

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Lake Gaston: The Perfect Day! The Perfect Show!



Ya, that pretty much captures my day. I was not in reporter mode. I was in fat slob I'll just sleep, go ahead and climb all over the boat I don't care mode.

Ya know those rare times where you find your self in the exact place at the exact time that you want to be. Were you just sit there and say to yourself. There is no other place on this globe that I want to be right now. That's what yesterday on Lake Gaston was all about. Over the past couple years the Raleigh Chapter of the ACBS has been struggling with a weak show location. They all gathered and voted to try something new. Lake Gaston. A bit more of a haul for the gang, but from yesterdays event. A brilliant move. The location is perfect, and made it possible for new folks to show up. One big group was the Smith Mountain Gang! In full force, they brought some of the finest boats on Smith Mountain lake.



The Smith mountain Gang.. Wanted now in more states!

It was great to see all the folks there and just hang out and laugh. What a great welcoming group. Southern Hospitality was in full force. A must go to for us here at Woody Boater from now on.



We had a fantastic location right on the edge of the Lake. Thayer IV was there in full in need of a restoration mode. Thanks to the folks at Morningstar Marina



Dick Kish's killer tripple Gar Wood with Modern Power. Dear god that's a nice boat! and two of the best shows boats on the right. Mike Russell's very nice original Arabian that won most original. And Weldwood, Phil Jones resto masterpeice. It won Best inboard and people's choice.



Mike and Cathy Caleo's 1963 original to the lake Chris Craft Ski jet was a very cool ride. Scary turns and stops. What a hoot and soon to be a feature boat here on Woody Boater



The setting was perfect. A very very nice collection of boats



The jaw Dropper award went to this little all original Pen Yan. Joe & Sally Ludgate's little boat is a treasure and lit up the water way. I could not take my eyes of it. Magnificent. It was the winner of the



More Pen Yan. Remember this is all original. The colors are PERFECT!



Phil Jones in his happy place... 45 knots on a 1940 Chris Craft Triple barrel back. GOD that was one cool boat. It had mufflers. We could talk at high speed but no one wanted to.. Pure heaven!



Triple the fun. We will do a feature on "Semetry" the 1940 Triple at a later date.



OK, to be honest... Best of show really went to Linda and Dick Kish. I know they don't like the publicity.. And we won't talk about Dick falling into the drink.. Not a peep.. Or their amazing home and boat house.. Not a peep.. But.. Lindas Strawberry Pie.. Dear god.. I went to sleep feeling like a tick that hit an artery on a cow. The dinner at their home was mind blowing, their hospitality beyond words. So the Woody Boater best of show goes to them. Thanks.

Here is a list of the official winners.

Best Inboard-Phillp Jones -Betty Boop

Best Outboard Joe & Sally Ludgate -Penn Yan

Best Row & Sail Lonnie Sieck-Adirondack Guide Boat

Best Classic Glass – John & Sharon Rieth Kelso Century Coronado

Best Restoration – John & Nancy Baringer - Fool's Gold CC Runabout

ACBS Most Original-Mike Russell-Miss Anne Century Arabian

Broken Cable Award Rita & Harry Warren Cool CC Continental

President's Award RK & Cindy Booth Resurrection CC Custom

People's Choice-Phillp Jones-Betty Boop US Plywood