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

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

Hello All

Well, we had a great spring for the Keels and Wheels event and now it's a HOT and DRY summer here in the South! We still have good water levels in most of the lakes which makes for some great days on the water. Hopefully you-all have had more days on the water than Karen and I have had ... we have only been out once in our Shepherd since Keels and Wheels because of **my work schedule! I may need to rethink this 'job thing', as it is getting in the way of boating!!!!**

The club put on another great show. We are looking forward to attending the Keels & Wheels Concours in 2020, celebrating the 25th year of this great event.

I am elated to say we will be holding our annual Hill Country Ride-N-Show at Lake LBJ this year. Things will be a little different this year, but we will still have a great weekend of boating and friendship with our sister club, the WBA.

We hope everyone enjoys the fall boating season and is safe on the water, and we hope to see everyone at the Hill Country gathering in October.

Brian



Above: Chris Robinson helping a Concours entrant return their vessel to the ramp for hauling.

37th Hillcountry Wooden Boat Show!

Austin/Lake LBJ Hillcountry Cruising the Lake!

Friday, October 4th thru Sunday October 6th. 2019

Check your emails or contact a board member.

Launch/trailer parking/dockage (up to 14 boats overnight) at Lake LBJ Yacht Club and Marina.

Friday: 11am cruise to lunch. 7pm group dinner Julie's Cocina

Saturday: 10am cruise to lunch. 6pm dinner at the Reichardt's

Sunday: 8am cruise to the Frechette's

LODGING RESERVATIONS ON YOUR OWN!



Keels and Wheels 2019!

Keels and Wheels, our world class event hosted on the Lakewood Yacht Club grounds near Houston, went exceedingly well in its 24th year. The weather was ideal, with clouds keeping the hottest sun rays at bay and precipitation only overnight.

Several new award winning classics entered the judged field. The beneficiary of the proceeds this year went to **Today's Harbor for Children**. Lori Hunt of Dallas won the raffle boat, a 2019 NC795 Jeanneau Power Boat.

CBS Sports featured two episodes last month including the event. Enjoy the pictorial. *The next issue will include the **KID'S BUILD A BOAT**. We are saving those details for their own newsletter!*



Keels and Wheels Pictorial!!!! Sit back and enjoy!



The EarlyBirders!

The EarlyBird Cruise on Thursday was a rounding success. Yes, the storm clouds threatened. Almost fifty of us left the inner harbor for Waterford and the delectable Sundance Grill. We had the patio reserved, and our own server to bring libations from the bar, and food from their grill.

A casual cruise the afternoon before the hectic staging of the boats begins, our goal is to encourage folks to use their boats in a stress-free run prior to the show. This was an easy stroll, the dockage was superb, and the food was great.



K&W The EarlyBirders....



Above, Untying at the floating restaurant docks to depart. Ominous clouds in the background. Below, Revelers enroute.



K&W Friday's dock placement..a tedious job.

Left:

A long and narrow boat can be a beast to dock, especially when the wind kicks up. Here, the Sea Scouts are bringing in their hundred footer. No fragile bits were damaged in this maneuver. They were well under control.



K&W Friday placement



Fenders out.
Gentle on
the throttle.
Ensigns in
position.

And... lis-
tening at-
tently to
the dock-
master!

The dock-
maste
spends days
preplanning
for a hectic
placement
when the
100 boats
converge
over a 48
hour period.



K&W Friday placement, that last minute accessorizing. And placards.



Keels and Wheels Friday Night. Atime to party with friends and watching the forecast.



Keels and Wheels Saturday... the big day! Below, a model rests after wiping down the rain drops of the night.



K&W Saturday. The show is on! Wild Mustangs interspersed with the boats.



K&W Magnificent mahogany





Bottom. Selling the sizzle in sizes to fit all!





