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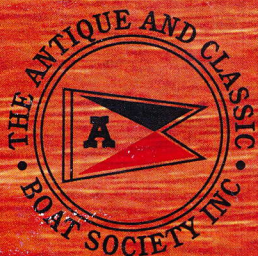
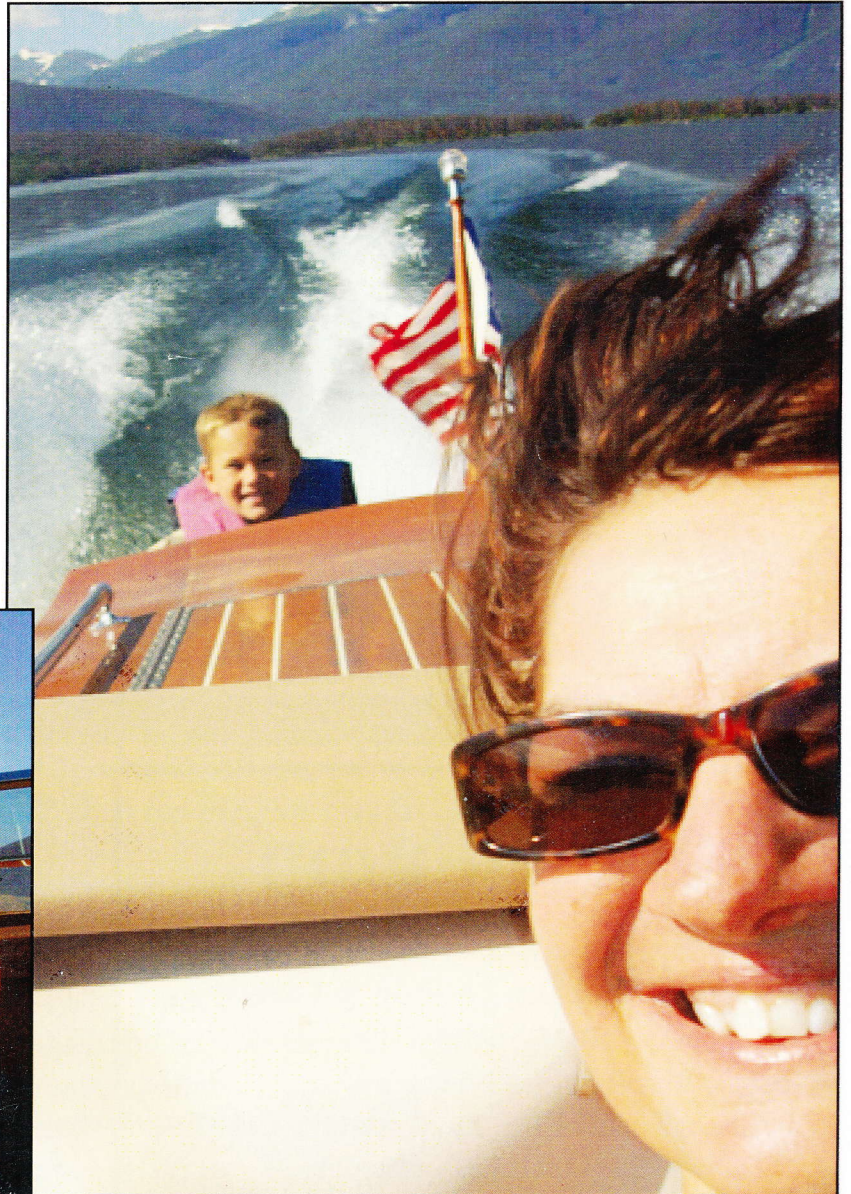
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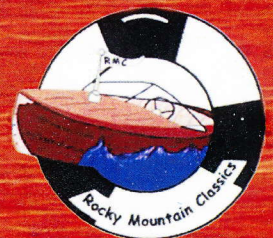
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## *Are we having any fun yet?*

ACBS Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter VP Charlie Peak, below, a wooden boat restorer out of Alcova, Wyoming, always makes sure passengers have a grand time aboard "Maximilian," his '29 26' Chris Craft triple cockpit barrelback. Joining him on this Lake Dillon trip are Max and Rebecca Holahan of Sarasota, Fla.



