

Keels & Wheels
Concours d' Elegance

To: **Classic Boat Owners**
Fm: **Southwest Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS)**
and LYC Concours Corp.
Re: **14th Annual Concours d' Elegance May 2-3, 2009**

You are most cordially invited to participate in the 14th Annual Keels & Wheels Concours d' Elegance, May 2-3 at Lakewood Yacht Club on Clear Lake in Seabrook, Texas, near Houston.

Keels & Wheels is the premier combined classic automobile and vintage wooden boat Concours event in the United States. Our event last year featured 200 cars and 83 wooden boats on display to the admiring crowd of over 12,000. An additional 100 Classic automobiles and boats were part of the Auction which netted a record \$8 Million in sales. **We will again host The Houston Classic Car and Boat Auction, onsite, 11:00 Saturday.** Our event this year will benefit **Boys & Girls Harbor**

Please accept this invitation to join us this year to display one or more of your boats. Participate in an extremely fun weekend celebrating the golden era of classic boats and automobiles. The social part of the weekend includes a Friday night Auction Preview party of all the cars and boats to be auctioned and a Saturday night Dinner cruise on Clear Lake aboard a luxury cruise boat. As an alternative Friday evening, you might also prefer to sample the many wonderful restaurants in the Seabrook area. Also, as participants you are guest members of the Yacht Club with full restaurant and bar privileges.

Again this year on Thursday, April 30, will be our 3rd Annual Concours Regatta. This is an invitation to boat and car owners to come early for some fun on the water. There will be a poker run with a \$5000.00 donation given to the Boys & Girls Harbor in the name of the winner. Boat owners will be asked to leave room on their boats for at least two car owner participants. This is intended to be a fun day on the water for both car and boat owners with stops at several of the local area waterfront restaurants and lots of door prizes and trophies for participants.

We are proud to present this 14th Annual Concours d' Elegance. Lakewood Yacht Club is situated on the eastern end of Clear Lake in Seabrook, just south of Houston. Your boat can be displayed in the water or on your trailer next to the inner harbor. Over 200 volunteers, including members of ACBS and Lakewood, will be on hand to assist you and work hard to ensure that you enjoy yourself while you are aboard.

We hope that you will enter your boat this year for the Concours and make this the most outstanding display of wooden boats yet. If you cannot be an exhibitor, please come and enjoy the spectacular display of Classic Boats and Automobiles as well as the auction of collector cars and boats.

Please see our website www.keel-wheels.com and do not hesitate to call with any questions you might have.

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We hope to see you there,

<i>Robert Black</i>	<i>Paul Merryman</i>	<i>Bob Fuller</i>
Robert Black	Paul Merryman	Robert L Fuller
President, S.W Chapter	Concours Co-Chairman	Concours Chairman

Concours 2009 Instructions & Event Schedule

Please return Entry Forms (enclosed) by March 1. (Earlier if possible)

Enclose a Photo of each boat entry or send a .jpg photo to keelsnwheelssec@comcast.com with contact information and entry description.

Entry Fee of \$30.00 per boat

Thursday, April 30 - 3rd Annual Concours Regatta for car and boat owners water excursion.

- 8:00 Launch boats for regatta
- 10:00 Skippers meeting for all participants (car and boat owners) to receive water destination, poker run instructions and Bloody Mary Breakfast
- 11:30 Boats depart for Concours Regatta with car and boat owners aboard
- 12:30 Picnic lunch on Clear lake for all participants (\$25.00 each)
- 4:00 Return to Lakewood for last card and determine Regatta winners.

Friday, May 1 thru Saturday 8:00 AM

Boat owners will be allowed one Crew Pass for your support crew. (Exhibitors do not need one)
Boat launching / placement can begin Friday morning, May 1 thru Saturday morning. Please come as early as possible.

All Boats must be in place by 8:00 AM Saturday.

Boat owners may park in the designated “**Crew Parking**” area.

Volunteers will be on hand to assist with launching and placement of boats.

Secure parking for trailers and trucks located off site adjacent to Club.

7:00 – 9:00PM Auction Preview Party @ \$35.00 per person for food and cash bar and an advance look at cars and boats to be auctioned on Saturday. Or a free evening to sample the many restaurants in the Seabrook and surrounding area.

Saturday, May 2

- 8:00 Cars and boats must be in place.
Check in with Registration Desk upon arrival for info packet
- 9:00 Judging of cars and boats will begin.
- 10:00 The Concours opens to the public
People’s Choice Ballots given to spectators for People’s Choice Awards.
- 11:00 The Houston Classic Car and Boat auction will be held on site in the World Wide Auctioneers tent
- 6:30 – 9:30 Dinner Cruise on Clear Lake aboard a luxury cruise boat.
Cost \$75.00 per person w/ cash bar. Or a free evening to sample the many restaurants in the Seabrook and surrounding area.

Sunday, May 3

- 9:00 Concours opens to public and closes at 4:00 PM
- 1:00 **Presentation of Awards to car and boat owners.**

Notes: See listings of local area Hotels offering discount rates to participants.
All Participants are issued “Guest Member” Cards with full club privileges.
Security...Armed Security is provided overnight Friday thru Monday.
Make checks payable to LYC Concours Corp.
Please enclose photo.

*******Entry forms due March 1, 2009*******