



EAGLE MOUNTAIN CLASSIC BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Membership \$25 /35 Annually

Celebrating our 20th Year

November/ December 2008

Annual Club Christmas Party Saturday Night December 20th Fort Worth Boat Club

This year our annual Christmas Party has been arranged to be held at the beautiful **Fort Worth Boat Club** thanks to the help of **Gibbs and Joy Slaughter**. The party starts at 5:30 and Dinner will be served at 6:30. There will be a cash bar and social hour starts at 5:30. The club has arranged a tempting menu that will include Salad, Beef Tourados, mixed vegetables and chocolate cake. The cost is \$15.00 per member and \$20.00 per guest. Reservations are required by **December 12th**, there will be no walk-ins allowed so sign up early! Please contact **Keith Charles** at **817-291-3451** or E-mail at **ksc55@swbell.net** and get your name on the list. There will be the club favorite Christmas gift exchange, each person wanting to play must bring a wrapped gift (25.00 limit). We are also bringing one unwrapped toy for a child for each member. Come join fellow members for what has always been a great party. **Dan Stober** will also have a years worth of club photos to see, Please send him any that you may have!

Parade Of Lights on Eagle Mountain Lake December 13th Lake Country Marina

Daryl Miller and Andy Butchard are heading up our club for the annual Parade of Lights this year. Plans so far are to meet at the **Lake Country Marina** gas dock on **Saturday December 13th** at 4:30 pm for a skipper's meeting then at dark, light up and cruise out past the **Fort Worth Boat Club** and several points beyond. Let's get some of our big boats involved, the Lake Patrol will provide escort. Weather permitting. Please contact **Daryl** at **817-713-0045** for more information.

WOODIES on the WEB

<http://www.thompsondockside.com>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/classicoutboards/>

<http://www.keels-wheels.com/>

<http://www.ladyben.com/>

<http://www.harborfreight.com/>



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2008 Calender

December

13th Parade of Lights, weather permitting we will gather at Lake Country marina at 4:30pm and light up the lake!

Daryl Miller 817-713-0045

20th Annual Christmas party and Meeting. Fort Worth Boat Club, Party starts at 5:30, Dinner served at 6:00 \$15.00 per person. Advanced reservations by the 12th required, no walk ins.

Bring an unwrapped gift for a child and a wrapped gift for the Chinese gift exchange game. see details in newsletter.

New Member Scott Geyer

Please Pay Your Dues!

The Boat show has always been the traditional time to renew your annual dues. We have not recieved many renewals. Please drop a check in the mail today or come to the next meeting and pay in person, our favorite way.

\$25.00 individual
\$35.00 Family



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Presidents Letter



I hope everyone else has been enjoying the lake as I seem to have missed it completely for the last two months, drat my feet are drying out! We had a great board meeting at the end of October and set several new projects in motion. **Nick Maggio** is taking over the web site and with a little luck will have it up and current and with some new features. We discussed the boat project and decided that building boats was not what we are all about. Finding and restoring a small outboard boat seemed to be the most popular and do able project. And what do you know a member, who shall remain unnamed for now, has offered a cute boat that should be just the ticket. It will be at our January meeting!



We had several discussions about the boat show and how to improve our draw for out of town boats and some extra activities during the show. The suggestion was made to join forces with the **Fort Worth Boat Club** show this year. I contacted **Rick Schafer** and they were very enthusiastic about the proposal. This Wednesday **Andy Butchard** and I met with **Commodore Karen Smith, Jim Edenfield, and Rick Schafer of the FWBC** over lunch at the club and came to the concensus of having the show **May 8th and 9th**. The kickoff dinner will be held at the Club, more details to come!!

We decided to move meetings to Thursdays so that we take advantage of lake resturants this spring/ summer. Our first meeting will be at my studio on Thursday **January 8th** to preview our **2009 Boat project**, maps and details to come. I am very excited about the coming year, our annual auction is already in the works, so save those great pieces of boating memorabilia laying around your garage! An Island clean up is being planned as well as some trips to other lakes for the trailer crowd.

