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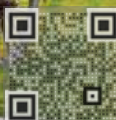
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From the Helm



The leaves are falling and the lake is quieting down. On Lake of the Ozarks, all the go fast boats are gone, lakefront bars and restaurants are closing, all non-full timers are shutting down their homes. A time of year that can be sad for a vintage boater.

Now our focus shifts from what event we plan to attend or where we will cruise in our old boats to winterizing or making plans for maintenance and repairs. My old Lyman needs a water pump and a starter rebuilt. We spent the last couple boat outings requiring someone to tap on the starter with a hammer while I turned the key. The joys of vintage boating.

With all the events and shows done for the year it can be hard to make the transition to winter. I spent the summer compiling lists of things that need done but find it hard to get the motivation going at times. I prefer to spend the time planning trips and adventures for next year.

Getting the calendar set with all the Heartland events and activities helps pass the long winter. We set most of the dates for our 2025 season at our last BOD meeting.

Our club continues to expand and events continue to multiply. I know it is hard to attend all of them but hope you are able to join at least one or more. With our schedule being updated now is the time to get them on your calendar.

I hope all of you have a great Winter and enjoy time with family and friends and look forward to our first event, the Winter Workshop!

See you soon,

Mark Engstrom, President



in memory of

Linda Barry



Linda Barry, wife of Alex Barry, passed away November 27, 2024. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, one son and his wife, and two grandsons.

Alex and Linda joined ACBS and Heartland Chapter in 2013 while still living in Neodesha, KS. Linda was a

Speech Pathologist for 27 years for Tri-County Special Education Cooperative, retiring in 2002. Alex established the Customer Service Department for Cobalt Boats.

While living in Kansas, they bought their 1981 28' Bertram and refurbished it for their weekend Grand Lake home. After full-time retirement, they moved to live at the lake, buying a home in Afton.

Linda participated in Heartland events in their early membership years. She proudly invited guests at the Grand Lake Shows to "tour" their Bertram named "Sleeper." And she will be remembered being the first mate in their red and white 1968 Cobalt Bubble Deck. But gradually illness prevented her from participating in and enjoying these events. Alex remains an active participant, especially in the Grand Lake area.

A gift will be donated to the ACBS Scholarship/Educational Fund in her memory.

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Welcome to our New Chapter Members

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2001 Cobalt 26' 262

Larry & Debbie Barnett of Grove, OK
1959 Tollycraft 14' Ski-about

Fred & Nancy Fure of Hutchinson, KS

Ed Moist & Hannah O'Dell
1979 Christ Craft 31' Catalina

Cal Orr of Higginsville, MO
1954 Chris Craft 22' Utility
1960 Crestliner 16' Evinrude 35 hp

Kent & Kathy Prather of Wakarusa, KS
1961 Luger 18' Nassau Runabout I/O

Chris Smithey & Natalie Hutto of Tulsa, OK
1977 Taylor 20' SJ

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Mark Engstrom, Kathy Parker, David Vickers, Walt Moser, Jackie Smick and Forrest Bryant.

Cover Image

Photo by Forrest Bryant – Callen Foster's "Poppy's Legacy" a 1979 17' Caravelle. Callen is the grandson of Mike & Denese Yancey. The Caravelle was given to Callen by Mike & Denese and has gone through a complete restoration. Callen is one of Heartland Classics' youngest members. Passengers are Alex Barry and Denese Yancey with Callen at the helm. See pages 20-21 for details of Callen's Boat Awards.



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CLASSICS CRUISIN' TABLE ROCK LAKE

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May 29 - June 1, 2025

BEAVER LAKE RENDEZVOUS

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August 7 - 9, 2025

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Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, New York
September 14 - 20, 2025

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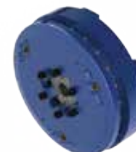
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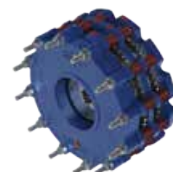
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CAPTAIN RON'S RENDEZVOUS

... RECAP ...

