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

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From the Bow.... The boating season is rapidly approaching us. Early in the year, Di Johnson organized an outstanding display of vintage boats at the Houston Boat Show again. It featured the Kids Build Boats Program with the help of John Platou and friends, and the Outboard Motor Club.

For those of you that have time in April don't forget the Cajun Classique. It is a five day cruise down the Bayou Teche, April 13th to 19th 2015.

We are looking forward to the 20th Annual Keels and Wheels Boat Show May 2 and 3, 2015. This year, featured are Garwood and Hacker boats. We especially **look for previous BEST OF SHOW winner's to return and show in celebration.** Dennis Gage, host of Velocity's "My Classic Car", will be the 2015 Grand Marshal. "My Classic Car" will be filming an episode throughout the weekend at the show. Gage will be on the grounds meeting participants and visitors and signing auto-graphs, as well as partaking in the awards programs. There will also be dinners on Friday and Saturday night hosted by the Lakewood Yacht Club.

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The show is still looking for more boats to display. Registration forms are available at www.keels-wheels.com. We also need volunteers- people to help place boats and put up stands on Friday; also to help re-load boats on trailers on Sunday afternoon. Contact Robert Black, blackd@earthlink.net. 713-974-7919.

The Registrations are starting to come in and we are in the process of determining the Classes. If you are interested in Judg-

ing, please provide your name, email contact and cell phone number to Terry Fi-est, rfiest@cfl.rr.com. When we get all the classes established, we will assign the judges and teams and let you know your assignment. Based on entries, we will try and use everyone who volunteers to judge. Thanks for volunteering. This is a Great opportunity for all chapter members to get involved in a wonderful week-end.

Hope to see you all there!
Brian and Karen Fielder



60th Houston Boat Show,
January 2 - 11, 2015

Once again, the Texas Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club, Inc. (AOMCI) joined the Southwest Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) to co-exhibit boats and motors at the huge annual Houston International Boat, Sport & Travel Show held at the NRG (formerly Reliant) Center. This is a huge show - over 1100 new "for sale" boats were there accompanied by all kinds of outdoor gear, RVs, campers and 'what all'.

The theme of the 60th show was, "That was Then; This is Now". We sure played our role regarding the "...Then" part. By popular acclaim, the most appealing and crowd pleasing boats and motors were indeed our oldies. We wowed the crowds again in the main lobby area of the NRG Center where folks had to pass by us to enter the show.

All our exhibitors pulled some display booth duty during the 10-day

show that spanned two weekends. During these sessions, we were asked every imaginable question about old boats and motors making our experiences really fun. After all these years, folks stop by our booth telling us of treasures stored in their barns and garages. We seek to help them fix up or find new homes for motors and boats and especially encourage them to join us in our hobby clubs.





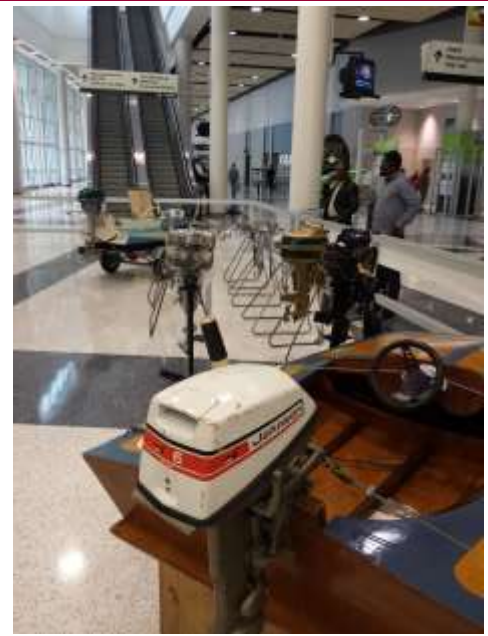


John Platou and Alan Bischof led our organization's other most visited feature. Supported by chapter members and interested volunteers, we sponsored the construction of an 8' wooden pram-style dinghy with all the final assembly work done by kids attending the show. This event has proven to be a great crowd pleaser over the last four shows.

Additionally this year we also concurrently sponsored Kids Rebuild a Motor. A club-sponsored 5 hp Evinrude kicker was prepared for dis- and re-assembly by John Platou. John also built a work stand support so the kids could cluster around the motor and have a turn at pulling the power head off, handling what a piston feels like and seeing how gears mesh together. The kids really took to this project. Some kids didn't want to do anything else at the show. One kid came back three times to stay with the assembly process. That little motor was apart and together at least five complete times.

During the entire Houston Boat show, this was the only kids' activity that was free of charge to families. Spanning two weekends, we logged almost 300 youthful boat and motor builders. Free raffle type tickets were given to each kid. At the end of the show, we had a drawing and drew the winning ticket holders. One won the wooden dinghy and another won a donated 3hp outboard motor.

