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Best in Show 2015

Top: Culebra, 1955 Chris Craft Cobra, Seth & Renee Katz, Preserved

Bottom: Janine, 1954 Chris Craft Runabout, Jimmy & Janine Graver, Restored



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President's Message



Despite the weather we had a wonderful showing of Club Members, out of town guests, and beautiful antique boats, motors, models, and even cars! Thank you to all who participated in our 41st Annual Boat Show festivities.

A special thanks to Pat Hoferkamp, assuming the duties of Show Chair for the first time, she did a wonderful job! Thanks also to all of our volunteers, our Board of Directors, and the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club for hosting our event again this year. A grand venue for a fun-filled day!

Special thanks go out to all of our advertisers who supported us by placing ads in our 2015 Program Show Guide. Please help us by patronizing their businesses. Be sure to let them know you saw their ad in our Guide and appreciate their support of our Club each year.

The fun doesn't stop now that the Boat Show is over! As we move forward please continue to support our upcoming events: The 1st of two summer Cruise Nights will take place on Wednesday, July 15th, we have a rescheduled picnic at Cragmere on Sunday July 26th, Movie Night, Surf & Turf Dinner at LHYC and more! Stay up to date on Facebook and be sure to visit our Website at LHACBS.org!

Regards,

Ken Heaton
President

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40th Annual Meeting & International Boat Show

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Kick Off Meeting 2015

After a long and unusually cold winter, on March 22nd, sixty-four club members gathered at Perona Farms to enjoy each other's company as we feasted on a sumptuous buffet. How pleasant and exciting it was to have conversations about the upcoming boating season. The day was highlighted by the presentation of a special award to Pat Mueller and a most interesting program on marinas at the lake by Marty Kane.

President Ken Heaton opened the meeting with his welcoming comments and then asked for a Secretary's Report from Kim Gedicke.

Ken then drew our attention to the calendar of events for the upcoming year, encouraging members to volunteer and join in the fun and camaraderie of working together to make each of our events a success.

He then turned the meeting over to Past President, Stan Struble, who presented a "Special Recognition Award" to Pat Mueller. Stan honored Pat for her exceptional work over many years as Club Historian. All of us have marveled at the museum quality exhibit that Pat displays at the boat show each year....obviously a tremendous amount of work, but Stan noted that Pat does much more, much of which goes unnoticed. It was for all that Pat does that Stan honored her. Congratulations, Pat!

President Heaton then introduced the Kick Off Meeting's featured speaker, Marty Kane, who gave a captivating and most informative presentation on the history of marinas on the lake. A true Lake Hopatcong treasure, Marty combined his vast knowledge of the history of the lake with his characteristic engaging affability, a combination for which Marty is well known.

After Marty's presentation, Ken presented him with a token of our appreciation....a small commemorative medallion, perhaps?...nope....a complete and running 1937 Evinrude .9 hp outboard motor for the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, an organization to which Marty has devoted much of his adult life, serving selflessly as President for many years.

Ken concluded the meeting by inviting all to join him in a toast to spring....a most appropriate toast, given our readiness to welcome warmer weather and the boat rides which are sure to follow.



After his welcoming comments, President Ken Heaton passes the microphone to Kim Gedicke for a Secretary's Report



Past President, Stan Struble, presents "Special Recognition Award" to Pat Mueller



Marty Kane regales crowd with presentation on marinas on the lake



Some of the Happy Crowd





More Shots of Members
Enjoying the
Kick Off Meeting



Fiberglass Workshop

On April 25th, about thirty of our members and one dog convened at Northwood Fire House #2 for a workshop on the restoration of fiberglass boats.

After we enjoyed schmoozing with each other over a "Box of Joe" and donuts, President Kenny Heaton began the workshop by identifying many of the tools and compounds which are routinely used in those boats.

Kenny then climbed aboard his 1963 Correct Craft Atomic Skier on which he is well into a major restoration. The boat was disassembled to the point where we were viewing what was essentially the shell of the hull with little else remaining in place besides the engine stringers and outer floor supports. Those support members were originally encapsulated in fiberglass with the expectation of excluding moisture and hence, deterioration. That proved not to be the case. Kenny had exposed the underlying wood in those members revealing it to be badly rotted. He then showed his well-crafted replacement pieces which will return the necessary stability to the hull.



