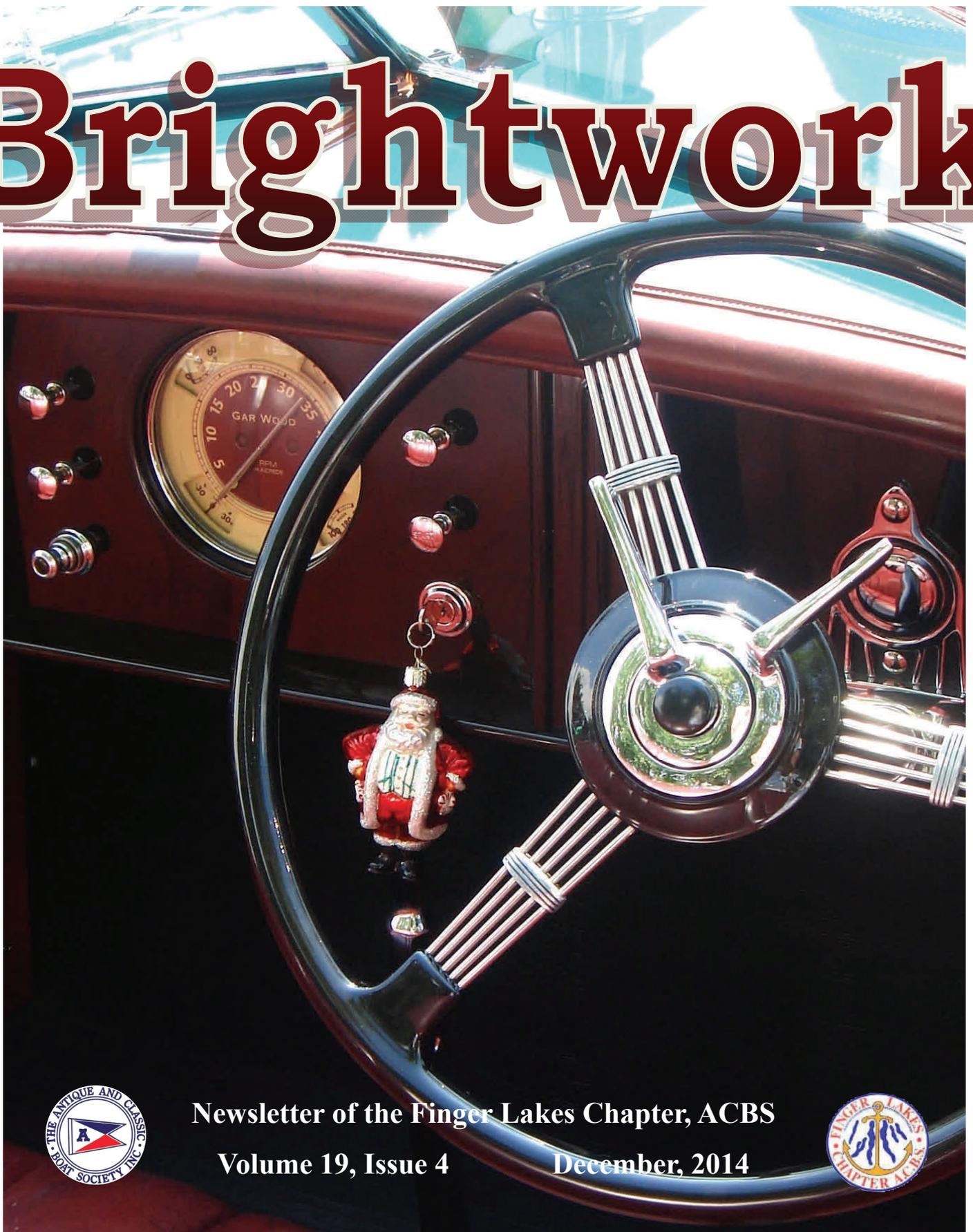


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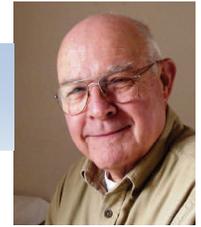
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## From the President

Jack Gifford



Hi Folks.

This past boating season was one the Finger Lakes Chapter (and others in our boating community) will long remember. Not only were the days of summer filled with happy memories, but in July, your Boat Show Committee presented us with another stellar FLC Boat Show. And if that wasn't enough, at the end of the season the chapter was fortunate to host the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual ACBS Meeting and International Boat Show at the Skaneateles Country Club.

