



NC C&P CHAPTER
Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of the ACBS

June 2024



Hello Fellow Chapter Members.

While we had no official chapter activities, May has been a really hectic month for our family. When you have 7 kids and 10 grandkids, well... you get the picture! In between all the family stuff, we did manage to get in some sailing and other outdoor activities, enjoying what was probably the last of the "cool" weather we'll see for a few months.

Several of us attended and or participated in the NC Maritime Museum show on May 4th, which our chapter helped sponsor. The show was a little smaller than previous years, but well attended none the less. Bill Conley showed his 17 Chris Craft and 14' Penobscot sailboat, John Peck had "Pecker's Woody" (16' outboard kit boat), John Tinney, of course, had "Duchess" (50' 1930 Elco), Cindy Jordan with "Admiral Alexander" (Chris Craft kit boat), and Jim Moores' 27' "Patience" (Moores Yachts custom launch). There were also several members attending without boats and all in all, it had the feel of a chapter event. We also had a "recruiting station" setup there and we gained 2 new members. How about that?!

The New Bern contingent has been very busy lately. Leif Eriksson has "Trilogy" (wooden 36' Grand Banks trawler) on the hard at Duck Creek taking care of some "out of the water" chores that boats which live in the water must periodically undergo. Joining him there is John Dougherty, doing pretty much the same thing on his 22' Seafarer sailboat, Austin Lewis recently purchased Dream Catcher, a 42' Grand Banks trawler whose owner had passed away. The boat sat on the hard at Bridgeton Boatworks for a considerable time and thus was no where near water ready. Austin put in many long, hard days to

get her back afloat and she's now back in her element. Oh yes, the yet unnamed Cavalier in my shop is getting some attention as well. I'm sure that many of you are involved similarly with your projects and maintenance chores and we'd sure like to share what you're up to with the rest of the group. So....send us a short (or long!) story and some photos so we can share them in the newsletter.

Judy and I are planning to attend the Chesapeake Bay chapter's show in St. Michaels, MD on June 14-15. If you have the chance, I highly recommend you get up there. They put on a first class show at an amazing venue, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

Due to the success of our April Bath Cruise event, we plan to do it again in September, thanks to the generosity of Cindy Jordan. See the [May newsletter](#) report on the April cruise. See reservation information on p. 6. Those who did not attend in April will receive priority—if reserving by June 14th. Details will be provided at a later date.

No planned chapter activity in June—it's too hot! But do attend the Chesapeake Bay boat show in St. Michaels, MD June 14-16.

One more thing I'd like to mention. If any of you have a desire to go sailing, the good ship "Darkside" is available to take you out. She is berthed at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern and can accommodate a party of 4 guests. Contact me to set up a day—wind dependent! Alright, that's all I've got for this month. Summer's here, so get your boats wet and carry some friends with you!

Alan Hills, President

Calling all motorheads—can you guess what this is?



This is for bragging rights only—no prize. Style points given for quirky descriptions! [Email your entry](#) to Alan Hills.

Two members are excluded from this contest: the one who took the picture and the one who received a copy of it via email.



Judy Hills had an article in the ACBS Weekly Web Watch on April 20th about our chapter's Trailer Maintenance 101 workshop. [Click here](#) to read the full story and see the pictures, in case you missed it.

[Trailer Maintenance 101 - ACBS - Antique Boats & Classic Boats - International Boat Club](#)

Rudder Editor Amy Scanlin has asked Alan and Judy Hills to write an article on our chapter for an upcoming edition of the Rudder.

Happy Fathers Day

**"A father is neither
an anchor to hold
us back, nor a sail
to take us there,
but a guiding light
whose love shows
us the way"**



Wesley J. Hill

Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat & Car Show

Contributors: Rob Weller & John Coffman.

The Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat & Car show is one of several shows hosted by the Blue Ridge ACBS Chapter. This year it was held on May 17th. Several of our members attended, so this article is a compilation of their reports and pics.

John Coffman:

Alan and Jean Frederick made the trip Thursday before the show with "Spiffy" a 1948 Chris Craft 20' Custom. The trip started out uneventful until they fell victim to a sniper. POW! They heard the shot and debris flying! Well, they weren't the victims, but the trailer tire was! Well maybe not a sniper but the tire went off like a shot gun blast wrinkling the fender as it was in its explosive path.

Alan pulled along the side of the road and started gathering his weapons of choice for the task at hand as luck would have it the classic boat in distress caught the attention of a NASCAR pit crew member passing by. Okay I really don't know if he was a pit crew member, but he did have all the equipment to change the tire in record time. After the tire was changed the Fredericks decided to stop at a tire shop and have both tires replaced.

