



Fall 2019

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*The Southwest Chapter-Antique & Classic Boat Society
serving Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.*

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An LBJ PICTORAL!



The Bow.... Our Southwest Chapter president's message

Ahoy Captains and Boatresses!

We had a great showing at Lake LBJ this October, a key fall event for us. Thanks very much to Scott, Pam, Jim and Cindy for pulling this together. We are fortunate to have members on the lake with the passion to organize and execute. If you were not able to make it, please plan to attend next year.

As the rest of the country has put their boats away for the winter, we - the lucky ones - are still enjoying the beauty of living in the south. We can go boating during the holidays and sporadically throughout the winter. Let us not forget to be safe out there and always help our fellow boaters.

Our next Southwest events are the Reliant indoor exposition in early January (tied with the marine dealers of the greater Houston area) and Keels and Wheels. Contact John Platou to volunteer for the Reliant exposition. Keels and Wheels is the first weekend in May. This May it will be the 25th anniversary of Keels and Wheels so let's start getting those boats ready for a great event! Century—the Thoroughbred of Boats, and Yellow Jackets will be the featured marque.

As the year comes to a close and we look back at the good times boating and getting **together with family, whether by blood or by boats, let's all take a moment to remember those that we lost and remember how they have changed our lives by being with them. It's a great time to tell our loved ones how much we care for them while they are here with us.**

Karen and I would like to wish you all a Happy Holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Brian





Jim Snell, a long time member of the Southwest Chapter, passed away this November. He was an avid boater. Above he's pictured with his adoring wife Patsy onboard the 46' Chris Craft Constellation "Finale".

This yacht had taken them on many long trips with its mighty 427 Fords. They've cruised the country from South Padre Island to the Statue of Liberty and the Bahamas. They were regular participants of the Keels and Wheels Concours, and either brought their Constellation or a smaller runabout, but always a Chris Craft.

Jim had put his yacht up for sale just before he passed. It is understood Finale has been acquired by a member of the Chris Craft family. In this case, ownership has gone full circle, as she was built for one of the Smith family members way back in 1966.

Jim was survived by his wife Patsy, and a number of children and grand children, and many friends.

The Colorado River Cruise on Friday

A long established tradition by Jim Frechette, the cruise had a dozen boats and more revelers.



Modern and vintage, all were welcome





A big lunch with good docking, and then off to give the boats some needed rest at the Frechette hacienda.





Friday night's dinner at the yacht club at Horseshoe Bay. A young attendee arrived by boat, carefully mooring his vessel.





A beautiful Saturday morning arrived for the show in the heart of Horseshoe Bay





More on the show that was open to the public. Plenty of time for socializing and telling about our passions.





Boats of all kinds.
Owners and restorers
of all ages!





A wide range of vintage boats were in place at the show.





Fifties,
forties,
sixties,
seventies,
eighties







Checking the massive engines, and comparing notes.

Are those holes in the paddle?





Classic metalflake,
Classic lapstrake,
Classic Century's.
Classic Whalers!







Saturday evening's affair had everyone in a great mood reminiscing the past 2 days amongst good food and libations.











Ahhhh, the Sunday DoNut run!







Southwest's Safety Corner

Check it once, check it twice courtesy of the editor.

Its lay-up time, folks. A time that we in the South **have to maybe, perhaps winterize.** It's a great time to drain those pipes and to do a once-over,

Items that I do (Im no expert, and no one knows your boat better than you!)



When hauling the last time, I fire up the engines dry for a very short period of time (seconds) to shoot the water out. Note that many smart folks here run antifreeze through the engines. This, no doubt, is the safest way to winterize the drivetrain. In my case, I just drain the manifolds and blocks.**but know your boat!**

Use blue tape on the engine, note the date and what you've done. In my case it said "12.15.19, 2 petcocks, disconnect thermostat hoses" on each of the Holman Moody Fords.

Make sure its sitting on the trailer appropriately for the expected duration of 60-90 days. Not crooked.



Turn off the batteries.
Clean the topsides and bottom..
Go through the cockpit/cabin
throwing out the old empties,
wrappers, all the junk that accumulated on those party cruises during 2019.

Chamois the top. Clean the upholstery.

Crank up the bow so that any moisture runs out the drain plug (that has been removed and stored in a logical place).

Using blue tape again, place a note of anything you need to remember before going out next time. In my case, the note said **"shortie screw driver in bilge"** so that when I have time and warmth, I would remember to fish the tool out of the bilge.

And, if your memory is as bad as mine, remember that your **phone is your friend. Take pics. That way, when you're enjoying** quiet time in Bora Bora for the holidays, and an anxiety attack occurs about your beloved boat, you can ck those pics!!!!

Cover her, and lastly, give that baby a hug!!!
After all, its cold out there!



Upcoming Events

Jan 3-12, 2020

Houston Intl Boat Sport & Travel Shw
NRG Center
Houston, Texas

March 19-22, 2020

Sunnyland Boat Festival/River Cruise
Wooten Park
Tavares, Florida

May 1-3, 2020

Keels and Wheels 25th Anniversary
Seabrook, Texas(
EarlyBird Cruise to dinner April 30th.

Sept 14-19, 2020

ACBS International Show
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Oct 2020

Austin/Hill Country Lake LBJ SHOW-
and Colorado River Cruise
Southwest Chapter ACBS
Horseshoe Bay, Texas

As always, please confirm with a board member. These are tentative dates, especially those furthest away.

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From the editor...

Craig here. Its almost 2020!!!!
Lets get involved, and use our boats! NRG, Keels and Wheels, LBJ, you get the idea.

As always, we're looking for stories, antidotes, and histories of your beloved boats.

Send me an email at rancherox1@yahoo.com.
And if you don't feel like writing, I can call you and take notes on your story. I promise you'll get veto rights before publication!

See ya on the water!
Craig