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

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A message from your Southwest Chapter President

Season's Greetings,

Lisa and I had a busy Fall. In September we attended *the International Show in Burlington, Vermont*. It was a mostly uneventful drive there and back pulling Encore. We had a great time at the show. If you have not yet been to an ACBS International Show, I strongly recommend it. There were lots of activities in the days leading up to the actual show with plenty of opportunities for boating on beautiful Lake Champlain and catching up with friends and acquaintances. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on how you look at it, there were no actual Champ sightings! The 2023 show will be September 10-16 at the Bay Harbor Resort in the Petoskey-Charlevoix Indian River Region of Upper Michigan.



The *Hill Country Show at Lake LBJ* in October was well attended with perfect weather. Thanks again to Pam and Scott Reichardt for their awesome hospitality. The **Crusin' Lake Lewsville** event the following weekend, put on by the WBA of North Texas, was a very enjoyable event as well.



In November we attended the International Board's annual budget meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The Blue Ridge Chapter members displayed several of their boats at the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance and invited the Board to be the their guests. This was the first time for us to go to a Concours D'Elegance event other than Keels & Wheels. Their event is held on a Country Club golf course, so of course all of the boats were on trailers. Not as much fun as putting them in the waster, but lots of beautiful cars and boats to look at and enjoy. Our hosts arranged for a wonderful sunset cruise on Friday.

Planning is currently underway for our Spring 2023 events. The 2nd annual Lake Conroe Rendezvous will be April 22nd. The 27th edition of Keels & Wheels is scheduled for May 6-7. So start making your plans to attend both of these events now. Lisa and I are also hoping to make it back to Florida in March for the **Sunnyland Chapter's Lake Dora Show at Tavares. We also want to attend a Heartland Chapter event if we can fit on into the schedule.**

Happy Varnishing,

Lindy Robinson



Lake LBJ Show—October 2022

By Lisa Robinson, photos by Lisa Robinson and Craig Stanfield

The 27th Edition of the Hill Country Ride & Show took place October 7-9, 2022, at the Horseshoe Bay Resort on beautiful Lake LBJ. It was a stunning fall weekend, with nice weather and nicer boating.

Half a dozen boats made the Friday **“Lunch Run” to Kingsland**, followed by a relaxing ride back to Horseshoe Bay. The Friday evening dinner buffet on the docks gave everyone a chance to socialize and enjoy a beautiful sunset.

Saturday morning was filled with more boat launching and quick runs on the lake prior to the show. There were about 20 boats at the docks for the Saturday show. More boating af-



Sunday morning started early with breakfast donuts and coffee **at the Frechette's lakefront** home in Sunrise Beach Village. Back at the resort, more loading-out of boats took place after breakfast and most were on the road back home by Sunday Afternoon.

As with all Antique and Classic Boat Shows, there were plenty of opportunities to assist fellow boat owners with tows, mechanical advice and assistance, boat launching and retrieval, leak repair, and other fun activities. One of my favorite aspects of the club is the willingness of everyone to help their fellow boat owners. Another is being able to meet with old friends and make new ones.

Once again, a very successful show with lots of boating on a beautiful Texas Hill Country Lake.

















