

# The Bilge Pump

41st Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society

Rocky Mountain Classics

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A woodie cruises the chilly water of Lake Dillon as the Tenmile Range presents a snowy backdrop.



# *And those running the ship*

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### ACBS Directors, Chapter President, Members:

It was wonderful seeing so many of you in Ft. Myers.

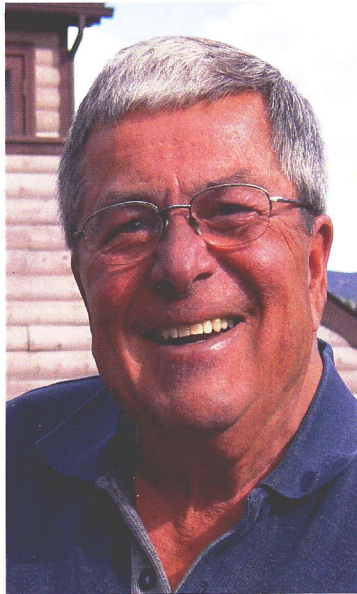
We are now looking forward to our spring meeting in Seattle with our Pacific Northwest Chapter, May 4-7. A registration letter will follow in March. You can book travel and hotel reservations now at the Marriott Courtyard/Lake Union, [www.courtyardlakeunion.com](http://www.courtyardlakeunion.com)

Toll-free reservation line is 800-359-7916. Room cost \$109, Thursday-Saturday nights.

I hope this helps as you proceed with your plans. Please call with any questions.

Thank you.

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**Bill Tordoff**

## *Greetings from the Helm*

**Ahoy, Shipmates,**

Welcome to the 2006 Boating Year.

As your new “captain for the year,” I appreciate the confidence you expressed in October 2005 when you elected me as president for 2006.

Thank you.

2005 was a great year for boating in the West, starting off with the “Shakedown” in Loveland, Denver Boat Show, Navajo, Grand Lake, Frisco, and Alcova, our members had lots of water — for a change.

Speaking of changes since last fall:

- Chip Taft “retired” as president after serving the club well for two years. “Thanks, Chip, we



**Chip Taft**

really appreciate it.”

- Kathy Lange “retired” as editor of the **Bilge Pump** after doing all the difficult activities associated with starting, maintaining and improving our club’s publication. “Great job, Kathy,” and thanks to Tom Lange as well since we know he was involved a great deal.

- The Website crashed.

- We welcome new members Warren Parker of Estes Park, Colorado, John Scott of Farmington, N.M., and Bruce and Susan Zemke of Golden, Colorado.

- Thank you to Morrie and Lisa Christner for their Ship’s Store efforts. We are seeking replacements for them.

2006 appears to be another fine year for the Rocky Mountain Classics, ACBS Chapter. With all the snow we are getting we can only hope all the reservoirs will be at capacity for the entire summer.

Starting with the Denver Boat Show in January, the RV Show in March, outings at Navajo, Grand Lake, Frisco and Alcova, the calendar has been set.

The Balls are inviting the members to Loveland for another spring “Shake Down.” Details will be sent later. We will keep you posted on this event.

Outings for all the venues have been established and event coordinators are busy making arrangements. (See 2006 Calendar of Events, pages 4-5)

We are sourcing a new Website and hope to have it up and running very soon. Keep searching the ACBS.org website for the new link and to keep abreast of national activities.

One last thought before I shove off:

Boating clubs are similar to large ships — “It takes a good crew to stay afloat.”

As with any organization, the degree of success is directionally proportional to the level of interest, support and involvement of its members. I encourage each and every member to become more involved by attending as many events as possible this year.

I look forward to meeting all of you during 2006.

Happy and safe boating!

