

Mahogany & Chrome

Heartland Classics Chapter Newsletter *~ May 2009 ~*



Heartlanders Cruise on Florida's Longest River

While winter and spring were in a tug-of-war for control at our home port on southern Missouri's Table Rock Lake, late March and early April in central Florida showed spring in full charge. With the promise of shirt-sleeve weather we joined about dozen classic boats that made the 2009 "Northbound St. John's River Cruise" hosted by Florida's Sunnyland ACBS Chapter.

The Heartland Classics Chapter was well represented on this year's southbound and northbound St. John's River cruises. Chapter members Susan Miller and Larry Nichols made the pre-Lake Dora boat show trip south from near Jacksonville to Sanford in ARRRGH!, a 1974 Chris Craft XK-19. Carolynn and I did the "northbound" cruise following the boat show in Big Thom, our 18' 1963 Thompson Super Lancer and were joined for parts of the cruise by Bill and Kay Joslyn in their 25' 1941 Chris Craft Sportsman. Bill and Kay regularly attend the June Heartland Classics Cruisin' Weekend at Table Rock.

The first day's run would be our longest at around 80 water miles. The other four days would cover closer to 40 or 50 miles of water. Although, keeping track of the miles was a trick on this river as the mile markers re-start at least three times. On other rivers on which we have cruised the mile markers remain constant from beginning to end. No one seemed to have a good explanation of why they changed on this river. This caused no problems as Sunnyland Chapter's Cruisemaster for the "northbound" cruise, Gerald Dake, provided us excellent charts for use while on the river.

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Cover Photo: Cruisemaster Gerald Dake's U-22 leading the way to the Outback Crab Shack.

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Welcome aboard!

Right out of the box I want to thank the past presidents I've know while being a Heartland Member. Each and every one has contributed something very unique and special to our club. Many efforts have been put into our club from past leaders to secure the future for our organization; The Heartland Classics and A.C.B.S. Also a thank you to board of directors that take the time to participate and make the Heartland Chapter what it is.

My name is Kyle Jamar & I love boats! It's an affliction I have no intention of letting go. I look forward to seeing everyone out there. That being said, let's go boating. Spring is in the air and the water is warming up. Who cares that I am writing this in May?

Any time is a good time to get away and relax on the water. If your boat isn't finished yet, don't worry, call another member and sponge a ride. It'll do them good also. After all, I might be calling you for that ride.

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Beaver Lake Cruise 2009

It's that time of year again. Break out the bathing suits, pack a lunch, gas up the boat and meet me and the rest of the gang on Beaver Lake. We will meet at the Prairie Creek state park launching ramp, on Beaver Lake in North West Arkansas July 18th. Try to arrive by 8 A.M. so we can get the boats launched by 9. Once the cruise begins we will head down river for some swim stops and restroom breaks. We'll have the use of Guy McCollum's dock again this year to eat our lunches and take another swim break. Once we've returned to Prairie Creek we will head to the world renowned Monte Ne Chicken House for a family style chicken dinner with all the fixins.

When: Saturday, July 18th 8 A.M.

Where: Prairie Creek State Park at Beaver Lake in N.W. Arkansas

What to bring: Bathing suit,

Lunch,

Beverages,

A boat if you have one.

No boat, no problem there will be plenty of room for everyone.

Please contact Kyle Jamar @ 918-629-4483 or kyle6@cox.net so I can get a head count for reservation at Monte Ne.

As your trusted president, I have 5 words for you: Be there, or be square!

Welcome to our New Members:

Ahoy mates! We look forward to seeing you on the water this summer and getting to know you!

Terry and Bunny Favors

Ketchum, OK

Gary and Judy Harnetiaux

Lake Ozarks, MO

Bob and Peggy Cutler

Denison, TX

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A very sincere thank you to the folks below who shared their pictures and articles for this editions' newsletter! Y'all are the best!

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Don't forget to snap pictures this summer and help make our next few newsletters great!

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St. John's River Cruise (continued from cover)

John & CarolynnThompson

What Florida lacks in hills it works hard to make up with Spanish Moss hanging from stately oaks, Water Hyacinths bobbing in the wakes of boats and forest canopies seemingly held up by an endless supply of pines. To this you add colorful birds in every vista and gators sunning on shore and occasionally joining you in the water. Throw in a manatee or two and you never forget you are not in the heartland anymore.

As on other river cruises we have done the first thing we notice is how "thin" the water is below our boat. At Table Rock Lake the bottom of the lake is often 150 to 200 feet beneath us. On the St. John's we often were in less than 10 feet of water. Because the elevation change is so slight over the length of this river that runs from south to north it requires no locks. Not having to wait for the lock to move from one section of the river to the next makes for easier timing of trips.

We had stops and side trips to Blue Spring, the unforgettable Dunn's Creek on the way to Crescent City on Crescent Lake and up small side streams not more than fifty feet across. On the last day we cruised for lunch to the Outback Crab Shack for their famous seafood lunch platter. This is on the portion of the river that is wider than most of our lakes. On this trip the wind kicked into full gear and Big Thom's tall windshield was well used to keep us dry from the churning river. Others on boats with lower windshields got soaked from the wind-whipped waters.

