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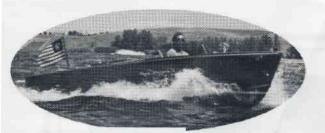


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Wayne Spaulding in Four Buoys



St. John's River Cruise



"Rom" Nellis in in Buckaroo

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Chips Taft's 1941 Barrelback , 'Round the Bend' Photo by Helen Taft

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'Round the Bend'

A little about the owners and a bit more about the runabout.....

Hello to all Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter members, those who know me and by way of a short introduction, those who don't.

My wife Helen and I have lived in Boulder Colorado since our college days in the early '60's. We were part of the founding members group who decided in August 1997 the we needed to form a fun, social group to show and use our woodies in the Rocky Mountain west. I grew up in California in the '40's and 50's, spending summers at Lake Arrowhead. My family owned two Chris Crafts that I recall....a 30's 16 foot runabout and an early 40's utility. I guess my love for these special boats began in California and picked up again in Colorado with the acquisition of our Chris Craft, 'Round the Bend'.

By 1996, we had a big case of boat show fever and "boat owner yearnings" not fulfilled. We're not hands-on restorer types by any stretch, so we enlisted the help of Lou Rauh. This super gentleman, owner of 'Antique Boat Connection' in Cincinnati, Ohio, located our unnamed runabout in Winterhaven Florida. It had been in storage for two or three years. Upon a successful survey by Stan Peterson (past VP of the ACBS) and Dean Guy who is very well known around Mount Dora Florida, we purchased the boat moving it in October of 1996 to Lou's facility in Cincinnati. There we completed a number of restoration items in preparation for what 11 believed would be the boat's first trip west. The research I completed and folks I met would prove otherwise and support the saying the "it's a small world after all"!

In the Fall of 1939, the Chris Craft factory in Algonac Michigan built Hull # 48731, a 19' Model 24. This boat, along with 113 of her sisters, would be sold as model year 1940 Custom Runabouts. On April 23rd, 1940,

after the whopping sum of to Monroe New York. The would meet the second July 1997 at the Grand Lake Commodore at that time, festivities. On the docks that his summers on the lake.

When I told her we ...were probably going to purchase it sight unseen, she said "you've finally gone 'Round the Bend"! \$1,990 had exchanged hands, #48731 was shipped name of the first owner is still a blank, but we owner. We showed the boat for the first time in Yacht Club Wooden Boat Show. Frank Naylor, the was kind enough to invite us to join in the day I chatted with Dr. Alan Harrington who spent During the course of the conversation a name on

our old trailer came up and Alan exclaimed "That was my boat!" It turned out that in 1967 Alan had heard about an old barrelback in storage near Greenwood Lake New York. Working as an active duty surgeon, based at Andrews Air Force Base and wooden boat enthusiast, Alan was able to drive about and locate this boat among many, many others. He negotiated with Wayne Mocksfield, a boat dealer at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey and Alan took possession of #48731 for the really whopping sum of \$200(many years of back storage fees!). Alan moved the boat to his back yard at Andrews and it became affectionately known among family members as the Submarine (due to it being stripped of windshields and hardware and being covered). Many years later, Dr. Harrington was transferred to the Air Force Academy and moved his boat to his new home in Pueblo Colorado. When I took possession of #48731, it was living on an old Ski Nautique trailer, the very same trailer that Alan had used to move it from New York. The third owner's name was on the registration of this trailer. Carl Ed Saboe lived in Greeley as a banker. He purchased the boat from Alan in 1985. Ed, (who I have not met or located yet) had come back from a summer restoration clinic in Clayton New York and had undertaken the first facelift of this boat . There is another blank in the history from '85-'91 until the fourth owner, Clarke Smith, living in Miami Florida, further restored #48731 by replacing the hull with 5200 treatment. By 1991 or so the fifth owners Frank and Gabriele Gay were showing #48731, still unnamed, at the Mount Dora Florida Boat Show. Helen and I are the sixth owners of #48731. When I told her we had located our 'new' boat and were probably going to purchase it sight unseen, she said 'you've finally gone 'Round the Bend!'. Well the name stuck, and what better name to put on the transom of a tumblehome stern.