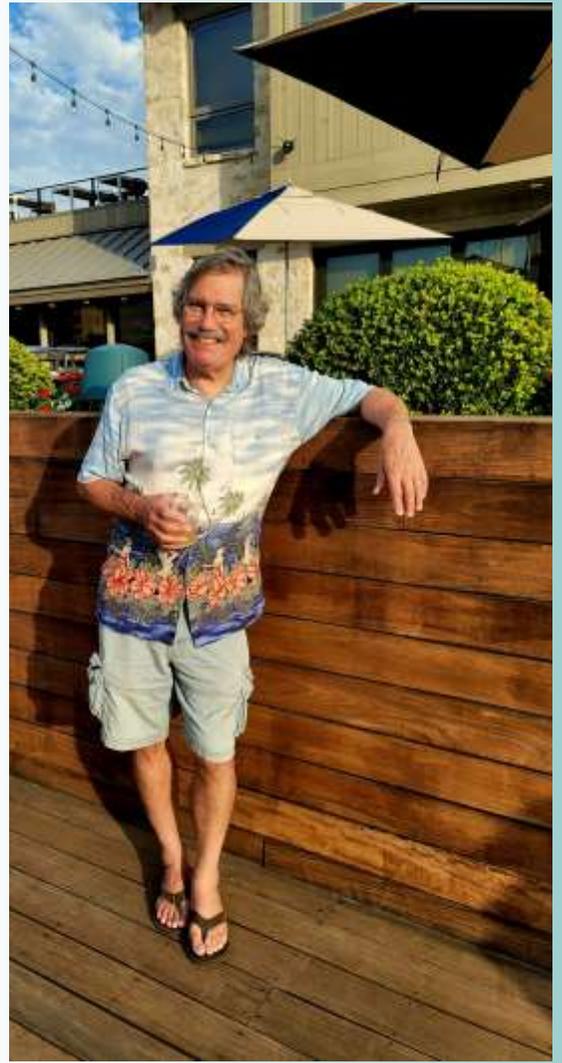


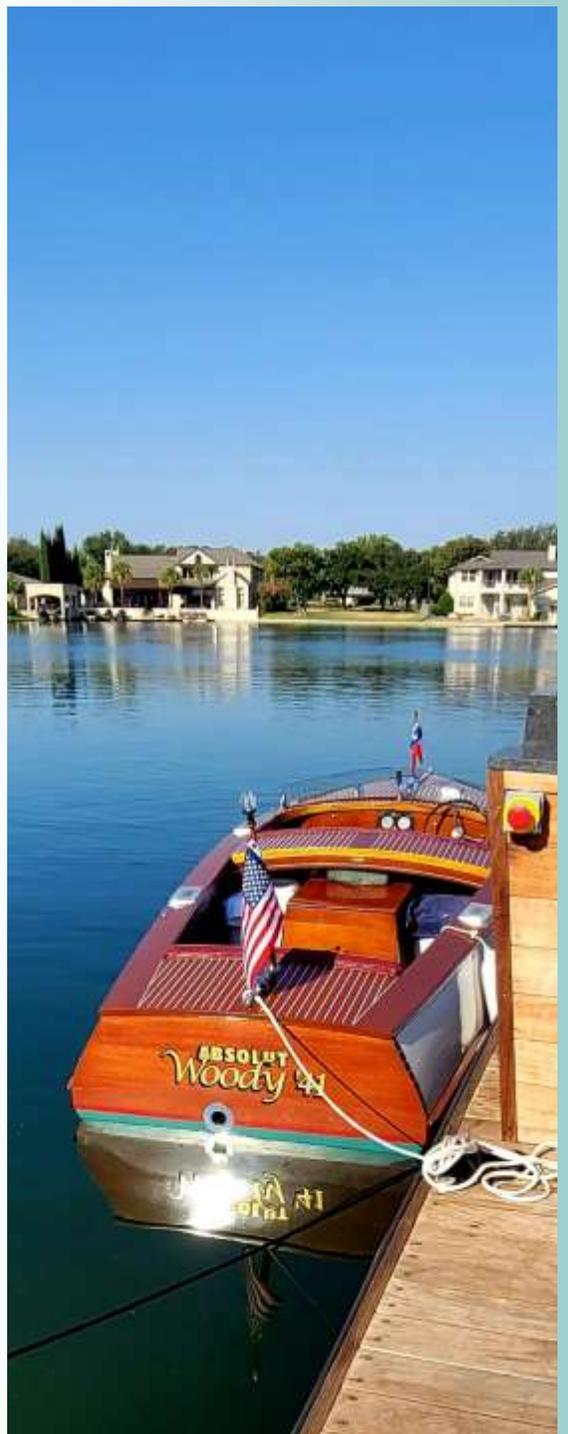


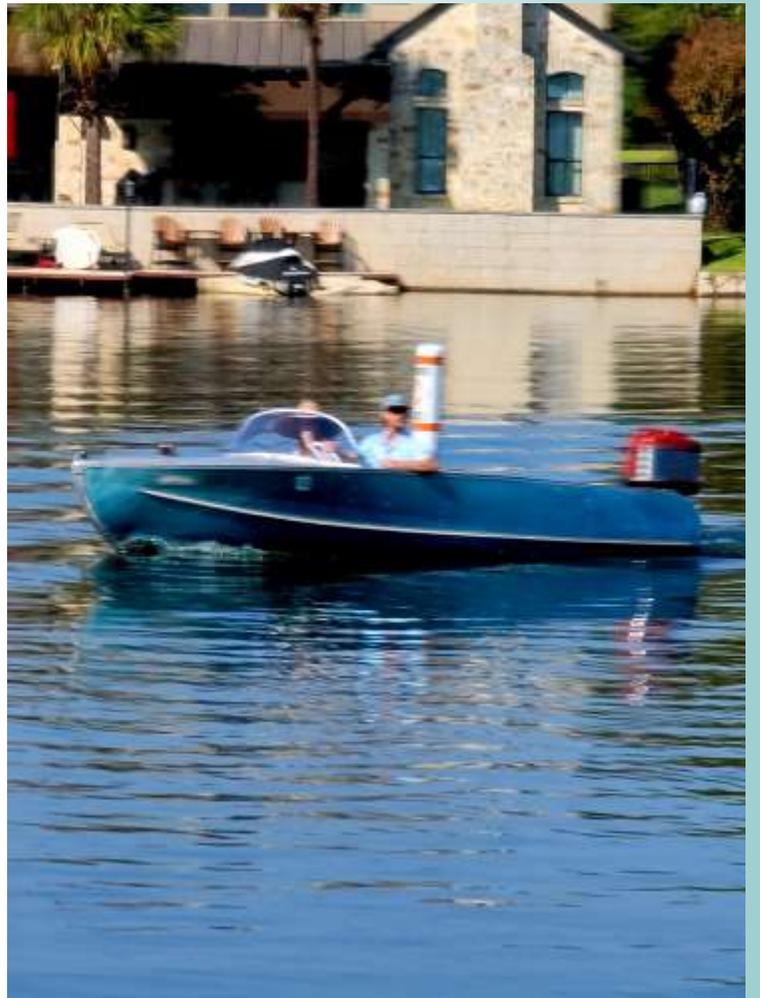








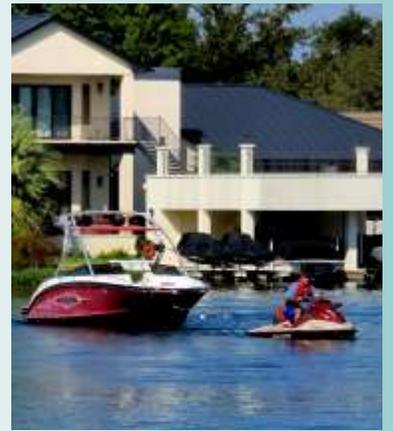










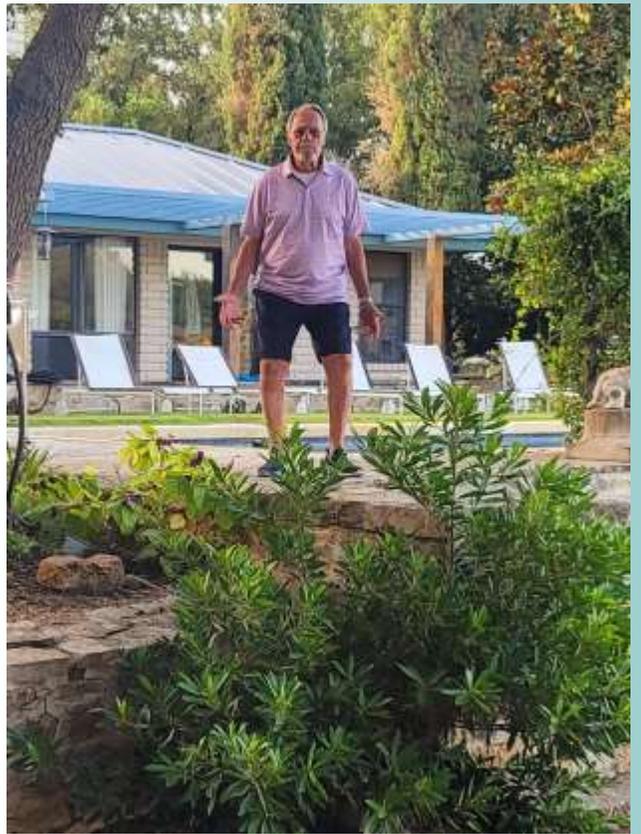
















Southwest's Safety Corner

By Lindy Robinson

Preparing your trailer for the “Long Haul”

While most of our journeys are reasonably close to home, requiring minimal trailer prep, we sometimes decide to go further afield with a boat in tow. These occasions require additional thought given to the condition of the trailer that our treasured boats ride on.

