



# SOUTHWESTER

The Southwest Chapter—Antique & Classic Boat Society newsletter serving Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

Fall 2010

## *Presidents Message*

*October 2010*

*Chapter Members & Friends,*

*Once again, Fall is upon us; although most of us in Texas can't tell much difference from summer. I'm hoping that you all had a fun filled and safe summer of boating.*

*As summer draws to a close, I'd like to remind each of you of our upcoming fall event - The 28th Annual Austin/Hill Country Wooden Boat Show. This year's show will again be held at the Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club on beautiful Lake LBJ, October 14th – 17th. If you need information regarding the show, you can contact Scott Reichardt at 830-598-4661.*

*I hope to see as many of you there as possible.*

*Warmest Regards,*

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Day  
1! fresh  
out of a res-  
toration!



## Lake Conroe Rendezvous 2010

Late this past June we held our Lake Conroe Rendezvous. Due to Hurricane Ike, and the subsequent drought and draining of the water to re-pair the dam, it was the first in several years. We decided, in resurrecting the event, we would re-start as a one day event – although some of us started on Friday, and continued well into Sunday.

The event officially started at 10 am on the Saturday morning of June 26th - meeting at the newly opened April Plaza Marina-Hotel. The facilities were easy to get to, had a great boat ramp and good docks, and a newly renovated “no frills” hotel.

We caravanned from there to Sams Boat for lunch, a fleet of 15-odd boats and a distance of probably 5 miles by boat (but only 2.5 by car). The morning lake waters were fairly smooth for Lake Conroe. Sam's Boat is casual dining, with great boat docks on the Highway 105 side of the lake and college-age dock masters ready to squelch the crackling of planks. We filled every dock fronting the restaurant with classics. Once there, about 20 of us casually dined for lunch, then departed to mess around for the afternoon in various parts of the lake.



In  
calmer waters...



Saturday  
night.





**Smoking by!**



**How  
'bout that  
Classic Alumi-  
num!**



**Riviera!!!**



**Biminis were the  
rage!**



**Beautiful Century Resorter!!**



**Unique late  
'50's Chris.**



**What  
a  
sweet  
boat!**

**We had our fair share of tows...being on both ends of the line. One Chris Craft had a fuel problem and was able to receive a tow from an awesome Century Resorter, another Chris Craft had a vapor lock (but was able to fire up just as a trusty Ford powered Century Arabian came to the rescue), and our resident Yellow Jacket did the towing of a non-participant's quite large tri-hull boat. Ever try to tow a big heavy boat with a small & light one? It's a good thing Macaluso is a veteran Captain!**

**One thing about lakes, notably Lake Conroe, is that the amateurs come out in the afternoons (especially summer weekend afternoons) and the lake gets extremely choppy. Some say the lake being mostly bulkheaded contributes to this but, whatever reason, it gets rough! Especially for flat bottomed Centurys. This Saturday was no exception, and it was a long slog back to the more quiet cove of the host marina. Some of us went "messaging around" and at least Fred Burban - along with his grandson and some of the Century owners - went over to the La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa and hung out for refreshments and tell lies.**

**The Daughertys hosted an afternoon reception. Btw, have you noticed how much more special it is to have an event at someone's home? Its much more relaxing and intimate than a resort or restaurant. Anyways, about 5 in the afternoon we found ourselves at the waterfront home of John and Debbie's, where they hosted hors d'oeuvres. Some of us came by car, and others by boat, but at this point, there were about 30 of us, sunbeat and tired, and having a great time. The Daugherty's place is great for socializing, as John has 4 covered boat houses, a full waterfront kitchen, all backing up to the pool and overlooking the choicest part of the lake. A great time was had by all! Most of us left from there, and drug back to the hotel (with at least one caravan stopping by the editor's new digs in the low rent district of the lake).**

**Sunday morning at least two of the participants (Gary and Lupita Hoyle and Dale Lipps and his guest), went out for early Sunday morning cruises for breakfast. The rest of us drug out of bed and put our toys up. A great weekend with friends and boats, and no major mechanical mayhem.**