Well, that's about the extent of the boat's past history. We kept the boat to as original as we could, but since we own a 'user' boat and do not show it, we changed a couple of items. The original interior of a 1940 barrelback was pigskincolored leather. We replaced that with the dark forest green leather hides keeping the original style 3-cushion seats per cockpit. The electrical was changed from 6 to 12 volt. The engine is the same one delivered from the factory, a matching CC type M, 130 HP in-line six cylinder. We re-varnished with four coats, very well done by Lou's crew, towed it home in May of 1997 and stuck her in the water as fast as we could.

After four summers' use by us, Round the Bend' still produces an advertised 27mph with a firm, fun, dry ride. She is a joy to own and run and causes much glee from our 4-year old granddaughter.

It has been fun relating the history of this fine example of Chris Smith genius and we look forward to joining everyone, with or without a boat, during this summer's Chapter activities.

Regards, Chip & Helen



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The Boatwright

Restoration Tips from Jack McCarthy

When re-doing hull sides, whether paint or varnish, don't stop at the waterline. We always stain and use sealer coats (because of their filling and leveling properties) not just to the waterline, but all the way to the chine. Using this method, we are able to get bottom paint finishes as flat and smooth as our brightwork. Always use at least 2 sealer coats, sanding only after the final coat of sealer using 280 to 320 grit.

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Editor's Corner

The editor would like to take this space to ask for YOUR input. Without you there would be no newsletter.

We believe that other Members are eager to know who you are and hear your stories. This quarter we have tried a new format and would like to get your feedback. In future issues we may be calling you to either have you write a story or help us write one about you , your boat or anything else you think Members would like to hear.

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On the Horizon

Rendezvous in the Rockies

Lake Dillon is located just 75 miles or so west of Denver on Interstate 70. With more than 296 days of sunshine each year, Lake Dillon is Colorado at it's best.

At 9100 feet above sea level, the Lake Dillon area also receives a fair amount of snow during the winter. The snowfall amount for Summit County is just over seven feet for the month of March alone. If all goes according to plan, the lake will thaw around the first week of June.

For those members who would like to arrive on Friday afternoon, you are invited to the home of Wayne and Cindy Spaulding hosted by the Spauldings and Bill & Kathy Turdorff. (food won't be fancy, but the conversation will be first rate)

On Saturday night the Uptown Bistro will host a dinner party for the members of Rocky Mountain Classics. Cost for the dinner party is \$15 per person plus tax and tip with a cash bar. We are sure you won't be disappointed.

On Sunday morning, pastries and coffee will be served, again back at the uptown Bistro, with an informal Captain's meeting taking place also.

As of April 1st, I have received two phone calls from members of the ACBS outside Colorado interested in attending the Lake Dillon show. Dick Werner of Portland Oregon called and said he was going to bring his 1942, 20' Century triple "Sweet Louise" to the show. This is a 97 point boat that took many awards at Lake Tahoe last year. I also received a call from Judy & Ray Alden from the Mount Dora chapter of the ACBS. They own a second home in Summit County and are going to be in attendance in June. They own a 1962 Sea Skiff, "Mayflower Madame" that was featured in March/April issue of Classic Boating. They are not sure if they are bringing the boat yet, but I'm working on it.....

Please fill out the registration form and return by June 1, 2001., so we can make all of the arrangements.

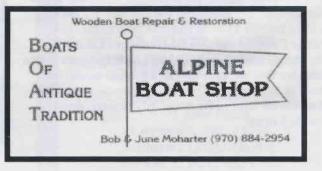
Summit County Chamber 970-668-2051, Holiday Inn 970-668-5000, Best Western 970-668-5094, Alpine Inn 970-668-3122, Wayne Spaulding 970-668-5110.