I am putting together photos of this last years events to show at the Christmas party, so if you have any shots hiding in the card in your camera please send them. **John Clingman** gave me a whole envelope of historic club shots tha I am sure will find their way into this show, but yours are needed! see you there!

Dan Stober

Treasurers report

Current Balance

Dennis Maye Treasurer



What you missed last month....

We combined our last membership meeting, which was held on Saturday, October 18, with the 60th birthday party for one of the oldest boats on the lake. The meeting and party were held at **Lake Country Marina's H dock**, which is the home of ***Mahogany Lady***, a **30' Chris Craft sedan** which has been on Eagle Mountain Lake since 1948 - 60 years!

Our president, **Dan Stober**, called the meeting to order at about 4:00, and we discussed the upcoming Christmas party at the **Fort Worth Boat Club** and the **Parade of Lights**, which will be held on December 13th, Dan also praised having a meeting on a dock surrounded by beautiful boats and thanked **Cliff and Linda Griffith** for organizing it all. *Mahogany Lady's* current owner, **Cliff Griffith**, then provided a little history of the boat and introduced club members **Philip and June Cummins**, who owned the boat for 20 years - 1/3 of the boat's life!

After the meeting adjourned, the birthday party began in earnest. Members and guests brought food, including some smoked briskets and sausage that was prepared by the **Griffith's son, Jimmy**. There was plenty of old beer brands (**Schlitz, Lone Star, and Pabst Blue Ribbon**) and koozies that showed the boat's transom art:

The Griffiths have a few of these koozies left over, so let them know if you didn't get yours. Also, don't be surprised if a couple of them show up in the gift exchange at the club Christmas party.

It was a beautiful day to be on the lake, with temperatures in the low 80s and no wind. Several club members drove their boats to the event, including **Gibbs and Joy Slaughter, Andy and Ann Butchard, John Clingman, and Darrel Miller**. Several guests brought birthday gifts for the Mahogany Lady. Gibbs and Joy brought a large bottle of Champagne so that we could toast the Mahogany Lady's 60th birthday on the lake, but we didn't pop the cork that day (way to go, Cliff). We'll enjoy their champagne at a later club event.

In addition to the Griffiths and Cummins, another former owner of the Mahogany Lady was also there. **Jan Taborsky** is the daughter of **David Huff and his wife Annie Rose**, who owned the boat during the 60's. At that time, the boat's name was *Annie R*. **Annie Rose Huff** was the cousin of the current boat owner, **Linda Griffith**. David (his family called him Harmon, which was his middle name) was an officer in the Power Squadron and used the boat often in club events.

All and all, it was a great meeting and a fun party. *Thanks to all of you who came.*

Mahogany Lady

Eagle Mountain Lake
SINCE 1948

On The Waterfront

Andy Butchard

Since my front door is now only about 40 feet from the waterfront Ann and I are now living “On The Waterfront” instead of just wishing and writing about it and we both can’t believe our good fortune. We have left the front door open to the lake for months now since we turned off the air conditioner only closing it on a few brisk mornings. I have been surprised by the abundance of life at the water’s edge as our property is overrun with wildlife of every imaginable sort. We have water birds, tree birds, snakes, lizards, insects, mammals; in fact, it seems our house is overrun with swamp rats and geckos. Our house must be infested with hundreds of geckos living in the cracks and crannies of the eaves but we have never seen one inside. One of them that I have seen many times is missing his left forearm so I first called him Captain Hook but when Jerry Reed, the country musician died I changed his name to “Amos Moses”. (Amos Moses was a Cajun, lived by himself in the swamp, he hunted alligators for a living, he just knocked them in the head with a stump, cause that’s all he got left cause alligator bit it...left arm gone clean up to the elbow...) I will miss Jerry Reed.



