

Introduction

We all love the view of our lake, but most of us are not content to just look at it. We also want to be on it, and what we use to do so is limited only by imagination. This year we invited members to submit their photos and stories of how they float, and the response was both extensive and varied (so extensive that, regrettably, we can't fit it all into one calendar, but many thanks for the great contributions).

So let us begin a tour of things on which people float. We will watch boats being made and restored, and being used in various ways. We will have a ride in a float plane, and take a side trip to New Orleans in a leaky canoe. We will join a pontoon flotilla, and even attend a lakeside wedding (ever try to tie tin cans to a runabout?). And of course we will go water skiing. So join us now as we weigh anchor and embark on a 12 month nautical tour of anything that floats on Long Lake.

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In 1973 Dorothy and E.J. "Jack" Cornils built a chalet style cabin on Long Lake. Dorothy grew up in Wisconsin and spent summers visiting her grandparents, aunts and uncles on Long Lake in the 1920s-30s. It was always her dream to have her own cabin here. In 1970, Dorothy and Jack were thrilled to purchase a beautiful piece of land featuring a distinctive

JANUARY

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lagoon on Schnacky Road on the east side of Long Lake, building their summer home there.

Over the years, Jack and Dorothy's own children and grandchildren spent precious summer weeks at the "Cornils Chalet." This was and remains one of their favorite places on earth. After Jack died in 1997, looking forward to brighter days ahead, Dorothy commissioned local Hemlock Canoe Company to create a red with cream trimmed canoe christened "GO YE," short for "go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Over the last two decades the canoe fell into some disrepair as kids grew into active adults, tending busy families of their own. Even so, each summer Dorothy's son Steve, three granddaughters and their families continue to gather at the Cornils Chalet, marking six generations of Dorothy's family to enjoy the lake.

Having learned to go forth on water and life owing to this winsome canoe, this summer our family decided we would again honor Jack and Dorothy, and introduce new generations to the joy of canoeing. Our family members re-crafted the seats and installed new webbing, and thoroughly cleaned and waxed "GO YE." Happily hosting new generations of canoers, "GO YE" is again plying the pristine waters of Long Lake!

---Submitted by Stephanie (Cornils) Halvorson and Stephen Cornils









FEBRUARY

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	12 Super Bowl	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Observed	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
	19	President's Day	21 Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill) Mardi Gras	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
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A Lakeside Wedding

"It was February 1953. My daughter's great, great grandfather, Aksel Nielsen, turned over several thousand acres of land to the Boy Scouts in an effort to preserve the integrity and tranquility that all of us have come to cherish about Long Lake.

Fifty years later, as a three-year-old, my daughter Grace would be forming her first memories of her time at the lake staying with her aunt and uncle in the cottage that Aksel built and her grandmother spent time in each summer.

Over the next twenty years, her fondness of the lake and the family legacy of time spent up in the north woods would grow. Her dream of getting married up at the lake became a reality in May of 2022 as she spoke her vows on a small point at the water's edge in the Boy Scout camp.

The day, in all of its preparation and anticipation, came and went. As her father, it was hard to watch her go, but seeing her leave her reception at Miles Hall on our family boat, pushing off from the dock late that night in her wedding dress with her new husband Ethan, I was at once reminded of just how blessed we have been, and our time at Long Lake has to be considered part of that blessing."

---Tom and Ellen Pointner







MARCH

2023

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12 Daylight Saving Time Begins	13	1 4	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Blackbirds Arrive
19	20 Grackles and Killdeer Arrive Spring Equinox	Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill)	22	23	24 Loon in River Above Dam	25
26	27	0 28	29 First Thunderstorm	30	31	

Camp Tomahawk Boating

Most of what Long Lakers know and see of Tomahawk Scout Camp is the boats. In the afternoons and evenings there is usually a flotilla of canoes and kayaks somewhere on the lake and sailboats glide across the lake creating a colorful display to navigate through while travelling north or south on the lake.

Sailing is one of those unique opportunities provided through the camp experience that Scouts may not have the chance to do back at home. Tomahawk is thrilled to be able to provide this and many more fun programs for youth. For Scouts particularly interested in sailing there is a Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge. To earn the badge, Scouts must identity all parts of the boat, demonstrate their ability to prepare the boat for sailing, launch, maneuver their boat through a course and stow it properly. They even need to practice capsizing the boat and perform an overboard procedure.

Voyageur Canoes have always been a part of camp, but in the last few summers the camp received three new ones (one for each Scout BSA beach). These hold up to 14 people and cut across the lake faster than you'd expect, especially if they are heading to the ice cream shop. They provide an experience a troop can do together and encourages them to work together to accomplish a common goal.