Kenny Heaton Shows Rotted Support Member and Replacement Piece Ready for Sealing and Installation



The workshop then changed focus with Alfredo Rodriguez demonstrating the process to repair a crack in the fiberglass. Alfredo first made transverse cuts at both ends of a crack. He then applied a quick drying filler to the crack, followed in a few minutes by sanding and fairing.



Alfredo Rodriguez Demonstrates Repairing a Crack

To complete the process, he applied "Icing".... a compound which after sanding resulted in a mirror smooth finish.

Overall, the workshop was extremely informative on the anatomy and restoration of a fiberglass boat; and as always, it was great to share the experience with friends.

While Kenny has a fair amount of work remaining to be done, it will be a special moment when we see him with Cindy enjoying a ride.

Block Party 2015

Many of our members were seen enjoying a vast and diverse range of exhibitors at the 2nd Annual Block Party which took place on May 9th at the State Park. Conducted under the auspices of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, it was a resounding success. LHACBS was one of over 200 exhibitors with our booth featuring all manner of clothing, calendars, and membership information. The display of Lee Kievit's 1945 12' Thompson, *Lil Thom*, complete with Lee's looping audio description of the boat and motor, was a major highlight. Several volunteers manned our booth throughout the day with Pat Hoferkamp, Pat Cahill, Jackie Seugling, EJ Wood, and Susan Pocsik on rotating shifts. Worthy of special recognition are Pat and Brad Hoferkamp and Ray Blanchfield who did the set up in the early morning. Jackie Loughridge joined Brad and Pat to help with tear down at the end of the day. Thanks to all who pitched in!

For those who missed this fun event, you will want to be sure to be there next year!



Lake Forest Boat Show

Several area marinas collaborated to conduct a boat show by the Lake Forest Yacht Club on May 2-3. Most of the boats were new, but captivating to your editor were the three generations of Chris Crafts displayed by Katz's Marina. The three boats span seventy-five years of Chris Craft production.



Evaline
1940 17' Chris Craft Deluxe Runabout
KB Engine 121 hp



Pumpkin
1972 Chris Craft XK 18
454 Engine 500 hp



2015 Chris Craft 21 Capri
LS2 Engine 400 hp

Mike Schillizzi Boat Bench

Our chapter has some very talented and creative members! We have seen the fine boat restoration work of Mike Schillizzi on *Nut Tonight*, his 1957 Chris Craft Sportsman on which he did a complete restoration, including a new 5200 bottom.

Here we see Mike's latest project....his new Boat Bench. Mike found a "too far gone" 1955 Chris Craft Continental and envisioned the aft section as a patio bench. He put wheels on it to make for easy moves as desired. Mike says it will reside near their fire pit for enjoyable evenings with a glass of wine. Nice job, Mike!



Boat Show 2015

The three day show weekend began with a "Beef-Steak" dinner at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club....our host for Friday and Saturday. It was a sumptuous feast, impossible to leave hungry.

The weather on show day was, in a word, yucky! But while intermittent rain on show day may have wet our boats, the inclement weather didn't dampen our spirits. All but one of the show entries arrived as expected, some traveling great distances; and an amazing number of spectators were on hand viewing the boats, motors, and boat models on display.

Saturday evening found us and our boats pretty much dried out and enjoying a buffet dinner as we anticipated the Awards Ceremony soon to follow. People's and Ladies' Choice will be covered in this issue, as are the two Best in Show on the cover. For the complete list of award winners, please visit our chapter website at LHACBS.org.

With a foreboding weather forecast for Sunday, the planned picnic was cancelled and rescheduled on July 26th. Watch for the flier!

Photos of the boats and some of the many volunteers will tell the story better than my words.

People's Choice



Port of Entry 1955 Chris Craft Continental
Brad & Pat Hoferkamp

Ladies' Choice



Luna 1965 Boston Whaler
Morgan Pearson & Amy Segond











On Golden Pond Boats at the Show

We have had many special boats at our shows over the past 41 years, but none more special than two entries this year.....the boats from the movie, *On Golden Pond*. What a thrill it was to view the boats that Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda rode in! It was an awe inspiring experience. *Thayer IV*, a 1950 22' Chris Craft Sportsman, arguably played a starring role in the movie. *Mariah*, a 1961 Century Raven which was used as the mail boat was at the show, as well. Both were meticulously restored to precisely as they appeared in the movie at Katz's Marina. Entrants and spectators alike had a memorable experience and went home with a special story to tell.



