



North Coast Ohio “Beacon” *February 2025*

FROM THE HELM

“ The Best Bargain in Boating”

I attended the IX-Cleveland Boat Show January 16 and came away with a new appreciation for our antique boats. There are lots of indications that the interest in boating is not decreasing. In fact an article in the show magazine quotes a new report from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis which states “Recreational boating/fishing continue to drive the outdoor recreational economy contributing more than any other conventional outdoor activity including RVing, hunting/shooting, motorcycling, or equestrian activities”. Another obvious observation is that buying a new boat is very expensive. At the show there were a number of over 30’ cruising outboard powered boats selling for \$1,000,000. Many of the smaller single engine center console boats were around \$250,000 and up, ski boats were over \$200,000, and many fishing boats were approaching \$100,000. Comparing those prices to the average cost of a completely restored Chris Craft, Lyman, or Century utility/runabout in the \$25,000 to \$35,000 range and refreshed fiberglass classic boats even less, it is easily justified to invest in an antique or classic boat.

I spent some time talking to Nate Sublett, the owner of Chippewa Boat Works who is building new Lymans. His 17 footers are beautifully built, 3/8” plywood, totally epoxied together with a fiberglass coated bottom and all the US Coast Guard flotation/safety requirements, with gorgeous clear finishes over marine mahogany decks. The boat comes with a new 4-stroke 50 horse power Mercury outboard engine and a well-built Loadmaster trailer for a direct to consumer price of \$128,000.

So when you look at the costs of antique/classic boats and all the benefits of being in ACBS, it is obvious that our boats offer a very inexpensive way to get the most out of boating. Restoring a boat is a rewarding experience even if it needs a new bottom or takes some elbow

grease and time to learn how to varnish. Thankfully we also have some very skilled restorers who can professionally make the boats new again. Yes, you may not get every dollar invested back but the percentage of retained value is far greater than the depreciation of a new boat. The real reward comes in taking your boat to shows all over North America with pride, being appreciated for preserving a work of marine art from the past, and being welcomed at the most beautiful lakes and properties by generous folks. Add to that all the friendships made through chapters like NCO and you have an unlimited level of enjoyment that our classic boats can deliver. Most of those intangibles are far more valuable than just buying a new boat that will quickly depreciate and blend in with the hundreds just like it.

-Gil Maringer, President NCO Chapter

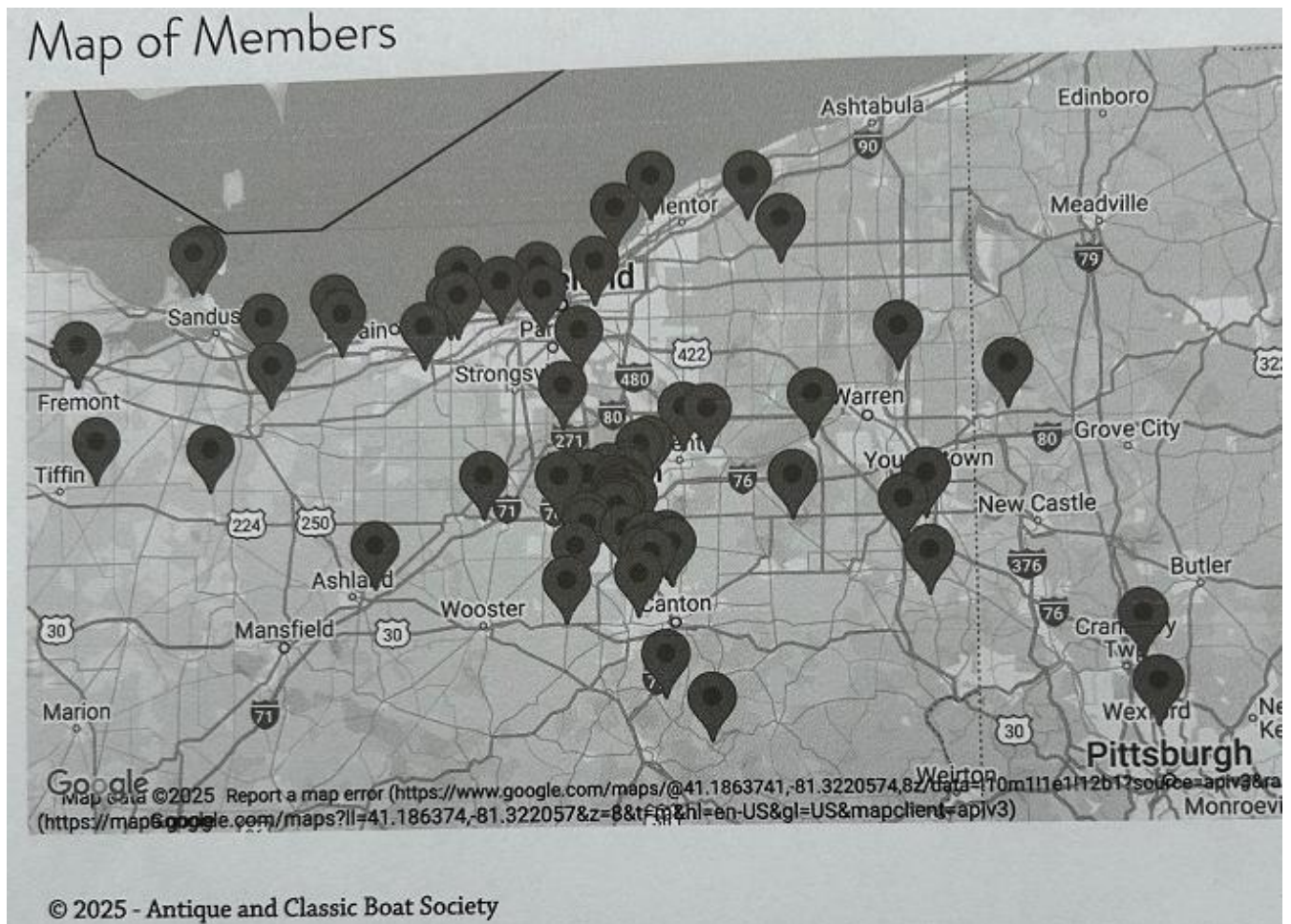
**FEBRUARY NCO BOARD MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2025
MARIE'S RESTAURANT, WADSWORTH,
130 E. SMOKERISE DRIVE
6:00 PM**

