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Meeting Edition

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Events

*St. Louis Boat & Sports Show
Feb 26 to March 2*

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January 2014 Meeting

WOW, WHAT A MEETING!

I thought we had great attendance, (35) in all, great food, great service, a beautiful room, and great participation in the Round-Table Discussion. I am disappointed that we max'd out the room size, it is a great place to eat! Look for the **Events Summary and Action Report** that will be coming to you very soon. In it, I tried to summarize the results of the Round Table Discussion and the direction that the Membership wants to move. I turned that into a recommended **Action List** for the Membership to respond to.

Your response in a timely manner is critical to get our events scheduled and coordinated with the RUDDER. The success of our events depends heavily on the early notification of the dates to the Membership. In order to get the final results to the Membership by no later than the February 09, meeting, I really need your responses by February 2nd or 3rd. Barring any major conflicts, we can then make the March 01 deadline for the RUDDER.

So what did you think about the meeting format, the distribution of the board in the seating plan, and the agenda? Was there anything that just really annoyed you, was it to unconventional, and is there anything you would like to have changed? If so, please feel free to send them directly to me, (unless I am the problem, then send them to Lou).

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS!! DAW

Skipper's Log by Dave Wann

Well, we made it through the first meeting!! Now to plan for the next one...

How many of you remember sitting down by the fire, with a tablet and a pen, writing a letter to someone? It seemed like such a simple and yet personal form of communication; write a letter to ask a question, add a few niceties and some small talk, sign it, put a stamp on it, mail it, and then sit back and wait for the response. There was no need to get in a hurry because it took (2) or (3) days each way, but that seemed acceptable, after all what else could you do? By the same token, it took so long that we thought about what to say for days in advance, so every letter was specific and special.

OH' MAN HAVE THINGS CHANGED! First came the pager, then the FAX, then the bag phone, then E-Mail, then TWITTER, then TEXT, next will be Mental Telepathy. Today when we need to know, we send the question in (10) seconds or less, and we expect an answer in the same amount of time. Oh, and since it is so easy, we also send it to (40) or (50) of our closest friends.

We have to make a conscious decision about what form of communication works best for each us. Maybe we need multiple forms, each making the best use of our ever decreasing, personal time. I personally find E-Mail is best for business and general questions. The cell phone is best for emergencies, family, and friends. For the record; I am not on FaceBook, I do not TWITTER, and I do not have TEXT service on my phone. If you have my cell phone number, I do not mind you calling me.

As an organization we have to ask the same question; what form of communication best serves the needs of our members? Should we establish a phone chain where I call Lou and (4) other people, and then Lou calls (5) people and so on? ***What if they don't answer, because their caller ID tells them it's me?***

I for one, think it's too complicated to count my characters to stay under the 144 allowed for TWITTER, besides anyone that knows me is well aware that I cannot say anything with only 144 characters!! That leaves Snail-Mail, or E-Mail. Snail-Mail costs money and takes time; besides licking each envelope adds (3) to (5) calories. That leaves E-Mail, or Mental Telepathy and I haven't been able to get that to work for me.

Going back a few years we had monthly meetings and very little else. We occasionally mailed something, and then started using E-Mail, but not everyone had it. Our meetings were well attended because that was the best communication we had. Technology presents some good with the bad. E-Mail is immediate and yet not disruptive or demanding. If you are busy, wait to respond when you have the time. Seldom is our need to communicate immediate. The only downside is losing the E-Mail and having no means of locating it.

My belief is that once the monthly meetings become automatic, the majority of our communication needs will solve themselves. A monthly newsletter to report the goings-on to those who could not make the meeting, with a nifty (3) month look ahead calendar, similar to what Tony sent with the last newsletter, will take care of most of our needs.

But then how do we display our treasures and hard work for those that might be interested in joining our group. For this we need a Web-Site. Websites can be very public, or public and private, requiring passwords for access to sensitive information. We can develop ours to handle all of the communication we need, and then some. Fortunately we have members like Al Benton and Grant MacLaren to help us with this.

For those of you not familiar with Al Benton, Al is a member of the Chris Craft Antique Boat Club, Board of Directors, a well published author of antique boat articles, and was instrumental in establishing the original website. Likewise, Grant has several websites under his belt and created his own website for the MVC when our original site became outdated. Visit Grant's MVC website at: www.mvcacbs.com.

While we have had a space on the national ACBS website for a number of years, keeping it current has been a challenge. As a result it currently does not portray a good visual impression of our organization. If we elect to maintain a website, we have got to keep it up to date. The up-side is obvious; the down-side is that a website can cost money, and for sure takes time, **but fortunately, no calories!** Lou and Tony will present all of this information to you at the meeting.