---Brian Halloran









History of Water Skiing

Have you ever had the opportunity to water ski? It's quite a rush! There's nothing like slapping a couple of boards on your feet, sinking into the water, angling the ski tips up, letting the boat slowly drag you through the water until you shout out the command "Hit it!" Then, all of a sudden, you are magically walking on water. You take a long tour around the lake and when the trip ends the boat maneuvers close to shore, you drop the tow rope and slowly float down into the water, the skis sink and you've just had the trip of your life.

APRIL

2023

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2	3 Grackles Arrive	4	S Pink Full Moon	6	7	8
Palm Sunday	Pussy Willows Open		Passover	A	Good Friday	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Sunday	4 7	10	10	20	21	22
16	17	18 Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill)	19	• 20	21	22 Lyrids Meteor Shower
		Tax Day	Frogs Sing	•		Earth Day
Lyrids Meteor Shower 30	24	25	26	O 27	28 Flickers Migrating Arbor Day	29

Who in the world ever came up with this idea?

Of all things, this sport was invented practically in our backyard. In 1922, 18-year-old Ralph Samuelson used a pair of boards as skis and a clothesline as a towrope on Lake Pepin in Lake City, Minnesota. His brother Ben towed him and they reached a speed of 20 mph.

The sport of water skiing remained an obscure activity for several years until Samuelson performed water ski shows from Michigan to Florida. The American Water Ski Association formally acknowledged Samuelson in 1966 as the first recorded water skier in history. Samuelson was also the first ski racer, slalom skier, and the first organizer of a water ski show.

Water skiing officially developed into a competitive sport in 1939. The popularity of water skiing peaked in 1972 when it was selected as an Olympic exhibition sport.

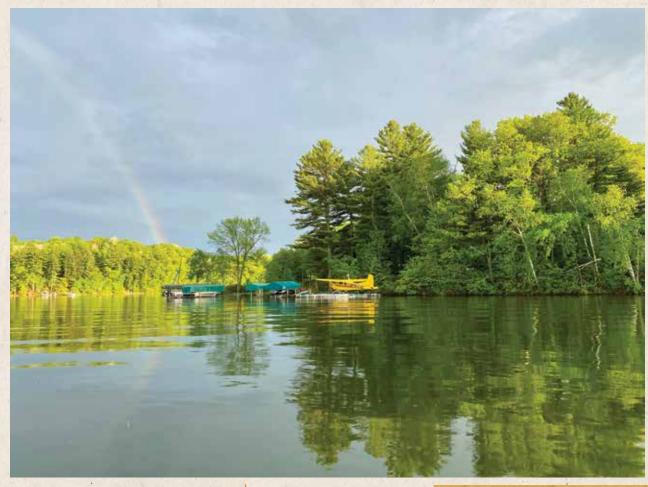
Trivia: Youngest water skier is Rich Humphreys, at 6 months and 4 days old on Lake Powell in Utah (2020). Oldest water skier is Tibor Kupferstein at 93 years and 136 days old on Lake Ida in Delray Beach, Florida (2021).

---Barb Lang









Float 'n Fly

You have probably seen a yellow seaplane flying over the waters of Long Lake, and watched it take off and land. It is a 1976 Cessna 185, belonging to Mike Poznansky, son of Randy and Linda Poznansky of Holy Island and Buffalo Grove, IL. Since it floats on this lake, and is quite unique among things that do, we asked Mike about it. This is his story.

May

2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 May Day	2	3	4	Flower Full Moon (Lunar Eclipse) Cinco de Mayo	6
7	8	9	10 Hummingbirds Arrive	11	12	13 Swallows Arrive
	Orioles Arrive		Fiddleheads Emerge	10		Trilliums Bloom
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 Crab Apple Trees Bloom	18	• 19	20 Armed Forces Day
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28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Phenology and weather notes from 2022 Astronomy notes are for 2023

Ever since the Wright Brothers broke the barrier of fixed wing flight in 1903, aviators and aeronautical engineers have explored a unique relationship between aircraft and water.

Initially, seaplanes were nothing more than land-based aircraft with the wheels removed and floats (similar to pontoon floats) installed in their place. Subsequent innovations created the "Amphib" (short for amphibious), which allowed hydraulically controlled wheels in the belly of the floats to retract for water landing or extend for hard surface runway landings. Pilots who fly amphibs need a specific endorsement from a flight examiner in addition to the 'rating' required to fly seaplanes.

