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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

This is definitely the winter of snow and extreme cold. However, despite the fact that the temperature was in the single digits, we still had a fine Milwaukee Boat Club member representation at South Shore Yacht Club's January bus trip to the "Chicago Boat Show." While I didn't hear that anyone bought a new boat, everybody had a good time. Take a look at the photos of our members at the show. I hope it warms you up looking at those boats in the background.

I want to thank everyone who attended our annual MBC "Event Planning Meeting" on that very cold night of January 24<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was excellent, and we have set up a great schedule for 2008. I was especially pleased at all the people who volunteered to captain the many different events. The 2008 Events Schedule is posted in this issue. Be sure to get out your calendars and mark down the events, so you can plan ahead. I hope all of you computer literate people will make the [www.milwaukeeboatclub.com](http://www.milwaukeeboatclub.com) website one of your favorites. Click on the "Events" link, as further information will be posted for each event.

MBC's next event is the "Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast" on February 12<sup>th</sup>, to be held 9:00 A.M. at Bluemound Gardens. An e-mail will be sent if there are any changes. Senior Pilot Wayne Happel is arranging a February 16<sup>th</sup> trip to the "Chicago Car Show" in conjunction with Waukesha Cruise Fleet. If you're interested in participating, give Wayne a call at 262-781-6598. Our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be our first educational meeting of the year and will begin at 6:30 P.M. I've been asked to remind members whose last names begin A – M to bring hearty appetizers or salads, and L – Z to bring desserts.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the near future!

**Pete Merryfield**

## MBC CHICAGO AUTO SHOW FEBRUARY 16, 2008

What do any red-blooded American guys (or gals) have on their minds in these cold winter months besides boats?

Cars, of course!

And what does Chicago have to offer us poor guys (or gals) to keep us happy and dreaming in this cold, boring month of February, if not a boat show?

A car show, of course!

That is to say the big, grand, Chicago Auto Show!

And so, what is one of your goofy MBC car nut members planning to do about it? Well, I'm organizing a land cruise to the show on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking at leaving around 10:30 A.M. and arriving back home around 4:30 P.M. We will probably take two or three cars for the trip.

Tickets at the gate are \$10 but if you are an old salt like most of us, it's 5 bucks.

Please e-mail or phone me if you would like to join us.

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E-mail: [happely2@aol.com](mailto:happely2@aol.com)

**Wayne Happel**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The entire 2008 calendar of events is printed in this issue. Please save it for future reference. Excerpts of the calendar will be included in future issues this year.

*The Runabout* deadline is the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month with the following exceptions: July is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month; December is the 8<sup>th</sup>.

February 12 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens  
11703 West Bluemound Road, 414-771-3000  
Check future issues of *The Runabout*, MBC's web site, [www.milwaukeeboatclub.com](http://www.milwaukeeboatclub.com), or your e-mail on the Sunday before the scheduled date for details.

February 16 Chicago Car Show  
Captain Wayne Happel

February 21 Educational Program  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
(A-M bring hearty appetizers/salads; N-Z bring desserts)  
Captain Jim Heyden

March 15 Sno-Fun Cruise  
Captain Bonnie Merryfield

March 20 St. Pat's Corned Beef Dinner  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
(A-G bring desserts; H-Z bring appetizers/salads)  
Captains Russ Berg, Wayne Happel, Daryl Grubbs,  
& Tom McElwee

April 15 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens  
Captain Wayne Happel

April 24 "White Elephant" Auction  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
(A-M bring hearty appetizer/salad; N-Z bring desserts)  
Captains George Graubner and Jim Heyden

May 9 "Shove-Off Spree"  
Seven Seas Restaurant  
Captain Wayne Happel

May 13 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens  
Captain Wayne Happel

May 31 "RiverSplash" Event  
Captain Dave Dorner

June 10 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens  
Captain Wayne Happel

June 14 "Champagne/Cold Duck" Get-together  
McKinley Pavillion  
(A-E bring desserts; F-Z bring hearty appetizers/salads)  
Captains Jim Eastberg and Dick Harvey

June 20, 21, 22 LMYA Anniversary Cruise to Racine  
Captain Russ Berg

July 4, 5, 6 LMYA "Open House"  
hosted by South Shore Yacht Club  
Open to all LMYA members;  
Prospective members may sign up at the event

July 11-13 South Shore Water Frolics  
South Shore Park

July 19 Dinghy Cruise/Milwaukee River Pub Crawl  
Captain Dave Dorner

August 16 South Shore Yacht Club's  
"Annual Corn Roast"

August 22, 23, 24 Joint MBC/SSYC Cruise to Racine  
Captains Dick Grabowski and Dick Harvey

September 6 MBC's Annual Picnic  
Dave and Judy Dorner's Riverfront Home  
Captain Dave Dorner

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 Hesper and Tom McElwee

November 11 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens  
Captain Wayne Happel

November 20 Educational Program and  
"Ethnic Food Night"  
(A-G bring desserts; H-Z hearty appetizers/salads)  
Captain Jim Heyden

December 6 MBC's Annual "Commodores' Ball"  
South Shore Yacht Club  
Captain Wayne Happel

January 22, 2009 Planning Meeting  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center (pizza)  
(A-M bring hearty appetizers/salads; N-Z bring desserts)



