

Carter Craft

Registry

Happy New Year



January- February 2017

Restoring the "Florence K"



Belinda Barney
Gallatin, Tennessee



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Current Registry

Members (Boats)– 44
Guest – 24

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Happy New Year!

First my apologies for the tardiness of the newsletter. My company is moving our 3D Printing operation from Wickliffe, Ohio to Fairborn, Ohio. We are moving closer to our customers at Wright Patterson airbase. This effort has kept me on the road. Since Christmas, I have been in hotels more than I have been home. But, enough about that.

The year has started off great for the registry. Our show coverage for the 2nd Annual November show has given us more visibility on the World Wide Web thanks to Winston Chester and Panhandle Outdoors. We have four new members and three new boats as a result. Exciting, we are now at 44 boats. Since I started the registry.

I continue to research the hull numbers and we have 14 boats on the registry that have not provided hull numbers. If you are one of those, please take time to locate the numbers and provide to the registry. The locations are provided in the newsletter. If you would provide yours, it would help greatly to continue to document and identify year vs hull numbers. Thanks in advance.

We have 7 members that have not responded to any emails. These members may have moved, changed emails or sold the boats. Updated information needed. I will be sending out a form in the March newsletter. If you would supply this information, it would be of great help in accurately documenting as much information about these boats as we can possibly assemble. The part of this I enjoy the most is the history. It gives me great satisfaction to speak to owners and gather the historical data on the fine boats. Harlan Wilson and Odeal Gainer are proving to be a great asset for documenting information.

I am also working to get the registry a website we can all be proud of. If you have experience with building websites, I welcome your support.

I want to thank the boat owners for making our November show a great success. Jim and Jane Hickey(Ga), Sam and Belinda Barney(Tn), Sue Bingham Herring(Fl), Senator George Gainer(Fl), Pat Pulaski(Fl, even though he stole my first mate, Donovan), Mike Miller(Fl), Robert & Lynne Moore(Fl). A special thanks to Don Hixson, Jr.(Tn), former boat owner with a lot of nautical miles in a Carter Craft.

Special Guest, Harlan Wilson former employee of Carter Craft and Carter Boats. Owner of Wilson Boat works. Odeal Carter Gainer, co-owner of Bob's Top Shop. The Bay History Museum staff that made this a great show. Miller Marine and Bay Cars for great sponsorship. And a big thanks to Panhandle Outdoors, Winston Chester. He provided us great coverage on local TV and on the internet.

I am putting together a special edition of the newsletter for early February with full coverage and credits. Becky Saunders is assisting with getting all the names correct. This will properly thank and recognize all the folks that were key to the success of the show.

This year's show will be back in Panama City and planning for an early October date. If you would like to help with planning and preparations, please send me an email or give me a call.



January Spotlight

“Florence K”

Belinda Barney
Gallatin, Tennessee

My story does not have any sentimental ties to family memories and Carter Crafts and I didn't even know that a Carter Craft existed. What I knew was that I loved wooden boats and had a dream of owning a Chris Craft. I was constantly looking for Chris Crafts on Craigslist. I would either find one way above my price range or way above my restoration skills. Boating season ends way too soon in Tennessee and all of my friends know I get the “fall funk”. So to try to fight my “funk”, I was looking for a project to work on over the winter while my husband would work on his classic cars in the winter.

I was sitting in my husband's garage while he was piddling and watching a NASCAR race. I once again searched Craigslist for Chris Crafts. I found a post that came up and it was a wooden boat – Carter Craft. I had never heard of that brand. I read the ad and noticed it was only about fifteen miles away. It sparked an interest but I wasn't sold. However, it was in my price range, but what is a Carter Craft I thought? I tried to Google it but there was not much information to be found.

Finally I stumbled on to something online that mentioned that Carter Craft was used as one of the tow boats for Cypress Gardens. WHAT? Oh, now I am very interested because I loved going to Cypress Gardens and watching the ski shows. I went to Cypress Gardens just a few years



before it closed and they were having a wooden boat show. An older gentleman saw me admiring his boat and told me his wife was not feeling well and asked if I would like to ride in the parade with him. Of course I said yes and had one foot in the boat as my husband at the time abruptly picked me up and out of the boat. He said we needed to go watch the ski show again something that he previously said he didn't want to do. He asked me what you were thinking. You don't know that man. Well of course I was thinking that I was going to be in a wooden boat parade and I didn't think much past that.

Okay back to the ad. I called the gentleman who had placed the ad and he told me that he really had no interest in the boat that he had found in in a barn at an estate sale. He said really didn't want the boat but just could not leave her sitting there.