By the way, if you see a seaplane taxiing, departing, or landing, it's always best to give them a lot of room. It's tempting to approach the plane and get a closer look, but sometimes that can create a hazard. Airplanes can be noisy, and good pilots try to be good neighbors by never flying too early or late at night. Takeoff is typically noisier than regular flight as the plane needs a lot of power to come off the water and safely clear obstacles.

As one of the local float plane owners, I am an aviation hobbyist, volunteering for organizations like LightHawk (a non-profit conservation group), and have had the opportunity to support the local Sheriff with missing person search and rescue efforts.

Feel free to say hello if you ever see me on the dock or out for a swim. We pilots love any excuse to talk about our airplanes.

---Mike Poznansky









Luke's Canoe Odyssey

Although this story might seem only tangentially related to Long Lake since this homemade canoe only passed through here on a journey of over 2,000 miles, this is an important reminder of the interconnectedness of our water resources. The water that starts in Long Lake eventually makes its way down the Mississippi and to the Gulf of Mexico. We should never forget that our efforts to protect the water here not only affects us but also everyone else in the greater Mississippi watershed.

JUNE

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At the age of 19, Luke Yourzak and a few friends decided that they would like to build their own canoe and use it to paddle all the way from Luke's family's cabin on Big Devil's Lake in Madge through Long Lake and all the way down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.

Luke and his friends faced many challenges, the first of which was the problem of portaging from Pepper Creek over County Highway M to get onto Long Lake. Luckily, Gene Romsos saw the boys crossing M and lent them a hand to get onto Long Lake. After portaging past the Long Lake dam, they continued down the Brill River to Rice Lake and down the Red Cedar River all the way to the Chippewa River and finally to the Mississippi River.

After reaching the Mississippi, his friends decided to end their trip, but Luke was dedicated to finishing his trip to the Gulf of Mexico. Luke faced many challenges on his own from finding places to camp, ways to pass through the locks, and keeping himself safe in an ever-leaking canoe. He spent one night on some docking immediately above a very large alligator, another within smelling distance of a dead, decaying hog. However, he persevered and reached the Gulf of Mexico by himself in his homemade canoe.

---Sage Dunham









JULY

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2	Camp Tomahawk Discovery Day Camp (K-8th grade) Buck Full Moon (Supermoon)	Camp Tomahawk Discovery Day Camp (K-8th grade) Independence Day	5 Camp Tomahawk Discovery Day Camp (K-8th grade)	Camp Tomahawk Discovery Day Camp (K-8th grade)	Z Camp Tomahawk Discovery Day Camp (K-8th grade)	8 Cakes at the Lake (Hunt Hill)
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Parent's Day	31	O 25	26	27	28	29

Floating Hot Rod

LuLu Gores received a unique gift from her husband Jim on a milestone birthday, a 1959 Twin Fin Chris-Craft Continental! It commemorated the year she was born and that made it all the more special. If you have been lucky enough to see this boat on Long Lake it is like spotting a rare bird, you do a double take. With tail fins like a car (old car aficionados, do you see a '59 Studebaker here?) this woody has been on Long Lake for four years. It had only one previous owner who is well into his 80's.

The classic Chris-Craft with flag waving provides fellow boaters an iconic image that is a reminder of a bygone era. The heritage of these mahogany boats goes back to 1874 when a 13-year-old Christopher Columbus Smith built his first boat. These early boats were called "punts" or "skiffs". The Chris-Craft Company built their first powerboats in the 1920's. The last mahogany boats were sold in the early 1970's when boats makers changed to fiberglass. Many thanks to all the "woody" owners on Long Lake for keeping these remarkable boats running and providing us with a flash of the past.

---Sandy Hovey Campbell

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Floating Works of Art

Like the feel of a kayak in the water, but can't find one that looks attractive? Build your own-that's what Phil Oinonen (Schnacky Road/ Stoughton WI) did. Then, not being contented with one, he built two more, along with special paddles. And attractive they definitely are.

Phil's first kayak started as a kit from Chesapeake Light Craft of Annapolis, Maryland. It is 17 feet in length, made from panels of Okome plywood stitched together with copper wire over a fiberglass and epoxy shell. This was a year long project.

August

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Perseids Meteor Shower						
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			Full Moon, Supermoon, Blue Moon			

This gave Phil a custom kayak, but what about his wife Paully, who also loves boats? There was but one thing to do-build another. So, a kit was acquired from Redfish Custom Kayak & Canoe Company of the State of Washington. This one is 16 ½ feet, made from quarter inch cedar strips. This project spanned eighteen months.

