



EAGLE MOUNTAIN CLASSIC BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Membership \$25 /35 Annually

Celebrating our 20th Year

October 2008

The Otts Verses Hurricane Ike

Mary Jane Ott

Our second hurricane! Last fall a hurricane came into Cape Cod while we were there and we experienced the wind, no power, closings and other challenges. But, that didn't compare with what we experienced in the Houston area a few days ago!

The day before the projected arrival we chose to spring \$900 for a required 2 month lease at Waterford Marina, a neighboring marina that was more sheltered, and had floating docks with 16 foot piers. Our Watergate Marina was more open with fixed docks and 4 foot piers with sliders for lines. The surge was to be 8 to 20 feet which was the main warning for coastal areas. The simple math was the deciding point. For our non boater friends, with fixed docks you adjust your lines as you can for the water level. The day before the water had already come up 2 feet and was almost to the bottom of our dock, so with over 4 more feet the dock would try to hold the boat and the other footage would sink the boat, if the piers would hold.



Back to the day before the hurricane; we spent hours retying with double lines (required for storms), and unloading paperwork, tools, irreplaceable items, some clothing, (I knew the bedspreads would wash, but if the decorative pillows got soaked they would be trash), food from the refrigerator since power would be off, TV, computer, radios, and seemed like the kitchen sink. Our family and friends were already praying for protection and one of Tina's friends even offered to drive down and load her van to return to Ft Worth.

We have made some outstanding friends in the Clear Lake area and really were fortunate to be invited to stay with Jack and Patty Nickerson in Pearland. They were about 45 minutes inland from our marina. They had a generator! Another couple joined us later on. So his generator kept 6 adults, 3 dogs, and a cat turned to the TV for storm coverage, fans, and refrigerators running. We were trying to have a good time, if you can say that under the circumstances, and we had plenty of food! Jack is a GREAT cook and having an outside grill was handy.

Ike started coming in before dusk and the eye came close to 2 to 3 am. The homes in that area are built with a wind rating for these storms. Morning was messy, but their home didn't even loose shingles like most in southern Houston. After a great breakfast the men had to venture out Saturday to survey damages at our marinas if possible.



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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

October

Monthly meeting

18th Saturday 3:30 pm

Sponsors Cliff and Linda Griffth will host our October meeting at H dock at Lake Country Marina to celebrate the 60th Birthday of their boat "Mahogany Lady". Please bring a guest and a covered dish to share. Cliff is supplying Schlitz, Pabst Blue Ribbon and will have his smoker cranked up with BBQ. Please join us by land or sea...

Welcome

New Members

Chris and Paula Carter

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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Mahogany Lady

Eagle Mountain Lake
SINCE 1948

Invitation

Please join us on Saturday, October 18, at 3:30 p.m. as we celebrate the 60th birthday of our boat, the Mahogany Lady. We'll be on H dock at Lake Country Marina on Eagle Mountain Lake (see directions below). This is the dock next to Kelly's Cove. Bring a guest and a dish to share. We'll have some Schlitz and Pabst Blue Ribbon beer (they didn't have Coors Light 60 years ago). Feel free to bring your own drinks. Also, please bring your own folding chairs.

EMCBC meeting at 3:30, party starts at 4:00.

Cliff and Linda Griffith



Directions:

Lake Country Marina is at 9216 Live Oak Lane. Drive north on Boat Club Road, and turn left onto Live Oak Lane. Then take another left onto Herring Drive. It's easy!

Presidents Letter

End of Summer party was a great success with 30+ members attending! Thanks to *Joy and Gibbs Slaughter* for opening their home for this annual event, what a great setting. I am happy to report that 6 members showed up by water in their boats and filled the docks. *Smokehouse BBQ* supplied wonderful food and the Black Forest cake was as rich and fattening as always.

Our new slate of officers was approved and I am glad to be joined by *Andy Butchard* as Vice president, *Dennis Maye* as Treasurer, with *Keith Charles, Raymond Huyge, Daryl Miller, Nick Maggio* and *Cliff Griffith* acting as Directors. I look forward to the coming year as many new events and projects are in the works.

I am asking members to volunteer to adopt one month and plan the meeting for that month, this way no one person has to shoulder this responsibility all the time. We are OK through the end of the year but need next years meetings planned.

I had "*Big Fish*" in the water the whole month of September and she did great. You could write your name in the dust in the bilge! I have never had a hull that tight before! I plan on her being in and out of the lake this fall between some minor electrical repairs and additions.

Please join us at the birthday party for "*Mahogany Lady*" on the 18th which will be our October meeting.

A special thanks out to *Dennis and Sue Creech* who have donated so much of their time to the club as Vice president and Treasurer, they still have their great Owens and I still expect they still will be a big part of this club!