These were daunting tasks, but your 2014 Boat Show Committee stepped up to the challenge. The long meetings and longer hours were rewarded with an event that many said was up there with the top two or three in the history of ACBS Annual Meetings. Post-card weather provided the icing on the cake. Kudos to all who gave of themselves to insure that it all came together seamlessly. It came together from the dedication of many and it is worth mentioning a few on the frontline: Dave Freund and his launch crew, Janice Miller and her dock crew, Rick Nelson and the

### *Letters... More Letters on Page 10*

Hi Tom,

Brightwork came the other day and it was fun to relive the boat show again. Good job.

In the credit listing, I was surprised to not see Ike Dilkes name. Ike worked over the winter to design and build a spool to lay out the wiring on the pier for the speakers. He also designed and built new mounting clamps for the speakers so that we wouldn't have another speaker go swimming like last year. With his ingenuity it was much easier to install the speakers and wiring on the pier, and it made for a better installation. And this rig will help us for many years to come.

Arnie Rubenstein

*(Editor's note: Ike's name was listed under the **Dock Crew** category. There were many who work a number of jobs in putting the FLC show together, but rather than contribute to confusion (or forget one of those important jobs so many do), we only list a person in one general category. However, Ike's efforts mentioned in Arnie's letter will make a world of difference in the annual installation of the sound system. The job was brilliant and very much appreciated. Thanks, Ike—for all you do!)*

folks at the gate and Dave Couch in the unsung hero slot of Parking Coordination. Thank you all for making all of us look good.

Now, as we look forward to the holiday season with friends and family, it's also time to look to the future of our Chapter and develop innovative and productive ways to grow our membership. We must find ways to attract folks with a lot less gray on the top if we are to continue to thrive. I look to you, our Chapter Members, to provide your Board of Directors and officers new ways in which we can better serve as stewards of the Chapter as we go forward.

I wish all of you a very joyous Holiday season and a healthy and Happy New Year.

-Jack Gifford,

President, Finger Lakes Chapter, ACBS

### *Passages*

#### **Ted Davenport, 76**

Although Ted wasn't a member of the Finger Lakes Chapter, he was a patient friend. Ted conducted the Skaneateles Community Band for years, always graciously making room for the annual July Antique Boat Show during Friday evening's concert in Clift Park.

#### **Volunteers needed:**

To work the CNY Boat show at the Fairgrounds in February. FLC has a booth and needs your help. Contact Dave Couch to schedule your hours and learn what times are available.

### **Welcome Aboard!**

#### **New Members:**

- Scott DeJoy, Auburn
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- Sally Botelho, Key West, FL
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- John & Erin Sammut, Skaneateles
- Cayuga Wooden Boatworks (Phil Walker), Cayuga
- Richard Shannon, Syracuse
- Jack Van Scoter, Fredonia

Total FLC membership through Oct. 30th is 190.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 28—Dec 24	21st Annual “Dickens Christmas” Shopping Experience — <i>Skaneateles</i>
Jan 15	Finger Lakes Boating Museum (FLBM): Children’s Boats program
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>FLC’s Annual Meeting and Dinner—Sherwood Inn, <i>Skaneateles</i> 3:30pm</b>
<b>Feb 11—15</b>	<b>CNY Boat Show, State Fairgrounds—<i>Syracuse</i></b>
Feb 12—15	ACBS Winter Quarterly Board of Directors—Las Vegas, NV
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
Mar 27—29	Sunnyland Boat Show, Tavares, FL
<b>April 19</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
Early June	Dock Day, Skaneateles
<b>June 14</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
June 20	41st Annual Lake Hopatcong Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show
June 25—28	ACBS Summer Quarterly Board of Directors—Mystic Seaport
July 11	25th Annual Fulton Chain Rendezvous
<b>July 19</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
July 19—20	33nd Wine Country Boat Show
<b>July 24—26</b>	<b>37th FLC Annual Boat Show</b>
<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>Boat Show Wrap-up Meeting (TBA)</b>
<b>Sept 20</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>FLC Board of Director’s Meeting—<i>The Creamery, Skaneateles</i></b>
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>FLC Annual Meeting (<u>Tentative</u>) (TBA)</b>
<b>Dec, 2015</b>	<b>No meeting</b>

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Rob Kidd

## Spotlight On Members

### *By Any Other Name? Not this Boat.*

In 1980 Ron and Rosie Cimini of Williamsport, PA indirectly entered into the hobby of vintage boating. Working seven days a week at their leather goods business, Ron realized he needed to spend more time with his family. Boating sounded like something the whole family could enjoy.