The next day the Coffman's were heading to the show with "Muddy Paws" a 1959 Chris Craft Cavalier. Alan had warned me of their interesting road trip. I checked the air pressure in the trailer tires but refused to look at the manufacturer date until we returned. "Ignorance is bliss" was my philosophy! I checked the tire date when we returned from the show and the tires had already passed their 10th birthday. Ouch!

We arrived at Lake Lure with a warm welcome and much appreciated boat ramp help from the Blue Ridge Chapter.

Thirty-two boats were registered for the



event and a record for the club at this location. Lake Lure is a very small private lake in comparison to our home port of Smith Mountain Lake. The Lake might be small but made up for it in Big hospitality.

Once "Muddy Paws" was on the Lake we joined "Spiffy" for a cruise to the other end of the lake for lunch at Lake House Restaurant. The journey took about 8 minutes at moderate speed. I told you it was a small Lake. The food was excellent! I personally had the salmon BLT and it was very tasty.

With our bellies full we made the journey back to the show venue. We checked into our room at "The 1927 Lake Lure Inn". Wow what a great venue. The Inn owns the boat docks, large pavilion, and beach where four food trucks were on hand for Saturday's show.

The Friday night social was held in the pavilion with a DJ playing music. Once again, we topped off our tanks with BBQ and fried haddock. It was off to sleep in a cozy bed at the Inn.

Saturday was show day and not only did the public get to view a wide cross section of classic boats, three car

Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat & Car Show (continued)

clubs were invited with cars from the brass era automobiles to muscle cars of the 70's.

The ladies started off their day with mimosas and then headed to town for lunch, shopping and "Jersey Boys" show at a local playhouse. Meanwhile the men folk manned the docks as a steady flow of folks strolled the docks admiring the boats and chatting with the owners. Fortunately, the rain held off until the end of the show.

Of course, as they say on Woodyboater it's not a boat show until someone gets towed. This time it was Blue Ridge Chapter President Steve DeWire's Century boat being towed due to a water pump issue. Hmmm I remember the President of the Smith Mountain Lake chapter having his boat towed at their show last year. I guess Woodyboater is correct.

The Saturday evening gathering was quite special at the lakeside home of club member James Sciandra. The home was a Fort built in 1774 originally built five or so miles away. Russell's Fort and an important link in the chain of Fort built to protect others on a Clinch river and the Indian war 1774 William Russell who established it was a prominent soldier of the revolution.

Russell's Fort was disassembled and reassembled on James' property by the cast of the television show "Barnwood Builders". Two episodes were dedicated to the Fort and a recent episode was filmed erecting a garage from two log cabins from West Virginia.

While we all enjoyed our Mexican style buffet a three-member bluegrass kept us entertained until dark at which time James put on an amazing firework show. A perfect ending to a very memorable evening. Sunday morning, we loaded the boats up on the trailers and after a delicious brunch at the Inn we were back on the road

home after a weekend of connecting with old friends and making a few new ones. In my opinion boat shows are best when other chapters attend!



Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat & Car Show (continued)

Rob Weller:

I was fortunate to be able to bring my boat to the Blue Ridge Chapter's Annual Lake Lure Boat Show May 17-18 to represent the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter (Blue Ridge is also my secondary Chapter). The boats were displayed across from the public beach and the 1927 Lake Lure Inn & Spa, which is a wonderful and convenient historic Inn completed when the dam was built and the Lake created in 1927. Lots of vintage furniture, artwork and photography are displayed at the Inn, where US presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge have stayed. The show had over 30 boats entered, and also brought a large number of antique and classic cars displayed on the waterfront, so there was something for everyone! The weather forecast was threatening and Friday was overcast, but lots of boats got to the docks on Friday and there was time for a tour of this jewel of a Lake. It is not large at 720 acres, but it is very picturesque and surrounded by beautiful forest, hills and rocky outcroppings including Chimney Rock.

There was a welcoming outdoor BBQ Friday night next to the beach for everyone to catch up, thank the organizers, and hear about plans for the show on Saturday. The Blue Ridge, Smith Mountain Lake, and Piedmont CAP were represented amongst others from as far as Maine. Lots of boats were covered Friday night, but there was little or no rain, and the sun came out by 9 am on Saturday for a sunny and mild show day (much better than anyone expected). A large, steady crowd toured the docks to see the boats, and then got to see a great collection of cars and trucks including a spectacular and massive Locomobile, and a 1917 REO Speedwagon that was pulled from the bottom of the Lake after 45 years and restored to running condition.

