



EAGLE MOUNTAIN CLASSIC BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Membership \$25 /35 Annually

Celebrating our 20th Year

September 2008

The Annual EMCBC End of Summer Party

Joy and Gibbs Slaughter have graciously agreed to host our annual End of Summer party at their lovely lakeside home. The club is supplying BBQ from the Smoke Pit and a the club favorite Black Forest cake! Don't miss this chance to enjoy the company of friends and a great meal. Come by boat, lots of docking space, or land just be there! Cold drinks will be provided so BYOB if you would like your favorite. The party starts at 3:00 and dinner will be served at 5:00. *This will be our September meeting!*

Please RSVP by the 15th!

Directions: Boat Club Rd north to Peden Rd. Turn left on Peden and drive until you reach the lake. Last drive on the left. Large white building and orange and white crane mark the spot.

**Saturday September 20th
The Slaughter's lake house
6657 E. Peden Rd.
Ph 817-236-7391**

WOODIES on the WEB

<http://www.thompsondockside.com>

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

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

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2008 Calender

September

20th

End of Summer Party

Slaughter's lake house Party starts at 3:00
and BBQ Dinner is served at 5:00 come by
water or land!

New Members

Sonny Carnes

River Oaks, Texas

Bill Reardon

Grandbury Texas

Steve and Suzanne Mair

Keller, TX

Russ and Stephanie

Greenwood

Fort Worth, Texas

Welcome to our club!

Please Pay Your Dues!

The Boat show has always been the tradi-
tional 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

On *April 21, 1948*, a new wooden boat (hull number C-30-055) was delivered to *Marion Herring Boat Works* on Eagle Mountain Lake. This dealership, which was located where Lake Country Marina is now, sold most of the early wooden boats on the lake; but few have survived as long as this one – a 30' Chris Craft Sedan.

C-30-055 originally came with a single model M 130 HP engine, and the original list price was \$7,550 (which, with inflation, would be over \$70,000 today). Much of the original documentation, including the Boat Equipment Record that shows all of the equipment and features of the boat as it was delivered, has been obtained from the *Mariners Museum Library in Newport News, Virginia*. So, although we know what she was equipped with in 1948, we don't know much about the early history of C-30-055.

The earliest photograph that exists of the boat was included on a 1955 Christmas card sent by



Mary and Ed Pulliam. (At least, we think this is the same boat.) This photo shows the starboard side view of the boat with the proud owners aboard. Although the boat in this picture is clearly a 30' Chris Craft Sedan from approximately the same vintage as C-30-055, we're not positive that it's the exact same boat.

The first known owner of C-30-055 was *David Harmon Huff and his wife Annie Rose*. When they purchased the boat, they named it Annie R, and the boat was berthed at the *Fort Worth Boat Club*. *Gibbs Slaughter* remembers working on the boat during the Huffs' ownership, including replacing the top. The original top is believed to have been a canvas material, and by approximately the late 1960s, it was showing its age. The Huffs asked Gibbs to restore the top, and he used a creative approach to do this. At that time, vinyl tops were a popular option on cars, and Gibbs decided to use a compound on the boat that was used to install aftermarket vinyl tops on cars. Although the original top was blue, the Huffs wanted the new top to be painted green, which blended with the green interior color that had been painted over the original white paint.

The Huffs sold the boat in about 1970, but the identity of the new owner is unknown. Gibbs remembers that one of the owners after the Huffs cast off one windy day before starting the engine. You can probably guess what happened next. The engine failed to start, and the wind pushed the boat onto a rocky shore of the lake. The rocks damaged the boat's bottom, and the boat started leaking. It sank in shallow water. Let that be a lesson to all boat owners – always start the engine before casting off (or at least have a good anchor handy)!

This may have been when *JR Bradley of Bradley Marine* (at Lake Country Marina) purchased the boat. After Bradley's purchase, C-30-055 sat in the open behind the marina for a few years, awaiting restoration. Somewhere early in the boat's history, the original six-cylinder Chris Craft engine was replaced with a 312 ci Ford Thunderbird V-8. Bradley may have been involved in converting this engine for marine use. After Bradley's restoration was complete, the boat was sold to a new owner who kept it for about 5 years. During that time, the boat carried the name *Mayflower II*.

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On The Waterfront

Andy Butchard

End of an Era..... I told **Walter at West Bay** last week that I would be moving **Queen Ann to Eagle Mountain Marina** soon to be closer to my new home on Wallace Road. We have had a boat there since 1991 with just 9 months off between selling Driffraff and buying Queen Ann. Didn't know 17 years could go by so fast. Can't imagine how much money is in that hole in the water, don't want to think about it. It will be a big change of pace and I will miss my friends at West Bay and our Wednesday night prayer meetings when I was praying for a flush or a full house.