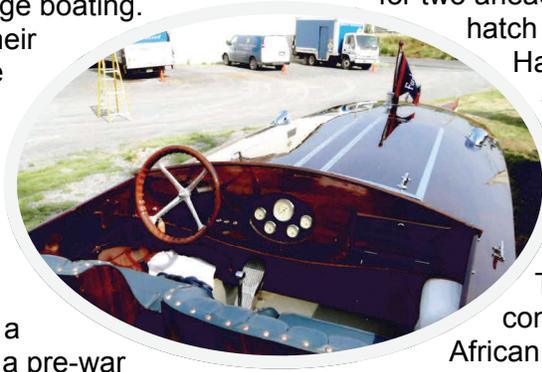
Their first boat was a 30' Ventnor cabin cruiser, kept at a marina on Seneca Lake.

Several boats later, Ron had developed a taste for vintage boats and decided that a pre-war 19' Chris-Craft might be just the thing. He found one in Clayton, NY and had it restored at John Ford's shop in Union Springs, NY. Ron had the fever now and a second Chris-Craft was added to the fleet, a 1928 26' triple. These two boats remain in the family and are named for their daughters *HEATHER LEE* and *SHELL-E* (Shelly Elizabeth).

As time passed, Ron developed an interest in Gold Cup race boats. With so few remaining, it seemed unlikely that he would find one of his own. That is when Ron took note of an article penned by John Hacker published in an old issue of *MotorBoating Magazine*. The article describes and provides plans for "A Speedy 26' Runabout" designed to be eligible

accomplished by having the driver's seat and one passenger seat behind the engine and a small bench for two ahead of the engine under a hatch cover. John

Hacker's drawing showed for shows two bucket-type seats and a small bench sharing a cockpit behind the engine.



The Cimini's boat was constructed of

African mahogany over white oak framing, powered by a Chevrolet 454. Ron and Rosie chose to have the boat finished in Hatteras White with a dark-stained deck and navy-blue bottom. The G-16 number on the side was chosen because among the 75 numbers originally used by Gold Cup



racers, no one had chosen 16 and so it was "available." 16 also happens to be the date of Rosie's birth in the month of June making it even more



for Gold Cup racing. Ron approached John Ford about building such a boat and learned that John was already familiar with the plans and that he'd be glad to do it. John explained that whenever he builds a boat from a set of old plans, the owner will often request changes and he wondered what Ron had in mind for this boat. Ron told him, "Build it exactly as shown," which pleased John.

The Gold Cup rules of the day stated that each boat shall have seating for four. This was often



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Dave Couch

## Restorer's Corner

### “So, I’ve Got This Old Wooden Boat...”

I can't tell you how many times I have heard that line over the years at boat shows and various get-togethers. My heart always skips a beat when a new owner tell me what type of treasure they have found. The next part almost goes something like this: “I want to get started but don't know where to begin.” Or, “I started and took it all apart. I am just not sure how to put it back together.” Or, “My wife hates it,” “My daughter got married,” or the best one, “When I retire I will get to it.”

Most of us, at times, find life getting in the way of what we really want to do. I have been trying to repaint my Lyman for the past year but work, family, chores around the house and helping to plan two boat shows have been getting in the way.

To that point, I am launching an idea this winter to help all my friends in this hobby who want to make progress on their own boat. The point is to steer new



1964 Thompson Tomboy

owners in the right direction and help them be proud of their progress. Sometimes it's just a spark of motivation which helps get the project underway – and gives the garage back to the family.

I've learned people achieve great satisfaction from working on their own boat. Not everyone can, of course, but those who do seem to have great pride as they detail the time and energy they have put into their project. The invested energy seems more rewarding in the long-term than any award. Sure, you can write a big check to a restoration company for a “points-perfect” boat, but I think there is a special satisfaction in doing it yourself.

The guys with the paint and epoxy under their fingernails can tell you with intimate detail how long it took to replace a plank, varnish the hull or build a new interior. These stories of effort and elbow-grease are what keeps this hobby alive for the next generation.

My goal this winter is to make myself and other restorers available to chapter members who would



1952 Old Town Rowboat

like to undertake a project on their own, but may be hesitant to try. We will work with you and give guidance on whatever

task you would like to learn. The project could be as simple as repainting the bottom or as involved as replacing a cracked plank. With this idea, we hope to help foster more interest, pride and camaraderie between members.

Owning a wooden boat is a very attainable goal for anyone who is interested. There are a lot of very good, entry-level, usable boats available on the market, ready to be enjoyed. Most are simply in need of a good cleaning and a little cosmetic work.

Once your wooden boat is fixed up, it requires about the same yearly maintenance as a new fiberglass boat. Just think engine maintenance, spring commissioning and fall winterization. You should plan on sanding and painting the bottom if the boat's used regularly, as well as budget for insurance and fuel.



1964 25' Lyman Sleeper

Maintenance products available today are superior to the products when these boats were new. Paint and varnishes are more durable, reducing some of the maintenance efforts. And, the skills needed are really nothing more than what you need to work around the house and car.

