



# WATERLINE

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## Boating Activities Continue in Fall 2011

Well the boating season is soon coming to a close for another year. But before it does, we still have some great events coming up.

First, the **Muskegon River Run on October 1.** This is a great time -beautiful fall color



Once the boating season is finished, do not forget, do not shove your boat to the back of your storage unit because Ken

Spencer needs your boat for the **2012 Grand Rapids Boat Show in February.** So if your boat has not been there before or if you



This year's annual meeting and Fall Dinner will be held at The Lodge at Arcadia Bluffs Golf Course in Arcadia, MI on October 15. See the enclosed flyer to learn more and sign up.

and a wonderful venue. If there is anyone that would like to go but does not have a boat to use, check with the host Jack Rogers at 616-365-2944 to see if anyone has room in their boat. Second, is the **Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting at Arcadia Bluffs Golf Course in Arcadia, MI on October 15** hosted by Brooke McIsaac. The venue that Brooke has chosen is outstanding hosting terrific views of Lake Michigan. Hope to see all at both of these events.

know someone who has an unusual boat that Ken could use, please let Ken know by contacting him at 616-942-4743.

Hope to see you all at the last two events and safe boating.

**Kirk Smith**  
**President**

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and photographs that our  
members will find useful to:**

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### Boats on the Boardwalk Show a Success

Another BOB has come and gone with great success. I would like to thank Barb Woodrow for chairing the small craft and vender lot, Laura White for registering boats for the show, Mike Green for guarding the parking lots, Linda VandeVusse for taking on the ship store, William Dryer II the "thankless" judging job, and all the other "worker bee" volunteers. The show cannot go on without all the volunteers.



A special thanks to all the people made the effort to bring your boats this year with the price of gas it was took a dedicated boater to show your boat. Without them, there is no show. If you know someone who has a boat and they haven't brought it to the BOB yet, talk then into bringing it to next year's show. The 2012 show will be our 25th show. We have plans to make it a special event. Watch for future flyers and notices in the *Waterline* newsletter.

## Poker Run a Success

WWC members woke up Friday, August 12, to a beautiful morning in "Paradise". Calm seas and sun shine makes for a great day for a poker run. About 9:30 a.m. boats started to pull in to Hessel Bay marina to start there fun filled day. This year we had 25 players and about 16 boats. It was a beautiful site to see all the boats leave the harbor and head down the channel. There were 5 big yellow inflated ducks marking all 5 stops that everyone had to find to receive their cards. After about a half hour Bill Woodrow and I, in *Dream On*, started to follow the channel to make sure everyone made it through the chain of islands. A great surprise, we had no boats breakdowns! After a great cruise, Bill and I headed back to port for the awards and the WWC annual picnic.

A special thank you to Bob Smith for setting up all the dealers and stops, plus helping with all the awards.



Tom Flood and Jack Rogers manned one of the card stops.

A special thanks to Jim Mersman for having everything ready. It made my work so much easier, and Jim, the ducks were great! Sorry that you were not able to participate, you would be happy with the result.

Thank you to Margie Denoyer for the



Good weather and good company made for another great annual picnic.

basket she donated and to all the dealers for your help. Without all of you we could not have a poker run.

The winners of the Poker Run this year are:

First place - \$100 and the trophy for a year with a hand of 5-8's was: Mike Hamburg

Second place - a WWC rain jacket : Gary Bradley

Third place - a hand woven basket: Steve Lafnear

Fourth place - two Blue Water Adventure shirts: Larry Gathman

Thanks to all who worked and all who participated, it was fun!

See you next year.

**Kirk Smith**

## Annual Picnic Well Attended

The annual 2011WWC/ACBS picnic on the Friday before the Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show is now history. The new location at the Great Lakes Boat Building School provided a picturesque setting overlooking Cedarville Bay for the 75 boaters who attended the picnic under the tent following the poker run through the islands. Luckily, the weather cooperated with no rain, but the tent was a welcome shelter from the sun.



Because there were only a couple slips available at the boat school, nearby docking space was provided by Breeze Swept Docks, owned by Bob Dunn, who moved his equipment out so we could use his docks for the boats during the picnic. Chris Smith had the perfect boat for docking at the boat school dock because of the differential between the dock and water!

