

The Bow

President's Message

Christmas is almost here. Hopefully, some of us will find Chris Craft or Century accessories under the tree this year.

Once again, The Southwest Chapter sponsored four in-the-water classic boat shows and one indoor show. The indoor Houston Boat Show at Reliant Center, comes up again January 4-14th. Those of you that would like to display your boat, can contact Pat Croasdale at 281-890-9649 to make arrangements. She is also looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. The Boating Trades Association is always generous to give us space at the entrance to the show, so we have a lot of visibility.

The North Texas WBA Banquet will be held on January 19, 2008. This annual event kicks off the year of events in the Dallas area. Anyone interested in attending can contact Bob Van Guilder 972-625-8950. Their activities can also be viewed on the Wooden Boat Association web site.

The first in-the-water boat show of the year, will be the Keels and Wheels, in May. Bob Fuller will be mailing show information soon. You can also check out the Keels and Wheels web site for more information.

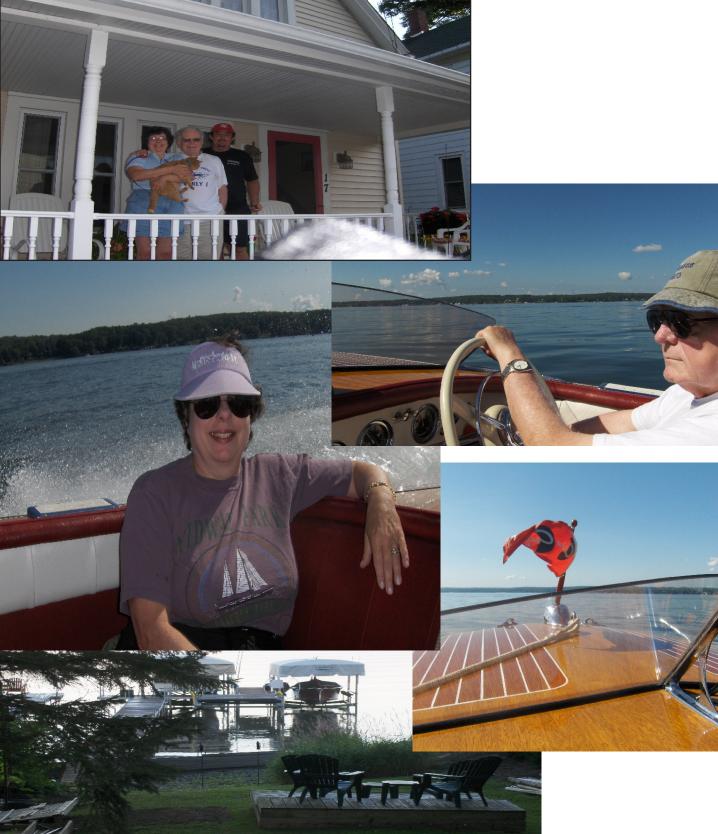
There will be a lot of opportunities to participate in Southwest Chapter events in 2008. If you have ideas, opinions, want to volunteer or hold office, contact me or any of the other Southwest Chapter officers.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2008

Robert Black

Weekend with the Baldwins!

Your editor had an opportunity to spend the weekend on Lake Chautauqua (in Western New York) with the Bill and Pat Baldwins. Beautiful lake, Merlin ran terrific, the Chautauqua Institution was fascinating, and...GREAT FRIENDS. That's what boating is all about.



Classic Wedding

On Saturday, August 18, one of the most beautiful boats in the Southwest Chapter was assigned to a very unique service.

Christie Nalle's 28' water taxi, Natte', transported Lieutenant and Mrs. Jordan Nalle, USMC, to and from their wedding reception, which was held on the grounds of the Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve on Lake Austin. The guests were totally surprised when the bride and groom arrived at the party by boat. Natte' announced her and her passengers' presence with long blasts from her air horns. During the wedding reception, the entire fleet of the Bunny Run Yacht Club was on display - the Natte', the Dawn Treader, and Major Woody. The food and drinks were great and a good time was had by all.

The wedding that preceded the reception was held at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin. A number of Marine Corps officers were in attendance and the newly married couple departed down the aisle through the traditional Saber Arch. This ceremony brought a tear to the eyes of at least two grown men.

Lieutenant Nalle, USMC, was commissioned in May immediately after his graduation from Texas A&M. He soon will be headed to Virginia for additional training. Semper Fi!



Jan Ueckert

2008 Calendar

- January 19 WBA annual meeting Dallas
- February? SWC ACBS Board Meeting/Keels and Wheels planning Lakewood Yacht Club
- May 2-4 Keels and Wheels & ACBS board meeting Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook
- June ?? Lake Conroe Ride-N-Show??????
- June 7 Eagle Mountain Boat Club Show
- August 22-24 ACBS/WBA RideNShow & ACBS board meeting-Lake Lewisville
- October 3-5 ACBS/Lake LBJ boat Club Boat Show and ACBS annual Meeting

As always, everything is tentative...be sure and check with a board member before packing your bags!



More pictures of the wedding... Just who is that dapper silver haired guy in the driver's seat? Could it be...the infamous Ed Ueckert?



New member Brian Felder of New Braunfels winding out that mighty Ford small block.



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The misseses...Staci Felder and Rhonda Wolfe enjoying that "big boat ride" on the Shepherd.

Lake Lewisville Ride-N-

Show Here are some - as yet unseen - pics from the Lake Lewisville Ride-N-Show this past August. Notice how full the lake is. This is not photoshop! Whether or not we brought boats to the function, we all had a great time!



Bob VanGuilder's Hemi Dart awaiting a ride at Sneakey Pete's floating docks.

You might say that these aren't timely, but we are spreading the pics of the shows out over the four issues...

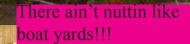
More pics from Lake Lewisville. A

boathouse big enough for Jacob Deegan. The "Austin Contingent." Reminscing at Hundley's Chris Craft Dealership. Jim Wolfe's "that thing gotta Hemi in it?" Coronado. And Mark Webster's beautifully restored XK-22 both stuck on the trailer... and entertaining.

> Check the site lately? You had better...you're mug might be there!!! http://www.southwest-acbs.org/

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Stuff found in a boat yard when the editor was driving through Rockport, Texas in September. How about the structural integrity of that 'glass over ply shrimpboat.

And old Hatteras 41s are beautiful...one 'glass boat deserving of the name "Vintage". Jim Frechette can probably tell us more about the sedan cruiser on the upper left.

> Anyone want to repair that double planked Owens?



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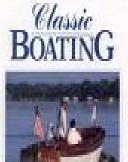


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Celebrities in the making...

Notice how the recent issues of Classic Boating are just clogged with our brethren? The Featured Hill Country show of last year. The **Nalle's** beautiful dory, and now **Mike Friesel**'s stunning Chris *Current Affair*!!!



Can you believe this stuff in Lewisville???

A Navion grounded! And...Lucky's \$225 paint jobs. I'll say!

Right Next to Carroll Shelby's car lot (on the door) - write me up that there GT-500, will ya!

Wooden Bikers Club?

Non boating related...Members Roy and Zoe Stanfield, and editorial brother Craig rode to Boerne during the Harvest Classic (always in Luckenbach) weekend during October to have lunch with Fred Adams. Compared to our Honda and Moto Guzzi rides, his Bourget (we think that means ... custom and rare!) was a real attention getter. He had the wait staff at his beck and call.

A-lister Ron Stein at the Ferrari Club extravaganza - Highland Village in Houston, Texas. Dave Parker would have attended...but there was moisture in the air! Its good Dave has different weather guidelines when using the boat!