The boat had a hole about the size of your fist that he had repaired and he had done some general cleaning and tweaking but the boat was not in that bad of shape. He even told me that he had taken the boat out and pulled a skier. Ok, so now I have to go see the boat. I mean it is only fifteen miles from me. I tell my husband that I am going to go look at the boat and he asked me to

wait until after the NASCAR race is over but of course I can't wait that long. So here we go to look at the boat. It looked a little awkward to me with the top up and that horn. I mean how a small boat would need that much of a horn. I looked inside the boat and the interior looked great to be original and then there was the set of Cypress Garden Dick Pope Skis. (I already had a wooden ski collection going). Okay, done deal. Hook the boat up, we are taking her home. We didn't have the right size ball on our truck so the gentleman pulled it to our house.

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January Spotlight

“Florence K”

Belinda Barney
Gallatin, Tennessee

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So here I have my winter project I would sand and varnish the boat during the winter while my husband worked on his cars. So I thought, my husband had recently purchased a car lift for his shop and before I knew what was happening they had rigged up a sling and put the boat on the car lift and it became a three party project with his buddy. We painted, varnished and re-chromed most of the parts. We all enjoyed working on the boat and seeing her change. She made some of the most prized possessions in the garage like Corvettes and Harleys take a bow. We had a little trouble getting her going as the wiring had been changed and for that story you should ask my husband. Anyway, we took her to the lake we like on in Tennessee – Old Hickory. She just would not run strong. Due to some personal and business issues that kept us busy she stayed in the garage for a few years. We had several other boats to use.

I always knew I wanted to name her Florence K. After my Granny Florence Katherine McClanahan and I knew she would probably never take a ride but I planned on doing a video and showing Granny the boat named after her. I regret my procrastination because Granny went to Heaven in January 2016. I also lost my Dad at 68 in March and my Uncle Bub 66 in June. It's been a hard year but it has made me realize not to put things off. Plan for tomorrow but live for today. So truthfully we don't have a lot of memories yet on the

Florence K. However she is up and running and ready to be a part of the Panama City Boat show. So our journey together begins.



“Florence K”
Florence Katherine McClanahan)



1955 Evinrude
25hp



Belinda Barney With Harlan Wilson
At Panama City Show 2016
One OF Her Many Awards At the Show



Shows are in full swing. The Sunnyland show is one of the best around. Come on, let's show off those Carter Craft boats. We and interest from several boats in Panama City. Don't let me be the only one again!

Register at the address shown for the web

THE SUNNYLAND ANTIQUE BOAT FESTIVAL

30th Anniversary Celebration



VINTAGE RACE BOATS
~~~~~  
**AMPHICARS**  
~~~~~  
WOODY CARS
~~~~~  
**ANTIQUA OUTBOARD MOTOR DISPLAY**  
~~~~~  
\$10.00 FOR THE WEEKEND FREE PARKING IN THE CITY GARAGE