Story by Mark Engstrom
Photos By Jackie Smick

It was a beautiful day for a vintage boat show on Lake of the Ozarks. On Saturday, September 28th, twenty-six vintage boats gathered for a public show on the docks of Captain Ron's Bar & Grill.

Hundreds of people turned out to walk the docks to check out the vintage boats of all shapes and sizes. The show was sponsored by Big Thunder Marine who has been supporting our Heartland Classics events on Lake of the Ozarks for the past few years. KRMS radio 93.5 Rocks the Lake held a remote broadcast where Mark Engstrom had the opportunity to talk about the club and the various events held annually.

There was a steady stream of people of all ages for the duration of the four-hour show and many stopped by our Heartland Classics information table to learn more.

This year's show brought many new old boats for the first time. Several had been restored this past winter and were making their first debut at the event.

The docks were filled with vessels made of wood, fiberglass, and aluminum while the owners enjoying telling their stories to the crowd of interested people. Multiple news agencies covered the event and several conducted interviews of the owners who were all telling their unique stories of their history.

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While the LOTO Captain Ron's Show is not a Heartland event, over half the attendees are members and use the opportunity to talk about the club. The fall, public, vintage boat show on Lake of the Ozarks continues to grow and attract people of all ages.

If you haven't made it to a previous show, put it on your list for September next year! 🦋





Renovations-One Item to Keel Up



CURRENT BOAT RESTORATION PROJECTS IN THE SHOP:

Upper Left: 1930 Chris Craft 20' – New Bottom
Top Center: 1957 Chris Craft Futura 33' – Everything
Right: 1947 Chris Craft 36' (Class of 47) – Everything
Lower Left: 1958 Chris Craft Continental 18' – New Bottom

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HEARTLAND CLASSICS CHAPTER

of The Antique & Classic Boat Society

• 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECAP •

Story by Kathy Parker
Photos by Forrest Bryant

A CELEBRATION AND A CHALLENGE.....

How did we get the reputation of being a “welcoming and fun” interest group with few strings attached? It started in the early 1990’s when a few boaters in Oklahoma were drawn together by the magnetism of wooden boats. Strange that wooden boats would have that force, but they were becoming the minority, yet easily recognizable, on the scattered lakes of the Midwest. The Oklahoma Wooden Boat Club was formed as a communication tool for members who wanted to share maintenance advice, exchange parts, and experience boating adventures together.

In 1994, friends from the Wood Boat Club of Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, joined the group and joint events were held. After researching the benefits of belonging to ACBS, the group petitioned and was granted Chapter status in 1999 with the official name of *Heartland Classics Chapter*. As the name implies, members were welcomed from a large geographic area. The Chapter has memberships from 15 states, although the official ACBS designated area includes Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri.

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The name adopted from the Oklahoma Boat Club, *Mahogany & Chrome* continues to be the name of Heartland’s quarterly award-winning publication. It is the communication tool that keeps our membership informed and keeps members renewing, even after they’ve retired from active boating or moved away. It has received ACBS Publication Awards six times! “Mahogany & Chrome” is now also the name of a YouTube Channel series professionally produced by two Heartland members and sponsored in part by ACBS and the Heartland Classics Chapter.

The Heartland Classics Chapter hosts events throughout the year and in various venue sites convenient to a wider audience. Annually, the year starts with a “Workshop” in February focused on preserving, restoring, and sharing techniques. It always includes a swap meet. Boating events are scheduled in April (Hot Springs, AR), May (Lake of the Ozarks, MO), June (Table Rock Lake, MO), August (Beaver Lake, AR), and September (Grand Lake of the Cherokees, OK). All warm weather events feature using the classics in lake cruises. The Grand Lake event includes a judged show using ACBS standards. Three Heartland members are recognized nationally as Vintage Boat Judges. The public is invited to all events. Heartland members often attend events of other Chapters and also organize rendezvous of the classics on local lakes.