*Century*



# *And those running the ship*

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To all ACBS members,

What exciting plans we have for you for the January 2009, BOD meeting — aboard the Royal Caribbean ship the Monarch of the Seas.

The cruise will leave Port Canaveral, Fla., on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, the Martin Luther King Holiday. We will spend a day at a private island and a day in Nassau, Bahamas. The BOD meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 22, during our day at sea. We will disembark on Friday morning and there is a special excursion tour the Kennedy Space Center.

Any information you need can be answered by Lynne Steidle, AAA Travel agent.

Thanks and please email me with any questions.

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# From the Helm

## Greetings Fellow Boaters,

I cannot believe how fast this summer went by. It seems like we were only out on the water a couple of times. I hope you were able to get out more often and enjoyed yourself. If you were able to get out to any of our events this past summer I am confident you had a great time.

Being part of a chapter like ours is all about the camaraderie and getting out together to enjoy a day on the lake with our boats. If you did not attend an event or were not able to attend as many as you would have liked, I strongly encourage you to become more involved in your chapter and attend more events in 2009.

For those of you who were not able to attend the annual meeting, everyone present had a great time, enjoyed good Italian food, had the opportunity to bid on some fun auction items and win some great raffle goodies. Well attended, it was decided holding the 2009 session again in Denver is a good idea.

One of the great pleasures that I as your president get to do each year is honor a member of our chapter with an award from the ACBS called the President's Cup Award. This award honors a person(s) whose dedication to the aims of the ACBS and our chapter was exemplary during the past year. I am pleased to announce this year's winners: Maggie and Peter Woods. They are relatively new members to the club but they have really stepped up to become very involved in our chapter.

In addition, at the annual meeting, Maggie was elected as your newest board member replacing Jim McGaughy. I thank Jim for all his hard work and contributions to the board.

I am excited to serve as your president again for 2009. If there is anything I can do to better serve this chapter please feel free to let me know. In addition, when you receive your renewal notice from the ACBS please make sure to renew timely. Please look for the 2009 Event Calendar in this newsletter.

I hope to see you at some of our events next year.  
Sincerely,

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**President's Cup Award from Rocky Mountain Classics was presented to Maggie and Peter Woods for their enthusiastic chapter efforts.**



## *Lake Loveland's always lovely!*

**Top: Host boat of Richard and Lu Ball heads a beached line-up at Lake Loveland. Middle: Left to right, Mike Novick, Richard Ball and Dwight Jeff address a dryland chapter meeting. Below: Left to right, "Sea Grape," "55 Survivor," and "Ball Four" roar across Lake Loveland, kicking up contrasting wakes.**





1961 Lyman 16' Utility

## *What is clinkerbuilt? Jerry Ross knows*

**By Jerry Ross**

What is clinkerbuilt? That's what it says on my 1961 16-foot Lyman Utility boat's dashboard.

Chris and I (or I) wanted a wood boat. Though not a boater when I grew up in Ohio, I remember a lot of Lymans.

A little current research revealed they were first built in Cleveland and then Sandusky, Ohio. They were popular on Lake Erie and throughout the East and Midwest.

Lake Erie is known for its chop and the "clinkerbuilt" design of the Lyman wood boats cut through that chop and resulted in a very smooth and seaworthy boat.

Clinkerbuilt or "clincher" built hulls have overlapping planks, also known as "lapstrakes." These are clinched together with nails or rivets at the overlapping seams along their lengths. These strakes are screwed to bent oak frames.

We found our boat in Newport Beach,

California. It had been refurbished in northern Ohio and sold and shipped to California in 2001. The prior owner had replaced the original Evinrude outboard with a four-stroke Suzuki engine. You have to be in the stern to hear if it is running.

Lyman was a pioneer of the "utility" style — a non-decked open hull. The inboards had a box or dog house covering the engine.

Ours is completely open in the back with the motor hung on the transom. There is a short front deck, wood-framed windshield, walk-through front seats, and two rear facing passenger seats — a perfect picnic or fishing boat.

