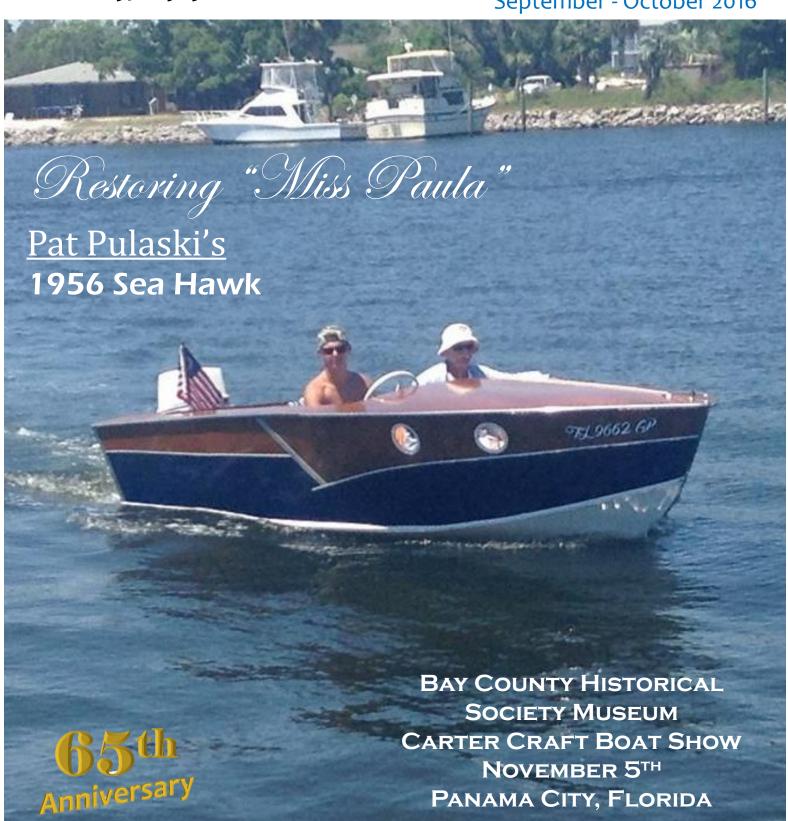
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FROM THE EDITOR

Rick Pressley

Who Will Talk e The Helm?

George Jones wrote a song a few years back called "Who's gonna fill their shoes". As I travel to boat and car shows across the country, I notice that most folks are my age and older. I looked in particular at a 1927 Hackercraft that shows up at Tavares, Fl. each year from Georgia. Great couple in their late 70's or early 80's. They travel down each year trailering the boat. It is a magnificent find that they restored together. Made me think of what will happen to that beautiful boat when they are gone. Will their kids, grandkids appreciate or have an interest in preservation or just sell off to highest bidder. One of the biggest concerns of automobile enthusiast is that the hobby dies out after this generation or forgets the cars that are popular today. The classic and antique cars will rust away with the music of the same period, or will they? I was impressed with Sunnyland ACBS, they have a great SCAMPY program that teaches the younger crowd how to build, finish and pilot the boats. Setting the stage for the next generation to take the helm.

When I bought my bought from Bruce Danielson, Three generations went to pick up this beautiful rare boat. My intent was to instill into the next generation the importance for family and make future caretakers for these great boats. I have already instructed my son that this boat never leaves the family. One day it will pass to my son, then to my grandson. In the meantime we are busy making memories that will outlast me, and that is what it is all about.

Bruce took a piece of history and made a memory maker out of it. If you ask him, he



has many fond memories with this boat and now his efforts are being enjoyed by my family. It is my goal to instill into my grandchildren the kind of memories that will make them reflect on the great times they had on the boat with "G'daddy and GiGi" and want to continue to share with their kids one day.

I have started them early. My granddaughter Kelsey loves to help get it ready to go in the water and at 10 she says she is ready to be the ship's Captain. My grandson Donovan always plays in the bow area and pretends he is sleeping on the water. We will do that for real this fall as soon as we get a little relief from the bugs and South Florida heat. Let's get the younger crowd involved in preservation of these unique and beautiful boats. It is not just about the boat, it is about building lasting relationships and memories. Hope to see you at a show soon, with kids or grandkids in tow.





