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Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter

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Rocky Mountain Classics feel the love at Lake Loveland, June 2011!

Our 2011 boating season began with our annual Shakedown Cruise, hosted by Rich and Lu Ball at Lake Loveland. Our Lake Loveland event is always a great time, and this year was no exception.

First there is the lake itself. Lake Loveland is a man-made reservoir that provides water to the city of Greeley. When originally completed in the fall of 1894, it was described as the “most complete reservoir system in Colorado.” Fed by the ditch waters diverted from the Big Thompson River, a full Lake Loveland fills a basin of 475 acres with a deep-water mark of 39.5 feet. The lake is rimmed by more than 100 homes, the owners of which also own the recreation rights on the lake



Boats beached at North Shore Park for the picnic. Visit www.rockymtnclassics.org for more pics!

itself. Rich and Lu, who live on the lake, reserve it for our event each year.

This year, launching began around 8am, with plenty of boaters on hand to help with the logistics.

After a morning of boating, we had a picnic at North Shore Park. The park is perfect for our group. There's a sandy shore to beach the boats, and the park has grills, tables, and restrooms.

In the afternoon, our boat parade created a little excitement for residents who watched from their

decks and patios. It created a little excitement for Michael Vannier and his son, Jack, too. During the pa-



Jack Vannier with his trophy float.

rade, Michael realized something was binding his propeller. With a bit of effort and a sharp knife, he was able to release and recover a float the size of a large bowling ball. Jack took it home as a souvenir for an exciting day at sea.

As evening approached, Rich and Lu hosted a cocktail party and barbeque

at their dock. With a beautiful sunset for our backdrop, it was the perfect end to the perfect boating day. Good food, good drink, good conversation. Many thanks to Rich and Lu for being our hosts for a great event!



Rich, dockside for the evening cocktail party.

From the Helm *by President, Bob Phillips*



President, Bob Phillips
Lake Loveland, June '11.

Greetings Club Members and Friends

With the recent boating event at Sloan's Lake, the RMC boating year is now ended. With the fall and winter season promising to arrive, it's a good time to work on those photo albums and – oh yes – create some material for our website via Mike Vannier. Hmm - I should talk. I have not delivered a thing to Mike as yet. So here is my open promise to get it done. Will others join me?

The 2011 season was superior on so many levels. Jeff Waco coordinated a great booth at the Denver Boat Show in January. Can't we do pirates every year?

The Loveland event was well attended with great weather and again hosted in fine fashion by Rich and Lu Ball.

Grand Lake was never better. Thank you Braafs! The Saturday picnic was held at the waterfront park because of safety concerns over the high flow through the connecting channel to Shadow Mtn. Lake. But no afternoon rains. What did that?

Frisco Show. Wayne and Bill rock! So many others contributed as well. Hey Mike and Diane Vannier with the club store – we're talking about you too! And of course it was great to see Maggie and "Oyster"

Pete right before their move to the Chesapeake region.

Doug Brown coordinated the Horsetooth event. Thank you, Doug! We look forward to your comments for 2012.

The Sloan's Lake gathering was blessed by exceptional weather and good camaraderie as usual. Thank you, Mike Novick!

The President's cup will be awarded at the annual meeting so any congrats now would spill the secret.

I cannot bypass my open and unabashed appreciation of our diligent club secretary and Bilge Pump editor - Vickie Rutkowski. She tells me that there is a good supply of "content" for this issue. Well done.

Looking ahead to next year, it appears the club will have a committed board to steer the RMC ship. I encourage those newer members who want to contribute to various functions, please step up and make yourselves known.

I personally wish to thank those members who have helped and encouraged me in the office of the President. I hope to bring to this position the leadership quality that RMC deserves in 2012.

The Best to You All,

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It was another GRAND TIME at Grand Lake—July 2011!