WELCOME

New Members:

- Bill and Beth Padisak, Deerfield, Ohio
- Bob Joint, Cayahoga Falls, Ohio

Where are all the NCO Members?
Check the location map below



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL NCO BOARD MEETING
ABOARD THE CAYAHOGA SCENIC VALLEY RAILROAD

NCO Members and their guests are being treated to a **FREE** scenic train ride on Saturday March 15th. You should arrive at the Akron Northside Station at Ridge Street near Howard Street around 11:15 – 11:30 for boarding: the train will leave at **noon**. The trip will take us north through Peninsula and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to the Independence Station where the train will reverse direction and return back to Akron. During the north bound trip we will have a short business meeting. A buffet of sandwiches for lunch will be catered at a cost of \$10 per person, collected at the station. Beverages are also sold on the train.

A dedicated rail car exclusively for NCO members has been arranged by Brian and Christy Morgan, so we need to know **no later than Feb. 15** if you will attend. Please let Gil Maringer know by calling or text at 216-310-7475 or email to gbmaringer@juno.com



OPEN HOUSE REPORT FROM THE MOTOR BOAT GARAGE

Twelve NCO members attended Brian Keen's annual open house Saturday Jan. 25, in Cincinnati. It is always nice to see the new projects underway at the Motor Boat Garage and see many friends from other chapters. This year a 1948 Chris Craft Racing Runabout was being totally rebuilt, along with a 24' Lyman Sleeper. An antique Chris Craft barrel back and a Chris Craft 22' Sportsman were being varnished and some other projects were also in the works. Something new for the shop was the new resawing mill that has been acquired to cut down the 2" thick Philippine mahogany planks that were recently purchased. The ability to have select grade and matching grain planks is very beneficial to improve the shop's planking projects. As always there was a generous lunch with desserts and it was a great way to get motivated about the next season's boating events. A big thank you to Brian, Martha, Evan, and Avery Keen for a very nice day.





**NORTH COAST OHIO CHAPTER
ANTIQUe AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY
----- 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -----**

February	10	Monthly Board meeting: Marie’s Restaurant, Wadsworth
March	15	Special Board Meeting – Cuyahoga Valley Train ride and meeting
April	14	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
	26	Open house @ Jeremy Goldstein’s Custom Marine, Huron Ohio
May	12	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
June	5	Possible Land Display, Stan Hywett Father’s Day Event
	7	Possible Seneca Lake Gathering and Board Meeting
	21	“Day-at-the-Bay”, Put–In-Bay Golf Cart and Picnic Adventure
July	14	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
August	11	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
	15-16	Portage Lakes Boat Show @ former Pick’s location
September	14-20	ACBS International 50th Year, Clayton New York
	25	Lake Milton Gathering/Picnic
October	5	Atwood Lake Gathering/Show
	13	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
November	10	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
December	6	Annual Board meeting/election of officers

(All events will be confirmed in each of the monthly Beacon Newsletters)