"Miss Paula"

Pat Pulaski

Pennsicola, Florida

My Carter Craft story is long and begins before I was born. It was 1957, my father who was a naval aviator was going through further training at Wolf Field in Elberta Al. near Pensacola. He met and married my mom and they moved to Bon Secure on the east coast of Mobile bay. He was an avid fisherman, diver and boater. (the first frog man in the navy) My mother loved the water also, so for his birthday she went to the local bank in Foley, Al. and told them that she was the wife of a Navy Pilot and asked for a loan to buy a boat for her husband, basically the loan officer said "sign here " and she left with enough money to go to the local dealer and buy a 16 foot Carter Craft. It had a 35hp wizard motor from Western Auto. Yellow top sides, white bottom varnished deck, with all of the pinstripes of course. They named it "Miss Nell". After their newborn daughter. The first day out they took it to lake Shelby in Gulfshores AL .What an exciting day for them all. Then the motor fell off! They tried hard to recover it with grapples and diving, but never found it. That poor motor is still lying there, with less than an hour on it. They bought a 1957 Johnson big twin. Pull start. They Fished, mostly trolling in the gulf, went snorkeling and skiing for two years until my dad was transferred to Lakehurst NJ. They stored the boat moved to NJ and I was conceived. They were re assigned to Pensacola and the boating continued. Now it's 1960 I was 9 months old. We were camping at fort McRae at the



entrance of Pensacola bay. My dad, my mom, my 4year old brother, my 6 year old sister and myself. We had a big green canvas Colman tent on the beach. After dusk a big storm hit and blew over the tent. My father decided to take us back to the marina. Sherman Cove on board NAS Pensacola. It was not even a mile away. He put me under the bow in the " cuddy" and started the motor, but when he put it into reverse the prop got ahold of the stern line. He had already cast off the bowline so we drifted with the current and wind into Pensacola pass and then out into the Gulf of Mexico .I was in the bow and he was in the water trying to untangle the prop, big rain, big waves, big wind. My siblings and mother had run into the old concrete fort, dark and scary. My mom was a smoker so she had a zippo lighter and they made their way into one of the ammunition storage rooms of the fort. After a while my father had the line untangled from the propeller. He got back in the boat but didn't know where he was because the conditions were so bad. In his tackle box he had a safety match container with a small compass on top. He figured if he just went north he would hit land. He did until he saw the Pensacola light house and was able to navigate back to the fort where he found my mother and

took us all back to the marina and home. The next day my dad went back to retrieve the tent, and we went to church. A few years later we got stationed to Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshal islands South Pacific and stored the boat again. We moved back to Pensacola in 1965 and the boating continued, including a family vacation to Key West with boat in tow. There were many early morning trips trolling in the gulf for Spanish mackerel and whatever else would bite. Did I mention early? I learned how to ski and fish and adjust the high speed carburetor mix. We used the boat for years but in the early seventies it had rot problems and my dad gave it away. getting longer. (cont. page 5)



Restoring

"Miss Paula"

Pat Pulaski

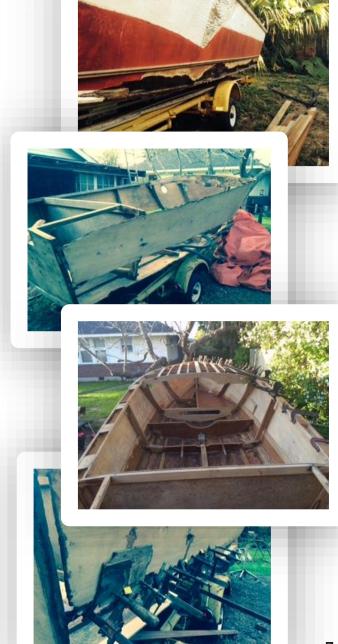
Pennsicola, Florida

Miss Nell gave me an early love of wooden boats and I never forgot the sound of water splashing on the hull while my sister and I huddled under the bow looking through the port lights. When I got older I started restoring and building wood boats, 18 or so ,but I always wanted another Carter Craft. In 2007 I was throwing a party where I met a girl who had bought a Carter craft to help out a friend but she never used it once. I made arrangements to see it and gave her \$500.00 for the boat just to help her out. Boat motor and trailer. It was the same make and model as "Miss Nell". I towed it home where it sat under a tarp until 2013.