Navaho Lake Boat Show & Poker Run

The second Navaho Lake event will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2001 at the south end of the lake at the Navaho Lake Marina. This is a change from the first event held in 1999...the facilities are much better with a full-service marina & restaurant.

A tentative schedule of events includes a cook-out Friday evening at the home of June & Bob Moharter, Boat Show & Poker Run all day Saturday, dinner at the Sky Ute Lodge & Casino Saturday evening and a Board of Directors Meeting Sunday morning over breakfast at the Casino. ALL Club members are urged to attend the breakfast meeting.

The Sky Ute Lodge & Casino has blocked out 20 rooms for us and will hold them until August 1. Reserve early as this is their busy season. Phone the Lodge at (800) 876-7017 to make your reservation.. Boat parking and security will be provided. The Navaho Lake Marina has reserved 27 spaces for our display of boats with provisions for 13 additional, if needed. Again, this is their busy season, so please return your registration form to Bob Moharter as soon as possible. The registration forms will be in the mail to all members by July 1. See you there!!



On the Horizon (cont.)

Grand Lake Boat Show 2001

This year's Grand Lake Show will be held on Saturday, July 21st, in conjunction with the Grand Lake Yacht Club. This combination of a new partner and a new date should bring out a lot of boats that we just haven't seen yet. Hopefully, some will join the Chapter, but we intend this initial meeting as an introduction for all of us. We also hope that the change in date will let us have a Grand Lake Show without monsoon season. Registration forms will be sent out by the end of May. Chris & I hope that everyone can join us again this year. Call with any questions and, please, arrange for your lodging now if you plan to come up for the weekend. Bob Braaf (970) 887-2210



President's Message

This Summer is looking like the best yet for our young Chapter. Three great shows at the best venues in ACBS will give us a terrific opportunity to strut out stuff and attract new members. And , in the meantime, we can have a great time boating! I hope that all of you will make it a point to attend as many events as possible, whether you have a boat or not. If you don't have a boat, come anyway and we will make sure that you get on the water.

Speaking of events, we just found out that the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting for the ACBS which was scheduled for Durango, CO during the week of July 5-7 has been rescheduled for July 13-14 in conjunction with the North Coast Ohio Chapter Boat show on Chatauqua Lake, NY— Holiday Harbor Marina. ACBS sent us their apologies for the confusion but they were fearful that a quorum would not have been in attendance in Durango. Maybe next year? We intend to ride the train on the 6th of July anyway, does anyone want to join us?



Snufferm Automatic Fire Extinguisher

Quarterly Crew John Stiller's Surprise

This month we will profile member John Stiller and his family living in Evergreen. John is from the San Francisco Bay area where boating adventures began in the family's 12' aluminum Klamath fishing boat in the Sierra Nevada Mountains including Lake Tahoe. The first wooden boats John recalls were on the west shore of Lake Tahoe around Chambers Landing, and the Henry Kaiser Estate near where his family would spend vacations during the summer. They would have boat shows every summer. The family then moved up to a 20' Skipjack where the family would spend a good deal of time fishing for Striped Bass in the San Francisco Bay.

John actually owned a wood boat before he owned a car. Walking to school he kept seeing an unusual boat flipped over in a nearby yard. He finally knocked on the door asking the guy about this strange but sleek craft. It was described as a 10' shovel-nosed Hydroplne. The wood frames were fair but the plywood was glassed over and in poor shape. John quickly bought this for the vast sum of \$10 (ten dollars)!! The immediate problem was transporting and storing the new prize and then finding a suitable outboard engine! A friend's pickup ,some fiber-glassing material and a pair of sawhorses set the course for him to get this afloat. After a few weeks of glassing in the hot sun, learning along the way that using too much hardener transformed most of John's dad's paint cans and house painting brushes into solid blocks of new artwork, the boat was nearly ready. A new cowl had to be made from oak frame and door skin material. The maiden voyage was on a local canal that fed into the bay. Powered by a borrowed 20HP Johnson and holding the outboard stick throttle, John quickly found this boat to be fast on a plane and very low in the water! John moved onto bigger things, becoming a Sea Scout, a chapter of the Boy Scouts-Explorers, serving on the 72 foot wooden former WWII torpedo retriever, Active. With 2 Cummins twin turbo V12's, this was one fast bay cruiser. Trips throughout the San Francisco Bay area and up the Sacramento Delta were loads of fun and challenge for John.

