



## Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter of the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS

June 2022

Greeting fellow boat enthusiasts!

Okay, I have to admit that whereas I was writing last month heralding the arrival of consistently warm weather, today I'm thinking I was maybe a little too exuberant. I mean, "warm" shouldn't mean 100 degrees in May, should it?! Oh well, good thing we have our boats with which to escape the heat.

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll see that Mother Nature was truly kind to the club on the several occasions when its members got together to celebrate boats and boating last month. From Beaufort to Lake Lure they were met with clear skies and moderate temperatures. We're hoping for the same beneficence in June as we have three events we've got on the calendar.

The first is the T-Ville Vintage Power Show in Thomasville, NC on June 10th and 11th. This is a popular event that draws attendees who come to view and participate in a broad range of "antique-related" activities like vintage cars, machinery, music, food, and - of course! - boats.

The second is actually the show of our sister Chesapeake Bay ACBS chapter in St. Michaels, MD, June 17-21, 2022. It's on the grounds of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum which is on its own worth the visit. This is their 34 Annual Show, so suffice it to say, they know how to run a top-notch event.

Finally, we have our own chapter-sponsored event, a workshop on the art of gold leaf painting by Steve Filarsky, the Gold Leaf

Man. This will be June 25th at the Blanchard homestead in New Hill, NC. There will be parallel activities planned for "the gals" at the same location. Once again, if you haven't been to the Blanchard homestead, you're in for a treat! It's a lovingly recreated "vintage" town, complete with service station, general store, saloon, and other charming elements. Really neat! Our plan is to invite members of the local Antique and Classic Outboard Motor chapter and Traditional Small Craft Association so it should be a fun mix of people and interests.

Finally, speaking of fun people and interests, I want to make a special note of welcome to Frank Russell, who joins the club at the age of 94-years-young. Frank has a long history with boats and can remember most of the varieties that constitute our fleet when they were not more than plans on the drawing board.

As always, thanks to Judy Hills for putting together this newsletter, which includes detailed information on each of the events (past and present) mentioned above as well as more on new member Frank's background. To all members - new and old - happy boating and I'll hope to see you at an event soon!

Cheers,

*Jeff Martinson, President*

## An Homage to Big Boats by Jeff Martinson

With apologies to Sir Mix-a-Lot - I love big boats and I cannot lie! The bigger, the older, the better. I'm not talking about our little ski boats or even the 50 foot yachts. I mean battleships and beyond. Usually, though, I can only admire these kinds of boats (ships, really) from afar. As a mere civilian landlubber, coming aboard means visiting them as a guest. Enter: museum ships and vessels making a courtesy port call, the whole point of which is to welcome guests onboard. Over the years, I've cherished each opportunity to visit the big boats.

As I've written before, the roots of my boat addiction trace back to my childhood in Portland, Oregon, and the same is true for the big boat dimension. There we had a riverboat museum and submarine museum, but the real excitement kicked up during the Fleet Week portion of the Portland Rose Festival, held every June. In addition to marking the end of the rainy season (which otherwise lasts uninterrupted from September), the event brings in up to three dozen active duty naval vessels to the downtown riverfront. The public is invited to tour most of them, and their crews (from all over the world) are very proud and enthusiastic about their boats. It's like an ACBS event, but with much bigger boats and spit shined shoes! Until I was old enough to visit on my own, I would drive my parents and older brothers crazy begging to be chauffeured and chaperoned aboard these floating wonders.

On family trips up and down the Pacific Coast, I had the good fortune to visit other, often bigger and older boats. Sometimes they were functional boardings, like in Canada where you had to take a big car ferry to get where you were going. Then there were the huge museum ships like the RMS Queen Mary, which were "beeg" business, on the same itinerary with Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm. Even driving across a

bridge on the Upper San Francisco Bay, we'd pass dozens of rafted-up navy ships, many battle-tested, like the USS Iowa. These couldn't be visited (they were part of the mothball fleet) but just seeing them stirred strong feelings.