Time Capsule..... Speaking of 1991 I got a call from **Pat Hyer** who sold me her **1961 16' Cruisers, Inc** a few months ago and I promptly sold it on ebay. Her call was to tell me she had found some more things about the boat and that I could have them. I went by and got them and I found a neat treasure trove of club history. In the packet of info there was the original Cruisers, Inc price list from 1961, some photos of when **Gibbs Slaughter** restored the boat about 1990 complete with photos of him hard at work. I think his hair, like mine, was thicker back then. Also I found the boat show program of our third show which had a nice story by **Mark Schultz** about an ill fated road trip to California to pick up a "free" boat and a metal dash plaque. I recognized and remembered fondly a bunch of boats in the program, most of which, I am sad to report, are no longer with us or on this lake.

Excitement at the FWBC....I heard that one of their committee boats, a Chris Craft outboard was struck by lightning a few nights ago and set on fire. It was tied up at the gas dock so it could have been a really bad scene. The wind was just right that the flames burnt the dock lines and pushed the boat out into the harbor before they really had some fireworks that even the 4th of July could not beat.

Thanks to the TRWD and David Geary..... Last week I went by Pelican Island and there was our newly elected or drafted "**Governor of Pelican Island**", **Nick Maggio** out enjoying the island with his wife while he dug up some stumps. The next day I cruised by on the seadoo and the island was completely, and I mean completely, cleared of unwanted weeds, willows, poison ivy, etc. The grass path is really getting green with the recent rains. I thought, WOW, Nick really did a lot of work but the results were too great for it to have been just one man. My guess is that the water board sent out a crew to clean up the island as they had promised. What may have really got them motivated were a few well placed phone calls by **Nelda Kimmons** to remind them of their promise to help us out on the island. Trust me, you don't want to get that kind of call from Nelda. Last Saturday **Raymond Huyge** and I went by the island after our Saturday morning skiing and met a nice fellow who was into short wave radio and he had his radio set up with an antenna strung up in the trees and he was talking to people all over the world, reporting from Pelican Island, Fort Worth, TX. It seems that ham radio operators like to broadcast from an island so they come out to the island about once a year. He had paddled in a canoe from Shady Grove Park. He had done some research on Pelican Island at the Azle Library and told me that at one time there had been like a concession stand with bait, drinks, hot dogs, covered pavilions for picnics and then it was a recreation area for the postal service but it had a chain link fence all around it. Then the Power Squadron had it for a while in the 1970's-1980's. I remember tying up to the dock there in 1985 when Ann and I bought a **1961 19' Century Raven** on our first anniversary. If anyone remembers the concession stand I would love to hear from them. I may go to the library to see what I can find.

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A Place for All (most) of Our Stuff.... Ann and I have been in the process of living out of boxes and deciding what stuff we can do without as we make the downsize transition from full nesters with two kids in a 2000 SF home to empty nesters with just 3 small dogs in a 1500 SF lake front home. After 20 years of living on a lake we finally found our dream waterfront home, our final resting place as Ann absolutely refuses to move again. I don't blame her. The house was built in 1950, has knotty pine walls, and a kitchen that, as my mother used to say, is not big enough to cuss a cat in, but we love it. **Queen Ann** will look very regal tied up to the dock, the scene will be straight out of the 1950's. The view out of the picture window in our only bedroom across open water is of the rising Sun that greets us each morning. We are very close to the water both laterally and vertically as the home has been flooded only 3 times in 58 years. We went with concrete floors just in case. We hope to have the dock operational so we can have a club meeting there some time. Just look for the 3rd boat house south of Wallace Point. There is a big stucco crème colored home with a blue tile roof, guest houses, and a huge boat house. That is not it, our house is the first one north of the big house so it is easy to find. Come by for a visit either by boat or car.

Mahogany lady continued.....

In 1986, C-30-055 was purchased by **Philip and June Cummins**, who renamed her Mahogany Lady – the name she still proudly carries today. The Cummins owned and enjoyed the boat for 20 years. They were long-time boat owners and helped start the Eagle Mountain Classic Boat Club. Philip and June still own several boats, including a **1957 16' Century Resorter, a 1959 15' aluminum Lone Star, and a 1950 22' Chris Craft Sedan**. Philip's dad, **Phil Cummins**, owned a boat similar to Mahogany Lady and the **Butchards' Queen Anne** – a 33' Chris Craft Sedan named **Idle Time** – which he purchased from General Dynamics in the 1960s and used for many years on Eagle Mountain Lake.

In 1989, Mahogany Lady was berthed at Lakeview Marina when a strong storm hit. The winds were so strong that the roof over Mahogany Lady collapsed. The Cummins took several pictures of the damage, but you can't see their boat – the roof had collapsed on top of it. Fortunately, there were bigger boats on each side of their boat, so the damage was relatively minor. Philip repaired the damage himself, and although Mahogany Lady still carries some scars from this storm, they just add to her character. Just a few months after the storm, Philip and June entered Mahogany Lady in EMCBC's first boat show, and it won 1st Place in the 24' – 30' category. Since then, Mahogany Lady has been entered in most of the Club's boat shows, and it has won awards in 17 of the 20 shows the Club has had so far.

