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Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Classics

Denver Boat Show Bigger Than Ever



by Kathy Lange

The Denver Boat Show featured what we believe was it's star attraction January 11-14... The Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter of ACBS. Our club provided a total of 8 boats and 1 Ford Woody Wagon for the show this year, much to the delight of approximately 15,000 boat show attendees.

Sometimes it was difficult to tell who was enjoying themselves more. Everyone who stopped by to see us had a story to tell .. stories of past memories, stories of present projects and several with future dreams and aspirations. The common thread in all of the stories was the deep respect and love for the boats we all hold so dear.

The members who were able to attend the

show during those 4 days shared a few of their own stories, and less experienced members had a great opportunity to learn so much from the more experienced long-time members. Many statements were made that led me to believe that we could all agree ... the boats were only part of our enjoyment. The comradery and opportunity to learn were an important a part of the boating experience.

So many stories and so little room!!!! + Take the great story of Jeff Waco's boat. The son and granddaughter of the original builder attended the show this year, much to Jeff's surprise and delight. The granddaughter was treated to a seat behind the wheel of grandpa's boat and Jeff was able (cont page 4)



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President's Message ...

This is the text of the letter I am submitting to ACBS as our annual state of the Chapter update. Thanks to all who displayed, attended, assisted and just flat made the 2001 Denver Boat Show our best event yet.

Though only three and a half years old, the Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter continues to experience significant growth and continued success in its activities. From 15 members we have approximately 70 members, with new members desiring an active role in the chapter duties and functions. We expect continued success in soliciting new members, based upon the response we have recently experienced.

The functions of the chapter have centered on three annual events until recently. These events, the Horsetooth Reservoir Show in June, the Grand Lake Show in August and the Navajo Lake Show in September, have demonstrated that the public wants to see Antique and Classic Boats. Consequently, the

Coming Events

10 March	Board Meeting, open to members	
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5 May	Board Meeting, open to members	
	9AM Peiffer Elem School	
	Belleview & Kipling, Littleton, CO	
	Contact: Jeff Waco (303) 421-3141	
23 June	Dillon Reservoir Show	
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5-8 July	ACBS Summer Meeting Durango	
	See Spring ACBS Rudder	
21-22 July	Grand Lake Show	
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24-25August	Navajo Lake Show	
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shows continue to grow in size and complexity each year. This year, the chapter is going to produce shows at Lake Dillon, Grand Lake and Lake Navajo, which should allow us to increase our media exposure. The display at the January 2001 Denver Boat Show proved to be a knockout with seven members' boats and one member's 1948 Ford "Woodie" in a display that attracted many admirerers. A great number of these visitors indicated that they had come to the show just because of the media exposure by the promoter for our display. This was not lost on the show's promoter and we intend to build on this relationship during the coming year.

During the Denver Boat Show, we had a lot of discussions with people who wanted to get into the wooden boat world because they either grew up with similar boats or just because they liked the idea of owning a wooden boat. We distributed approximately 200 membership applicatioons and expect a significant response and increase in membership from our efforts.

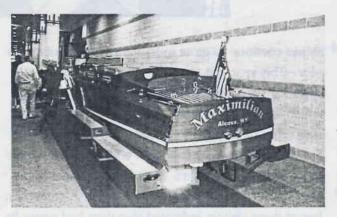
This Chapter's outlook is bright, with interest in the community increasing and our new members' desire to participate continuing to exceed our expectations. I am encouragedand excited about the future of our chapter.

> Respectfully submitted, Robert G. Braaf Chapter President Rocky Mountain Classics

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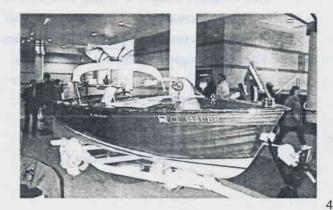
to learn the real history of his boat bringing back memories for the son and making memories for the granddaughter.

+ While we are talking about memories, what about the grandfather and grandson looking for a Chris Craft to restore together. The club was able to provide a lead on a utility that was for sale and they were on their way. Needless to say the memories of the grandfather will make this boat



the building blocks for the grandson's memories for years to come.