As an adult, I eventually had the chance to visit really old ships abroad like the Vasa and the Tarihi Kadirga, but I think of all the types, my favorite are the American ex-military vessels right here in the States. There is something in knowing they were manned by the people from right "here" that seems to establish a stronger connection. Just under 100 ex-US Navy ships are displayed across the 50 states, with one here in NC. Last week I visited the USS Massachusetts for the first time. It's a World War Two battleship almost identical to the USS North Carolina, only slightly newer and different. On a murky day when the skies matched the gray of the behemoth's cold steel sides, I stood in amazement at the engineering achievement that she represented and paid respect to the sacrifices of those who built and manned her. Even as I write this I can "feel" its massive presence in my bones and shake my head in awe at the spectacle. One more big boat experience to feed the soul and energize the spirits that drive this particular boat nut.



Photo credit US Naval Institute (usni.org)



## Beaufort—May 6-7, 2022

On Friday May 6, there were 12 people—members and family—that participated in the tour of Jarrett Bay Marine Park. There was lots to see with both new boats being built and old boats being reworked. We are so used to working on our small boats, that it was interesting to see the similarities and differences in how one works on the two different scales. We thank the Jarrett Bay Plant Manager Paul Ellis for narrating the tour and responding to our questions and to member Jim Hartman for being the tour organizer—a stand-in for Alan Hills who was ill. Members who attended: Jim Hartman and Ann Marie; Brian Roberts, his son and his father; John Justice; Jim and Alice Dean; David and Marion Stowe and their two guests. Photos by Ann Marie.



Yes, Big Dog Alan Hills was really sick as a dog with COVID and was unable to attend the NCMM Boat Show and associated festivities! He's fine now.



## Beaufort—May 6-7, 2022

Weather forecasts for the Beaufort NC Maritime Museum's Annual Boat Show for Saturday May 7th were less than ideal—high winds and some rain. As it turned out, the rain held off and the winds were lighter than expected. According to members who attended, there was a steady flow of enthusiastic visitors.

Members who displayed their boats included: Bill & Sharon Conley, John Tinney (in water), John Dougherty, Dave and Deb Mahoney, Julian and Beth Arrington, and Joe Peacos. Joe won an award for "Best Classic Outboard Power." Bill won "Best Sail." John Tinney won the "Captains' Choice" award.

A number of our members attended just for fun and to support the show. We thank the NCMM staff and volunteers who put in so much effort to make this show the success it was.

Photos by Joe Peacos.





## Beaufort—May 6-7, 2022



Just local folk dressed for a Derby Party



Sharon & Bill Conley



Jim & Ann Marie Hartman & Alice Dean



John Tinney, Joe Peacos, Bill Conley



## Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat & Auto Show—May 21, 2022

This show was partially sponsored by the Blue Ridge Chapter of the ACBS. It was held on Lake Lure across from the Lake Lure Inn & Spa where the group had a buffet on Friday night. The Inn, completed in 1927 hosted two Presidents—Franklin D. Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge—as well as other notable VIPs—Emily Post, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Gray. You'll recognize the last two names as the stars of the movie *Dirty Dancing* which was filmed in the area. And the Inn is purported to be haunted! What an interesting setting for a classic boat and auto show.

Alan and Judy Hills were the only ones from our chapter to attend. They entered their 17-foot 1959 Barbour Silver Clipper Deluxe into the show. There were about 15 boats in

the water with only one land display. The height of Alan's day was getting to ride in G-9 (Nuisance). They cruised over the lake at 50+ mph—guess Alan felt the need—THE NEED FOR SPEED! We renewed old acquaintances and made some new ones. The ACBS crowd is always congenial and welcoming. Storms had been predicted for the day, but it ended up just being very hot and sunny. There was a steady crowd throughout the day and we were exhausted when we finally pulled the boat out at the end of the day. We had a safe uneventful trip home and were very happy that we went.

We recommend you mark your calendars to attend next year's show which has already been scheduled for May 20, 2023.





## Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat & Auto Show—May 21, 2022





# GOLD LEAF WORKSHOP & SWAP SHOP

Saturday June 25, 2022 10 am to 2 pm  
Robert & Patsy Blanchard's Homestead  
677 Poole Road East in New Hill, NC 27562

The pictures below are just a hint of the unusual venue we have for this workshop. The Blanchards have amassed a number of really interesting old objects, large (filling station) and small, including classic boats. You won't find a more unusual collection on private property!

