



# ALTON MOTORBOAT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

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183 REGULAR

142 SOCIAL

5 HONORARY

### OFFICERS:

Commodore	<b>Wyatt Smith*</b>
Vice-Commodore	<b>Rhone Gillis*</b>
Secretary	<b>Suzie Fill*</b>
Treasurer	<b>Bill Klinke*</b>

### DIRECTORS:

Board Chairman	Matt Woulfe
Bar	<b>Paul Claussen*</b>
Dock Assignment	Jim Neumann
Dock Repair	<b>Matt Knight*</b>
Entertainment	Cliff Rushton
Grounds	<b>Steve Pohlman*</b>
House	<b>Brad Maher*</b>
Membership	Linda Johnson-Petterson
Special Events	<b>John Dooley*</b>

**\*Congratulations to the 2016 Election Winners**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

JACKIE WILLIAMS - SOCIAL

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**7 February** - Super Bowl 50 (Denver vs. Carolina)  
Unless the club's floor is being refinished at the this time, we will open for one evening and celebrate the BIG GAME. The game begins at 5:30, but there are plenty of pregame festivities. This event will be much like the Conference championships at the club. Bring your own beer, seat, and a dish or snack to share.

**19 March** - Jon Boat Jamboree (Tentative)  
Last year's trip to Duck Blind Island was a blast. Around 100 people enjoyed the 70 degree weather. We can only hope for a repeat. There will be hot dogs, plenty of drinks, the wonderful outhouse will return, and there could even be a golf ball driving contest. More info next month. There is sure to be a **Grand Re-Opening Party** of sorts when the club is ready to reopen. This could incorporate our traditional St. Patrick's Day Dance along with the Installation Dance that was postponed. The date and details of this will depend on many factors. Watch newsletters, e-mail and Facebook for more information when it arises.

### PAST EVENTS

**31 December** - New Year's Eve Party  
Being displaced from our building didn't slow down the Boat Club's party drive. The Alton-Woodriver Sportsmen's Club saw very high drink sales as the Owlz serenaded us throughout the evening. The food table was overflowing with fantastic homemade creations. Thanks to Cliff and Yvonne Rushton for coordinating this great event and to Bob Reagan and his staff of volunteer bartenders for their work.

### FROM THE GALLEY

The Kitchen is empty and is receiving a deep cleaning and a new floor. The Bar area could be open for some time before the kitchen is back up and operational. Frozen pizzas and other snacks may be available upon re-opening.

### CHAIRMAN (MATT WOULFE 618-465-3151)

To the outgoing officer and board members: Thank you for your sacrifices and dedication to the club, the many meetings you attended, and the hard work each of you put in during your terms. Steve Stutz, Bob Reagan, Rich Kortkamp, Doug Pichee, and Ron Jenkins have all agreed to stay involved with the club's renovation and assist in a smooth handover to the new regime. Board meetings are each Monday @ 7.

### BAR (PAUL CLAUSSEN 618-410-6170)

A full inventory of stock has been completed and the walk-in cooler has been power washed and neatly organized. Much of the alcohol that was stocked for our new year's eve party has been returned to distributors. We'll have a fresh start in 2016. Our main bar is safe and intact, but our center island was dismantled and will be rebuilt sturdier and more efficient. There will also be outlets and maybe USB ports on the outside of the bar so that you can easily charge your cell phones and other devices.

### DOCK REPAIR (MATT KNIGHT 618-407-9890)

The Harbor is frozen. We will need to adjust some things and make minor repairs once the weather breaks. Watch for a harbor work party in the Spring.

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**DOCK ASSIGNMENT (JIM NEUMANN 314-580-0538)**

Dock Payments are now payable and can be mailed to the Club. Five slips remain available to the first taker. If you are interested, contact Chairman Neumann.

**ENTERTAINMENT (CLIFF RUSHTON 618-781-1156)**

Even though the Club is officially closed, we were able to gather for the NFL Conference Championship games. It was an intimate, simple event but met the needs of sports enthusiasts. We enjoyed chili provided by the Club and delicious potluck sides. We foresee the ability to have the same event for the Super Bowl as long as the new floor isn't going down at that time. Interim events at the Club allows us to see the progress and hard work of members much appreciated efforts in getting the Club back open as soon as possible.

**GROUNDS (STEVE POHLMAN 618-975-7244)**

We've had some interest in taking the dirt that was removed from our harbor, but we have plenty. If you know of anyone who may want free dirt, contact Steve Pohlman or Matt Woulfe.

**HOUSE (BRAD MAHER 618-466-3948)**

Brad has hit the ground running making repairs to our barebones club. If you have the skills necessary for electrical, construction, or other handyman work, contact Chairman Maher to help renovate the club. There is much to do.

**SPECIAL EVENTS (JOHN DOOLEY 618-830-8755)**

The Installation Dance was skipped due to the flood, but we look forward to a re-opening party, details will be announced as soon as available. There will be an Easter Party in April, date will be announced soon. We will try to set the date for the Turkey Shoot soon.

**MEMBERSHIP (LINDA JOHNSON 618-466-9914)**

When restoration is complete, our club will have a brand new look and will be even more inviting to potential members. Start talking it up now with your friends and coworkers. Let's turn on our recruiting tools and try to get 50 new members this year, and just as important, keep ALL of the ones we have.

**FROM THE COMMODORE**

The Mighty Mississippi crested just as we rang in the new year. It hit 30.95 in Grafton and topped out at 35.8 in Alton. Although it was a few feet shy of its projection and 7 feet short of the flood of '93, it was the fourth highest crest in recorded history. These high waters snuck into our clubhouse just enough to cause damage. Repairing the club has been in full swing since we were able to re-enter. We have placed a claim with our insurance and will be receiving funds to repair and replace effected items. We hired a company to dry out our club and remove drywall that had been wet. At this time, most of the insulation and drywall has been replaced by volunteers. Our Club will be getting a new floor throughout the building and a new coat of paint.

All dues including docks, coupon books, membership, parking, and ramp are payable as of February 1st, but due to circumstances, there will be a grace period. There will be ample time to pay once the club reopens. However, if you prefer to pay now, you can mail your payment to the club. It will be forwarded to the treasurer. Coupon books that expired on 31 Jan will still be accepted when we open. More details on modified policies will be forthcoming.

As I begin my sixth term as Commodore, the Club faces huge challenges, but even bigger opportunities. We have a freshly dredged harbor and the inside of the club will have a fantastic makeover. Our new board members will seamlessly team up with our continuing group. Membership meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of February at the Sportsmen's Club Trap House. Be involved and attend all the meetings that you can. You can also contact a board member to see how you can help speed up our clubs re-opening.

Remember that the flood and renovation has caused all of our paid employees to be laid off. Keep them in your thoughts and reach out to them if you can.

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# FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> BOARD MEETING 7:00 BOAT CLUB	<b>2</b> MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 SPORTSMEN'S TRAPHOUSE	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> BOARD MEETING 7:00 BOAT CLUB	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> ASH WEDNESDAY	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> VALENTINE'S DAY	<b>15</b> BOARD MEETING 7:00 BOAT CLUB	<b>16</b> MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 SPORTSMEN'S TRAPHOUSE	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> BOARD MEETING 7:00 BOAT CLUB	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> BOARD MEETING 7:00 BOAT CLUB				<b>OFFICER CONTACT NUMBERS</b> WYATT SMITH: 618-473-1517 RHONE GILLIS: 217-370-9047 SUZIE FILL: 618-781-4558 BILL KLINKE: 618-466-1925	

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