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# International ACBS

**A truly world-class boat show made a Jay Brooks painting come alive in September.**

**It took nearly two years of planning and countless meetings to make a great week in Skaneateles. Some nice feedback came our way...**



This painting by Jay Brooks became the life of the ACBS Annual Meeting and International Boat Show.

*From Bill Eberhardt, owner of The Sherwood Inn for 40 years*

Since 1995, The Finger Lakes Chapter Boat Show has been an essential part of the summer “happenings” in Skaneateles, NY. The Sherwood Inn has been a proud supporter of such a carefully planned and well-executed event. The highlight of activities are situated in the heart of the “Eastern Gateway to the Finger Lakes,” attracting more than 10,000 visitors from across the country each year. It has been exciting to watch the development and growth over the past twenty years.

Skaneateles, NY strives to serve as a vibrant and elegant travel destination and The Finger Lakes Chapter Boat Show provides the perfect occasion to experience the beauty, warm hospitality, and charming atmosphere that Skaneateles offers. Skaneateles is home to a thriving residential and business community, and host to thousands of visitors and vacationers each year. It is a perfect venue where the event’s water and land activities can happen simultaneously and adjacent to each other.

This special occasion is a leader in collaborative tourism efforts and is a critical part of Skaneateles and Central New York’s commerce. It would not be possible without the strong support and assistance provided by the partners and sponsors. The Chapter is lucky to have a positive working relationship with the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce, the

Skaneateles Merchants Association and M&T Bank - making the last weekend in July an ideal example of increasing recognition of and driving tourism to a charismatic and captivating small village.

Jack Gifford, President of the Finger Lakes Chapter, Dick Sherwood, a director and past president of the chapter, and the Boat Show Committee work tirelessly to bring us a show that has now become a tradition for exhibitors, families and visitors. The entire community comes together to provide free concerts, children’s activities, tours, a parade and of course Skaneateles’s many fine restaurants, galleries and boutiques. There is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

Throughout the year I hear comments from visitors to The Sherwood Inn about how they anticipate for the next Boat Show (July 24-26, 2015) and how proud they are to have such an excellent event right in their hometown. The Sherwood Inn hopes to assist in providing a “home away from home,” lasting memories, and positive impressions to all visitors and in the antique and classic boat community.

Warm regards,  
Bill Eberhardt



# Meeting and Show

*Here are excerpts from the Skaneateles Country Club newsletter.*

*General Manager Jim Fields writes about the International Boat Show*

"I have done many events in my career as a club manager, including a PGA Championship and the US Amateur Championship, and I must say these local volunteers for ACBS were one of the best crews I have worked with.

Thank you to Janice Miller, Tom Beardsley, Dick Sherwood and the many other local helpers. I would like to also extend a very large thank you to club member Doug Adams. Doug is a board member of ACBS and the one responsible for bringing this event to Skaneateles. The biggest thank you, however, goes to SCC Members in sharing your club for a week and being so cooperative.

"The best outcome of the week was the impression of the club and the community which everyone walked away with. This meeting and show is not a small event. It travels the country and mostly to large resorts. Next year, the 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting is going to Gull Lake, Minnesota. The



following year will be in Lake Tahoe.

"I met with representatives of the Toronto Chapter on the last day to talk about logistics. They have designs on hosting a future show in Canada.

"At every turn, I heard what a beautiful facility we have, how friendly and professional the staff is and how nice the area is.

"The last thing I want to leave you with is a conversation I had with a gentleman from Florida at the closing banquet. He has attended 32 of the 39 annual ACBS meetings. Of those 32 he ranks the experience in Skaneateles right at the top of his list. He said from the moment they hit town, everyone was extremely friendly...

"His last comment was, 'why would anyone live anywhere else?'"

*Sue Dove, owner of Skaneateles Inn on 20 and past Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce wrote the following to the Skaneateles Journal newspaper*

The week of Sept. 16 was a very special one as Skaneateles hosted the International Antique and Classic Boat Society's Annual Meeting and Boat Show. Many of the committee members that work on the annual Antique and Classic Boat Show in Skaneateles in July were the keys to hosting this once-in-a-lifetime event in Skaneateles.

Many thanks to the members of the Skaneateles Country Club for opening the country club to the public so everyone had the opportunity to see these beautiful and historic boats, meet their owners and learn the story each boat has to tell.

For Skaneateles and the central New York area, this boat show had a huge economic impact to the area — in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Many exhibitors stayed three, four or five nights in area hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and vacation rentals. They shopped in our unique village and ate in our restaurants, rode on the Judge Ben Wiles, and visited area attractions.