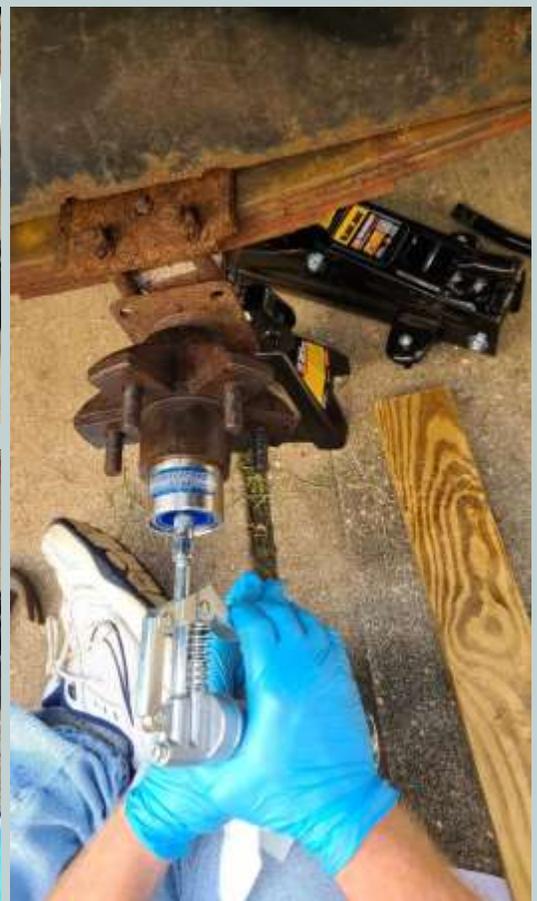
In addition to the overall condition of your trailer, there are three primary things to consider. These are lights, tires, and wheel bearings—not necessarily in that order. The trailer lights should be checked prior to each trip, regardless of the distance being traveled. The tires should be in good condition and inflated to the proper pressure, including the spare. In most circumstances, trailer tires suffer from age and rot long before the tread wears down. Wheel bearings should be greased at least once a year and checked prior to each trip. Occasionally, the bearings should be completely cleaned and re-packed.

Prior to our recent trip (a 5000 mile trip) to Vermont with “Encore”, I decided it was time to fully service the trailer’s wheel bearings. We have owned the Chris Craft for several years and I had no idea when the last full service was (and not being able to find someone else that I could pay to do it and finish in time), I decided to tackle the job myself. Its not a difficult job, it just takes some time if you haven’t done it in a while. The most difficult part is changing out the rear seals (if you are that far into it, you might as well complete the job). Having the proper tool to remove the old seals definitely helps. After removing the hub from the axle and wiping the extracted bearings clean, check to make sure the bearings roll freely in the races. They should not exhibit any signs of unusual wear or rust. If they are rusty or worn, it would be best to replace them. Also wipe clean and inspect the spindle that the bearings ride on. Reassemble everything in the reverse order repacking with fresh grease as you go. Enjoy the attached photos.



Safety

One thing I learned is that you should go back on with a new set of bearing buddies. When they are mounted onto a hub, they compress slightly to create a tight fit. When you remove them from the hub and then put them back on, they will never be as tight again. They can easily come off and disappear mid trip (ask me now I know!).



Upcoming Events

March 23-26, 2023

Sunnyland boat Festival

Tavares, Florida

April 21-23, 2023

Lake Conroe Rendevous

Margaritaville, Lake Conroe

May 4-7, 2023

Keels and Wheels

Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas

October, 2023, dates and details to follow

Lake LBJ Hillcountry Ride n Show

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

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

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Musings from the editor...

**Nice writings,
those volunteers
Lisa and Lindy's prose
Brought me to tears.**

**We need some substance
For the next newsletter
As we're in-between events
A dry spell and not for the better**

**How about a story
About your years
When you were impressionable
And had no fears**

**Just how did you learn
To enjoy wooden boats
Instead of succumbing
To what makes the majority float.**

Below, 3 Century owners telling lies at Lake LBJ



**So while you're celebrating
and drinking eggnog
Jot down your story
on your early cruisings thru the fog.**

Happy Holidays, Craig the editor