



North Coast Ohio “Beacon”

October 2025

“FROM THE HELM”

As we approach October our chapter still has a number of interesting events coming yet this year. Because mother nature rained all over our Lake Milton picnic September 24 it has been decided to not only get together for the Atwood Lake Fall Festival, Sunday October 5 (See enclosed info on that event), but also to have a Board Meeting, October 14. **Yes that is a Tuesday, but we have a new meeting place that is not open on Mondays.** We are moving our meetings to the **New Era Restaurant, 10 Massillon Road**, just off of highway 76 in Akron, zip code 44312, near the Goodyear headquarters. This location offers closer highway accessibility for our eastern members and not much more highway travel for our western members. It is a little closer for our southern members than the Wadsworth place. We also have booked the restaurant’s private meeting room for another board meeting Tuesday, November 11. Attendees should gather at 5:30 – 6:00 pm for the board meetings. We look forward to NEW ERA RESTAURANT being a great meeting and dining location. The NCO Annual Meeting and Awards luncheon will be Saturday December 6, 11:00 am at the Turkeyfoot Island Club.

September was a spectacular weather month for boating and a total of 15 North Coast Ohio members went to the ACBS International meeting and boat show in Clayton New York. All the members who entered boats in the show received either platinum or gold awards, and member Jack Beatley took home another Best of show award. Enjoy Dan Ritchey’s article about the fantastic time had by all at Clayton. Getting there was not quite fantastic for Mike and Bonnie Hakes – so check that part of the story as well.

Some other news, after much consideration, Gary Kosiba has sold the Chippewa Lake Amusement Park rideboat, 26’ Hacker Craft, “Dynamite”. Gary

achieved an amazing accomplishment by finishing the decades long project after Larry Prebis passed away, and gave rides on the magnificent boat at Chippewa Lake for their historical society, entered it in parades there, showed it at the Portage Lake Show, and took it all the way to the Minnesota Gull Lake ACBS International Show in 2024. The big triple cockpit will spend it's next life way north of Toronto Canada in a protected boathouse on the French River.

- Gil Maringer, President

Report from the ACBS 50th Anniversary Boat Show in Clayton, NY

By Dan Ritchey

The weather in Clayton last week was wonderful for the boat show and cruising through the 1000 Islands of the Saint Lawrence River. We had sunshine every day with temps in the high 70's during the day and mid 50's at night. It was an action-packed week of social activities and show events. The week started with the arrival of participants on Monday and Tuesday at the Antique Boat Museum, our host for this year's international show. Followed in the afternoon by an "up river" cruise around Grindstone Island, one of the larger of the islands in the 1000 Islands archipelago. However, I would be remised if I skipped over the unfortunate troubles encountered on our journey to Clayton.

Tuesday morning started out filled with excitement as we left Ohio headed for the show in Clayton, NY. We met up with Mike and Bonnie Hakes to caravan together to the show. The weather was clear and traffic was light, perfect conditions for towing the boats some 7.5 hours to our destination. We were making good time when he traveled across the state line between PA and NY. That's when I caught a glimpse of two large bucks chasing a doe on the side of the highway. They pushed the doe against the guardrail and forced the chase under the highway overpass. Suddenly the guardrail disappeared and the reality set in that the deer had a path into the road. With no chance to stop or swerve, I floored the gas to distance us from Mike's truck to hopefully allow safe passage. Tragically, one buck darted in front of Mike and was struck. At 65mph he didn't stand a chance. We hurriedly pulled over and made sure everyone was safe. Fortunately, no one was injured, however we could not say the same for Mike's truck. The truck was badly damaged from the collision; grill broken, fender bent, and the metal bumper pushed into the front tire. After we confirmed the truck's mechanicals were intact, we straightened the bumper, cut off loose debris, and duct taped everything in place, then set off again to complete our journey. They don't call it 100mph tape for nothing! The rest of the drive was uneventful, and we arrived in Clayton just in time for the week's events.

Wednesday morning, we awoke to the roar of 100 antique boats starting their engines and racing to the historic Boldt Castle on Heart Island. The fastest boats left first (+30mph) followed by the medium-paced boats (+20mph) and lastly the slow boats (10mph or less). Each of the groups followed slightly different courses to the castle, weaving in and out of island channels, under bridges, near granite cliffs, and alongside beautiful waterfront homes on both the American and Canadian sides of the St. Lawrence river. Once tied up at the Boldt Castle docks we enjoyed a boxed lunch and ice cream before leisurely roaming the whimsical gardens and exploring the majestic castle and its neighboring yacht house. That evening we enjoyed a fantastic welcome reception on the

banks of the river at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel. NCO attendees included Mike and Bonnie Hakes, John and Kim Vorhies, Walt and Kathy Stashkiw, Randy Hart, Dan and Ashley Ritchey, and later joined by Byron and Lynn Kruger.