The third Kayak was a truly from scratch project based on plans from Redfish. This involved even more work, 18 months of it, but allowed the builder freedom to adjust certain dimensions, including cockpit location, which makes for a custom fit. Boards of poplar and clear red cedar were cut into quarter inch strips; of this part of the project, Phil says: "We made a lot of sawdust." Finishing was tedious; there are three coats of epoxy over a fiberglass sheet, followed with three coats of spar varnish. Except for cutting the wood strips and the use of an orbital sander, all work was done with hand tools. The end result is an 18'2" beauty.

Building wood kayaks is not a casual undertaking. It requires significant woodworking skills and many hours of cutting, sanding, planing and finishing. In Phil's case this was on nights and weekends, as during the entire construction period he had a full time dental practice. This was a true labor of love.

---Joe Thrasher









Pontoon Boats

The now ubiquitous pontoon boat was invented in 1951 by a farmer from Richmond, Minnesota named Ambrose Weeres. The "pontoons" were two columns of steel barrels welded together, and a wooden platform was mounted on them. A small outboard was mounted, and the steering mechanism resembled a tiller on a sailboat, which steers the boat in the direction opposite the direction in which the tiller is pushed. His invention turned out to be far more stable on the water than most boats of the time.

SEPTEMBER

2023

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10 Grandparent's Day	11	12	13	• 14	15 Rosh Hashanah Begins	16
17	18	19	20	21	• 22	23 Autumnal Equinox
24 Yom Kippur Begins	25	26	27	28	Harvest Full Moon (Supermoon)	30

Weeres must have realized there was commercial potential here, for the next year he formed Weeres Industries and began selling pontoon boats, and the rest, as they say, is history (he also invented the paddle boat in 1956). Weeres was in the first class of inductees into the Minnesota Marine Hall of Fame, and was named Mr. Pontoon by the Minnesota Legislature.

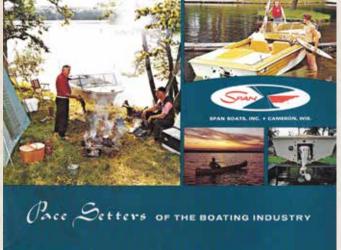
Pontoon boats were not always what we have come to expect. This writer recalls a bit of a local sensation about 40 years ago when someone mounted a then thought to be huge 100 horsepower outboard on a pontoon boat and actually pulled water skiers! Today the lake hosts 500 and 600 horse powered pontoons.

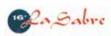
The pontoon boat has enjoyed an immense increase in popularity in this century. As when it was invented, it still is a more stable platform than most other boats. It is far roomier, allowing freedom of movement, and it usually accommodates more passengers. And, as some of the accompanying photos attest, it makes for a great party venue, or even a floating slide set. In an informal census conducted on early mornings in August of 2021 pontoons-587 of them-constituted 47% of boats docked or on lifts, more than any other category. It appears Mr. Weeres invention is here to stay.

---Joe Thrasher



















October

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day					Ground White with Snow at Dawn
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	Boss's Day					Orionids Meteor Shower
22	23	24	25	26	27	O 28
Orionids Meteor Shower						Hunter Full Moon (Partial Lunar Eclipse)
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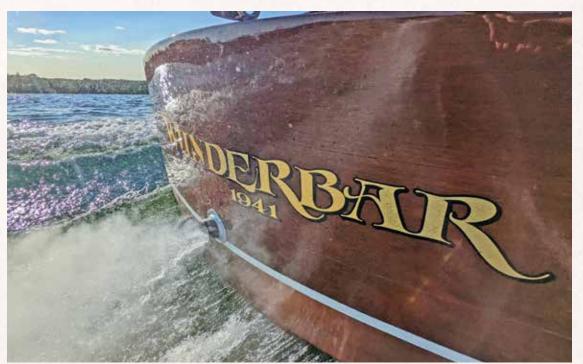
"The Wild One"

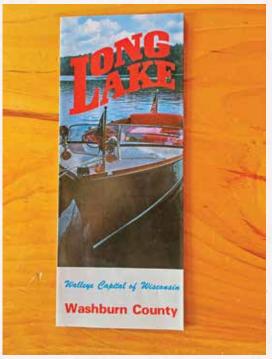
In 1968 the parents of Ken Soloman bought a boat right here on Long Lake at Kunz Marina, which is now Bees and Trees. The Span Boat Company in Cameron, Wisconsin, built the boat. What makes this boat a truly one-of-a-kind boat is its 160 MerCruiser I/O engine with a straight 6 motor, and those of you who know the sound of a certain boat know when the Span is on the lake. The boat was sold in 1975 to the Bergh and Leach families, who spent many happy summers water skiing behind the boat.