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The Heartland cluster of members took affiliation with ACBS seriously from the beginning. John Harvey served as International ACBS President in 1999 and 2000. The Chapter hosted an ACBS Quarterly Board Meeting in 2000. Two Heartland members have served multiple terms as ACBS Directors. The Chapter has hosted two International Shows and Meetings: 2005 at Lake of the Ozarks, and 2012 at Big Cedar Lodge on Table Rock Lake. Awards recognizing Chapter members include the Rover Award three times, the Hagerty Safety Award twice, a Website Award three times, and two memberships have received the Mary Herwig Recognition. The ACBS Chapter of the year recognized Heartland Classics in 2011, 2017, and again in 2023. One Chapter member served as ACBS Interim Executive Director in 2016 and received the ACBS Founders Award.

Heartland Classics has contributed to the ACBS Scholarship Endowment Fund every year. In addition, the Chapter continues to memorialize each member lost to death with a donation to the International Fund. Locally, Heartland Classics has given funds for a scholarship to a regional tech school offering Marine Science classes. The sponsorship of the YouTube “Mahogany & Chrome” productions is a set goal. And the geographic map of various Chapter events has expanded to more venues.

Presently, the Chapter Memberships total just over 200 – that’s about 360 people. One of the greatest points of pride is the involvement of co-members and those who choose Heartland Classics as their secondary Chapter. Often heard at the close of any event are the comments about how all attendees are included, how no one is left out of activities, how welcoming the Chapter is to new members.

Heartland Classics Chapter is a living, evolving organization. Ninety-six of the memberships have belonged for 10 years or more. Still, new members continue to join: fifteen new memberships in 2023 and twenty-four new memberships in 2024. Boat ownership is changing, too. Nearly half of the registered boats are Late Classics. With all members, there is pride in each boat and its unique history.

The challenge for the future is to increase the knowledge and skills of members who are the guardians of the antique and classic boats while still expanding the traditional welcome to all newcomers. The opening sentence about membership mentioned “no strings attached.” Well maybe increasing the number of members who take hold of those leadership strings is also a challenge. It’s happening. The future is bright for the Heartland Classics Chapter. ▼

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A few of the Heartland Classics members. Photo taken at the 2019 Classics Cruisin' Table Rock Lake by Forrest Bryant



2024 | ACBS International | GULL LAKE, MINNESOTA

Story by Forrest Bryant
Photos by Forrest Bryant

Twenty-five Heartland Classics members attended the ACBS International Boat Show at Gull Lake in September, 2024.

The week started with a Sunday evening welcome reception at Bar Harbor Supper Club (PHOTO 1). The supper club is located on beautiful Gull Lake in Minnesota.

The boating pre-events were Monday and Tuesday at the Whitefish Chain of Lakes north of Gull Lake (PHOTO 2). The Whitefish Chain of Lakes consists of thirteen lakes on fourteen thousand acres. Boaters met at Moonlite Bay for coffee and donuts (PHOTO 3). Over forty boats were launched for the two days of cruising (PHOTO 4). Monday was spent boating on several lakes with lunch back at Moonlite Bay.

Tuesday was back to the Chain of Lakes for more boating on the beautiful lakes (PHOTO 5).

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PHOTO 1

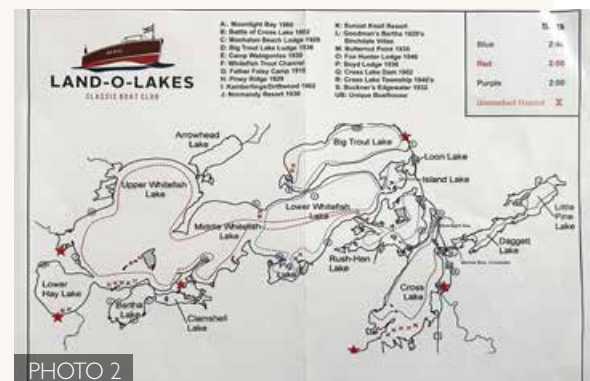


PHOTO 2



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PHOTO 4



PHOTO 5



PHOTO 5



PHOTO 6

Tuesday evening's dinner was held at Zorbaz, however, several Heartland members enjoyed dinner at Cowboy's restaurant with dinner around the "pool table" dining table (PHOTO 5).