The boats represented a great range of age, size, style and manufacture, and included 2 beautiful Greavette runabouts. There were many Chris Crafts including a 1930 20' triple cockpit, a 1960 25' Sportsman, a 1958 Capri, a 1953 Riviera, a 1948 20' Custom, a 1946 U-22, and a 1959 17' Sportsman. Century was well-represented with a 1966 20' Arabian, a 1956 Coronado, and 2 Resorters. There was a 1963 21' Lyman (mine) and a 1968 19' Lyman I/O, and also some smaller outboards including an Aristocraft, a Penn Yan, and an Old Town. More classic glass included a 1985 22' Donzi and a spaceship-like Glastron Carlson Scimitar, along with two 1959 17' Dorsett Catalina's. The oldest boat displayed was a beautiful 1917 Truscott launch which took the People's Choice Award. (Hope I didn't leave any out!)

There was an event organized for Chapter family members on Saturday with mimosa breakfast at the Inn, and then a trip to Flat Rock Playhouse where the musical Jersey Boys was playing.

Many of the boat owners offered rides to show-goers, and I was lucky enough to catch a ride in Craig McMullin's gorgeous CC U-22 (repowered with 270hp V-8) to get another tour of the



Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat & Car Show (continued)

lake. Also on the ride was a new Piedmont CAP member – Jeremie Marlowe from Denver NC. Everyone kept an eye on the weather, but as the show ended and I (and many) started to prepare to get their boats out, it began to sprinkle. The Chapter President Steve Dewire, who had been very gracious in getting everyone's boats launched, also offered to help get them out, but we were all drenched as torrential rain started; oh well, boats are supposed to get wet! (BTW, the concrete ramp is fortunately close by at Washburn Marina and is very nice for launch and recovery).

Once many of the boats were pulled, the organizers had arranged land and sea shuttle for an evening of dinner, a Blue Grass Band, and a tour at one of the Blue Ridge Chapter Member's lakefront "compound." On the property is a 1775 Revolutionary war fort/building that had been moved 6 miles and rebuilt on the site. The evening ended with an awesome fireworks display on the cove in front of the compound.

This was a great show and fun experience – the Blue Ridge Chapter members were super friendly and helpful, and excited to have members from other Chapters participate. Mark your calendars for next year!

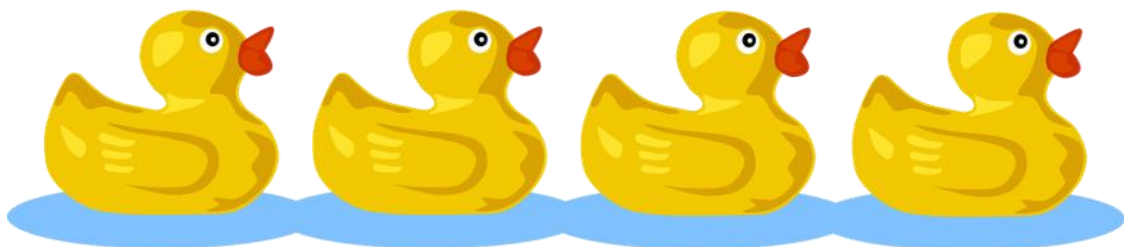
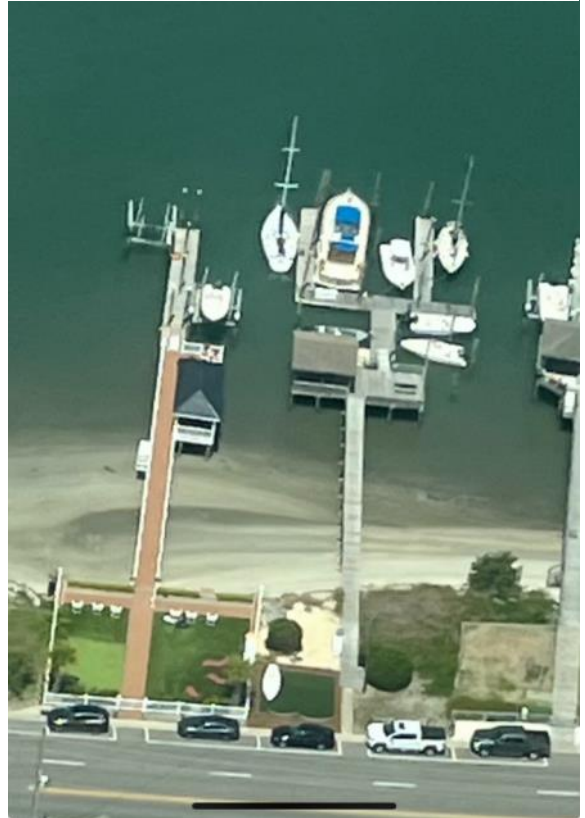


Exciting News: Bath Cruise Redux!!!

