

THANK YOU, HARRY J. ROBINSON



WELCOME TO THE STERNWHEEL FESTIVAL



JOSH SCHLICHER

Mayor of Marietta

It is my honor as Mayor of Marietta to welcome you to the 47th Ohio River Sternwheel Festival.

The coordination of this festival is a collaborative effort involving many entities, including the Mayor's Office, the Marietta City Departments of Police, Fire, Public Works, Water, Wastewater, and Health, alongside the State of West Virginia and the City of Williamstown. Together, we work in close partnership with the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee Members to ensure that your experience at the event is both enjoyable and safe.

I thank all the collaborating entities and individuals for their dedication and work to organize this year's events, as well as the sternwheel captains that travel to our town to join us.

Our Sternwheel Festival invites thousands of visitors each year to our city. On behalf of our citizens it is my pleasure to thank you for joining us and I welcome you to Marietta. Enjoy the entertainment, fellowship, food, hospitality, sternwheelers, and fireworks display that make the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival our preeminent annual event.

STACY NICHOLS 2023 Director General

Welcome to the 47th Ohio River Sternwheel Festival! It's a pleasure to have you join us in our historic city, right at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum rivers.

I hope you're ready for an exciting weekend ahead, full of wonderful experiences for everyone.

I encourage you to explore the many family-friendly activities offered throughout the weekend. From the impressive paddle-wheelers to the elegant Queen Genevieve Pageant, the adorable Little Miss and Mister Sternwheel Pageant, the fun things for kids to do and unique crafts to explore, delicious food stalls and interesting corporate booths, the impressive Garold Greenlees Car Show and fantastic musical entertainment, there is much to see and do! Of course, the weekend will also feature our famous fireworks show on Saturday evening, bringing one of the best firework displays in the nation to small-town Ohio.

I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to all of our Sternwheel Captains and crews. You're the heart of our festival, and we deeply appreciate your contribution to our community's tradition. Your support keeps our festival strong, and we're truly thankful.

This Festival is made possible each year by the support of private donations, corporate partners, grants, vendors, and souvenir sales. To all the sponsors, donors, vendors, and individuals who help, thank you for making our event successful year after year. We truly couldn't do it without each one of you!

Whether you're a local or a visitor, your support means the world. At several points throughout the weekend, you'll notice our committee members making their way through the crowd with donation buckets. Whether you can give \$5 or \$500, every bit helps keep our honored tradition alive.

I would like to thank all the amazing Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee Members who work tirelessly year-round to bring the Mid-Ohio Valley one of the most amazing festivals. I am beyond blessed to work with such an incredible group of volunteers who all share the same passion for this community. As you look into the crowd and observe a sea of smiling faces, know that your dedication led to that moment.

Serving as this year's Director General has been an honor. Over my five years with the committee, I've been involved in various roles, including chairing the food concessions. I truly love the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival.

Again, welcome to our wonderful festival. We are delighted that you chose to spend your weekend with us. I hope you have an amazing time, and make the most incredible memories.



TOURIST TIPS FOR A MEMORABLE VISIT

Visitor Information Center: To learn more about Marietta and the surrounding area, visit the Marietta-Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 241 Front Street Suite 7, Marietta, Ohio 45750. Contact them at 740-373-5178. They're open from 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays.

Parking & Shuttle Service: There will be free parking at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Wasco, Inc. will provide shuttle service on September 8th and 9th. The shuttle will make rounds between the Washington County Fairgrounds (922 Front Street), the Valley Gem (601 Front Street), and Tiber Way (Butler Street, between Front Street and Second Street). A shuttle will leave Tiber Way each half-hour or when it reaches capacity. On Friday, September 8th, the shuttle will run from 6 pm to 11 pm. On Saturday,

September 9th, the shuttle will run from 8 am to Midnight. Troop 207 of Scouts BSA will also manage paid handicap and other parking on Friday and Saturday on Second Street between Greene and Butler Street

Hotel Shuttle: Some local hotels offer a FREE shuttle service for their guests. Inquire with your hotel for details about service timings and availability.

Camping Information: If you're an outdoor enthusiast, camping and camper spaces are available to purchase for the weekend. Please note that this is dry primitive camping without sewer, water, campfires, or alcohol. Camping is permitted from Thursday at 6 pm until Sunday at 6 pm.

Grounds Regulations: Within the Festival grounds, please observe the rules: pets, bicycles, skates, skateboards, roller-blades, alcohol, drugs, and unauthorized weapons are not permitted.

Boat Etiquette: Respect the captains' authority and seek permission before boarding the Sternwheelers.

Website & Social Media: Visit the official festival website at www.sternwheel.org. Follow us on Facebook @OhioRiverSternwheelFestival and Instagram @ohsternwheelfestival for the latest updates throughout the weekend.

Disclaimer: The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival shall not be held responsible for any damages, claims, emergencies, losses, and expenses related to the information, products, or services advertised within this program. The Festival does not endorse or validate any claims made in the advertisements. Users' discretion is advised when accessing and using the provided information.