How did Lyman come to be? Bernard E. Lyman, a German immigrant, built a personal clinkerbuilt rowboat in 1874.

Due to popular demand, he opened his one-man boat shop in 1875 on Lake Erie in

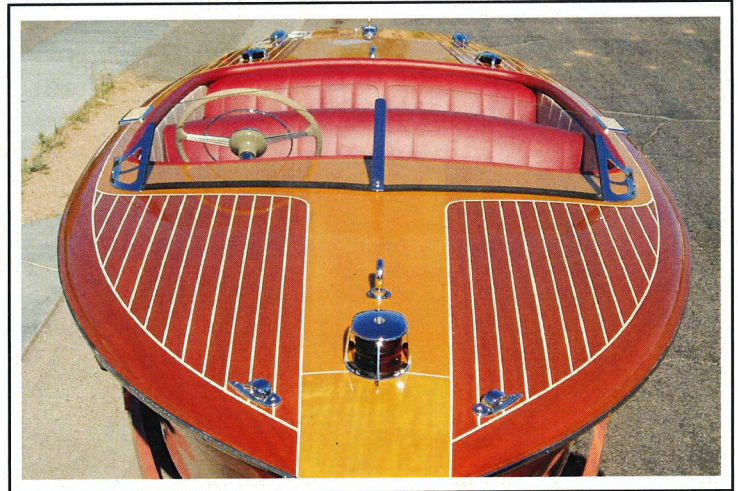
**See clinkerbuilt on page 8**

# Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter

**Denver, Colorado**

**January 15-18, 2009**

Antique and Classic Boat Static Display of the Rocky Mountain Classics ACBS Chapter at the Denver Boat Show, Colorado Convention Center. Contacts: Jerry Ross, 303-388-7651 and jcross1967@aol.com; and Jeff Waco, jeff54@earthlink.net and 303-421-3141. They will need some assistance. Call 'em.



**Denver, Colorado**

**March 5-8, 2009**

Antique and Classic Boat Static Display of the Rocky Mountain Classics ACBS Chapter at the Colorado RV, Sports, Boat and Travel Show, National Western Complex. Contact: Peter Woods at peterwoods7469@comcast.net and 303-514-9747. A helping hand will be appreciated from members.



**Lake Loveland, Loveland, Colorado**

**June 6, 2009**

Spring Shakedown Cruise at Lake Loveland hosted by Richard and Lu Ball at their lovely lakeside home and expanded dock. Contact: Richard Ball at 970-667-3965 or at bglaw@comcast.net.



**Top: James "Scott" Forbes' now-restored '51 16' CC Riviera he bought for \$50 in Tucson.  
Middle: Jeff Dwight's '54 18' Century Resorter powered by a Chrysler six with 130hp.  
Bottom: Bill Tordoff's and Wayne Spaulding's rare '37 16' Chris Craft Racing Barrelback.**

# 2009 Boat Shows and Contacts



## Grand Lake, Colorado

**July 11, 2009**

12th Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous, at an elevation of 8,369 feet, Colorado's largest natural lake in the heart of the Rockies at the west entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park.

Contact: Bob Braaf at 970-887-2210 or [bbraaf@msn.com](mailto:bbraaf@msn.com)

## Lake Dillon, Frisco Bay, Colorado

**July 25, 2009**

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



## Tentative shows:

**Alcova, Wyoming, Rendezvous**

**Sept. 5, 2009**

Contact: Charlie and Linda Peak, 307-234-0382, [newt4854@wildblue.net](mailto:newt4854@wildblue.net)

**Lake Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado**

**Sept. 19 or 26, 2009**

Third Annual Southern Colorado Classic

Contact: Mark R. Mihelich, 719-252-1026 and [newcarsuck@yahoo.com](mailto:newcarsuck@yahoo.com)

**Top: Vintage Outboards' Jim Frank's restored '62 16' Chris Craft Ski Boat.**

**Middle: Wayne Spaulding's recently restored '58 15' Century Palomino.**

**Bottom: Butch Wolcott's nice '66 19' \$39k Arabian for sale: [harold\\_wolcott@comcast.net](mailto:harold_wolcott@comcast.net)**



**Capt. Ron Ellis' '62 25' Owens Sea Skiff.**

### **Clinkerbuilt from page 5**

Cleveland. He supplied small rowboats to the public and rental liveries and added sail and larger powerboats at the century's turn. Bernard and his son, Bill, did early experimentation and production with the new outboard motors and appropriate boat design.