Moving to Colorado 7 years ago, John & Deb had a friend offer them a 1960 Glastron Fire Flight for \$300. This has been cheap fun in the Colorado Lakes where the family enjoys boating/camping trips every summer. They like to explore the local waters and find warm, sunny beaches and coves so Alec (4) and Andrew (1) can run around!! Seeing others in Colorado with classic boats was a welcome sight and participating in some of the local Rocky Mountain Classics events has been fun for all the family as well. Admiring the nice boats within the Club, John began looking at a number of wooden project boats to replace the Glastron. With the balance of family activities and a rolling project — a '66 GT Mustang in the garage, John was in no rush. Only recently did something materialize. Someone had backed out of a deal with Bob Morharter on a unique 16' Garwood ensign. After learning more about this boat's design and history, as well as having a close look at Tom and Kathy Lange's Garwood, John closed the deal and has accumulated a few necessary parts for the Garwood. John thinks the Garwood will be done sometime late 2001 or next year with Bob's help.

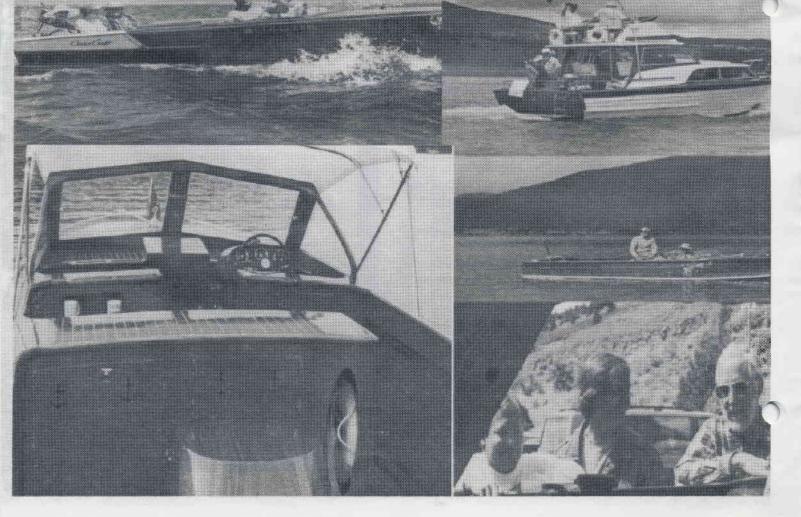
***John would like to keep this under wraps until the project is a little closer to getting under way. Currently the Garwood is a surprise to the family SOOOO.....SHHHHHH!!!!

Look for John and the crew in the Glastron for this summer!!



Boats & Folks





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Mount Dora Show

(by June & Bob Moharter)

We left Bayfield with 6" of new snow and 14 degrees.....2000+ miles later, Florida greeted us with 70 to 80 degree days, perfect for a boat show. Thousands of people were there on Saturday, March 24, to see the sights. We saw some old friends and made some new ones.

There were probably 75 or more boats in the water and 50 or more on trailers. There was a group (fleet?) of Aqua cars and several gave rides. Our granddaughter was one of the lucky passengers. Race boats were well represented and put on quite a show.

Many of the boats displayed were those that we have seen in various magazines. They came from all over the country and Canada. Some were local boats, and many came t offer them for sale. We resisted the temptation to bring any back.

Many booths were set up for the Flea Market. We dug through several boxes and found a few treasures.

