



BOARD NEWS:

The Board wanted to share the following information with you from the September Board meeting.

As you may or may not have noticed until the end of the year the club house will only be open from 3:00p until 8:00p during the week and earlier on the weekends until Docks Out, which is the official close of the boating season.

Sonny and Melody Dawdy have resigned as the club concession managers and we are looking for one (or a couple) to manage the concessions beginning Docks In 2009. If you or you know of someone who would be interested in this position, or what this entails, please call Dennis Butler or another Board member. Although no decisions will be made until the Annual General Meeting, we would at least like your input before year end.



FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

It's the end of the season already. Docks Out is still scheduled for October 11 (2nd Sat. in October). All dock owners (or a representative) MUST be in attendance for this event or you will be assessed \$50 in addition to your dock dues. Remember.....these are your docks!!!! Please be there at 8:00a. Lunch will be provided afterwards. Contact me if you have any questions on this event. ALL canopies must be dismantled and properly stored up near the trailer parking area.

Note: Inner/outers must remove their boats from the north parking before Docks Out (needed for dock storage).



FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

Nothing to report as there are no more club sponsored events. This position is now up for volunteers.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a Board member. This will also be decided at the General Meeting. We will let you know when and where as the meeting date gets closer.



Happy Birthday:

Stormy Ott	October 7
Board meeting	October 8
Karen Hodges	October 9
Buddy (Dawg) Baber	October 14
Dudley Kool	October 15
RC Clements	October 17
Curt Baker	October 21
Al Mercuriali	October 23
Mikey Benson	October 23
Scooter Stolen	October 23
Sharon Harrison	October 30

Happy Anniversary:

Jay & Mindy Burruss	October 22
Jo & Larry Chingren #1	October 23

Congratulations to Lindsey Pottorff and Eric Bailey on their recent wedding last September 6. We wish you many happy years together.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE KING & DON BOURRET (and others)..... Hall of Famers "The Velaires" turned 50!!!! Concert was held Sat. 9/27/08 at the Central High Auditorium.



If there is a birthday or anniversary (or anything) you wish to share with us, please contact me at home 712/274-1727 or on my cell at 712/898-6787. Email address: ott1727@netzero.net or contact us at themrbc.com. I would be happy to include in the newsletter.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Docks Out October 11
Halloween Party October 25

The Halloween party is hosted by yours truly and Ginger Zaber. This will mark our 5th year and we love sharing the day with you and thinking up all kinds of fun things to do and especially hiding all of the body parts for you to find.

Please join us on October 25. The party will kick off at 6:00p with a "spook" hour to welcome everyone and the body parts hunt and hayrack ride to follow.

Please dress up in your favorite Halloween costume. We'll have Geno's Magic Potion on hand no doubt, there will be cash prizes for the best costume (male and female), cash prizes for the quickest team to find their body and put it back together at the clubhouse. We'll have a hayrack ride (thanks Russ) and lots of other fun games. Bring your own beverage of choice and something for potluck.

Our body parts theme this year will be Fractured Fairy Tales. So come join the fun and we hope to see you there.



STORM WATCH:

This is going to be the last newsletter of the season and I have had a wonderful time bringing you all of the MRBC news and sharing the good times with you all.

Since the season is almost at an end, I would like to take a moment to ponder the past and give you some of the Storm Watch entries we have published this year.

Congrats to Ginger Zaber, our own Ship's Writer...she is finally graduating from Briar Cliff. Please give her a "yahoo sista" for this wonderful achievement.



Hey Kay Tobin, have you babysat a dead "cow" lately? Mike Pottorff – we wish you continuing good health as you recover from your recent surgery.

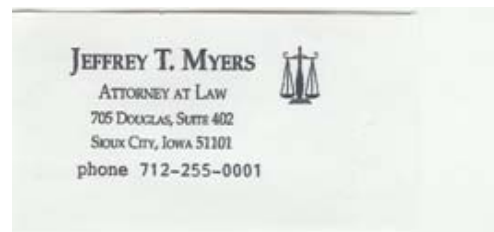
Belated congrats to Mike and Nancy Sweeney on their recent marriage – April 6. Best of luck to you both!

Congratulations to Tim & Lynn Gard on the birth of their grandson, Carter Douglas Swearingen, born June 2. Mom and baby are doing fine.

We are taking donations for new playground equipment and would appreciate your support. If you wish to give anything, there is a "donation jar" at the clubhouse. Thanks in advance for your generosity. We'll give you further updates on this project as they become available.