The other morning I heard and then saw our resident Kingfisher that patrols this stretch of the waterfront and he always brings his breakfast and sits on the handrail of my dock or my neighbors and gulps it down quickly. This morning he had a large fish about 3-4 inches long but he wouldn’t swallow it, he just kept bashing it against the rail first on his left and then on his right. He then flew to my rail and continued to bash his prey on both ends. I couldn’t figure out what was going on so I trained my 25 power astronomical binoculars and to my surprise I saw something that I don’t remember ever seeing on Eagle Mountain. In fact I haven’t seen this creature since I was 7 or 8 years old playing in Fossil Creek with a pole, a string and a piece of bacon. It was a crawdad and hence the repeated bashing to stun him since he is clothed in an outer protective shell. The Kingfisher finally got him positioned to gulp down but it looked like it almost gagged him. With all of my swamp ratting on this lake I guess I just didn’t get to the backwaters where they live. If you get near Pelican Island you will see a flock of pelicans have taken it over. I got within about 50 yards of them and counted 116 and you can see them from Wells Burnet Road as you drive along the dam, a long thin white line in the distance.

Speaking of things not seen in a long while, last Saturday was a sight for sore eyes as I noticed what looked like an old cruiser plying the waters so I took a peek thru my binos and there, coming around the corner was *Queen Ann* being delivered by **Larry from Nomad** after her repower project. We tied her up to my dock near dark and I began to clean her up and get her back in shape. I hosed her down inside and out and began to sort out all the loose ends. It has been 11 months since she moved on her own power. I am super motivated to get started and she will be my winter project. In fact she is the perfect recession project: I already own her and I don’t have to drive 100 miles north of BFE to get her. I have taken on a big job as I have sanded ALL of her exterior varnish



“On the Waterfront” continued.....

the salon wood floor, and the cockpit floor. I don't remember ever varnishing her entirely at one time, I just did sections as they needed it. It was weird but her port cabin sides and aft cabin bulkhead had really started crazing so it was time.

The big block V-8 consisting of only 454 cubic inches and 330 HP purrs like a kitten till the lake pipes roar. We installed mufflers but since they are only about 10 inches long they are more for show than sound. She sounds like a cigarette boat and I know I will get tired of that but I plan on finding some rubber inline mufflers on ebay. We also removed the generator and I sold it to Larry. It had always been troublesome, meaning it didn't run half the time, and with the 400 pounds less weight in the aft the boat should have a different running attitude. Maybe when the economy gets better I will get a modern one, I am kind of getting into modern machinery. I haven't had a chance to open her up since the engine needs a wedge for the carb because with the angle of the engine and then when the boat tries to plane off it just gets too steep and the carb starves for gas. So for now I am content to have instant starting, quite mechanical noise, and a big alternator to quickly charge her batteries, and a weight savings between engines of at least 500 pounds. I got lucky on ebay and found a device for only \$50 that a classic boat shop had made that converts a mechanical shifter to a Velvet Drive gear and gives you the indents that make it feel like the original. I still don't know if the big block will turn this 17 X 20 inch pitch prop, it's a honker. Most bets are that she will be the fastest classic cruiser on the lake with either one or two engines. The next big project will be to convert the tach, oil, and temp gauges to electric.

Ann and I left her tied to our dock till Monday morning (she makes a nice dock ornament) and then we took our coffee and paper and had a mini morning cruise back to Eagle Marina before the storms came in and then walked home.