LIVE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE
~~~~~  
**NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET**  
~~~~~  
FIELD OF DREAMS WOOD BOATS FOR SALE
~~~~~  
**FOOD VENDORS**

**March 23-26, 2017**  
**WOOTEN PARK ON LAKE DORA**  
**IN THE CITY OF TAVARES, FL**  
**BOATS ON DISPLAY ON LAND AND IN THE WATER**  
All information is on our website:  
**[www.acbs-sunnyland.org](http://www.acbs-sunnyland.org)**

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!**

*It's that time of year again!!! Dig your boat out of that cold barn, grab some sunscreen, and join your Sunnyland Friends in Tavares for our 30th annual Boat Festival March 23-26, 2017 at Wooten Park on Lake Dora in Tavares Florida. Our On-Line Registration opens January 3rd! Look for more information in the coming days and we can't wait to see you at the show!!!*

# Carter Craft



1958 Sea Hawk  
Hull #5663 has a New Owner  
Alan Parker  
Byhalia, Mississippi

Acquired boat from Steve Worley January 2017. Plans are to use boat as is. A great survivor. This boats original owner was Don Hixson. Look for an upcoming story on this boat. For now Alan plans on using on lake at it's new port of call with an updated engine.



Power Provide By  
1966 Homelite 55



Appears To Be  
Original Cushions



# Carter Craft



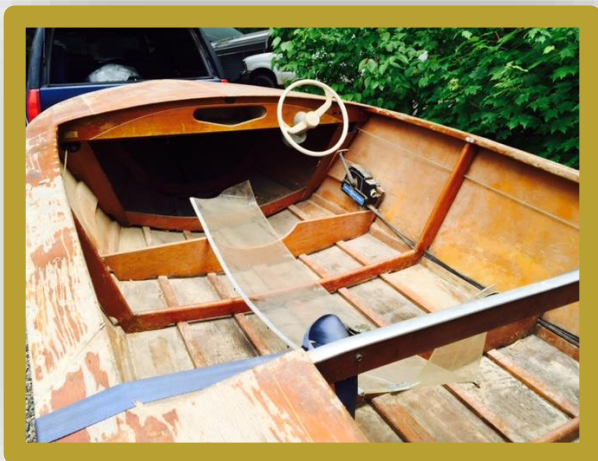
1952 Runabout  
Hull #5002 Original Owner  
Luna Daffin  
Blairsville, Ga.



These are some pictures of it in it's current state, plus one picture of it when in it's prime being towed by my 1972 El Camino. (The plastic strip in the picture of the inside of the boat is the windshield.)



The boat has always been in our family. It was my brother's 14th birthday present, and based on his age we think it's a 1952 or 1953 14' model. The hull I.D. # is 5002. It came with a 30 Hp (short shank) Johnson motor and a Gator trailer. The motor had to be replaced and it now has a short shank 65 Hp Mercury motor. The trailer is the original.



Several years ago it needed to be re-sealed and refinished. The man doing the restoration died before he finished. At the time of his death he had 4-5 boats in various stages of refurbishment. His son had quite a task identifying owners and putting their boats back together to return to them. I finally got my boat back, as it is, this past summer. He still hasn't been able to locate some of the hardware. The boat needs a lot of work to get it back in top notch shape. The wood is very solid and in good shape except it needs sanding and refinishing. The seats do need to be rebuilt. After it is restored it will once again be a beautiful little wooden boat. It has a lot of sentimental value to me.

## FFS – Future Feature Story



# Carter Craft

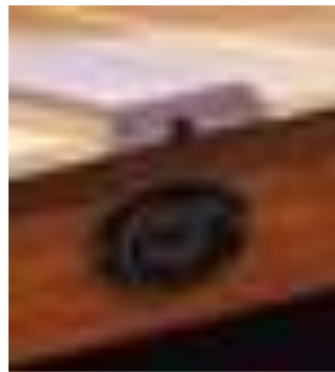
## REALLY?



1952 ? 14ft  
Hull # 2204, 3<sup>rd</sup> Owner  
Travis Huffman  
Dahinda Illinois 61428

Engine 1956 Elgin 25hp  