The Water board sent out a crew to the island to cut some weeds and now the island is attracting a fair number of visitors each weekend.

Thanks for everyone's help so far this year, I am looking forward to another great year!

Dan Stober



Treasurers report

Current Balance \$ \$3,524.69

Dennis Maye Treasurer



Our other friends live on an island close to our marina and have a boat across the lake. The fellows couldn't get to our marina, but went into a gated community (since there wasn't any gate power) and was able to see our harbor and everything fortunately was just fine! They couldn't get to Mark and Susan's area because of high water.



Sunday we started packing for Fort Worth by way of our marina. We didn't know if we could get close yet but we were going to try. Our boat was just perfect and we started the reloading from the van. After putting our retirement home in order we drove kinda next door to our other marina, this is where the emotions flow. I waded through water to see our area and our dock and the ones on either side of ours were GONE! There were a few pilings and masts of sailboats that sunk and others were crammed into the three story building on shore; seven boats piled up between two other buildings, and there was rubble everywhere! The surge had really apparently come in at around 15 feet, so this even put boats on the roads to

be driven around. The one covered slip had the roofs blown away since the boats had hit their way up and through, so they either sank or have major damage. Everyone was walking around in a daze and some were trying to FIND their boats. Our friends across the lake lost their 43 foot live aboard!

People just don't stay with their boats when something like this comes in, but one of our marina employees, Bill, felt he didn't have anyplace to go and tried. He knew around 2:30 when the eye came over he had to swim to shore before the worse side of the hurricane came. He ended up on the second story of the building at the end of our dock!

The water had gone down by this time and we left with hearts hurting, even though we were so thankful that our boat was fine.

We were able to drive into other areas that the fellows couldn't the day before because of water, and it is just awful. We got just a slight peek at what 4 million people are dealing with and will for some time. With no power you can't even get gas for the generators, it was so hot and humid and some wont even have fans. The mayor asked people not to shower for a while due to the pressure of the water if they had water. Patty was even concerned about having towels since they can't do laundry for a while. Of course there weren't restaurants open way north pass Huntsville. We saw a few places one Home Depot, 2 grocery stores open, but with lines around

the building of people we guessed to go in a few at a time and of course there were porta potties lined up outside. Downtown Houston is closed down because of windows blown out, (wind goes about 30 mph faster on a building over 100 ft) and flooding. Our drive home was busy watching the traffic going to the area of loads of porta potties, generators, and LOTS of cars with gas cans on top of their vehicles. I just can't imagine how long it will take for them to recover from this hurricane and the impact of the families that live from paycheck to paycheck! We were truly protected and have thanked the Lord and this will impact us for years to come.

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On The Waterfront

Andy Butchard

Note...

Andy and Ann are on their way to Lake Powell to enjoy a week of cruising on their 23' Thompson "Helios". I am sure when he gets back he will have more than enough great stories to fill this page...



No printed newsletter this month!

Sorry fans, but our printer has retired and shut down his shop and I have been traveling to Montana and such for the last week or so.

Please call anyone that you know that does not have internet access and let them know about the meeting on the 18th.

I will be looking for a printer to replace **Quickprint** who had done just a wonderful job for us over the years.

Island News

New stairs were installed by **Island Governor Nick Maggio, Andy Butchard and Keith Charles** a few weeks back.

The concrete cylinders used to be part of a seawall left from an earlier civilization and have been rounded up to build various projects.

(the **Daryl Miller** rule is in effect.....NO SHIRTS ..NO PHOTOS) Thanks Nick for wearing a shirt, of course this rule only applies to men...:)



The Trading Dock

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1938 35' Chris Craft Double Stateroom Enclosed

Cruiser, twin model L 115hp, Gen set, A/C, 2007 Survey, spectacular. Best in Class Keels and Wheels see at <http://home.comcast.net/~c.dorflinger/site/?/home/> \$ 65,000.00 Chris Dorflinger 713-724-6049

Boat and RV Storage 1966 Owens Sea Skiff 28', V-8, North of Azle near lake. Gen set, needs paint and TLC, best Offer. 10x30 covered. \$50.

Also have **home built 24'**, V-8. good project or parts best offer. located in Weatherford

David Dinsmore 817-596-3459

1967 36' Chris Craft Cavalier Hull # VBC-36-0039-H. Twin Chev 327'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

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

Eagle Mountain Mobile Home Community
Marina 817-228-0526

Slips Available
Open / Covered
East side lake
Special deal for members
see Mike Reince



Private marina with new 24' slips
Covered and uncovered slips



1964 Cruisers Inc, 20' Seacammer 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



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