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View of Grand Lake, July 2011.
Photo compliments of Michael Vannier.

the current in the channel between the lakes was running fast, making it a little more difficult to get into Shadow Mountain Lake, so we had the picnic at the park near the marina.

Also this year, Tom and Kathy Lange created a poster that they offered on the docks for a donation. They collected around \$100 which they donated to the historic Kauffman House in Grand Lake. According to the Grand Lake Historical Society, the Kauffman House is an excellent example of an early residence and tourist hotel. It was built in 1892 by Ezra Kauffman and was run as a hotel continuously until his death in 1920. It was operated as a summer tourist hotel by Ezra's widow and daughters until World War II and then sold to Henry Rhone in 1946. The Rhones used the hotel to house guests and people who worked for them in their guest house and restaurant business. The house had several other owners until 1973 when the Grand Lake Area Historical purchased the house and restored it as a museum.

This was a creative idea that allowed Tom & Kathy to assess the market for posters and give something back to the community. Way to go, Langes!



Bob Phillips in Shearwater at the Grand Lake dock, July 2011

Grand Lake, Co is one of the most beautiful places in the state. Every year, that beautiful lake, the deepest and largest natural lake in Colorado, makes the perfect boating venue for our July event. This year was no exception. Event Coordinator Chris Braaf could not have ordered a more perfect day, and 27 member boats came out to enjoy it. The schedule for the day was similar to past years with one exception. As usual our boats were on display at the dock in the morning. Normally we would have done a boat parade followed by a picnic at the islands. This year



Christy Ann, the 16' Lyman Utility owned by Jerry & Chris Ross

Both photos here compliments of Michael Vannier.



An iconic image—poker run transfer—a card and a drink. Photo compliments of Stephanie Parr.

Visit www.rockymtnclassics.org to see all the pictures from this fun event!



On the docks, Frisco, 2011. Foreground—Michael Vannier's "Ain't She Sweet".

Frisco Hosts the 2011 RMCC In-the-Water Boat Show

Every year, our Frisco In-the-Water Boat Show is one of our most successful. With the support of the Frisco Marina staff and that gorgeous boating lake, it's always a GREAT time.

Event coordinators Bill Tordoff and Wayne Spaulding kicked off the festivities with a Friday night cookout for the early arrivals. On Saturday, we estimate more than 2000 people strolled the docks to view 33 beautiful wooden boats during the 10am-1pm boat show.



Touche', owned by Hal & Kay May
Frisco 2011 People's Choice Winner

Folks also enjoyed some great shopping! Thanks to Michael & Diane Vannier and several volunteers, the Ship's Store did a brisk business. Kudos to all who made that a big success!

As in past years, we asked people to vote for their favorite boat. After losing by just one vote

last year, "Touche," Hal and Kay May's 1930 24-foot Chris Craft triple, roared to a People's Choice victory. The Mays are ACBS members from Cheshire, Oregon and regular participants in our Frisco show.

Charlie Simons did his usual outstanding job running the grill for our lunch-time barbeque.

With an announcer provided by the Frisco Marina, our afternoon boat parade drew quite a crowd on the public docks. There's nothing like a lot of beautiful wooden boats to grab people's attention.

After the parade, the annual Poker Run began. The winner, announced later that night at the club dinner, was Rick Peebles who owns an 18' Lone Star Eldorado, appropriately named Lone Star.



Rick Peebles in Lone Star.
Frisco 2011

The 2012 Frisco show is set for **August 12th**. Unlike past years, Corvettes of the Rockies will NOT be in Frisco that weekend. Rumor has it that the Frisco merchants were not thrilled with the Corvette show closing main streets and not generating any business in the stores. It will be interesting to see how this change impacts our attendance. Regardless, it's sure to be another great event!

Rendezvous? Merci!



