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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11, 2003

Annual Meeting

The Boathouse  
(formerly Uptown Bistro  
at Frisco)

### Most Original, Best Preserved for 2003

Charlie & Katie Geuin were presented the 'Most Original, Best Preserved' award this year at the Grand Lake Show.

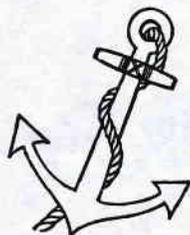
June Moharter, President of the Rocky Mountain Classics proudly presented Charlie with the award for *Jennie May*, the Geuin's 1960 Chris Craft 26' Cavalier. *Jennie May* has been lovingly restored to better than original condition by Charlie, and is displayed proudly at many of our boat shows. She offers a comfortable ride and a party atmosphere to those fortunate enough to grace her decks. The bright work has all been restored to original, and the interior is a prime example of what Chris Craft intended the cruiser to be.... a comfort on the water.



This award was determined by the selection committee of Bob Moore, Chris Ann Braaf, Charlie Peak and Bob Moharter and was long overdue. Charlie and Katie have been an integral part of the Rocky Mountain Classics for many years and have contributed an enormous amount of hours to helping our Club grow and prosper. Both of them have served as officers, running the Ships Store and producing the newsletter simultaneously. Charlie is our current Vice President and brings his years of experience to the table.

*Jennie May* served for a time as our Ships Store and was a novel way of marketing the store's merchandise.

Congratulations to Charlie and Katie and *Jennie May* for being chosen this years 'Most Original, Best Preserved' boat of the year.



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## Welcome Aboard

### New Members

Wade & Daidre Johnson	Broomfield, CO
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## 'Lucy'

Give the boy a Minnesota lake, a cedar strip fishing boat and a 5 hp Johnson outboard and you've got him for life. That pretty well sums up the love for wooden boats of Bob Jamieson and the eventual resurrection of 'Lucy'.

Growing up, Bob would go stay with friends in Minnesota near Fergus Falls. The Trumbars had a tackle shop on Battle Lake and Bob would spend his summers getting to know that sweet little cedar strip boat from the Alexandria Boat Works in Alexandria Minnesota just down the road. He started out with the 5 hp Johnson and then changed to the old Evinrude...you know, the kind with no anti-kickback that would beat you to death! Many a fond memory comes rushing back when he thinks of those days and the fun that he had...all because of the lake and the boat.

In 1958, Bob and a friend found a sad looking 1934 18' split cockpit, Model 56 Chris Craft Run-about hidden in the Young Dairy building in Sioux City, Iowa. Looked pretty good to them... shouldn't take much work...so what if the hardware is in baskets!! They paid \$350 for her and brought her home. Over the next several months, Bob, with a little help from his friend made the boat pretty again. (Bob admits that they neither one had the slightest idea what they were doing!!) They decided to take it to a summer house that belonged to another friend of theirs on McCook Lake and launch her. They arrived late, so they decided to launch the boat and anchor her there and come back the next day to go for her maiden voyage.



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# 'Lucy'

as told by Bob Jamieson

As they were walking in the door after the drive back, the phone rang. Their friend was calling to tell them that the boat had sunk! In the time it had taken to get home the boat was gone!! Well, Bob being the stubborn one that he was, wasn't going to be beaten that easy. So they got a bunch of guys from the local bar and a pump and pulled the boat out from under the water up onto the trailer and surveyed the damage. The engine was full of silt and sand and needed rebuilt, and the hull obviously wasn't sound, so they went to work.



This time they had another set of hands...Betty (eventually to become Betty Jamieson) jumped right in and helped bring the boat back to a usable condition.....what a worker!! That extra pair of hands and a lot of willpower got that boat back on the water in record time and they used her without incident until 1972.

The Jamiesons moved to Denver Colorado in 1961. The boat saw Carter Lake and Sloan's Lake, but in 1972, they retired her... and life went on.

The re-birth happened at the Denver Boat Show in 2002, Bob & Betty visited the Rocky Mountain Classics booth at the show and soon were new members of our crazy crew. Bob had Tom Green take a look at the boat, and Tom was a little discouraged by what he saw. The timbers were all in very poor condition, the keel was hogged from sitting on the trailer, and the boat was in dire need of an experienced craftsman's touch.

Doug Brown was the craftsman who awakened the true glory of this sleeping beauty. Bob feels extremely fortunate to have found someone with Doug's craftsmanship and deep-seated love of these wooden beauties.

