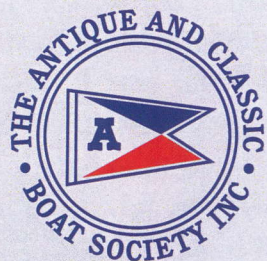


# The Bilge Pump

41st Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society

Rocky Mountain Classics

June 2006



Rumbling in his '55 Chris Craft Capri is Mike Novick with girls Mikayla and Morgan on Lake Loveland.



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### **To our many friends at RMC:**

As many of you know, Betty and I were planning a get-together this summer on Flathead Lake in northwest Montana.

Unfortunately, we have had to put those plans on hold while we deal with some health problems my mother is suffering through.

However, we don't want to give up on this idea completely. Hopefully, we will be in a better position next year (2007) to host this event and then we can show those that come this magnificent jewel of a lake.

Have a great boating season.  
**Bob and Betty Moore**  
*Betty II*  
Englewood, Colorado

## *Greetings from the Helm*

### **Greetings, Shipmates,**

The season has begun. Well, sort of...

The Denver Boat Show and the RV Travel Show were both great successes, thanks to Tom Green's and Mike Novick's hard work.

Both were well attended by the general public. Lots of traffic and interest. Good job, Tom and Mike! Thank you.

By now you should have received your first "Bilge Pump" of the year. I believe we owe Miles Porter a "Salute from the Bridge." I have had lots of very positive comments about the first issue. If you have any thoughts or comments on format or content, please let us know.

In preparation for the summer events we responded to Linda Peak's suggestion to increase communication by sending out a post card as a reminder to all members. Hopefully, the reminders will allow members to mark their calendars ahead of time and include the ACBS RMC events in their summer schedule.

Bob Braaf and David Marusa, our newest member, have been working hard on the website. I am sure you will all be pleased with the result. It has been an ordeal, but I am sure you will be impressed with their efforts. Welcome Dave! Thanks guys!

We also welcome aboard Jerry and Chris Rosa of Denver and Nelson Brent of Akron as new members.

And for the start of the season here are a few tips :

- Check your fire extinguisher to make certain it is charged.
- Check your life jackets, safety gear and lines for wear.
- Change your oil and filter.
- Charge the battery.
- Smell your gas and replace if "foul."
- Grease the "Buddy Bearings," check the trailer tires, tie down straps and lights.
- Inspect the bottom for any "new leaks."
- Put the "plug" somewhere in the boat where you will remember to put it in before launching.
- Pull up the cooler, unfold a deck chair, and have a cocktail.

See ya on the water...or before.

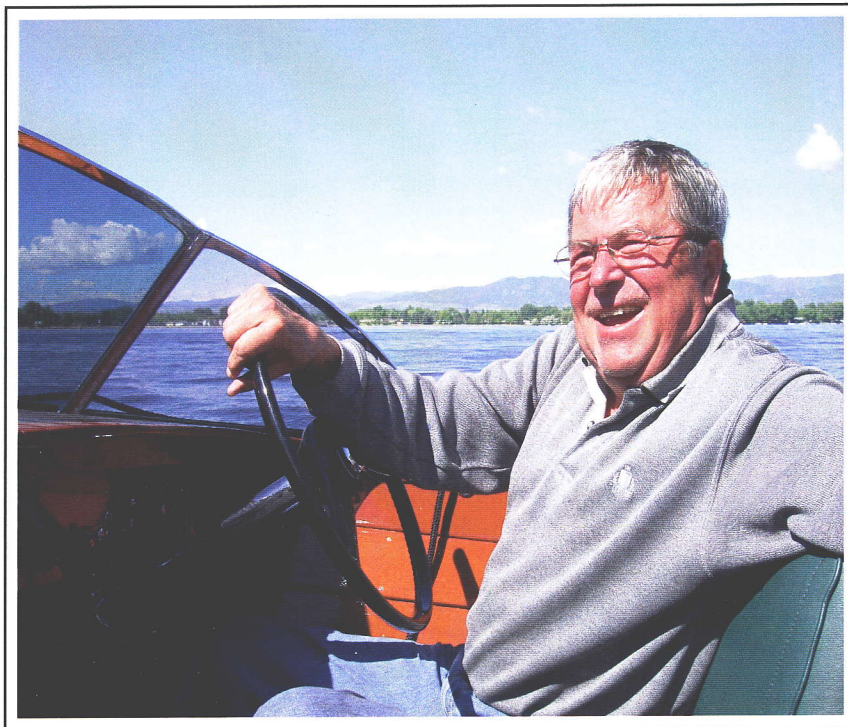
**Bill Tordoff**

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## *Lake Loveland's Ball family offers glimpse of private water*

Richard and Lu Ball are very fortunate wooden boat owners here in the western United States — they live on a small Colorado lake and have their own docks.

