



From The Editor



Greetings all....

As of this newsletter, I am the new editor of the Carter Craft newsletter.

Bruce Danielson did an exemplary job of starting the Carter Craft Registry. He created a newsletter and website. Invested many volunteer hours and research to start of this effort. Bruce did a great job of getting the word out on our boats. I don't know how much time you have spent surfing the web, but most of what you find can be attributed to articles written by Bruce. Thanks for your efforts and doing an amazing job with the restoration on what is now my boat..

Ed Dominiak has been the editor for the last several issues of the newsletter and did a great job. Look forward to inputs from Ed in the future to contribute articles from the Northeast boat shows.

I have published many newsletters for church's and car clubs in the past. The one thing I have learned from experience is that content is key and research takes a lot time. And the success of any club or organization is its members. Want it to be better? Get involved

As editor I will do my best to publish a newsletter with interesting articles.

What I really need from you, as members is participation. I received information already from Casey Hodges, Bob Kellogg and Pat Pulaski. This info provided will be included in upcoming newsletters.

I encourage you to provide input so that we can grow the popularity of these beautiful and well crafted boats.

I am the first to admit that my knowledge of these boats is mainly on experience and what I have read. Spent hours searching the internet to educate myself. Most of what is out there is due to what Bruce has printed with his newsletters.

Since this encompasses Mother's Day and Father's day. I am including a personal story of mine for Mother's day and a great article written in the Winona, Mn. Times of a Father and son journey in a Carter Craft. I spent many hours researching this article. Hope you enjoy"

Look forward to Hearing From You!

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Dedicated to the preservation of Carter Craft History.

Thanks to James Carter, Tom Bingham, Ray Patrick for providing such beautiful designs and well manufactured boats that have stood the test of time.

65th Anniversary



"Builders Of Fine Boats"
1951- 1969



In Memory

By: Rick Pressley

It was mid-summer 1974, The headlines, Hank Aaron has just surpassed Babe Ruth's home run record. Nixon succeeded by Gerald Ford. Patty Hearst captured robbing a bank in San Francisco. The worst Mustang to ever roll off a Ford's assembly line (The Mustang II) and I saw my first Carter Craft boat. I was 16 years old and didn't even own a car .

My mom was dating a locomotive engineer named "Red" from Rock Hill, South Carolina. Red had just bought a new boat and asked if I would be interested in buying his "old wood boat". Red and I went to inspect the boat at his home.

What I saw was a wood boat with the 1957 Chevy style fins and port holes windows, I had to have it! Red delivered the 1960 Carter Craft to my home the next day. It was a Sea Hawk equipped with a 1962 Mercury "dock buster", 6 cylinder with three carbs. It was a two tone wood with yellow fins. The interior was all gone, no cushions except in the cabin.

Trying to figure out how a 16 year old with no car, making \$1.60 an hour at Harris Teeter grocery store could come up with \$325.00. A single mom with two teenage boys had serious reservations about this idea. Two teenage boys alone on the lake. Oh, and no cell phone or pagers to keep tabs. But, make no mistake, she had eyes. Small towns have no secrets.

We spent many days on Lake Wylie, near Rock Hill, South Carolina. Since I did not have a car, we would drop mom at work, then head to the lake with boat in tow. We spent many hours on the lake alone. The only close call, forgot to put the plug in and almost sunk the boat. Oh, then there was the game warden that yanked all my straps off the life jackets included in the boat(they were a little old)...go buy new ones he said. But did not give me a ticket. If he had, I would not have been able to afford the life jackets.

Skiing, I never quite could get the hang of it. However, my younger brother, Greg got quite good at it, even slalom skiing very well. At first very fun going back to find the ski he dropped. Quite a treasure hunt.

Dinner and a boat ride. When my mom would get off

from work, my brother would stay with the boat, I would run back to town and pick mom up from work. We would run up the lake to Pier 49 Seafood restaurant on the lake. Dock the boat and eat dinner. Afterwards we would take a moonlight ride back down the lake. It was like glass with a Carolina moon shining across the water (the big spotlight on the bow real handy). Mom had a stressful job and two boys that were a handful. She always enjoyed the night rides back to the dock.

In April of 1976, I would start work for a power transmission company as a draftsman. It was 35 miles from home, located in Charlotte, N.C. I got out all the water way maps and tried to devise a way to get there by water, dock boat and take bus into town. My mom, in her wisdom, advised that that would not be a great plan from November till April. Would be pretty cold on the water.

So, with limited funds I traded the boat in on a brand new 1976 Toyota Corolla SR 5. I regretted it from the day I did it. But, could not afford both.

It was these memories that put me on the hunt for my current boat purchased from Bruce Danielson.