Chris Smith was kind enough to join us for this entire show. He made two different gentlemen extremely happy. One man had worked for Chris Craft in the 30's and the introduction and handshake with Chris left him beaming and proud. Chris also met a man who knew Garfield Wood and had watched him race many times. He is hoping to join us at the Grand Lake Show in July. Chris has such appeal to young and old alike. We were really pleased that he could join us.



...more Boat Show



Rom Nellis entertained everyone with his RC boat and woody wagon. The Ship's Store reportedly did good business while helping to spread the word and the spirit of what we represent.



Boats featured, shown clockwise: Maximilian, Charlie Peak's 1929 CC 26' triple; Darcy Dee, Skip Robert's 1952 18' CC Riviera; Red Ryder, Tom Green's 1949 16' Century Deluxe Utility; and Chris'Craft, Bob and Chris Braaf's 1957 17' CC Cavalier

The boat show was truly a merging of past, present and future. We look forward to a repeat performance next year and thank everyone for their time and effort in making this year's show so successful. Hope they all had as much fun as I did, and if you weren't able to make it...hope to see you there next year.

Denver Boat Show Great Success For Rocky Mountain Classics

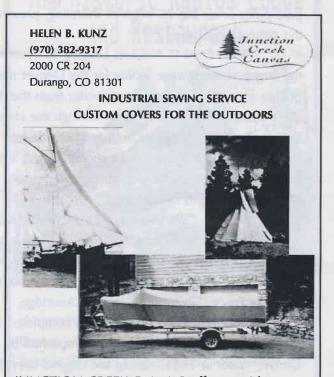


by Bob Braaf

The 2001 Denver Boat Show provided the RMCC with an opportunity to strut our stuff! Thousands of people toured the show and a fair number of those told us stories about how they grew up with wooden boats or haave one to sell or just plain came to see the "woodies". Kudos to Tom Green again for coordinating and organizing the display at the show and for promoting media coverage. We were very pleased to have in attendance guests Charlie and Linda Peak with their triple cockpit Chris-Craft and special guest Chris Smith, grandson of founder of Chris Craft Corporation. The show was not an all Chris Craft display. We had Tom and Kathy Lange's Gar Wood Utility and Tom Green's Century along with several Chris Craft boats and a 1948 Ford "Woodie" Estate Wagon. Tom May's boat should soon be bottom up in Bob Moharter's shop for a complete rehab so that it should be ready for next year's Denver Boat Show. We were located directly in front of the entrance and nearly everyone entering the show had to pass right by our display. Chris Smith again provided lots of entertainment with his stories of the Chris Craft Corporation and how boat models evolved, Bob and June Moharter helped us spin tales and Charlie and Katie Geuin ran a Ship's Store and information Table. The information Table handed out several hundred ACBS Application Forms, so maybe the Chapter membership will expand exponentially due to the show. Thanks to all who attended with the 2001 Denver Boat Show.



There was something for everyone, all ages and sizes, at the Rocky Mountain Classics exhibit, Denver Boat Show January 11-14



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Dillon Dam (5,888 feet long by 231 feet high) is the largest water storage facility for the Denver metropolitan area. The project diverts water from the Blue River Basin on the western slope through the Harold D. Roberts Tunnel under the Continental Divide into the South Platte River Basin. The reservoir's water level fluctuates, depending on the availability and demand by the Denver Water to its customers.

In 1961, Dillon's residents dismantled homes and businesses as the construction of the dam began. The structures were relocated at the present townsite on the northeast perimeter of the reservoir and also in the towns of Frisco, Silverthorne and Breckenridge. Constructionof the dam structure was completed in September 1963 and filling was accomplished by Denver Water in 1964. Today, the original townsite of Dillon lies beneath the reservoir, southeast of the Dillon Overlook.

Besides serving as a water storage facility, the reservoir is the focal point fot the finest in outdoor recreation for the entire family. The recreation facilities include four boat launching sites, docks and mooring facilities, two gas docks and a water dumpstation and boat rentals. Camping within the National Forest designated campgrounds offers unique sites for both RV and tent camping. In addition to boating and camping, a variety of other water and land based outdoor activities are available.

The historic mining town of Breckenridge is only 9 miles away, offering many different shops and restaurants - a definite must see!