We have invited members of the Antique Outboard Motor Club—Carolinas Chapter and the Traditional Small Craft Association—Raleigh Chapter to join us.

We invite everyone attending to bring small outboards or other small nautical items to display, trade or sell. Bring a folding chair. There is lots to photograph, so bring your camera. We have some fun planned for the ladies while the guys are in the workshop!

[Steve Filarsky](#), the Gold Leaf Man, will be there to demonstrate gold leaf technique and answer your questions.

We'll supply lunch: DIY sandwiches, salads in a jar, chips, fruit and desserts. We will have water, soft drinks, lemonade, and tea. BYOB (beer). We request a \$10 donation per person for lunch. We are asking you to sign up so we'll have adequate food and drinks. [Click here](#) to do so—by June 22nd PLEASE!!!

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**





## Chesapeake Bay ACBS Boat Show June 17-19 St. Michaels, MD

If you have never been to this show, we encourage you to attend either as a participant or as a spectator. It is a great venue and there are generally a lot of boats both in the water and on land. If you go as a spectator, you might want to bring a tow vehicle and trailer hitch—just in case you find your “forever” boat in the field of dreams!

### Registration:

There are four registration forms:

- Participants registering for the show with or without a boat to display (see below)
- **Vendors** for The Arts at Navy Point register here: [Vendor Registration](#)
- **Field of Dreams** (boats for sale) please register here: [Field of Dreams Registration](#)

**Nautical Flea Market** (used nautical treasures) please register here: [Nautical Flea Market Registration](#)

For participants registering for the show with or without a boat to display –

You must pre-register for this event – Please use our on-line Registration here: [Boat Show Registration](#)

- You must provide a photo of your boat. The file size should be no larger than 4MB.
- Payment is via Pal. If you do not have a Pay Pal account, you may use a credit card.
- If you are unable to register on-line please contact Alicia Boardman at waterworks162@gmail.com for alternative arrangements.

Please register early as we cannot guarantee registration after June 1, 2022.

### Arriving at the Show!

- The show is held at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and the site address is 213 North Talbot Street, St. Michaels, Maryland 21663.
- We encourage you to arrive on **Thursday evening** or **Friday morning**.
- We advertise and sell tickets for our show

based on three days; all day Friday, Saturday and until 3:00 PM on Sunday. **We will not let anyone depart prior to 3:00 PM on Sunday!**

- Vehicle parking is available at the Museum and throughout St. Michaels. No trailer parking in the Museum parking lot due to space constraints.
- **“Land Display”** Use Mill Street (coming from Easton it’s a right turn from Talbot Street) to access the Museum grounds. An attendant will meet you at the gate and direct you to your land display location. You may then check in at the Registration Tent. Do not use the Crab Claw parking lot. You will be required to remain in that spot until the show ends on Sunday.

### • “Water Display”

- If you choose to launch your boat prior to checking in at registration, turn on to E. Chew Avenue (coming from Easton it’s a right turn from Talbot Street), go two blocks and turn left onto Harbor Avenue. The boat ramp will be on your left. Trailer parking is located at St. Michaels High School located at the corner of Meadow Street and Seymour Avenue (three blocks east of the launch ramp).
- If you choose to check in prior to launching your boat, please use the main entrance to the Museum parking lot and come to the Registration Tent. Do not use the Crab Claw parking lot.

**“Boats to Sell”** If you are bringing a BOAT TO SELL, use the main entrance to the Museum parking lot, drive through the parking lot and turn left at the drive entrance to the Field of Dreams.



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## T- VILLE VINTAGE POWER SHOW



### JUNE 10 & 11, 2022

Friday 9:00am-5:00pm & Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm  
367 Academy Dr, Thomasville, NC 27360

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Antique Tractors & Engines ~ Flea Market  
Antique Cars & Trucks ~ Kids Activities  
Farm Demonstrations ~ Blacksmithing  
Faith Barn Market ~ Craft Vendors  
Live Music ~ Great Food

**ADMISSION - \$5.00 KIDS 10 & UNDER- FREE**  
**EXHIBITORS - ADMITTED FREE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**  
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## July Outing in New Bern

On July 16, 2022 we will be having a dual gathering in New Bern. The guys will meet at [Shop Class](#) 406 Guion St where owner Mo Howland will give a demo (topic TBD) and member Dave Mahoney will show you how he designs and builds miniature working out-board engines. Lunch will be included for a donation of \$10. It will be brought in. Due to space limitations, first come, first served—so sign up early. Time: 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. [Click here](#) for Shop Class website. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend. NOTE: THE LADIES WILL HAVE A SEPARATE SIGN UP (see below).