Flashback Photo

Frank Scanlon waiting for parade to begin in his Fay & Bowen with Renate and friend on board

circa 1980



Junior Judging

Bob Larson

Past President and Junior Judging Leader

Once again, we were privileged to have Boy Scout Troop 276 compliment our Boat Show day. This fifth year was attended by seven Scouts and three Scout Leaders. To give the boys a slightly different experience, we walked the docks first while I gave a short indoctrination on each craft. After choosing three of their favorite boats, the Scouts judged and compiled points to choose a first, second, and third place boat. I think the names of the boats had something to do with their choices. *Hopatcong History*, 1st, *Happy Hour*, 2nd, and *Life is Good*, 3rd place were each awarded a certificate, owners accepting.

After lunch, compliments of the club, all the Scouts had a ride in Syd Marsden's *Black Witch* or my boat, *Off The Clock*. The smiles said it all, a good time to be remembered by all involved.

Editor's note: For several years now Bob Larson has done a wonderful job of coordinating the participation of the Scouts in the Junior Judging Program at our show. In addition, he has served as their mentor as they learn about antique and classic boats in general, and about how to judge them, in particular. Bob is deserving of our profound thanks for his work with the Scouts in the Junior Judging Program.



ACBS Quarterly Meeting & Wooden Boat Show

Mystic Seaport

ACBS was invited to be part of the Wooden Boat Show at the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut this year. Stan Struble, a Director on the International Board of Directors, was the point man to coordinate the many details of the arrangements with Woodenboat to make it all happen.

On the weekend of June 26-28, it all took place without a hitch....kudos to Stan. As was the case with the ACBS Annual Meeting last September at Skaneateles, the Lake Hopatcong Chapter was well represented with over twenty of our members in attendance. Two from Lake Hopatcong had their boats on display....Peter and Rose Takvorian, with *Diva*, their 1966 Riva, and Stan and Barbara Struble with their 1949 Chris Craft Custom Runabout, *Reflection*. In addition, our good friend from the Philadelphia Chapter, Carmen Deleo, was there with his Chris Craft Holiday, *No Way*; and finally, our new friends, Jeanne and Duane Cipas, were there with their modified Chris Craft Racer, *Golden Fury*.

Enjoying the show festivities were the Heaton's with Cindy's brother, Bill. The Albinsons were there too, as were the Donohues and the Reinzos. Doug Mehring and Sandi Giorgi were part of the group, as well, as were Wyn Ginter and the inimitable Mac McCaulley and his special lady, Carolyn. Completing our group was your editor and Pam.

We can enjoy a full measure of pride in the fact that Chapter member, Brian Gagnon, is President of ACBS. Prior to enjoying the show with Ellen, on Friday Brian chaired the multi-faceted agenda of the full day Quarterly Meeting.

At the show on Saturday evening there was an awards ceremony during which Stan Struble, with the assistance of Brian Gagnon, presented awards for People's Choice to Peter and Rose Takvorian for their Riva, Participant's Choice to Jeanne and Duane Cipas for their modified Chris Craft Racer, and Farthest Traveled to Carmen Deleo with his Chris Craft Holiday.

I close by giving appropriate focus to Joe Fleming, one of eight Founders of ACBS and Lake Hopatcong Chapter member. Joe was at both the meeting and the show with Lois. From the germination of the idea so many years ago to create an antique boat club, Joe has been, and continues to be, a wonderful ambassador for ACBS and the hobby that we love and share.



Could It Be Grandpa's Boat?

Harry Gedicke

It was just about a year ago, I thought I found my Grandfather's 1956 Century Resorter. The boat of my childhood and the one I learned to ski on. If you recall the "Who Is This" contest at the November 2011 Lake Mohawk Golf Club extravaganza, this is the boat I'm referring to. A 1956 Century Resorter, 16', blond decks, dark covering boards, red interior, that originally had a 2 pc flat windshield very similar to my 1958 Chris Craft Custom Runabout. The original windshield was destroyed when the canopy collapsed on the boat during a hurricane and was replaced with a 1 pc plastic windshield. At the time, I guess there was no concept of aesthetics and originality....just whatever was available and worked at the right price.