This year's lobby exhibit was organized by Di Johnson and Adam Finn. This is the 29th year that the antiques and classics have graced the Houston show. In fact we were pleased to have on hand club member Tom Oncken who co-hosted the original oldies display in the Houston Astrodome in 1987.



Generous volunteers and their boats were moved in shortly before the 10 day event, and efficiently moved on the evening of the last Sunday.



Among our boats, three impeccable inboards anchored the front and center spots of our display:

Ellery Andrew's 1956 18' Century Resorter. "Asolare" is a beautifully restored and re-powered classic - all the engine work done by Ellery and family. Complimenting the big boat was a scale dingy crib hand-built by Ellery for his granddaughter, Madeline. A pedal boat styled after the old woodies was also on display.

Mike Friesel's 16' 1946 Chris Craft Special Runabout. "Current Affair" is always a popular boat at this show. All the restoration work was done by Mike and his brother Dennis showing excellent fruits of their labor.

Bob Germany's 1956 17' Higgins Sport Speedster. "Fiddlesticks" - What a head-turner this is with the red trimmed white hull and bright mahogany transom!

We had a variety of outboard boats and motors on display:

Adam Finn's 1961 16' Glass Magic runabout, made in Ft. Worth, TX and powered by 1963 Merc 650, 65hp. What a pristine rig!

David Coffey, Jr. and Sr. brought Junior's impeccably restored red Arkansas Traveler with a 1958 Merc Mark 58. Besides being so well done, this rig had a few surprises including completely hidden ignition switchology and a motor-mounted folding stern light (an original accessory offered by Kiekhaefer Corporation).

Darryl Hurst's 1963 15' Proske with 1964 Johnson 60hp Super Sea Horse. The Proske is indeed a Houston-built wooden boat and Daryl did a beautiful job on the restoration.

John Platou's 1960 16' Cruisers, Inc., powered by his 1960 75hp Evinrude Starflite. John completely rebuilt the keel and hull of this boat as evidenced by a big pickle jar of the 4000+ bronze machine screws he replaced in the process.

Bob Macaluso's 1957 16' Crosby Capri powered by a 1963 Evinrude 40hp Lark. This boat is a hybrid with a gorgeous wood deck over a beautifully restored white fiberglass hull.

Di Johnson's 1972 8' Hydro. Little "Miss Merc" is a three-point hydroplane home-built from Glen-L "Tiny Titan" boat plans. It is powered by a Mercury KE-7 10hp.

Ed Slominski's 15' 1956 Lyman with Mercury Mark 58. This is an excellently preserved lapstrake boat, and another beautiful example of Ed's skillful ability to make his wood boats gleam.

Darrell Beaulier's 1969 Glastron Carlson. Made in Garden Grove, CA, it is powered by a 1972 "Super Strangler" 145hp Evinrude racer. This sparkling blue beauty is a very slick restoration brought back to life from an almost dead drive-by yard find.

Captain Emma Grace Bayless, when she was age 5, built this 8' Minimost with her grandfather John Platou. The hydroplane is home built from plans in the 1978 Science & Mechanics Magazine. It is powered by a 1973 Johnson 6 hp.



We had a great turnout of free-standing outboards on display this year.

Mark Betner blew us all away with his triple whammy vintage Johnson and Evinrude collections. He brought his complete 1955 green Johnson line-up with the 3hp, 5.5hp, 10hp and 25hp. Mark's motors were wrapped around a feature corner of our display, and included the entire 1957 Johnson line-up of the Holiday Bronze (red) motors, specifically the 3hp, 5.5hp, 7.5hp, 10hp, 18hp, and 35hp. "But wait, there's more"..., Mark also had two beautiful 1957 Evinrudes, an 18hp Fastwin and a 40hp Lark.

Bruce Miller brought his favorite and "first" motor, a 1948 Johnson 5hp TD-20.

Di Johnson returned with his three childhood motors on display; Elgin 2½hp, Johnson 5hp (TD-20) and Mercury KG-4 complete with his dad's photos of smilin' Di using each motor on Keuka Lake, NY.

Tom Oncken wowed us all with his eclectic motor collection including his 1931 Indian Silver Arrow 10hp, 1938 Clarke Troller 1.3hp, 1939 Evinrude Mate ½hp, 1946 Sea King Midget 1hp, 1954 Mercury Hurricane 20H "Hydro-Short" 16+hp race engine, 1956 Sea King 5hp, 1958 Evinrude Lightwin 3hp, and last, but not least, an NOS 1976 Mercury "Merc 25ss" 25+hp race engine which has never been run except at the factory.

