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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Fall is in the air, and on October 20<sup>th</sup> we will return to meeting at the Harborside Yacht Center. This month, Craig Hesper and Tom McElwee bring you the Chili Dump and Trivia Contest. Look for an e-mail blast with details.

We had a large turnout at the club annual picnic on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Thanks to Jim and Connie for planning the event and to Russ and Mary for lending us their house and beautiful patio deck. Also, thanks, Daryl, for slaving over hot coals to provide us with delicious roast corn. The party lasted well after dark with great weather.

We probably had the largest turnout ever for the Captain and First Mate breakfast in early September. Twenty club members sat at a long extended table at Maxfield's Pancake House in Wauwatosa. The restaurant proved to be an excellent choice with great pancakes and service. Dan & Donna continue to try out different restaurants which add to the adventure and fun.

The Wives and Lovers joint MBC / WCF Dinghy Cruise brought out 21 boaters September 17<sup>th</sup> at the launch ramp on the northern Illinois Fox Chain O' Lakes. At 10:00 AM we were ready to go when an Illinois Warden stepped up and informed us we needed a fire extinguisher and whistle in each dinghy. Our response was "we're from Wisconsin and don't need this stuff" whereupon we were reminded we were now in the state of Illinois. Accordingly, two cars took off for town to buy the supplies and after an hour and a half delay, we were on our way.

We experienced the beautiful Fox River and several lakes on the chain, and the weather and water was calm until we reached the wide open waters of Fox Lake where the wind kicked up to 15 - 20 mph. This created a heavy chop and was a challenge for the ladies who occupied the bow part of the dinghies.

After crossing Fox Lake, we reached our destination for lunch, the EL Puerto Mexican Restaurant. A few margaritas and beers made our roughed-up bodies a little more bearable. We all had a delicious "South of the Border" lunch. After lunch it was a short cruise back to the launch ramp where we packed up and began our journey home.

This year's Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Inn on September 24<sup>th</sup> was attended by Leo & Sue and her father, Gene & Kathy, and Wayne & Lynne. This was fewer members than in years past and may be attributed to cold and rainy weather. Also, we had the event a week later than usual. However, it was warm and dry in the sheltered area and we got to listen to great German bands, eat delicious spanferkel, roasted chicken, brats and imported German beers. We danced and dined well into the evening and now are looking forward to next year

**Wayne Happel**



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### OCTOBER

- 3 Carollyn Schneckenberg
- 19 Sandi Kowalski
- 19 Pat Moran
- 21 Marilyn McCormick
- 21 Jeri Paddock
- 22 John Wilde
- 27 Sally Mergener
- 28 Denis Molloy
- 30 Bill Martin
- 31 Sam Graubner

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Pete Zierden
- 9 Marian Grasse
- 17 Cam McElwee
- 18 Grey Halstead
- 26 Charlene Zierden
- 27 Jim Heyden
- 28 Vance Werner

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 20 "Chili Dump" and Trivia Contest  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
Captains Craig Hesper & Tom McElwee
- November 14 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
- November 17 MBC Educational Program/Meeting & Ethnic Food & Needy Family Donation"  
Captains George Graubner & Dave Schneckenberg

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**DRY DOCK**

Dave Dorner underwent six heart bypasses on Monday, October 10th. The operation was a success, and Dave should be home next week. All of us in MBC send Dave our prayers and get-well wishes for a speedy recovery.

**CHILI DUMP/TRIVIA CONTEST**

Thursday October 20, 2011

6:30 PM



Captains: Tom McElwee and Craig Hesel

Bring sufficient warm or hot (not frozen) chili for each of you and any guests you may bring. It will all be dumped into the clubs 80 qt. pot to simmer.

A-L, bring hearty appetizers / salads  
 M-Z, bring appetizers / desserts

Beer, soda, rye bread, butter, chopped onions, grated cheese, sour cream and hot sauce will be provided.

Bring your "thinking caps" for the nautical trivia contest run by our captains at this event.

**2011 ANNUAL PICNIC**

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a beautiful day. The skies were clear, and the temperature was perfect.

This year, 54 members gathered at Russ and Mary Berg's house for fun, games, and delicious food. The competition was fierce, but Carollyn Schneckenberg, Lynne Happel, and Donna Danowski won the famous Quarters game. After dinner the famous Hat game got off to a terrific start with everyone fighting to keep a hat. Mary Berg was declared the winner.

Prizes for the games and lots of door prizes were awarded at the end of the evening.

Thanks to Dave Dorner for bringing the large grill, Leo Wagner for bringing the drinks, and Captain and First Mate Jim and Connie Heyden for all the work they put into planning this event and all the things they supplied! Thank you to Connie, Carollyn, Sue, and Bonnie for helping with the door prizes. A very special thank you to Russ and Mary Berg for hosting the picnic at their house!

**Connie Heyden**

### MBC ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 10, 2011



Clockwise: Sandy Kowalski, Linda Nelson, Karen Schmidt, Nancy Grabowski, Lynne Happel, Jean Bluemner, Donna Danowski



Dave Schneckenberg, Wayne Happel, Davis Hohn, & Jim Heyden



Jim and Connie Heyden



Cam McElwee, Cindy Halstead, Sue Ring-Wagner, Mary Ann Goetzman, Bonnie Merryfield, Judy Dorner, Carolyn Schneckenberg



Hosts Mary and Russ Berg

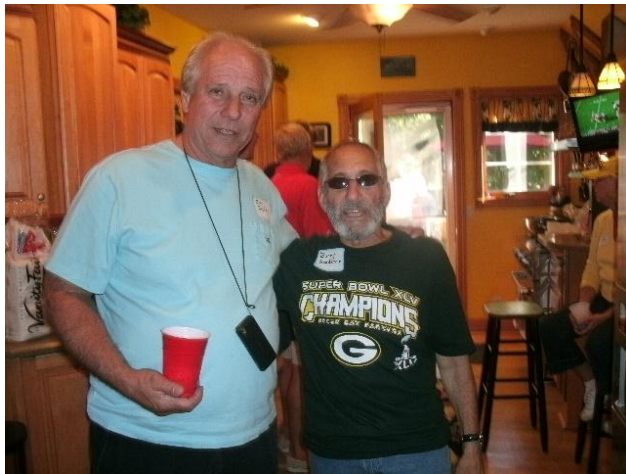
### MBC ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 10, 2011



Relaxing on the deck with friends



Mary, Judy, Cam, Bonnie, Cindy, Kim, & Patty



Jim Heyden & Barry Goodstein



The famous hat game

### MBC BREAKFAST AT MAXFIELD'S PANCAKE HOUSE SEPTEMBER 12, 2011



Left to Right: Jim Goodnetter, George Graubner, Wayne Happel, Denis Molloy, Gene Schnagl



The Ladies (Left to right): Carolyn Shneckenberg, Mary Berg, Lynne Happel, Kathy Schnagl, Cam McElwee



Tom McElwee, Dave Schneckenberg, Dan Danowski Joe Miotke, Russ Berg, Pete Merryfield



Donna Danowski, Peggy Miotke, Sam Graubner, Bonnie Merryfield, Mary Goodnetter

### OKTOBERFEST SEPTEMBER 24, 2011



Standing: Wayne Happel, Sue Ringer-Wagner, Leo Wagner  
Sitting: Sue's dad Rudy, Kathy & Gene Schnagel, Lynne Happel

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