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The Bow



President's Message

It's hot in South Texas! This time last year we were complaining about too much rain. Lake LBJ and Lake Travis were closed. What a difference a year makes.

More Boat Shows -

The Annual North Texas WBA Ride & Show will be held August 22-24th on Lake Lewisville, north of Dallas. There are social events planned for both Friday and Saturday nights. For more information contact: Bob Van Guilder at 214-957-3692 or bobtrane@ix.netcom.com.

The 15th Annual Heartland Classics Keels, Wheels and Wings at Arrowhead Yacht Club, Grand Lake, OK. will be held September 4-7th. Contact Brent Howard 918-782-1855, bhoward@howard-classicboats.com.

The Annual Hill Country/Austin Wooden Boat Show will be held October 3-5th at Horseshoe Bay/ Lake LBJ Yacht Club. Dinners are planned for both Friday and Saturday nights. Contact Scott Reichardt 830-598-4661, hsbadmiral@hotmail.com.

Come socialize - meet new people - see great boats

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JUST ADD WATER

Now, we have had some great contributions to our newsletter recently including Chris Dorflinger's article about his wonderful Elco and Clay Thompson's write-up describing his incredible garage space. Perhaps, then, you can understand why I thought Craig Stanfield was joking when he asked me to write a few paragraphs about my closet. How can a closet compete with an Elco motor cruiser and a workshop garage?

I have several rules of life which I use to guide me. One rule is that I never go anywhere without shoes or money. Another is that you can not have too much horsepower in your boat. However, Les Burton, there is a corollary to this horsepower rule which states that you can have enough. Also, a married gentleman should always own a home with two master bedroom closets. Otherwise, the husband will

soon find himself with no closet space. And I have to admit that Jan and I have two closets in our bedroom, and the smaller one, of course, is mine. However, it is mine! We had upgraded Jan's closet with a wood floor and the Elfa System, and Jan surprised me by upgrading my closet for a Fathers Day gift.

The overall theme of the closet replicates our 1959 Chris Craft. First, the carpet was replaced with mahogany flooring from Lumber Liquidators. Our garage floor looked like Jim Frechette's boat shop with all the aromatic sawdust from cutting the wood. Next we painted the wall 18 inches up from the shoe mold the same color as the Pettit 1959 Copper Bronze Hard Racing Bottom Paint. The rest of the wall is painted to simulate the bleached blond deck planks on our boat. We used our actual red and white boat stripe paint to accent the wall. The decorations were completed by framing and mounting a Lake Tahoe print from Classic Boating and a Chris Craft logo purchased for us by Paul Merryman. Oh, and I finally found a place to hang my UT diploma after about 40 years.

Finally, we used the Elfa System from The Container Store for the storage part of the closet. Of course, we used mahogany hangers and picture frames. What did they say in the movie? No metal hangers! I have included a few photographs for your amusement. Even though Jan will not let me go out in our boat everyday, I can at least go into my closet at anytime time to get my "boat fix." Now, if I could just add water!



There were more pictures...but the neatness of his closet depressed me too much to post anymore. Where do they throw their junk?



Ed always said he was a Century guy...Do you think he needs therapy???



From the editor...

I usually don't say much anymore, as Robert Black has issued a gag order on me, but I just couldn't help myself as I was placing the photos and articles in the newsletter.

Can you believe the diversity in boating we are showing???. Take a look at the opening page with Robert's article. The Dispro coming under the bow of Jim's beautiful yellow Donzi 18. This is followed by the "closet majal" of Ed's with his Chris Craft motif! BTW, thank you to the Ueckerts for sharing something personal of themselves for us all to admire.

As you go into the next 5 pages, you'll be recounting Keels and Wheels 2008. The red XK-18 jet boat and the XK-19 Super Sport, the continuation Hacker, the custom glass taxi from Italy, and many, many more.

Not only are the boats exhibiting great depth, but so are the activities. Just at one show, we had a poker run, evening cruises, dinners, banquets, and camaraderie. The people. What makes it all worthwhile.

Craig

Judging....Wait until the owner finds out!



**OMG!!!
LOOK AT THAT HAT!**



VROOM!!!



Revelers from the Friday night soiree'



Work, work, work



Obviously, money changing hands for judge Mike Daniel

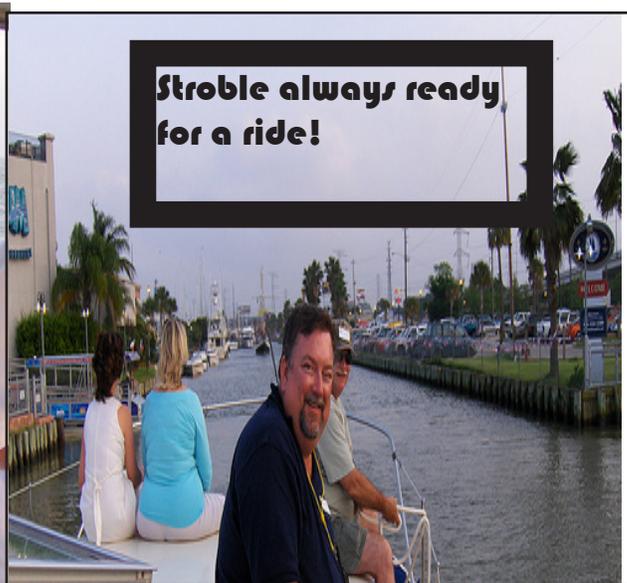


Is that Bob Macaluso and friend driving the editor's Century??

What can I say?



Stroble always ready for a ride!



Zoe Stanfield, Robert Black, and ... Barb Stroble feeling no pain.



Capt. Burban: We thank you!



Geez, look at that, will ya!..



Who's driving that fabulous Commander???



Judy Johnstone and Karen McCutcheon taking a ride

Children's time...



All I see are Century's!



Party Party Party.



Fat bottomed gurl.



Is this boat leaking, or did the Nalle⁶ install AIR CONDITIONING????



Best Wood Century



Plumbing has been very good to this couple!



Linda Merryman waving to throngs of visitors.



Gary and Lupita Hoyle.



That's an odd outboard...

Admiring his hot new Ford V-8!!!



The boats must all be docked...



**Oh. Geez! Girls
Outa bounds and
outa control!**



**To the trailer on Sunday. Have you seen
this guy's Garage Majal??????**



**Above
is obviously some type of
board of directors meet-
ing.**

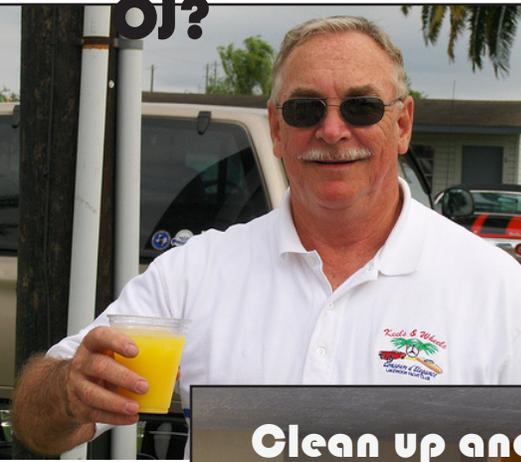


**...and back to lake
McQueeny for this
beautiful Shepherd on
Sunday evening.**

**Who's European Sports
Car is that?????**



Oh?



**That thing gotta HEMI in
it!**



Clean up and Eat Up.



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