



Chautauqua Lake, Twin-Tier Chapter

Antique & Classic Boat Society

Winter, 2013

President's Letter

The hard water has returned! Yes, the cold, snow and, ice have Chautauqua Lake in a deep freeze. It is hard to imagine that in just a couple of months our boats will be beckoning is to return them to the water. Our hobby of antique and classic boating may seem to have gone into hibernation at this time of year. But think about it, if you are like me, I (we) still peruse over periodicals and/or work on boats. I (we) enjoy the likes of The Brass Bell, Rudder, Woodenboat, Thoroughbred, and Wooden Canoe to name a few. I (we) spend hours searching the Web for parts, advice, dialogue, research or perhaps looking for our next project I (we) check the calendar for upcoming boat shows and seminars--and there is quite a bit to sort out. Our CLTT 16th annual show is July 13th!

I have a hunch that our interest and passion for these classic boats will see a renewed level of energy. As many of you know, the International ACBS is working hand in hand with the Chris-Craft Antique Boat club is working with the Antique and Classic Boat Association (ACBS) to offer complimentary entry memberships to one another. If you have anyone interested in either of these organizations be sure to tell them about ACBS and our Chautauqua Lake Twin Tier chapter.

The "Snowflake Gala" was very well attended, with about half of our renewed members so far this year, enjoying fellowship, fun, and good food. ACBS membership is based on the month you joined or renewed instead of having all 8,000 plus memberships coming due at year end. So, you have not renewed be sure to check your renewal date. Your interest and enthusiasm in the chapter is paramount. Please forward your suggestions and ideas for chapter functions and activities to the undersigned and/or to any of your chapter directors.

Some of us are getting the iceboats ready for winter fun and excitement . Just another way to keep our minds on boating!

Winter well,
BILL

2012 CLTT Membership Report

The Chautauqua Lake Twin Tier Chapter currently has 77 active members, along with 21 lapsed members, for a Chapter count of 98. I'm sure this level of membership places CLTT in the top 10, if not higher. All lapsed members will receive a letter encouraging them to rejoin ACBS, along with the Chautauqua Lake Chapter.

The ACBS web site has a new Ship's Store. Log in at www.acbs.org to see all their new offerings. Any member looking for a specific item - polo, cap, jacket, cooler, blanket, etc., just send an email or note to Bill Locke...wrlenzo@aol.com, PO Box 265, Dewittville NY 14728-0265. And while you're on the web site, be sure to click on "Events Calendar" under the Activities tab...you'll see our show listed on Saturday, July 13th, followed by Hammondsport and Skaneateles the next two weekends.

Happy Winter to all CLTT members!

Bill Locke, Membership

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SAVE THE DATE!
2013 CLTT BOAT SHOW AT THE CASINO
JULY 13
...be there!

Profile of Richard (Rick) Couchenour

Graduated from Southwestern High School in 1962

Retired in 2010 after 42 years in manufacturing and materials management

Married to Diane,
Parents of 3. Twin daughters Debbi and Dawn and a son Rick
Grandparents of 4 (2 girls, 2 boys).

Developed a passion for British sports cars at the age of 12.
Currently enjoying working on my 1968 MGB roadster that I bought 37 years ago. I did a complete restoration in the early eighties and now after 70,000 miles of fun I am once again involved in restoration.

I love the vintage racing sports cars from the 50's and 60's and my wife and I have attended events from Watkins Glen to Sebring

In 1986 at the midlife age of 42 I was bitten by the boating bug. I had never owned a boat and knew very little of boat handling, boating rules, knots, or even safety. In spite of this we purchased a brand new 21 foot I/O at a boat show in November.

Fortunately a friend suggested I spend my winter enrolled in a Power Squadron safety class. After successfully passing it I became a member of the Squadron and continued my education with most of the classes available.

Many years and a few boats later we continue to enjoy boating on Chautauqua Lake. I am a 16 year member and a past commodore of the Chautauqua Lake Power Boat Club

I have always admired the classic wood boats but knew very little about them and nothing about working with wood and varnish. So I joined the CLTT 3 years ago and decided to get involved in club activities and maybe tackle a project boat after retirement.

Fortunately I was able to partner with 3 others to restore a 1958 Cowell King.

Working in the Lawson center shop with the knowledge of my partners as well as being mentored by Dave Lawson has been very rewarding. In addition I had the opportunity to assist with the restoration of a 1968 Chris-Craft skiff.

Now 3 years later I know more than I did but have so much more to learn and am looking forward to assisting with additional restoration projects.

Pictures from the 2013 Snowflake Ball