John Plato displayed the entire line of 1960 Evinrude outboards including the 3hp Ducktwin, 3hp Lightwin, 5.5hp Fisherman, 10hp Sportwin, 18hp Fastwin, 40hp Big Twin, 40hp Lark, and 75hp Starflite on his boat.

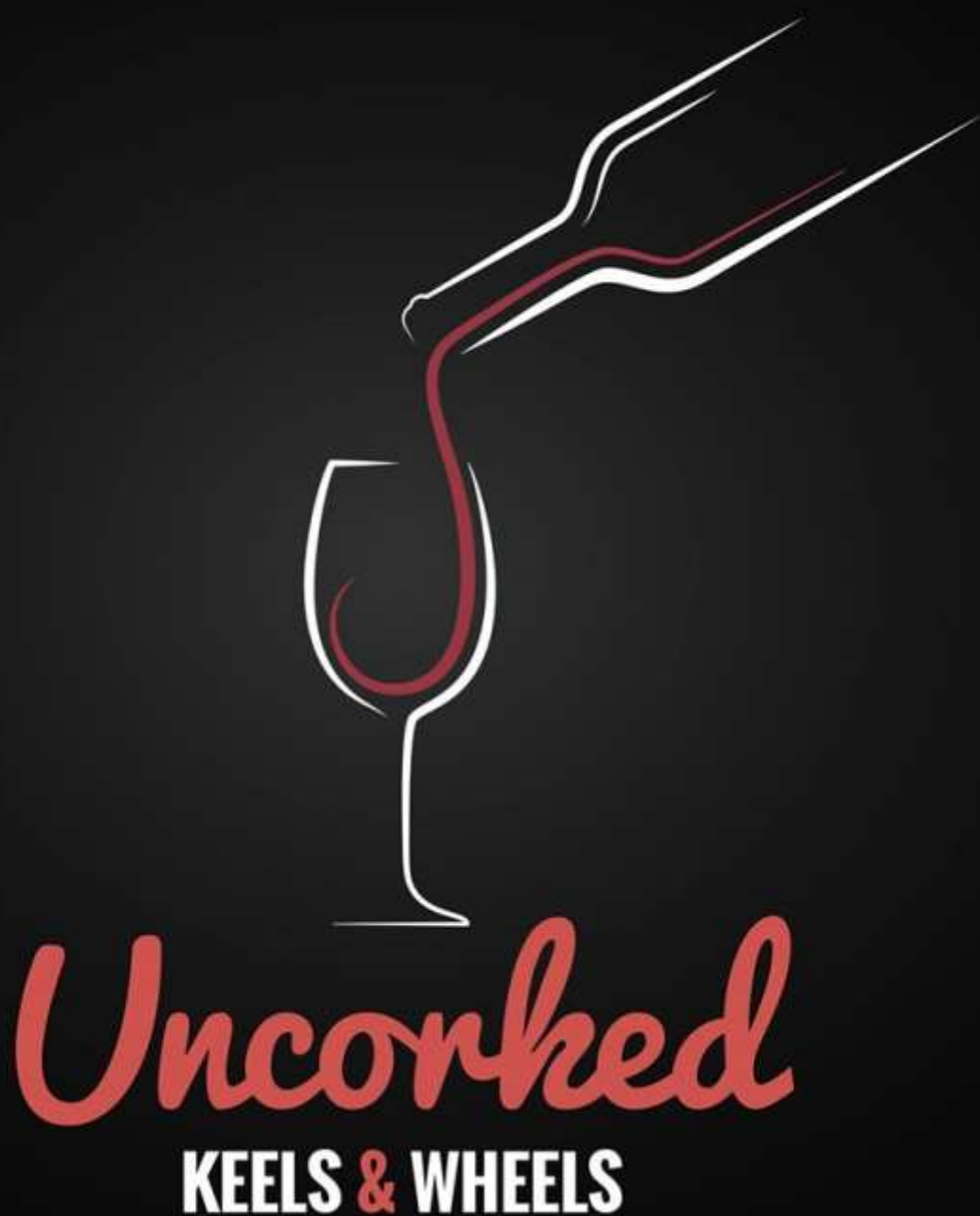
This Article was written by Di Johnson and edited by Tom Oncken





Kids Build a Boat & Engine





The "6th Annual Keels & Wheels Uncorked" will be held Thursday, March 26, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Rolls Royce/Bentley Houston, inside their Showroom at Post Oak Motor Cars located at 1530 West Loop South, Houston, 77027.

Guests are invited to attend alongside Master of Ceremonies Radio Host Sam Malone for an elegant evening of fine wines, exceptional food and classic automobiles.

Participating restaurants are assigned a classic automobile or boat. The chef of each restaurant then selects a specific wine that they believe matches the classic automobile. The Chef then prepares an hors d'oeuvre that is paired with the wine to complete the epicurean experience for the attendees to sample and consume. Pairing will be announced soon.