SAFETY, LOST & FOUND

Our dedicated committee is available to assist you. Simply identify someone wearing an official Sternwheel Festival committee shirt for help.

The Communication Trailer, located near

the end of Ohio Street, serves as the central point for minor first-aid matters, reporting lost children, or inquiring about misplaced items such as keys and other personal belongings.

In the case of an emergency, numerous Fire, EMT, and Police personnel are onsite near the intersection of Front Street and Greene Street to provide assistance.

SOUVENIRS

Visit the Committee Booth located at Front & Greene Street to grab your limited-edition festival memorabilia! As always, we're offering a diverse range of merchandise this year. There's something for everyone!

- Adult t-shirts (available in both short and long sleeve variations)
- Youth short sleeve t-shirts
- Adult & youth sweatshirts
- Pull-over & zipped hoodies
- Stylish hats & visors
- Tumblers for your beverages on the go
- Key chains to carry a piece of the event with you
- Exclusive stickers
- Collectible shot glasses
- Handy umbrellas for any weather surprises
- Blankets to warm you up
- Ice to help you stay cool





SPECIAL THANKS & A SPECIAL TREAT...

The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the wonderful merchants and fellow nonprofit organizations of Marietta. It's during this time of year that we join their ongoing efforts to make Marietta a wonderful place to live and visit, and we are extremely grateful for their dedication to our town.

This year, we have an extra special treat in store for Festival-goers... Numerous businesses located in downtown Marietta and in Harmar Village have agreed to "host" a boat. We encourage all attendees to visit these fantastic establishments to discover how they've chosen to showcase their visiting boat and its crew, and be sure to thank them for their participation in making our captains feel welcome!

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To ensure that this event remains accessible to everyone admissionfree, we rely significantly on the support of sponsors and donors.

Please join us in sincerely thanking these generous businesses and individuals that step up to support the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival each year!

Betty Fleming

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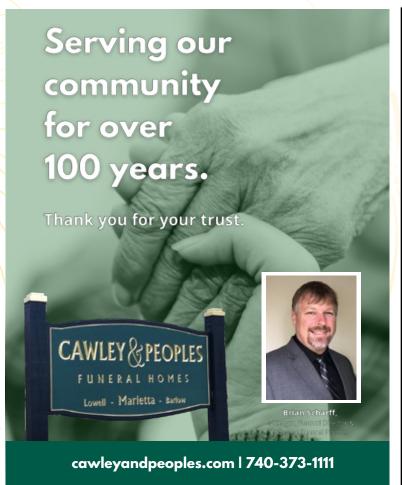
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CAPTAINS' GATHERING

Special thanks to The Lafayette Hotel for providing dinner, and WMOA Radio for providing the music!

CAPTAINS' HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the following businesses for the generous donation of items given to our visiting boat captains and mates.

- 2 Peas In A Pod
- -\ American Flags & Poles
- County House Creations
- Courtney Wentz Photography
- -\ Giant Eagle Marietta
- Huck's Farm Market
- Jeremiah's Coffee House
- Marietta Wine Cellars
- Mark Mondo Building and Excavating Inc.
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- Sugar Maple Boutique
- The Cook's Shop
- The Corner Store & Drive Thru
- The Marietta Times
- The Village Cakery
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- United Dairy

CLEAN UP

Thank you, Troop 207 of Scouts BSA for a great job helping to keep the Festival site clean and trash free. We also thank these local businesses and individuals for their support to help maintain the festival grounds:

- Marietta Mayor, Josh Schlicher
- Marietta Paint and Janitorial Supply, LLC
- Mar-Pak. Inc.
- Rumpke Waste & Recycling

Thank you to all visitors for their support and please remember to deposit trash in the receptacles provided throughout the area. We wish everyone a fun and clean weekend!

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- City of Marietta
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Thank you, Marietta College for the storage and delivery of the program sales booth each year. Thank you, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity for your assistance in selling programs!