**Yes.  
we arranged the sunset.**

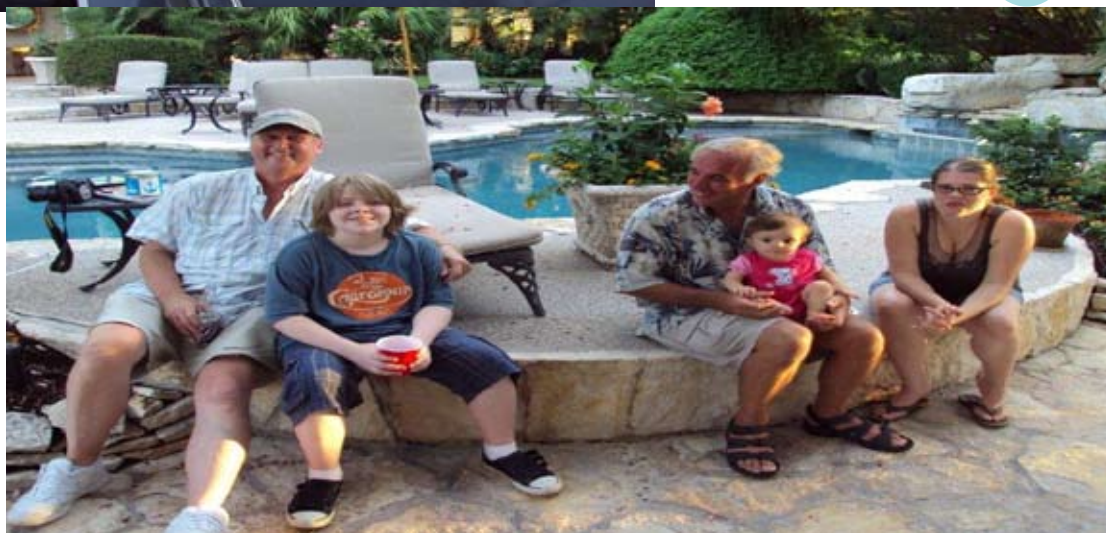




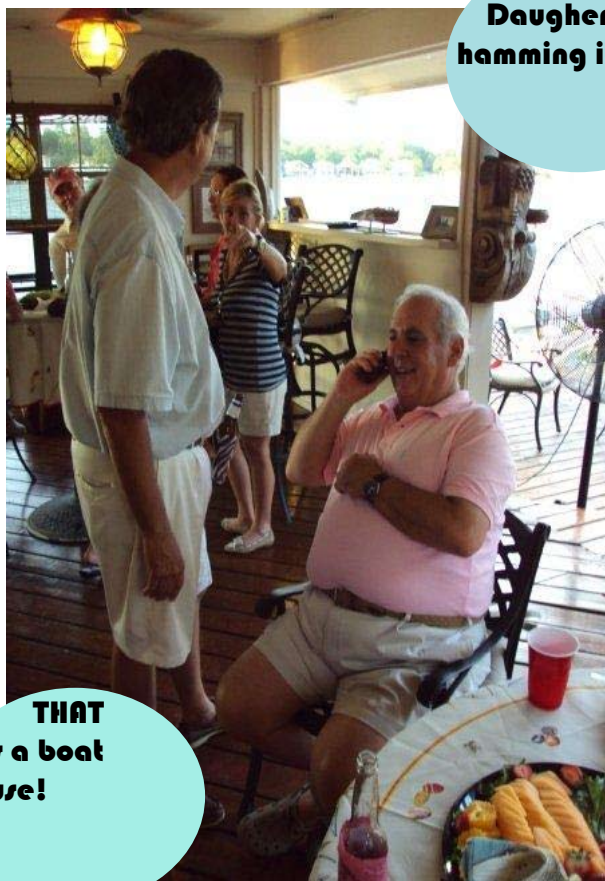
**Departing from home in their cruiser.**



**Great time!**



**Beautiful setting for a party!**



**The Daughtertys hamming it up!**

**THAT is a boat house!**







**First launch.**



**Wet and ready for the second half of the day.**



**Saturday night in the boat house!**



**Sam's Boat for lunch.**



**Resting by the pool.**



**OOOOOPS!**



**Be  
there  
or be  
square!**

## **Annual Hill Country/ Austin Boat Show**

**Note:**  
This poster  
is for the Sat-  
urday SHOW....  
hence the date.  
Scott and his crew  
put out the poster  
in local busi-  
nesses.

