

July 2008

MBMB Newsletter



From The Pilot House

July 26th Paddlewheel Event

July 26th, 10:00 AM the models will be heading for the starting line to begin the First Annual Mississippi Bend Model Boater Paddlewheel race. This event is open to any radio controlled paddlewheel or side-wheeler, 6 or 12 volt with a maximum 07 motor. An entry fee of \$5.00 for each model entered in the race, static model's can be entered to compete for best of show award entered at no fee. All entries must supply their own table, trophies and or ribbons will be awarded for the race and show. For more information contact Richard Starr at 309-738-9235. Rules and course charts will be provided to all Captains prior to the 10:00 AM starting time. Bring a chair, camera and a cold beverage and support you favored Captain.

An additional race will be held for Springer's during this event. Springer's will run on the same course as the paddlewheelers at the conclusion of the paddlewheel event. The Basic Springer specifications are very simple. The basic boat is to be 18 inches long and 8 inches wide with a flat bottom.

The other specifications are:

A 6-volt battery shall power the motor

The propeller shall be 3 bladed and no larger than 40mm in diameter.

The rudder shall be a maximum area of 4 square inches

The cabin and other features on deck will be left to the discretion of the builder.

MBMB 2008 Events

Saturday mornings 10:00 AM at the Bettendorf Middle Park Lagoon all Quad Cities model enthusiasts are encouraged to join MBMB members at and on the pond. All MBMB events are open to the public.

Saturday July 26 10:00 AM Bettendorf Middle Park Lagoon First Annual Paddlewheel Race

Saturday July 26 6:00 PM Vander Veer Jazz in the Park Stay late and turn on your Navigation Light's

Sunday August 3 2:00 PM Fun Run Potters Lake

Thursday August 14 6:00 PM Vander Veer Concert at the Park Stay late and turn on your Navigation Light's

Saturday September 13 TBD Vander Veer Fall Festival

Sunday September 28 8:00 AM MBMB 6th Annual Regatta

Saturday October 4 MBMB Regatta Rain Date or Club Picnic

Model Demonstration for the Bettendorf Parks Summer Program

On June 26th MBMB members were invited to spend the morning with approximately 70 youngsters enrolled in the Bettendorf Parks and Recreation summer program. MBMB members Richard Klatt, Gary Slack, George Turnquist, Fred Lorscheider and Richard Starr displayed and operated models while answering questions from the group. Thank you Tim Burkhead Bettendorf Parks department and for giving the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters the opportunity to share our hobby with the Summer Program group.



Richard and Karen Starr cruise the Mississippi on the Jullie Belle Swain

Karen and I were invited to Lacrosse, WI, for a trip on the Jullie Belle Swain. This is the last steam powered sternwheeler made in the Burlington, Iowa boat yard. The Jullie Belle was launched in 1971.

The trip up river was wet and windy, we didn't know if we were going out on the cruise or not. The boarding time was at 5:00 pm and the wind didn't die down until after dinner was served. About 6:30 the owner made the decision to go out. The cruise went down river for about 45 minutes and we swung around and came back. The captain was very proficient as to docking. Only took two moves to accomplish it. The music on board was great river songs on the banjo and guitar. The calliope played a few numbers also.

Karen and I met and talked to the members of the Mississippi Boat Enthusiasts and were invited to next years cruise at Lake Geneva. I spent some time in the wheel house with the captain. He let me "feel" the wheel and I found out why the wheel is so big. It is like turning an old car without power steering.

Also, there was one of the people involved with getting the Julie Belle Swain to the Port of Lacrosse, he was on board dressed like an 1800 river boat captain. He was very knowledgeable about the river, the boat and the history of the region. Also on board was a representative of the Murphy Museum.

The trip home was what you would call extremely wet. The farther we went the harder it rained, and the streets in Lacrosse were already flooded before we left. In Prairie du Chien we watch 3 tornadoes on the hill behind the restaurant we were in. Finally at Galena, IL, we had to stop for the night. Wouldn't you know, it quit raining until we left the next morning. Guess what, it quit raining as we came into the cities.

All in the trip was well worth it. We had a great time, met great people, and didn't have to shower.

Richard Starr



What's In the Lagoon

Have you ever noticed a splashing at the Lagoon, have you ever seen the water "boil" ?

This fish was caught at the Lagoon on May 10th, 2008 !!!



Saturday Breakfast

Everyone is invited to breakfast every Saturday morning at the Village Inn restaurant at 1210 State Street, Bettendorf.

Stop in and join us, rain or shine, 8:00 AM to discuss your current project or problem, start your Saturday with a cup of coffee.



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Thank you
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your contributions to
this newsletter.