The bottom was replaced with a new double bottom using the 5200 method. The front 2' of the keel was broken and needed replaced, so Doug scarfed a 2' piece into the keel. The support for the king plank was in pieces and the 1" X 6" was replaced along with the breast hook (for those who don't know what that is like I didn't...it is the 1/4" thick point of connection at the front of the boat where the stem meets the top deck and covering boards.) All new frame members were installed and covering boards were all new. The side planks were salvageable, but the gaps between boards was between 1/8" and 1/4" (think that would let a little water in??). Doug painstakingly moved each board down until the gaps were gone, replaced the one board above the chine and added a 1/2" piece at the top to finish putting the rub rail over that to cover. The hatch covers were broken, so Doug rebuilt them from scraps. He was able to salvage about half of the decking and finished by matching the new decking so well that not even the experienced eye can see the difference. A new transom and framing reinforced for pulling a skier completed the job to perfection.



Bob & Betty consulted with their children when trying to name the boat. The decision was unanimous...it had to be Lucy after Bob's mother. So 'Lucy' was born.

The best part about putting the boat together was the fact that when Bob was offered a shortcut or cheaper option, he opted for the right way...even if it cost more. He wanted it done right ...he wanted it to live on for years to become a legacy for his entire family to enjoy for generations to come. 'Lucy' came alive at the hands of a craftsman and through the heart of a Iowa boy. She's truly a classic beauty beyond words. This writer will always remember her sitting in the shade with the June sun filtering through leaves and shimmering on her glossy smooth deck. Her lines and curves are elegant and strong and her soul makes the spirit soar.



## CAPTAIN'S LOG

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is ending as is my term as President of Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter of the ACBS. It has been a great two years! I have met so many people who have so much to offer in their friendship, knowledge and talent!! This Chapter has a great future!

I want to thank all the show hosts who worked so hard this year—

Tom Green for the Denver Boat Show in January

Katie & Charlie Guein for the Brass Armadillo in May

Tom & Kathy Lange, Rich & Lu Ball, Jim Grubbs & Linda and Doug Brown for the Loveland Shakedown Cruise in May

Linda and Charlie Peak for Alcova

Betty & Bob Moore and Chris & Bob Braaf for Grand Lake

Wayne Spaulding & Bill Tordoff for stepping up with a Dillon Gathering when the Navajo Show had to cancel (the lake went down 6' per day to irrigate the Navajo crops & launching was unsafe)

Many thanks to you all.

While thanks are being given out, I want to thank Bob Moore and Tom Green for their 3 years served on the Board of Directors. Your term may be over, but I know you'll continue to be involved in the Club.

Our newsletter *The Bilge Pump* continues to tell the membership of activities planned. Kathy Lange continues to do a super job as editor. Be sure to keep articles of interest going to her for future editions. Thanks Kathy & Tom

Information on the Annual Meeting to be held October 11, Saturday, has been mailed by our Secretary, Bill Mumma,. The ballot for 2004 officers has also been sent. Please take a few minutes to read the agenda and indicate your support and send it back to us.

An auction will be held after the meeting as a Club fundraiser. Tom Lange will be the auctioneer...a good time is waiting for us all. Wayne Spaulding always has a good menu planned for us. If you can part with any of your "nautical treasures" for the auction, they would be appreciated.

A special thank you to Bob Moharter for all of his support these past two years.

We will pass the gavel onto the new President and the Club in October. The gavel was made by Bob's dad in 1963. He was instrumental in forming a World War I group establishing veteran pensions for World War I vets. Mr. Moharter was the Chapter Commander of the World War I veterans barracks and used the gavel as Commander. We hope that this gavel will be used by the future president of the Rocky Mountain Classics.

June Moharter  
President

*The Rocky Mountain Classics has been very fortunate to have the Moharters so actively involved in the Club for so many years. Their leadership and experience has been a stabilizing force that has helped this Club grow into the Club we see today. I'm certain the entire Club joins me in wishing the Moharters every good fortune in their new lives and that we all sincerely hope that they will remain an active part of our Club forever. They will leave big shoes to fill, but they have taught us well, and the new President and Board will continue the legacy they began.*

*Thanks June and Bob for your devotion to something we all hold very dear.*

*"May calm seas always be yours and may the wind always be at your back."*

## Alcova Wyoming 2003

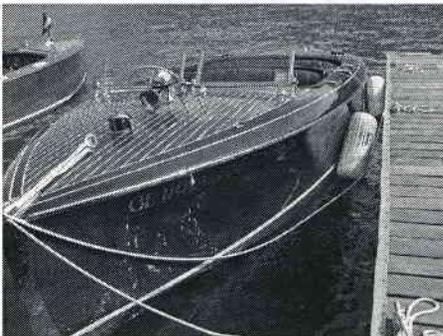
Who would have known that Wyoming could be such a great place for a boat show??

