



# SOUTHWESTER

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## The Bow

### *Presidents Message*

*In the past, I never paid much attention to “global warming”. Last year, there was too little water in some Texas lakes - due to droughts and hurricane-damaged dams. This summer we had too much rain; lakes were closed, plenty of floating debris; and you can bet -- it always rains on the weekend. Some of you may have seen the picture of Valentine’s dock floating down Lake LBJ. The water rose 5 ft. above the swimming pool at the Austin Yacht Club on Lake Travis. At least our water bills were lower.*

*The post office held a “First Day Issue” of wooden boat stamps on August 4th. Ceremonies were held at both Clayton, New York and Mount Dora, Florida. This project was a number of years in the making and took a lot of dedication of some ACBS members.*

*There is one more show in our area - The Austin /Hill Country Boat Show - Oct. 12 - 14. on Lake LBJ, Marble Falls, Texas. For more information contact -hsbadmiral@hotmail.com or blackd@earthlink.net. Our members invest a lot of time and effort to make these shows fun. It is a great place to see old friends and beautifully restored boats.*

*The North Texas WBA Ride and Show was another great success. The lake was back- actually full. For the second year in a row, the Friday night function, was held at Al and Sarah Kroemer’s horse farm. Al’s air conditioned, workshop and recreation facility, served as the dining hall. Sarah gave the horse lovers in the group, a personally guided tour of her stables. Saturday night was Fajitas & Margaritas at Bob and Mildred Van Guilder’s. They have a great location for an outdoor party by the lake; plus the good food and usual Van Guilder hospitality, made for a very enjoyable evening*

*Robert*



## Marque Club Summit Premiers at Mystic Seaport

Through the tireless efforts of ACBS board member and Marque Club Chairman Mike Gresham, the inaugural Marque Club Summit brought together the leaders of dozens of ACBS Marque Clubs during the quarterly meeting of the ACBS in Mystic Seaport, CT on April 12-15, 2007.

The purpose of the Summit was to highlight the importance of the preservation of information and boats from the many makers of classic boats (there were over 800 in the US alone!), and to share best practices among Marque Clubs.

The meeting's venue, Mystic Seaport, provided an ideal backdrop for the discussions, allowing attendees to visit the museum and displays there, among the finest in the country.

Most ACBS members are familiar with the very large and visible Chris Craft and Century Marque Clubs within the greater ACBS organization. But did you know that there are also Marque Clubs for dozens of other marques from Thompson and Lyman to Aristocraft to Mullins to Cowell?

If these last two marques are not household names to you, the presidents of these Marque Clubs are out to change that! For example, Cowell Marque Club president David Kanally (who is also currently serving as president of the Wooden Boat Association in Dallas) owns one of about 20 Cowell outboards known to exist.



Chris Smith and me at the Marque Club meet.



Cowell Boat Works manufactured boats in the '50s in Erie, PA in the '50s, and was a smaller competitor of Lyman, located not too far away in Sandusky, OH. David's boat has been in his family since 1969. His dad did a major restoration in the mid-80s and eventually passed the boat to David in 1999. Now in Texas, the boat makes the rounds to various shows, including the Hill Country and Ride 'n Show events.

Although Kanally has been active in finding and keeping track of surviving Cowells, it wasn't until he and his dad attended the Marque Club Summit that he began to focus on the appropriate preservation and archiving of Cowell documentation and boats.

Taking a cue from the Chris Craft club which maintains massive collections of Chris Craft records and other historical information, Kanally contacted the Erie Maritime Museum and arranged for the curatorial staff there to meet with members of the Cowell family in Erie and arranged for the museum to acquire various brochures, specifications and other documents and artifacts saved by the family from the long-defunct boat works. The museum will provide catalogued public access to digital archives of these documents and proper archival storage of original samples.

In addition, the Cowell family's own boat, in storage for four decades in a barn on their property, is slated for restoration and eventual display at the museum due to this effort. While Cowell, Mullins, or Jersey Sea Skiff may never attain the fame of the major marques, it is equally likely, thanks to the important work of the ACBS Marque Clubs, that their names will never be forgotten.

For more information on ACBS Marque Clubs, visit <http://acbs.org> and look under "Resources" then "Marque Clubs". For more information on Cowell Boat Works and David Kanally's boat, see his website, <http://angelfire.com/tx5/cowellboatworks>.



**A big thank you to David Kanally for putting this article together! One of our North Texas boaters, David - along with his better half Cheryl - maintain an antique 28 foot Dyer in addition to the 16' Cowell, the impetus for this article.**