They moved the then much larger operation to Sandusky in 1928. They weathered the Depression building larger inboards for the few who could afford pleasure boats. During World War II they honed their mass production and assembly line skills building military vessels.

When the GI's returned, the demand for pleasure boats

returned in abundance. In 1958, with about 185 employees they produced 5,000 boats. These were immediately shipped to several hundred dealers across the country.

Today an efficient wood boat shop turns out what — 10-15 boats a year?

About this time Bernard's son and driving force of the business died. The family then gave up the business to a series of large corporations. Due to the changing market and unenthusiastic management the Lyman Boat Works closed in the early 1990s. The real estate is now an entertainment and catering complex.

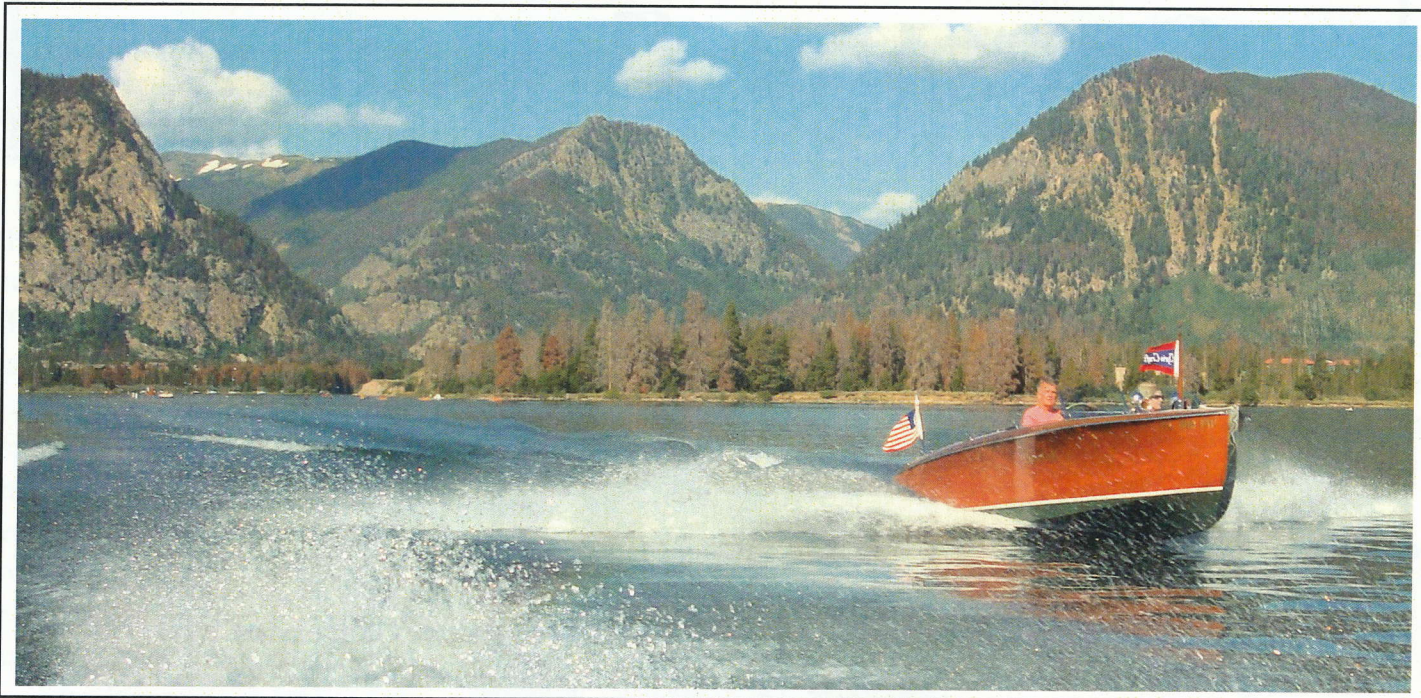
In 1988 all of the specialized patterns, jigs and related power tools and the company

archives were purchased by Tom Koroknay, (aka) "Dr. Lyman." He restores Lyman boats in Lexington, Ohio and reproduces original wood boat parts with the original tooling for the numerous Lymans still afloat. He has also written the definitive history of the Lyman Boat Works, "Lyman Boats, Legend of the Lakes."