Well, now all who attended the first annual Alcova Show know that the boating is great there and something we want repeated.

Charlie and Linda Peak outdid themselves. They had never planned a show before, but they did a marvelous job of planning a very enjoyable weekend for those who made the short drive. The docks were amazing....very friendly, and so were the locals. The boat parade at the end of the day was both orderly and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone on shore. There have never been that many people on shore waving and smiling at any boat parade this writer has ever been a part of! The local paper had printed a great article the morning of the show, and the locals came out in good numbers even with inclement weather. The Club house was really nice with personnel and food exceeding our expectations. Club members were able dine at the restaurant for all the meals, and the Saturday night menu was superb. Members were introduced to the Commodore and other officers of the Casper Boat Club.



Some members lodging accommodations were adventurous to say the least, but the plans for next year include alternatives and up-graded service. Camping will also hopefully be available closer to the boats.



The wind was blustery, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the boaters there. Chris Smith was giving rides all day, and one load of passengers really got a ride when the boat was caught in a storm in the 6 mile long canyon. Chris being the competent skipper he is, calmly donned the foul weather top and side curtains and brought his cargo back safe and sound and with stories to tell. (Who better to have at the helm in a storm)



The canyon was breathtaking with the sheer vertical canyon walls jutting hundreds of feet above

the water and decorated with the many colored striations of the years. The water winding it's way back through the miles of canyon just as it has done for so many hundreds of years was inspiring. Anyone who felt that magic will be back.

Wayne came prepared and treated some of us to a spontaneous picnic of shrimp skewers and Caesar salad. The bar was busy with lively conversation and lots of stories.

Jim and Rhonda McGaughy averted what could have become a catastrophe. Their boat was being loaded onto the trailer, and the trailer hitch and bumper buckled under the truck. The boat tongue and bumper were sitting on the ground and they were a long way from home. Bob and Betty Moore stepped up and offered to tow the boat back to Denver for them, and Morrie Christner made immediate arrangements for them to get their truck, bumper and hitch repaired in his shop in Denver. What could have been a horrible ending to a great weekend ended up being just an inconvenience because of the great people we have in our Club jumping in to help a fellow Club member. Jim and Rhonda now have a truck and hitch that is better than before and will join us for many shows to come.



We hope that the Peaks will invite us back to share their beautiful Alcova If you are looking for a true boating adventure and a uniquely beautiful venue, you should plan on attending the show in Alcova in 2004.



# GRAND LAKE DREAMIN' 2003

The members who were lucky enough to attend this year's Grand Lake Boat Show have to feel fortunate to be a part of such a great event year after year.

Peoples Choice Award went once again to Charlie and Linda Peak for *Maximillion*. What a great boat...especially now with her convertible top...all CLASS!!

Katie and Charlie Geuin received the Best Preserved/Most Original plaque for their *Jennie Mae*, the 1960 Chris Craft Cruiser they love to share with their boating friends. Charlie did most of the restoration himself bringing her back to her original look and feel. The judges for this presentation were Chris Braaf, Bob Moore, Charlie Peak and Bob Moharter...we appreciate their time in making this most difficult decision.

The day, the friends the music and the venue all put those who attended in a boating frame of mind...what a great place to be.



Chris and Bob Braaf and Betty and Bob Moore hosted our group at the Grand Lake Yacht Club. The Yacht Club is celebrating it's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and is the highest yacht club in the world. We are so lucky to be able to use that facility and it's friendly docks for our event every year. The Club features a complete kitchen and indoor seating area as well as the outdoor covered pavilion and beautifully landscaped yard. Guests were treated to a lovely day with plenty of sunshine and music gently drifting out over the crowd.

The Ship's Store was there thanks to the Christners and loads of people helped Lisa make the Store a smashing success. The support the Club Members have given the Store has been overwhelming and a great help to our Club.

For those of us lucky enough to arrive Thursday, we were treated to the warmth and hospitality of the Moores in their beautiful home on the lake. What a glorious view to enjoy with that first cup of coffee

in the morning...and what great people to share the time with...the Moores make everyone feel at home.

