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August 2007

From the Pilot House

The Newsletter of the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters

2007 Club Officers

President: David Krohn
Vice Pres: George Turnquist
Secretary
Treasurer Matt Engebretson
Public Relations David Wendel and Howard Hansen

Mississippi Valley Fair

A new event this year was held during the Mississippi Valley Fair in the Heritage House, August 1st and August 2nd. This event was very well attended by MBMB members as nearly 30 models were on display. I would like to express a thank you to the members who took time out of their busy schedules to display and attend this event. We would also like to thank the folks at the Mississippi Valley Fair for inviting us to show off our hobby.



2007 Event Calendar

As the days grow shorter there are still three events the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters will be involved with before the end of the boating season. On Saturday September 15th Vander Veer will be holding their Fall Festival. This is a change from the past, as the Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday September 15th, with Sunday September 16th, reserved as a rain date. MBMB members should plan on being in the water by 10:00 AM (sooner if you like) as the Fishing Derby is scheduled to begin at Noon. Check your schedules and plan to attend.

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Saturday September 22, is the Fifth Annual Mississippi Bend Model Boaters Regatta with the following Saturday, September 29, scheduled as a rain date. The news letter has the Schedule of Events and Official entry form that is to be completed and returned by those modelers that plan to enter the Regatta. This event will be catered by Hyvee.

Saturday September 29: Rain Date for the regatta. This event will be catered by Hyvee if September 22 is rained out. However, if we run the regatta as planned we will hold our annual MBMB Club Picnic instead. We ask that you plan on bringing a dish to share. As for activities, we will host the first Official Springer tug and Polo event at the Middle Park Lagoon. As well as a few more challenging tasks we did not include in the regatta.

Sept. 15 (Sat.), 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Vander Veer Fall Festival
Sept. 22 (Sat.), MBMB Regatta, Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf
Sept. 29 (Sat.), MBMB Regatta RAIN DATE (MBMB Fall Picnic), Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf

MBMB Shirts

For those of you who have ordered "new" silk screened MBMB shirts, unfortunately there will be a slight delay. As the art work was being delivered to the production facility, the owner expressed concern that there would be a long delay to fill our order. The MBMB board is looking for another local producer to fill our order. If you have any questions please contact one of the board members.

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Dues and Election:

October is the month we all pay membership dues for the next year. Dues are as follows:

Junior Membership Fee (17 and under) \$10.00
Individual Membership Fee \$25.00
Family Membership Fee (at same address): \$35.00

Send your dues to treasurer, **Matt Engebretson, 5510 Hillside Ct., Davenport, IA 52806**, or give them to him in person at the lagoon, or at the meeting on November 12th.

Our by-laws call for six Executive Board members, we need a couple of more names on the ballot. Every MBMB member should consider the opportunity to serve the club on the board. If you have ever said to yourself, "There must be a better way. . ." or "Why don't we. . .", then you may be ready to be one of the navigators who direct our course. After the Executive Board members are elected, they decide among themselves who will serve as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you would like your name on the ballot, please notify any of the current board members.

If you have an item of interest you would like to share with other modelers or have an item for sale, email us with any questions or announcements for the next newsletter.

Email us at: admin@thembmb.org

See you at the waters edge.

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5th Annual MBMB Regatta:

Date: August 22, 2007

Time: 7:30 AM – 4:30 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.

Tentative schedule:

7:30 - 10:00 AM Registration (Radio Impound in effect all day)

Morning: Scale Electric Events:

8:00: Predicted Log

9:30: Precision Steering

11:00: Conning

12:00: Presentation of Scale Electric Awards

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch provided by Hy-Vee

(Included in registration fee, extra meals can be purchased onsite for \$6.00 each)

12:00 – 1:00 Open Pond (except where preparing for sailboat races)

Afternoon: Sailboat Races:

1:00: Soling 1M

3:30: Open Class (If enough boats are present)

4:30: 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 4:30 PM.

Two 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 September 10th. Save yourself some money.

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Phone Number: _____

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