Florida was a great place to visit, and the boat show was one c the best we have attended, but we were glad to get back to Colorado and to the Rocky Mountain Classics.



The St. Johns River Cruise (by Chris Braaf)

The St. Johns River is the largest river in Florida. It is one of the few rivers in the United States that flows North. The river is 310 miles long and flows through downtown Jacksonville to the Atlantic Ocean. For the past 10 years, the Florida Sunnyland Chapter of ACBS has organized a river cruise from the Jacksonville area to Sanford, near Mt. Dora, just north of Orlando during the week before the Mt. Dora Boat Show. The cruise is about 142 miles. Recently, they have added a Northbound cruise after the boat show.

The Southbound cruise of March 2001 will go down in history as the first cruise to be cancelled due to weather. Bob & I arrived in Jacksonville on Saturday evening and checked in with Dad (Chris Smith) who had already been there for a few days. It was raining and Dad's boat wasn't running right. Of course, there was no shortage of advice. A carburetor rebuild didn't help the problem, so Sunday was spent under the cover in the pouring rain working on the engine. That evening was a welcome cocktail party and dinner at the Florida Yacht Club. After dinner, Guy Marvin, coordinator of the cruise announced that Monday mornings departure was postponed until Wednesday. The rain continued and the holiday Inn sold more rooms.

After many phone calls to change all of our hotel reservations for the week, a school bus picked us up at the hotel to take the group to our first scheduled lunch stop of the cruise. The Outback Crabhouse was just that. It was located on a creek with boardwalks from the parking area to the docking areas, and plenty of signs warning against feeding the gators. The open bar/dining room had the shutters down to reduce the draft, but the rain still penetrated the roof. It was a great lobster and crab boiled lunch. The rain continued.

Tuesday morning arrived with the SUN. We promptly traveled to the yacht club to see if the boats were still floating. The moderate wind didn't stop us. Nine of us loaded into 2 boats and headed for the ocean. We didn't get there. Someone forgot to pack a lunch, so we docked in downtown Jacksonville & had lunch. It was a great day!! Our river cruise finally started on Wednesday, but only 19 of the 34 scheduled boats left the yacht club. The others had given up. Our first day of cruising took us down the widest part of the river to the town of Palatka. Palatka features a Holiday Inn on the river with a large dock. The Seminole Indians called this place ' pilotaikta', meaning crossing or ford. It is from this point on that the river narrows. Palatka also is famous for Angels Diner since 1932...true pickup, country music and Dale Ernhardt country.

On Thursday, we cruised into Lake George to have lunch at Silver Glen Springs, where we nosed the boats into shore and waded into lunch. The springs were fascinating. In the stream above the main spring, the water boiled up through the sandy bottom and there were several alligators along the shores of the creek leading to the lunch area to keep things interesting.

Distant Shores

St Johns River Cruise





(cont.)

Thursday evening we spent at Blairs Jungle Den, a fish camp in Astor. This had me worried for the entire first part of the trip. It turned out to be a really nice place where all of the boats could be docked just a few feet away from our rooms.

Our last day on the river featured a group photo shoot at the bridge leaving Astor. Lunch at the Lake Beresford Yacht Club and a day of cruising the narrowed river watching for Manatee and Alligators. None were seen.

The scenery was good, the air warmed with the sun later in the week, and a great time was had by all. It is amazing how 19 boats can leave a dock at about the same time and end up at a destination approximately at the same time, and yet, it felt like we had the river to ourselves. Of course, I took a lot of pictures as boats passed us, and the wake and spray of the speedboats in the distance was quite a site. Antique and Classic boats were the only ones on the





Brightwork Hurrahs & Kudos

Congrats to Bob & June Moharter for receiving the President's Award on March 10th, 2001. The award was given in recognition of all of their hard work and devotion to the Club and to wooden boats in general. Thanks and congratulations from every member of the Club.



