

*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*

Greetings Southwest Chapter Members,

The spring boating season for 2025 is now past and summer is here.

The Lake Conroe rendezvous and the Keels and Wheels show were excellent events. If you were not able to attend, start making plans for next year. We need more boats at both events next year. The date for the 2026 Keels & Wheels show is being moved up to the last weekend in April. A date for the Lake Conroe rendezvous has not been determined yet.

Lisa and I just returned from attending the Toronto Chapter Show in Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada where the International Board conducted our Summer Board Meeting. It was a very nice show with lots of Canadian manufactured boats, and a beautiful location. It was fun for a change to attend a show without a boat. The Toronto Chapter was very welcoming.

The Lake LBJ Show is currently scheduled for October 11th. We are monitoring the situation with the flooding in central Texas, and I will be in touch with our contacts at The Horseshoe Bay Resort soon. I will put out an update as soon as I have more information.

The ACBS International Show in Clayton, NY is on track for September 15-21. Registration for the International Show is now open. Come join us to celebrate

**ACBS's 50th anniversary.**

It saddens me to report the passing of Bob Germany and Paul Hastings. Bob was a very active SW Chapter member and regularly brought his boats to Keels & Wheels and to the Lake LBJ Show. Paul was a member of the Heartland Chapter but brought boats to Keels & Wheels for many years. Both will be missed.

Have a great summer full of safe boating. We look forward to seeing you on the water soon.

Lindy Robinson



Be There! As always, contact a board member to verify details.  
Home base will again be Horseshoe Bay, with lodging avail-

**Lake LBJ Rendezvous**  
**October 10th-12th**  
**Socializing, River**  
**Cruising, and just**  
**BOATING!**  
**Contact a board**  
**member for details.**

able at the Resort, nearby vrbo rentals, and Marble Falls area hotels. Boating during the day, socializing at night.

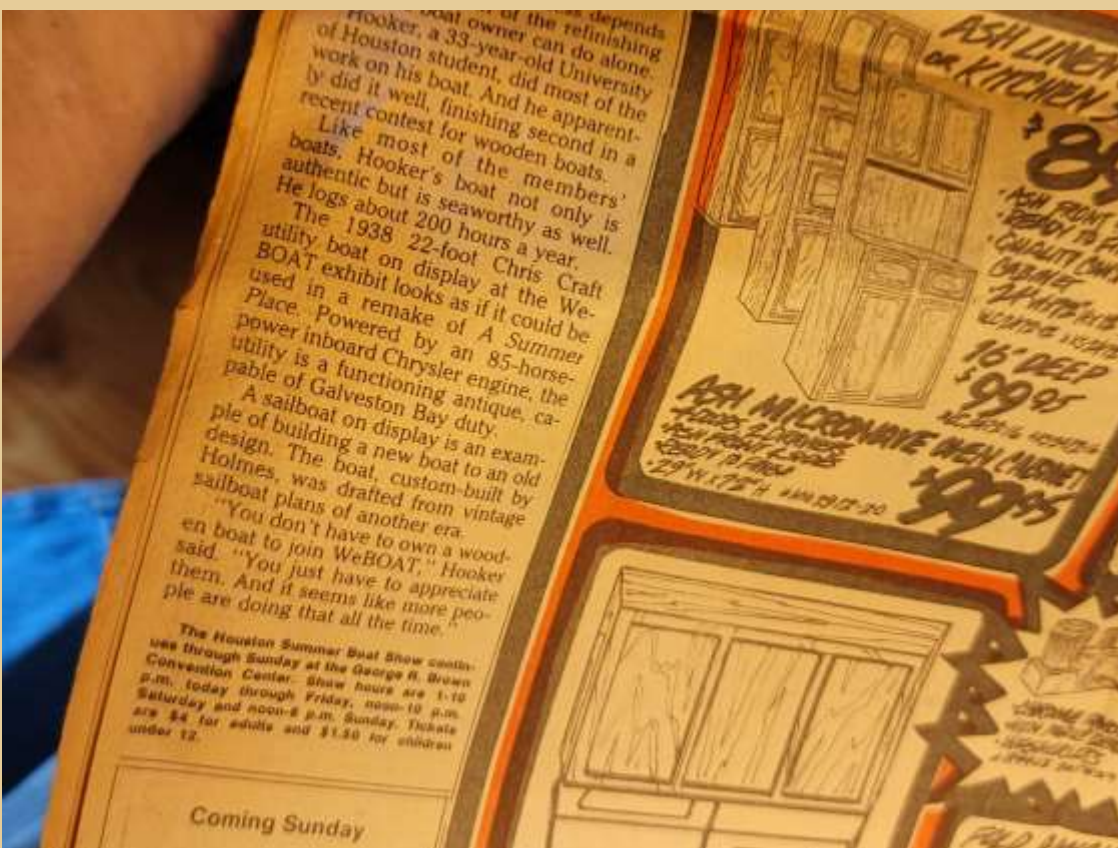
# Roots

Ever wonder where we came from? Im not talking dinosaurs or the Big Bang. I'm speaking of the wooden boaters in Texas, more specifically the