On Wednesday there was a charter bus trip to tour the Legacy of the Lakes Museum (PHOTO 6) with a special presentation and lunch. This museum is a collection of boats along with boating history (PHOTO 7).

On Wednesday evening, the ACBS welcome reception was held at Fort Mahogany. Fort Mahogany is John Allen's collection of vintage boats and cars (PHOTOS BELOW).



PHOTO 7





Thursday was the annual round table and board meeting at Madden's. Several seminars were also held at Fort Mahogany. That afternoon boats cruised on Gull Lake returning to Bar Harbor for the boat show Friday and Saturday. Thursday evening featured a water ski show at Madden's with the *Brainerd Ski Loons*.

Friday was the start of the boat show featuring 142 boats displayed in the water plus additional boats on trailers (PHOTOS ABOVE). The Friday night ACBS fundraiser was held at Lee and Penny Anderson's amazing lake front property (PHOTOS TO LEFT). It is the home of their boathouses and Anderson Museum. Words and pictures do not do it justice. You just have to see it yourself! It's truly unbelievable. There is taxidermy everywhere, antique circus pipe organs, and a Native American collection. There is also an outstanding collection of cars and wooden boats, boat motors and automotive collectibles (gas and oil signs plus gas pumps).

Saturday the boat show resumed with the awards presentation at 10:00 am.

The annual awards banquet was held Saturday night with two additional awards going to Heartland members.

Dan Diehl received the Terry Fiest award. The award recognizes the dedication, leadership, and vision of an individual chapter member who has served as a boat show chairperson, judge or volunteer and who has demonstrated outstanding sustained performance at a chapter level.

John Davenport and Buddy "Shifty" Butler received the Broken Gunwale award. This award is given in the spirit of fun and good humor and presented to an individual or group which has distinguished itself in a memorable way while participating in an ACBS cruise or boat show.

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ACBS BOAT AWARDS

RESTOMOD CATEGORY

Gold Award

"White Lightning"
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ANTIQUE RUNABOUT RESTORED CATEGORY

Platinum Award

"Duke"
James Mader and
Bob McQuain



CLASSIC PRESERVED UTILITY CATEGORY

Silver Award

"Somewhere With You"
Randy & Heather Garver



Photo by Walt Moser

CLASSIC PRESERVED UTILITY CATEGORY

Gold Award

"Simply Irresistible"
Doug & Stacy Heinsohn



Heartland Members attending:

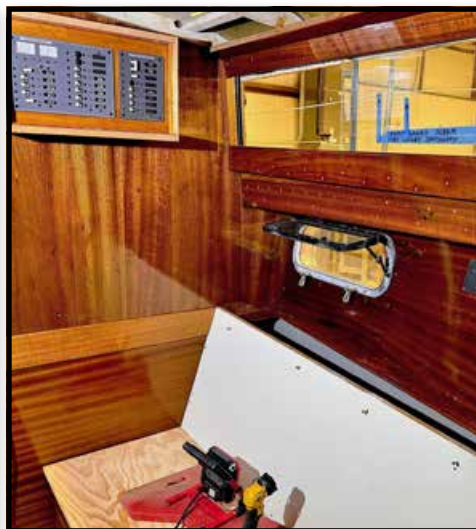
Don and Kathy Parker, Forrest and Kally Bryant, Jerry and Becky Caddell, Kerry Jensen, Brendan Jensen, Kevin Hogan and Penny Shaffer, Clay and Patty Thompson, Dan Diehl, Doug and Stacy Heinsohn, Randy and Heather Garver, Steve Murphy and Sunday Carlson, Walt Moser, Mark Moser, James Mader, Bob McQuain, John Mathius, and John Maddox.