Coordinator Doug Brown in Sea Grape at the Horsetooth Rendezvous

This year, the club added two rendezvous to our event calendar. The first was held August 20 at Horsetooth Reservoir, near Ft. Collins, Co and was coordinated by Doug Brown. Club members Bud and Gail McMahon, who are members of the Sail and Saddle Club at Horsetooth, reserved the club for the exclusive use of the RMCC and graciously provided pastries, fruit and other treats for attendees. Though this reservoir has a reputation for rough waters, the sunshine and low winds made for a good boating day. At the recent annual meeting, the board asked Doug to coordinate another Horsetooth Rendezvous for 2012.



Michael & Jack Vannier in Ain't She Sweet at the Horsetooth Rendezvous

The second rendezvous was held October 1 at Sloan's Lake in Denver. We all know October weather in Colorado can be iffy, but this was a perfect day—sunny and 80's—just right for boating. Even with minimal publicity, many folks were on hand to enjoy viewing our wooden boats on the water. Sloan's Lake is part of Denver Parks and Recreation, and they would love for us to make this an annual event on the first Saturday in October. At the Annual meeting the board agreed to commit to October 6, 2012, with Mike Novick coordinating. Denver Parks & Rec will add us to the brochure they publish and distribute all year long, so we should have a lot more public interest.

Chris Smith Inducted into Hagerty Marine Hall of Fame

Our own Chris Smith, grandson of Christopher Columbus Smith who started the boat building company that would become Chris-Craft, was inducted into the Hagerty Marine Hall of Fame at the ACBS International Meeting in September.

The Hall of Fame was established just two years ago, to honor people who have had a positive influence on the wooden boating community, and it's only natural that Chris, who is now 84, would be honored.

In an article in the Hagerty newsletter, *The Watch*, Chris talked about his early years at Chris Craft. He began there as a teenager and never left. "I learned from the ground up, just like every other family member who worked there," Chris said. "I did every single job and loved it. In my second year, I began working in the engineering department, and I eventually became manger of our prototype division."

Chris remembers his grandfather being honored by the boating community so he's looking forward to his own Hall of Fame induction. "It will be wonderful for my family," he said. It's wonderful for all of us who like and admire Chris, too. Congratulations, Chris! (See Tom Lange's tribute to Chris on Page 9.)

Curses Foiled Again! The best laid plans Of Mice and Men often go awry, By Tom Lange

Not only is it a venerable old saying but a law that sometimes seems to guide my life! Example to follow:

All of you that brought a boat to the Grand Lake show this year probably got a nice Chris Smith poster and had to give it right back to be shipped off to be signed and returned. Hopefully everyone has them back by now. Well that was not the way it was supposed to be. Chris was coming back to Grand Lake again and that was very special to me and Kathy. We wanted to honor Chris for his lifetime dedication to boating and his many personal contributions to his friends and acquaintances something we felt was LONG overdue.

The original idea was to have Chris there to present his to him, and all the other skippers could have him sign theirs in person. But then he wasn't able to make it and it all unraveled from there. While I was looking for the photo I knew I had somewhere—in countless boxes of old boating photos, c.d.'s, magazines, catalogs and endless piles of

chapter newsletters from all over the country—of Chris operating on Grand Lake, I found two articles from back in the days that Kathy put out our chapter newsletter. One article was written by me and the other by Kathy. Neither of us knew the other one had written theirs. They were written after the last show Chris came to at Grand Lake. He told Kathy and me that Sunday morning, that it was probably the last time he would be coming. I was stunned and speechless and Kathy was an emotional wreck. We hardly even spoke on our way back down the mountain from the shock of pondering that we may have seen Chris for the last time. He had such an effect on our lives.

(That's why Chris' coming was so exciting for Kathy and me.)