With over 30 thousand hotel rooms and condos in Summit County, lodging should be no problem. Special arrangements for the show have been made in Frisco with Joan Theroux, telephone 800-646-3304 or ww.vacationlodging.com., or other options are available through Summit County Chamber of Commerce, telephone 970-668-2051.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Friday, June 22, 2001

1-5 pm Registration/launch
Frisco Marina Yacht Club
6:30 - ? Cookout & Visit at home of Wayne
& Cyndy Spaulding

Saturday, June 23, 2001 8-10 am Launch/registration 10-12 Display Frisco Marina

11 Picnic lunch provided 12-5:30 parade around lake/playtime

6:30 Dinner at World Famous Uptown Bistro

Sunday, June 24, 2001

8-9:30 am Captain's Meeting (coffee, pas tries at Uptown Bistro)

10-12 Launch/Display Frisco Marina

12 - ? PLAYTIME

Contact Wayne Spaulding 970-668-5110 or see June Bilge Pump for Registration forms.

Lange's Legacy

by Kathy Lange

Tom & Kathy Lange's jobs relocated them to Colorado 4 years ago from Iowa. There they had owned and restored a 1947 Chris Craft Rocket Special Runabout, 1965 Chris Craft Cavalier and a 12' 1952 cedar strip Tomahawk. After visiting the Front Range around Boulder, they found so little water that all were sacrified when they moved here.

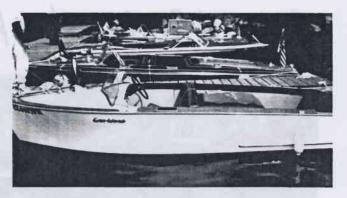
Last June, they visited Carter Lake outside Longmont with some friends. That day a fiberglass boat motored by. They looked at each other and Kathy commented that she really missed the sound and feel of the old boats. The look of joy on Tom's face told her he missed them too.

So, the search began...

After 2 weeks of searching the classifieds, (it was Tuesday night) they picked up the Sunday paper one more time and Kathy suddenly asked what a 1946 Garwood was. Tom quickly responded that it was something worth going to see, so off we went to Loveland to meet with the son of the second owner, Bert Self.

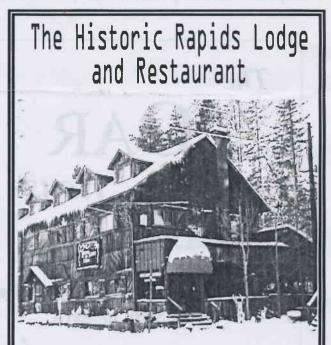
That day, after hours of story and picture sharing, the 1946 Garwood Ensign Utility, Hull #6980 (determined by Garwood Society to be #1 of 650 ensigns built) became Lange's Legacy.

Since they took her home on July 3, 2000, the Lange's have enjoyed making numerous cosmetic improvements and, as we all know, the project continues. The fresh 283 needed nothing having only 1 hour of run time on it since installation. The ignition was updated to 111F1 and the casrburator was re-jetted for altitude. The white sides (painted with house paint) has been completely redone. The interior has been or is being reupholstered along with a new vinyl deck to match the beautiful new, handcrafted enginecover designed and built by Rom Nellis and Tom one winter weekend. The Transom and covering boards are scheduled for strip, stain and new varnish in April, and the chrome is in the shop being replated (thanks for the missing piece, Bob!) The incorrect windshield brackets have been re-



with the correct brackets so that the only things left to bring Legacy back to her proper self are the correct gauges and a horn button. Soooo.... if you happen to have either just lying around , give Tom a call!

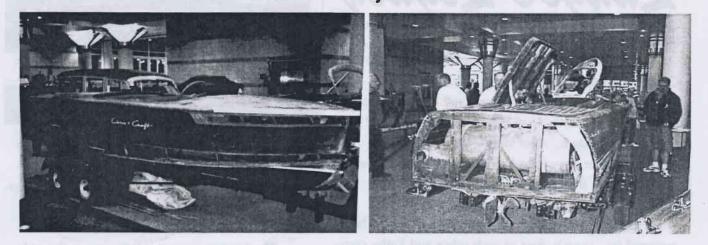
The Lange's agree this little gem is the only boat they will ever need But. there is that Ventnor in Iowa.....



