend events, but they were aware of them and would have loved to join in the boating and most certainly visiting. Hal always had a positive sense of humor and gave us great joy in his stories and his special way of describing the situations he and Jean got into.

Many may remember Hal & Jean arriving at the BRC Annual Meeting and boating weekend at the High Harbor camp at Lake Burton. It's quite a trek to drive one's vehicle to the camp, let alone tow a boat up there. Dear Hal & Jean didn't realize launching was at a marina "down below" the camp, and they happily arrived up at the camp with boat in tow.

They couldn't make it through the tight gravel roads, so many of the guys picked up their trailer while still attached to their Buick station wagon and helped them maneuver it to get around corners and back down to the main road. All the while, Hal & Jean were smiling and waving, knowing this was going to be a fun weekend!

Hal loved driving his big, beautiful Shepherd, *Beant!* Hal's last boat show was at Lake Norman, where he won an award. Later, Jean said he just wanted to win one time with *Beant!* So gracious...so kind...such an enthusiast for vintage boating. Our chapter and club lost a fun-loving boating friend.

INTEL FROM INTERNATIONAL

by Gary M. Fesperman, ACBS Secretary

As many of you are aware, I have been recovering from an infection that occurred in my left knee shortly after knee replacement surgery in May. I am happy to report that I am almost back to normal now, and my infectious disease doctor says that I should be able to travel again by the end of the year. Having said that, I missed the Racine annual meeting and show and the budget meeting in Chicago. I was able to communicate electronically for these meetings, however. Racine had great weather and attendance with 113 pristine boats in the water. A complete recap of the show and the award winners is in the current issue of *The Rudder*. Speaking of *The Rudder*, editor Chris Eden has promised a new and exciting format for the upcoming issues. We look forward to seeing how Chris is going to make a great publication even better!

Officers change each year at the annual meeting, and Rich Lepping took over as president from John Howard at Racine. Rich has been active in ACBS for many years and has vowed to continue to move ACBS forward in an ever-changing environment. The ACBS website has a new format and is now more user friendly and contains an abundance of new information that can be easily accessed by our members. Check it out soon. Winter is just around the corner, so make up that winter work project list and get started today. Spring boat shows will be here before we know it. May everyone have a blessed and happy holiday season!



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Updates will show up on your home page. You can post a comment and add a picture of your own boating experience!

Blue Ridge Chapter Annual Meeting

The chapter annual meeting was held in Anderson, SC, on November 11, 2017. There were 32 attendees with 15 proxies submitted, fulfilling the requirement for a quorum. Review of the treasurer's report showed all the year's boat shows paid for themselves. President Heiderich presented the ACBS President's Cup to Gary Fesperman for his contributions to the BRC as well as to ACBS.

The following officers for the 2018-2020 period were elected:

President, John Heiderich
Vice President, Dana Anthony
Treasurer, Jerri Nowlen
Secretary, Brenda Highsmith
GA Director, Scott Turner
SC Director, Bill Gregory
NC Director, Ed Longino



The 2018 budget was presented and approved; it is available in the minutes posted on the website. It was decided that there will be no Christmas party due to the distances members have to travel for a one-night outing. The BRC boat show schedule is listed here in the On the Horizon column, as well as on the website. There was a suggestion that an outing on Lake Burton be included in July.

Due to the second instance of the annual meeting having to be rescheduled primarily due to the seasonal weather, a change in the bylaws was proposed to allow the meeting to take place later or be skipped in non-election years. A copy will be emailed to all members for their review, and a vote will be taken at the Lake Hartwell show in April.

President Heiderich asked for suggestions of how to use extra funds in the treasury. Several ideas were offered, and a committee will be convened to take them under advisement.

At the suggestion of members of the BRC, a regional meeting for chapter officers will be held in February at the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show in Charlotte. The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate communication and support between chapters. BCR members are invited to attend.



Attendees gather for BRC annual meeting

ON THE HORIZON - 2018

Upstate Boat Show

Jan 25-28 | Greenville, SC
Wooden Boat Display
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Mid-Atlantic Boat Show

Feb 8-11 | Charlotte, NC
Wooden Boat Display
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Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival

April 19-22 | Hartwell, GA
149 Hartwell Marina Road
Contact: John Heiderich
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Lake Chatuge Rendezvous

June 1-2 | Hiawassee, GA
Ridges Resort and Marina, 3379 Hwy 76
Contact: Jerri Nowlen 706-273-6495
or Terry Harbin 706-273-9595
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Charlotte Antique & Classic Boat Show

Aug 24-25 | Mooresville, SC
Trump National Golf & Country Club
120 Trump Square
Contact: Ed & Judy Longino
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Lake Sinclair Cruise & Blue Ridge Chapter Annual Meeting

Sept 28-29 | Milledgeville, GA
Contact: Tom Neff or Brenda Highsmith
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Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d' Elegance

Nov 3-4 | Hilton Head Island, SC
Contact: Jerri Nowlen
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NOTE: See website for event details

CHURCHILL'S TIDBITS & TIPS

The "That Would Never Happen to Me" Syndrome



Bob Churchill
Safety Chairman

We all tend to think that things always happen to the other guy. The reason I am the safety officer is that a lot of things have happened to me. The best way to ensure a safe boating experience is to have a plan in case something goes wrong while out on the water. An example could be the engine failing or the boat taking on water. The first thing to do is get everybody in a lifejacket. Second, call for help. If you are drifting toward the shore or some rocks, drop the anchor. Some of our lakes are very deep; therefore, you should

carry at least 200 to 300 feet of line.

Another example is if someone got injured or, worse, had a heart attack or other tragic event. What should you do? Call for help and get to the dock ASAP. This scenario brings up a good point. Have you ever thought about taking a CPR class? Let's face it; we are all getting older, and the average age of club members is rising. But regardless of members' age, injury and illness can strike at any age, and CPR knowledge is beneficial regardless of age. For less traumatic events such as minor cuts and sunburns, you should have a good first aid kit on board. I carry the club's first aid kit, but I am not always available at every show.

Don't forget to check your fire extinguishers. There is currently a recall of the Kidde fire extinguisher. If you have this brand, now would be a good time to replace an out of date extinguisher for free. Here's the website: <http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/>

The following event occurred when I was a teenager. I was waterskiing, and the boat driver was trying to dump me when he accidentally fell off the boat. The other passenger with us shut the boat down. The driver was out cold and face down in the water. I grabbed him by the hair to pull his face up, then we put a belt-type lifejacket around his waist. I did mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and he came around. By the way, he is a doctor now. The point is, as the Boy Scouts say, "Be prepared." Have a plan so that you can have safe fun while boating.

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Best of Show - "Chinook"



Jim & Margret Moore with
Best of Show trophy