Well the articles never got used. Kathy stopped doing the news-

letter; time moved on, and they were filed away destined to never be seen by anyone. Well after finding them this time, I decided to share them here and now. That's because we know the effect Chris has had on us, and we know many, many people have similar stories and been effected in a similar way by him. Getting older has taught me many things, not the least of which is: If you have something nice to share about someone or feel a certain way, share it NOW, not tomorrow, NOW! Because you never know what the cards hold for us. It is with that sentiment in mind we would like to share :

"The Legend My Friend"
and "Afternoon Squall"
Tom & Kathy Lange

**Question to ponder.....
who signs Chris Smiths
poster to make it special
for him?**

"Getting older has taught me many things, not the least of which is if you have something nice to share, share it NOW"

Members Attend the 2011 ACBS Annual Meeting

Well the weather wasn't great in Lake Geneva, WI, but that didn't stop RMCC members Bob & Chris Braaf and Susie & Steve Frasier from having a great time at the ACBS Annual Meeting.

More than 600+ attendees and 130 gorgeous boats participated in this years event.

Next year's ACBS Annual Meeting is at Big Cedar Lodge, Table Rock Lake, MO. Relatively close, good weather, sounds like a good time! Watch for details on our website!

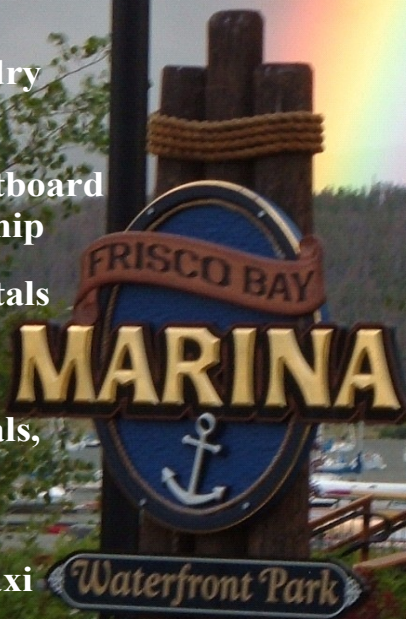


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“I can never repay, I can only hope to pass on.”

The Legend—My Friend, by Kathy Lange

So often in life we meet people, even spend time with them but in a few years we aren't able to remember their names. Once in a while however there is someone that is so special, so interesting that you instantly know that their name and face and all the things they shared with you will stay with you all of your days.

We have been so blessed in our lives with each other beautiful things and true and loyal friends. Among those is Chris Smith whom we feel very fortunate to know and even more fortunate to call friend. I have never met anyone like him. Not only is he a part of the Chris Craft legacy more than that he is a source of strength, confidence and knowledge. I may never have achieved the things that I have in my life without his influence.

He has been both friend and teacher. Confidante and cheerleader. He has shared his life with so many people and all have come away with a mixed sense of awe and happiness.

Chris has a knack for knowing who needs a pat on the back and when, or a friendly tip on how to do something better or simply render his opinion on their latest project. He is a pure class act all the way, a true gentleman with insight and clarity of thought to recall and regale his entire boating life. And he truly enjoys keeping up with his current boating buddies. He taught me so much. He gave me the confidence to be a better skipper and chart a course of my own in a business career. He and Chris Ann both have taught me so much that I can never repay, I can only hope to pass on.

Making A Motorcycle trip to Montana (or Boat Rides Up North - Sept. 18-24,2011) by Chip Taft

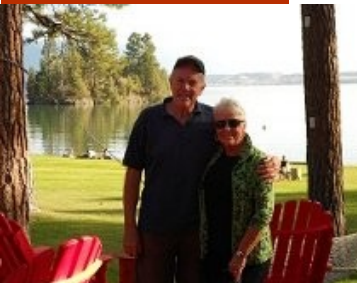
Given a week off after a hectic external audit of our company operations, I threw a quick bag on the back of my motorcycle and headed out solo for the north.

My first stop was Alcovia Reservoir, to see Charlie and Linda Peak, longtime club members and owners of “Maximillian” a 1929, 26ft. Chris Craft. Within a few minutes of arriving we were meeting sunset, running up the beautiful gorge in still water. Fall is definitely beautiful in Wyo. Thanks' Charlie and Linda for a great stay.

