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December 2006

From the Pilot House

The Newsletter of the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters

"What boat should I build next?"

It's a question we've all heard. Maybe we have even pondered it ourselves. Our first indoor meeting of the winter season was designed to help answer that question. "Researching Your Next Project", was an excellent Powerpoint presentation by Matt Engebretson which gave us a variety of places to look for inspiration. Those include movies and television shows as well as books and web sites. There are Navy vessels, working vessels, historic vessels, fictional vessels and pleasure vessels. Matt gave us information on various resources – both print and online – for locating designs and plans; he even included boat yards, boat designers and maritime museums. Thanks, Matt; well done! Your presentation should help us add to the variety of craft on the water come next April.

Executive Board Members:

At the November meeting the members chose the following as our Executive Board for 2007: David Wendel, George Turnquist, David Krohn, Howard Hansen, Matt Engebretson and Steve Ebel. The board will divide up the various responsibilities at their next meeting, Monday, December 4th, and they will announce who is filling which position at the club meeting on Dec. 11th.

Other Items from the November meeting:

Richard Starr mentioned two items:

+ There is a Craft and Toy Show in Geneseo, IL on Sun., Jan. 7, 2007, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It will be held at the school gym. If you are interested in taking a boat to display, please contact Richard by Dec. 11th.

+ If you are interested in a 9 1/2" X 4" MBMB logo sewn onto a jacket, there is a person who will do it for \$30 if you provide the jacket and \$65 if you want to buy the jacket too. For more information on either of these items, contact Richard at 309-738-9235.

Note: 3 1/2" X 3" MBMB emblems are available from the club for \$12 each. See Dave Krohn.

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Winter Season Meetings & Programs:

As in past years, our winter meetings take place at the Bettendorf Community Center, 2204 Grant Street, Bettendorf, at 7:00 PM, usually on the second Monday of the month: November through March. **Mark these remaining dates on your calendar(s):**

Dec. 11 (Mon.) Winter Maintenance (David Krohn)

Jan. 8 (Mon.) Soldering and connections (Steve Ebel)

Feb. 13 (TUE) Open

Mar. 12 (Mon.) Open

In order to make our meetings interesting and helpful we need ideas and presenters for programs. What would you like to learn about? What could you show the rest of us how to do? Do you need help with wiring, for example, or can you show us how you do it? Let any of the board members know your area of interest or expertise. If you would like to give a presentation on a topic of your choosing, please notify any member of the board, ASAP.

Show-and-Tell:

Whether you decide to give a presentation or not, everybody can bring something for Show-and-Tell. For the winter meetings, please plan to bring a nautical project of some kind to the meetings. It can be at any stage of concept, design, drawing or construction. It would be interesting to bring the same project each time we meet, so we can all observe it's progressive development.

Nautical Tales:

Once again, we remind you that we would like to hear your stories of how you got into model boating. If you fill out the questionnaire, we'll tell your story in our newsletter. (You'll be famous!)

Mall Show:

Mark your calendar(s) for the Northpark Mall RC Model Show sponsored by the Davenport Radio Control Society. It is March 17 (Sat.) Setup begins at 7:00 AM. Stores open about 10:00. Wrap up is about 3:00 PM

2007 Events:

We are just beginning to chart our dates for 2007:

May ? ? ? ? ? Senior Voice Event, Mississippi Valley Fairground, Davenport

July 4 (Wed.) Cardboard Boat Regatta, Sunset Park Marina, Rock Island

We will also have the VanderVeer Concerts in the Park, Bix Fest and Fall Festival.

Soon we will probably be scheduling some Fun Runs as well as our annual regatta.

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Winter Maintenance: (from the Wisconsin Scale Boating Association newsletter)

"Winterize your boat? Right now you're saying, 'what can go wrong?' It's not like the models sit outside in the snow like their full sized counterparts. They do, however, have some special needs that should be addressed. Let's cover the basics. Batteries; Remove them from the boat and transmitter and store them properly. NiCad's like to be charged and discharged a few times over the winter. Gel cells should be trickled charged every month or so. Regular alkaline batteries should never be allowed to sit in place or they may leak, and ruin, whatever they are in. Prop/rudder shafts; Remove, if possible, to clean and lube before storing. At least oil them if you can't remove them. It only takes a drop of water resting in your stuffing tube to start some corrosion. Corrosion will cause your boat to run slower. Sails; Release the halyard and outhaul tension and hang the sails so they don't get creased. Leaving the sails on the rig is OK, as long as they are loose. Winter is also a good time to fix all those nagging little projects that prevented you from running this past summer. The winter season may seem like it lasts forever, but come April you will be saying 'Gee, where did all that time go?' Making a list of your winter fixit items is a good way to keep focused."

Remember, the program on December 11 will focus on Winter Maintenance. Please plan to attend.

Fair winds and following seas,
Steve Ebel, Secretary

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Every Saturday people gather at the water's edge to participate, relax and enjoy their hobby of remote controlled model boating.

And you can be assured that every day the sun smiles on the Lagoon in Bettendorf's Middle Park.



Some participants are observers who enjoy watching the small ships in operation.

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Some dream of the day when they will be able to get involved in the operation of these small ships.



With Little Toot in the water, involuntary participation can happen at any moment.

Then there are those who just can't help but "jump it" and take a more active role.



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So as this boating season speeds to an end.



And the docks at the Middle Park Lagoon empty.

Don't forget to participate in our winter meetings, bring your latest project and join the discussion.

