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Larry Turcotte at the helm of Most Original Boat "Prime Time" photo by Neil Satterly

Lots of activities for what is a short boating season with plenty of rain to keep our lake's full of water and our boats tied to their docks. Oh well, the weather didn't curtail our activities and for our two Chapter boat shows, there were record turnouts and splendid weather so who's complaining? Look inside for results of both the Fulton Chain and Lake George Rendezvous winners.

The Adirondack Chapter was honored to have been chosen as the featured chapter at Antique Boat Museum's show on August 3-5th. We'll have something about that in our next issue with no space for this edition. The ACBS International Show will be held in September in Alexandria Bay, NY and we heard that hotel rooms are

being snapped up quickly so be sure to make your reservations early. Check the ACBS web site for more details. An old fashioned non-power regatta was held in Bolton Landing last September sponsored by our chapter with a write up to follow in our next issue. Lots of rowing, gliding and sailing. It will return next September too.

FROM THE HELM

Ed Scheiber, President Adirondack Chapter

Greetings all members,

I just wanted to bring each of you up to date on the latest chapter events. Most boats have been “pulled” weeks ago and our boating year has once again come to an end.....regrettably.

On an enjoyable September Saturday evening, thirty five of our members attended an event at The Georgian resort in Lake George Village for our annual dinner meeting. Two of our ladies hosted a Silent Auction and Ships Store which yielded \$289.00 for the chapter’s account. We also were given a nice donation for the operation of “The Adironduck”, the Chapter’s Youth Project kit boat used during both the Lake George and Fulton Chain Rendezvous’ mostly for the enjoyment of our young people.

This summer our 45th LG Rendezvous hosted over 100 boats for the pleasure of both the visitors and participants. They were exceptional events at both locations as a result of the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers. Our own Teri Hoffman was recognized for receiving the ACBS International’s “Founders Award.” This award is generously donated by the Michigan Chapter and chosen annually by past recipients. The award recognizes outstanding **life-time achievement in furthering the goals of the organization**. Teri has contributed greatly to our own chapter in the years past and we can be assured that she will continue that support in the years to come. CONGRATULATIONS TERI !!



(Photo: Teri Hoffman (center) accepts the Founders Award from Gail Turner, Chair of the Committee, and Dan Gyoerkoe, ACBS Executive Director)

On Friday noon, August 24th, several members boats gathered at the village docks in anticipation of a “parade of boats.” We were joined by Dan Gyoerkoe (ACBS ED) and his wife, Tracy. The event took 10 boats up the east shore of the lake, in and out of the bays, to north of Long Island. Most of the group then proceeded south to the western shore and lunch at The Boathouse Restaurant. It was a beautiful day on the lake and a great building of chapter member camaraderie. Dan was gracious enough to include an article of our event in the ACBS weekly newsletter.



(ACBS Executive Director Dan & Tracy Gyoerkoe with Ed & Jennifer Scheiber

On the Friday Cruise before the Lake George Rendezvous)



ADIRONDUCK 10TH BIRTHDAY IN OLD FORGE

by Neil Satterly

It doesn't seem possible that it's been 10 years since we launched the little 'Duck at the Fulton Chain Rendezvous in Old Forge, New York.

Newer ADC chapter members may not know that the Adironduck project started as an ACBS Youth Development initiative spearheaded by ACBS board member Captain Jim Shotwell, owner of James Craft kit boats. Jim donated a kit to any ACBS chapter pledging to build one. The goal was to get young people involved in our hobby through some hands-on appreciation.



(Chris Smith left in brimmed hat and Capt. Jim Shotwell)



It happened that the kit was donated to the Adirondack Chapter the same year that the ADC hosted the International Annual Meeting at Lake George and Shotwell had his James Craft team assist the ADC in getting the frame started under a tent on the shore, September 29, 2007. Part of that day included a visit with Chris Smith, grandson to the founder of Chris-Craft. Chris stopped by to tell the story of the Chris-Craft kit boats and how they came to be. (The 'Duck is a 1950's replica of the Chris-Craft 10' Racing Pram kit.) We made good progress that day and I took the hull to my shop where work would continue during the coming Winter and Spring of 2008. Completion involved hands-on youth participation from Albany's Boys and Girls Club, Guilderland 4-H, Lynnwood Reformed Church Youth and several adult volunteers.