While the guys are at Shop Class, the ladies will have our own outing. We'll start at the New Bern Farmers' Market, then see the Bank of the Arts Exhibit,—Artist Lee Tripi. Lunch will be nearby at the Chelsea Restaurant. From there we'll visit downtown shops. We'll plan to meet back up with the guys at 2:30 PM at the Bruin Craft Beer & Wine—224 Middle St. To debrief the day and share stories. LADIES [CLICK HERE](#) TO SIGN UP.



Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New: Frank Russell (Pittsboro, NC) Co-member: Randy Voller

Renewed: Alan Hills and Bill Conley

*Welcome!*



## ACBS Co-Member

Last month we urged members to add their spouses and significant others as co-members. We do see that there are a number of co-members listed, however, only a very small percentage had added the co-member's email address. Adding the co-member's email address will ensure that the co-member gets his/her own copy of communications. Below is a list of co-members who do not presently have email addresses listed. We hope you will rectify this situation.

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| Alexander, Linda  | Glover, Kathy       | Mahoney, Deb      |
| Banta, Mary       | Gray, Rosemary      | Mansfield, Mari   |
| Baringer, Nancy   | Hartman, Ann Marie  | Zheng, Lei        |
| Blanchard, Patsy  | Hendrick, Kimberly  | Sieck, Carol      |
| Charles, Deb      | Homeister, Michelle | Stowe, Marion     |
| Clark, Kathy      | Justice, Pam        | Tomaini, Vicki    |
| Dean, Alice       | Kish, Linda         | Vogel, Audrey     |
| Eriksson, Shirley | Kish, Alice         | Weller, Elizabeth |
| Evans, Paige      | Leiner, Jennifer    |                   |

## ACBS Chapter Membership Report

Our chapter is able to pull a number of membership reports from the ACBS member database. Below is a list of the reports as well as a report on membership—in case you were wondering.

### Chapter Information

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|----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Total Membership                                   | 58 |
| Members that will expire in 60 days if not renewed | 7  |
| New Members in the last 30 days                    | 1  |
| Members that have renewed in the last 30 days      | 2  |
| Members that have expired in the last 30 days      | 3  |
| Members that have expired in the last 12 months    | 19 |
| Members that call NCP their primary chapter        | 48 |
| Members that do not call NCP their primary chapter | 10 |



## Newest Chapter Member: Frank Russell

*As told to Membership Chair Jim Alexander by his daughter, Lesley Landis. Frank was a physician-surgeon and a philosopher dedicated to the well-being of his fellow man.*

"Last year my Dad came to live with us in Pittsboro from his home on Lake Champlain near Middlebury, Vermont. He retired there 35 years ago from his home in Port Jefferson, NY on the north shore of Long Island. Dad/Frank is a self-proclaimed "workshop guy" and has designed, built, and restored boats, cars, houses, and planes his entire adult life.