The next day with a stop in Big Timber MT and the day after proceeding through Great Falls, I stopped near Valier Montana, where I have a small piece of wheat property.

After a nice one day stay and farm duties thrown in, I proceeded north to the border and through Glacier Park, down through Kalispell and on to Flathead Lake and the home of Bob and Betty Moore, also long time club members. Again, within minutes of arriving I was on a lake, now in Bob and Betty's beautiful “Heavenly Days” a 1948, 25ft. twin engine Sportsman Chris Craft. This was my first time on Flathead Lake and Boy is it Large! This lake is full of wonderful little coves and many islands, including “Wild Horse Island”. Yes, you can still see some there! Thanks' Bob and Betty for the wonderful evening and yes, through this small note, I am sending your heartfelt hello's, to everyone in the club. I can attest to the fact that retirement is treating this wonderful couple very well!

The remainder of the trip home expended a quick two days, except for the occasional stops in Yellowstone Park to let buffalo cross the road. No match for my bike, let alone a car! This was a fun, 7day 2,256 mile jaunt, seeing old friends and partaking in, ever so cool boat rides!



Bob & Betty Moore
September 2011

The Squall, by Tom Lange

The rain stung my face like a thousand icy needles as I glanced over the stern of LEGACY to check for traffic as I crept along the north shore of Grand Lake heading for the ramps. And I have to admit this trip was making me nervous. Weather like this, a 300 ft. deep lake, with water temps hovering around 37 degrees in a leaky 67 year old boatwas I CRAZY !!! Ah, the things we do for fun!!!

The show at the Yacht Club was over, and the parade was done. The normal afternoon squalls that sweep across the lake are an instant reminder that you are boating at 9,000 feet. This one was a bit stronger than most I had seen. And it did make me apprehensive.

I hunkered down as best I could behind the windshield of our 1946 Garwood , but at best whoever had designed it did it for looks not function. " I hope she made it o.k." I said to myself. My wife Kathy had left the club minutes before the squall blew in, in her 1955 Larson Falls Flyer 14' in length. A fine boat to be sure but far from ideal in this weather. I didn't really worry or hurry, because *I knew he was there*. So I just inched along saving our boat from a merciless pounding that throttling up would give her.

He had left the club while it was still sunny and everyone was having a good time. And I'll bet **he** loaded out in dry conditions and with no help. The drone of the engine and the monotonous staccato of rain on the deck were all I had for company on this trip. As I rounded the point I could usually see the dock, but the horizontal rain obscured it from my view. I hope **he's** there I thought again. As I got closer, I could see the ramp. It was a bees' hive of activity with skippers loading out frantically. Then I could make out her red, white and black hull buffeting wildly in the whitecaps on the windward side of the dock. And there **he** was holding her boat off with one foot while balancing like a circus aerialist on the pitching dock. I pulled up, pulled the Garwood out of gear and as I drifted by I asked him "Where is she?"

"She's gone to get her truck", **he** said. I pulled up to an empty spot on the leeward side and tied up. Kathy came down the ramp in her truck and backed in. **He** grabbed the lines and moved down the dock with her boat. Kathy started to get in the water, but **he** stopped her saying that there was no reason for anyone to get wet. **He** whipped the ropes past piling and post, like a cowboy whips his lariat around. And when it got hung up, **he** went in , not allowing her to. Kathy pulled up, and we strapped her down. I asked him where his boat was, and indeed it was covered and trailered long before the blow hit. We all looked at each other and I suggested he ride back with Kathy. **He** asked how I was getting back. I said in the Garwood . **He** said "I'm going with you," and he signaled Kathy on.

Her taillights disappeared into the rain. As **he** pushed the bow of Legacy into the wind, I shoved her in gear and we were off. **He** stowed the lines and fenders and plopped down next to me in a puddle of cold water on the seat. We both laughed out loud, and **he** said "This will blow over by morning, and it will be a fine day for boating".