Carolynn and I have taken Big Thom on ACBS chapter sponsored river cruises on the Mississippi, Tennessee, Cumberland, St. Croix, Menominee and now St. John's rivers. Each time we have been rewarded with new friends and learned of local history and customs. Our 18 foot lapstrake has been plenty of boat for any of these rivers.

River trips do require some extra planning and safety equipment. For instance, on navigable waters additional safety equipment is mandated by law, such as flares. Good charts are needed to avoid what cannot be seen on the surface. Basic understanding of channel markers is easily mastered, but required. On most of the cruises we were the only outboard, but our participation proves cruising is not limited to only large inboards.

The just plain fun these cruises have been for us is why we are excited to participate in the Table Rock Lake (White River main channel) cruise from near Branson, Missouri to Holiday Island, Arkansas just outside of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. This pre-event for this year's Classic's Cruisin' Weekend on Table Rock Lake will be 108 total river miles (54 each way) with historic Eureka Springs at one end, Branson at the other and new friends along the way.

Below: A side trip up a tributary of the St. John's





To the Left:

The International President of ACBS Dick Werner with Dick & Linda Kish, in the Kish's 1947 Garwood.



Bill & Kay Joslyn in Special K, at Palatka on the last day of the cruise.



Astor stop between showers. Big Thom, century and Skiff Craft.



Below: "Reflections of the St. John's cruise" Garwood ahead; from Big Thom



At the bottom: Palatka dock with Joslyn's Special K and Big Thom





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Heartland Classics Workshop

by Brent Howard

Despite Global Warming, 41 Heartland Classic Boat Club braved the snow on Saturday to participate in the 8th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Workshop. The weather was the main topic of discussion at 8:30 coffee and donut session as members had traveled from Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri to Grand Lake.

The workshop included presentations, Q& A, and participation projects on Steam Bending, Fiberglass repair and refinishing, Casting of unattainable hardware parts, and Solutions for difficult wood projects. The panel Question and Answer session responded to those who had questions on their projects. The steam bending presentation and demonstration included how to build an inexpensive steam machine.



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Heartland Classics 16th Annual Mahogany & Chrome Boat Show

by Darren Arnold

After 9 years of running the Heartland Classic Grand Lake boat show Brent Howard has decided to step down as show chairman so he can enjoy the show as a spectator/participant. He and the club have asked me to take over the helm of Show Chairman. I have been the Car Show chairman for the last 3 years so I guess that they feel it qualifies me for the task. We all owe Brent special thanks for all he has done and continues to do for the club.

This year's event is being held September 10-13, 2009 in conjunction with the Grand Lake Rally a major festival with motorcycles, music, "war birds" and exotic aircraft. Our show has been renamed the "16th Annual Grand Lake Mahogany and Chrome Boat Show". We dropped the car show and fly-in from the name and decided to go back to our original boat show format. The car show portion was dropped and the fly-in is part of the Grand Lake Rally.

On Thursday the 10th we will have an Early Bird dinner at Pensacola Pizza & Pasta in Langley. On Friday the 11th we will take a lake cruise to the Kanak's lake cottage for dinner. Saturday the 12th is show time at Arrowhead Yacht Club and later that evening the banquet will be held at Cherokee Yacht Club. On Sunday the 13th we will wrap it up with a cruise to Howard's Haven for an early afternoon cookout. Registration and information mail out is coming soon!

As always we are looking for sources for boat related handouts, door prizes or sponsorship. If you have any contact ideas or want to provide any of these services please contact me.

And finally if anyone would like to volunteer to help with the preshow preparation or help out during the event as a volunteer please contact me. These events do not just happen, it takes people. The handful of dedicated volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past years would like some more help, new blood & new ideas. ***Let's all work together as a club to make this years show the best ever.***