# **28th Annual Hill Country Wooden Boat Show**



**Saturday, October 16th  
12 Noon until 4pm  
Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club  
Free Admission**

- \* **Friday River Cruise**
- \* **Friday night dinner at the home of Pam & Scott Reichardt**
- \* **Saturday Boat Show at Horseshoe Bay Marina**
- \* **Saturday night dinner at Horseshoe Bay Resort**

**Information is available at [www.southwest-acbs.org](http://www.southwest-acbs.org) or  
Scott Reichardt at [hsbadmiral@hotmail.com](mailto:hsbadmiral@hotmail.com), 830-598-4661  
Show Date October 15-16th**



# North Texas WBA Ride N'Show

The North Texas WBA, Ride N' Show, has become an annual event for us. It is always held on Lake Lewisville on the North Side of Dallas.

The Friday night program included a dinner at Al and Sara Kroemer's horse farm. Al turns his air- conditioned, furnished garage, (rivaled only by Clay Thompson's), into a Texas Bar-B-Que. Al is an active car collector in addition to wooden boats. After dinner guests are provided a tour of the stables to see Sara's collection of draft horses.



**Taking  
delivery of his  
new Gar Wood!**

The show on Saturday was held at a new location this year, the Pier 121 Marina. There was ample dock space and the facilities included a covered outdoor bar and grill. As you can see in some of the photos, there was a good representation of Classic Glass in addition to wood. The Ride N' Show format gives members an opportunity to use their boats all day Saturday and Sunday morning.



**Ain't nuttin like  
a HEMI!**

**Friday  
night.**



**Beautiful  
turned brass dash.**



**Dinner Saturday night was at the home of Jim and Rhonda Wolfe. Jim also has a garage with air conditioning. You are probably beginning to notice there is a higher standard in the Dallas wooden boat world. Jim and Rhonda have recently finished an extensive remodel of their home. They even enlisted some of their closest friends to be servers and bartenders. We suspect there will probably be a pay back in the near future. What great hospitality.**



**Ask  
a male participant  
about this picture...**



**Sat-  
urday night  
dinner at the Wolfe  
Garage mahal.**



**Cozy!!!**



**fleet send-  
off!!!!**









## ***"Badges? We don't need no stinkin' badges!"***

or do we...

**NAME BADGES** – Any new members who have not received name badges, contact Robert Black, blackd@earthlink.net. List names as you want them to appear. Replacement badges are also available to old members for \$ 3.50 each.

Anyone wearing a pacemaker should request a pin badge instead of a magnet.

***Eastbound and down, loaded up  
and truckin'***

***Ah we gonna do what they say  
can't be done***

***We've got a long way to go, and  
a short time to get there  
I'm eastbound, just watch old  
Bandit run***

***Keep your foot hard on the ped-  
al Son, never mind them brakes  
Let it all hang out cause we got  
a run to make***

***The boys are thirsty in Atlanta  
and there's beer in Texarkana  
We'll bring it back no matter  
what it takes...***



***Sightings along the shores of lake lewisville. Courtesy of Burt, Sally, Jerry  
and PONTIAC!!!***



***I must  
be missing something.  
And...the bow has a huge swan  
carved in wood!***

## **Quote of the issue...**

In a discussion on the commander.com website talking about the 63 coats of varnish and the lack of laminated wood on one of Van Dam's latest and greatest...

***"I suspect that Van Dam would consider that a crime against history.***

***Speaking with the Van Dam rep there, I was told that this boat required  
about 6000 hours of labor.***

***Think of that - actual ORGANIZED purposeful labor. Not that beer tainted  
fumbling while listening to the radio that I like to put in."***