# Keels and Wheels

Class	Owner	Year	Boat
Antique Runabout - Runner Up	Steven Reichman	1930	Tripple Cockpit CC 22
Antique Runabout - Best of Class	Mark & Gail Andreae	1936	Custom Earl Barnes 20 ft
Antique Cruiser - Best of Class	Chris & Judy Dorflinger	1938	DBL Stateroom Chris Craft 35 ft
Classic Cruiser - Best of Class	Kenneth Breaux	1966	Cruiser Burger 64 ft
Classic Cruiser - Runner Up	Grady Farris	1955	Commander Chris Craft 38 ft
Classic Runabout CC 17 & Up - Best of Class	Troy & Pam Marshall	1957	Runabout Chris Craft 18 ft
Classic Runabout CC 17 & Up - Runner Up	Tim and Elizabeth Vail	1950	Riviera Chris Craft 18 ft
Classic Runabout CC 16 & Under Best of Class	Henry Luecke	1962	Skijet Chris Craft 16 ft
Classic Runabout Other - Best of Class	Craig Stanfield	1967	Arabian Century 19 ft
Classic Runabout Other - Runner Up	Dave Parker	1947	Torpedo Fairliner 17 ft
<b>Best Chris Craft</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Judy Dorflinger</b>	<b>1938</b>	<b>DBL Stateroom Chris Craft 35 ft</b>
Classic Utility Century - Runner Up	Ellery & Raelynn Andrew	1956	Resorter Century 18 ft
Classic Utility Century - Best of Class	Bobby & Diane Gibson	1959	Resorter Century 16 ft
Classic Utility Chris Craft - Runner Up	William Brown	1953	Sportsman Chris Craft 17 ft
Classic Utility Chris Craft - Best of Class	Mark Still	1967	Cavalier Chris Craft 17 ft
Classic Utility Higgins - Best of Class	Paul Hastings	1963	Mandalay Higgins 18 ft
Classic Utility Higgins - Runner Up	Paul Hastings	1956	Speedster Higgins 17 ft
Classic Utility Other - Best of Class	Roy Henry	1959	Utility ZinnCraft 18 ft
Classic Utility Other - Runner Up	Staci & Brian Fielder	1956	Utility Shepherd 22 ft
<b>Best Century</b>	<b>Bobby &amp; Diane Gibson</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>Resorter Century 16 ft</b>
Peoples Choice-Favorite Boat	Ronald Beberniss	2005	Harbor Ferry Ron Beberniss 52 ft
Peoples Choice-Favorite Cruiser	Grady Farris	1955	Commander Chris Craft 38 ft
Peoples Choice-Favorite Runabout	Mark & Gail Andreae	1936	Custom Earl Barnes 20 ft
Peoples Choice-Favorite Outboard	Paul & Linda Merryman	1967	Gull Wing Sabre Century 18 ft
Classic Outboard - Runner Up	Raymond Balsam	1964	Runabout Helton 16 ft
Classic Outboard - Best of Class	Peter Schultz	1983	Squirt Glenn L Kit Boat 10 ft
Contemporary Runabout - Runner Up	Bill & Christie Nalle	1985	Venetian Water Taxi 28 ft
Contemporary Runabout - Best of Class	Dr. Wayne Elliott	1999	Picnic Launch Saint 28 ft
Classic Glass - Best of Class	Ron Blissit	1973	Arabian Century 19 ft
Classic Glass - Runner Up	Joe & Rhonda Jensen	1956	Barracuda Sportster Arena Craft 20 ft
<b>Kids Choice Boat</b>	<b>Guy McCollum</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>Class C Racer Owner built 10 ft</b>
Riva 21 & Up - Best of Class	Billy E. Hibbs, Jr	1960	Ariston Riva 22 ft
Riva 21 & Up - Runner Up	Clay & Patty Thompson	1968	Aquarama Riva 27 ft
Riva 20 & Under - Best of Class	Paul Hastings	1971	Junior Riva 18 ft
Owner Built - Runner Up	Bill & Christie Nalle	1993	Owner design Owner 38 ft
Owner Built - Best of Class	Gary Chamblee	1998	Open Launch Apprentice Shop 21
<b>Best of Show-Cruiser</b>	<b>Jim and Nelda Blair</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>ELCO 57 ft</b>
<b>Best of Show-Runabout</b>	<b>Don Ayers</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>Super Florida Riva 20 ft</b>

Corinthian Award	Rich & Donna Reiling	La Porte	TX
Corinthian Award	Clay & Patty Thompson	Altus	OK
Emeritus Award	Bob Van Guilder	The Colony,	TX
Corinthian Award	Jon & Barbara Stroble	Houston	TX
Corinthian Award	Glenn & Judy Robinson	Seabrook	TX
Co Chairman Award	Craig Stanfield	Houston	TX
Corinthian Award	Ronald Beberniss	League City	TX
Emeritus Award	Bill Nalle	Austin	TX
Corinthian Award	Lisa Robinson	Seabrook	TX







## Memories from Keels and Wheels





Editor's note:

Have you looked at the website lately??? Well, if you haven't your obviously missing out. New pictures of events (is your picture there? Are you getting your 15 minutes of fame?). Check it out. There's a new restoration section. Check out Mark Webster's... cool XK22 in the before/during/after stages of his restoration. An awesome boat. By the way, have you noticed the terrific passion developing with the "restormods" (that's classic boats with subtle improvements) - especially concerning classic glass???

Sorry for the delay in getting this issue out. First, my laptop was diagnosed as showing the "blue screen of death" shortly after summer school teaching ended,. Then, the purchase of the re-hab'd HP was delayed by my credit cards being maxed out, and last, the hard drive from the dead laptop had unrecoverable data for the newsletter. Unrecoverable templates for the Adobe InDesign. Unrecoverable photos of Lakewood.

Moral? Backup, backup, backup! Thanks for bearing with me.

Craig



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