The boat aged and was in dry-dock when David Bergh offered the boat to Ken, knowing he would fully restore it to its original splendor. "The Wild One" has never left Long Lake except to briefly attend the 2016 Lake Superior Classic and Custom Boat Show, where it won the "Skipper's Choice" award. Ken and Lou Ann have the original brochure from the Span Company, partially reproduced here, with all of the promotional photos taken right here on Long Lake. Let's see if you can identify any of the locations?

---Sandy Hovey Campbell

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November

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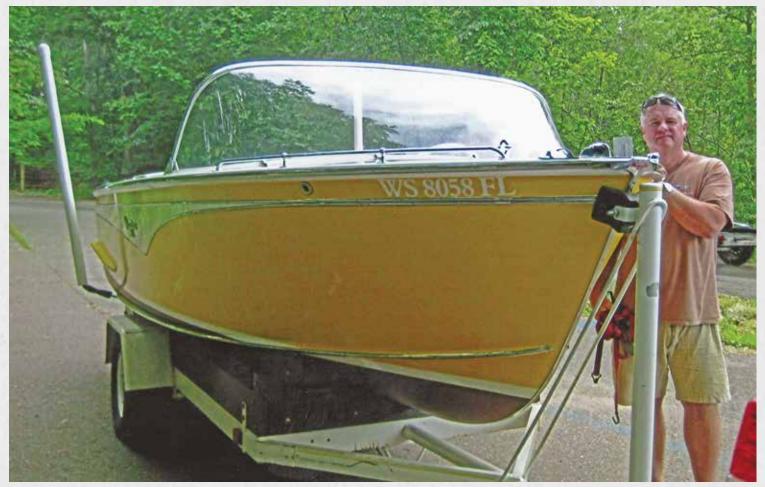
45 Years on Long Lake

In 1977, the Westhoven family made their summer home on Long Lake. After many fishing trips spanning several summers, Ed and Ilah Westhoven found the beauty and lure of the lake irresistible. They purchased a cabin that has brought much joy and fun to their family for four generations. There have been two marriage proposals, forty-five years of 4th of July celebrations which included over thirty years of yard games, watermelon carving and family-friendly competitions with the Hoffman family on the lake, and countless hours of skiing, fishing, swimming, sailing and scenic boat rides

In 1986, Ed purchased the extra member of his family, his 1940 Chris Craft. It was purchased in Milwaukee, WI and found its home here on Long Lake ever since. This special boat was featured on the cover of the 1993 Long Lake brochure (see picture) and was the winner of various awards at the Long Lake Antique Boat Show. The Westhoven Chris Craft, "Wunderbar," is a twenty-two-foot deluxe utility runabout, with an original Hercules K 100 horse power engine. This antique boat continues to bring smiles to all who venture with her.

Making memories full of laughter and love has been the heart of the Westhoven family time on Long Lake. The lake is always greeted with "Hello pretty, pretty Long Lake!" upon arrival. They are hoping for and expecting more memorable moments to come as the great-grandkids fall in love with gorgeous Long Lake, reminiscing about the past and anticipating all the joy in the future.

---The Westhoven Family







Restored Higgins

This boat is a 1958 Higgins Magnum, a 17ft long plywood boat with a 292 cu. in., 185hp Ford T-Bird engine, marinized by Dearborn Interceptor. The Higgins Boat Co. of New Orleans was famous for manufacturing the Higgins Boats used in the amphibious D-Day landings in Normandy, and in many of the beach landings in the South Pacific. After WWII, the company returned to their origins of building boats for pleasure, hunting, and trapping.

DECEMBER

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31	25	O 26	27	28	29	30
New Year's Eve	Christmas	Cold Full Moon				

My dad was a full scholarship athlete at UW-Madison, so his parents did not have to help with his college education. My parents were married in February 1958. As a wedding present, and because of the money saved on college expenses, my grandparents gave my mom and dad the money to buy the 1958 Higgins Magnum from Fritz Kunz. These boats only came in three colors - red, white, and robin's egg blue. My mom did not like any of those colors and ordered it from the factory in canary yellow, to which Higgins complied. This was confirmed when we recently restored the boat and found remnants of the robin's egg blue on the heads of the countersunk screws. My dad used to say that it was the fastest production boat on the lake. All of my siblings, as well as friends and neighbors, learned to ski behind the Higgins. Before the advent of today's luxurious pontoon boats, my family used the boat for slow pleasure cruises up to Bobby Schmidt's and back.

Over the years, David Kleven of Dave's Outboard maintained the engine and boat, and subcontracted local craftspeople to work on upholstery, wood replacement parts, and so on. Doug Karis, master airplane and boat engine mechanic who lives south of the lake on CTH M, rebuilt the motor once or twice for my parents and still does repairs and tune-ups for me today.

---John Westphal

