

WINE COUNTRY

The 34th Annual Wine Country Classic Boat Show was held on July 16 and 17, 2016, in beautiful Hammondsport, New York. The weekend was spectacular. The weather could not have been more perfect. We had more boats at this year's show than previous years. This year's theme was "Boats built in the Finger Lakes." — Patti Bandy



ABOVE: Bob Fletcher's 2007 Gar Wood 28' Custom Runabout, *Razzle Dazzle*.

RIGHT: When Michael Jakubowski acquired *Blythe Spirit*, it was in pieces, but everything was there. The boat was found in a field near a white-painted fence. Whenever the fence was painted, the boat was also painted, which most likely saved the wood.

The 1938 Gar Wood 22' Streamliner is the first, the prototype. "I have a letter in my files which discusses the Streamliner being available with red, blue, or green decks. When I acquired the boat, all the canvas was gone except for small pieces under the deck hardware. Sure enough, there was evidence of red, blue, and green paint. There may have been one other with the canvas deck. As far as we know, *Blythe Spirit* is the only one existing."

The engine is original except for the block. "As I understand, the block fell off a truck while being transported on a very cold night when the boat was in Wisconsin. It was cracked/damaged beyond repair. All else is factory, including the V-drive."