When it became necessary to do work on my other wooden run about, a 1957 Lyman, I decided to restore the Carter Craft instead. I stripped out the entire interior, found some rot, peeled fiberglass repairs from the sides at the chine and found more rot. Started working on the decks and found more rot. " it's always worse than you think, even if you know it's going to be worse than you think". We went to New Orleans to buy mahogany marine Plywood for the new decks, side and bottom repairs as well as wood for new chine logs and spray rails. Great excuse to go to NO. I removed the decks and cut out the rot stripped off all of the layers of paint and



varnish and started patching her up and installed new decks. The transom is original but has a new layer of 1/4 ply to cover all of the old holes. I decided not to put all of the original deck hardware back on such as the light, horn, cleats. Nav lights step pads and keep the deck clean, the cleats are on the bullheads inside the boat. I also decided not to install a windshield. My memory of my dad was sitting on the seat back to see over the windshield. This was a good choice. I think. I used a 1988 40 hp Evinrude motor from my Lyman for power. After 12 coats of varnish, 4 coats of paint and two years of work we launched "Miss Paula". Named after my wife of 35 years. We won third place in the Pirates cove wood boat show in May and cruised over to Pensacola beach to watch the blue Angels air show in July as well as many rides around Perdido key she is all I remember and all I could ask for in a small light low hp eye catching boat. My Carter Craft story is long and I hope it keeps getting longer!





Presents:

2nd Annual Carter Craft & Carter Boats Show

Carter Craft



Builders of Fine Boats

These Boats Were Built in Parker, Florida Part OF Panhandle Boat History

Saturday, November 5th From 9 -4pm

Join Us

Historical Society of Bay County 223 W. 6th. Street Panama City, FL 32402

Carler Craft Member Boats





Belinda Barney's 1957 Sea Hawk



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

Back In Time









2016 Sunnyland Antique Boat Show

Tavares, Florida

March 18-20

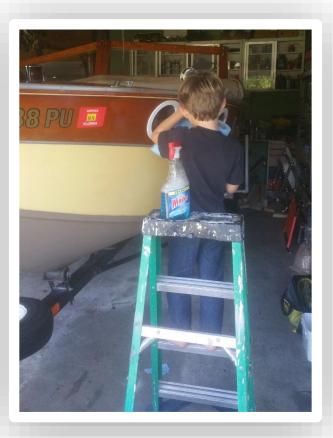
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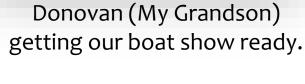
SHOW PREP

Family

Affair



Our New Mascot! Bruce, You missed a squirrel hiding in the bow.





Latest Addition To Our boat. Pair of Take – A- Long Chairs that were offered as options on Carter Craft Boats. Donated By Bob and Odeal Gainer (Owners OF Bob's Top Shop) during the Carter Craft years.

2016 Sunnyland Antique Boat Show Coverage

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Tractor Volunteer
Team Placing Boats
In Water. This makes
easy for all!





No Shortage of Wildlife By The Boat!







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Views From 57 Sea Hawk





DORA CANAL CRUISE

One of the best parts of this show. By my count over 60 boats made the cruise this year. The cruise begins at the show dock in Lake Dora. It proceeds through the tall cypress trees of the Dora Canal and enters into Lake Harris. The cruise ends at Hickory Point Recreational Facility on Lake Harris. Breathtaking views of Florida waterways and wildlife.



Our Mascot Got A Lot Of Comments From Passer's By On the Cruise!

Carter Craft DAY 2

2016 Sunnyland Antique **Boat Show Coverage**

Tavares, Florida

March 18-20

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CRUISE PICNIC @ HICKORY POINT







Time To Head Back To Lake Dora

Great Time For All! Enjoy old friends and make new ones.

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FRIDAY NIGHT - MEET AND GREET WITH AT THE MOVIE TRAIN RIDE TO MT. DORA

Included in registration, Drink and Hors D' oeuvres at the train station in Tavares. Neat train ride along the lake and thru old Florida neighborhoods. For You train buffs, this is a 1907 Baldwin Locomotive. Starred In a long list of movies including True Grit, O Brother Where art thou and the North & South part 1 and 2. Check out their website at

www.orangeblossomcannonball.com







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SATURDAY NIGHT- CAPTAINS DINNER



Music For The Evening



Dinner

Awards We had 1 boat from Australia



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SHOW SUMMARY

This show offers so much. Great food, friends and beautiful boats. Well planned and staffed with great volunteers. The best organized I have ever attended. Tractor Team puts your boat in water for you and takes it out.

