



Friday, October 1, 2010

Vintage Hydroplane Palooza on Lake Chelan – And More



This weekend on Lake Chelan, Washington there is very unique event taking place and Woody Boater is on hand to check it out. An exhibition of Vintage Unlimited Hydroplanes and Vintage Inboard Hydroplanes from the 1950's & 1960's returns to Lake Chelan for the 16th consecutive year.

For the first time this year, the APBA (American Power Boat Association), The Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum (located in Kent Washington), and Pacific Northwest ACBS are sponsoring a combined event of Vintage Hydroplane Raceboats, Antique & Classic Runabouts, and APBA R/C Model Raceboats. For the Radio Controlled Model Raceboats, this is their big "Norm Evans Gold Cup" race with over 30 boats entered this year. For the record, I have a hard time taking good quality photo's of full size static boats tied up at the dock... But try to take photos of these R/C boats at speed – Yikes!

Oh Boy! Oberto is one of six beautifully restored Unlimited Hydroplanes that will be running on Saturday.



Miss Wahoo (below) from 1957.





Unless you go to the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum you just don't get an opportunity to see these historic boats. We get to see them on the water and will do our best to share the experience with our viewers on Sunday morning.



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This region of Washington State produces grapes and premier wines at 15 local vineyards in the Chelan area. Right now it's "Crush Season" in the local wine industry.



Many of the Antique & Classic boats on hand are from the Pacific Northwest ACBS Chapter, and probably a few from the Columbia Willamette ACBS Chapter. Ike Kielgass is here with "Nameless" a 1948 Chris-Craft Custom 20'.



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And Rob & Susan DaPron are here with "Red Head II" their immaculate 1928 24' Chris-Craft Triple Cockpit Runabout. A few of these boats made a 50 mile trip to the west end of Lake Chelan on Friday.



Good to see the classic Shepherd "Huckledyback" again this year.



And "Greyhound" a 1921 Robert Yandt Gentleman's Racer.



"Four Bits" – We will investigate this name on Saturday...



A very nice Chris-Craft Capri.



Then we noticed this Fixer-Upper in the marina parking lot. I wonder what this fellow is thinking... "Hmmm – A little sanding, a little varnish, a motor, a few pieces of hardware, some interior..."



I am going to attempt to find out what this thing is and will report back on Sunday. If any of our knowledgeable viewer's can ID this marque – please comment, she's a sweet ride...



It appears that these hydro guys take this hobby seriously....



Very seriously.... How do they run it through the automatic car wash?



Well Matt, to celebrate the Woody Boater 4th Anniversary we are planning to stop in at the Apple Cup Cafe for some of your favorite home made pie.



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There is some kind of Apple Connection here in Chelan too...



One thing for sure, you probably have to have some Big Apples to get behind the wheel of one of these Vintage Hydroplanes and go 140. WooHoooo!



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Stay tuned for more from the Vintage Hydroplane Palooza on Sunday.