Chris and Bob did a wonderful job organizing and providing the food for the meals Friday and Saturday night. Everyone who came enjoyed plenty of food and music and the time with great boating friends. Bob and Betty Moore kept things running smoothly so that everyone was just able to relax and enjoy themselves.



Many new boats made their debut at this year's show. Steve and Regan Swinehart of Albuquerque introduced their 1941 19' Chris Craft barrelback newly restored from Salt Lake Retro-Nautique. WOW!!

What a beauty... We hope to see that one again soon!! Kevin & Elisa Clifford brought their 1950 18' Riviera (also a Retro-Nautique restoration) to share with us, her first time out, at Grand Lake. Tom May brought his 1948 Chris Craft Deluxe runabout to share after many of us hadn't seen it since the Denver Boat Show in 2000.... really looked different than it did then!! Nice job Tom!! Tom & Kathy Lange debuted the 1955 14' Larson Falls Flyer looking much different than she did in January at the Denver Boat Show. Although still having engine problems she held her own in the line of beautiful mahogany boats.

Thanks to the Braafs and the Moores for yet another successful Grand Lake Dream come true.



# BOATS & FOLKS



Chris Ann Braaf in the cruiser



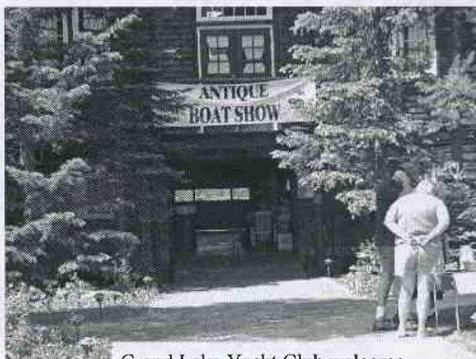
55 Survivor, Novicks bullnose



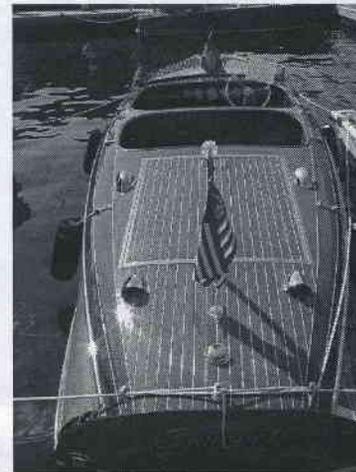
Visiting Lyman *Petite Fleur*



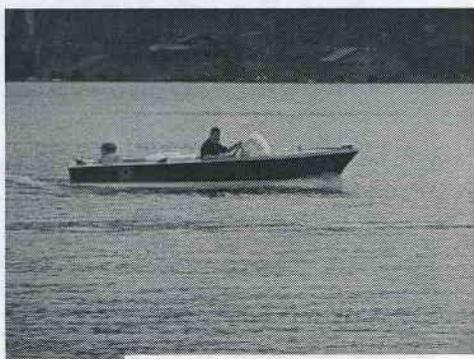
Tara Christner...the future of our Club



Grand Lake Yacht Club welcome



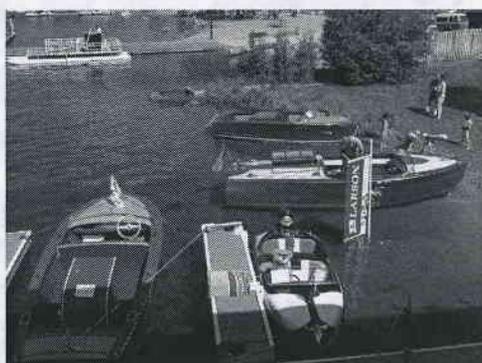
Swinchart's beauty



McGaughy's new Chris Craft Ski Boat



View of the docks from the Yacht Club

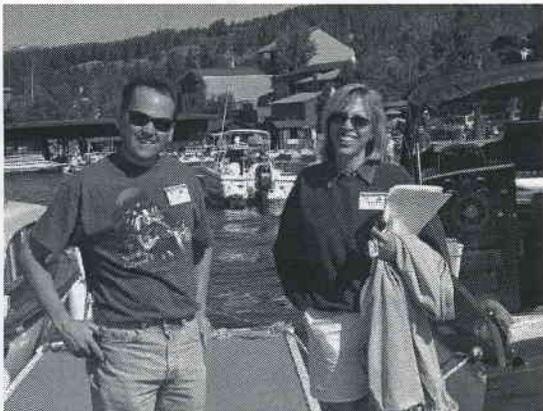
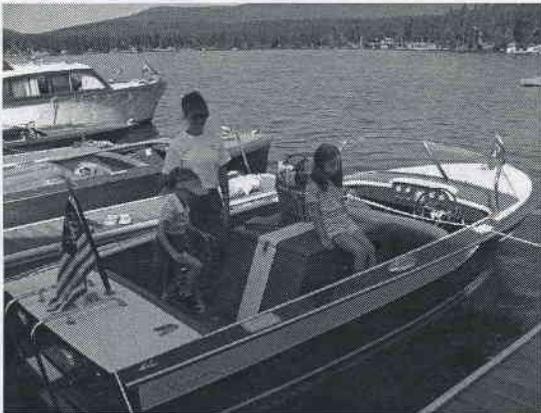
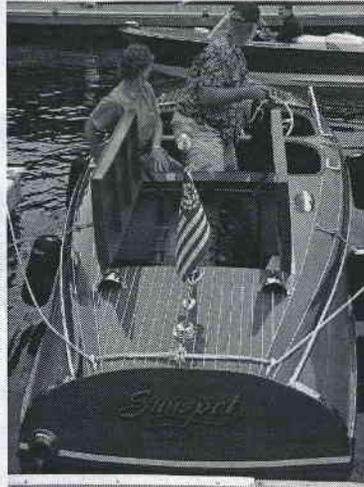
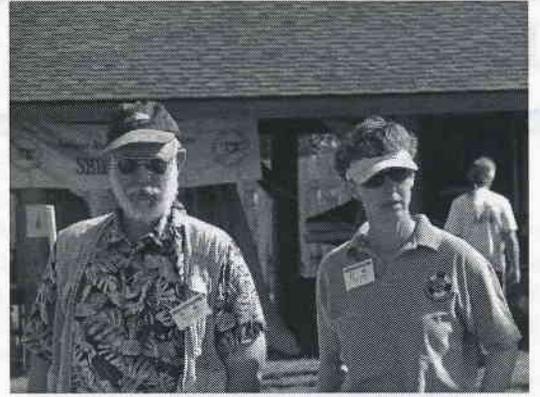


Soooo many boats!!



Nice non-powered addition to the show

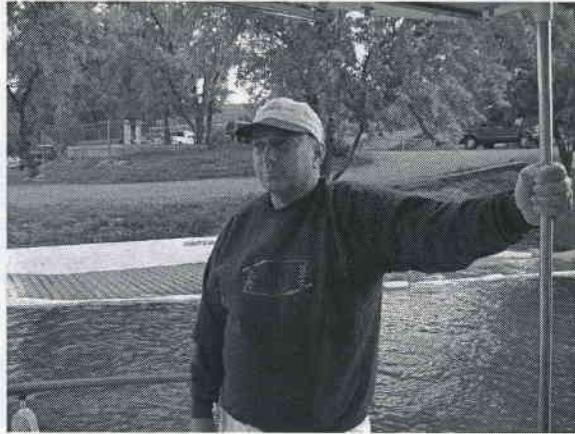
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Richard Ball flying on Loveland