The 2025 Fifty Year ACBS international Boat Show will be held in Clayton, New York September 15-21, 2025 on the St. Lawrence River. Hope to see as many Heartland Classics members attend next year. The St. Lawrence is a beautiful location and also home of ACBS and the Classic Boat Museum. 🦋



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RESTORATION UPDATE – Mahogany & Varnish



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31ST ANNUAL Mahogany & Chrome Classic Boat Show

◦ GRAND LAKE RECAP



Story by Forrest Bryant
Photos by Forrest Bryant

The 31st annual Mahogany and Chrome Classic Boat Show was held at Grand Lake, Oklahoma September 19-21, 2024, at the Cherokee Yacht Club and Marina.

Heartland members started arriving Friday morning. Launch assistance was provided at Arrowhead Yacht Club Marina north ramp. Slips were pre-assigned. Heartland Classics representatives were at the docks for slip assistance. This was followed by a cruise to Doc's restaurant at Shangri-La resort. After lunch boats cruised back to Cherokee Yacht Club or explored Grand Lake on their own. Friday night's dinner was the traditional shrimp boil at Blind Swine at Harbor's View Marina.



Grand Lake Boats at Show Dock



Shrimp Broil at Blind Swine at HarborView Marina



Shangri-La for lunch



Classic boats on display at Cherokee Yacht Club

On Saturday, boats were in their assigned boat slips at Cherokee Yacht Club. The boaters breakfast buffet was also served in the downstairs dining room. The boat show opened to the public from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The weather was perfect with no rain in the forecast and the temperature was a pleasant 99 degrees. Thirty-eight boats were displayed in the water and some on trailers. On the hillside overlooking the boat show there was a car show that featured approximately twenty collector cars and trucks.

The awards banquet started Saturday evening with happy hour and the silent auction. The silent auction featured several practical, unique, and fun items. Dinner and the awards presentation followed. Twenty-four awards were presented.

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Classic boats on display at Cherokee Yacht Club



Over 20 collector cars were on display on the parking lot over looking the classic boats on the docks



Mark Engstrom and Scott Hendren manning the Ship's Store



Group of Heartland Classics members checking out the action



Two Rivas waiting to be judged



Lisa Robinson teaching a young girl how to secure line



Kathy Parker manning the People's Choice Tent



Chief Boat Judge Clay Thompson at work

GRAND LAKE AWARDS

Twenty-four awards were presented by Dan Diehl committee chair. Boat awards presented were three silver, five gold, and ten platinum. Also six special awards: Best of Show - Wood, Best of Show - Fiberglass, Best of Show - Cruiser, People's Choice, Golden Deck Hand and the President's Cup. 🦋