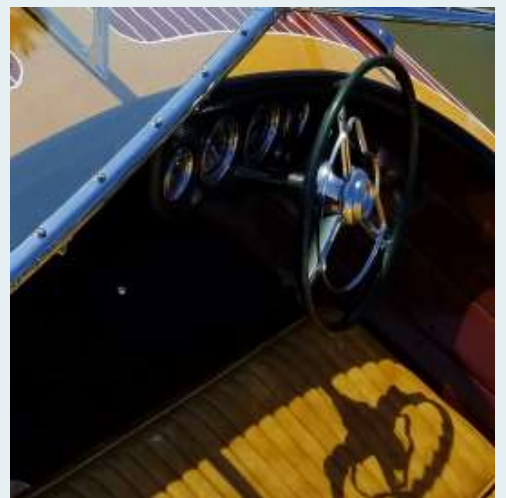
Left, luscious Fi-no 30. Right restored 17 foot Boston Whaler. The first Whaler in the area



K&W ... the Sizzle!



Appointments on the Chris Craft Cobra were stunning.



K&W ... cars too!



Yes, the Lunar Rover, on loan from NASA



K&W when one is just not enough!



K&W Striking land displays.



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And a bright red land yacht



K&W folks enjoying themselves!





Our chapter president at the quarterly meeting under the tent. Members filled all the available chairs, and sat on adjacent coolers.







K&W more flash!



K&W Several magnificent sailing vessels in this photo



K&W a Riva Aquarama and several Chris Crafts



Southwest's Safety Corner

Many of us have seen the graphic videos of the Century Coronado blowing up during the Wine Country event a few weeks ago. Very sobering. This is a good time to go over the status of our fuel and electrical systems, and our safety systems. We only take folks on our boats that we love, and the last thing we want to do is be the cause of someone's injury. **Check the bilges, check the carb and fuel pump lines, check the blower, check the fire extinguisher, and think about installing a fuel vapor detector.** I have installed one. Your editor.

From ACBS online...

ACBS Judging Guidelines and Safety Equipment Aug 7, 2019

You may have heard that a few weeks ago a boat exploded on Keuka Lake (Hammondsport, NY) during a Wine Country ACBS Chapter event. The people on the boat, Billy and Carol Kistner, posted an update on Woody Boater, <https://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2019/08/04/boat-explosion-update-a-wonderful-note-from-billy-and-carol-kistner/>.

During the initial reporting of the accident, there were some comments about the ACBS Judging Guidelines and safety equipment.

Section F, Judging Criteria, 1-G General Considerations states:

When new equipment or features are added to an entry solely for the purpose of safety, navigation and/or compliance with legal requirements, no deduction from the pint score should **occur unless the new item seriously detracts from the "physical appearance" or mechanical condition.** When such items are added, they should not, unless it is necessary, displace original features and equipment. No deductions will occur for the following specific exceptions:

- Electric bilge pump and associated discharge plumbing
- Fuel vapor detector
- Navigation compass (small)
- Bilge blower
- Depth finder (small)
- Replacement fuel tank (shaped like original)
- Modern fuel lines
- Modern fire extinguisher (not tethered to engine box)
- Navigation bulbs brighter than the required OEM 1 nm minimum visibility bow/side light bulbs and 2nm visibility stern light.
- Fuses in electric circuits
- Battery isolation / selector switch



The complete Judging System document is available from www.myacbs.org (members website).

Billy and Carol are doing well and hope to attend the ACBS International Boat Show September 20-21 in Alexandria Bay, NY.

Comments and questions can be emailed to dan@acbs.org. The comments and questions and responses will be compiled into a single document and shared with all ACBS members.

Upcoming Events

Sept 5-8, 2019

Mahogany & Chrome

Heartland Classics ACBS

Grand Lake, OK

Sept 16-22, 2019

ACBS International Show

Thousand Islands

Alexandria Bay, NY

Oct 4-6, 2019

Austin/Hill Country Lake LBJ SHOW-
and Colorado River Cruise

Southwest Chapter ACBS

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

October 19, 2019

Pier 121 Car /Boat Show—WBA

Lake Lewisville, Texas

May 1-3, 2020

Keels and Wheels 25th Anniversary

Seabrook, Texas

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

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and Classic Boat Society, go to* **ACBS.org.**

**We're also on Facebook as ACBS Southwest
Chapter - Vintage Boating**

From the editor...

Craig here. Keels and Wheels was a wonderful **experience! Now we're looking forward** to cooler weather and our Lake LBJ show.

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 at Keels and Wheels!
Craig