Wonderful Woodies' Wayne Spaulding repainted and varnished our boat over two winters. We had her out several times last summer and plan to be on the water a lot this year.

As I mentioned earlier — not growing up with boats, we find every excursion is an adventure and is fraught with new experiences in a constant learning environment.





## *'W' means win in Frisco Bay*

Top: With the mountain-formed "W" as a backdrop, Kit Phillips blasts out of Frisco Bay on Lake Dillon in his '40 23' Chris Craft triple "Tootsie." Middle: "Tootsie" takes a break. Below: Wayne Spaulding's latest project, a New Hampshire barn find '51 Hackercraft 22' Deluxe Utility presents an airy view.



# Got some flotsam...

## Installment #3

### Bits and pieces of chapter history.

#### Millennium 2000 New Year

Would we and the chapter survive? We were certain our computers would crash, elevators would get stuck, gas and electric utilities would quit. How many of us hoarded water, propane, food? Remember? Whew! No sweat! We got through that one! All is good and the boats are put up for the winter!

Bob Braaf takes the helm in 2000 and we once again were invited to the January Denver Boat Show. We handed out over 200 "Come Aboard" flyers and overheard many folks say they missed our "wooden boats" in '99. Our membership is up over 85 folks and 20 some boats.

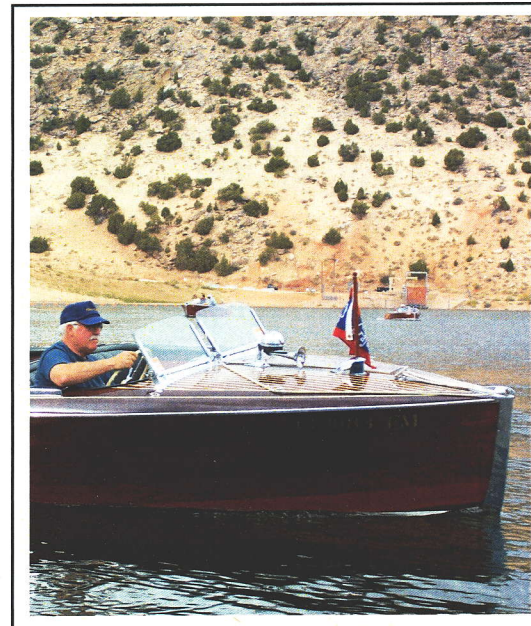
In May, as the ice cleared and the docks were floated in place at Grand Lake, Bob and Chris Ann put together a town docks repair party with many club members. I think the town still likes us for this effort, maybe not the permit folks.

Hosted by Charlie and Katie Geuin, the club held the first annual (and last annual) in the water boat show at Chatfield Reservoir. I believe we all thought this was a great venue, but by

early PM, we were battling 4-foot seas, in clear weather, from all the other boats on the lake and the winds that raced out of the Platte Canyon. We all beat it to the trailers, after being drenched. Whew! we need to try that again, only from 0500-0800, when other boaters are in bed! Thank's you two, for hosting this "one and only."

#### August in Grand Lake

Remember wet, dark,



**By Chip Taft**  
*Round the Bend*  
1940 Chris Craft  
Custom barrelback



**Chapter Historian**

fun. We did have a great time, and were regaled by old stories from Chris Smith. I could listen to those for hours, (I'll bet Bob and Chris Ann have, too, only for years) We all think that next year, 2001, this annual event has to be in July (and you know, it has been till this June).