Since those who went in April had such a wonderful time, we thought we would give other members an opportunity to experience Cindy Jordan's family home in Bath. Cindy loved having us. She says that the house is actually available from September 16th-25th. We were thinking that to get more different people to stay, we could do 3 blocks of 3 days each. Trip A- September 16-19. Trip B- September 19-22. Trip C- September 22-25. Alan &

Judy Hills and Cindy will be there the whole time to help host everyone. We will be able to accommodate three couples during each of these sets of dates. So this will be on a **first-come, first-serve as far as reservations. We'll open up reservations now through June 14th to those who did not go in April.** After that, those who previously went may select open dates. [Email](#) reservations to Judy Hills. [May newsletter](#) has a recap of the April cruise.

Member Jim Dean's Wrightsville Beach Fleet (excluding the ducks!)



Another Birthday Party Pop-Up Event—New Bern—Alan Hills



L to R: Leif Eriksson, Austin Lewis, birthday boy Alan Hills and Laird Stubbings

CFCC Scholarship Update by Jim Alexander, Scholarship Coordinator

At the beginning of the academic year, our fund balance with the Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) was \$2,000. The CFCC awarded Thomas Bisson (the only applicant who fit our criteria) \$500 for the fall semester of 2023, and \$500 for this current spring semester 2024, leaving us with a balance of \$1,000. We normally budget up to \$2,000 a year for the scholarship program and have that amount in this year's budget. We expect to provide an additional \$1,000 to CFCC in order to bring our scholarship balance to \$2,000 for the current academic year. Awards are expected to begin this summer for the fall semester.



EMBROIDERED CHAPTER LOGO SHIRTS

Now available. We have our logo with an embroidery company in New Bern. For \$8 each we can get almost any cloth item embroidered. You pick the shirt or other item.

[Contact](#) Alan Hills if interested.



Chesapeake Bay ACBS

Antique & Classic Boat Society

ANNUAL ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT FESTIVAL & COASTAL ARTS FAIR

The Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society is holding our 36th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Festival & Coastal Arts Fair once again over Father's Day weekend on the beautiful grounds of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM). This show, to take place June 14-16, 2024, is the largest antique and classic boat show in the Mid-Atlantic. This year, the theme is "It's All About Fishing!".

In addition to the 100+ wood and fiberglass boats on display on land or in the water, we have a Field of Dreams, where you can find a "project" boat or a ready-to-go boat. Our Nautical Flea Market has a wide variety of unique items for sale. Our juried Coastal Arts Fair attracts some of the best-known artisans and craftspeople from Canada to Florida. We even have activities for children too!

In addition to our own maritime-influenced vendors and exhibitors, visitors to the show have access to all of the museum's exhibits and displays.

CBMM is located in the quaint and historic town of St. Michaels, Md., on the Eastern Shore. Talbot Street, St. Michael's main street, offers shopping, dining and night life. There are period homes, a motor car museum, vineyard, brewery and rum distillery — all within walking distance from the museum grounds.

Round up the family and join us for a great weekend on Maryland's Eastern Shore! [Click here to go to the museum website to buy tickets](#)

Please take the time to view a short [video of our 2021 Festival](#).

NOTE: Alan & Judy Hills have attended this show several times and highly recommend you attend either as a participant or a spectator. Lots to see and buy. They generally have a plethora of boats in their Field of Dreams. **PS:** Alan is not allowed to take a vehicle with a trailer hitch!



A Big Thank You to Cindy Jordan



Those members who were fortunate enough to get to stay at Cindy's family home in Bath, noticed that the American flag on the dock was looking kind of ragged. They purchased a new one and had her cousin Bubs replace it.

NEED A RIDE TO A CHAPTER EVENT?

We know that some of you have reached an age where driving is a challenge. If you would like to attend a chapter event, but need a ride, please

[email President Hills.](#)

Tip from Austin Lewis

Hack to keep glue from clogging up Philips screws under plugs that may need to come out some day. Use a round adhesive dot to cover the screw head.



