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**COMMODORE'S CORNER**



Greeting fellow Con Trios members. The boating season is getting off to a slow start because of all the rain and the high waters from flooding. I know all are anxious to get out on the water and begin some summer fun. Please remember during the high water that even though you can't see the rock dikes, they are still here. Practice safe boating by knowing where the dikes are and go around them as you would during low water.

If you do get out on the water, remember to be courteous of your wake and stay away from the flooded homes. They have enough problems to deal with now, without being waked constantly.

Con Trios events will still continue, and, as recently quoted by our infamous Immediate Past Commodore, Tim Tighe, "Neither Wind nor Rain nor Sleet nor Snow nor **FLOOD** will deter a Con Trios Party: We have plenty of empty slots for membership, so, please bring your boater friends who are not Con Trios members to one of our events, and encourage them to join.

"I Love this Country" and "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler"

Gary Meinershagen  
Commodore

**BLESSING OF THE FLEET**

The Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Saturday, July 19th; the same day as our Margaritaville Party at Grafton. The theme for the Blessing is, coincidentally, "Margaritaville". I encourage all Con Trios members to decorate their boats and be part of the parade. Con Trios will offer an award for the "Best Con Trios Boat", which will be presented at the Margaritaville Party in Grafton.

## Greetings from the Fleet Captain



The Summer season has finally arrived and we are well into our 2008 season of events for the Con Trios Yacht Club (if only the river would cooperate). By this printing we have completed three (3) of seven (7) events. With Mother Natures help our next event will be the "Margaritaville Party" at Grafton Harbor July 19th. But before we get too far ahead lets reflect on the recent past. The "Ice Breaker" at Tan-Tar-A was a great time, but if you enjoyed that event wait till you see what next years Fleet Captain Darryll Weil and his First Mate Maureen have in store for all of us. Tim Tighe and the Past Commodores did it once again and pulled off a terrific event at Aerie's Winery. The wine was flowing and we had a wonderful feast provided by Bill and Linda Mixon and their staff. Those guys know how to party! I was also pleasantly surprised by Mr. Bill Mixon who inducted me into the "Royal Order Of the Knife". I am truly honored and proud to be a member of such an elite group.

This brings us to the "Champagne Brunch". Special thanks go to all involved. The day started sunny and bright and our members and guests were welcomed at registration by Barb Nelson and my wife Pat. Everyone received a Con Trios Cobalt Blue Champagne Flute and the "bubbly" started along with a continental breakfast. As the music started Bill and Jean Tullock made the final preparations for the silent auction that was a huge success. They certainly took this event to the next level. Speaking of the silent auction, did you happen to notice that Judy and Gary Meinershagen were bidding against each other for the same item. What's up with that? Milling about the crowd of 180 people you could see Mary Tiemann taking pictures and our Directors dressed in their traditional white shirts and red ties serving ice cold champagne and strawberries. Our outside bar was staffed by John, Ron and Sonny. These three (3) guys really enjoy their work. Also a special thanks to Mike and Nicole Baisch and Ruthie Durmeier for working our 50/50 Raffle. Vikki Townzen was the lucky winner of \$500. Two commemorative plaques were presented; one to Rich Luttrell of the Yacht Club of St Louis who was a wonderful host at such a beautiful venue and the other to John and Kelly Klipp of Sundowners who provided us with a terrific brunch. This was preceded by a toast to our past commodores and our meal prayer by Barb Nelson.

A couple of added attractions for our pleasure was the beautiful ice sculpture and the chocolate fountain that I hope everyone was able to enjoy. Last but not least a thank you to Scott and Lisa Hickey who provided us with Con Trios properties at all of the past three (3) events. Thank you again one and all. In closing, Pat and I continue to extend an open invitation to all of you. Be sure to contact Grafton Harbor for slips if you plan to attend the "Margaritaville Party" by boat on July 19th. We're looking forward to seeing you and the memories we will create together.

Safe boating and good health

Denny Galkowski  
Fleet Captain



"Neither Wind nor Rain nor Sleet nor Snow  
nor FLOOD will deter a Con Trios Party"!!