Jim & Rhonda McGaughey and Wade Johnson



Wayne Spaulding at Frisco



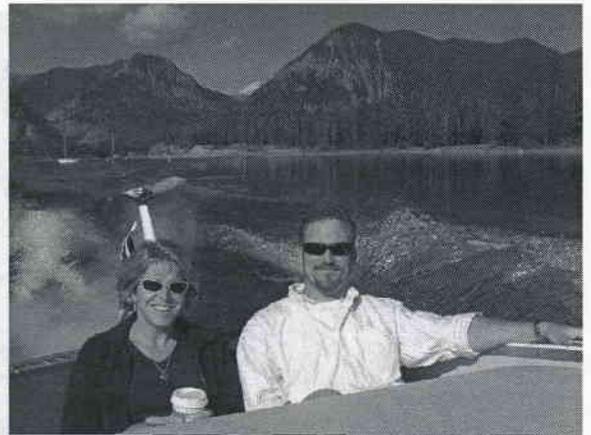
Kathy Lange on *Legacy* at Alcova



Ron Ellis on his cruiser at Alcova

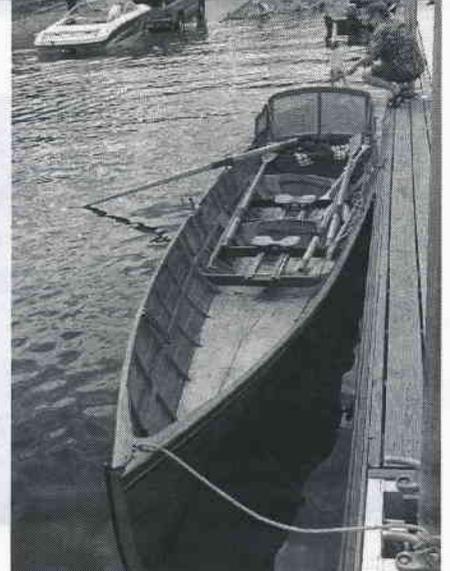


Pizza Party on the water at Frisco



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SUMMER

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# QUARTERLY CREW

Tom & Kathy Lange

The day had finally come! He had been lying awake waiting for the alarm to sound. There it was, finally!! He was out of bed like a shot and the adventure had begun. Grandma and Grandpa would be there at 8AM to pick him up for another summer on the lake...but this year was different...he was 10 and he got to have the boat with a motor this summer!!

Many summers were spent on Lake Darling in Alexandria Minnesota, but that was the summer he remembers the most, and he blames those days for the passion he still has for classic boats and the water.

Passion was not something I was accustomed to feeling...that is at least until Tom and I met in 1983. Tom was passionate about anything that intrigued him...amateur radio, cars, fishing, camping, music and BOATING. He always lived his life to the fullest and his passion and enthusiasm for life was both intoxicating and contagious to those around him.

Tom & I were both Boy Scout leaders for many years both separately and together, spending vacations and free time camping, canoeing and teaching boys to grow into self confident men. There were weekend canoe trips down the lazy rivers of the Midwest, but we longed for something more. Tom had grown up on the Minnesota lakes and longed to return to those waters to relive his childhood summers. In 1991, Tom & I married and spent our honeymoon on Lake Ida at a family resort visited often by his family in years gone by.

I had never been in a power boat, but spent the entire week in an aluminum fishing boat with an outboard motor fishing and motoring all over the lake, listening to the loons and falling in love with the bigger water and the mobility power could provide. That weekend there was a boat show on the shores of his childhood lake, Lake Darling. We made our way over to the show and I was hooked!! We spent hours marveling at the beauty and warmth of the boats we saw there. Tom had seen a few wooden boats in his years on the lake, but it was my first experience. There were beautiful runabouts, hydroplanes, a Falls Flyer and, Tom's childhood boat, a Lady of the Lakes...a wide rowing boat built for stability on the Minnesota lakes and built right there at the Alexandria Boat Works. We decided that day that we needed a wooden boat of our own.

Later that week, we were in Alexandria shopping and decided to stop at an antique mall to see what treasures we could find. We got more than we bargained for...in the middle of the mall was a display. The display was one of antique fishing and boating gear...fishing poles, lures, and life jackets. The entire display was centered around a 12' cedar strip boat and trailer. The boat had twin cockpits, with forward controls....we were mesmerized. Tom, being the salesman that he is, talked to the storeowner about the boat. The Owner explained that it was part of the display and not really for sale. An hour later we were driving away with the boat and trailer on our way back to Iowa and we dubbed her *Rosie* short for *Ida Rose* to remember Lake Ida.

The years ticked by, and we spent much of our spare time scouting and finding and restoring four more wooden boats. We joined the Clear Lake Chapter of the ACBS and went to as many shows as time would allow...our first show being the most memorable on Fountain Lake in Southern Minnesota...much like our own Lake Loveland. We spent our summer vacations with our boats on a Minnesota



1957 Tomahawk *Ida Rose*



lake soaking up as much as we could. The vacation week always went too fast, and we always longed for more. We pursued our other interests trying to fill the void. We both became amateur radio operators, completely renovated our 1920's Victorian home, got more heavily involved in the Boy Scouts and we continued to restore our boats...there was still something missing.

1965 Chris Craft Cavalier  
'Cavalier Attitude'

# QUARTERLY CREW

(cont)

Finally, my job offered to transfer us to Colorado. Since I had never seen the mountains, I made the trip west and knew this was where we needed to be. The mountains gave me a peace I had only felt before on the water. Tom felt the same way, so we sold our antiques, including our boats, and moved to Colorado. For 2 years, we acclimated to the beauty and grandeur that is Colorado. Then, one day, we were standing on the shores of Carter Lake and I looked at Tom and told him that I really missed our boats. He was ecstatic. We both realized that day that the one thing we had always been passionate about wasn't any of the things we had been doing...it was boating and wooden boats...it was the camaraderie we felt with our boat and with the people who shared our passion....and there weren't very many of those in Iowa. We started looking that night in the paper for a boat.

