57th Annual Houston Boat Show

Reliant Center January 4 – 13, 2013



The Southwest Chapter of ACBS cordially invites chapter members to once display boats at this world class boat show. We have also invited members of the Texas Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club to join us in showing their outboard boats and motors. We have enough shared space for 15 boats and several clusters of motors.

This is a great way to further continued interest in our great hobby. As a fan of antique and classic boats, if you haven't experienced this show, you will be in for a treat. Our oasis of old woodies and motors is surrounded by dealers hawking over 4000 new plastic boats with motors that look like oversize parasitic transom snails. It is really great to see the expressions on the faces of hundreds of folks attending the show when they look at our stuff. Our displays draw on deep memories and often spark conversations like, "My dad or granddad use to have this or that..." or "Do you remember...?" and more. We catch a lot of visitors who ask some of the most interesting questions and <u>vou</u> get to be the "go-to" guy with your hobby experience and knowledge.

We would like for interested members to consider the following:

- First...come show your boats.
- Come and help with the set-up/takedown of our display (Thursday Jan 3rd (tba) and Sunday Jan 13th after 5 PM).
- If you are showing your boat we kindly need your help to man the display booth and answer questions. We need at least one person at the booth during the weekdays and two folks especially on the weekends.

- SW ACBS is also sponsoring the "Kids Build a Boat" at our display area on the weekend days of the show. This is a lot of fun and you are invited to help our builder team coach the kids working this project.
- Show entry for exhibiting booth workers is free, as is access to the Exhibitor VIP booth for complimentary weekend evening hors d'oeuvre. FYI, we have a limited roster for our club exhibitors so we can't admit all our club members on "the freebie" en mass.

Show hours are:

Friday Jan 4, 1 PM to 8 PM Saturday Jan 5, 10 AM to 8 PM Sunday Jan 6, 11 AM to 8 PM Mon to Fri, Jan 7-11, 1 PM to 8 PM Saturday Jan 12, 10 AM to 8 PM Sunday Jan 13, 11 AM to 5 PM

Di Johnson from SW ACBS and Adam Finn from the TX AOMC are helping to organize this event and are encouraging good participation from both club's members. Please contact either:

Di @ 281-682-0968, email – <u>dijohnson47@comcast.net</u> or

Adam @ 713-823-4091, email – <u>afinn59@sbcglobal.net</u>.

This is all being done for fun to further interest in our great hobby. Y'all come on down and bring your motors and boats. Hear?

Thanks for your support,

Di Johnson and Adam Finn