So... we have a lot to talk about in the February Round-Table;

- Should E-Mail be our primary form of communication, next to the spoken word at the monthly meetings?
- Providing we can schedule the major activities early in the year, is the (3) month look-ahead calendar enough for coordinating activities?
- Should we retain the newsletters? If so, what should be in them?
- Should we do less E-Mailing and just post information on a Web-site, so everyone can go get it at their leisure?
- Are my 144 characters used up yet?

See you at the meeting!!

Next meeting location: Miss Sheri's Cafeteria

We are on for our next meeting at:

"Miss Sheri's Cafeteria"

9967 Manchester Rd.

Warson Woods,MO

314-968-9995

Directions from the west... take Hwy, 40/64 or Hwy 70 East to Lindbergh Blvd

Turn right, going South to Manchester Rd.

Turn left going East to 9967 Manchester

MISS SHERIE'S now be HAPPY

If you should be coming from the east take Hwy, 40/64 or hwy 70 West to Lindbergh Blvd

Turn left going South to Manchester Rd.

Turn left going East to 9967 Manchester Rd

Forest will greet you at the door and tell you what to do next.

The time to be at door is 11AM, Sunday 2-9-2014.

Click below to go to Miss Sheri's Web Page

[Home - Miss Sheri's Warson Woods](#)

Board Meeting to immediately follow General Meeting. All members invited.

Tech Tips from Ole Boys Restoration:



Refinishing Runabout Boat Hulls from the Wood Up



These are intended to be used as a tip and not as a substitute for a service manual or advice from your service professional.

Refinishing a wooden boat hull is time consuming and requires the following operations to be performed in order:

First: Remove the boat from the water and allow to dry out; a minimum of three to four days (longer, if necessary)

Second: Remove all hardware

Third: Remove all varnish and paint with a good quality varnish and paint remover. A liberal amount of remover may be applied with a brush. Allow the remover to remain on the surface until the paint and varnish are completely softened. Remove the paint and varnish with a scraper, wire brush, or some other blunt instrument. Wipe the surface clean with a cotton cloth soaked in the necessary solvent. **DO NOT USE GASOLINE! GASOLINE IS AN EXTREME FIRE HAZARD!** If necessary apply another coat of remover and repeat.

Fourth: Allow the boat to stand for 24 hours (or longer) after varnish and paint has been removed. Sand the surface with Number 80 sandpaper to prepare the surface.

Fifth: Apply one coat of filler. (Chris-Craft recommended Johnson's Special mahogany filler available from Chris-Craft or S.C. Johnson in Racine, WI. Famowood makes a good quality mahogany filler that is very close to the Chris-Craft filler.) Apply the filler according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Sixth: After the coat of filler has been applied, allow it to dry according to manufacturer's recommendations. Finish preparing the surface for varnish and apply varnish in three to four coats. Allow twelve hours between each coat of varnish.

Seventh: Two coats of bottom paint are recommended to be applied to the bottom and up to the water line.

Refinishing a wooden runabout hull is a time consuming project. With advice from your boat service professional and refinishing supply specialist, the task can be accomplished with excellent results.

Thanks to **Lou Lenkman** for her contribution to this month's *Tech Tips*.

MISSISSISSIPPI VALLEY ACBS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, January 23, 2014@ BRADEN'S

11 AM LUNCH

12 NOON MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Dave Wann at 12:18 pm.

Attendance sheet, Round table discussion sheets and Membership dues verification sheets were passed out prior to the meeting for members to discuss and check.

Board Members present were:

Dave Wann----- President

Lou Lenkman -----Vice President

Aggie Huels-----Secretary

Forest Moeckel -----Events Chair

Tony Jestis-----Media Chair

Dan Pegs-----Membership Chair

There were 33 members in attendance.

Dave Wann thanked Jan and Dale Roth for the great job with the Christmas Party arrangements.

Minutes from the Nov. 24th meeting were read by Aggie, approved by Rick Scobbie and seconded by Chuck Huels. In Jean Harke's absence, Lou Lenkman read the treasurer's report: December balance after trailer and trophy expenses was \$4,727.31. With new Memberships in the Jan. 6th balance was \$4,977.31. Lisa approved the report and Chuck seconded.

MEMBERSHIP

Dan Peggs stated that membership was at 74. He sent around the Membership dues verification sheet for all to check. We had 9 new members and lost 8. He had reached out to the ones lost, however had not heard back from any one of them.

He stated that for New Members #1. We are the key; inviting new members, their friends and families #2. Inviting new members at the Boat Shows; #3. At the boat shows we need to set up with as much information as possible for all new members. Dan had requested new brochures from National, which may be done annually.

Rick Sedlak suggested sending out e-mails to all members who had dropped out.

Jack Hartwig said that 10% membership loss was normal and that we were really holding our own.