Thanks to our past Publisher, Jean Claggett for the exceptional job on our last quarterly newsletter. It was truly an excellent publication worthy of the ACBS Time capsule. Great work!

Thanks to all who contributed their time and stories to this issue.

Special thanks to Jennifer Nellis for her professional input on the layout for our current newsletter and to Katie Guein for her contribution of time and experience in publication of this newsletter.

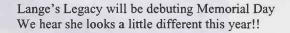
Scuttlebutt

Rumor has it that Wayne Spaulding will have his Coronado ready to To debut at the Dillon Show....

Bob Moore's Century is being finished soon by Bob Morharder...

Bob Moharter is finally working on his Dodge!!

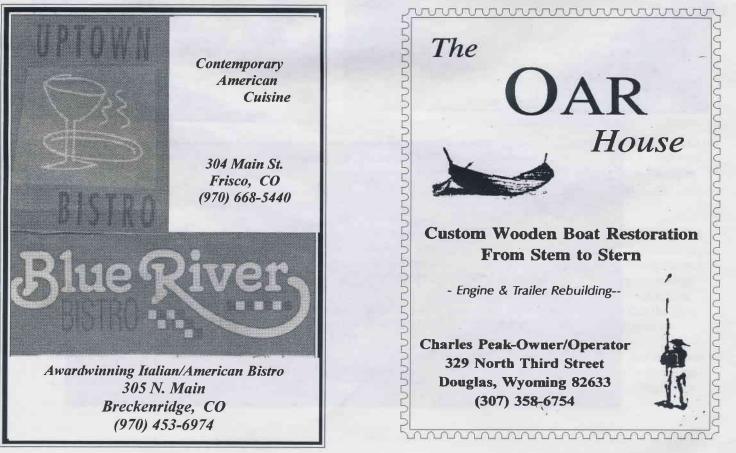
Charlie Guein is getting the fever and the weather isn't cooperating. He is restoring a beautiful set of Cypress Garden Skis while he has his Cruiser waiting in the wings waiting for better weather.



Rom Nellis will soon be setting the keel in his Coronado....we're anxious to see this beauty!

Chip Taft's 'Round the Bend' will be getting some transom attention this season.

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Over the Stern

A look back

The memories in this issue are shared by four generations. The story begins in Foxlake, Illinois at the Kramer Boat Company, the first Century dealer.

Grandpa Nellis purchased the Century Resorter in August of 1954 a month before Rom was born. Before the boat saw it's first winter, Rom had his first ride in the boat falling into a contented sleep in the front seat of Buckaroo. That was only the beginning. Cruising up and down the channel of Fox River dragging anything that would make a wake behind the boat and loving life. Rom was up at the crack of dawn every day, PJ's on and barefoot he would run down to the dock and check the poles to see what they caught overnight. Sometimes the prize was bigger than he was...you know those catfish get really big sometimes, OH and what about that big River Gar!! Then, barely taking time for breakfast, they were off for another day of fishing, fishing and more fishing!

The family was devoted to boating and the boat... driving an hour and a half to spend two weeks to a month boating, skiing, & fishing each summer. Dad would take the family up, spend the weekend then take the train back to Chicago to work Tuesday through Thursday, then back on the train and back to his family, the water and his beloved boat.

For twenty years the family enjoyed Buckaroo and all the joys he represented. Buckaroo was around to watch Rom grow up, taught him to ski, fish and gave him the deep appreciation for the water & wooden boats that time could never erase. All summer on the water and never bought a tank of gas...skiing 8 to 10 times a day...what a heavenly life. The summer cottage had a screened in front porch, & flagstone walkway leading down to the Pistakie Bay Marina just around the point from where the Fox River emptied into Fox Lake. The bay was just big enough that 3 times around skiing was enough for even the best skier, and with the wooden ski jump right in front of the house, Mom always knew where to find them for dinner!!