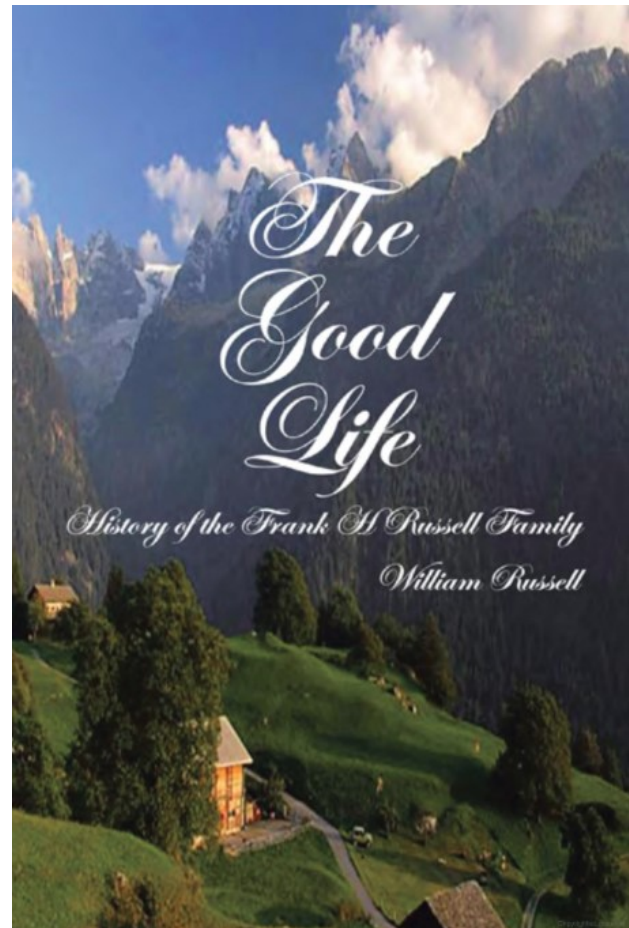
"He had a little boat from a very young age that he and his sister used to explore all of New York's Great South Bay. Around 1965, he built a sailing outrigger which was one of the first on the East Coast at the time. His greatest boating love was his 38' ocean-racing catamaran "Ipo Kai" that he built with Rudy Choy. Our family made some great memories on that beauty.

"So many more boats have provided Dad with joy in his long life. He's 94 and his memories are crystal clear and detailed – he's forgotten more than I'll ever know! What I do know is that he'll enjoy being in the company of like-minded people to share stories with in the NC Coastal and Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS. We do know John Justice and I suspect that my dad would like to attend the tech talks hosted by him.

"These days Dad's been building models which he has since he was a boy. He is unstoppable!"

**We look forward to meeting Frank!**

"The Good Life: History of the Frank H. Russell Family" is still in print or can be purchased as an ebook.



Sorcery—a 30 foot Etchells one of the several racing yachts we owned and raced

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The Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. was officially formed on January 15, 2005 to provide a means through which individuals sharing a common interest in antique and classic boats can meet, share experiences and information, exchange ideas, and generate enthusiasm for all aspects of these unique boats. On March 21, 2019, the chapter officially changed its name to NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter.

We promote and sponsor classic boating events, as well as educate our membership and the general public about these great craft. We partner with other clubs and organizations to promote awareness and appreciation for the history, research, repair, and restoration of these grand old boats to preserve them for future generations.

## Calendar of Events & Meetings

Please note that with the exception of the business meeting dates, the places, dates and times listed for events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Chapter-sponsored or chapter-hosted events are in bold. We encourage you to support/attend these events! [Click here for full calendar](#)

6/10-11 [T-Ville Vintage Power Show](#) (Thomasville, NC)

6/17-19 [Chesapeake Bay ACBS Show](#) (St. Michaels, MD)

6/25 Workshop at Blanchard's homestead in New Hill—Steve Filarsky Gold Leaf Demo, Swap Shop & Ladies gathering. [Click here](#) to sign up by 6/22.

7/16 Demo at Shop Class in New Bern for the guys. Lunch to be provided—limited space. **Guys** [Click here](#) to sign up. Ladies outing in New Bern. **Ladies** [Click here](#) to sign up. Both: 10 AM to 2 PM with meet-up at 2:30 PM at Bruin Craft & Beer.

## New Forum on Facebook for ACBS Members

Have a question about your project? Not sure how to fix an engine issue? Join the ACBS Members Group on



Request to Join

### What are the ACBS Definitions of Antique or Classic Boat?

**Historic:** A boat built up to and including 1918

**Antique:** A boat built between 1919 and 1942, inclusive

**Classic:** A boat built between 1943 and 1975, (any material)

**Late Classic:** A boat built 1976 to 25 years prior to the current year.

**Contemporary:** Any wooden boat built within the last 25 years.

Boats classified as Historic up through Late Classic will be judged separately as Preserved or Restored boats. For more information [click here](#).