UP in Smoke, a local caterer, provided pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad, and hot dogs for the kids. There was plenty of food so if anyone left hungry it was their own fault.

John and Pat Bergstrom had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary while at Clayton, NY, on August 6, and provided a cake for dessert at our picnic for all to help celebrate this occasion.

Congratulations, John and Pat.

Tours of the boat school were provided prior to and following the picnic. It's a great facility and if you haven't seen it yet, they welcome visitors any time during the week.

I'd like to thank Bonnie Mikkelsen and the Board of Directors at the boat school for their assistance with the location. WWC/ACBS has been a supporter of the boat school in the past and we wish them the best as they continue to grow. And thanks also goes out to Bob Dunn for his help in providing docking for the boats nearby at Breeze Swept.

I'd also like to thank my #1 assistant, Chuck Denoyer, for all he did to help with the picnic. My other "standby" people included Ann DeBoer, Gwen Muenchow, Barb Woodrow and Sharron Smith. Thanks to all who helped clean up after the picnic so I could get out of town (sorry, my mind was on Grand Rapids and I know I'd miss naming someone). Thanks to Sally Gathman for collecting the name badges so they could be re-used. Ted Heintz was the winner of the "recycle-your-name-badge-to-win-a-basket" drawing.

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## Hessel Boat Show a Wet One



After a great day in Hessel Friday for the WWC Poker Run and WWC Picnic, Saturday morning in Hessel was not such a great day for a boat show. The Hessel Boat Show started out with rain until about two thirty in the afternoon. When the rain stopped, it still was cloudy but we were dry for a little while. They had over 150 boats registered for the show and, in spite the weather, over 120 boats showed up.



For the first time they allowed a display of classic glass boats. There was a wonderful display of them from a Barracuda to a Chris Craft XK.

As usual many of our members helped by working on the docks for docking and release. A few WWC members who entered their boats in the show also took home awards.

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Sorry to have missed the boat show but we now have a beautiful granddaughter, Reagan Elizabeth Wieland, born Saturday, August 13, at 9:22 p.m. The little miss weighed in at a petite 5 lb. 14 oz and was 19 inches from stem to stern. All are happy and healthy.

**Margie Denoyer**

## New Newsletter and Yearbook Editor Named

Joy Smith has agreed to become the new editor for the *Waterline* newsletter and yearbook and will start in early 2012. Joy brings to the job many years of experience in design and a background in book writing.

Please welcome her to this important role in the club!

**The next board meeting of the WWC is scheduled for January 14, 2012 at the Radisson Hotel in Grand Rapids and is open to all members.**

**Contact Kirk Smith for more info at:**

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## 2012 Grand Rapids Boat Show Needs You..and Your Boat

We as a boat club need to support our club the best way we can, and since we get money for our part of the Grand Rapids Boat Show for 2012 . Those of us who have a boat that we can show should do so. Having said all that to say this.. The Dates are Feb 15th to the 19th.. If everything is the same Put in day is Sunday. Take out day is Monday a week later. Should you need any assistance, coming to town early or leaving later can be arranged.. Contact Kenn Spencer 616 942 4743 or by e mail [kenn.spencer@yahoo.com](mailto:kenn.spencer@yahoo.com) So far we have a 1954 Lyman and a 22 utility Chris-Craft.

**Kenn**

## SAVE THE DATE January 14, 2012

For the WWC yearly planning meeting. Please plan to attend the yearly planning meeting for all chapter events. You are WWC and your input is important. The time and place will be listed in the WWC *Waterline* yearbook in December.

## Saginaw Voyagers Visit Boats on the Boardwalk



During the Boats on the Boardwalk boat show, many may have notice a large birch bark canoe docked at the head of the Boat show by the tent. This is the mode of transportation used by the Saginaw Voyagers. They are a group of travelers who each year paddle around part of the Michigan waterways. This year they spent 2 weeks traveling in their canoe from Frankfurt to Traverse City. They wear period clothes and live the period lifestyle (camping along their path). The group is from Saginaw. It is lead by the retired director of the Saginaw Historical Society. Their goal to educate the public about Michigan's original settlers and their life style.