**Bill Tordoff**

*H2O Dancer*

**Frisco, Colorado**

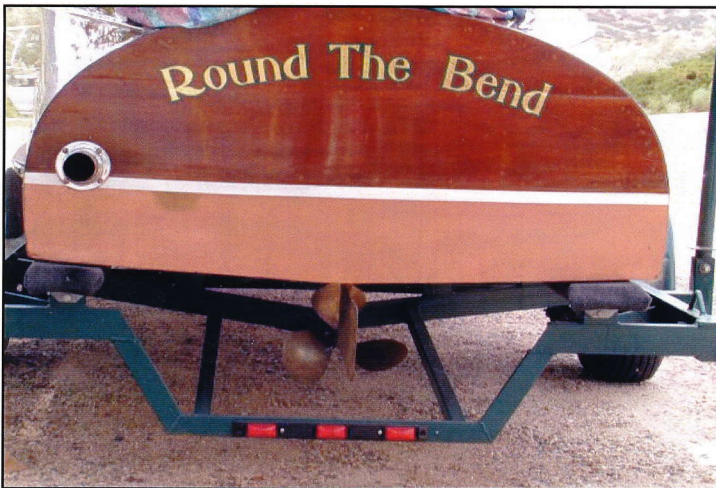


# Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter

**Denver, Colorado**

**January 19-22, 2006**

Antique and Classic Boat Static Display  
of the Rocky Mountain Classics  
ACBS Chapter at the Denver Boat Show,  
Colorado Convention Center. Contact:  
Tom Green at 303-797-7630 or at  
j8tg@ix.netcom.com



**Denver, Colorado**

**March 2-5, 2006**

Antique and Classic Boat Static Display  
of the Rocky Mountain Classics  
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Sports, Boat and Travel Show, National  
Western Complex. Contact: Mike Novick  
at 303-674-5524 or at  
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**Navajo Dam, Colorado/New Mexico**

**June 17, 2006**

Antique and Classic Navajo Lake Boat  
Show at the Navajo Lake Marina.  
Rocky Mountain Classics ACBS Chapter.  
Contact: Mark Zempel at 970-247-7857  
or at mrz@gobrainstorm.net



ACBS RMC members Charlie and Linda Peak of Alcova, Wyoming, are now taking appointments for your professional boat restoration. The Peaks have many years of experience and numerous happy customers in our club. Give them a call at 307-234-0382.



# 2006 Boat Shows and Contacts



## Grand Lake, Colorado

**July 15, 2006**

9th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show, located at an elevation of 8,369 feet in the heart of the Rocky Mountains at the West entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado's largest natural lake. Contact: Bob Moore at 303-761-4453 or [RMoore7744@aol.com](mailto:RMoore7744@aol.com); Bob Braaf at 970-887-2210 or [bbraaf@msn.com](mailto:bbraaf@msn.com)

## Lake Dillon, Frisco, Colorado

**July 29, 2006**

Rendezvous in the Rockies at the Frisco Bay Marina on Lake Dillon at 9,017 feet above sea level. Rocky Mountain Classics ACBS Chapter. Contact: Bill Tordoff at 970-668-8213 or at [AMSIINC@cs.com](mailto:AMSIINC@cs.com)



## Alcova, Wyoming

**August 19, 2006**

4th Annual Alcova Lake Boat Show at the Casper Boat Club at Alcova Lake. Rocky Mountain Classics ACBS Chapter. Contact: Charlie Peak at 307-234-0382

Bring your wooden boats to Frisco Bay Marina, managed by Phil Hofer, in Frisco, Colorado, right off Interstate 70, on the shores of Lake Dillon at 9,017 feet above sea level. The marina is owned by the Town of Frisco and "We are woodie friendly." Call 970-668-4334.



## *Chapter making attempt to increase participation level*

Based on the level of activity seen at the Denver Boat Show, held Jan 19-22, 2006 and other events held during 2005, those present at the Denver Boat Show Board Meeting (Jeff Dwight, Wayne Spaulding, Linda Peak, Charlie Peak and Don Hendricksen) discussed options to increase participation.

