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From the Pilot House

The Newsletter of the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters

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April at the Lagoon

The weather in April has been terrific, MBMB members have been at the pond to begin a new boating season. Spring has sprung and the Springer's have began to **spring** into action. So far two boats are completed and have been in the water, they have proven to be agile with good speed and very powerful. If you are mulling over building a polo boat of your own, full size building plans are available: contact David Krohn.



Matt Engebretson was the first to get his Springer in the water. No superstructure, but this craft can turn on a dime.



Richard Starr's Springer looks ready to push barges through the locks on the Mississippi.

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Bob Pulse's Springer is not ready for the water, but his barge is. This was a windy day but the Springer did fine pushing its load.



Fred and Richard are in the water but are never too busy to give a friendly wave. Ned waits for the pond to clear to get some run time.

2007 Events:

Not only is the warm summer breeze beginning to fill so is the 2007 MBMB event schedule. This month we have the first 2007 Fun Run at Riverside Park, Moline and Salute to Senior's at Mississippi Valley Fairground, Davenport. The Fun Run at Riverside Park is a weather permitting event but the Salute to Senior's is an indoor event.

Fun Runs this year will be held the first Sunday of May, June, July and August and each event will be at a different location. These events are an opportunity to introduce soon to be model boaters the chance to get energized about R/C model building.

Again this year Mississippi Bend Model Boaters have been invited to participate in the ***Thursday Evening Concerts*** in the Park at Vander Veer, as well as, Bix and the Fall Festival in September.

The promoters of the Rock Island Cardboard Boat Regatta have also invited Mississippi Bend Model Boaters to participate, offering room to display and unlimited on the water run time.

A new event for this year is two days in August at the Mississippi Valley Fair; MBMB has been offered a fairly large building to populate with models. This event will not have water (boatable water), but we would like to display not only completed models but also models at any stage of the building process.

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Don't forget the best event of the season the 2007 MBMB Regatta. Plans are already in the works for a new course, new obstacles and a few new twists for the Regatta in September.

So review the calendar and make plans to attend as many of the events as possible.

2007 Event Calendar

May 6 (Sun.), 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Fun Run: Riverside Park, Moline
May 10 (Thur), 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Salute to Senior's Event,
Mississippi Valley Fairground, Davenport
June 3 (Sun.), Fun Run: Prospect Park, Moline
June 7 (Thur.), 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Vander Veer, Concert in the Park
July 1 (Sun.), Fun Run: West Lake Park, Davenport
July 4 (Wed.), Cardboard Boat Regatta, Sunset Park Marina, Rock Island
July 12 (Thur.), 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Vander Veer, Concert in the Park
July 28 (Sat.), 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Vander Veer, Bix Concert
Aug. 1 (Wed.), 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Mississippi Valley Fair, Davenport
Aug. 2 (Thur.), 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Mississippi Valley Fair, Davenport
Aug. 5 (Sun.), Fun Run: Sunset Park Marina, Rock Island
Aug. 9 (Thur.), 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Vander Veer, Concert in the Park
Sept. 16 (Sun.), 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Vander Veer Concert in the Park
Sept. 22 (Sat.), MBMB Regatta, Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf
Sept. 29 (Sat.), MBMB Regatta RAIN DATE, Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf

MBMB Website

If you have been to www.thembmb.org then you already have seen the updates that have been made to the website. On the main page a "How To" section that you can download information that was distributed and discussed at the winter meetings.

The Frequency Chart has been modified so the one design classes (Soling and the Springer) can be easily viewed for radio frequency or by Captain.

The calendar is persistently updated as new events are added to the schedule or should the need arise to adjust the time, date or place.

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

SPRING IS HERE! The official Vernal Equinox took place March 20 @ 7:07 PM (CST). As of March 19th, the Bettendorf Lagoon was free of ice and the boating season is in full swing!

We have recently added a new page to this website. Take a look at the "How To..." page for a number of useful ideas and tips.

The Summer Events Calendar has been set, though we are still waiting for the dates for the Vander Veer Park events. The newsletter and the website will be updated as soon as we have that information. We've scheduled fun runs the first Sunday of each month and have added Prospect and Riverside Parks in Moline to the list. Check the calendar for the latest times and locations.

See you at the pond!

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 17, mall show
- May 6, Fun Run, Riverside
- May 10, Senior Voice

Click [HERE](#) for more info.



Michael Blaser is followed by a bunch of kids running one of his boats at Vander Veer Park (Leo Williams is in the background)

2007 Newsletter

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

See you at the waters edge, David Krohn