As we rounded the point into the wind from the cove, I once again hunkered down. **He**, however, moved up to sit on the back of the seat and began scanning the lake. There was a storm blowing, and someone might be in trouble.

My grandfather was Assistant Fire Chief in Davenport, Iowa, and when he retired he took to the farm with him one of the fire horses that had served with him before the" new fangled" gas buggies took their place. I remember how she reacted even out there on the farm when smoke would fill the air or a bell would ring loudly and repeatedly. She may have been retired, but she still knew what to do and when to do it better than most will ever know. And GOD help anyone standing in between her and her duty. For some reason I was reminded right then and there of her and with a clarity I haven't thought about her in decades.

Then I noticed it. This trip back to the Yacht Club was completely different from the one to the ramp. In fact I was laughing, talking and reminiscing like I was sitting at a picnic table in the shade. **He** has a natural ability to make you more confident in what you are doing just by being there. His calming voice, his willingness to share his knowledge, and his decades of experience at doing whatever it is you are trying to do. **He** probably did it years ago under much worse conditions than you are experiencing, and **he** probably finished in Ship Shape Bristol Fashion. And **he** makes you feel you can too. His rock steady approach to things and his unrivaled knowledge of ALL things boating make all of us fortunate enough to spend any time with him better skippers and better people for it. His sense of optimism is contagious. The seriousness in which **he** commands his own boats is a true reflection of a man to whom boating is not just a hobby but a lifelong profession.

As we approached the Yacht Club docks **he** was up like a rabbit and had the fenders out and lines in his hand before I could even cut the motor. I said thanks to him for coming along. And **he** replied, "No, thank you." When I asked why **he** thanked me for such a miserable ride he simply replied "That was the first time I've ever been in a Garwood, I hope Dad doesn't mind." I was flabbergasted. At 80 years old, I had just given Chris Smith his first ride in a Garwood.

Chris Smith is a one in million. The real deal as they say. A true American Treasure and Icon. My wife and I consider ourselves lucky to be able to call him friend. And we look forward to many years of cultivating that relationship . And I still remember well, and always will, that afternoon squall.

Tom Lange , Boulder, Co.

2012 RMCC Event Schedule Set at Annual Meeting

Dates	Event
January 13-15	Denver Boat Show/Colorado Convention Center Coordinator Jeff Waco at jeff54@earthlink.net or 303/421-3141
PROPOSED: February TBD Kathy & Tom Lange may host this event. Still under discussion.	Fall in Love with Classic Boats/Boulder, CO Coordinators: Tom & Kathy Lange at tklange@msn.com or 303-447-1738
March 1-4	55th Annual Colorado RV, Sports, Boat & Travel Show National Western Complex, Denver, CO; Coordinator: John Stiller at john.stiller@qwest.com or 303-670-6837.
June 9	2011 RMCC Shakedown Cruise Lake Loveland, Loveland, CO Coordinator: Rich Ball at lu_ball@msn.com or 970-667-3965
July 14	Grand Lake Antique Boat Show /Grand Lake, Co Coordinator: Chris and Bob Braaf at bbraaf@msn.com or 970-887-2210.
August TBD	Frisco Boat Show/Frisco, CO Coordinator: Bill Tordoff at amsiinc@cs.com or 970-409-9224
Late August/Early September	Horsetooth Reservoir/Ft. Collins, CO Coordinator: Doug Brown at woodworking@earthlink.net or 970-635-2466
September 16-19 September 19-22	ACBS, Pre-Event Classic Wake on the Lake ACBS, Annual Meeting Big Cedar Lodge, Table Rock Lake, MO
October 6	Sloan's Lake Rendezvous/Denver, CO Coordinator: Mike Novick at michaelnovick@msn.com or 720-244-3376



Makin' Time for the Important Things, by Kathy Lange

Looking around the room at the RMCC Annual Meeting, I came to a realization that we are all getting older. Getting old is NOT for wimps! Many have fought health issues over the past year, some more recently than others, some have endured emotional or financial hardships.

