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**Con Trios 2005  
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**COMMODORE'S CORNER**

Hello again

Summer is now upon us. With the boating season in full swing we must remember that with lower water levels more dikes are either exposed or closer to the surface of the running gear of our boats. At this time, above Lake Center Marina in the Dardenne Slough UMR 224.8, the Corp of Engineers is rip rapping the shoreline. Scott Wolff, with the Sandbar Restaurant, advised me that the workers told him they would be building wing dikes partially into the Slough. Our web master, Bill Kelley, does a very good job at putting river updates on his web site at [riverbills.com](http://riverbills.com).

Lets all remember also to take precaution as the temperature heats up; drink plenty of fluids and use sunblock.

The year is now half over. Let's remember to get out and support our club. All members must attend the required two events a year. The next event is sure to fill up fast so get your flyer returned as soon as possible. Let's all be safe out on the water.

Carl Tiemann

**FULL MOON CRUISE  
GRAFTON FERRY  
Saturday, July 23**



The next event, surely not to be missed, is the ever-popular Full Moon Cruise. This will be the 3rd Annual, and word of warning, this event fills up quickly. Don't hesitate too long to register for this event when you receive the flyer in the mail.

When registration reaches capacity—it's over! No exceptions!

You Snooze, You Lose!!

## Greetings from the Fleet Captain

The Champaign Brunch at the Duck Club was a great event - we had over 160 attendees, perfect weather, excellent food and our usual bubbly! I want to thank all of the members who helped with the event - we had over 20 volunteers assisting with the set up, registration, party and tear down - thank you - this is what makes our Con Trios events a success. A special thank you to Alan Deutschmann and Jerry Koerner for soliciting the raffle prizes (over \$4,000) and handling the raffle.

Our next outing is the Full Moon Cruise on Saturday July 23. Due to Coast Guard regulations the Grafton Ferry limits us to 130 attendees, so please respond to the event flyer (will be mailed in early July) ASAP. The first 130 paid responses get to go!

The Sand Bar party will be Saturday August 13 - we will send a flyer with details/location in late July.

The Alton Get Away is Saturday September 10 - please make your reservations now as the Alton Marina fills up rapidly in September. Please call (618) 462-9860 and tell them you are with Con Trios. If your circumstances change you can cancel your reservation and not incur a cost penalty.

As always we are here for you, so please contact us with ideas, comments or suggestions.

Jim & Barbara Svoboda

## I LIKE YOUR PROSPECTIVE . . .

The following are Prospective Members and their sponsors.

### Prospective

Gene Tichacek  
James Wigger

### Sponsor

Ron Thies  
Richard Sievers

## INTRODUCING DIRECTOR #2 JERRY KOERNER

One of our newest members, Jerry Koerner, has volunteered to take over the responsibilities of Director #2. As most know, Debbie Barlow recently married and is moving to Arkansas, so she opted to give up her Directorship so that someone locally could handle the responsibilities.

Jerry stepped up to the plate and offered his services. We thank you, Jerry, and look forward to working with you.

## YIKES—WATCH THOSE DIKES!



With the on-set of the busy boating season, just a friendly reminder to all the Missouri Alton Pool Boaters to watch the “un-user friendly” rock dikes out there. Seems like a lot of boaters are so anxious to get their boats out of storage, de-winterized, and back on the water again, that they forgot about all those rock dikes that reach up and bite your boat. Take time to re-familiarize yourself with the waters in the Alton Pool. If you are a new boater to the area, ask someone who has been boating in this area for a brief tour. I’m sure they will be most happy to assist you. There is nothing worse than starting off the season with a huge boat repair bill, or worse yet an injury to yourself or a loved one.

Most of the rock dikes that are the boat biters can be visibly seen when the water is average to low pool. Be conscious of these and make a mental note so you don't make the mistake and drive over them when the water is high, and are no longer visible. Or, whenever possible, stay in the Channel between the ever so visible green and red buoys.  
Safe boating all!

## BOAT US

As a Cooperating Group Member of BOAT US, we are offered discounted memberships. If you are interested in becoming a member of BOAT US, our Group# is GA80177Y. Please contact Bob Vogel for an application or you can contact BOAT US directly at 880 South Puckett St., Alexandria, VA 22304.

## CAPTAINS HATS OFF TO OUR PAST COMMODORES

On a scale of 1-10, I do believe the Past Commodores tipped the scale and went over the limit with their Past Commodores party held on Saturday, May 7th at Polestar Marina.