Gulf Coast area. I have been undertaking the arduous task of cleaning and organizing the garage at my domicile. And this aged news clipping came to the top.



Back in the eighties, there was an organization called WeBoat. I have a white embroidered hat somewhere with those exact letters. Anyway, here's a Houston Post article dating back to 1986 talking about the organization and what they had going on at the time.



BTW, this is the Houston Post that became the downtown USPS building and is now a large event space with restaurants, concerts, exotic car shows, and bars at the beginning of the Washington Avenue corridor in downtown Houston. Craig

*Keels and Wheels, a pictorial essay of the 29th event.*

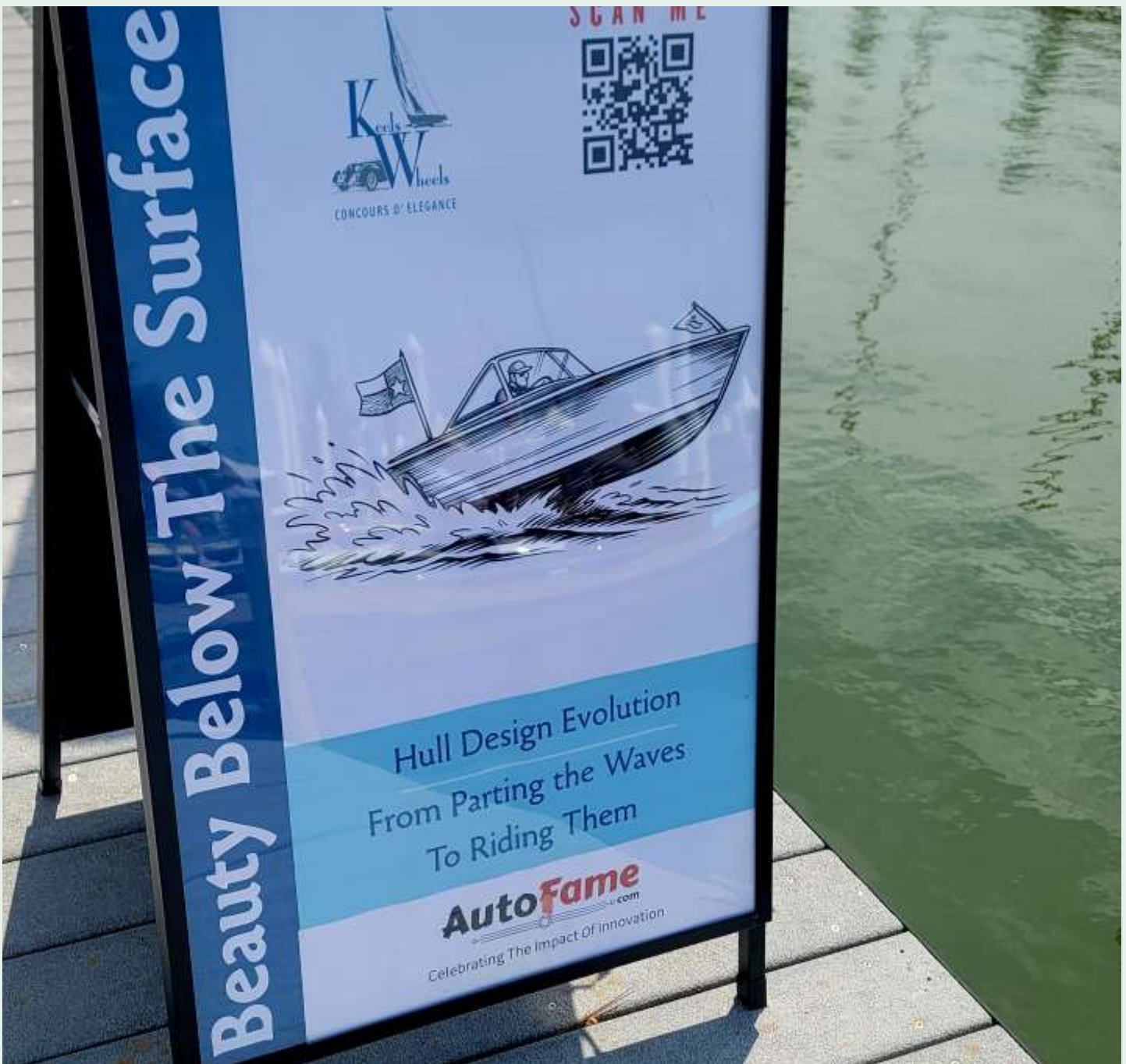




Volunteers working the docks









Revelers at the EarlyBird Cruise on Thursday evening. Page 8, new tech allowing folks to find out more about the classics.



**All smiles 'reconnecting' above, and a constant parade of onlookers below.**

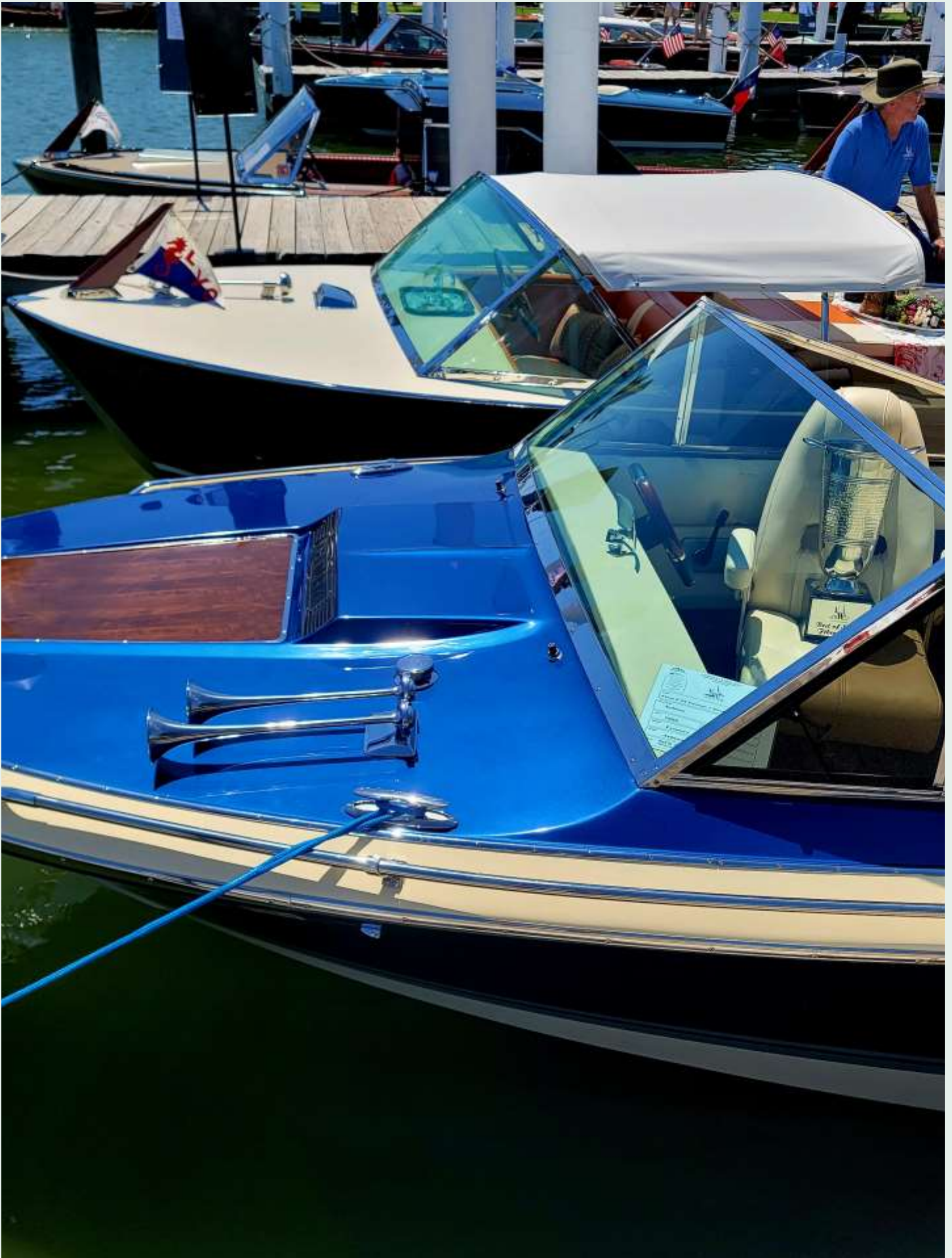




K&W

Below, all smiles. Near right classics in my rearview mirror.  
Page 13, a hot rod Arabian, exquisite Resorter, and queen-of-the-fleet **Coronado** all representing **Century's** finest.





it starts  
at  
170mph



Right, preparing for the annual membership meeting under the tent on Sunday. Below, the **“action”**.