A vintage Mercury outboard was purchased in restored condition and a custom trailer was built by Adam Weisburg. The boat was outfitted and loaded on the new trailer and we towed it to Hall's for water testing on July 3. Test results exceeded expectations. It was fast and fun. No wonder these kits were so popular in the 1950s!

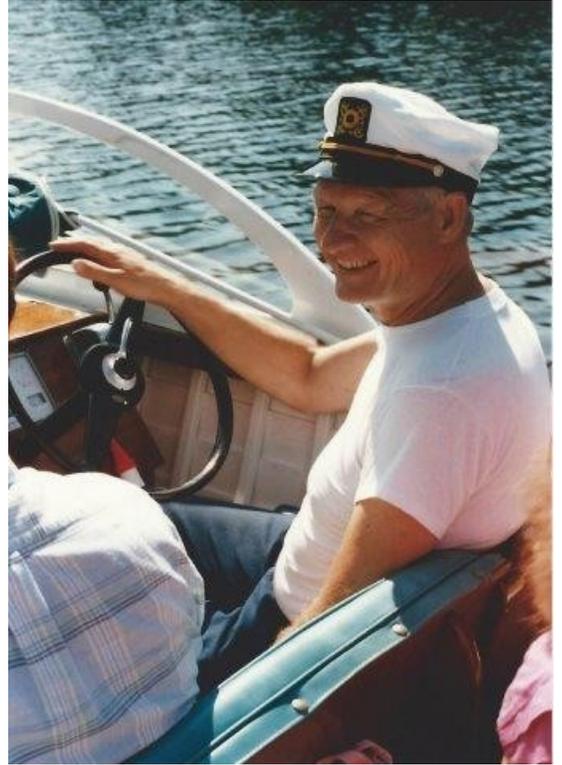
The Adironduck logo of a duck making a splash-landing was drawn by one of the youth builders, Megan Ports. Then it was made into decals and applied to the hull sides.

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DAVID KIDD REMEMBERED *by Neil Satterly*

This past year, the Adirondack Chapter and ACBS lost a dear friend in Dave Kidd. Dave's indelible smile, sense of humor and contagious laugh will be with us for many years and is part of the fabric of the Adirondack Chapter and the ACBS. Dave did most of his boating on the Fulton Chain where he was well known and where his legacy continues through the efforts of son Rob.

In his book, *ACBS My Early Years*, Dave Kidd's introduction tells of a day he was in his boat cruising up the mile-long channel leading from First Lake into Old Forge Pond. It was during the summer of 1976. "I was flagged down by Richard (Deke) Morrison and his wife Carol. Deke introduced himself as one of the vice presidents of ACBS, an organization I knew nothing about." (Deke is a charter member of the ACBS, a board member of the Adirondack Chapter, and well known in the Old Forge community for his countless contributions to the arts and other civic activities including the Fulton Chain Rendezvous.) The story continues, "Deke gave me a membership application which I mailed to "Headquarters," a post office box in Lake George. If this chance meeting had not happened, my ACBS membership would have been delayed by several years and I doubt I would have ever become president."



Rob Kidd recalled some memories of his Dad for *Fourth Watch*:

"Dad always loved the look and sound of the old boats from the time they were new.

My introduction to all this was at Bald Mountain Colony campsites in the 1960's. We always had a campsite on the channel between Third and Fourth lakes. Dad used to love watching and listening to the inboards as they slowly passed by (the channel is a no-wake zone). He would ask me to let him know if I saw or heard one coming so that we could both enjoy watching it go by.

I believe it was 1974 when we bought our first wood inboard, a '54 Chris-Craft Riviera. Dad was likely driving this boat when he met Deke Morrison. As you know, prices for these boats were low in the 1970's and Dad took advantage of this, eventually owning 12 boats in various stages of repair. Over time, storage costs became prohibitive and one by one Dad sold them off. During this process I made Dad promise not to sell our little 16' Chris-Craft which I always liked.

As you know, Dad became quite fond of the friends he made in the Adirondack Chapter and later, the Finger Lakes Chapter. He kept an index card with a long list of names on it that he would review on the way to any Adirondack Chapter function. "Make sure I say hello to ____ and Mr. and Mrs. ____" or, "I'm looking forward to seeing ____."



At this past summer's Fulton Chain Rendezvous, Ann and I had the privilege of presenting a memorial plaque on behalf of the Adirondack Chapter, to Rob in memory of his father and our dear friend.