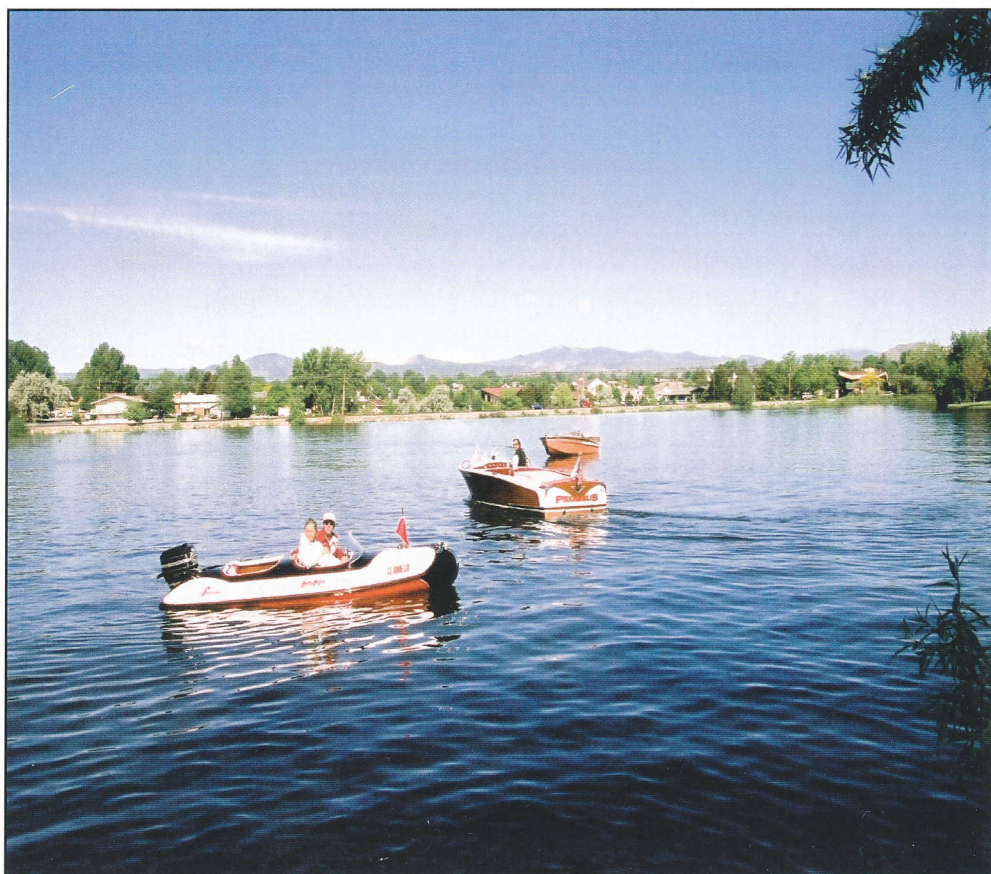
As many boaters who have migrated from the Midwest and Eastern Seaboard soon find out, in Colorado there are not many possibilities of living right on the lakeshore. Most municipal, state and federal reservoirs prohibit such real estate holdings in these modern times.

Lake Loveland, where the Balls live, is one of those exceptions. It's owned by the Greeley-Loveland Irrigation Co.

