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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Has Labor Day really come and gone? Where did the summer go? Hopefully, next year gas prices will go back down, and we boaters can take more and longer trips.

Due to the "iffy" weather, the joint MBC and SSYC cruise to Racine ended up being a "land cruise." (See the article in this issue). A good time was still had by all at South Shore under the white tent. Dick Grabowski led the karaoke singing and supervised two tough trivia games. Thanks to Dick and Nancy and Tom and Donna Budnik for coordinating the event.

I'm writing this the day after our annual MBC picnic. It was held at Dave and Judy Dorner's home on the Milwaukee River. The weather was beautiful, and the "Does Knot" pontoon and Dave's dinghy were available for boat rides. Over 50 people attended to eat, visit, and play the famous "Quarter Game" and "Hat Game." I heard that Shirley Wier went home richer, and Nancy Grabowski won the "Hat Game" – again! Thanks from all of us to Dave and Judy for their hospitality.

Our next event is "Oktoberfest" on September 20th at the Bavarian Inn. (See the notice in this issue). This is always a fun time. This event will be followed by the "Captains' Breakfast on October 14th at the Bluemound Gardens at 9:00 A.M. Wayne Happel is in charge. On October 23rd, we will be having our "Chili Dump and Trivia Contest" co-captained by Tom McElwee and Dave Risch. Watch for notices in *The Runabout* and on our website.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and hope to see you soon at these events,

Pete Merryfield

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 20 | "Oktoberfest"
Bavarian Inn
Captain Wayne Happel |
| October 14 | Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens
Captain Wayne Happel |
| October 23 | "Chili Dump" and Trivia Contest
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center
(A-L bring hearty appetizers/salads;
M-Z bring desserts)
Captains Craig Hesel and Tom McElwee |



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Rita Tiemann
- 3 Kathy Schnagl
- 3 Ellen Baugher
- 10 Juanita "Nita" Swartwout
- 21 George Finch
- 22 Cindy Halstead
- 24 Gloria Mitchelson
- 28 Norm Hoeffleur
- 29 Nancy Grabowski

OCTOBER

- 17 Joan Czaplicki
- 19 Sandi Kowalski
- 19 Pat Moran
- 21 Marilyn McCormick
- 21 Jeri Paddock
- 25 Lee Hart
- 27 Sally Mergener
- 28 Denis Molloy
- 31 Sam Graubner

NEW AND IMPROVED



Christine and Daryl Grubbs shared this picture of the new sea wall and restored Coast Guard Bridge.

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HELP SOLVE “THE MCKINLEY MARINA MYSTERY”

Christine and Daryl Grubbs posed the question this month of McKinley Marina’s origin and history. Doris Maki of the Milwaukee County Parks Department was only able to tell them that the marina is named for William McKinley, 25th president of the United States. If any MBC members have more detailed information about the marina, please forward it to *The Runabout* editor at lbeau@uwalumni.com or call 414-747-9379, so I may include it in an upcoming issue.

Liz Beaudoin

MBC/SSYC’s CRUISE TO RACINE THAT BECAME THE LAND CRUISE TO SSYC

The Labor Day weekend weather couldn’t make up its mind as to what it wanted to do. Therefore, as stated in the title, the “cruise to Racine” became the “land cruise to SSYC!”

Russ Berg had to check on a house that he owns in Racine, so the Berg van made a quick trip down there with Mary, Pete & Bonnie Merryfield, and Leo Wagner & Sue Ring-Wagner. They had lunch at the Yardarm Restaurant and returned to SSYC for the main event with the rest of the gang under SSYC’s large, white party tent.

Co-Captains Dick and Nancy Grabowski and Tom and Donna Budnik had the afternoon planned out with fun, food, karaoke sing-alongs, and trivia games that caused all of us to put on our “thinking caps.” Dinner at DeMarinis followed, and a great time was had by all!

**OKTOBERFEST
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH
 4:00 P.M. ‘til ?**

Join us for our fourth German Oktoberfest celebration.

Where: Bavarian Inn
 700 West Lexington Boulevard, Glendale
 We will have a table under the main tent by the stage.

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If possible, let me know if you plan on joining us, so I have some idea of how many seats to hold. E-mail me at happely2@aol.com or call 262-781-6598.

Wayne Happel

MBC/SSYC CRUISE TO RACINE (AKA "LAND CRUISE TO SSYC") AUGUST 23, 2008



Left to right: MBC's Nancy & Dick Grabowski, Beryn Larsen, SSYC's Donna Budnik



Left to right: Sue Ring-Wagner, Dick, Gloria Larsen, Tom Budnik



John Goetzman & his daughter Mary



An afternoon of great conversation and fun



Russ & Mary Berg & grandson John, Jr.



Left to right: Leo Wagner, Pete Merryfield, Jim Heyden, Grey Halstead

**MBC/SSYC CRUISE TO RACINE (AKA "LAND CRUISE TO SSYC")
AUGUST 23, 2008**



It's Karaoke Time! Sue & Dick



Bonnie Merryfield & Dick sing a duet



At DeMarinis Restaurant, Event Co-Captains
Dick & Nancy Grabowski and Donna & Tom Budnik



Left to right: Jim Heyden, Bonnie & Pete Merryfield,
Connie Heyden



Gloria & Mary Martiny



Left to right: Bud Martiny, Sue Ring-Wagner &
Leo Wagner, Bernie Larsen

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