**BIRTHDAYS**

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 Walt Bykowski
- 1 Judy Dorner
- 1 Lou Wier
- 9 Jim Goodnetter
- 18 Erv Bluemner
- 19 Jim Eastberg
- 26 Donna Finch
- 26 Margaret Robinson

**MARCH**

- 5 Connie Heyden
- 8 Dave Risch
- 10 George Graubner
- 14 Lynda Nelson
- 16 Wayne Happel
- 23 Dick McCormick
- 25 Donna Danowski
- 30 Monica Tillmann

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**OFFICERS**

- Commodore ..... Pete Merryfield
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- Senior Pilot..... Wayne Happel
- Purser ..... Dave Dorner
- Yeoman..... Bonnie Merryfield
- Director of Membership ..... Bonnie Merryfield
- Director of Programs ..... Jim Heyden
- Director of House & Equipment ..... Daryl and Christine Grubbs
- Directors of Refreshments

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- LMYA Representative ..... Wayne Happel
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- Photographers..... Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesper, and Bonnie Merryfield

**“SNO-FUN CRUISE”**

**MARCH 15, 2008**

Hello, MBC Members!

Just a quick heads-up on what we'll be doing for the Saturday, March 15th “Sno-Fun Cruise”.

We'll be meeting at Botanias Restaurant at 816 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street at 5:00 P.M. for a delicious Mexican meal. We'll be ordering off the menu, and those of you who have eaten there before know how good their food is!

Following dinner, we'll be heading to the Modjeska Theater at 1128 W. Mitchell St. at 7:00 P.M. to see the Modjeska Youth Theater Company perform *Fiddler on the Roof*, which begins at 7:30 P.M. The young people in this acting company are extremely talented and have won rave reviews for their previous performances, which have included *Oliver* and *West Side Story*. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are \$10, \$15, \$20, and \$25. I'd like to get the tickets ahead of time, as many theater-goers are lined up to purchase tickets before the show. There are group rates, and I'm waiting for a call-back from the box office as to prices.

“If I Were a Rich Man,” “Sunrise, Sunset,” “Matchmaker,” “Tradition,” “To Life,” and “Do You Love Me?” are just a few of the songs in this play, which won nine Tony Awards, including “Best Musical” on Broadway.

Those of you who may be interested may e-mail me, so I can get an idea as to how many people may be attending.

More details to follow as we get closer to the date, but I wanted to give you an idea of what we have planned.

Hope to see you there!

**Bonnie Merryfield**

## MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2008

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for January 24, 2008 was called to order at 6:55 P.M. by Commodore Pete Merryfield. Before the meeting, members socialized and partook of the delicious appetizers that were served.

The minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Guests Patty Heibel and Jim Palmieri were introduced and warmly welcomed. They have submitted their application for membership into MBC.

Officers' Reports:

**Vice-Commodore** – No report. Because Grey and Cindy just can't seem to get enough of our extremely snowy winter weather, they are on a skiing vacation in Colorado. Commodore Pete will be presiding over the 2008 event planning in Grey's absence.

**Senior Pilot** – Wayne Happel, who also represents LMYA, informed us that the proposed ordinance for a five-mile per hour no-wake rule in the inner harbor during special events is in the same stage it has been. The Milwaukee Public Works Department has asked area boating clubs to post and publish the ordinance draft. It is hoped that the ordinance will be passed before the ice is off the lake. Commodore Pete told members that he has sent a letter on behalf of Milwaukee Boat Club expressing our support for passage of the ordinance.

**Purser** – Dave Dornier reported a starting balance of \$2,115.07. Total income for the period of 11/15/07 to 1/23/08 was \$2,447.00. Total expenses for that period were \$2,189.53 (which includes \$1,664.53 for the "Commodores' Ball" held at the Clarion Hotel). Cash accounts totaled \$1,081.59 for a final balance of \$2,401.80.

**Director of Membership** – Bonnie Merryfield reported that as of tonight we have 76 regular members and eight honorary members. Bonnie also informed members that Nita Swartwout told her that Jeff Addie, who is continuing to battle cancer, was readmitted to St. Luke's Hospital last night. Jeff appreciates all the kind thoughts and prayers being sent his way.

**Director of Programs** – Jim Heyden reported that he is in the negotiation stages with a speaker for our February educational meeting.

**Co-Directors of House & Equipment** – Daryl and Christine Grubbs ask you to notify them if there is anything that you feel we need.

**Webmaster** – Daryl reminded members that in December he added new information on our website regarding Todd Weiler's quest for the complete story of his uncle's squadron, which was shot down during WWII. It is a fascinating story that continues to evolve.

There were no committee reports.

**Any old business?** – Not at this time.

**Any new business?** – Since Vice-Commodore Grey Halstead was out of town, Commodore Pete presented the 2008 Events Schedule. Members offered suggestions and volunteered to captain the various events. The membership also agreed to invite members of Waukesha Cruise Fleet, Milwaukee Harbor Yacht Club, and McBoat (McKinley Marina's Boat Owners' Assoc.) to several of our 2008 events.

Members enthusiastically continued the event planning following an intermission for great pizza and delectable desserts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Yeoman Bonnie Merryfield**

**CHICAGO BOAT SHOW  
JANUARY 19, 2008**

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