Beautifully Restored  
Purchased in 2016. 3rd owner.  
Original owner was an  
Undertaker

When I received the call from Travis indicating he had found my info on the internet. He stated he had a Carter Craft boat. He forwarded me a picture of the boat he has. My first thought is this is not a Carter Craft. This looked nothing like any Carter Craft I had ever seen. This must be a mistake based on the design of the boat. Travis forwarded more pictures. The side view definitely looks like a 14ft runabout and logo on the side is correct for that period. Even the familiar Carter Craft brass and black tag on the dash are correct. Look more on this boat in March edition.



The boat is possibly for sale, if interested please contact me and I will get you in contact with Travis. Truly unique and beautiful.  
If you have any info on other Carter Crafts similar to this one, please speak up.

## FFS – Future Feature Story

# Carter Craft

## "Sinbad"

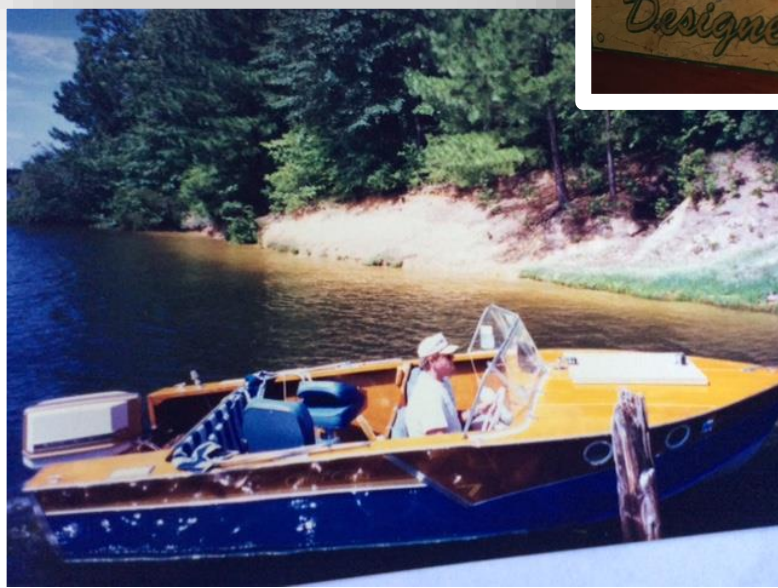


1952 ? 14ft  
Hull # Requested, 2nd Owner  
Edwin Spurlin  
Yantis, Texas 75497



Appears the show coverage is getting us some great advertisement. I have received multiple calls from folks finding our information on the internet.

Mr. Spurlin was one of those folks. This boat has been stored inside most of its life and is in great shape. He was interested in finding out more of the history of the boats and indicated he may be interested in selling. Welcomed him to the registry and his boat is shown here. If you are interested, contact me and I will get you in touch with Mr. Spurlin. Looks like a great find.



### **FFS – Future Feature Story**

# Carter Craft

## Back In Time



Photo provided by Becky Saunders (It was on display at the November 2016 Show.)

Velma's was a relatively elite ladies clothing store (that even mixed custom facial powders) where I worked wrapping Christmas gifts in the second half of the '60s. Miss Velma Sutherland was well known in Panama City and I frequently accompanied my mother there. The boat in the pictures looks to me like about a '57-'59 Carter Craft. The sign is for Gulf Marine, which was one of the local dealers, and was owned by the Mizells who lived just down the street from us (also assuming Mrs. Mizell shopped there too). I imagine my dad and Mr. Mizell convinced Miss Velma it would get a lot of notice for her store. My dad was a very creative promoter!. Keep in mind Panama City was pretty small back then.

*(Story provided by Sue Bingham Herring. Daughter of Tom Bingham, President of Carter Craft.)*

# Carter Craft

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| <b>Last Event</b>           | DISSOLVED BY PROCLAMATION |
| <b>Event Date Filed</b>     | 05/13/1969                |
| <b>Event Effective Date</b> | NONE                      |

Great information found in public records. Confirms that 2016 was the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Carter Craft. I found this confirmation on Florida Business Records Website.