Greg Carney suggested having a handout with frequently asked questions about the club, readily available.

Dave Wann, Marty and Dale were looking into having business cards set up with Vista Print.

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

Dave Wann mentioned and thanked Grant McLaren for starting our website.

Tony, Grant and Al Benton were to discuss and resurrect our Chapter history.

Information about the website would be ready by our February meeting.

MEDIA

The focus of our February meeting was to be Communication and Media.

Our website is: mvcacbs.com owned by the Chinese. It was mentioned that we need to check River Bills website as an opportunity which Tony agreed to do.

There was a consensus that the misrepresented website needs to be fixed.

EVENTS

Forest Moeckel was unhappy! He stated that he had only 10 responses to his request for boats for the Boat Show in February with only 7 boats being brought so far. He was hoping to be happier with more boats and positive responses.

Forest plotted a map to see where our members lived.

10 members live east of Lindberg Blvd; 10 Members live in St. Charles; 6 members live in Lake St. Louis; 7 live in O'Fallon. He estimated that it takes some 40 to 45 minutes to get to our meetings, and that fairness was very important.

Forest was going to look into having a meeting at the Boat House in Forest Park. He mentioned that in Forest Park at the Boat House there was going to be a RCB Regatta and that this would be a great opportunity for us to have a Boat Show there along with it.

Greg Kuhl asked how many spaces we had at the Dome Boat Show; however, Dave Wann stated that since our space was free, we never know until the very end how many are available to us.

Forest mentioned that since the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cottleville was a success we might be interested in participating in the Thanksgiving Parade in St. Louis this year.

NEW BUSINESS

It had been decided that our meetings would be on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The Board Meetings would follow the general meetings for the convenience of all.

The Next Month, Al and Grant will be talking about Media- more or less newsletter, Facebook etc. Lou and Tony will head up the Roundtable discussions.

Meeting was turned over to Lou Lenkman to survey our Roundtable discussion question results:

Q. #1 Would you prefer to have Monthly meetings or Quarterly meetings?

Result: Unanimous - Monthly.

Q.#2 Would you prefer Morning (Breakfast), mid- day (Lunch) or evening (dinner) Meetings?

Result: It was pretty even between breakfast and lunch, so maybe we should due early brunch.

Q.#3 Would you prefer 2 sites (one winter and one summer (non - flooding) site) or would you prefer one consistent year round site?

Result: undecided as the consensus was 4 winter, 3 for summer and 3 for the same site.

Q.#4 Do you have viable suggestions regarding where the meetings should be held.

Results: Suggestions: Kinders, St. Charles Boat House, Hobos, North Shore Boat House, Seems as though North Shore Boat House was the most desired.

Q.#5 Would you and your family prefer to support multiple boat and motor shows (1 per quarter) or is the boat show at the Dome or one other site more supportable by you and your family members?

Results: Multiple Boat Shows; preferably near water; Lake St. Louis, Fall Cruise, Chapter picnic. Alternating shows yearly was also suggested.

There seemed to be a variety of opinions and desires.

Please send Forest any event suggestions, opinions, from attached past events for the year.

There was a motion to adjourn at 1:30 by Lou and Grant seconded it.






Respectfully submitted

Agnes Huels

Secretary

Membership

February 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4  Ole Boys	5	6	7	8
9  General Mtg – Miss Sherie’s Café 11 AM Lunch Noon	10	11  Ole Boys	12	13	14	15
16	17	18  Ole Boys	19	20	21	22
23	24	25  Ole Boys	26	27	28	



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Special Edition

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Events Summary and Action Report

The January Meeting is behind us and we are deep into planning for February. I felt the meeting went well. We officially had 35 present, which filled the beautiful room to capacity, we had a lot of membership input, and we had a lively Round-Table discussion on meetings and events!

First, thank you all for taking the time to come, and second, I wanted to take a minute to summarize what I took away from it:

Frequency of the Membership Meetings – Unanimous for Monthly ((9) of the (9) groups

Time of the Meetings – Not quite so clear cut - (5) For Breakfast

(3) For Lunch

(1) For Breakfast Summer and Lunch for Winter.

I sensed that the farther travelers were leaning to lunch, which makes good sense. When a Brunch arrangement came-up I felt there was a more 50/50 outcome. I overheard several discussions about going boating after the meeting, thus the desire for a morning session.

One Primary Site or Multiple Sites – This was close – (5) Groups for (2) Sites

(4) Groups for (1) Site

This tally involved some conversation about locations and the possibility of flooding, something we have all learned we have no control over!