Thursday started with the ACBS Chapter and International board meetings. Show attendees had a free day exploring the 10 buildings that make up the Antique Boat Museum as well as cruising the river at our leisure. Thursday evening we had a wonderful dinner with the NCO members at the ever popular Di Prinzio's Italian kitchen overlooking the St Lawrence. The evening concluded with drinks and desserts back at the apartment of Dan, Ashley, Mike and Bonnie.

Friday was the big opening day of the show for the public. The boat owners were busy cleaning and polishing away those water spots from the activities earlier in the week, and the judges were busy crawling under every bow and inside every bilge to determine which boat was deserving of an award. To be honest, they must have had the most difficult decisions ever because every boat on display was of the highest quality. It was a floating museum of the best of the best boats. Friday evening ACBS hosted the annual dinner and auction back at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel. It was a cold blustery night along the river, but the NCO group huddled together and made the best of it. The evening was capped off with a fireworks show over the river to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ACBS.

Saturday was the official second day of the boat show. A classic car show on the downtown streets of Clayton brought more even folks to the ABM to view the boats. Captains could be found nervously milling about the docks until the awards presentation later that day. With all the score sheets tallied up, it was time to give out the awards. I can happily and humbly say that every NCO member who brought a boat received an award:

Platinum Award – Classic Utility– Randy Hart – 1947 CC Express Cruiser – “Another Nickel”

Platinum Award – Late Classic Runabout - John & Kim Vorhies – 1988 Elite Craft Riviera – “Elite”

Gold Award – Classic Non-wood – Mike & Bonnie Hakes – 1972 Century Resorter – “Class of ‘72”

Gold Award – Classic Runabout - Dan & Ashley Ritchey – 1948 Century Sea Maid – “Triple Crown”

After the awards ceremony we traveled to ABM's secret warehouse packed full of historic boats destined to be displayed in the museum one day or even put back on the water for service. Saturday concluded with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of ABM's newest addition to their campus, a fully modern workshop that will be used as a classroom to teach folks the skills and techniques needed to preserve, protect, and restore these pieces of history.



Ouch... That's not gonna buff out!



Early morning brings calm waters on the St. Lawrence river.

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Arriving at Boldt Castle. Hurry up and park, we're hungry!



All docked at Boldt Castle and ready for lunch!



Stately view of Boldt Castle from the dock.



The yacht house every man dreams of having!



NCO Chapter at the Wednesday evening ACBS Welcome Reception.



The boys talking about all the boats they're contemplating buying... notice the wives are nowhere in sight.



I think this is the look of approval to the question, "Honey can we buy a bigger boat?"



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Sunset cruises on the St. Lawrence... doesn't get much better!



So many great boats, it's hard to choose a favorite!



ABM Doeblner Storage Facility... boats and motors stacked to the ceiling!



Awards ceremony at ABM's main building.



Platinum Award – Classic Utility Restored – Randy Hart – 1947 CC Express Cruiser – “Another Nickel”



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Ribbon cutting of the new boat shop.

Be sure to the check out the www.acbs.org and www.woodyboater.com websites for additional stories and photos from the show.

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ATWOOD LAKE FALL FESTIVAL NCO LAND DISPLAY

Hello NCO Members,

The Atwood Lake Fall Festival takes place October 3rd-5th and features food, music, crafts, entertainment, a car show, and much more. NCO had a land display alongside the car show last year and it was a tremendous hit with everyone that attended. We have been invited back this year on Sunday October 5th from 10am-4pm. We ask that you plan to arrive with your boat between 8am - 9am to avoid the heavy traffic coming into the festival.

If you plan to bring a boat, please RSVP to Dan Ritchey, 330-495-6425, dritchey79@yahoo.com

When: Sunday October 5th from 10am – 4pm (please arrive 8-9am)

Where: 9500 Lakeview Rd, Mineral City, OH 44656

Website: <https://www.atwoodfallfest.org/>

The address above is for the Park gatehouse entrance. Notify the Gatehouse attendant you are with the car show and they will waive you through. Boats will be staged along the south side of the road across from the car show.

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

October	4/5	Atwood Lake Gathering/Show
	9-12	Cincinnati Classic Boat/Riverboat Festival
	14	Monthly Board meeting: New Era Restaurant, Akron
November	11	Monthly Board meeting: New Era Restaurant, Akron
December	6	Annual Board meeting/election of officers

(All events will be confirmed in future Beacon Newsletters)