So along comes the spring of 2014, volume 23, number 4 issue of Rudder Magazine. On page 37, third column, bottom, is an ad for a 1956 Century 16' Resorter. Wow - does that look familiar? That looks just like Grandpa's boat....blond decks, dark covering boards, red interior, and a plastic windshield. OMG could it be?

Next, I walked over to Mom and Dad's and to show Dad the picture in the magazine and asked him if it looked familiar. "Yes, it could be".

"Could be!" There must be pictures. Let's find them. Well it turns out there are only three pictures of the boat. Let me rephrase that: there are three pictures of me that happen to be in the boat. One was used in the contest at the Lake Mohawk Golf Club brunch; the other two are very similar, probably taken on the same day.

I called my uncle. Same story....no pictures or documentation at all of the boat.

I couldn't let this drop. I had to continue, so I called the number in the ad. The boat owner lives in Virginia. "Where are you calling from?", he asked. I told him I'm in New Jersey. He said he used to live in NJ in Bergen County. He said he bought the boat at Greenwood Lake. Now the boat was purchased and traded in at Barnes Brothers. It's not too far from Lake Hopatcong to Greenwood Lake. Can you sense the thoughts going through my head? Where in Virginia do you live? He mentioned the town which I had not heard of. I told him my brother lives in Virginia, and believe it or not, they are about ten minutes from one another. My parents were planning on going to visit my brother and family for Mother's Day. I asked Dad if he would want to go look at the boat to see if anything looked familiar....possibly a dent, a gouge, a scratch.... something that he might remember. So Mother's Day weekend off they went to Virginia with the boat owner's telephone number.



Harry Gedicke, age 3 ½ in His Grandfather's 1956 Century Resorter, Summer 1958

While in Virginia, Dad meets up with the boat owner and looks at the boat. He calls me up and reports that it doesn't quite look like he remembers and says, "besides, I wouldn't want it anyway because the finish is terrible. It looks like someone took a belt sander to the sides." I then had to explain that everything is fixable, but we have to prove that it's Grandpa's boat for me to be interested in it.

I called the owner and told him I needed the boat's hull number. He stated that he never found one on the boat, but he'll look again and make some calls to see where he should be looking.

At the same time, I had to try to find what the actual hull number of Grandpa's boat was. My first call was to Barnes Brothers to see if they had any old records. The boat was purchased used about 1957 and was traded in in 1968. Believe it or not, Barnes Brothers does not have a hidden warehouse somewhere filled with old paperwork and invoices. They only keep records for ten years, and then they are destroyed. That was my first dead end. The next call was to NJ DMV. We had Grandpa's name, address in Bloomfield, the lake house address, and his birthdate. Actually Kim called and spoke with a very nice lady. Kim asked if the records could give us the boat serial or hull number. That's kind of funny since my uncle has my grandfather's wallet complete with drivers license. The very nice DMV lady who must have thought my grandfather was driving illegally for all those years, said that if we gave her the hull number she could trace through every owner of a boat in NJ. Apparently, you can only access the DMV database in certain ways. Dead end #2. Meanwhile, as all this is taking place, the boat owner drops off at my brother's in Virginia a dozen 8 ½ X 11 photographs of the boat. Comparing those pictures to the three pictures of me with the boat as background, there were differences. The front seat back was about three to four inches higher at the gunwales; however, the seat back

was flush with the deck in three pictures. Also, the scoops and step pads were a completely different design. Could the seat back, scoops, and step pads have been changed in the past fifty years? Of course! It still came down to the serial number. If he could find the hull number, then we could go to the DMV, and if they could link it to my grandfather, we would be in business.

At this point, I called the boat owner in Virginia and leveled with him that this could be my grandfather's boat, and I need the serial number.

Of course, my other grandfather had a late 1940's Chris Craft Utility/Sportsman. I could look for that one also. However, it would probably be harder to research and find since there is no documentation in the family.....not even pictures of me as a three year old in it.