Photo: Mom (Betty Rhyner) and myself October of 2014. She didn't get a chance to ride in the boat but was very happy I had found and purchased another one. We relieved many fond memories when she saw the boat. We searched through all her old photos without finding any of my old boat.

Dedicated to Mom, 1933-2015





Father's Day Story

By: Rick Pressley

Texas To Minnesota In A Carter Craft Sea Hawk
11/17/1956
The Winona Daily New Winona, Mn.
Associated Press Article



This article was found searching newspapers on the web. What a great story! This father and son trip must have made a lifetime of memories.

The father John A. Bowden would have been 51 years old at the time of the trip. Mr. Bowden served in WWII and was an outboard mechanic by trade. Great skillset for a trip like this.

Mr. Bowden would pass away just a 3 years and two months after the trip at age 55. Note the signage on Side of the boat. What a trip.

If you can add information on this article please email me.

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Carter Craft

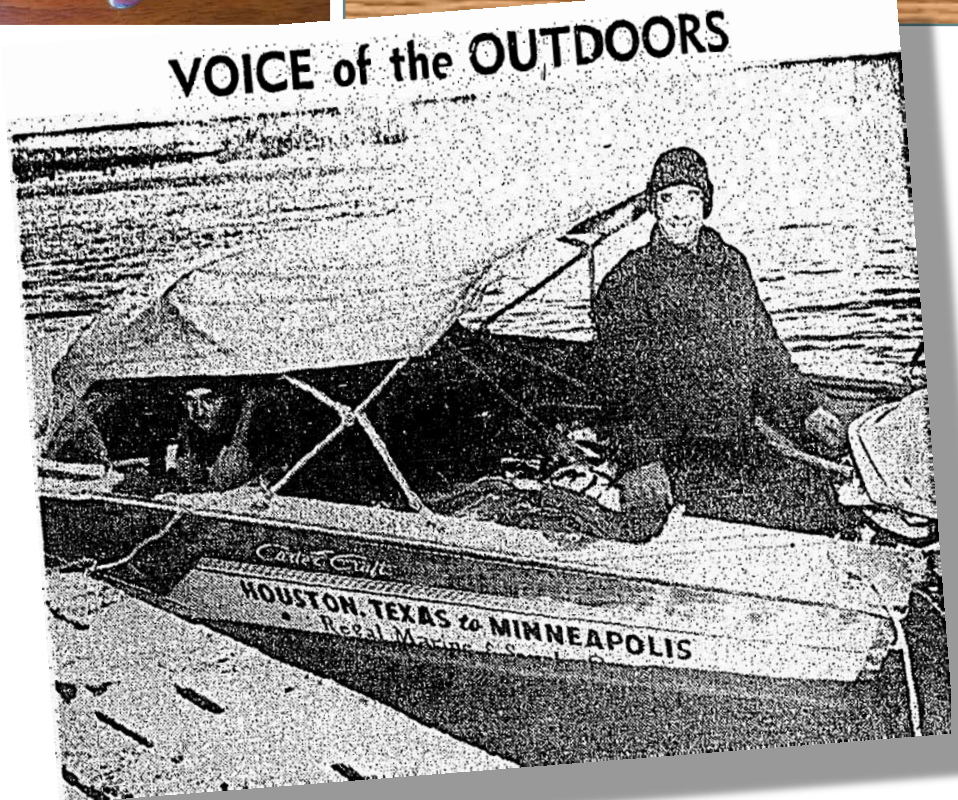
Memories

Texas To Minnesota In A Carter Craft Sea Hawk

“Colder Than Texas”

A father and son adventure team en route from Houston, Texas to Minneapolis found the Winona waterfront a bit colder than Texas Friday morning when they stopped at the docks of the Winona Boat Club for gas. They hoped to reach Minneapolis by Saturday night.

Exactly three weeks ago, Oct. 29, John A. Bowden and his son John, pictured above put their 16 foot Carter Craft ply-wood boat powered by a 40HP Scott Atwater motor in at Galveston, Texas. Minneapolis by water was 2,100 miles and many experiences away. They operate the Regal Marine and Sports Co. of Houston. The trip ahead was a long dreamed vacation. The first leg was down the Inter-Coastal Canal, 400 miles to New Orleans where they nosed their craft into the big river bad around the loading freighters and headed north into the mid-continental autumn.



Each evening, they selected an inviting spot on shore and set up camp, cooked an evening meal and sleeping bags or aboard the boat. Each morning they got underway early and figured on another 150 miles upriver for the day. However, if something they desired to see came along they visited that point of interest. They will average approximately 100 miles a day reaching Minneapolis.

Minnesota weather, which they hit Thursday, forced them to give up “camping out” Thursday night. They found a motel in Trempealeau very inviting. The other two nights spent in hotels were in Cairo and St. Louis.