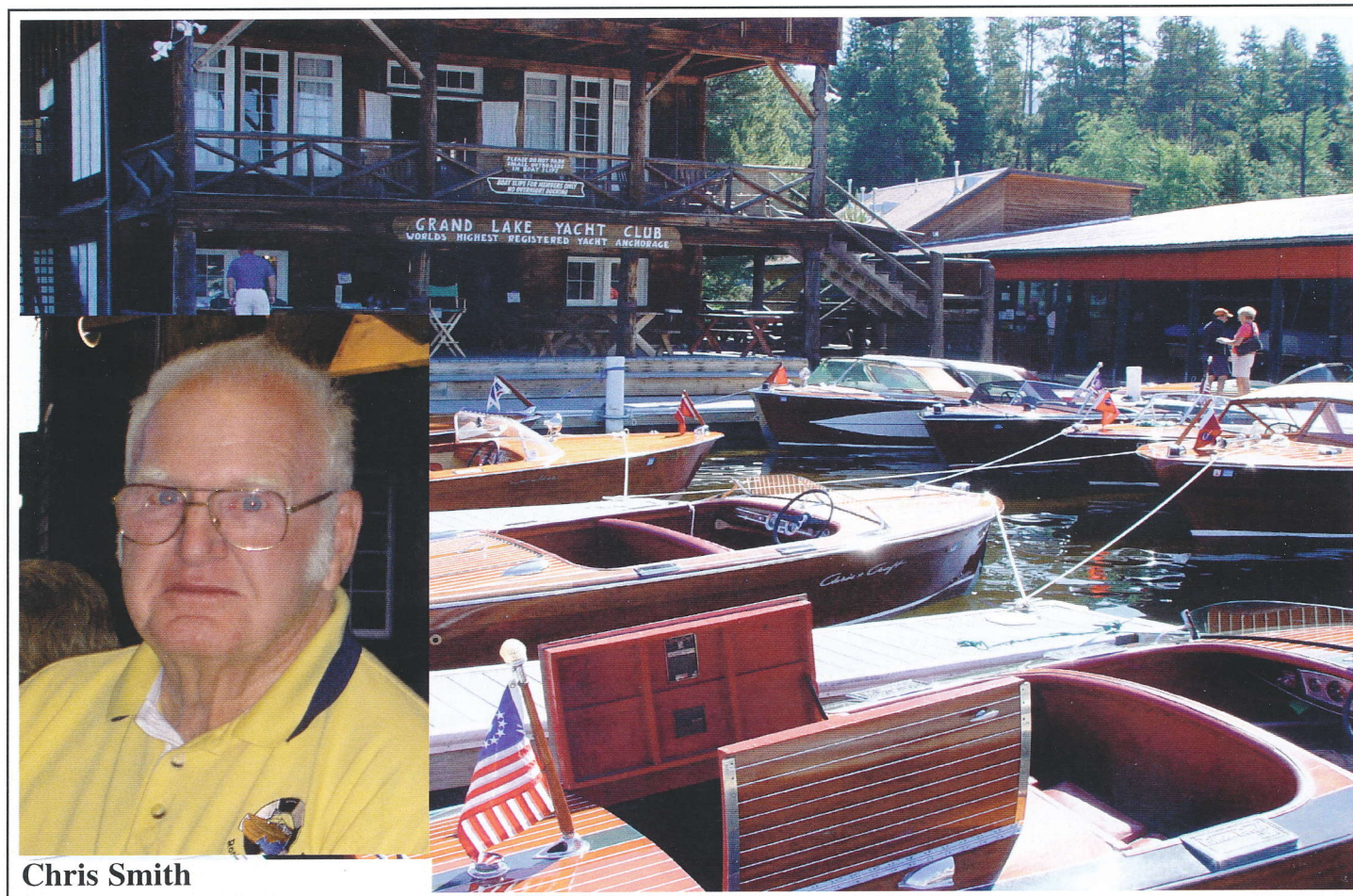
Richard inherited the house from his parents and quickly added to the dock system which now is able to host some 10 woodies and their Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boating Society members' boats on Saturday, June 10.

Arrivees by water will be greeted by the Balls' 1963 20-foot Century Dart with a Ford Interceptor V-8. It's name: *Ball Four*.

Those driving to the 1801 N. Garfield address will be welcomed by a home heavily laden with foliage, making it difficult to even see the shallow waters of Lake Loveland.







Chris Smith

## *Grand Lake to host 9th RMC show*

The 9th Annual Grand Lake Show of the Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society will be held at the Town of Grand Lake town docks on Friday-Sunday, July 14-16.

Grand Lake is the largest natural lake in Colorado. It connects to a series of reservoirs, which are a part of the Big Thompson Project, and which provides Western Slope water to Northeast Colorado. Boat ramps are located at the east end of Grand Lake and at the south end of Shadow Mountain Reservoir. A canal joins the two lakes.

At 8,369 feet above sea level, Grand Lake is home to the highest elevation yacht club in the U.S. and has many wooden boats on its waters. The Town of Grand Lake, at the west entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park, is over 100 years old and has been a summer resort for most of its history.

Enjoy a day of boating and explore Grand Lake's history for yourself. This is a non-judged show — just for fun. There will be a People's Choice Award.