But I'll keep looking anyway.



Harry's Grandson, Nathan, age 3 ½ in His Grandfather's 1957 Chris Craft Custom Runabout at the Same Dock, Summer of 2015

Hopefully, in 55 years, Nathan will not be searching for his Grandfather's boat!

Editor's note: thanks go to Harry for sharing a chronicle of his ongoing quest to locate his Grandfather's boat. While it raised and then pretty much dashed his and the readers' hopes for a happy ending, broadly, it captures the dream that we all fantasize about....finding the boat(s) of our youth.

Paddle Boards on the Lake

With the proliferation of paddle boards on the lake, it is prudent to remind ourselves that we are responsible for our wakes. It is your editor's suggestion that we avoid making a wake as we pass them which might cause them to lose balance and that we try to stay well clear of them in general.

Share Your Photos

It has been a boon to Scuttlebutt when members and friends share some of their best photographs. Below and on the last two pages of this issue you will see some great shots which might have appeared in Life Magazine in another time. Thanks to everyone who has shared a photo. Keep them coming!



It was during a chance meeting that Bob Kays caught this moment with Cindy Damelio's pup enjoying a ride on the back seat of her Chris Craft Sportsman, *Patented*.

Late Breaking news.....

Your editor has it on good authority that we may already have a winner for the 2015 Excellence in Boating Award. One of our former winners has, once again, had a qualifying event. Don't forget, we can have multiple winners. So let your editor know if someone takes an unexpected dip...the most common qualifying event.

In the interest of full disclosure, I share that I am a former winner and member myself in this fraternity of dubious distinction.

Suddenly In Command

Many, if not most of us, are experienced skippers. We have been around boats all of our lives, and we have developed a vast knowledge of how we behave on, and handle our boats.

We have an appropriate confidence in our ability to operate our boats safely. But what if the skipper falls overboard? What if he or she becomes ill and incapacitated?

Suddenly, someone else is in command. Suddenly someone else needs to know how to operate the boat, whether to get the skipper back in the boat or to get him or her to shore and medical assistance. Suddenly, someone's life may depend on someone who was a passenger just a millisecond ago. If they don't know what to do, it could be life-threatening.

But these things don't happen to us...or do they? Our Chapter has an award of dubious distinction, the Excellence in Boating Award. It is presented facetiously to someone who has experienced a boating mishap...one in which no one was hurt and one in which there was no damage to property. But facetious though it may be, it's very existence is testimony to the fact that these mishaps **do** happen to us, the vast majority of them involving someone falling overboard.....often the skipper!

The moral of the story and the message of this article is self-evident. We can agree that an emergency situation is the worst time to try to learn how to operate the boat. And even if we know how to operate the boat, it is the worst time to develop the skills necessary to approach and retrieve someone from the water. So don't wait until an emergency occurs. Learn how to operate the boat. Simulate a man overboard by throwing a cushion overboard and practice approaching and retrieving it. Finally, have a plan as to how you will get the person back in the boat. It can be more difficult than you may think. Give thought to these things and practice them. It could save a life!

2016 Calendars Are In!

Bob Kays has produced yet another show-stopping calendar for 2016 with stunning photos of our boats. They are available at the Main Lake Market and other businesses around the lake.

They make great gifts!

Get yours today!

Safe Boating Checklist

Past President, Bob Larson, created the following checklist for safe boating on Lake Hopatcong several years ago. It is a timeless aid which is worthy of reprinting frequently.

Speed Regulations

Weekends & Holidays -- 30 MPH max

Before Dawn or After Dusk -- 10 MPH max

When within a 100 foot distance from the shore, docks, bridges, people in the water -- 5 MPH max

Times of High Water -- No Wake

Equipment Checklist

Valid Registration

Registration Number properly displayed

Validation Decals properly displayed

Operator's License

Boating Safety Certificate (required)

Required lights

Personal Floatation Device (Wearable, 1 jacket per seat)

Personal Floatation Device (Throwable, 1 required)