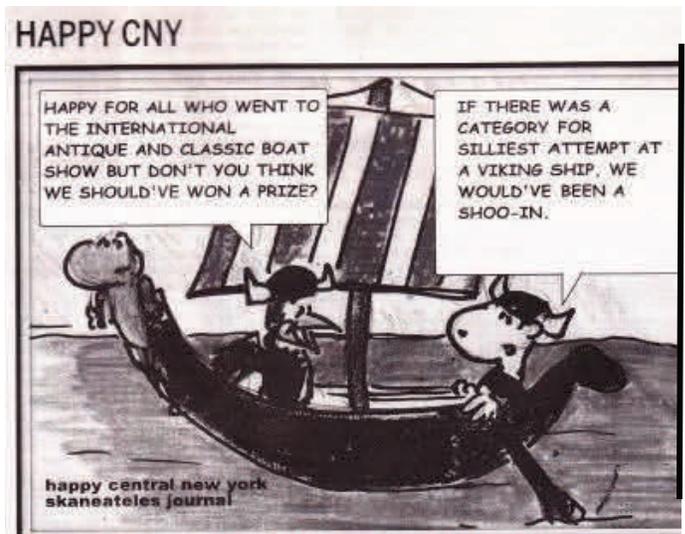
As a community, these visitors were blown away (almost literally in Saturday's high winds) by the warm welcome from everyone, the professionalism of the country club staff and the beauty of the area.

Many thanks to the vision of the Boat Show Committee and the hundreds of

hours of work that went into making this once-in-a-lifetime boat show a huge success.

**Susan Dove**, Skaneateles

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Blythe Jakubowski

## A Teen's Take On Boats

# Summer Dreamin' on Such a Winter's Day

**C**losing up the cottage has been my least



favorite day of the year since I can remember. I don't know why, I guess it's something about the end, when the last window is closed and the last blanket is folded. It all means it is really over for that year, the ups and downs of all the memories are gone with the final shut of that door.



Worse than leaving the cottage for the last time in late Fall is getting there and remembering what it was like in the warmer weather just a couple months before. There were countless people running and playing. Kids were yelling across the perfect green lawn and jumping into the perfect blue water. Fruity drinks were scattered around the dock and colorful beach towels draped everywhere you look. Bathing suits were laid over the railing and

people were sleeping out in the hot sun.

And now, a thin layer of snow is spread over the browned lawn and it is just enough to be cold, and not nearly enough to be pretty. The lake is calm and a dark blue. Skinny tree branches only sport the occasional sparrow but are otherwise bare.

On this last day, closing day, it is always quiet, way

too quiet. There are no boats in the lifts, no music, no laughing kids. Just nothing. It's just cold.

At the end of the closing day, when all the work is finished, when we sit and take a break, it's just cold, quiet and sad.



The only thing that keeps this quiet and lonely and cold house cottage from being too sad is the thought that in less than a year there will be music blasting, people laughing, fruity drinks will be scattered on the dock and the cottage won't be quiet anymore.

When the summer comes, it will be anything but quiet, anything but sad and anything but lonely and I will be wanting anything, but to leave at the end of the season.



# A New Home and Within a Year, a New Museum

By Pat Etter, FLBM staff

In January 2014, volunteers began the task of converting the historic Taylor Winery building into a home for the Finger Lakes Boating Museum (FLBM).

By June 21, 2014, the day the museum opened its doors to the public over 60 volunteers had spent almost 3000 hours making a

Museum has also begun its largest renovation project ever – the Pat II, a thirty-nine foot launch that was once the mail boat on Skaneateles Lake. This is another project manned by volunteers and educational opportunities will be offered to people interested in learning boat building skills.

workshops and classes on boat building and restoration. These goals are consistent with the Museum's mission – education and preservation of the rich history of boating and boat building in the Finger Lakes region of New York State.

Anyone who is interested in



museum. On opening day, 160 people came through those doors. Since June 21<sup>st</sup>, over 3,500 people have visited the museum. FLBM celebrated these accomplishments at a Grand Opening on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Opening day did not mean that the work was done. Volunteers are now renovating additional space to double the exhibition areas. The

This winter, a featured exhibit is the *Elizabeth Ellen*, a 25 foot Fay and Bowen Special built in 1910. This spectacular boat is on loan from Dick Sherwood, former editor of *Brightwork*.

FLBM's long term plans include establishing a presence on Keuka Lake, renovating additional space to exhibit more of the collection of 115 boats and expanding

volunteering or participating in classes or workshops can contact the Museum at 607-569-2222, by e-mail at [info@flbm.org](mailto:info@flbm.org), or through their website – [www.flbm.org](http://www.flbm.org). Visit the Museum at 8231 Pleasant Valley Road, Hammondsport NY.