Page 14, a Miuri at midnight. Below, camaraderie on every dock. Some dressing in character.





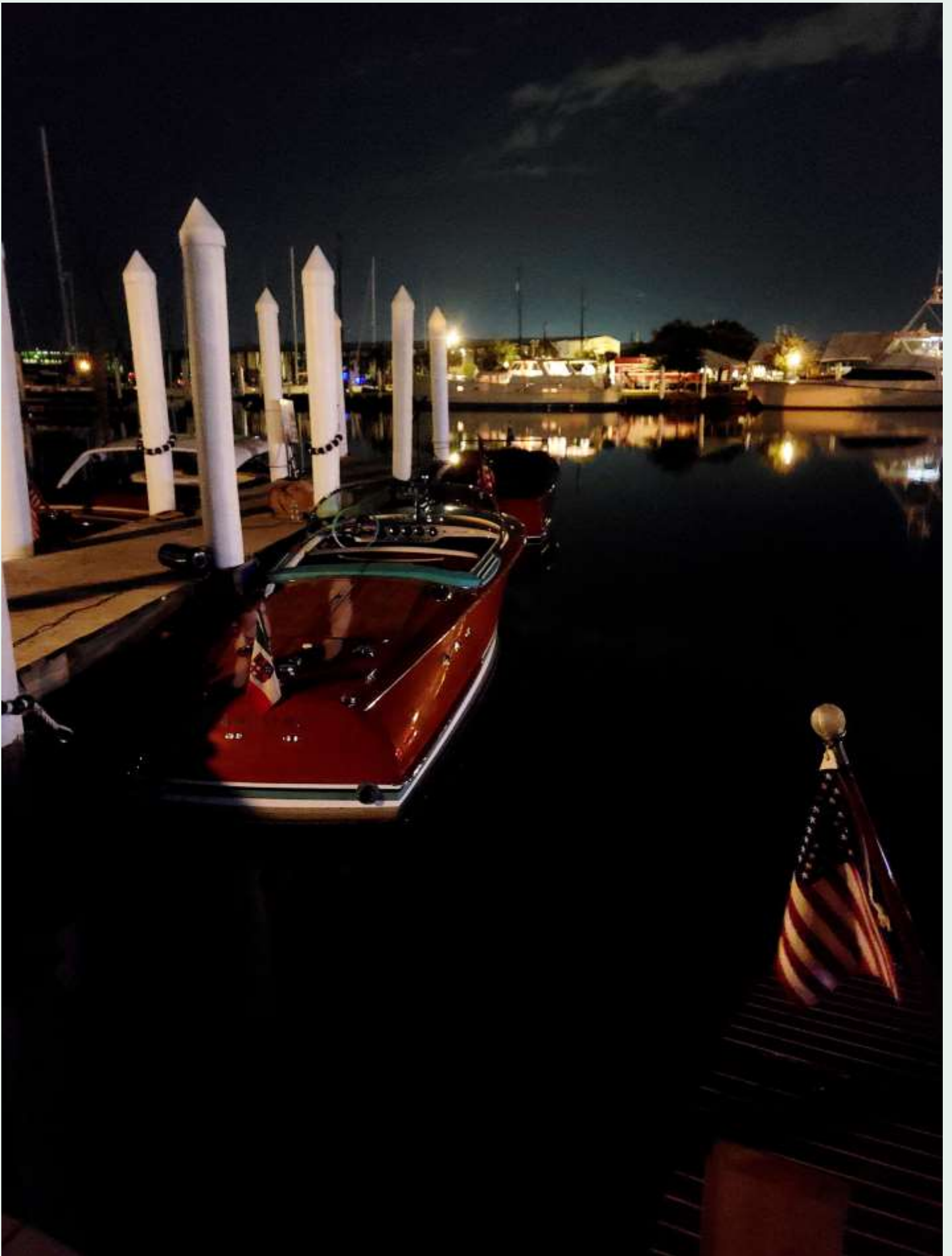
Outboards, inboards, sail, they were all represented.

