

Alton Motorboat Club

11134 Harbor Dell Godfrey, Illinois 466-2142

"The Best Little Boat Club on the Mississippi"

November 2011

Member Totals:

Regular 221

Social 115

Honorary 5

Officers:

Commodore.....Steve Stutz

Vice-Commodore.....Bob Sullivan

Secretary.....Mike Hentrich

Treasurer.....Linda Reed

Directors:

Board Chairman.....Eric Hagedorn

Bar.....Rich Kortkamp

Dock Assignment.....John Reed

Dock Repair.....Matt Knight

Entertainment.....Matt Woulfe

Grounds.....Ken Grabner

House.....Jeannine Gerber

Membership.....Ron Jenkins

Special EventsDino Taylor

The Alton Motor Boat Club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Rick Barton and Bonnie Fitzgibbons (wife of Frank Fitzgibbons) who passed away in the last month.

Coming Events:

Every Monday -Monday Night Football Chicken Wings

13 November – Turkey Shoot

The sign-up board is posted inside the door of the Club. If you have sold all your raffle tickets and your shot cards, there are plenty more behind the bar. If you are not sure how you can contribute give Dino Taylor or Red Dunham a call. The Turkey Shoot is very important to the Club and we need everyone's help. Circle Sunday the 13th of November on your calendar and don't miss it.

16 November – Monthly Drawing &

Pizza Night – This has become a very popular night out. Over the winter this will be a great date night to break up a long week of work. Peggy makes a great pizza. Come out and enjoy the evening.

Save the Date:

17 December – Children's Christmas Party

20 December – Adult Christmas Party

Past Events:

Golf Tournament

The golf tournament netted over \$1600 this year. We are making another donation this year to All Gods Children Need Shoes. Thanks to all of our sponsors for their support. Please patronize our sponsors and let them know that you appreciate their patronage. In no particular order our sponsors were Metro East Industries, Godfrey Meat Market, Stutz Service, Chez Marilyn, Robert Sanders, Alton Moose, Kevin's Upholstery, Body Restoration, Smart Choice Outlet Sales, Kudzel Flowers, Springfield Running Center, Georgewitz Contracting Co., Bush Refrigeration, Farmer Fiberglass, First Shot Shooting, Dan Beiser, Nameoki Village Marine, Rolling Hills Golf Course, Piasa Custom Shrinkwrap, Retired Alton Fire Fighters, Town Club Bar & Grill. We would also like to thank all who helped make the tournament possible. Misti Knight, Jim Wilcox, Larry & Jeanette Hazen, Tim & Rose Anderson, Scott & Debbie Fowler, Susie Reagan, Amanda Smith, Nona Smith, Lori McGhee, Sherry Hammon, Darlene Seidler, Terry Ray, Nancy Hunt, Becky & Thad Hartman, Mark Manis, Karen Rich, and Kerry Crum.

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29 October - Halloween Party

What a party. What a selection of costumes. Everyone had a great time dancing to the sound of Jody Grinder.

Word from the Board

New Grill: The board would like to thank Mark Rose, Bob Legate Sr., Bob Legate Jr., Lynn Simburger, Merle Hazelwonder, and Dan Fitzgerald for their combined efforts building the Club a very nice grill. If you would like to use the grill please sign it out at the bar. When you are finished please clean and oil the grates. The grill is for use on the club grounds only.

Dock Assignment: There are 9 slips of various sizes currently up for rent. If you have a boat on the trailer, you should consider how much more convenient it is to always have a boat on the water ready to go. If you have any questions, please call John Reed.

Bar: The monthly drawing combined with our Pizza Night special is bringing a lot of people out to the Club. Don't miss out. Just a reminder the \$6 pizza special is meant as promotion for the Club, not for carry-out. Monday Night Football with free chicken wings is lots of fun. Come up and enjoy the game.

House:

Just a reminder: Please bus your table when you are finished eating at the club. Leave the table in the same kind of condition that you would want to sit down to eat.

Grounds:

Ken Grabner would like to thank the few folks who came out to help clean up the grounds in early October. Special thanks to Steve Jones who donated most of the day's use of his Bobcat. There is more to do. If anyone who would like to work outside, get some hours, and help out the Club, call Ken Grabner @ 618-978-8742.

Entertainment:

Watch for the new Boat Club Hoodies. They should be in stock for the Fall Season.

Back To The Water 2011 Cruising

Contest: The lead in the cruising contest has changed hands again. River John is back in first place with a trip Keokuk (UMR 366.9). John spent several days stopping at Louisiana on the way up and the way back. Six locks and 315 miles is quite a trip. There are still a couple of weeks left for a cruise. Even if it isn't 100 miles, get out on the water and enjoy the late season colors in your boat.

From The Commodore:

It has been a great year on the water and there are still a few weekends left. We have been blessed with a six or eight weeks of tremendous weather and water. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out. We are currently under utilizing the Club's dock spaces. We are considering modifying the harbor rules during this under utilization period to encourage more use of the docks. This could include weekend rental for those members who would like to try out a slip for three days. If you have ideas on how our harbor rules can be improved, please contact Bob Sullivan (vicecommodore@hotmail.com), or any of the board members.

Be Safe and Thanks, Commodore



The Club

hours:

Mon. thru Thur. 2pm-10pm

Fri. 2pm-1am

Sat. 10am-1am

Sun. 10am-10pm

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| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Board Mtg. 7pm MNF & Wings | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Turkey Shoot | 14 MNF & Wings | 15 Membership Mtg. 7:30pm | 16 Monthly Drawing & Pizza Night | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 MNF & Wings | 22 | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 MNF & Wings | 29 | 30 | | | |
| | | Galley Open: Fri. & Sat. 5-10pm Sun. 2-8pm | Club Hours: Mon-Thur 2-10p Fri 2pm-1am Sat 10am-1am Sun 10am-10pm | Drink Specials: Sun- Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers \$2.00 Mon & Tues - Bottle/Can Beer \$1.50 Wed- Draft Beer \$.75 Thur- Wine \$2.00 Sat- Margaritas \$2.00 | | |

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Here are some pictures of River John's 315 mile round trip cruise from the Boat Club up to Keokuk, Iowa.

The river boat Mark Twain in Hannibal Missouri. Hannibal is a great place to stay if their harbor has enough water. There are plenty of shops and restaurants within walking distance.

Warsaw Brewery in Warsaw, Illinois

The Warsaw is a very nice and fun place to stop. They have good beer, bar, restaurant, and good dockage. They are also right across the river from the Purple Cow in Iowa (full of local color). An Iowa watering hole where you will see a lot of local color.



Lock 19, Keokuk, Iowa

The entrance to this 1200 foot lock can be a little intimidating. There is a strong current which comes across the bull nose of the east wall. The lock has approximately a 30 rise.



River John in the Lock 19 Chamber

John was escorted through the chamber on the way back. The lock master did not trust his watercraft. Evidently he had it confused with a jet ski. Note the dry suit. John was ready for any weather.



This is the Keokuk power plant on the upstream side of Lock 19.