Somehow, no matter what the battle, we were all there together at that time sharing in laughs, dinner, drinks and tall tales and left feeling stronger, refreshed and happier. Many years ago someone very close to me said that it went way beyond boats....we are friends,

boaters and share a common passion for the entire package of what this hobby means to us.

Every time I see all of you, it makes me glad to be alive and makes me feel like a kid all over again. In the struggle that is sometimes life, you are my inspiration to keep makin' time for the important things.

Got Some Flotsam: Bits and pieces of Chapter History by Chip Taft, Chapter Historian



Installment #5

In 2002 and 2003, the 5th and 6th years of our club saw highs and lows, (figuratively), new members, new boats, and new show venues. I don't think the founders envisioned that we'd be as large and as active a club as we were by these two years.

Year 2002 was a busy summer for the club even though the state was in extreme drought with low water levels in most of our navigable lakes. Boy! and fires everywhere. Bob and June sweated it out for a time! But, we got through it all. Remember the second annual Frisco Frolic, June 23? We had to move over to Dillon to be able to get on the lake (now Frisco is our

premier, in-water event!) July 20, and we were at Grand Lake (and at the Yacht Club) for our 5th annual. This lake NEVER gets low, but it CAN get rough, and we seemed to find every thunderstorm!

Bob and June Moharter unveiled their very rare Dodge water-car. (Nice hat and socks Bob!) Mark Zemple brought a beautiful 1947 Century Seamaid. It was really neat to see new boats in the club. Navajo Reservoir, while also low, had plenty of water and a super poker run. I won second place, receiving a hand painted boat bumper (from Lauri Schell) I still have it in my office. The hosts of these shows are still members of our club!!!

Our second year up at Lake Loveland for the shakedown cruise was great, and it's getting better all the time, right up to this summer (June 11')

New venues for 2003 were the May 3rd static show at the Brass Armadillo, well attended and organized by Tom and Kathy Lange. A new in-water event was held at Alcova Reservoir, 25 miles west of Casper, Wyo. Here's a jewel of a lake, including a wonderful, mysterious canyon with huge, high walls on the west end of the lake. This event was hosted by Linda and Charlie Peak (see my other article in this newsletter). The Navajo reservoir event had to be cancelled due to extremely low water. (I think a perpetual drought exists in southern Colorado. Well! it is considered, high desert!) Wayne and Bill to the rescue! at Dillon Reservoir, (which had not been scheduled), once again offering their time and talent. Thanks; guys. We still love it, 8 years later!

Thank you, to all members who joined our club during these years, including Jim and Rhonda, and are still with us and helping out. The founding members do appreciate it!

Enough for now! More later, unless you cry uncle!!!!!!!!

RMCC Members Elect New Officers at 2011 Annual Meeting

On Saturday, October 15, members of the Rocky Mountain Classics Chapter of the ACBS enjoyed Italian at Abrusci's as they held their 2011 annual meeting. When the votes were tallied, the 2012 Officers and Directors were announced:

President – Bob Phillip Vice President – Tom Lange
Secretary – Vickie Rutkowski Treasurer – Charlie Simons
Director – Charlie Geuin

Charlie joins the other directors, Jim Brooks, Mike Rutkowski, and Doug Brown. Bob passed the gavel from his left hand to his right in the transfer of power, and noted this was the first time in politics that the right hand knew what the left hand was doing.

Also at this meeting, Bob presented the President's Cup Award to Vickie Rutkowski for her work as Secretary and as The Bilge Pump Editor.

After the meeting, Rhonda & Jim McGaughy raffled several goody bags, netting \$92 for the club treasury. Thank you, Jim & Rhonda!



Bob presents the President's Cup to Vickie.
Photo compliments of Mike Novick.

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