Carter Craft – Tom Bingham



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Florida Profit Corporation  
CARTER BOATS INC

**Filing Information**

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Carter Boat – James Carter Name Change

**Events**

**CARTER BOATS INC**

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|-----------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| NAME CHANGE AMENDMENT | 10/24/1963 |                | OLD NAME WAS : CARTER -JAS- INC |

# Carter Craft

## Members & Guest

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

### Guest

Don Hixson Jr.- McDonald, Tn.

### Members

Alan Parker – Byhalia, Mississippi  
Travis Huffman – Dahinda, Illinois  
Luna Daffin – Blairsville, Georgia  
Edwin Spurlin – Yantis, Texas

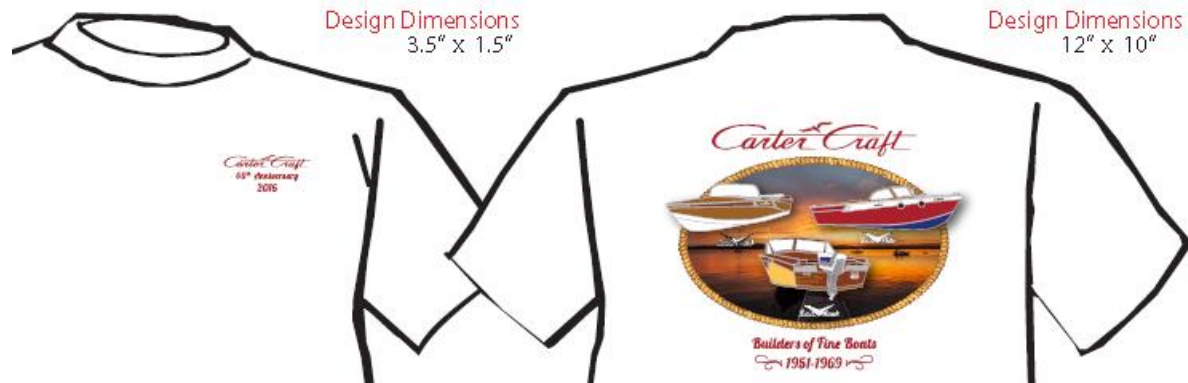


## Carter Craft Registry Q4 2014

By State/Country



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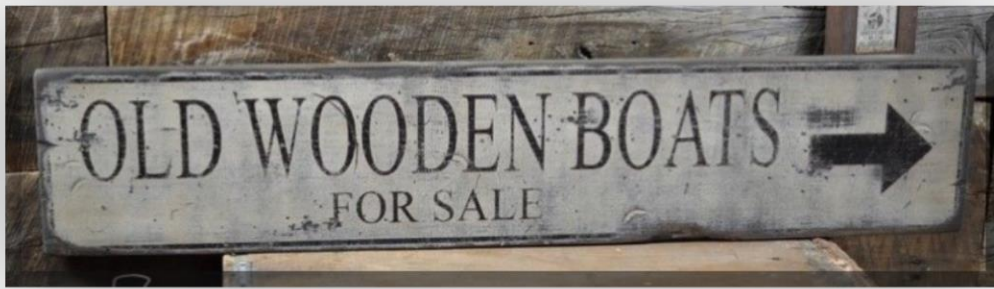
***I have the following shirts left over:***

- 1 Large Yellow – Men's***
- 1 Medium Green – Ladies***
- 2 Small White – Men's***

*First Come First Served*

*If you would like one of these shirts, please send selection to email  
and payment to:*

Valerie Pressley  
16300 SW Pinto Street  
Indiantown, Florida 34956



*Carter Craft*



1961 Carter Craft

Imperial 19' Runabout

Expanded Royalite  
(Pre-Fiberglass)  
All Original



90 Hp, 1964 Evinrude Outboard  
"Little Dude" Galvanized Trailer  
Note Hatch and Port Holes

Serious Inquiries Only  
Want her to go to a good home.  
Needs Some Restoration  
Boat has been in storage facility  
Not been in the water sine 1983



Contact Lewis White

713-249-1033 or

[LewisWhite77@Hotmail.com](mailto:LewisWhite77@Hotmail.com)

This boat needs a great home!

**Still Available**

# Carter Craft

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



# Carter Craft

## Where Is My Carter Craft Hull Number?



On my Sea Hawk, it is located to the right of the steering wheel.

Information I was provided says they were on left side of dash, but had to be visible from seat.



Approx. ½ " Tall

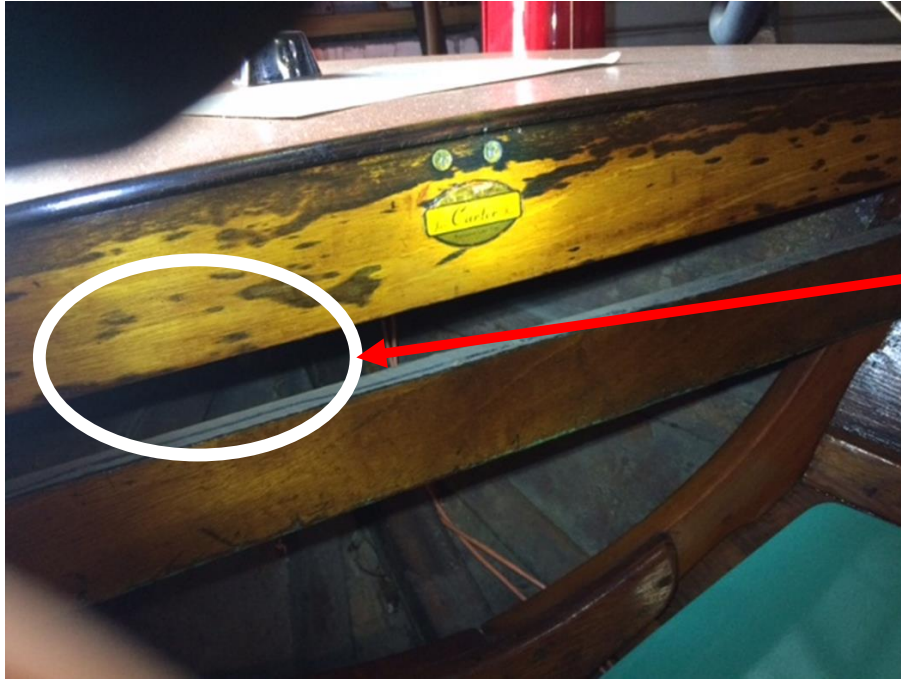
# Carter Craft

## Carter Boats

## Where Is My Carter Boat Hull Number?

It is located to the Left  
Side of Boat

Information I was  
provided says they were  
on left side of dash, but  
had to be visible from  
seat.



Approx. 1/2 " Tall



Special Thanks to  
Robert Moore For  
the Photos

# Carter Craft



## Looking Forward

Sunnyland – Tavares, Fl March 23-26

Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival – April 20-23



Special Show Coverage, 24 pages plus  
Publication Date 2/10  
Stay Tuned, lots of photos

*Check Out The ACBS website  
for shows near you. We need  
active participation to cover boat  
shows. Let's put Carter Craft on  
everyone's the map!!!!*