Horn or Whistle

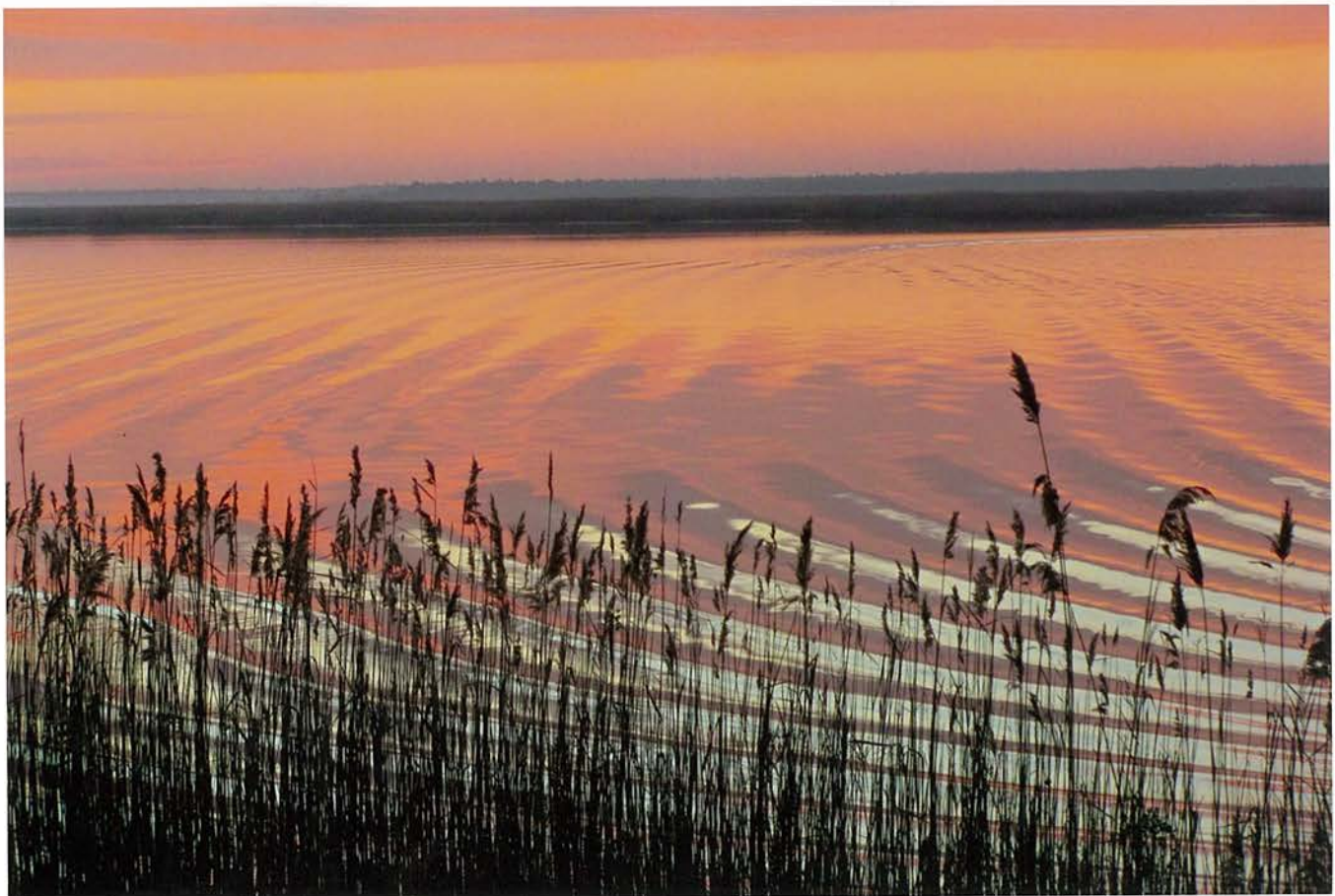
Approved Fire Extinguisher
(Check gauge each year to assure it's fully charged)

Flame Arrestor properly installed





Jeanne Cipas snapped this shot of her husband, Duane, as Allie stands a very alert watch.
Bob Larson captured the spectacular colors of sunrise on the Mullica River.





From the dynamic power in motion of Lee Kievit's *Dynamite* taken by Lee's friend, Peter Czachor, to the absolute serenity of a breathtaking sunset captured by Don Gulliksen at their winter home in Marathon, Florida.