The Annual Grand Lake Buffalo Barbeque will also be happening on this weekend.

There is a fee of \$5 per day per tow vehicle, charged by the Forest Service, for launching at Shadow Mountain Reservoir ramp and for boating on Shadow Mountain Lake. Use the vending machine system there if you launch at Shadow Mountain ramp or you could receive a ticket and a fine. There is no charge for launching at the Grand Lake launch site at the east end of the lake.

More information may be obtained from ACBS RMC member Chris Braaf P.O. Box 420, Tabernash, Colorado, (970) 887-2210, (970) 887-1230 FAX or at [cbraaf@msn.com](mailto:cbraaf@msn.com) or from the Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at (970) 627-3402.



# *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**

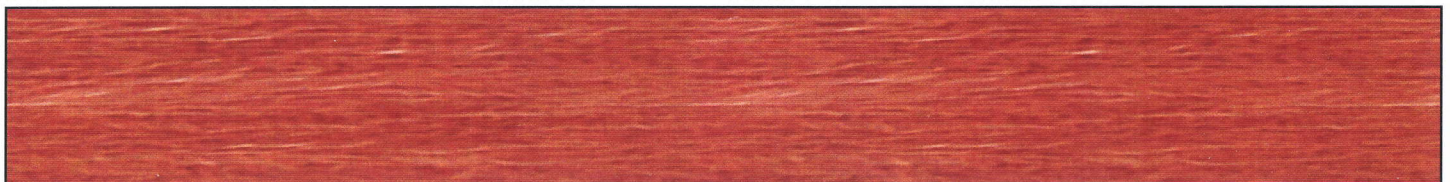
Antique and Classic Boat Static Display  
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Western Complex. Contact: Mike Novick  
at 303-674-5524 or at  
michaelnovick@msn.com



**Lake Loveland, Colorado**

**June 10, 2006**

Richard and Lu Ball host an informal  
RMC chapter gathering at their lakehouse  
at 1801 N. Garfield. Dock reception starts  
at 5 p.m. Campsites are available along  
with plenty of nice docking. Contact  
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# 2006 Boat Shows and Contacts



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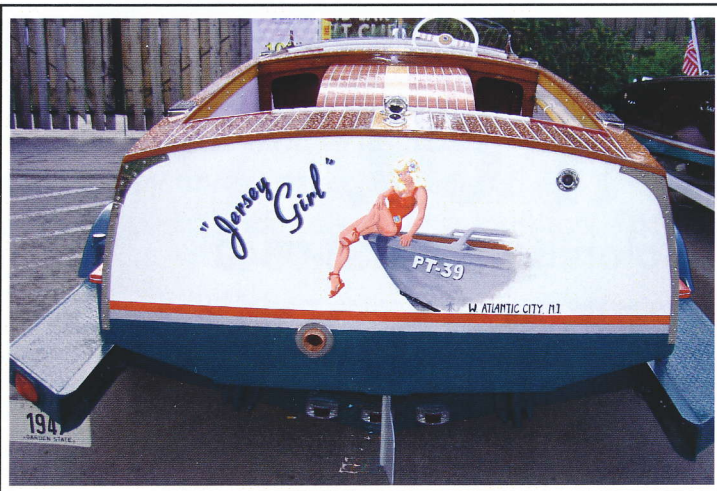
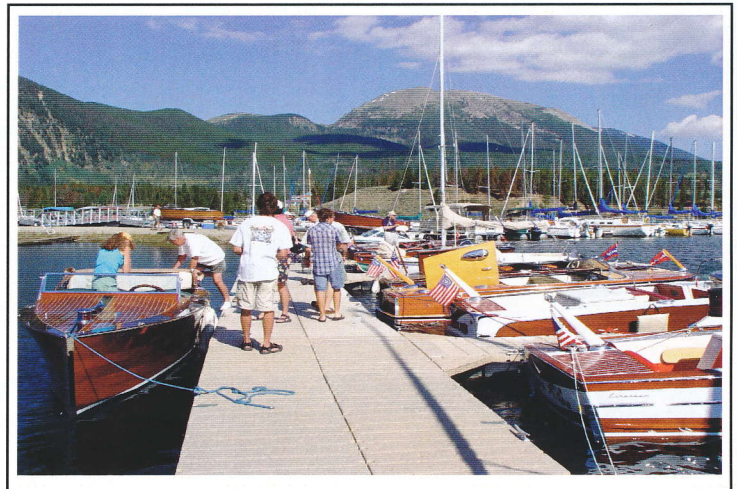
**July 15, 2006**