#### *The Bilge Pump*

Our wonderful club magazine was nursed into being by June Moharter, named by me, (just popped into my head as we were scratching for a name) at the Horsetooth bar and restaurant on the southwest side of the lake. Remember that meeting, libations included? Katie Geuin takes the reins and grew the paper with real articles, advertising and the like.

Jean Clagett took over from Katie and produced a really nice, large, multi-page color edition in early 2001. We also searched out and ran a contest for our logo. Good going, Cathy Taft for the winning logo. It's still our standard today.

**See Chip on next page**

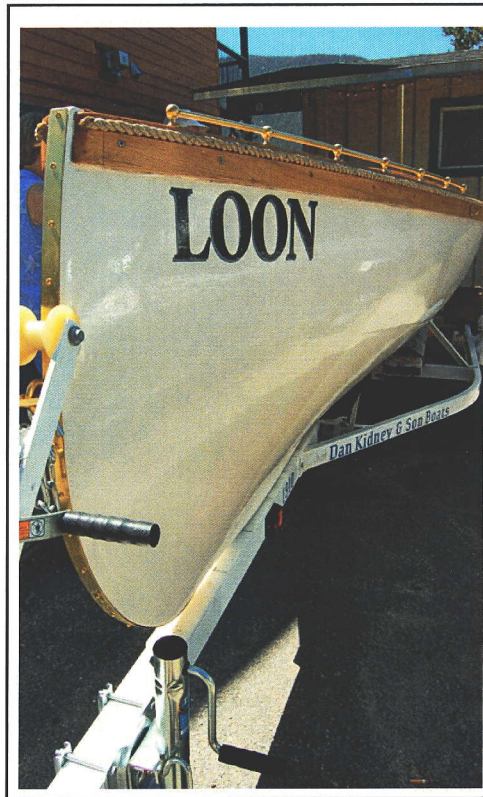
## Chip continued from previous

Soon thereafter, Kathy Lange, stalwart member (and my neighbor) began a four-year run of great color *Bilge Pumps*, with super articles AND a National ACBS award for "best chapter magazine."

Miles Porter took over as editor in 2006 and continues the superb job through today. The *Bilge* won the national's "most improved newsletter" that year. I hope I haven't slighted anyone, by a year one way or the other.

The *Bilge Pump* truly identifies this club, is recognized throughout the wooden boating community and stands as testament to hard work by many. Kudos to all who have helped.

Now to all the rest of us,



**Tom and Kathy Lange's '47 18'  
Don Kidney and Sons Fantail  
Launch.**

please write something of interest and send it in to Miles (address is in this edition) This is how the magazine will survive.

Who attended MAC 2000? Chris Ann and Bob — who else? This was the ACBS premier annual meeting at Mackinac Island.

Charlie Geuin built a wonderful boat shaped bookcase that we donated to this event's annual auction. It brought \$200 and found a home at Hagerly Marine Insurance offices. Thank's Charlie.

You know, we had completed a lot of growing up in three short years. More to come, unless I hear from you!

Thank's for listening!



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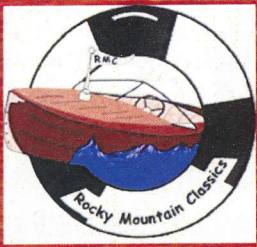


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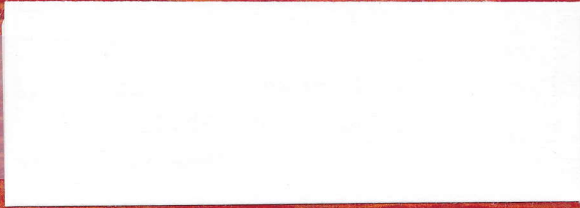
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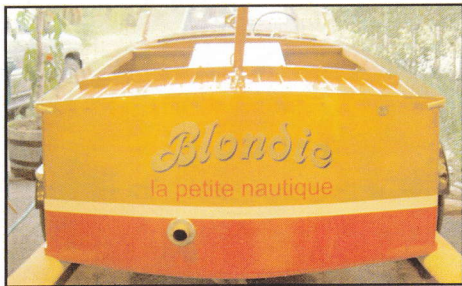
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