Within 2 weeks, we found our Garwood *Legacy* in the *Post*. The boat was a 1946 Garwood ensign, hull number 6920. We found out after some research that Garfield Wood had only built about 3300 boats total, 650 being ensigns and that we had found the first ensign ever built! She was sitting in Loveland having traveled here from, of all places, IOWA!! She was still on her old shipping cradle on a homemade trailer and she was white-sided, but she was beautiful to us. Bert Self had brought the boat home after his father had passed away in Iowa. He was hesitant to sell the boat, wanting it to go to a good home where Dad's boat would be cared for and appreciated. Bert had many childhood memories of time with his dad on the waters of the Midwest. Tom & I spent hours sharing stories, and before too long they both realized that the Garwood had found a new home.

*Legacy* was the first boat that I felt a connection to. She had a soul. We gave her a new interior, new vinyl on her deck and stripped her down to repaint. What we found under the white paint was amazing....Mar ante mahogany ....too pretty to paint, so she got a new look as well. Bert who showed cars for a hobby had replaced the original Kermath 4 cylinder engine with a Chevy 283. A little carburetor work, thanks to Wade Johnson, and we had a boat that has been a treasure and a dream to own and drive.

Her lines on the water still bring tears to my eyes. She is simple but elegant, a testimony to her builder. She doesn't handle many passengers well, but for two empty nesters, she is perfect for those evening cruises for years to come.



1946 Garwood Ensign *Legacy*

This one is one of 36 Flyers still known to exist. Larson only built about 200 total from 1939 to 1957. We will see in the seasons to come what pleasure *Kokomo* will add to our boating, but it will be a great trip no matter what!!

We recently added a new boat to our boathouse... a 1955 14' Larson Falls Flyer. This boat is our first fiberglass and our second outboard (the first one being *Rosie*)



1955 Larson Falls Flyer *Kokomo*

What's next?? Well there's always that Ventnor in Iowa.....

We have been so fortunate to be a part of the Rocky Mountain Classics. The friends we have found there have enriched our lives and added to our boating pleasure beyond words. Our passion is shared by so many of the members and we have had the opportunity to share ourselves and our love for the water with so many. It is a true pleasure to know all of you and share something we all hold so dear. Happy Boating.

Tom & Kathy Lange

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Kathy Lange (303-447-1738)- *Bilge Pump*

## The OAR House



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# Winterizing Your Wooden Boat

*This is reprinted from an article provided by ACBS Safety Officer Goody Thomas and Hagerty Classic Insurance with the expert assistance from ACBS member, Gary Hutchens, owner of Torch Lake Classics.*

## ***Tips on Winterizing your Wooden Boat***

- It's a good idea to change the oil after hauling your boat
- Drain the water out of the engine, water pump and manifolds. Consider replacing the water with a non-polluting anti-freeze.
- Remove the battery and store it in a heated building. Consider maintaining the battery with a trickle charger.
- Drain all water from the bilge
- Consider stuffing a 'stopper' such as a tennis ball into the boat exhaust to eliminate any vermin from nesting there during the winter.
- Try placing moth balls in small aluminum pans or foil around and in the boat to repel vermin
- Take everything off the boat such as sails, gear, battery, electronics and any items that might mildew.
- Wash or wipe down the inside of the boat with a mild soap, light bleach or similar cleaning solution, including upholstery, chrome, wood, ect.
- Rest the trailer on blocks to prevent tires from developing a flat spot and cover the trailer's wheels to prevent drying and cracking rubber.
- Store your boat in a well-ventilated facility.
- If you're storing your classic at a marina or shipyard, confirm that the owners and workers know how to properly store your boat, eg. blocking wooden hulls.
- Shrink wrapping is not recommended for wooden boats. However, if you do shrink wrap, be sure to install extra vents.

## **ANOTHER SOURCE TELLS US....**

### ***Winter Lay-up Check List***

- Drain engine oil & replace with new oil
- Stabilize fuel
- Inspect hoses for cracks or other signs of aging
- Fog cylinders with oil
- Drain carburetor float bowl
- Lubricate any grease fittings
- Test bilge pump and float switch
- Check propellor for nicks, remove and have reconditioned if necessary
- Drain lower unit...check for water or metal filings
- Examine spark plugs and consider new ones
- Wash bright work and upholstery with solution of Murphy's Oil soap (never detergent)
- Wash chrome fittings with mild soap solution. Coat with petroleum jelly or un-buffed wax.
- Coat bright work with Varnish food or lemon oil
- Check for worn parts and loose fasteners...now is the time to deal with these.