In 1974 the cabin was sold and Buckaroo no longer had regular visitors and fell into to disrepair. Over the next several years, the lack of attention and maintenance began to show. Then Buckaroo got a new lease on life. Rom's Dad ask him if he had any interest in the boat....are you kidding!!! By that time Jen and Rom were engaged, living close to a Marina in Colorado Rom was working for the Marina and once again would have a boat to be on the water in his own boat instead of everyone else's boat!! Of course there

were a few minor things....no truck to pull it with and no trailer, and the boat was in Illinois...but no problem!! With the find of a inexpensive trailer (would the boat fit??) and the help of great friends who were game for anything, Bob Burgis' van drove all the way to Illinois to pick up the boat. There at the Marina, Skip Kramer, the son of the founder of Kramer Boat Company (now about 80 years old) came down to the dock and questioned what gave this young whippersnapper the right to take that boat away! After so many years, Buckaroo had become a fixture there, but he deserved a better life with a family that would continue the legacy. The boat slid on the trailer after many adjustments and they were off for Colorado with no incident. Even Jen helped trailer back ... for about 10 miles in an unfamiliar van with an unfamiliar trailer on unfamiliar road. After 10 miles that was it!! That is until they got back to Colorado. They were so naïve and excited to have Buckaroo back that they took the boat immediately to the water and backed it in. Of course the boat was in bad shape, the engine started but just barely, coughing and sputtering until it died. The mechanic friend was working on the engine and Rom was working on the front of the boat and pretty soon the boat bottom is sitting on the bottom of the lake with the water above the floorboards (and no that wasn't the time he left the petcock open!) It was so full of water that they couldn't get it back on the trailer so they drug it over into the mud.... it was a bad day at Blackrock ... there was nothing happening. They came over and used a fire hydrant pump and flushed enough water out so they could get it back on the trailer and back up the hill....Jen and Rom looked at each other and decided it was going to be a long summer....the engine had problems, the battery was dead the transom was gone so some engine work, a battery charge, some glass to the transom and a bilge pump that had to be in excellent running condition (cause it wouldn't float on it's own!!) and they were off.

The next several years Buckaroo got a much needed face lift and lots of use. It saw Rom's kids all grow up, taught them to ski and fish and knew it was loved. Soon though the family outgrew the boat. The family of 5 and all of their friends with ski equipment and water toys just wouldn't fit anymore so Buckaroo got a new home once again. The memories lived on in the entire Nellis family.

In the summer of 2000 at the Grand Lake Show, Buckaroo found the Nellis' once again. Now owned by Jeff & Greg Dwight living in Longmont, Colorado. ...his story in a future issue.



As a young girl and into her adult life she was always known as the go-getter, the one who would 'take care of business'. She raised 4 kids, did all the right things with PTA, committees, ball games, scouting all the while hoping that one day it would be her turn and she could relax. There was no good time or money for a vacation, and besides what would she do with leisure time? Then her husband died and all hope disappeared of ever relaxing.

Then one day, a very special friend took her and her youngest to a Lake in Minnesota for her first vacation in 25 years. That first morning on the lake would live forever in her memory. Watching the sunrise over the glass-like water, hearing the Loons calling to each other, smelling the aroma of morning and new beginnings, she suddenly realized she had been running a very long race and now she could relax. That morning forged a bond with the water that would save her again when she needed it most....

Many years later, that special friend was now her husband, the kids were all grown and gone, life was hectic again and one day it suddenly came to a horrifying halt. At 47 she had two strokes within a month of each other. Having lost much of the control of her left side, she truly wondered if her life would ever be right again. Once again her special friend came to her rescue. Without warning she was wisked off to Minnesota to be on her beloved lake for another time...to heal and be healed.

As the dawn broke that first day back on the lake she promised herself that she would see each day for all it's beauty and all things and all people for their goodness and richness.

Life is so short and so precious. Remember to relax, enjoy the sunrise and remember to look up at the beauty we have around us. Make each day count and fill each day with sunshine for those you love.



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