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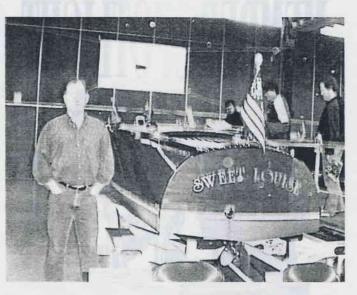


Bob Moharter certainly won't be bored this winter with this 'Project' which he took home from the boat show. He's restoring this 1948 17' Chris Craft Deluxe for Tom May and family, to be christened "Family Tree" when completed. We'll keep these "Before" pictures to compare with the finished project to be seen at the shows.

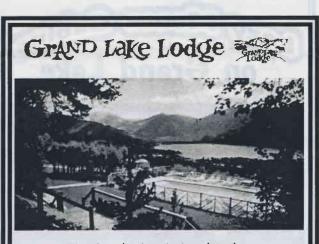


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Jean Clagett visited the Columbia Willamette Chapter ACBS exhibit at the Portland, Oregon Boat Show January 6. Featured boat on display was 'Sweet Louise', a 1942, 20' Century triple cockpit owned by Dick Werner. Dick found the boat in a field covered by a tarp in Spokane, Washington in September, '99. In October of '99, the boat was delivered to Dave Jerome's shop in Portland where it was completely restored (with our Mike Green's assistance), with completion in July of 2000, ready for the Century Marque class at the Tahoe Concours d'Elegance show August 12-14. Dick's 'Sweet Louise' left a few awards for the others at Tahoe, and plans to hit the show circuit again this coming summer. Maybe we'll see them at Grand Lake or Dillon. . . .



Tom Horn, President of the Columbia Willamette Chapter with 'Sweet Louise' at the Portland Show.



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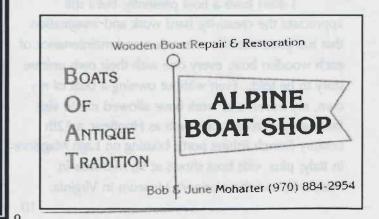
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Restoration Tips

(We solicit restoration tips from members and will print them here.)

NEVER caulk the bottom of a wood boat !!! These boats were not meant to be caulked, and may be significantly damaged by doing so. If a boat leaks excessively even after soaking, it needs REPAIR, not PATCHES.





Bob Moharter has asked me to introduce myself to all of you club members..... I'm Jean Clagett, and I'm happily looking forward to helping out the Rocky Mountain Classic Newsletter, THE BILGE PUMP.

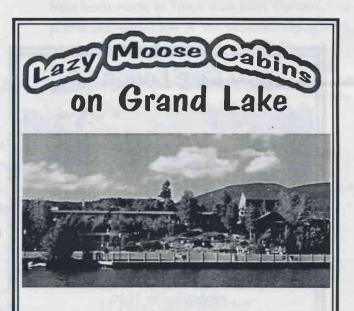
My youth was spent overlooking the Puget Sound from Tacoma, Washington where my family had an 18" wooden cabin cruiser, and I also spent summers with family relatives at their cabin on Hayden Lake, Idaho, where we enjoyed water-skiing and fishing with their 17', 1937 Chris Craft runabout. Later, my family moved to Portland, Oregon and I eventually married a farmer, so boats were put aside for 20 years or so, until I happened to ride in another Chris Craft similar to the one in my memories. Then I caught the bug again - wind and water blowing in my face over wide open spaces, with lots of interesting shorelines to explore!!!

I don't have a boat presently, but I still appreciate the creativity, hard work and imagination that has gone into the restoration and maintenance of each wooden boat, every one with their own unique story to be told. Even without owning a boat of my own, my travels and work have allowed me to visit fascinating foreign ports such as Honfleur, a 12th century French fishing port,; boating on Lago Maggiore in Italy; plus visit boat shows at St. Michaels in Maryland, and the Mariner's Museum in Virginia.

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Each opportunity I have, I escape out onto the seas or lakes. And this interest has allowed me to meet fascinating people from all over the world.