They also do a northbound and southbound cruise from Jacksonville landing all the way to Lake Dora. Multiple nights in hotels and stops for food along the way. This is on my bucket list to do. Great bunch of people and ran by people that know how to plan a trip.

This was my second year and my reservations are already made for next year. Plan on attending this show, you will not be disappointed. Over two hundred boats this year.

Wood boats, great folks, old trains, bluegrass and BBQ on a beautiful lake in Florida. Make plans to attend. You have got to do

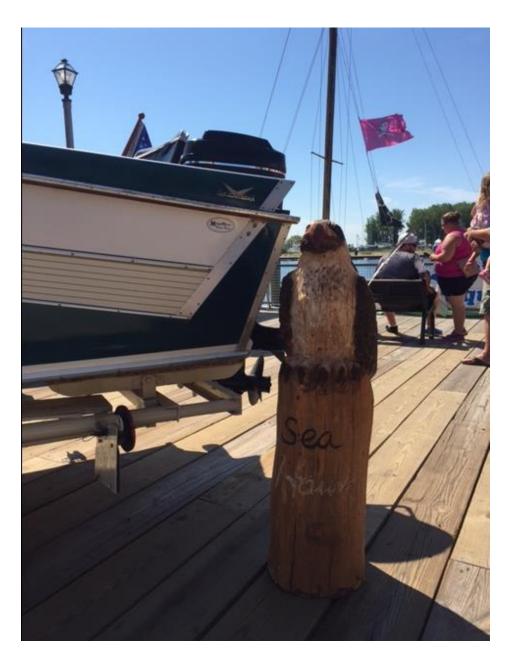
this show at least once!!!

Happy Labor Day Boating! Rick

View from drone of the folks that made the Southbound trip.



Show Reports



Hi Guys!

Well, if you ever need to increase show traffic, get the "Big Duck" to come in. Over 50,000 people showed up a canal side in Buffalo where we held our show in conjunction with the Buffalo Maritime Festival. Or, as I like to think about it, over 50K people saw a Carter Craft!!! My wife and I were at an art show earlier this year and the Chinese Women Wood Sculptors were there carving this eagle which I turned into a "Sea Hawk"!!! Just so I could display it with the boat! It was a HOT weekend I think it hit 89 on Sunday. Successful Boat show to say the least. Take care;

Edward Dominiak









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 Lewis White 77@ Hotmail.com

This boat needs a great home!

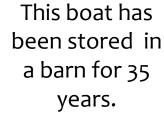
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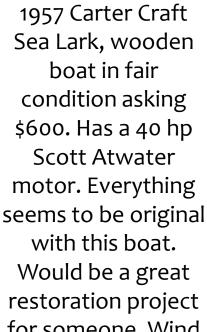












for someone. Wind Shield has a crack in one corner and there is some wood that needs to be replaced but the skeleton of the boat seems to be in good shape.

Jared Stephens 270-791-4750 or Bucksnort868@yahoo.com Pellville, Ky.

This boat needs a great home!



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

T Shirt Order Info



Deadline for orders is 9/15/2016

Please print mail order form with payment to:

Valerie Pressley

16300 SW Pinto Street

Indiantown, Florida 34956

Estimated Ship Date For Completed Orders is 10/15/2016

We need a minimum order of 48 shirts to hold pricing.

When I sent out earlier email, we had over 70 shirts. The graphics lady did a beautiful job on the artwork.

Just for clarification. I am not making any money on these shirts. Strictly covering cost of design, printing and shipping.

I have already paid the \$120.00 graphics charge.











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Carler 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 No new guest This month

Members No New Members this Month





Next Newsletter Articles
Need Your Stories
Boat Show Coverage



Deadline for next publication 10/15/16

Show Schedule

Nov 5th, 2016 Historical Society Of Bay County History Museum Show Is Set.

We have about 10 commitments, two more than last year. Our goal is a dozen boats. Let's have a great show to celebrate 65th anniversary of the founding of Carter Craft.

March 22-27th, 2017 Sunnyland ACBS Show You will love this show. For the last two years, I have been the only Carter Craft boat in the show.

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!!!!

