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Time To “Take The Field”!

As the snow finally thaws the “boys of summer” begin to “take the field” and play ball!

No matter what sport you play, there is that adrenaline pumped feeling you get when start to play the game!

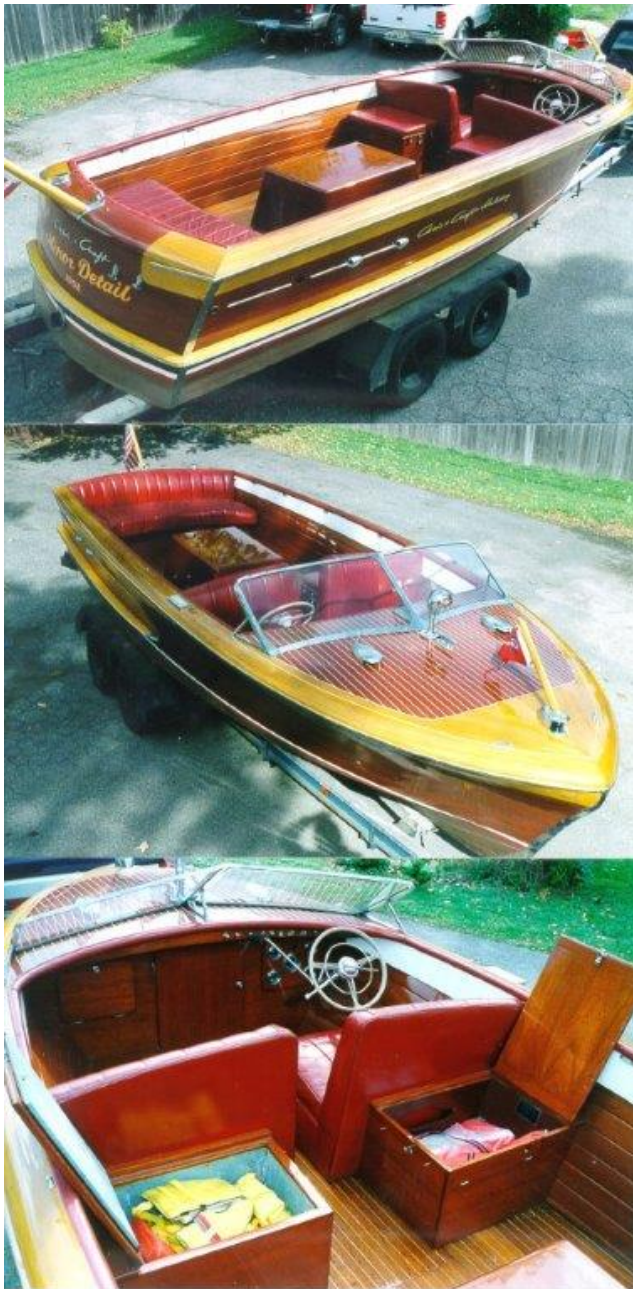
With “our sport” of Classic Boating we “take the field” when we launch her off the trailer and come aboard. We are immersed in her – gunnel to gunnel. Our senses take in the smells of the wood, bilge and the water that surrounds us. Our ears hear the sound of our feet on the deck, the water lapping at her sides and the sound of the switches bringing her heart to pump again creating the enhanced smell of exhaust. We have been “at bat” all winter.....Time to TAKE THE FIELD!!

As the new editor of the Carter Craft Newsletter, I would like to introduce myself. I am the proud owner of a 59 Seahawk named Ginger Snap! I have been given this opportunity by Bruce to carry on the connection of those of us who find these quirky molded plywood (and some fiberglass) creations as irresistible “art pieces”. I hope to receive periodic updates of your projects as well as your adventures with your CC’s. I can’t help but think that when they built these boats, it was “fun” doing it. Messing around with side moldings and port holes! Bruce has supplied me with volumes of pictures and history that I am still “diving into”. As you read the old boating magazines of the day it is truly amazing all the makes and models of boats that were being built. So here in our little corner of the hobby we sit. New members will hopefully continue to find us and join our ranks. It happened to me when I saw one of these 57 Chevy inspired boats on Ebay, located about 4 hours away in PA. Something came over me and I just had to save her. Then finding the registry Bruce had created made me feel a part of something that I could talk to others, of which, these boats had caught their eyes!

In Classic Boating Magazine Scott Turner said “If you can envision it, you can make it. We start off with ideas in our heads. We don’t start with plans and drawings. We start off with a napkin and a pen, and start sketching over the lunch table.

We'll be having a sandwich and I'll pass a photo to Dad. He'll laugh at it crumble it up, and pass one back to me. We just come up with ideas and throw them back and forth. We're building and making it up as we go."

Now, I am sure there are "purest" out there that want their craft, be it a boat or a car, to be "factory original" and if you are dealing with a coveted Chris Craft or Garwood that may be the right way to go. But I like dreaming of what I could do with my Carter craft to make her a little more "special". I was looking at some pictures and noticed a boat that the owner built two mahogany boxes right behind the front seats and topped them with upholstered cushions. So this could be my new "napkin drawing" turned into a project....



This leads to Dave Christensen – (nanchris2) and his rear seat for his CarterCraft below. (How many napkins were used Dave?!)



So I'll be watching for all of you out the Port Holes. Hope to hear from you soon as we "Take the Field" and get'em wet!
Edward Dominiak