The Adirondack Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society hosted 50 boats at their rendezvous on the Old Forge waterfront to celebrate the 28th year of this event here in Old Forge. Visitors to the show were given free rides on "Grace," a classic Chris Craft owned by Dunn's Boat Service from Big Moose Lake. The local post of the American Legion were present offering food service for all. A parade of boat entries motored up the channel to First Lake at the end of the show.

The event was a co-sponsored by the **Central Adirondack Association, Strand Theatre, Shelter, Water's Edge Inn, Rivett's Marine, Adirondack Bank, Water Safar/Enchanted Forest, T.A.Down Construction Company, DiOrio's Supermarket, Reets Boats, Tow Bar Inn, and Old Forge Camping Resort.**

Awards were presented on Saturday night to these winners:

HISTORIC CLASS: The Hornick Family for "Echo," a 1904 launch

ANTIQUE CLASS: Fred & Sheelagh Baily for "Sabrina," a 1931 Christ Craft

CLASSIC UTILITY: Jo Sabo for "Geraldine," a 1945 Motor Whale Boat (*photo above*)

CLASSIC RUNABOUT: Neil & Ann Satterly for "Tahawus," a 1949 Chris Craft Custom

CONTEMPORY CLASSIC: Ron & Sheila Cuccaro for "Oh Baby," a 2015 Gold Cup Racer Replica

OUTBOARD CLASS: David Kuhfhal for "Squirt," a Glen-L kit boat in the Outboard Class

LAND DISPLAY: Allan Fosella for 'Karizma," a 16' Courtins Canoe in the Land Display Class

EXHIBITORS CHOICE: Nick Arnone for his Century Coronado in the Exhibitors' Choice Category

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Deke Morrison for "Laura," an 1895 Gas Engine Power Company Launch.

WELCOME ABOARD

The Adirondack Chapter welcomes the following new members:

Robert & Nancy Behrens Wynantskill, NY

John Carroll Saratoga Springs, NY

Robbin & Glenn Gibson Jamaica, VT

Paul Leah Schroon Lake, NY

John Macionis Hague, NY

Greg Stewart Altamont, NY

Bruce Troy Red Hook, NY

Frank Tybush Troy, NY

Tom Warrington & Betsy Folwell Blue Mountain, NY

Robert White Palos Verdes Estates, CA

Mark Williams Chestertown, NY



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TRADING DOCK

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Consider a Commission



On July 12, 2010, at the Old Forge Rendezvous event, we held a launch ceremony where Jim Shotwell and many of the volunteers were recognized with beautiful mahogany plaques. Made by Jeff Dutcher, they were engraved with the ADC and Adironduck logos. The 'Duck was plucked from the trailer by Rob Kidd, John Kovac, Kent Smith, Ann Satterly and a few others standing by and splashed in Old Forge pond. It immediately went into service, giving many children, parents and even grandparents rides during the show. Since that time, Ellen Robbiano who has been a volunteer from day one, has worked with me to maintain the boat, suit up the riders with PFDs, and help with safe boarding and de-boarding. We've also been fortunate to have Hall's Boats provide storage and launching for the chapter-owned boat. I have to also thank my wife Ann for helping and sacrificing not being able to have our boat go to Old Forge for several years in order to tow the 'Duck instead.



(above Albany Boy's and Girl's Club & 4H members get to work on the Duck)

The original mission of building migrated into providing ride experiences. Over the past ten years, we've provided rides to hundreds from two to 92 years and there are many stories to tell. Many passengers had their first-ever boat ride in the 'Duck and for others it was their first wood-boat ride. I think of these as "threshold experiences" that many of us remember as the spark that kindled our vintage boat passion. A few of the older kids now in their late 60s and 70s have ridden it for nostalgia, fondly recalling that they had owned one just like it as a kid. (Neil Satterly & Ellen Robbiano applying the Duck decal drawn by Youth Builder Megan Ports)



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FROM THE HELM (continued from page 2)

The Friday evening before the Lake George Rendezvous, the membership was treated to a magnificent cruise on The Morgan, the cruise boat from the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing. The cruise took us north into the picturesque “Narrows” among the beautiful islands. The hors d’oeuvres were plentiful and tasty as were the adult beverages. We returned in the moonlight provided by a nearly full moon. What a wonderful evening!!