Immediate Past Commodore  
Tim Tighe

Another Past Commodore party has come and gone, and by golly, they seem to get better all the time. The Past Commodore Party, held on Saturday, May 3rd at Aeries Winery was hosted by our Immediate Past Commodore, **Tim Tighe**. He planned a terrific party, and will be known for years to come for his famous quote above.

The day started out a bit cloudy, windy, and cool, but ended up being sunny and slightly warmer. Of course the wine and beer served to us by our most friendly bartenders, Past Commodores, **Kenny Whitney** and **Sonny Robbins**, may have helped with the rise of our body temperatures later in the day. Or maybe it was just plain ole' camaraderie with our fellow members that gave us all that warm and fuzzy feeling.

Tim was pleased and most proud to have 15 Past Commodores present to "wine and dine" **Denny Galkowski's Fleet**. Present were Past Commodore **Cross, Obst, Machens, Shamel, Robbins, Whitney, Morrow, Mixon, Tremmel, Ramirez, Bicknese, Tiemann, Svoboda, Tighe**, and our current Commodore, **Gary Meinershagen**. Hats off to these fine gentlemen who served us with a smile, and seemed as if they were totally enjoying the day themselves. And, we can't forget the lovely and Smiling Past Commodore's that helped—**Terrie Tiemann (Little John Bicknese); Mary Tiemann (Carl Tiemann); Barb Svoboda (Jim Svoboda) and Jan Eddington (Doc Spraul)**. Good job ladies.

The 50/50 was split between two lucky winners; **Marsha Gross** and **Dottie Hill**. They both walked away with a whopping \$250.00 and a HUGE smile on their face. Way to go Ladies!

AND, last and certainly not least, a great big round of applause (applauso, applauso) goes to the fabulous cooks; **Bill Mixon, Linda Mixon, Mike Tremmel** and **Jim Farr**. Again, the meal was EXCELLENT. Everybody was raving about how great the food was.

Oh, and I can't forget all those that stepped up to the plate and helped with clean-up. This is what makes a successful Club—PARTICIPATION!!!!

More fun parties to come, hosted by our Fleet Captain **Denny Galkowski** and his lovely First Mate, **Pat Galkowski**.

**Judy Meinershagen**



*Lady*



PROPerTy Managers

She doesn't **SHAKE** and she doesn't **RATTLE**, but she definitely **ROCKS AND ROLLS**. The new and revised version of the Texas Lady has once again hit the waterways of the Mississippi River!

It was a beautiful evening on Wednesday, May 28, when **Scotty and Lisa Hickey**, of the infamous Texas Lady, decided it was time to take a Krewe out for a Shakedown Cruise. The Texas Lady has not been out of her slip, except for major reconstructive surgery, since November '06.

Captain Scotty was pumped, but was also as nervous as a new father with a brand new baby.

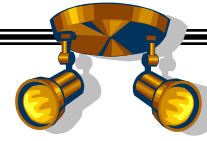
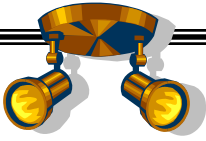
Once Captain Scotty mastered the first major hurdle of navigating the Texas Lady out of the harbor and into the Slough, First Mate Lisa busted out the bubbly for a celebration of their renewed and cosmetically enhanced vessel.

Fellow boater, **Denny Vermilye**, spotted us in the water right away and nestled up beside us to make sure all was ok. Also, fellow boater and accomplished airplane pilot, **Lloyd Bollinger**, gave us a courtesy fly-by and waved his wings at us.

It was a beautiful evening and great shakedown cruise. Captain Scotty pulled the Texas Lady into the Marina perfect, between the red and green football stanchions at the Yacht Club of St. Louis. He eased her into her waiting slip as the Krewe broke out in thunderous clapping and celebration, as the Texas Lady passed the test with flying colors with no major burps. The Texas Lady handled like the Lady that she is, with all her Texas charm with no major bumps or grinds.

Look for more sightings of the Texas Lady in a waterway near you soon!

**Judy Meinershagen**



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