The food was excellent, the music was great, and the higher power blessed us with a beautiful, sunny day! We couldn't have asked for more.

A special thanks to the cooks, Tom Anderson, Bill Mixon and Jimmy Farr, and our bartenders, Sonny Robbins and Kenny Whitney. Our bartenders were most accommodating when it came to quenching our members thirsts. Why Kenny Whitney was even so kind as to offer to run down to the River's edge to get me some water for my drink when I inquired if they had any of the precious liquid I so desired.



A great time was had by all. By the end of the evening, most of our members were getting into the swing of things; letting their hair down and getting their exercise for the day by dancing their little legs off.

Thanks to all who helped set-up and break-down the tent, tables and chairs All who contributed helped make this party a success!

Oh, and a special congratulations to our current Commodore, Carl Tiemann, who looked so proud sporting his new Commodore Cap!

## KUDOS TO DAVE STOLZE

Dave is one of our newest members, just recently being inducted at the Ice Breaker Party in March.

After the printing of the last newsletter, I was not overly pleased with the quality. I knew that Dave was in the printing business (Stolze Printing), so I inquired if he would be so kind as to take a look at the newsletter and offer me some assistance on printing a clearer, sharper newsletter. Dave and his staff took the time out of their busy day to do just that.

After going over our newsletter with their professional eye and printing it out on their laser printer, Dave indicated that he could, indeed, help with producing a better quality newsletter. He even went one gigantic step further—he offered to not only print our newsletter, but he offered to do it at **ZERO** cost to our club. Yes, you read that correctly, we're talking about \$0.00 dollars. Dave would like to donate his printing services for the good cause of our club. This will save our club a few hundred dollars a year!

I do believe this deserves a gigantic round of applause.



Thank you Dave, ever so much!

**ANNUAL PARADE OF BOATS**  
**AND**  
***BLESSING OF THE FLEET***



Mark Your Calendars for July 16, 2005 ! The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Boats and Blessing of the Fleet will take place this year on the third Sunday in July. The Decorating Theme for Boats This Year Is,

"YOU DECORATE AND WE'LL JUDGE"

***The theme this year leaves participants open to decorating to their own creative choices and talents in taking on a festive character. You may choose one of your favorite theme's from years past to re-enact or choose a favorite current event or even be uniquely creative and just decorate to your hearts desire!***

The Parade Originates at the Yacht Club of St. Louis at 1:45 pm. A Blessing of the Fleet, Inc., "Follow-Me" vessel and USCGAAUX patrols will direct the parade down stream to Our Lady of the Rivers Shrine, Mile 212 UMR, Portage Des Sioux, Mo. Estimate Time of Arrival for the first boat to reach the Statue is 3:00 pm. The Judges will be positioned just north of the Shrine and anchored in a boat generously provided by our friends at Port Arrowhead Yacht Sales. As you approach the Judges viewing area, follow along through the Red Flotation Markers - Slow Please and No Wake - Allow time for the Judges to View the decorations, costumes and take in and enjoy any music you may have incorporated in to your theme. Then you will proceed again slowly in single file to the Base of the Statue where Rev. Michael Sandwig blesses each boat as it passes.

Finalists will be selected during and along the Parade Route, identified with Ribbons and given written instructions for anchorage and a second viewing until a final decision has been made. **FIRST PLACE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:** Cruiser, Houseboat, Runabout, Sailboat, and Pontoons.

Everyone is invited to a festive Trophy Award Ceremony and a Raffle Drawing at Palisades Yacht Club immediately following the Blessing and Parade. Refreshments will be available at the Club.

Enjoy this years event with your family and friends.

It's truly, A Great Way to Invoke Memories of a Glorious Day Spent on the River!

For additional information about the parade or joining the Blessing of the Fleet, Inc., Contact: Tim and Lynn Tighe (Patience) DCYC. Phone: (618) 977-7653 or (314) 960-4646

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**  
<http://www.contriosyachtclub.org>

We're going to add something new to our website under the Event section.

The current event flyer will be posted there in PDF format. Those who misplace or lose their flyer, or just need to refresh their memory on times, etc., can visit our website and download and print out another one.

The next flyer to be published on our website will be the Full Moon Cruise.



**FOR SALE**

The club has decided to dispose of the fryer that has been in the equipment trailer for some time now. If you are interested in submitting a bid on the fryer, please contact a board member for a viewing.



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