In 2006, Philip and June decided to sell **Mahogany Lady** so they could spend more time with their new RV. In November 2006, **Cliff and Linda Griffith** became the latest owners of this amazing old boat. It's only natural that the Griffiths ended up with the Mahogany Lady. You see, **Linda Griffith and Annie Rose Huff** (the boat's owner back in the 60s) were cousins. However, the Griffiths didn't find out that the Huffs had ever owned the boat until Gibbs was telling them some of the boat's history at last year's Christmas party. What a coincidence – two owners from the same family separated by 40 years!

In 2008, Mahogany Lady is celebrating her 60th birthday. She has recently undergone a complete structural and partial cosmetic restoration by **Nomad Marine**, and she's ready for the next chapter in her long and eventful life. Although there are older boats on Eagle Mountain Lake, few have been on this lake for their entire lives. In fact, she could be the 3rd oldest boat to have lived her life entirely on this lake - after the **1941 "West Texan" and Gibbs and Joy Slaughter's 1937 Chris Craft "Lou Ann"**.

On Saturday, October 18, the Eagle Mountain Classic Boat Club will have a birthday party for Mahogany Lady at her home on H dock at **Lake Country Marina** (just steps from **Kelly's Cove**). This is a fitting place for the party, since it is where Marion Herring (the original dealership that first sold the boat) was located. The Club will have a short business meeting at this party, but most of the time will be spent enjoying the friendship of our fellow Club members and their boats. So mark your calendar for the birthday party on **October 18** (announcement elsewhere in the newsletter) and help us celebrate the 60 years that **Mahogany Lady** has spent on Eagle Mountain Lake and welcome the beginning of her next 60 years.



by Cliff Griffith

Presidents Letter



The Lake is still at an acceptable level and the rains seem to be returning..... this time of the year that's good news! Thanks to **Keith and Sherrie** for hosting our last meeting at their new home. Our **Septemeber meeting** will be the annual **End of Summer Party** held at the **Slaughters on the 20th**. Please plan on joining us for BBQ and an evening of fun with friends. please **RSVP by the 15th** to Joy ay **817-236-7391**. \$10.00 a head, come on you can't eat out at El Paseo for that and no tipping!



The **October meeting** will be a dock party on October 18th to celebrate **Mahogany Lady's** birthday sponsored by **Cliff and Linda Griffith**, see details in article this issue. I have asked members to volunteer hosting/planning a monthly meeting, this takes the pressure off me to come up with places and programs all the time. Please let me know if you would like to plan a meeting.

I sold my **16' Cruisers Inc. "Mr Peppermint"** to old/new members **Sonny and Mary Carnes** of River Oaks, they saw it in the trading Dock and fell in love with her. Sonny, as



many of you, know restores old outboards (**SOS Outboard Repair**), so this boat was a perfect fit for them. He is also a member of the **Lake Worth Boat and Ski Club** where the little 16'er brought rave reviews when he showed her off (I'm such a proud Papa). Sonny began his boating career at 10 cleaning out rental boats on Lake Worth and has been involved with boats ever since. He collects and rebuilds old outboards, his oldest a 1932 Evinrude that he says runs better than he

does. His garage is mini museum of engines and props! Welcome!

Ann and Andy Butchard moved into their newly aquired lake house, for a guys with 4 to 6 watercraft at anytime, its about time they got on the water! Congradulations !

The **Annual Christmas Party** is being planned at the **Fort Worth Boat Club** for December 20th, how about that another event on the water! Dinner and a Gift exchange are planned. More details to come. **Daryl Miller** will be in charge of the Parade of Lights for the club this year, again details to come.

Dan Stober President

Treasurers report

Current Balance \$ \$3,524.69

Sue Creech Treasurer



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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

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Fort Worth
...the way
we were.

Before Six Flags, Fort Worth had Casino Beach Amusement Park.

By Jack White

I remember my parents taking me to the Casino Beach Park when I was four or five years old. I remember the boardwalk, the concession stands like the Ring Toss and Shooting Gallery, the carnival games, the food. Most of all I remember the scary Bluebeard's Castle and the House of Mirrors with its mirror maze and distorting mirrors.

I rode the Bumper Cars and the Merry-go-Round but was afraid of the Tilt-a-Whirl and the "Thriller" Roller Coaster, which was 72 feet high and nearly a mile long. I remember walking the 400 foot long wooden boardwalk, but I do not really recall some things seen in this aerial view, such as the miniature car ride, the bath house (center), the Casino Ballroom (upper right), the boat docks, the swimming piers, or the Nine-Mile Bridge at bottom. The City

built the sandy beach as a lure to attract an amusement park, and it worked.

At left, my daddy and I at about the age they took me to Casino Beach.



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Next Meeting : End of Summer party September 20th at Gibbs and Joy Slaughters

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