EDNA FERBER
WROTE THIS
1926 BESTSELLER
AFTER MEETING
RIVERBOAT
PERFORMERS IN
BATH, NORTH CAROLINA

Toured coastal towns,
1913-1941. Edna Ferber's
1925 visit to ship, then
docked nearby, was basis
for her novel *Show Boat*.

Recent Jeopardy question (category: NC History) noticed by the Bantas and by Cindy Jordan's cousin (see screenshot on the left). See Bath historical marker on the right near Cindy's home on Main Street. That was the James Adams Floating Theatre.

NC Maritime Museum Wooden Boat Show Photos

It was a perfect day for the NC Maritime Museum's 48th Wooden Boat Show in Beaufort. It was in the mid-70's, partly cloudy with a light wind blowing.. The show had fewer boats this year, but all boats were displayed on Front Street whereas in year's past, there had also been displays in the rear of the museum. A good crowd turned out to see the beautiful, old boats.

Chapter members who displayed their boats included: Jim Moores (his new boat), Bill Conley (Blue Tango and Little Blue—a sailboat), Cindy Jordan (Admiral Alexander), John Tinney (Dutchess), and John Peck (Peckers' Woody). Alan & Judy Hills were there manning a table to recruit interested persons to join our chapter. Also seen were members Brad & Kim Hedick, Jim & Alice Dean (and of course their dog Cap-py), We were please to see our members proudly wearing their name badges.

Alan & Judy did a brisk business and believe that we had at least four very interested persons in addition to one who actually completed the application AND paid the dues—Joe Avolis. Joe is a friend of John Peck. He owns a surveying and engineering firm based in New Bern. In his spare time he built a beautiful boat (by BirdWalk—the "company" named for his two dogs Birdy and Walker). (see picture bottom right) Joe lives in Trent Woods, a suburb of New Bern.

As always we enjoyed chatting with those who love old boats and hearing their stories of similar boats own by their fathers and grandfathers. A wonderful way to spend the day, in our opinion!

[Click here](#) to see more photos by Judy.



More Boat Show Pictures (Beaufort 4May2024)



Jones County Gems by Keith Colonna

On my last trip to New Bern to Phillips Plating, I stopped at Foscue Plantation (Pollocksville in Jones County). They are only open on Thursdays seasonally, so I grabbed the chance for a tour.

The docents are descendants of the original owners of Foscue which has remained a private home and never a government supported public facility. As such, they are not accountable to budgets and the house is immaculately restored and full of family heirlooms, portraits and furniture.

This is a small plantation house so every detail can be perfectly restored.

I mentioned the boat club (and car club) would be interested in touring the house and grounds. The cost of my tour was \$15 which goes to maintaining the house. It is climate controlled due to the contents, but not lived in anymore. Parking on the grounds was

on the grass, off the pebble driveway, so following a heavy rain it would be bad for the turf.

Also located in Pollocksville in Jones County is the Things of Yesteryear museum. Owner John Baldwin was an antique car guy and I've donated many of my antique toasters, etc. to his museum. I imagine he'd welcome a tour of his museum from the boat club.



Name Tags—Don't have one? The First One is Free!

Please remember to wear your name tags at chapter events so we can get to know you. If you have never received a name tag—the first one is free—the chapter pays and will have it shipped directly to you—you just need to ask for it. You may request additional name tags or a name tag for a co-member. [Click here](#) to read information on how to order. **We also have ball caps for \$30.** [Email Alan Hills](#) if you want one.

Members who joined or renewed this past month include:

New: Julian Arrington (Beaufort), Joe Avolis (Trent Woods), Mike Loch (Wilmington), John Olsen (Wilmington)

Renewed: Joe Peacos (Greenville), Edward Chewing (Elizabeth City)

Total Membership: 67 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 55 NC C&P Not Primary Chapter: 12

Welcome!

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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 dates, the places, dates and times listed for events may change. Watch your email for updates. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your 2024 calendar:

- **No planned June chapter activity—too hot!**
- **6/14-16 Chesapeake Bay ACBS show** at St. Michaels, MD
- **7/17** Chapter meeting and run on Jordan Lake 4 PM. Bring your own food and drinks. Run on lake after meeting. Details in the July newsletter.
- **8/17** Run in New Bern area
- **9/5-15** ACBS International Show in Brainerd, MN
- **9/14** Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show
<https://rfmuseum.org/classic-boat-show>
- **9/14** Smith Mountain Lake Show at Crazy Horse Marina in VA
- **9/28** Wing, Wheels, and Keels show in Topping, VA



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.

Resto-Mod: Any historic, antique, classic or late classic boat that has been restored and modified with non-original parts and technology.

For more information [click here.](#)