In late October, Lake George was visited by members from the Lake Champlain chapter with eight boats for a day cruise on our lake. They launched at Mossy Point in north Lake George and picked up members along the way down the west shore, through The Narrows and we all met at the Algonquin for lunch. After lunch they travelled into Northwest Bay, on into The Narrows and back north. Some trailered back to Vermont and some stayed overnight in Hague. It was a wonderful gathering and fun to meet the Lake Champlain Chapter members.

Congratulations to all of these winners especially to our own Teri Hoffman for the Founders Award!





One of my favorite stories comes from an 18-year-old girl who rode the 'Duck for the first time this year. When she was 10, she arrived at the Old Forge show too late for a ride. Her cousins and sister had ridden earlier in the day and told her about it. She told me how upset she was at the time over missing her chance. She, her mom and dad, cousins and sisters were all back 10 years later and came running down to the 'Duck, excited and happy to see the boat was back. She told me her story and asked if she could still get a ride, even though she was 18 and not a kid anymore. She, her sister and cousins all went out. She was almost in tears that she had finally gotten her ride.

(ready for maiden launch)



More stories are waiting to be made. Captain Neil is looking for volunteer captains for either Old Forge or Lake George for the coming seasons. If you'd like to help make memories by captaining or helping with maintenance or towing, please email nmsatterly@gmail.com. The boat is fully insured through a policy issued to the chapter. Outfitted today with a smooth-running Evinrude, thanks to Buzz Lamb, it's a pleasure to drive.

45th ANNUAL LAKE GEORGE RENDEZVOUS AUGUST 24-25 2018

The Lake George Rendezvous has been around now for 45 years and it just keeps getting better and better. Our Chairs for the show, Ed and Sally Becker thought of everything from bringing in food trucks to ordering the weather gods to give us a beautiful sunny day for the festivities. With all available dock space filled and adding a tie out to line the sea wall with as many boats we could accommodate, the show featured some rare boats and loads of spectators. Once again the "Keystone Cops Model T Camping Club" displayed their vintage vehicles with period camping trailers to amaze the spectators. The Adirondack Triumph Sports Car Club also had a contingent of their cars along with non power boats as land displays on Beach Road. The highlight of the day is always the boat parade as exhibitors and spectators alike love to watch and hear the boats as they zoom by and the boat owners love to race their engines and show what their boats can do. After the parade our group headed across the street to the Fort William Henry for the awards dinner which had the following winners:

HISTORIC: "Emma B" a 1904 Fay & Bowen Launch owned by John Macionis (*photo right*)

ANTIQU: "Garyowen" a 1928 Sea Lyon owned by Bo and Kathy Muller

CLASSIC: "Tonto" a 1959 Chris-Craft Silver Arrow owned by Buzz Lamb

LATE CLASSIC: "Portobello" a 1986 Garwood owned by Don Spring

CONTEMPORARY: "Cyclone" a 2012 Van Dam owned by Alexander Jackson

NON-POWER: "Karizma" hand built canoe by Alan Fosella

LAND DISPLAY MANAGER'S CHOICE: "Evadora" a Hacker Gentlemen's Racer owned by Paul Connelly

EXHIBITOR'S CHOICE: "Aileen" 1926 Sound Inter-Club sail boat owned by Jeff McMullen

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: "Cyclone" a 2012 Van Dam Limousine

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: "Top Ridge" 1948 Chris-Craft Utility owned by Joe Fleming

DOCKMASTER'S CHOICE: "Top Ridge"

ACBS MOST ORIGINAL AWARD: "Prime Time"

HONORABLE MENTION I : "Golden Fury" a 1957 Phil Harper Holiday owned by Duane & Jeanie Cipas

HONORABLE MENTION II: "Flash" a 1958 Century Arabian owned by Fritz Hart



(Joe Fleming at the helm of "Top Ridge" Dockmaster's and President's Choice award winner)

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("Garyowen" Antique Class winner)



("Cyclone" Contemporary Class & People's Choice winner)



("Tonto" Best Classic Award winner)



("Flash" Honorable Mention award)



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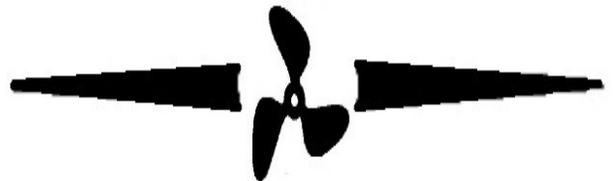


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