Miracle?? I think a miracle on the magnitude of the fish and loaves has come to pass. **Your President and Vice President** took a short road trip near **Gainsville** to check out an old wooden lapstrake outboard boat and DID NOT BUY IT!!!. The boat was located on craigslist, listed as a Thompson but upon inspection it was a **1959 16' Cruisers, Inc Model 202** and she needed a full restoration including new decks. It was sitting on a cool TeeNee trailer with large teardrop fenders but the boat had a twist from stem to stern that I had not seen before. You had to lift the starboard edge at the windshield about 3 inches to level out the boat. The 12 year old owner thought it was worth more than we thought so we passed since we were looking for “lipstick on a pig” sort of restoration of paint and varnish instead of major wood working. Then a few days later I got a call from a fellow who saw my ad for a Cruisers, Inc that I have since sold and he began to ask me questions about wood boats in general and then he told me about this boat he had just bought. Yes, it was the same boat so at least it will get saved or at least an attempt will be made.

The **Officers and Board of Directors** had a fun filled and very productive Board Meeting a few weeks ago and I am very excited about all of the events we have planned for the coming year. For something new this year, instead of building a boat, we will do a “**lipstick on a pig**” restoration on a small boat that has been donated by a club member. Details about the project and the presentation of the boat “as found” and the generous donor will be revealed at our January meeting. I don't want to mention names since this story might embarrass someone, but the guy that owns “**Nepthean**” told us his tale of gently grounded his boat at Pelican Island after the wonderful End of Summer party at Gibbs and Joy's house. I had heard the story previously but had always thought he had run aground on the east side where the sand bar extends a long way, you know where everybody else runs aground. But after hearing more details we learned that he had ran aground on the WEST side, in the shallows. We couldn't believe it and all through the meeting some smart aleck, usually me, would incredulous exclaim “**On the WEST side???**” and we all got a huge laugh, sometimes till our sides ached. We never had so much fun at a board meeting and yes, Virginia, I don't remember if alcohol was involved. That's what this club is all about, having fun with friends and boats. The lake is up 5 inches and we hope to see all of our boating friends at the Christmas Party!

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1967 36' Chris Craft Cavalier Hull # VBC-36-0039-H. Twin Chev327's, Aft Stateroom, Two heads, Galley with electric stove, and sink, Some updates, Original generator (not working), Plywood Hull, Original Helm, No major changes to boat, Fresh water. Excellent interior. The plywood hull needs some replacement in several spots. Photos available. Kyle at 817-300-3766

1966 Owens Sea Skiff 28', V-8, Gen set,needs paint and TLC, best Offer. Also have **home built 24'**, V-8. good project or parts best offer. located in Weatherford

David Dinsmore 817-596-3459



1958 Cruisers Inc. 19 foot Royal Vacationer. New wood decks, New paint and Varnish, 100hp merc. Needs final finish. good trailer. Make Offer....
Jerry Vincent 325-245-7468

1967 17' L CAPITAN

inboard runabout. Built from plans. Mahogany plywood construction, Chevy 283 V8 with Vee drive. See photos at boatdesigns.com. Needs refinishing. Custom trailer. \$4800

Jordan Wood. 817-565-0369



1963 Cruisers Inc. 16' Seafarer 63'40 hp Johnson keel up restoration new everything. Red and white top. "Mr Peppermint" Texas title boat and motor easy on gas a lot of fun! Show winner \$ 6,500.00 obo 817-763-9277 Sonny Carnes



1964 Cruisers Inc, 20' Seacamper 90 HP 1965 Johnson, 3 year Keel up restoration, new copper bottom, new seats and top, Show winner, last of the big outboard wooden cruisers, new decks and vinyl, depth finder, new fuel tank and lines, ready to use, new battery, good trailer, Texas titles, great day cruiser, \$17,500.00
Dan Stober 817-480-5205

Charitable Donations

As our club moves into the new year I would like us to find a local charity that we could put some of our club's energy behind. I would like to hear suggestions from you - our members as to organizations or charities. We in the past have worked with **Cooks Childrens Hospital**. The club this year is asking that everyone that comes to the Christmas party bring an unwrapped toy. The **Reinharts and Creechs** will be collecting them for distribution through the **Kenneale Fire Department**. Thanks
John and Dennis!

*Be sure to join us for the Christmas party
at the FWBC on December 20th*

RSVP by Dec 12

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