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On behalf of the Lake Champlain Chapter, I would like to thank you, the ACBS staff and the entire Finger Lakes Membership for arranging and presenting a spectacular event. The Skaneateles Country Club was the perfect venue which set the stage for a perfect boat show...The food presentation and overall organized service was excellent, too. Great job! Thank you.

Mike O'Brien,  
Lake Champlain Chapter, ACBS

Janice and all at Finger Lakes,  
Once again you all did a superb job putting together the meet/show so pass that on. Knowing that all the same Skaneateles Show crew would be involved I didn't expect anything less. We really enjoyed all the events, the only down side was the wind on Saturday but otherwise everything went well. FYI, We already have motel reservations for the 2015 Skaneateles show.

Cheers  
John Hawbecker

Hi Dick, Doug, Rob, Janice, Jack,  
Superb Planning from front to finish!  
What a fantastic show, wonderful itinerary and all the help before, during and after the show.  
From the sponsorship display perspective, the set up

was also very ideal and well planned.  
Wil and Mary Vidal  
Glacier Lakes Chapter, ACBS  
PS. Please pass on our thanks to all the volunteers.

Dick and All at Finger Lakes;  
I'll bet your tired and glad it's over. Just wanted to thank you for all of your efforts in a great International show. I had about 125-150 great folks over 5 hours who really appreciated the collection during the tours at my shop. Made a lot of new friends.  
Great Job,  
Steve Shehadi



Doug's Fish Fry was one of our major sponsors for the Welcoming Reception at the ACBS Annual Meeting and International Boat Show. Thanks also to the Columbian Foundation and especially Sammut Wealth Management. Here, on November 5, a framed poster for the show was presented to Mark Edward's at Doug's Fish Fry by Dick Sherwood and Janice Miller.

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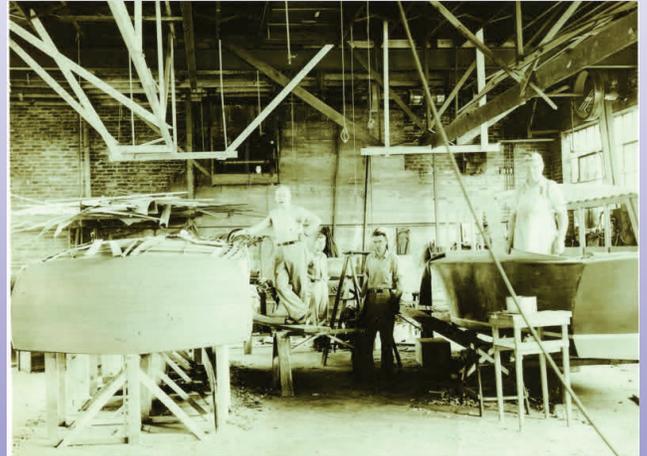
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**Pictured: A Pair of Recently Restored Liberty's**

# January 31, 2015 – Save the Date!

The Finger Lakes Chapter Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner is scheduled for Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles. Detailed times and menu offerings are contained in the flyer included in this issue of Brightwork. Our featured guest speaker is, once again, one of our favorites, Tony Mollica. Tony will be talking about the treasure trove of documents recently found after half a century in the old Fitzgerald and Lee Boat Works shop in Alexandria Bay. Tony was asked to examine these papers based on his vast knowledge of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Boats, well documented in his many books on the subject and his close association with those boats manufactured in the St. Lawrence River area. We, of course, delight in any opportunity to hear Tony speak of his experiences with antique boats and boating.



Fitzgerald and Lee shop in Alexandria Bay, fall 1941. A student of this company's history, Tony's recent examination of Fitzgerald and Lee lost archives will ensure an enlightening evening.

The meeting will begin promptly at 3:30 and will last no more than an hour with a brief time out for the Board of Directors to review the 2015 slate of Officers and Directors. All FLC Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

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# A Finger Lakes Boatyard—since 1991

A search for boat repair shops will often yield several results. Far fewer boat *yards* will be found, however, especially those engaged in the art of restoration and not just repair.

A year ago, we highlighted the story of *When and If*, a beautiful schooner built for General George S. Patton and his wife. The boat was to have taken them around the world, “when and if” the General returned from his European theater assignment during WWII. This boat, after several years of neglect, was meticulously restored by a yard here in the Finger Lakes,

## Cayuga Wooden Boatworks.

The project was led by master craftsman and owner, Dennis Montgomery.

Dennis lost his life to cancer over the winter.

The future of his boat company

was in doubt and the jobs of 6 – 7 woodworkers and a few more seasonal helpers was in doubt.