9th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show, at an elevation of 8,369 feet, Colorado's largest natural lake in the heart of the Rocky Mountains at the West entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. 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**

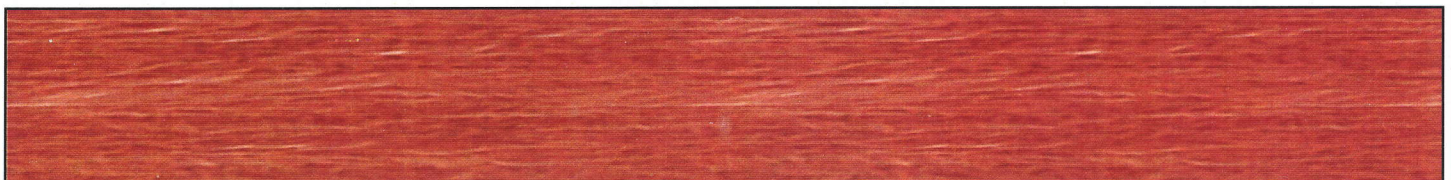
Rendezvous in the Rockies at the Frisco Bay Marina on Lake Dillon at 9,017 feet above sea level. Rocky Mountain Classics ACBS Chapter. Contact: Bill Tordoff at 970-668-8213 or at [AMSIINC@cs.com](mailto:AMSIINC@cs.com)



## 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





# ACBS MEMBER HELPS MUSEUM REBUILD AFTER KATRINA

*A Chance to Rewrite History with Your Donation*

The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum in Biloxi, Mississippi, received catastrophic damage from Hurricane Katrina. It is an empty shell. On August 29, 2005, in a matter of 12 hours, 300 years of history were washed out to sea ... now there is the challenge to recover the history and story of the generations that came before us—so that generations to come will know the rich history and culture of the stoic people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

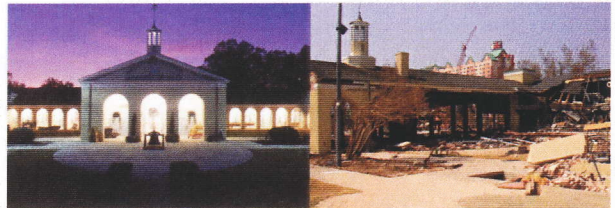
The Museum opened in 1986 in a former Coast Guard barracks building on Point Cadet, constructed in the mid 1930s and itself an historic structure. It survived Hurricane Camille, but could not withstand the 30 ft. tidal surge when pine trees from nearby Deer Island acting as torpedoes pierced the walls of the Museum and released our treasures to be washed miles away into the Back Bay of Biloxi. Our two, 65 ft. two-masted wooden Biloxi schooners were moved upriver and managed to rise and fall with the tidal surge, receiving minimal damage.

We have begun the process of raising funds to rebuild our Museum. ACBS member Bob Negrotto, Dixieland Chapter, has generously donated his boat to the Museum and we are raffling it for \$100 per ticket. We have set our sights on selling 2,000 tickets. The drawing will be held August 29, 2006, on the Museum grounds. The boat is a 1956, 18 ft. Century Resorter, Serial #56-196, completely rebuilt in 2000; 90 percent of the original hull was replaced. It's powered by a rebuilt 302 Ford engine modified for marine usage, approximately 30 hours since rebuild. It has oak frames and battens, hull and deck 1/2" mahogany, with silicon bronze fasteners.

Please email, call, or write us, send your \$100 check, and we will send you a ticket, our web site is [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org), phone 228 435-6320, P. O. Box 1907, Biloxi, MS 39533. We have a major job ahead of us, but with your help the Maritime Museum will come back bigger and better than before.



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## *Rules of the Road for boaters*

The United States Coast Guard claims that only 10 percent of boaters have even a rudimentary knowledge of the official Rules of the Road (there are 38 of them with many subsections).

While these are no substitute for learning all the rules, here are a few simple ones that can get you by:

- **Pecking order** — Think of yourself as the one who has to get out of everyone else's way and you'll do fine. Motorboats have to give way to boats not under command, restricted in their ability to maneuver, constrained by draft, engaged in fishing, and under sail. Although a sailboat under power is, at least in the rules' eyes, your equal, stay away from it too. The maneuverability of a 40-footer with a 40-hp engine is minimal.

