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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

First, I want to thank everybody who attended the MBC "Shove-Off Spree" at the Seven Seas restaurant. Special thanks to Wayne Happel, our Senior Pilot, for setting up this event. The turnout was good with 31 members attending. However, it was brought to my attention that this event might be even better attended if we hold it at a later date, so more of our Southern and Western "snowbirds" can be back in town to join us. Hopefully, this can be worked into the planning for next year.

Remember, our next MBC function, the "White Elephant" auction, will be held at the clubhouse on May 17th. Wrap your "goodies" in a nice (deceptive?) package to be auctioned off. Pizza will be served, so this event will begin at 6:30 P.M. We still need three more people to bring appetizers or desserts. Let Christine Grubbs know if you would like to volunteer. The MBC 2007 Directory will be available to those in attendance. Please try to attend, so we can save on postage.

I just received the "LMYA Rendezvous" packet from Jim Mergener, LMYA's Rear Commodore for Wisconsin. The "Rendezvous" will be held in Sheboygan June 22, 23, and 24. This is always a fun time for boaters from all around Lake Michigan. Jim encourages those planning on attending by boat to make their slip reservations ASAP by calling Skipper Bud's Harbor Centre Marina at (920) 458-6665. Even if you don't arrive by boat, there are many motels in the area, and the drive isn't that far. Remember, this "Rendezvous" is open to all perspective LMYA members. Invite your boating friends to attend.

I heard that the boaters who have winter storage at McKinley's corral had to have their boats in the water by April 15th. Did anybody top this date by getting his boat in the water even earlier?

Hope to see you soon,
Pete Merryfield

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15	Captains' & Admirals' Breakfast Bluemound Gardens
May 17	Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
June 2	Milwaukee Riversplash
June 12	Captains' & Admirals' Breakfast
June 22, 23, 24	LMYA Rendezvous Cruise to Sheboygan
July 6, 7, 8	LMYA Open House
July 21	Dinghy Cruise on the Milwaukee River Rendezvous for dinner (restaurant TBA)
August 18	SSYC Annual Corn Roast (Dancing, public invited)
August 25	Port Washington Cruise
September 8	50 th Anniversary Celebration
September 15	Oktoberfest at Bavarian Inn, Glendale
October 9	Captains' & Admirals' Breakfast
October 25	Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
November 13	Captains & Admirals' Breakfast
November 15	Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
December 1	Annual Commodores' Ball
December 4	Captains' & Admirals' Breakfast
January 28, 2008	Club Meeting, 7:30 P.M.



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

MAY

- 3 Shirley Wier
- 5 Mary Martiny
- 6 Gene Schnagl
- 10 Joni Johnson
- 13 Kim Hesar
- 13 Bob Kowalski
- 13 Gloria Larsen
- 14 Tom Czaplicki
- 22 Andy Baugher
- 26 Christine Grubbs

JUNE

- 3 Lynne Happel
- 8 Ted Tiemann, Jr.
- 10 Bob Knollenberg
- 15 Angie Ollmann
- 21 Doug Gallus
- 22 Tom McElwee
- 22 Sue Ring-Wagner
- 27 Russ Berg

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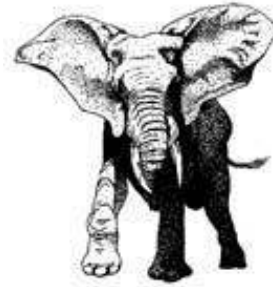
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- Purser..... Dave Dorner
- Yeoman..... Bonnie Merryfield
- Director of Membership..... Bonnie Merryfield
- Director of Programs Jim Heyden
- Director of House & Equipment..... Bud Martiny
- Directors of Refreshments..... Daryl and Christine Grubbs

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- The Runabout* EditorLiz Beaudoin
- Advertising Pete Merryfield
- Webmaster Daryl Grubbs
- Scuttlebutt Mary Berg, Gloria Larsen,
..... Bonnie Merryfield
- Dry Dock & Welfare.....Charlene Zierden
- Club Sales..... Nancy Grabowski

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION



May 17, 2007
Harborside Yacht Center
6:30 P.M.

Auctioneers
Craig Hesar and Pete Merryfield



Bring your unwanted, unused items wrapped attractively for the house auction following the regular business meeting. Be prepared to bid high and bid often for the mystery items of your choice as others vie for the same item (not necessarily nautical). Don't go home empty-handed!

Proceeds go to the club's evening fare and the general fund.

Pizza, wine, and the usual club beverages will be available.

We are requesting five members to bring appetizers or desserts. Sign up with Christine Grubbs, dcgrubbs@sbcglobal.net, if you'd like to volunteer.

WELCOME ABOARD!**By Bonnie Merryfield****Introducing..... Leo Wagner and Sue Ring-Wagner**

Our “snowbirds” returning from their warmer winter homes are going to enjoy meeting new Milwaukee Boat Club members Leo Wagner and Sue Ring-Wagner, whose friendliness has warmed our meetings despite our colder Wisconsin weather.

Leo was born and raised in Milwaukee and graduated from UW-Parkside with a degree in labor management relations. Sue’s family moved around a little more than Leo’s. Sue grew up in Queens in New York City. When she was a high school sophomore, Sue’s father was transferred, and the family moved to Kentucky. Another move in Sue’s senior year brought the family to Milwaukee where Sue received her nursing degree from UW-Milwaukee.