**REMEMBER....dry rot likes damp stagnant places**

**See you and your boat next season!!!!**

# Brightwork

## Hurrahs & Kudos



Thanks to the Peaks and Charlie Simons for making the Alcova Show a reality. Let's do it again next year!!



Welcome to all of the new skippers and new boats in the Club!



Congrats to Charlie & Katie Geuin on receiving this year's 'Most Original, best Preserved' award.



Thanks to Braafs & Moores for a splendid Grand Lake Show this year. Fun never felt so good.



We hear that the Langes had an accident with *Legacy*...but she is in good hands this winter.

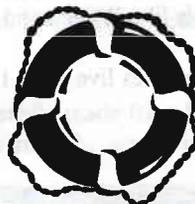


Thanks to Tom Lange for the fabulous sound system...it just keeps getting better and better.



Thanks to all who jumped in and helped in the Ship's Store this season. If you have some free time next season stop by and see if you can help Lisa and meet new friends in the process.

For Safety's Sake



The Voice of Experience.....

When docking, come in *slowly*, and look behind you for inconsiderate boaters flying by before you get too close to the docks.

Check your Fire extinguishers date of manufacture....they need to be serviced once a year and replaced every 6 years. That \$8 service is cheap insurance against the unthinkable.

Safety Classes 2004...Plan now for your boating safety class in 2004. Jeff Waco presents an informative and very helpful condensed course to help us all be safer boaters. Jeff usually gives this course in May. Actual date and costs will be announced in future publications.

# FRISCO FROLIC

*She's Back!!!* Lake Dillon is back and prettier than before!!

Wayne Spaulding and Bill Tordoff stepped up to the plate when the Navajo Show was cancelled due to low water. Although members had very little time to make arrangements, Wayne and Bill were prepared for anyone who was able to attend and it was great!! The lake really was splendid, and after the horrible year last year, the water was really a welcome sight. The Marina has been very busy since we visited last. There were new walkways and decks and many additional improvements slated for the near future.

The group was small but everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Both Spauldings were there( it was really great to see Cindy playing for a change! ), Bill & Kathy Tordoff were their with their new puppy, Heidi. Steve and Teddie Carmack, Joan & Dan Lacy and their daughter, Ron Ellis, Tom & Kathy Lange, Jim & Rhonda McGaughy and Mike Novick were there and we were joined by several new boating friends.

We were all treated to a beautiful rowing craft from England. The 29 foot craft was built on the Tymes River by Tymes and Sons. The lines and the way the boat sliced through the water were positively elegant. We are hoping to see that one again soon, and hope that her owners will join our motley crew!!

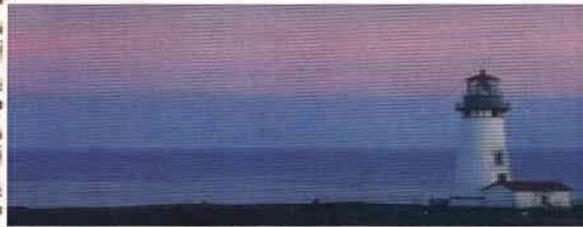
Wayne provided us all with a new experience. We had pizza and Caesar salad on the lake. The boats who were there all cruised out to the middle of the lake, tied up and passed plates, pizza and salad back and forth across our 'table' of boats! It was great!!! There were stories shared and friendships rekindled.

Sunday morning was a banner day for the McGaughys. All season they had struggled with their boat running sluggishly. Thanks to Bill Tordoff, they changed the prop and that ski boat flew across the glassy Sunday morning lake. The McGaughys still haven't quit smiling from ear to ear!! Great friends like Wayne and Bill are truly a treasure.

The day was over too soon for some of us, but the memories live on....Let's do that one again next year!!



*The Bilge Pump* is read on distant shores...A big hello to members Rom & Jen Nellis, happy on their beach in St. Johns, Virgin Islands.



## The Beacon

### *Dreams, Vision & Wisdom*

The first day of school, our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to a wrinkled little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded "Of course you may" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of kids...."

"No, seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education, and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk non-stop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester, we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me!! I'll never get my speech back in order, so let me tell you what I know."

As we laughed, she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor everyday. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many young people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything, I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun so many years ago.

One week after graduation, Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

**REMEMBER...GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.**

We make a Living by what we get. We make a Life by what we give.

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