One of the topics presented included the following:

To encourage member participation, some organizations offer a cash incentive, drawing, for those who attend.

How about the following incentive to ACBS RMC members:

1. If you register ahead of time for the event with the event coordinator you are eligible for a \$200 cash drawing held at the event.

2. If you attend and did not register you are eligible for a \$100 drawing at the event.

Comments please.

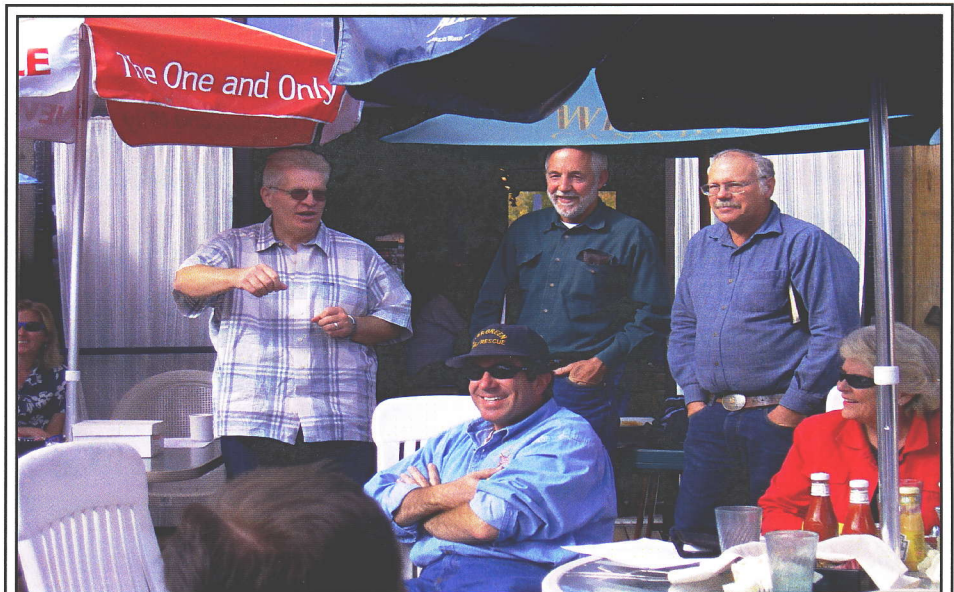
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**Bill Tordoff**  
**ACBS RMC Chapter**  
**President**

### **Following is Secretary Jeff Dwight's response:**

Before we take this action and put this in place I suggest that we try to get to the route of the lack of participation.

We could accomplish this by putting together a questionnaire for members to complete and



**Attending the popular October annual meeting at Wayne and Cindy Spaulding's Boatyard Pizzeria and Grill in Frisco are, left to right, Jim McGaughy, Mike Novick, Jeff Dwight, Doug Brown and Betty Moore.**

return to the Board.

The questionnaire could contain questions like: "Why did you join the club?" and "Is your membership in the club meeting your expectations?" "If not, why not?" The questionnaire could ask for suggested activities that would be of interest to the members.

It occurs to me that members may have diverse reasons for joining the club. It may be that members are interested in functions other than boat shows.

Maybe they wanted to join a group of people who share their passion without being an active participant.

You have to admit that other than the Lake Loveland event and the annual meeting, boat shows are what we do. Even the Lake Loveland event has tuned into a non-sanctioned show after

starting out as a picnic.

Some members may not be interested in dragging their boats to events unless there is water for them to use it in.

The club may have to change.