The couple met while having refreshments after attending a mutual friend’s softball game. At the time, both were working for the City of Milwaukee Health Department – Leo as an inspector and Sue as a public health nurse. After meeting Sue, Leo says he “talked her into” joining him at UW-Parkside, and the two earned their masters degrees in public administration together. Leo retired five years ago after working the last 20 years in the Common Council City Clerk’s office as manager of the licensing division. Sue is now Director of Marketing for Kindred Hospital in Milwaukee.

Leo and Sue have been married for 19 years and live near Mitchell International Airport. Son Chad and his wife Paula live in Milwaukee with their two sons, four-year-old Kyle and two-year-old Shaun. Two other very important members of the Wagner household are Leo and Sue’s two tan-colored cats, Barney and Clyde. The eleven-year-old litter mates have distinct personalities. Barney is very adventurous, and Clyde is the more cautious of the two.

The Wagners have always loved the outdoors and water. Their first boat was a rubber inflatable, and they had many good times in it on Whitewater Lake, on Lake Redstone near the Dells, and on lakes in Forest County where Leo’s mother has a home. Since the inflatable wasn’t very big, it towed another rubber raft called the “beverage barge,” which was also enjoyed by their boating friends. (The Wagners definitely know how to have a good time!)

In 1992, Leo and Sue bought a Four Winns Sundowner and boated on Milwaukee area lakes, including Lake Michigan. In 1995, the Wagners decided to slip their Sundowner at Skipper Bud’s Marina on Lake Butte des Morts in Oshkosh. Leo and Sue spent weekends on their boat and eventually decided the boat wasn’t large enough for the time they wanted to spend on it. They then purchased a 30’ 1999 Bayliner and in 2005 moved from Oshkosh to South Shore Yacht Club where they had been members since 2001. Their boat the “Crewless” is now slipped in D-37.

Besides boating, Sue is interested in cooking, downhill skiing, running, reading, and traveling. She is also a member of SSSYC’s Auxiliary and co-chairs the entertainment committee with Jan Weiler. Leo says his interests are the same as Sue’s with the exception of cooking and the Auxiliary. Leo helps out by “doing the dishes after Sue cooks”. (What a guy!) Leo and Sue have traveled to Germany where Sue has relatives, to Mexico, and to many other places of interest on business-related trips. Two planned vacations every year are skiing in the western Rockies and Tahoe and visiting Las Vegas.

Leo and Sue learned of MBC from the Bergs and the Merryfields. After attending the January planning meeting as guests, the Wagners decided to join the club. To this delightful and enthusiastic couple, all of us in Milwaukee Boat Club extend a warm and hearty “Welcome Aboard!”

SCUTTLEBUTT



Daryl, Christine, and Donald Grubbs spent a week of vacation in Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia during April. Ask them about the "goat" rescue.

Gene & Kathy Schnagl just returned from a week in Hawaii. They stayed at the beautiful Hilton Village at Kona on the Big Island. While there they went snorkeling, and Gene spent some time on the bridge with the captain, **Tanner Bailey**. Sure as heck Tanner asked Gene to consider a job as the captain on a new boat being shipped in for the firm. This is a dinner cruise/dive/snorkel powered cat. Gene declined but if anyone is interested just let him know and he'll give you Tanner's number. Gene said he'd love to take the job if Kathy would open a branch of the jewelry store at Kona. Actually it's too far from the grandchildren and too expensive to live there.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello everyone, and thank you for the warm welcome you've all given me as the new editor of *The Runabout*. I appreciate the feedback I've received and look forward to continued input from every member.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the ways to provide that input. Please feel free to forward submissions for *The Runabout* directly to me. E-mail is the best way to reach me, at lbeau@uwalumni.com. However, you may also mail your submissions to:

4050 South Barland Avenue
St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235.

Feel free to contact me by phone, as well, at (414) 747-9379. The deadline for submissions is the fourth day of the month. I look forward to hearing from each of you with submissions to the June issue.

Liz Beaudoin

RIVER SPLASH '07

Saturday June 2nd



Kick off the festival season Downtown at River Splash. Meet at the Rock Bottom Brewery and Restaurant on Wells and Plankinton at 5:30 PM for dinner and

afterward, meander on to the festivities. Fireworks are scheduled that evening.



Call Dave Dorner at 414-339-2555 to make your reservations (or just



show up!!!).

SCHMILE A MILWAUKEE HISTORY LESSON

This article was in the Milwaukee Sentinel August 13, 1878 and republished in *The Making of Milwaukee*, John Gurda, copyright the Milwaukee Historical Society, Chapter 4 page 145.

"NO a citizen of Milwaukee possessing a nose to smell or a stomach to endure, but is already prepared to unanimously denounce the filthy, villainous, unhealthy, plague-breeding condition of the river. In its palmyest days, the Chicago River which has been for years the scorn of vain-glorious Milwaukee, could never boast of a fouler collection of the seeds of death than now floats upon the odorous tide that passes through the heart of this city. In a day when the east wind prevents the sluggish current from setting outward, as was the case yesterday, life in the vicinity of East and West Water Streets is simply unendurable.

It is a narrow, tortuous stream, hemmed in by the unsightly rear ends of street buildings and all sorts of waste places; it is a currentless and yellowish murky stream with water like oil, and an odor combined of the effluvia of a hundred sewers. Nothing could better illustrate the contaminations of city life than the terrible change its waters undergo in a mile from their sparkling and rural cleanliness, up above, into this vile and noxious compound here among the wharves."

Submitted by Christine Grubbs



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