Gleaming mahogany brightwork, shiny 2 part finishes on aluminum, traditional whited or tropical hues.

Note the sleek fifties look of the hardtop equipped 26 Chris Craft Continental, and the contrasting sixties Century Resorter 19 decked out for a cocktail.



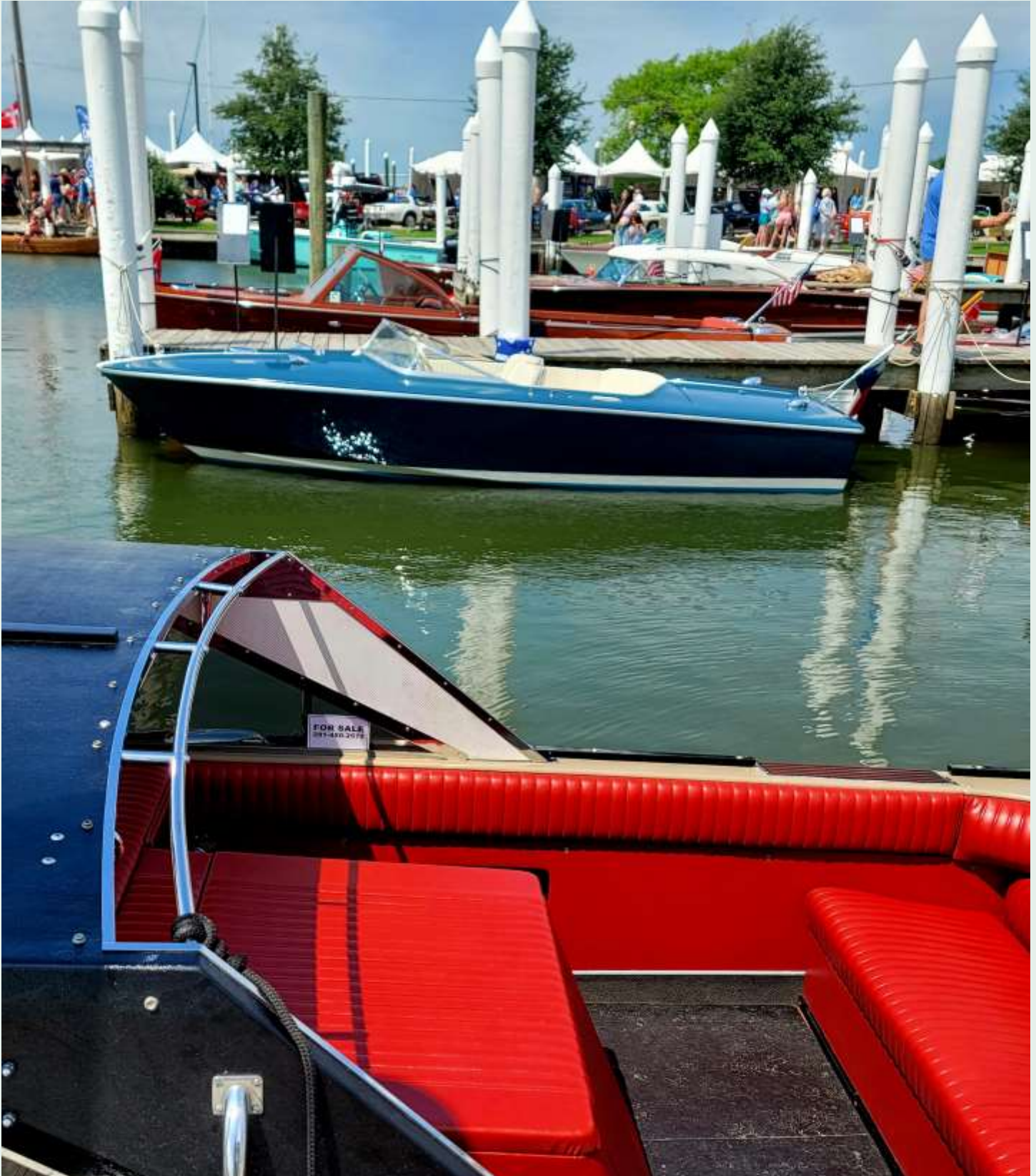








Classics of every persuasion we decorating the wharves. Chris Crafts, Centurys, **Rivas, GarWoods, Hackers, customs...all were represented at this year's event.**





The final Sunday evening's haul outs and farewell margaritas.