“We have had a very pleasant trip,” the father, apparent spokesman, drawled in true Texan style. “No motor trouble, no boat trouble.” The only accidents experienced was when we hit a log near Dubuque and ran over a beaver north of the Iowa line. “The beaver bent the propeller blade and the log sent us to shore for minor boat repairs,” he said.

Credits - Sat. Nov. 17th, 1956
The Winona Daily New, Winona, MN.
Associated Press Article



Memories

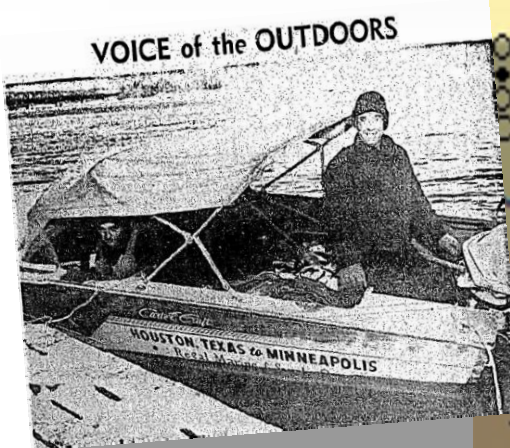
Texas To Minnesota In A Carter Craft Sea Hawk Route Map By: Rick Pressley



Trempealeau Hotel & Saloon
Trempealeau, WI.
Likely Spent the night here on Nov. 16th, 1956



Robert E. Lee Hotel
St. Louis, Mo
Likely Spent the night here on Nov. XXth, 1956





History

By: Rick Pressley



This page will cover historical data or articles. There is an abundance of great stories and advertisements in the old newspapers and local archives. Takes some time searching, but I already have over 50 articles and fact sheets from recent research. If you have articles you would like to share, please send to Rick Pressley at the email address below.



NO. 58F-140

PHOTO NO. BHB 140-3

TEST DATE 12-1-58

BRAND NAME : Carter Craft
 MODEL : Seaflyte
 MFG. BY : Carter Craft Corp.
 P.O. Box 591
 Panama City, Florida

Centerline Length : 18' 3"
 Beam : 82"
 Net Hull Wt. : 785 lbs.
 Material : Sheet plywood

All tests are conducted over an accurately measured course and certified by a graduate engineer.

Mark Dual 78AEL Production Propeller No. 48-28267A1-19

Transom Height 20 1/2" Tilt Pin Hole 3

		Measured Course Speed	Aqua Meter Speedometer Speed
LOAD - A	1451 lbs. Gross (1 Person)	40.36 m.p.h.	41.0 m.p.h.
LOAD - B	2463 lbs. Gross (8 Persons)	40.00 m.p.h.	40.0 m.p.h.
	Ride-Guide Cable Length	13'	
	Remote Control Harness Length	13'	
	Remote Control Cable Length	12' Starboard & 13' Port	

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Members Locations

This information was generated utilizing the current member list provided by Bruce Danielson. I would like to take this opportunity at the start of a new team to update this subscription list. We will be sending out this newsletter to everyone on the current list. Please reply back to the email with your current information.

New Members – If you know anyone that owns or interested in Carter Craft boats, please encourage them to join our registry.

Carter Craft Registry Q4 2014

By State/Country





Member Boats



Rick & Valerie Pressley
1957 Sea Hawk
"Carolina Girl"
Indiantown, Florida



Casey Hodges
1957 Sea Lark
"Hurricane Minnie"
Venice, Florida



Ed Dominiak
1958 Sea Hawk
New York

Member Boats, we would like to have updated photos of your boat! In the water, at shows.
We would like to document for the club all members boats.

If in restoration, that would be great as well.

Please send photo, year, make, engine size and boat name to pressleyrick@gmail.com



For Sale



\$30.00 Need To be Re Plated
Inserts have no cracks, but are Worn.
Can barely make out "Carter Craft"
Contact Rick Pressley 561-459-5380



Shirts and Hat Available – For Sale
If interested contact me and I will provide information





Next Newsletter Articles

2016 ACBS Show In Tavares, Fl.

By: Rick Pressley

Lunch With Harlan Wilson (Carter Craft Employee), Odeal Carter Gainer (Bob's Top Shop) and Winston Chester (Author Of "Full Box")

2015 Bay County History Museum Carter Craft Show

Panama City, Florida

Member Boats (I need yours)



Show Schedule

Oct - 2016 Bay County History Museum Show In Planning Stages.

Tentative Date is 3rd Weekend in October. They had several Carter Crafts on display and over 175 people attend. We need your support. I have volunteered to help with this show and will focus on 65th anniversary of the boats.



March 2016 Sunnyland ACBS Show In Tavares, Fl

If you have a show you are attending, please send to me to advertise. Let's try to get other Carter Crafts visible at shows.