I guess I would have to say that I am about creativity, rather than any particular make or model of boat. Whether taking an old rotted hull and restoring it to new, or, in my own work, taking a blob of clay and turning it into a bronze sculpture that will live longer than any of us, I enjoy seeing the beautiful works that can be done with a little imagination and (a lot of) hard work. I guess that is why I am so enthusiastic about having the opportunity to work on this newsletter - taking interesting ideas and stories from all of you members and combining them so the club can remain active and close, in between the boating outings and events!



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ACBS Summer Meeting in Durango

If you have ever wondered about how the ACBS is run, or who those people really are, you will have the opportunity to find out this summer. The ACBS is coming to Durango on July 5-8, 2001, with the business meeting to be held on July 7 and you are invited.

Most of the Officers and Directors, along with Committee Chairs, meet in a different part of this country and Canada for a Board of Director's Meeting four times a year. For their Summer Meeting, they have chosen Durango, and more specifically, the Cascade Village Resort, owned and managed by Rocky Mountain Classics member, Mark Zempel.

As with any ACBS Board Meeting, all ACBS members are invited to attend. We hope to have a good turnout from our chapter. This will be a busy weekend in Durango, so be sure to make reservations early. Cascade Village will have rooms available and members are encouraged to bring their boats. We will try to have a few 18' and smaller boats to make available for the ACBS people to have a ride on Electra Lake, Saturday, after the meeting.

For reservations or more information about boating on Electra Lake, please contact Mark Zempel at Cascade Village (970) 259-3500. Watch upcoming issues of the Rudder and the Bilge Pump for more information on the meeting and other planned activities.



ACBS LOGO POLICY

ACBS has issued a policy letter regarding the proper use of the logo of ACBS. They have given Chapters the right to use and reproduce the logo in stationary and Ship's Stores items, provided that the logo is exactly as shown and is in the colors prescribed. Ship's Stores items and certain awards may also use the parent color of the item into which it is incorporated instead of the two color logo. The burgee shown in the logo may be used by itself as a burgee to be flown from a boat's mast or bow pole.

What this means to us is that anyone who submitted a proposed logo for the Chapter needs to review their proposal. The policy letter stated that "Letterheads (which I take to include Chapter Logos) established by chapters which are unique to each chapter and which have no direct reference to the Society or its logo, are encouraged to add a caption indicating that it is "A Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc."

Anyone who wishes to review the policy letter may contact Bob Braaf for a fax or mail copy. Please review your logo submissions and let Bob Braaf know if you wish to change anything. We propose to make a final decision by the Board of Director's Meeting in May, 2001.

Navajo Lake Boating event

The Navajo Lake event will be held on August 25 & 26. The selection of the marina which will host the event this year will be made soon, and future issues of the BILGE PUMP will have all the particulars.

The Sky Ute Lodge & Casino has given us a special rate of \$55 per night and has blocked out twenty

rooms for us. Please reserve early as this is the weekend before Labor Day, and is a busy time at the Lodge and the Lake.

We will have a poker run again this year, and a dinner on Saturday evening at the Lodge. Boat parking and security will be provided by the Lodge. Watch for more information, and plan to take part in this late summer event.

Editorial Comment....

Getting out the news and keeping our members informed and interested is the main focus of the BILGE PUMP. Therefore, we invite your comments and ideas on how to improve our club and the newsletter. Please direct all correspondence to the editor. We will publish as many as possible, here, in upcoming issues.

As you can see, we have begun selling advertising in the BILGE PUMP. This was done, in part, to offset the costs of producing this newsletter. Just as importantly, it can be an effective way for members to learn about the services available to us boaters. We should try to patronize those who have supported our club and the BILGE PUMP with their advertising. Without them, it would be next to impossible to publish this quality newsletter.

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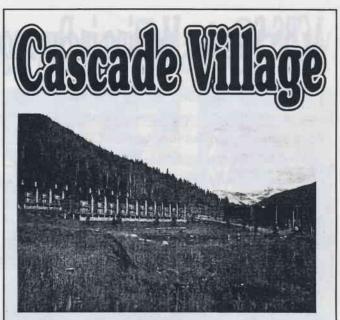


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