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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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2013 Mississippi Valley Chapter Christmas Party



Dave Bullington

Glenn Folkert

Rich Scobbie

Dale Roth

The 2013 MVC Christmas party was held at the Ameristar Casino and a great time was had by all! We had 34 in all come for dinner, a great slide show by **Dave Bullington**, and the awards presentation by Past President **Marty Haugh**.

Marty made the following presentations 2013:

Marty presented the President's Cup to **Dave Bullington** as well as an award for the Best Club Promotion.

Best MVC Show Display - **Glenn and June Folkert** - Glenn and June have created a wonderful show with boats, motors, and a world of nautical information. Thanks again Glenn and June!

Best Outboard Motor Display - **Rich & Karen Scobbie** (And they were all ready to run!)

Marty then presented **Dale Roth** an award for Most Sustained Membership Growth. The award recognized Dale for his contribution to obtaining and maintaining membership through the "Ole' Boys Club". (cont'd Page 3)

Skipper's Log by Dave Wann

It seems to me, personally, that over the last few years MVC has become somewhat “unraveled”. We have less involvement from the general membership, less overall percentage of attendance at functions, and while we appear to still be growing, it has become more difficult to get commitment from members.

From my past experience being involved with professional organizations I can see a parallel, as the naturally dominating personalities tend to lead, when others do not. While this is not necessarily a negative thing, particularly during a natural disaster or shipwreck, it tends to lead to stagnation if not addressed in fraternal organizations.

What is Our Basic Purpose, Mission Statement?

Members of MVC are charged with the preservation, sometimes restoration, and primarily the presentation of classic and antique boats for the benefit of future generations. This implies that the club should function around activities involving the use and display of the classic boats in waterborne settings, even when boating is not an option. As a group, we offer numerous venues specifically focused towards that purpose. Where I believe we are failing is the unwritten necessity of the MVC.

In addition to the Mission, we also have the human component that must be considered when we need the support of the member's family to fulfill the Mission. MVC needs to have the family commitment of its members, as the activities detract from the family component of time. While several of our members have spouses, or significant others, that are truly excited by our mission, most are willing participants in their partners enthusiasm. For this reason, our structure needs to address both needs with equal priority.

Over the past few years, we have increased our focus on the Mission, with the addition of a few more public shows, the increased structure of the Board, and the pursuit of sponsorships to increase our visibility. The result has presented us with consistent growth in membership and an increased presence in the community. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! However, to make time for all of it, we reduced the number of general membership meetings.

In hindsight, I believe these meetings primarily served the family element of the Mission. To maximize our efficiency they became a “Press Conference” rather than a social gathering. When the frequency changed, critical relationships with other family members were interrupted. When decisions were made in the general meetings, the family was a part of steering the MVC, and therefore a part of the Mission. As a result of the changes, the family element of the Mission has begun to lose interest.

Where Do We Go From Here?

I believe we need to restore the monthly general meetings. Also, during the meetings, we need decision making activities that draw the family members back into the steering of the MVC. Maybe not every decision, as we once did, but several pre-planned topics that can be discussed over the meal, amongst the members and their families at the table. During the more formal part of the meeting we can discuss and tally the thoughts of the tables and report the results. This information will provide the board with critical information about the members and their desires of the club. Several of my initial questions I asked at the last meeting, namely:

- Should we return to the monthly meetings? The group seemed unanimous on yes.
- Should we have breakfast, as in the past, or change to weekend lunch; or perhaps dinner. Breakfast was the clear winner.

With the New Year upon us we need to schedule the annual events and select dates. Perhaps the next meeting should focus on events in general.

1. What do you want from the MVC? Possible choices would be:
 - a. More public showings; less public showings; if less, then which do we keep?
 - b. More member only water activities, (smaller lake visits, member only cruises, sandbar picnics, etc.).
 - c. More social activities without the boats.
 - d. Other ideas?

For February we should address the need to improve communication within the membership.

I believe that for March we need to address the next generation of the club. Many clubs, and we are no exception, suffer from the 10% rule. In every group there are 10% of the members that for whatever reasons end up with 90% of the responsibilities for the operation of the club. We need to develop a "Training Program" or "Succession Program" if you will, to mentor new club members to manage and organize club events.

In closing,

This is YOUR club. It was formed to enjoy the camaraderie of other antique and classic boat owners and to accomplish the mission of the restoration, preservation, display and use of Antique and Classic boats. The club can only be sustained by ACTIVE membership of members and their families. We respect and want your input, to make this club the best it can be. It can only be the best with your help and active assistance.

Please feel free to contact any board member by email, voicemail, or snail mail, whichever you find most convenient for you, with your ideas and input. I believe that every member should feel that their opinions can be heard, evaluated by the group, and if found by the group to be viable, acted upon.

We look forward to a great year for 2014 and seeing and hearing from you at our next meeting!

2013 Mississippi Valley Christmas Party (From Page 1)



No Surprise to Anyone! **Tom and Lou Lenkman** won the Bent Prop Award, AGAIN! Put as many hours on your boat they do and things are going to happen!!

Most ACBS Events Attended - **Grant MacLaren** It seems that Grant was away at ACBS shows every weekend!

Farthest Distance for a MVC Show - **Roger & Miriam Shafer** Roger and Miriam drove from their home in Montrose, IA for the Blessing of the Fleet.

Afterwards a few "Won a Little" and a few "Lost A Little" at the Casino.

Once again we thank **Dale and Jan Roth** for a wonderful Christmas Banquet, they always make it better than the last.

Thanks again to Marty, Dale, and the entire 2013 Board for all of their hard work. They leave the 2014 Board a hard act to follow.

Tech Tips from Ole Boys Restoration:



How To Obtain a Satin Finish on Your Wooden Classic



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

Obtaining a satin on your wooden classic is not too difficult. All you need is some rubbing oil, a felt rubbing pad, and pumice.

It is important to note that after your boat has received its final coat of varnish, it should be allowed to dry a minimum of 48 hours prior to applying any rubbing oils. This will insure that this final coat has completely set and become hard. The longer the varnish has been allowed to set, the harder it becomes, and the better the rubbing job will be. This is why most wooden classic owners varnish in the fall and rub in the spring.

Obtain all the necessary materials (rubbing oil, felt rubbing pad, and pumice) from your local hardware store. Then mix a small amount of pumice with the rubbing oil. Dip the felt pad in this mixture and using a back and forth movement, apply this over the entire boat.

It is important to rub back and forth with the grain of the wood. Extreme pressure is not required as this may remove the entire layer of varnish. Using a light pressure may result in going over the same areas multiple times, so a moderate pressure is desired.

After a desired area has been completed, use a rubber wiper (a squeegee will work) and pass it across the area in order to check for desired finish.

It may also be noted that for best results, a professional painter, well acquainted with this process, can be employed to ensure a good even job.

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

January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2	3	4
5	6	7  Ole Boys	8	9	10	11
12 General Mtg – Bradden's  11 AM Lunch Noon	13	14  Ole Boys	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King's Birthday	21  Ole Boys	22	23	24	25
26	27	28  Ole Boys	29	30	31	