

1962 SKEE CRAFT (Owner's story cont from Pg 3.) "...Minneapolis up to Red Lake. Because the Mississippi does not have locks on the dams north of Minneapolis, my father and brother had to explore a different section each weekend; on Saturday they would drive just north of where they had stopped the previous week, launch the boat, fish, explore, and relax. The next weekend they would explore the next section to the north. I accompanied them on one of these explorations, and I had a wonderful time – we saw just one other boat the entire weekend.

"For our summer vacations, we towed the boat to a lot of different locations. The first few years, we went to the lakes in Northern Minnesota, such as Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake and a series of interconnected lakes that are now part of Voyageurs National Park. Lake of the Woods was my favorite. We would fish all day, camp on a different island each night, and eat our freshly caught fish for supper - all the while enjoying the peace and quiet of the beautiful lake. Over the years, we ventured further and further away from home for our summer vacations. At different times, we vacationed on Fort Peck Reservoir in Montana, Yellowstone Lake in Yellowstone Park, the Green River in Wyoming, and Lake Powell in Arizona & Utah.

"Lake Powell was my favorite! It is in Glen Canyon, north of the Grand Canyon. We boated up many of its side canyons, each strikingly beautiful and different. The rock walls of these canyons would go straight up a hundred feet or more above our boat. We saw the abandoned villages of ancient Indians, and boated underneath a natural bridge. At the end of one side canyon, my father stepped off the boat and climbed up the wall of the canyon to take a top-down picture of our boat. When he got to the top of the canyon and looked back down he panicked. He had not realized how far up he had climbed. My father called me to climb up to him, bringing along our anchor rope and the largest screwdriver in our tool kit. He forced the screwdriver into a large crack on the top of the canyon and tied our anchor rope to the screwdriver. We climbed back down without any mishap, holding onto the anchor rope as a safety line all the way down. I wonder if that rope is still hanging there! Lake Powell was the perfect lake for a family vacation, and our boat was the perfect boat."

[BYB: Okay, family boat stories don't get much better than that!]



1952 CHRIS CRAFT EXPRESS CRUISER 31'

1952 CHRIS CRAFT EXPRESS CRUISER 31'. Owner's son says, "My father has a 1951 Chris Craft 31ft Express Cruiser with twin Model M 130 hp engines and reduction gears available for restoration or parts. My parents are the second owners and bought the boat in 1968 after returning from the Worlds Fair in Montreal. The whole family went by boat (a 22ft Trojan with a single engine). The engine lost its water pump during the trip through one of 7 the locks stranding the family for a day. My Dad swore he would never have another single engine boat and with the family growing he started looking for a larger one. He found the 1951 Chris Craft advertised in the local paper by a guy who managed the local 7Up bottling plant. It was docked in Clayton NY at the time. The original owner told him the boat wintered in Florida a couple of years but was in the 1000 Islands each summer.

"The boat has been in Alexandria Bay NY since we bought it. It has been

...in covered storage when not in use. We took impeccable care of the boat until a severe winter windstorm in 1991 knocked part of the boathouse onto the boat snapping the bolt-on keel and windshield. The gunwales and top were also damaged. The keel has been replaced. The boat has not been used since 1991. All hardware is original except the steering wheel which is missing. Interior and both engines, reduction gears, props, rudders, and shafts are in good order. Engines have been turned over by hand yearly. One engine was totally overhauled in the late 80's and the other had a complete valve job the following year. Boat is perfect for a good mahogany woodworker. Boat is in covered storage in Alexandria Bay NY." Asking \$4000 (negotiable). Contact Nick at narvan2000@aim.com



1959 WAGEMAKER WOLVERINE 16'

1959 WAGEMAKER WOLVERINE 16'. Owner says, "35hp Super Seahorse motor (Johnson). Has been stored inside. Has not been in the water since the 70's. Needs TLC." Asking \$1500 OBO. Contact Daniel at 810-679-4497 or crowsellclerk@yahoo.com. Crosswell, MI



1953 CHRIS CRAFT SUPER DELUXE EXPRESS CRUISER 27'. Owner says, "Rare 1953 Chris-Craft Bull Nose Super Deluxe Express Cruiser 27 ft, lying in Stockton, CA. This is a beautiful boat, runs well and has a great layout. A lot of restoration work has been done, and it is very usable as the restoration work continues. 107 of this model built, this is #104, originally sold in Stockton, no salt water use, twin straight 6 cyl Hercules K Series made between 1937 & 1963, new running gear, new props, shafts, and stuffing boxes, 2 spare props, refurbished gas tank, all original hardware, all gauges work, completely rewired 12v system, and newly rebuilt transom. Bottom paint, new zincs, and 4 or 5 planks replaced completed 9/17/09. New interior, sleeps four, port-a-potty, sink, microwave, oil lamp, ice box, 2 anchors, 6 new life jackets, flares, full mooring canvas cover (covers entire boat). A nice classic that is ready for the next classic boat lover offered at \$8,000 obo." Contact Dan at pappy7689@mypacks.net (CA) [10/27: Reduced to \$4,000.]



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1961 WHIRLWIND 16'. with 1961 Evinrude Starlite 75 HP motor, on a dual axel trailer. Owner says, "...although we are not boat collectors we do have a solid boat, with an original motor that is running and easy cranking. Both the boat and motor are 1961 models. This boat has been in storage for years. This boat is a project that could be a complete remodel to show quality, or it could easily -- with some minor work -- be a great looking boat to ride and enjoy. When we purchased