September 10-13, 2009





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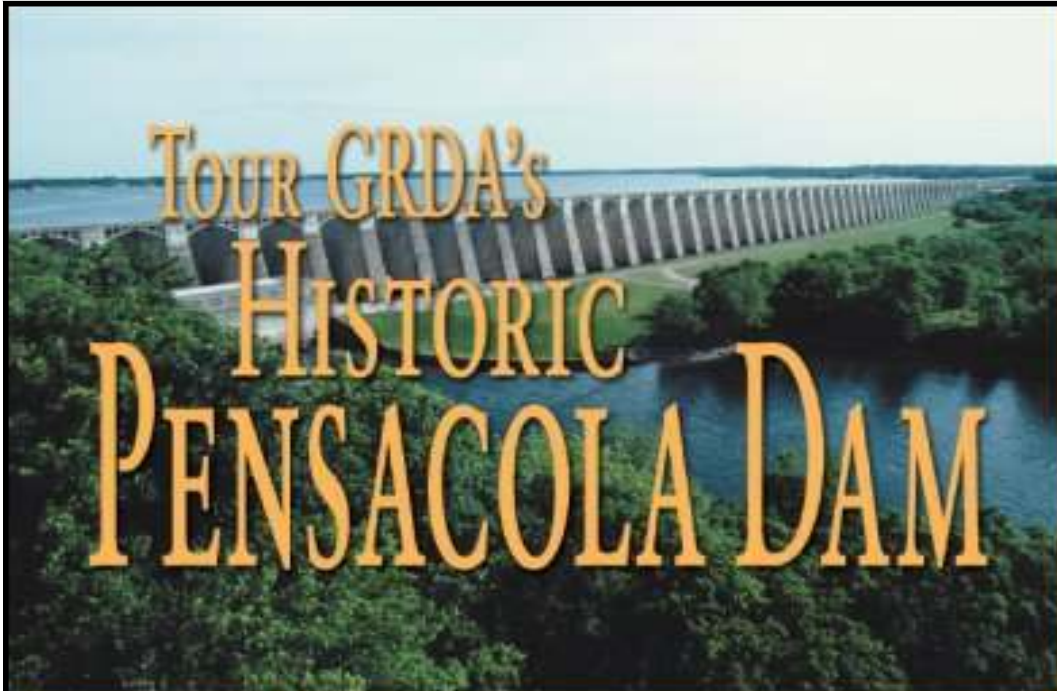
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Yellow Jacket times 3

By Don and Kathy Parker

Some old habits are just hard to break. In 1973, when sons Kimball and Mitchell were 6 and 3, we discovered a 14' Yellow Jacket Riviera molded plywood boat deserted in a Nebraska marina without an engine, but in superb condition. We made an offer that was accepted, towed it home and began to give it a little TLC. We soon began planning a trip to Lake Okoboji in Northwestern Iowa. That trip uncovered a 30 hp Johnson of the same year at a local dealer and so began our love affair with old wooden boats, and Yellow Jackets in particular. That first Yellow Jacket Riviera is shown here with the boys.



Some 30 or so years later the second 14' Yellow Jacket found its way to our home. This one was a 1956 Catalina model and needed a more dedicated restoration effort including stripping the existing finish, bleach, some wood replacement, stain and 10 coats of varnish. It was completed just in time for display at the 4th Annual ACBS International Show held at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri in 2005. I am sure that during that event we must have heard of at least 200 folks that "learned to ski behind a boat just like that", or "my uncle's cousin had a boat just like that".

And finally, we have spent part of this last year restoring our third Yellow Jacket, another 14 foot Riviera, this one a 1958 vintage. This boat had obviously endured many hardships during the first 50 years, and much of the time it must have been subjected to some tough Oklahoma summers and winters. So, in addition to the stripping, bleaching, staining and 10 coats of varnish, we replaced the mahogany plywood decks and reupholstered the seats. The 35 horse Johnson engine is from the same year and is original to the boat.



Before



During



After

A little history – The Yellow Jacket Boat Company was in business in Denison, Texas for 10 years from 1949 to 1959. The company was founded by R. A. McDerby and one of the owners of the company was none other than Roy Rogers, of Dale Evans and Roy Rogers fame. You may remember seeing Roy in some of their ads in the 1950's, that is, if you are old enough to remember the 1950's.

In the beginning the hulls were molded by a company in Canada and shipped to Texas for finishing. Most of the boats were in the 12 to 16 foot size and were powered by 25 to 40 hp outboard engines. A limited number of boats were powered by a Fageol Products Company inboard engine.



So, time will tell, but surely there must be another Yellow Jacket somewhere in our future!



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July	19	Beaver Lake Arkansas Cruise	Beaver Lake, Arkansas
<p>Catch the Fever of Beaver: 30 mile cruise on beautiful Beaver Lake followed by dinner at the world famous Monte Ne Chicken House. Pack a lunch, beverages, and bring a swimsuit; 9AM start begins at Prairie Creek State Park. Contact KYLE JAMAR / kyle6@cox.net / 918.629.4483</p>			
Sept.	11-13	Grand Lake Mahogany & Chrome Boat Show	Arrowhead Yacht Club, Grand Lake, Oklahoma
<p>16th annual in water boat show will showcase over 60 antique and classic boats from a five states . Heartland and other ACBS members invited to Early Bird dinner on the 10th, river cruise, reception and dinner on the 11th, and cookout and awards presentation on the 13th. Our show is one part of the Grand Lake Rally, a major festival with motorcycles, music, "warbirds" & exotic aircraft. Contact: DARREN ARNOLD / Darren.arnold@cox.net/ 918-259-3270</p>			



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Northbound cruise.*

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Last Word...

Middle:

Kyle Jamar stands by a steamer he made for the workshop- his neighbor referred to it as a 'rocket ship'



Far Right:

Our friends Down Under:

Clay Thompson made a friend in Australia while selling an engine a few years ago. His name is Glen Hickmott. He restored this Chris Craft Continental and has a blast with it. Isn't it nice to see folks in other countries enjoying their classic boats like we do?



Heartland Classic Chapter Newsletter

~ May 2009 ~

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