Want to wish Bruce and Susan a happy 35th wedding anniversary. Bruce would like to share his wisdom as to why his marriage has lasted so long "The reason we have been together so long is I make all of the decisions, and then Susan tells me what we are going to do!"

We did mention last month that Mike Pottorff had a birthday, but we did not mention it's the BIG 50. Yahoo and congrats Mike! Many more!



Our deepest condolences go to Scooter Stolen, a long-time MRBC member, who lost his mother, Muriel, July 9. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Scooter and his family.



Our condolences also to the family (Nan and Troy Brown) and friends of George Lensink who died at his home on July 27. George was also a long-time MRBC member.



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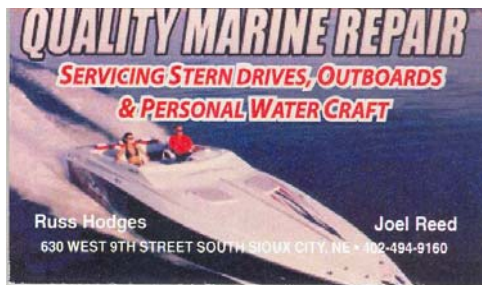
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It's been a very unusual boating season this year with snow in April, May brought cooler weather and storms, the loss of the docks in June due to a very large tree and raging water, and too many activities with family and friends, but it was very WONDERFUL to finally get a few of us out on the river for overnight camping. I for one have missed this and truly had a great time. Although I spent some of it on the ground cuz I fell out of my chair, BUT nothing broken (but my pride) and we all had a laugh. I have several items to report but I was told I must start with me. So, there it is.

Daryl Pricharda 1 and a 2 and a 3 and a 4 times a charm. Four times trying to jump in the boat, but alas the ladder will do.



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Joel Reed

All you guys out there, we do have a great service provided at the MRBC.....if you ever need a Boat Valet....please contact Gene Ott. Apparently, one of the boats came loose up at Pirates Cove during the Poker Run and speedy Geno to the rescue. He just grabbed the loose boat rope and pulled it back into shore. Leon came a running to help (since it was his boat) but alas Geno had it under control.

What happened on July 4 Russ Hodges? Did you get a little close to the pole while docking. Yes, we are still trying to find out who put up the pole at the club house. Seems like the pole 1...Russ 0.

Welcome Back Mr. Goehring.....we missed you and are glad you have returned safely from Iraq.

Congrats to Justin Menard. He just finished his Basic Training and is off for more schooling. Way to go, Justin.

We want to wish all of you Sturgis travelers a fun and safe trip. We want details....or maybe not!

If you have an opportunity, PLEASE go out to the pictures on the website and remind yourself about all of the fun we have had over the 2008 boating season.

Don't forget safety first when out on the water. Not everyone knows the river like we do, so be careful and be on the lookout always.

We have had many years out on the river and many wonderful memories, so I thought I would put together some rules to follow when out on the overnights making campfires.



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Campfire Rules

1. Never ever fall asleep at the campfire....you just never know what they are going to do to you while you are asleep....maybe pink fingernails, blue toenails, or maybe more color in your cheeks that you may want!
2. Never leave your coolers unattended...you just never know if you will or will not have any of your stash left when you wake up. Some people may still be thirsty even after their stash is gone.
3. Always be aware of where the perimeters are of the lit campfire. No falling into the fire. Stay... away... from ...thefire!
4. Always bring extra OY (oil)....big flames are the best....but still remember Rule #3.



5. Bring a saw with you...you never know if you will be camping at a place where you have to down a tree.
6. Never leave your picnic table unattended. Sometimes there might be people who don't want to use the saw or are too tired to go up into the trees and may just use the vacated picnic table for wood.
7. Be aware of "night sorties". See Rule #10
8. Try to always park your boat away from the fire, so the "foo foo" ashes won't land on your boat. It really is quite a bit of trouble to get them out....and also they do make little marks on your upholstery.
9. Always gotta have music during the campfire vigil. Even when it's left on during the night and it rains. Something about takes a licking and keeps on ticking...oh never mind...that's a Timex.
10. Always keep an extra roll of toilet paper on hand, as you never know what you might be doing with it during a campfire vigil.

I also want to take a moment to thank each of our sponsors. It's your donations each year that make the publication and distribution of the newsletter possible.

Remember to support our sponsors!

See you in the Spring.