



# ~Bow Line~

## Meeting Edition

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### Events

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

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### Meetings

*February 9 – General Meeting  
March 9 – General Meeting  
April 13 – General Meeting  
May 11 – General Meeting*

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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!!

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**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. 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	