# Southwest's Safety Corner

## Tires...How old is old?

*Craig Stanfield*

Look on the sidewall. There is a DOT code on every sidewall. Look at the last 4 digits (last 3 digits before the year 2000). Woa Nelly, tell me your tires don't date back to the previous century! Please!!!!

Ok, now you are looking at the last 4 digits. The last two are the year of manufacturer. The two before that? The week of manufacturer.

True story, Last year (2024) I readied the Arabian to tow to the other side of the lake...Lake Conroe. I had pumped the bearings with grease. I had checked the tires and aired up to 36psi. I hooked the trailer behind my trusty F150 and started to tow the 12 miles. About half way there I heard an awful noise, as the belt had come off one of the 4 tires. Age of tires? 2006. No cracks, kept in the dark always. That afternoon, I got a new set at the local Discount Tire in Willis, Texas.

Discount Tires recommends replacing at the 6 year mark. They do, however, continue to service tires to 10 years after production date.

Be Careful out there y'all.



# Bob Germany as remembered by Craig Stanfield

Bob, a master story teller, was at most events I attended. I always visited with him at the shows, me with a baseball cap and my old Century, and he wearing the distinguished white cowboy hat and captaining one of several Cajun built Higgins he was passionate about.

Bob grew up in the area, and many of his stories were centered around his younger years dating, his parents Matthews motor yacht they kept in a Baytown marina, and his personal Chris Craft runabout he used to ferry **his 'flavor of the moment' to the Kemah waterfront. No doubt 'that Kemah' was a wild and fun place that** the current boardwalk only shares history with. Another hotspot of his story telling involved a substantial Wheeler Sport Fisherman, the trip down and thru the Panama Canal with it, and life on the Mexican Pacific.

He enjoyed using his boats, showing his boats, and talking boats.

Bob was full life and a great guy. He was always soft spoken, but laughter would emanate from all those around him. He will be missed.



# Paul Hastings as remembered by Fred Burban



I am sorry to say we have lost one of Keels & Wheels biggest boat exhibitors. Paul Hastings **would show up with a “fleet” of boats from Arkansas loaded on a semi or two.** I first met Paul in early 2000, where we discovered we were both from Arkansas. We were friends from then on.

Once I moved back to Arkansas in 2014, we would meet up quite often at his shop - **“Paul’s Place” in Little Rock.** In this shop he had the largest collection of Higgins Boats (his father was a dealer back in the day). He also had other brands including Centurys, several Rivas (probably his most passionate) and Chris Crafts including a **Cobra. The pride of his fleet ... a big Roamer motor yacht named Chief,** was moored on the Arkansas River.



**I did have to “twist his tail” one day saying “My new best friend on Lake Hamilton went to High School with you and he once had a bigger boat than yours”. Paul was taken aback and asked “Who?”. I said Captain Charlie Cook, the Captain XO on the USS Forrestal!” Paul then laughed, exclaiming how Charlie was a great guy.**

The photos are two of my favorites. Paul and I at Keels & Wheels 2021, and my 38’ Commander Burban & Water giving Paul a tow on Lake Hamilton during the Heartland Chapter Show in 2017.

May ALL sailing be smooth my friend.

# Upcoming Events

\*August 7-10, 2025

Heartland Classics 2025 Beaver Lake

Rodgers, AR

\*September 15,-21 2025

ACBS Annual Meeting/International Show celebrating 50 years!

Clayton, NY

\*September 2025 tbt

Heartland Classics Mahogany&Chrome

Grand Lake, Ok

\*October 10-12, 2025,

Lake LBJ Hillcountry Ride n Show

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

\*October 2025 tbt

**WBA Cruisin' Lake Lewisville**

Lewisville, Texas

\*October 18-19, 2025

Wooden Boat Festival

Madisonville, LA

\*March 26-29, 2026

Sunnyland Boat Festival

Tavares, FL

\*April 23-26, 2026

Keels & Wheels

Seabrook, Texas

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

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Members	
Current	77
fb members	1000+
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*For detailed information and vision of the Antique and Classic*

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

**We're also on Facebook as**

**ACBS Southwest Chapter - Vintage Boating**

## Musings from the editor...

Roses are red,  
 violets blue  
 How this issue is out  
**I don't have a clue**

Its hot  
 Its damp  
 Nothin to keep us  
 From the ramp

We've lost too many of late  
 Good souls were all  
 Take care of those around us  
 However short or tall

Well, a big thanks to Fred  
 For penning a well done piece  
 I hope my boat runs  
 For the LBJ meets

Craig