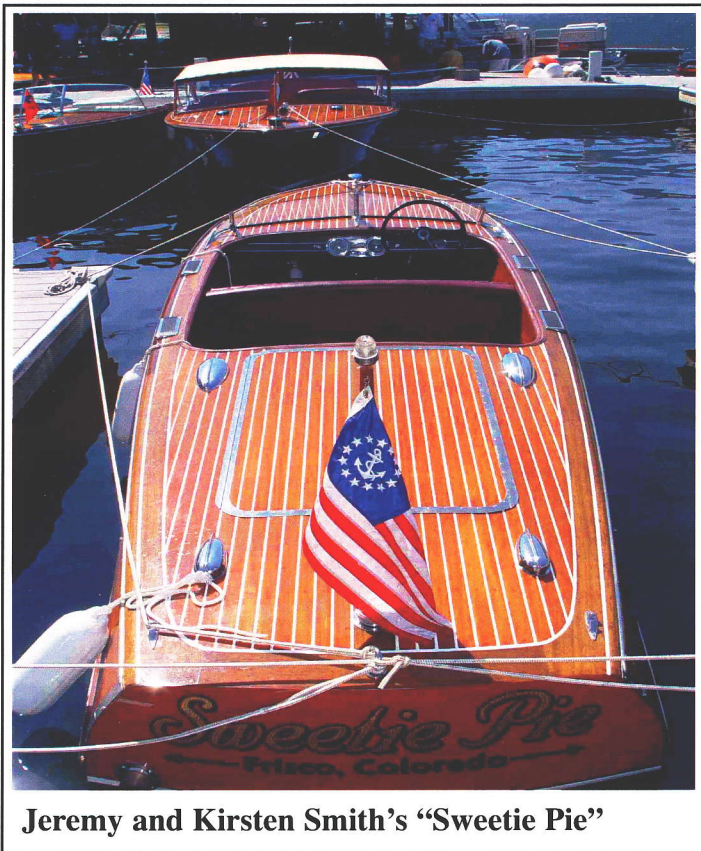
For the last couple of years I have sensed a lack of energy from people who have consistently been the major players in organizing and carrying out the events.

Our current membership may be too busy to carry on events that last more than one day.

For the sake of getting to the bottom of the non-participation issue and to allow planning future events, let's attempt to find out what the members want.

**Jeff Dwight**





Jeremy and Kirsten Smith's "Sweetie Pie"

# *Springtime is a good time for safety checks*

**By Jeremy Smith**

With spring making hints of sticking around in the Rockies, it is a good time to review some basic tips on boating safety to ensure that your boat will be ready to launch this summer.

Winter lay-up is a great time to inspect your boat's safety equipment. Just as it is important to periodically inspect a wooden boat for signs of rot and decay, your boat's safety gear needs to be maintained in order to be effective.

Lifejackets or Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) are relatively inexpensive and should be

replaced when they are no longer serviceable. Check seams for wear and consider attaching a whistle and signaling mirror to each lifejacket for added security. PFDs should also be protected from prolonged exposure and not used as fenders where they could become damaged.

Most importantly, make sure to stow PFDs where they are easily accessible, or better yet, wear them. In an emergency, every second counts!

There are several excellent inflatable PFDs available that are light and very comfortable to wear. Just remember, however, that inflatable PFDs must be worn in order to comply with federal requirements.

Fire extinguishers should also be maintained and mounted where they are easily accessible. If in doubt, replace your boat's fire extinguishers and make sure that you and your passengers are familiar with their use.

On the subject of fire prevention, don't forget to make a thorough check of your boat's fuel and electrical systems for potential leaks or loose contacts as well. In this regard, it is important to check that your battery terminals are covered, preferably inside a plastic battery container, and protected from accidental arcing. Even attempting to jump start a dead battery inside an engine compartment can lead to disaster.

And in anticipation for next season's end, remember that laying up your boat for winter, it is important to remember that boats stored on trailers should be winterized earlier than boats stored in the water since water retains heat longer than air. At the same time, be sure to check that your boat's petcocks are not clogged or rusted and that water fully drains from all sea strainers to reduce the risk of a frozen engine block.

Performing regular maintenance of your boat's engine and safety gear is not only cost-effective, but it is also good seamanship.





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