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From the Pilot House

The Newsletter of the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters

July 2006

The Saturday mornings of June and July (so far) generally have been good for boating. If you haven't been there "at the lagoon from ten to noon," you have missed the excitement of lots of boats in the water. Different days, times and venues – like the concerts in the Park at Vander Veer – also draw a crowd.



George Turnquist's sternwheeler and David Wendel's Bristol Bay

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Bob Pulse's Fast Electric



David Krohn's Seawind and George Turnquist's Sphinx

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Steve Ebel's Schnellboot S-100

Cardboard Boats?

Many of us were present at the Cardboard Boat Regatta on July 4th at Sunset Park Marina (Potter Lake) in Rock Island. At the request of the organizers, we ran the course again this year at the outset of the regatta (to show any newcomers the route around the buoys.) Congratulations to all seven who completed the course; here's what they had to say about it:

Leo Williams: "It was a riot! There was a good turnout of boats on display and on the course. I ran it with my Mississippi River towboat, but a sailboat led the pack."

David Wendel: "I never had a boat out that far before."

Richard Starr: "It was OK, I just ran out of battery power."

Karen Starr: "It was a challenge for me: the first time to go that far and bucking the wind."

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Fred Lorscheider: "It was a little scary for me; I lost orientation going around the first buoy and had to struggle to get it back. It was the farthest out I ever had a boat."

Matt Engebretson: (who sailed his Atlantis schooner): "I had no problems, and I did not run out of battery power."

Steve Ebel: "We stayed together pretty well at the beginning, but somewhere between the first and second buoy we lost the appearance of being a fleet."

Our thanks, also, to **George Turnquist**, who tried to operate his stern-wheeler but was blown off course by too much wind, (just like the full-size river boats used to be.) In spite of the challenges, a good time was had by all. Operating outside our "comfort zone", helps us all to grow in confidence with our boats. Special thanks to **David Krohn** and **Richard Klatt**, who stayed up at the tents to stand watch over the boats on display. We had many spectators and people asking questions throughout the morning. And we also enjoyed the spectacle (and the humor) of cardboard boats!

Reminder of Upcoming Dates:

July 29 (Sat) Bix Fest Concert: 5:00 – 9:00 PM
Vander Veer Park, Davenport

Aug. 10 (Thur) Concert in the Park: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Vander Veer Park, Davenport

Aug. 19 (Sat) Park Re-Dedication, Prospect Park, Moline.
Arrive 12:30: for 1:00 – 3:00 PM run. (*See directions below.*)

Aug. 26 (Sat) MBMB Regatta: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf

Sept. 17 (Sun.) Fall Festival: 12 noon – 2:00 PM
Vander Veer Park, Davenport

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Directions to Prospect Park in Moline: (Saturday, August 19th)

(From Iowa: take I-74 across the Mississippi.)

Turn right (East) onto John Deere Expressway (Highway 5)

Southpark will be on your left.

Turn right onto 16th Street.

Turn left onto Heartland Rd (38th Avenue), then be ready to turn right quickly (at the first opportunity) onto 35th Avenue. Follow the curve of the road for about a block or so, then you'll see a small blue sign for Prospect Park on your right. Turn right into the entrance to the parking lot.

There may or may not be parking spaces available for us that day. If not, we need to unload our boats and then park on a neighboring street.

We will set up our tents and tables at the end of the pond nearest the parking lot (South end) where the ground is relatively level. We will launch and retrieve from only be one spot: the flat stone landing on top of the overflow drain on the south end. There is a drop of approx. 18" from there to the surface of the water, so be sure to bring your luggage carrier launchers.

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4th Annual MBMB Regatta:

Date: August 26, 2006

Time: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Place: Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf.

WE NEED YOU! We need every member to be involved in this event, either as a participant, judge, to sign up for a turn at the transmitter impound and to help with either setup or cleanup. Our schedule of events will be the same as in past years:

8:30 - 10:00 AM Registration

Morning: Propeller (or Paddlewheel) Events:

9:00: Predicted Log

10:00: Precision Steering

11:00: Conning

12:00: Presentation of Awards

(Lunch will be available for purchase on site
from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.)

Afternoon: Sailboat Races:

1:00: 1M - 1M +

2:00: Soling

4:00: Presentation of Sailing Awards & Door Prizes

We hope you can plan to spend as much of the day there as possible. Board members will be asking each of you to sign up for a spot on the schedule and for set up at 7:00 AM or take down at 4:00 PM.

2 registration forms are included in this newsletter. Fill out one or both and return to: **Matt Engebretson, 5510 Hillside Ct, Davenport, IA 52806.**

You will notice that there is a monetary incentive to register by Aug. 1st.

Save yourself some money.

Fair winds and calm seas,
Steve Ebel, Secretary

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