



North Coast Ohio “Beacon”

August 2025

“FROM THE HELM”

IT’S SHOW TIME: You would think that after 48 years of having a Portage Lakes Boat Show things would be pretty much the same. But that is far from the way it is this year. Although our show sites at Picks and the old Smoke-On-The Water restaurants have been closed for almost a year you will be impressed by the all new docks, patios, and a new seawall. Since no food service would be available we arranged a wide selection of very interesting food trucks. Many of the boats coming are also new comers to our show including an impressive 26’ US Navy Whaleboat and our feature boat, “Chief”, the 20’ Chris Craft Custom Runabout for it’s in-the-water debut. A beautiful 22’ 1981 Skiffcraft from the Indian Lake area along with a 1951 Chris Craft Special runabout from Columbus along with about 40 fiberglass and wood classics.

A special thanks goes out to Tom Hutchison and his brother, owners of the Pick’s property for pushing hard to get the docks finished, to offer the main dining room for our Friday night show participants party, and for opening the waterside bar just for the show.

Our boat show committee has been working since May to pull all the details together that used to fall in place when the restaurant was open. We have visited many local businesses and a wonderful group of 57 sponsors have donated to fund the “Second longest running antique boat show in the country”.

Don’t miss the big show: Saturday August 9, we still have room for your boat. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DEBBIE RUTHERFORD WORK AT THE T-SHIRT/POSTER SALES TABLE. Please call/text her at 330-618-1209 and select a time you can help (9:30-11, 10:30-noon, 11-12:30, 12:30 -2, 2-3:30).



Thanks to Dan and Ashley Ritchey and Brian and Christy Morgan for a wonderful pontoon tour of Atwood Lake, July 14th. Twenty-two NCO members enjoyed seeing the beautiful lake and then a nice dinner meeting on the deck of the Lighthouse Bistro.





There is an event happening on Lake Milton that looks very interesting. The organizer has asked for NCO members to display some classic boats, on land, Saturday August 23 from noon till 5pm. The Pepper Festival will have lots going on including a waterski show. Let me know if you want to take a boat and I will give you some NCO/ACBS promotional material to display.

A colorful poster for the Pepper Festival & Waterski Show. At the top, a wooden sign with a rope border reads "PEPPER FESTIVAL & WATERSKI SHOW" in a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. Decorative elements include a red and white life preserver on the left, a red pirate hat with a black band on the right, and a red and white striped beach ball at the bottom right. Below the sign, the text "With BOATS / JEEPS / CARS on display" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Three Polaroid-style photos are arranged horizontally: the first shows a person in a green shirt and red pants performing a stunt on a rope; the second shows a group of people in red and green outfits performing a stunt on a rope; the third shows a person in a green shirt and red pants waterskiing. Below the photos, the admission information is listed: "Admission: Adults \$5 and children 12 and under FREE". To the left of the date, a list of activities is provided: "LIVE MUSIC", "LIVE PIRATES", "LIVE MERMAIDS", and "WEINER DOG RACES". The date "AUG 23rd" is prominently displayed in a dark red circle. To the right of the date, the event details are listed: "EVENT Starts @ 12 noon Ends @ 5pm". Below this, the event location is given: "EVENT @ HARRY MESHEL PARK 590 Milton Ave Lake Milton Ohio". At the bottom, the text "Food Trucks / Cash Prizes / Giveaways" and "Local history on display by The Lake Milton Historical Society" is written. Two yellow rubber ducks are positioned on either side of this text. The entire poster is framed by a light blue border with white clouds.

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All proceeds to benefit
THE LAKE MILTON AMERICAN LEGION
THE LAKE MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Mike Lloyd who is organizing the Cincinnati Classic Boat/Riverboat Festival in Cincinnati, October 9-12, says this special event is getting much attention with ACBS members bringing boats from a number of states. Being a part of the festivities with one million spectators anticipated will be very memorable and bring a lot of attention to the classic boats for certain. Ten paddlewheelers are expected to be taking tours and having dinner excursions. Some NCO members are already signed up, so contact Mike at 859-240-2645 for more details of this once in a decade event.

Other News: Byron Kruger and his brother attended the Lake James Indiana boat show. They do a tour of the lakes on Friday and then on Saturday there is a large land display of boats and cars next to a canal where there are many boats docked. Unfortunately there was a very heavy storm which quickly shut down the boat show around 1 pm. Byron sent in a few pictures.





Special New Membership Bonus: Any new member who joins ACBS and NCO will receive a \$20 rebate and an NCO embroidered hat and nametags, along with a chapter member nametag. This bonus also applies to any past member who has been away for 3 years or more. Also, for current ACBS members who join NCO they will receive an NCO hat and nametags for their first year \$20 membership fee.

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

August	9	Portage Lakes Boat Show @ former Pick's location
September	14-20	ACBS International 50th Year, Clayton New York
	25	Lake Milton Gathering/Picnic
October	4/5	Atwood Lake Gathering/Show
	9-12	Cincinnati Classic Boat/Riverboat Festival
November	10	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
December	6	Annual Board meeting/election of officers

(All events will be confirmed in future Beacon Newsletters)