Dennis had built the company over the past 20 years or so, beginning in Ithaca and expanding into Beacon Bay Marina. 10 years ago, Phil Walker met Dennis while in his career as a real estate developer in Ithaca. As the relationship progressed, Phil started working part-time at the Ithaca yard. The lure of boats was stronger than the lure of redeveloping corner lots and the job became full-time.

Phil has assumed the reins of the Boat Works, working with Dennis’ wife Cindy in keeping the company active.

Cayuga Wooden Boats’ big project this winter is the restoration of a 41’ Richardson and the full inspection of everything below the waterline of *Cygnus II*, a wooden tour boat from Clayton.

Cayuga Wooden Boats is a new member of the Finger

Lakes Chapter of ACBS and one of a small handful of corporate members.

Phil says they employ 6 – 7 woodworkers full-time.

Some winter hires are also brought on board. They currently operate from two different

properties. A shop in Enfield replaces the Ithaca Boating Center location and most trailer-able boats are taken there. Larger boats (defined as anything which can travel on the NYS Canal System) are handled at the larger yard in Cayuga at Beacon Bay Marina. The company works on “3 or 4 major projects each year and upward of a dozen others.”

Past projects for the company include the *Malabar X*. This wooden schooner, originally intended to be a restoration, became a complete rebuild and was, by the company’s estimation, the first large wooden boat to be built in Ithaca in about 100 years. The *Malabar X* was the winner of the 2003 “Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race” and also worked with Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards on Seneca Lake for many years for public tours until being sold about 6 years ago.

Walker says the website re-design is a major project in the near future, but information can be found at [www.cayugawoodenboatworks.com](http://www.cayugawoodenboatworks.com).



**“When and If” under restoration in fall, 2013  
Photo by Doug Vittum**



**Cayuga Wooden Boatworks maintained this boat for years, both as the *City of Syracuse* and as the *Mary Jemison*, until the vessel’s retirement at the end of 2013.**

# The Dock Market

**For Sale: 2004 Lakeland Boatworks 22' Isle Royal.** 140 hp Nissan outboard. Trolling motor. 1 1/4" mahogany planking, mahogany steering wheel. Deluxe trailer included. Asking \$36,000. Jennifer Biloski 607-257-8993 or jbiloski@twcny.rr.com (Ithaca, NY) *NEW 0914*

**For Sale: Maggie, a 1940 Gar Wood 20'6" Utility.** 103 hp Chrysler Crown, solid trailer. Multiple Best-in-Show winner. Stored indoors; ready to go. Expensive, but worth it. Serious inquiries to John Wayman magpiegw@gmail.com (Rochester, NY) *REV 1214*



**For Sale: 1962 Switzer-Craft "Shooting Star" with '62 100hp Merc outboard. New Price!!** Beautiful, very rare boat. Only 30 1962 models produced. Boat and motor fully restored. Includes trailer. Asking \$24,000 OBO. Arnie Rubenstein, 315-445-3345 (Skaneateles) *REV 1214*



**For Sale: Two 6-Cyl. engines.** A 1931 6-51 Grey (\$375.), and a 1932 6-75 Grey with dual ignition (\$400.). Both engines turn freely and are complete with transmissions. **Bill Drake.** 585-723-1333 (Rochester, NY) *NEW 0614*

**For Sale: 1954 Johnson Outboard.** 5.5 hp, includes 6 gal. tank. Runs, good condition. Make Offer. 585-889-9635 (Rochester, NY) *NEW 0314*

**For Sale: Rare 1927 20-ft. Gesswein Sportabout** (hull #7) with original 6 cyl. Van Blerck engine. Twin cockpit with unusual facing rear seats. Brass hardware & leather upholstery. Boat & engine fully restored; both in excellent condition. Beautiful boat, could be award winner. Custom trailer. Asking \$35,000. **Sue Giovannetti,** (802-434-3059 or sueag@hotmail.com) *REV 1214*

**For Sale: Many outboard boats – Penn Yan, Arkansas Traveler, Yellow Jacket, Texas Maid, MFG, etc. Also, many off-brand motors such as Scott-Atwater, Champion, Muncie, McCulloch, Oliver, West Bend, etc. **Dick Curvin.** 315-729-4666 (cell). (Moravia, NY) *NEW 0613***

**For Sale: 185 HP Chris-Craft engine.** Completely rebuilt. New rings, bearings, cam, lifters and carb. 283 cu-in. (Chevy Block) **Mick Griffin,** 716-662-1949 or MickG16@aol.com *REV 1213*

**For Sale: 1904 18ft+ Fay & Bowen** [style] launch with 1909 Paulson motor #21. Original canopy with brass hardware. Full restoration in 1995. Excellent trailer included. Boat and motor were in water and running then. Multiple ACBS show winner. E-mail for photos and info to steve@shehadirug.com \$14,500. OBO. Delivery available up to 100 miles @ \$2.00/mile. **Free Storage through this winter if sold before March.** **Steve Shehadi** (Skaneateles, N Y) *REV 1214*

**For Sale: 1996 12-ft. Victory Swift.** Reproduction of old Penn Yan Swift; only 12 made. Cedar and laminate. 25 HP Mercury Outboard, trailer and boat hoist included. Asking \$11,000. OBO. **Bill Eberhardt,** 315-217-8111 or admin@thesherwoodinn.com (Skaneateles, NY)

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## Dave Couch: So, You Found a Boat...