- **Stop** — The best defensive maneuver is often pulling back the throttles and waiting it out. It's rarely your fault if you're just standing there.

- **Turning is better** — Turning is more immediately obvious to others than slowing or stopping. Make the turn broad and fast. Let the other boat see the full side of your boat, not just the cheek of your bow.

- **Turning to starboard is best** — When meeting head-on, never turn to port. The rules prefer a port-side-to portside meeting. If it looks like the other boat is forcing a starboard-to-starboard meeting, turn away to your right. In a crossing situation, turning to starboard is best as well.

- **Tonnage prevails** — When faced with a vessel that is overwhelmingly larger than you, concede to its dominance. Also, give way to working crafts. Even if they don't have the right of way, they often like to take it. They're making a living — you're playing.



## Two swell opportunities — for you and a future restorer

“To provide financial assistance and encouragement to those who wish to pursue a career in wooden boat construction and restoration,” the Antique and Classic Boating Society established a scholarship fund in 2000.

It is an endowment fund, so only the interest can be awarded. Each year the proceeds from the auction at the annual meeting are deposited into the fund.

The monies raised from the Suburban ticket sales were part of the start-up campaign, the Hickman Sea Sled, and now the Tahoe raffles. Bob Speltz Land O Lakes chapter has donated \$1,000 each year to the fund (see various articles in the *Rudder*).

It is a standing committee overseen by the treasurer and is reported on every meeting. Many donations each year are memorial donations.

The committee has not yet associated itself with an accredited college, because until now the funds available have been so small. Because of their access to FAFSA records, and liability of discrimination in awarding scholarships etc. The committee has decided it will align itself with an accredited college and the school will pick the recipient.

The current balance in the endowment is \$47,000.

“It's a major goal of ACBS to have a successful scholarship program,” reports Kathy Snyder of the

ACBS headquarters. “In order for this to occur, we must increase the principle amount of our scholarship endowment fund.”

The 2006 Tahoe raffle is the current effort to accomplish this goal. Tickets are \$50 each.

Chapters currently supporting this initiative:

- >>Adirondack
- >>Blackhawk
- >>Glacier Lakes
- >>Niagara Frontier
- >>Heartland



- >>Finger Lakes
- >>Blue Ridge
- >>New England
- >>Water Wonderland
- >>Harvey's Lake
- >>Pacific Northwest
- >>Lake Hopatcong
- >>Michigan
- >>Sunnyland
- >>Bob Speltz Land O Lakes
- >>Clear Lake
- >>Columbia Willamette
- >>North Coast Ohio

Currently, the concern is that only 18 of 52 chapters have shown willingness to support this scholarship fundraiser. If your chapter is willing to help, please do so by requesting tickets.

If chapters would like additional tickets, or would like to help by becoming involved, even by selling a minimal amount of tickets, contact Jeff Stebbins, [jstebbins@gentryconstruction.net](mailto:jstebbins@gentryconstruction.net), committee chair or Kathy and Deb at headquarters.

There is no risk to chapter; return the money with ticket stubs sold, along with any unsold tickets.

Also, there is a \$1,000 prize for the chapter that sells the most tickets.



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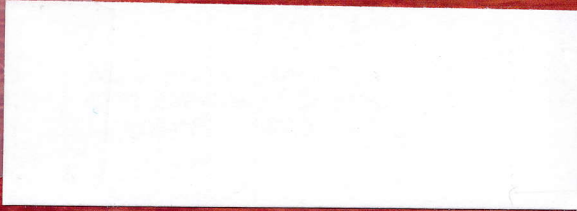
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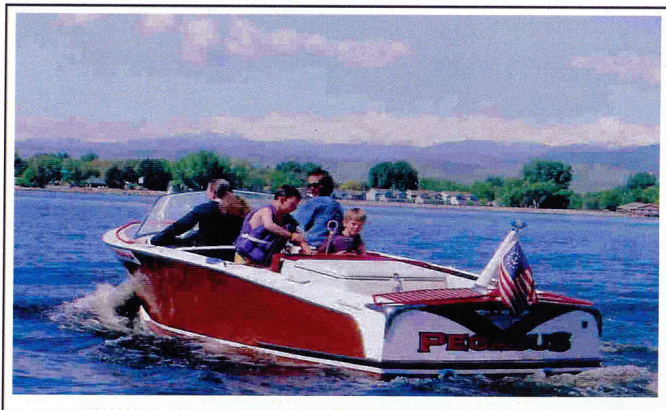
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