GOLD AWARDS

Lindy & Lisa Robinson

Class of 59, 1959 CC Sportsman

Randy & Heather Garver

Somewhere With You, 1953 CC Holiday

James Donovan

Charisma, 1972 CC XK22

Chuck Gibbs

1989 Century Arabian

Richard & Cara Moist

Hannah Leigh, 1960 Thompson

SILVER AWARDS

Kent Prather – *Dootsie, 1961 Luger*

Jim & Pam Peterson

Three Hour Tour, 27' 1989 Monhark

John Ables

Prosperity, 1951 CC Special Runabout

SPECIAL AWARDS



BEST OF SHOW - WOOD

Buddy & Sherry Butler

Woodwind, 1940 CC Barrelback



BEST OF SHOW - FIBERGLASS

Callen Foster

Poppy's Legacy, 1979 Caravelle

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BEST OF SHOW - CRUISER

Harry "Bud" Wyatt

Into the Mystic, 1957 CC Futura



PLATINUM AWARDS

Patrick Mace

Lady in Blue, Home-built sailboat

Chris & Natalie Smithey

Taco Express, 1977 Taylor Jet

Bill Mott – 1988 Cobalt 220

Callen Foster

Poppy's Legacy, 1979 Caravelle

Curt Clark – 1986 Hatteras 43MY

Bill & Charlotte Snyder

Starburst, 1989 Switzer

Harry "Bud" Wyatt

Into the Mystic, 1957 CC Futura

Mike & Angela Beachner

Checkmate, 1966 Sea Skiff

Phil Wolff – 1968 Century Resorter

Buddy & Sherry Butler

Woodwind, 1940 CC Barrelback

JUDGES: Clay Thompson, Dan Diehl, John Maddox, Kevin Hogan, and Kasey Rideout

SPECIAL AWARDS



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Callen Foster

Poppy's Legacy, 1979 Caravelle



GOLDEN DECK HAND

Aiden Hopper



PRESIDENT'S CUP

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Mahogany & Chrome

ADVENTURES IN ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOATING

Story by David Vickers
Photos by Forrest Bryant



BARN FIND IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA

Many classic boating enthusiasts always keep an eye out for a glint of mahogany or a flash of chrome beckoning from an old barn or boathouse. The dream of discovering a long forgotten, barn find wooden boat keeps the fire burning for many of us.

While such fantasies usually involve unearthing rare treasures like a classic Hackercraft, a storied GarWood, or a rare Ditchburn, the reality, here in America's heartland, at least, is that such finds are usually a little more pedestrian than these coveted nameplates, but every bit as exciting for the finder.

Two Heartland Classics members, Forrest Bryant and David Vickers, recently stumbled upon an unusual double boat barn find in a derelict outbuilding just outside Kansas City.

You might know Bryant and Vickers from their work as creators and producers of the YouTube series, *Mahogany & Chrome*®. Forrest writes and edits this magazine and is a constant presence, and often an organizer, of many of our amazing Heartland Classics events.

It turns out that one of their soundmen on the show has a friend whose old commercial property fell on hard times. Health issues kept the owner from regularly visiting and maintaining a couple of warehouses that contained a large number of vintage cars, collectibles, antiques, and two mystery wooden power boats.

Thieves eventually burglarized the property. They made repeated late-night visits, picking off everything valuable they could carry or cart away. After cleaning out one building, they torched the place – burning it and all of its contents to the ground.

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The owner cleared away the debris and took stock of his losses. Then, the vandals struck again – hitting his remaining building in the middle of the night. This building housed a number of old Hudson cars, some other classic autos, a rebuilt aircraft engine in the factory crate, and other valuable items. It also contained two wooden, mid-Century Chris-Craft boats and a couple of Chris-Craft marine crate engines.

Ultimately, the thieves used a 17' 1958 Chris-Craft Sportsman as kindling for a fire set to again destroy the evidence of their crimes. They made their getaway in a perfectly restored 1967 Pontiac GTO – a car the owner had enjoyed since high school.

Luckily, the owner eventually recovered intact his prized GTO from an inner-city chop shop. And the local fire department responded in time to save most of the building and its remaining contents. However, holes cut in the roof and walls to clear the smoke opened up the remaining collectibles – including the 2 Chris-Crafts – to the ravages of nature. Over the years, water and animals continued to penetrate the building – gradually laying waste to nearly everything inside.

The owner recently decided it is time to liquidate his holdings and sell off his collection. The soundman told Bryant and Vickers about these two wooden boats in need of new homes, so they went to check them out in mid-May of '24.

Once on site, the TV-producing duo walked in to several decades' worth of accumulation: fire debris, animal nests, car parts, tools, antiques, and all kinds of scrap metal piled into every square inch of the building.

It took some digging, but they finally reached the '58 Sportsman. While much of the hull remains in very good shape, having been completely stripped for restoration 40 years ago, the Sportsman suffered major fire damage on its starboard side. Inside the boat, it appeared all the frame pieces remained sound, but the planking resembled what's left of a campfire in the morning. They found the hull plate and most of the parts of the Sportsman. The melted plexiglass window resembled a Shrinky-Dink toy from the 1970s.