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## 2012 Officers/Directors Election Slate Presented

Hal Muenchow, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presents the following slate of 2012 Officers/Directors, which will be voted on at the October 15, 2011 Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner:

President: Phil Engelsman

First Vice President: Kenn Spencer

Second Vice President: Chris Schmaltz

Secretary: Chip DeBoer

Treasurer: Doug Kniff

Director: Hal Muenchow (2 year to fill Chris Schmaltz's term)

Director: Pam Heintz

Director: Geri Johnson

Director: Barb Woodrow

Retiring Directors: Geoffrey Reynolds  
Mark White

## Welcome Aboard!

One of three new members to send along information on their boat and memories of vintage boating is **Ed McCarty** of Richland, Michigan. His craft, Soul Mate Jr. is a 1953 Wagemaker Wolverine 13' equipped with a 10 h.p. Honda. Ed reports that he has always spent his summers on Gull Lake and his love for wood boats came from rides he received as a child from his parent's friends. His wood boat came to him via his mom and brother after they found it at antique boat fair 8 years ago. He finished it last year

with help from fellow chapter member Bruce Hutchinson. Welcome aboard, Ed!

Our second member profile comes from **Peter A. Morse Sr.** of Olney, Illinois. His 1996 Hacker Craft 31.5' Extended Cockpit Runabout, *Weber's Song*, is



powered by twin 350 Crusader engines. Peter found his boat last summer at Bay Harbor, Michigan. Since acquiring the boat he has added new upholstery, 9 coats of varnish and some other minor features. He berths the boat in Spring Lake, Michigan.

He was drawn to wood boats through friends of the family and their Chris-Craft and Century boats on Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire, while growing up. Welcome aboard, Peter!

Our third and last member to submit information is **Phil Ward** of Vicksburg, Michigan. Phil owns a 1948 Century 17.5' Resorter. While the boat is a gray boat, he writes that it is very restorable and is currently upside down with the bottom off and waiting for a new one. He came to love vintage boating while a

youngster at his parent's Lake Otsego cottage, which is near Gaylord, Michigan. There, local 1940s Chris-Craft boat owner, Doc Rob, would run his boat and inspire a young Phil Ward to want one, too. Years later, Phil found himself at the Hessel boat show and soon was watching for his classic on vintage boat sale websites. He found his Century at David Scholten's Firehouse Boat Works and Studio, based in Holland, Michigan. The boat is solid and completely original with all of its hardware. Currently it is flipped over and the bottom is off ready for rib replacement and a new bottom. Welcome aboard Phil!

### **Donald Homrich Passes Away**

Water Wonderland Chapter member Donald Joseph Homrich, Jr., age 70, passed away very unexpectedly on Thursday, August 18, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and June Homrich, and sister, Darlene VandeWeide.

Don will be remembered as a loyal, patient, and fun loving husband, dad, grandpa, brother and friend. His passion for his family and interest in their lives was evident to all who knew him.

Don used his gift of patience to pursue his passion of woodworking. He had the talents of restoring his love of old Chris-Craft boats. You could always find him delicately refining each piece of wood into a nautical masterpiece. He was also

an avid outdoorsman. Don and his family spent many years at the cottage on McLaren Lake in Hesperia, where he loved to fish. He also enjoyed golfing, as well as cheering on his Tigers and Redwings. Don was known to many as the "mastermind" of card playing. Although patient by nature, he definitely had a competitive side to him! He worked for Country Fresh for over 25 years until he retired in 2003. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 45 years, Darlene Homrich; children, Brian (Kin) Homrich, Kevin (Lisa) Homrich, Kerri (Tom) Fountain, Amy (Andy) Albertson; grandchildren, Patrick, Ellery, Jordan, Brianna, Chelsea, Thomas, Alyssa, Leah, Daniel, Emma, Hannah, Lily; sister, Denise (Pete) Ricketson; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Phil (Tina) Evanzo, Barb (Don) Urbanski, Gary (Beth) Evanzo, Kim (Cathy) Evanzo, Bruce Evanzo, Brenda (Brian) Stroven; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