Tickets \$75.00 per person in advance



The classic cars and wooden boats are divided into roughly 40 classes for cars and 20 classes for boats. Formal judging takes place on Saturday. Awards will be presented Sunday. Main categories include Best of Class and Runner Up, as well as Best of Show for both car and boat. Corinthian Awards are awarded to car and boats deserving of Special Mention. Emeritus Awards are presented to individuals who have contributed significantly to the growth of our event. The Awards presentation ends with the

ultimate award known as the "Commodores Award for Best of Show for both car and boat. Peoples Choice Awards are presented Sunday afternoon as well.



The Cajun Classique

Over the years I have enjoyed several of the ACBS sponsored river cruises, a few of them many times. It doesn't take long to realize the dearth of cruises west of the Mississippi. When we are faced with the daunting requirements of both time and expense of a thousand mile tow to eastward we all take a step back.



While poking around south Louisiana my wife and I came across an engaging operator of a kayak rental service in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Just west of Lafayette, this quaint little town sits astride the Bayou Teche which winds its way through the heart of Cajun country. Together we cooked up a cruise which attempts to combine the history, cuisine, lovely sights and interesting industries that line this unique waterway.

With this year's cruise we have incorporated a few additional events that should attract the interest both hard core boaters and ladies. Relying on experience of previous cruises elsewhere, we have included both directions to non ethanol fueling places and an on call mechanic.



For those of us west of the Mississippi with the inclination for a boat cruise, the convenience cannot be duplicated.

We look forward to the boating and Friendship.

Wayne Elliott



Scenes from the cruise destination at Franklin Louisiana





Cruise participants and festival attendees alike relaxing at the Black Bear Festival in Franklin, Louisiana...the cruise destination.

This is the heart of St. Mary's Parrish, and is on the banks of the Bayou Teche. It's a great time.





Tremendous variety of boats, music, and Cajun food to participate in at the festival.



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Cajun Classique

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Jeanerette • Charenton • Baldwin • Franklin, Louisiana



Monday, April 13 - Sunday, April 19, 2015
From Breaux Bridge to Franklin, Louisiana
See website for schedule



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Second Annual Antique and Classic Boat Cruise Bayou Teche, Louisiana



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VINTAGE BOATS CRUISING DOWN BAYOU TECHE

“Second year of classic boats on Bayou Teche.”

BREAUX BRIDGE, La — February 2, 2015: The Southwest Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society is sponsoring a cruise through the heart of Cajun country. Organized by Breaux Bridge-based Bayou Teche Experience aka Cajun Paddle, the “Cajun Classique” event takes place from Monday, April 13th, through Sunday, April 19th, 2015. Registration for classic wooden boat enthusiasts is now open. Deadline to register is March 15th, 2015. Registration and details of the cruise route and daily excursions can be found at CajunClassique.com. This excursion represents the only classic boat cruise west of the Mississippi River.

“We’ve done this cruise last year, and it was a stunning success not only for the participants but also the spectators along the route. Where else can you cruise down the bayou and enjoy a taste of Cajun culture,” says Cory Werk, tour director, local outfitter and advocate for the recreational use of Bayou Teche. “This year the Cajun Classique will touch all four parishes of Bayou Teche, with overnight stays in Breaux Bridge, New Iberia and Franklin, Louisiana.”

“It’s a perfect match,” says Cory Werk. “From the time Cajuns settled the swamps and bayous of South Louisiana, boats were a necessity for trapping, hunting and fishing for subsistence. They built their wooden boats by hand by watching and doing, not by reading a blue print. A folk art that still goes on today.” South Louisiana has a long history of wooden boat building traditions. The cruise will end at the Bayou Teche Wooden Boat Show and Black Bear Festival in Franklin, Louisiana. Considering the foibles of antique watercrafts, a mechanic will be on call throughout the cruise.

The “Cajun Classique” cruise down the oak-tree laden Bayou Teche will go over one hundred miles of Cajun country. Time out will be taken to experience the local culture including its indigenous music and food. The Teche’s historic and cultural significance will be highlighted. A remnant of the Mississippi River’s waters of 5,000 years ago, the Teche has seen Civil War battles, has welcomed the first settlements of the Cajuns, and is home to the oldest operating Keystone lock and dam structure in the Mississippi Delta. Boaters from all over the United States will participate and showcase their vintage boats.

Upcoming Events

February
Board Meeting
2.28.15
March 27-29
Sunnyland Antique
Boat Festival
Tavares, Florida
April 13-19
Bayou Cruise
May 1-3
Keels and Wheels
October 2-4
RideNShow
October 16-18
Hill Country Show

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20TH ANNUAL KEELS & WHEELS CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE

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