On a nearby pallet sat the Sportsman's original KFL engine with dual carbs. What had been a refurbished crate engine occupied a pallet next to it, but years of rainwater intrusion had totally destroyed this engine. Surprisingly, the KFL turned over manually when tested – a very good sign.





Digging deeper into the building, the pair uncovered a much more exciting find. It proved to be a 1955 Chris-Craft Capri.

The owner related that the Capri once belonged to an attorney friend of his father's who kept it on Lake Lotawana – a lake many of us know very well.

All the evidence indicates that the Capri had been sitting since about 1980. The owner said he'd never heard it run.

Vickers and Bryant eventually found the original seats and the propellor shaft. The propellor never turned up, and the Capri is missing a few gauges. However, the glass is good, all the trim is there, and a bottle opener remains conveniently mounted on the original faux alligator-covered dash!

Hull cards obtained from the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia revealed that the Sportsman originally shipped to Tablerock Lake, while the Capri was shipped to Kansas City as a showboat, and was probably shown at the 1955 Sports Show there.

With two complete boats sitting idle since Reagan's first term, Forrest and David felt that they had the makings of an exciting episode of *Mahogany & Chrome*®. To get an idea of the potential value of the boats, the two quickly reached out to fellow Heartland Classics member and award-winning restorer, Dan Diehl.

After reviewing several photos of the boats, Dan told them his opinion of the value of the boats as they sat, and if restored. "The old Capri looks to be in all original condition, and most everything is there," Dan observed. "But it's a 19-footer. It would be a real prize if it was a 21-footer, but it is still a very desirable boat and would bring good value if properly restored."

As is typical, the owner holds a higher opinion of the boats' value, but he is very open to selling them so that someone else can restore them to their original condition and get them back on the water – where they belong.

Vickers and Bryant felt that getting the boats out into the sunlight where they could be cleaned up a little and photographed might help the owner get them sold. They also

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felt this would make a compelling episode. So, they brought in the Host of *Mahogany & Chrome*®, Tyler Harcott, and the rest of the crew, and spent a day filming the unearthing of these 2 barn finds.

During the course of production, the Producers thought it would also make for great television if they could get the Capri's original KLC engine to actually fire up and run. They brought in a friend of David Vickers who is an engineer and somewhat of an expert on vintage mechanicals – Brent Morrow.

After carefully turning over the engine manually, they set about lubricating the valves and rings, checking compression in all of the cylinders, checking the oil, and rebuilding the fuel pump. With everything checking out, they decided to give the old engine a try.

She turned over great but wasn't getting a spark. After changing the cap and rotor to no avail, they scavenged a set of points and a condenser off of one of the old Hudsons stored in the next bay over. This got spark to the cap and plug wires, but a seized starter solenoid meant they had to bypass it with a hot wire directly to the starter.

With Brent manning a can of starter fluid, Tyler on the ignition wire, and Forrest Bryant handling the throttle, the old Hercules engine fired up easily for the cameras on the very first try and ran like a champ for several seconds.

Tyler, Forrest and the crew got to work moving decades' worth of accumulation from around the boats and trailers. Miraculously, the rotten, old tires on the trailers held air, and Dean, the owner, pulled them into the daylight for the first time in 40 years.

The old boats looked even better in the afternoon sun, and Forrest and David believe they have the makings of one of the most compelling episodes of *Mahogany & Chrome*®. The show is currently being edited, and they can't wait to post it to YouTube.

If you have any interest in the barn find '58 Sportsman or '55 Capri – contact Forrest Bryant. He is happy to try to help broker a deal with owner.

Finally, Forrest and David wish to sincerely thank the Board and Members of the Heartland Classics Chapter of ACBS for their very generous support of *Mahogany & Chrome*®. 🐾



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