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From the Pilot House

Newsletter of the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters

May 2006

Q. How can you tell that Spring has arrived?

A. The Mississippi Bend Model Boaters are back in the water!

(Well, not the members exactly, but their boats have been.) In spite of a couple chilly and wet mornings, I believe we had boats out on the water every Saturday of April. Remember: "See you at the lagoon from ten to noon."

David and Matt *were* actually out in the water themselves (in the canoe) in order to install the buoys. Our thanks to them for doing the work, and to Bettendorf Parks and Recreation for permission to do so. Navigating around these markers will help us all to sharpen our skills for the events of 2006. Just be careful when you tackle the buoys near the "Shoals of Death"! We don't want you to have to be "back in the water" in person.

2006 Events: Mark Your Calendars!

It's not *just* Saturday mornings any more! We are gradually becoming more known as an interesting and entertaining activity around the QC's. Vander Veer Park has asked us to come once again this summer for a series of "Concerts in the Park.." And, the **BIG NEWS**, as you will see below, is that Moline Parks and Recreation wants us for their Grand Re-Opening of Prospect Park on May 13th! We have not had much notice on this, but it is a great opportunity.

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We have found that participating in events sponsored by other organizations is a great way to perform before a ready-made audience. The best part about it is that they do the publicity for us, they organize the event, they draw the crowd, and all we have to do is run our boats. What a deal! It's a good way to interest people in model boating and to accomplish one of our purposes as a club: to promote the hobby and entertain the public. We also hope to gain more members by doing so.

So we need you to come with your boats ready to run for as many of these events as possible. Mark your calendars! (And, as Howard says: "Be there or be square.")

May 11 (Thur) "Salute to Seniors" Exhibition: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; (Doors open at 8:00 for set up.)
This is an indoor event, but lots of people will be there.
Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Starlight Ballroom.
(for info, contact: George Turnquist, 391-3840)

May 13 (Sat.) Prospect Park Grand Opening and Rededication Event
1:00 – 3:00 PM, Moline, IL
WOW! This will be a BIG EVENT with many families and children and good local news coverage!
Enter Prospect Park at 16th St. & 30th Ave. (by Channel 8)
(Tell parking lot attendants you are with MBMB, they will let you in. Find the MBMB tent so you can unload.)

May 21 (Sun.) Fun Run: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Westlake Park, Davenport

May 26 (Fri.) Memorial Weekend Concert: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Vander Veer Park, Davenport

June 8, (Thur) Concert in the Park: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
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Sunset Park Marina, Rock Island

July 4 (Tue) Cardboard Boat Regatta, 8:00 – noon,
Sunset Marina, Rock Island

July 13 (Thur) Concert in the Park: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Vander Veer Park, Davenport

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. 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

Post this schedule near your calendar – or even better – write them into your
calendar, so you don't forget.

What Are Fun Runs?

You Probably noticed two new activities in the above list: Fun Runs.
We have been talking about running "just for fun" at other venues in the QC
area for some variety for ourselves and to expose the hobby to even more
folks. So, the Executive Board has decided to try scheduling two Sunday
afternoons to see if our members are interested in this idea of running at new
and different locations. No command performance. No pressure. No

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competition. Just set sail for fun. They are Sunday, May 21 and Sunday
June 11 at the times and places shown above.

MBMB Regatta 2006

Our own event, Regatta 2006, will be August 26 (Sat). Please plan to spend
the day. Besides bringing your boats, we'll need your help for set up and
take down and other things in between. We have reserved the date with
Bettendorf Parks & Rec.

The Exec. Board will need help to plan this event. We meet on the first
Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the home of George Turnquist,
3575 N. Marquette, # 103, Davenport. You are invited.

Call or email with any questions or announcements for the next newsletter,
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