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My personal reward, or trophy, is when a boat owner asks, "How to," or "Can you show me...." It's nice to know that I can guide them in the right direction. Often owners will say the real reward is knowing they've worked on it themselves.

If you have questions about your old wooden boat, feel free to contact me: [dfcouch@yahoo.com](mailto:dfcouch@yahoo.com).



1954 Lyman Inboard

## Best-in-Show Possessed by Blythe Spirit



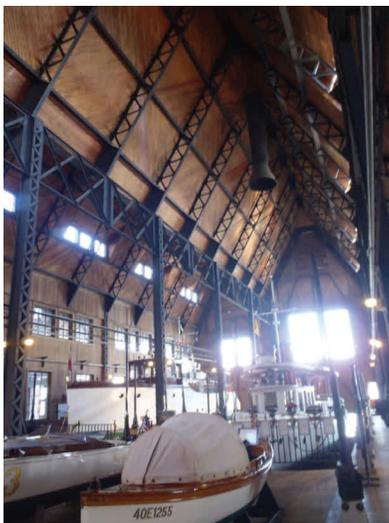
The "Best-In-Show" cup from the 39th Annual ACBS International Boat Show in Skaneateles

The "Best-in-Show" of the 2014 FLC show did it again. *Blythe Spirit*, owned by FLC / WCCB members Michael and Elaine Jakubowski took away the same distinguished title at the ACBS International Boat Show in Skaneateles in September. This 1938 Gar Wood was painstakingly restored by the Turcotte Brothers (Gar Wood Custom Boats) of Brant Lake, NY and introduced at the 2013 Finger Lakes Show. With original green decks, this prototype triple cockpit is a one-of-a-kind. Nearly all of the boat, according to the owners, is original, as well. The boat is kept at the family's summer cottage on Keuka Lake.



Jakubowski's 1938 Gar Wood at the FLC July Show

## WCCB's Fall Trip to the St. Lawrence River



Wine Country's fall trip to the Thousand Islands, one week after the International Boat Show in Skaneateles (September 24-28), was met with great success according to Doug Vittum.

Throughout a four day adventure, the seven boats involved managed to cruise the real nooks and crannies of the area, learning the history of some of the camps, the castles, and channels.

Highlights of the trip included visits to Singer Castle, The Wolfe Island Lighthouse, Boldt Castle, Alexandria Bay, Chippewa Bay and Rock Island Lighthouse.

**In the March issue:**

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## Rob Kidd: Miss Rose of Seneca

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appropriate for this boat which is named *MISS ROSIE*.

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Lately Ron's attention has turned to boats built in the Finger Lakes region of Central New York. His first find was a Skaneateles Lightning that John Ford had restored and has been named for Ron and Rosie's grandson SAM. Ron's latest find, a Fay & Bowen, has



found a place in John's shop and will be named for the next grandchild when the time comes.



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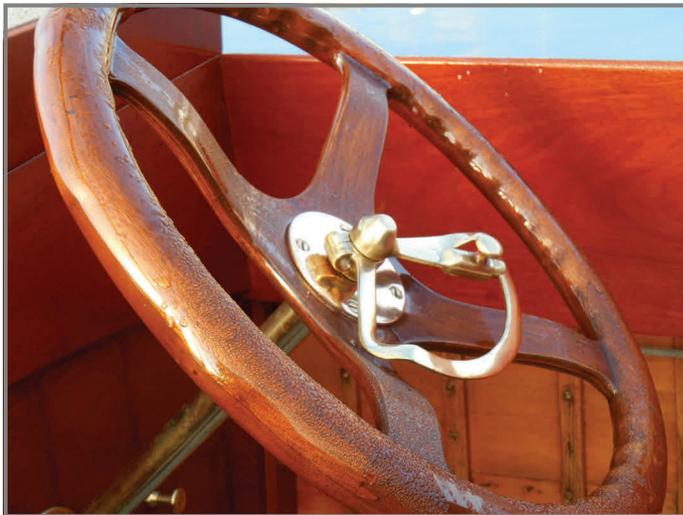
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