Location of the Meetings – I was pleased to see some suggestions come from this question –

The Boathouse at North Shore Marina

The Boat House Annex at Forest Park (Also a possible winter spot)

Kinder's Restaurant ("On and Sometimes In the Mississippi River")

The Duck Club

A Non-Meal Location Such as a Public Library

The most mentioned venue was the Boathouse at North Shore, but also the most susceptible to flooding. **My recommendation on this one is to schedule the summer meetings, May thru October, at the Boathouse and have an alternate location for the winter/flood meetings.**

We are still looking for this alternate location so please let us know if you have one.

Events/Activities – From the tally it was clear that the membership wanted to retain the multiple show/social event agenda, ((9) of the (9) groups). I received a few suggestions about more social, on-water events namely some sandbar time as well as a trip to Lake Kinkaid, ILL. I also received a suggestion that perhaps the Festival of the Little Hills should be changed to every (2) years, due to the large number of resources and being in the prime of the boating season.

All good suggestions but in the end we need club support and Captains for each of these events. Please let Forrest or Lou know if you would be willing to work with Forrest on one or more of the events. I am willing to keep the lead on the Festival if the membership decides to keep it on the schedule.

I recommend that we approach the final events calendar as follows:

1. We proceed with the **St. Louis Dome Show**, February 26th to March 2nd, as planned. **Please respond to Forrest's requests for help as soon as possible.**
2. We approach the **Lake St. Louis** Board with May 03rd as the show date with May 10th as the back-up. This show is important to give us all a chance to get that first run of the season in as close to home and with as much help as possible. The Antique Outboard Club has also expressed interest in this show which greatly enhances our technical support. **Please give us your thoughts here.**
3. Mid May to Mid June is generally a busy time with graduation parties, making it difficult to schedule any sizable event. This would be a prime time to schedule an in-water social event such as a trip to Kinkaid or a sandbar party. An event like this would be a members only, "Come if you want" event with no special advertising or commitments. **We would appreciate your thoughts here.**
4. July 19th is the current posted **Blessing of the Fleet**. I would like to keep it on the schedule, if for no more than a cruiser ride. **If the Blessing Board requests us to lead the parade thru again this year, would you attend and bring your boat?**
5. The first or second weekend in August has always been the **Club Picnic**. We have talked about piggy-backing it to the Blessing of the Fleet, and holding it at Sioux Harbor. Last year we paired it with the rescheduled Lake St. Louis Show, which I felt worked well. Two years ago, we had it at the Boathouse at North Shore, and the Marina reserved us some slips for our boats to be displayed during the meal time. **We would greatly appreciate some input from membership on this.**
6. The **Festival of the Little Hills** is confirmed for August 15th to 17th. We have been invited back but have not formally accepted as yet. I have mixed emotions about this one. It is generally hotter than blazes, it takes (3) hard days from our short summer, and we get very few real membership leads; but on the other hand, we will never get in front of more people that we do here. I have received a suggestion that we make this an every-other-year event. **This is another one that we would greatly appreciate some input from membership on.**

7. September is the **Quincy Boat Show**; I am working to confirm the dates. This is a special event for the cruisers because it gives us an excuse to take a week to attend a 2-1/2 day show! Following the numerous failures trying to have a sizable show on Pool 26, the last few years we have poured our efforts into making Quincy our flagship. Unfortunately, it is a long way from St. Louis thus expensive for the smaller boats, (hotels, meals, etc.). I would like to keep this one on the list if for no other reason than the local people and their effort to make us welcome. **Please give us your thoughts.**
8. The first weekend in October was the **End of the Season Evening at Aggie's** - Unfortunately, this one is beyond our control. Aggie's is closing in March as her building has been sold. This was a great time to have a drink and dinner with friends around the fire pit and tell tales about our boating season. **Should we try to replace it? If so, give us some suggestions.**

TANK A DEEP BREATH, ONLY (2) TO GO!!

9. The Fall Classic Cruise, we have tentatively scheduled this for October 18th. This has always been a well attended, member's only event and I would like to see it remain on the calendar. While it is always weather dependant for small boaters, we consistently have 35 to 45 people come, thanks to the cruisers and drive-ins. We will be looking for a destination through the summer. I am still hoping for a commitment from Pierre Marquette.
10. And last but certainly not the least – **The Club Christmas Party** – This event has seen some changes in the last 4 to 5 years. In the early days it was a gift exchange at the monthly meeting. More recently they have been very nice dinner venues with video of the recent activities, and presentation of much deserved member awards. I would like to see this one remain on the calendar as well. **As to the form it takes, we would appreciate your thoughts.**

So there you have it, 2014 in just under (3) pages, (pretty short for me)!

PLEASE RESPOND BACK TO LOU AND FORREST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE FINAL EVENTS CALENDAR AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. AS I MENTIONED ABOVE, WE DESPERATLY NEED CLUB SUPPORT AND CAPTAINS FOR THESE EVENTS, YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

THANKS AGAIN