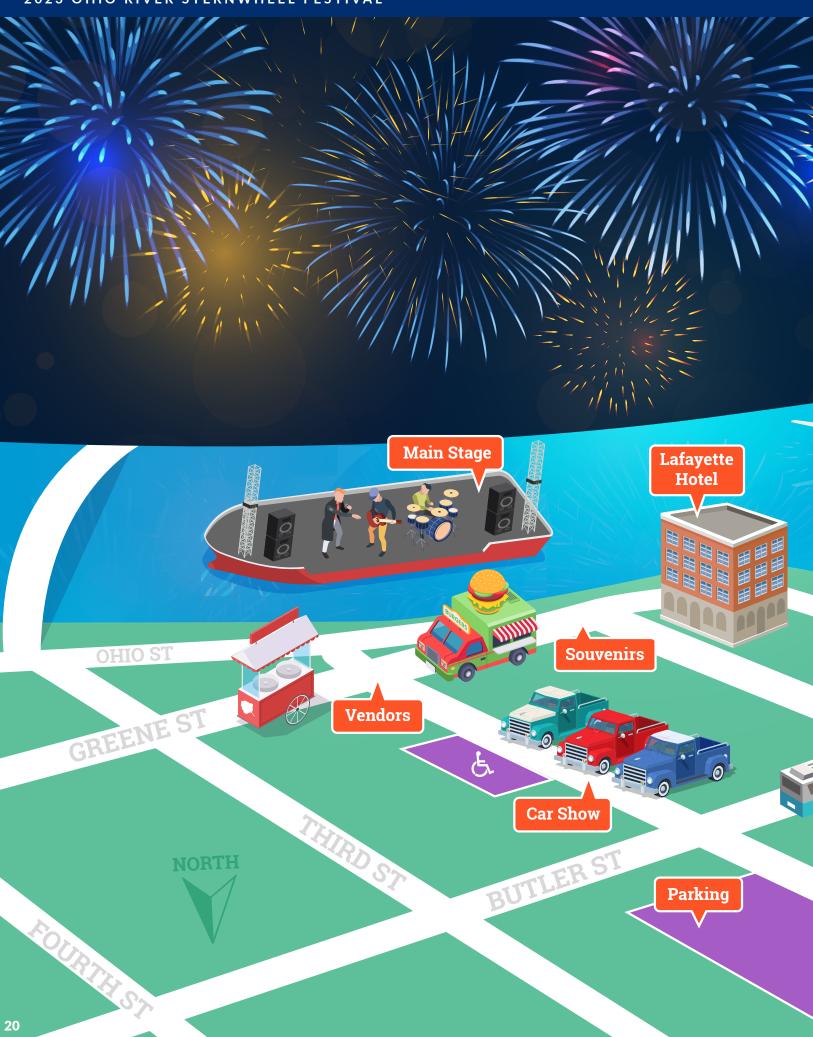
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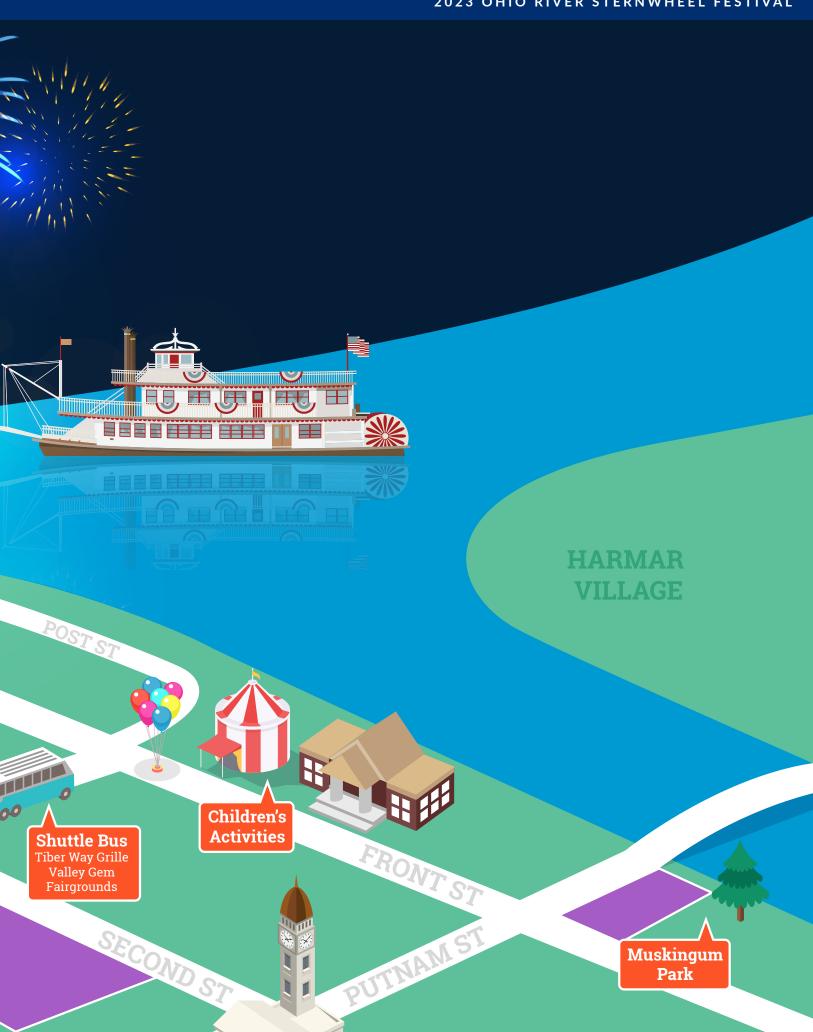
- Union Electricians of IBEW Local #972 for volunteering their time during the festival to make sure everything runs safely and smoothly.
- DunWright Smokin' BBQ for catering the committee's August meeting picnic.



THANK YOU, DAN AND EVY BRYANT!

After more than 40 years of dedicated service to the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival, Dan and Evy Bryant have begun a new chapter in their lives and concluded their time on our committee. Dan's primary role was with the Friends of Sternwheel board, while Evy served in several capacities over the years. Most notably, she served as Director General in 2015 and was the creator of our annual 5K Run & Walk. We are so thankful for their dedication and ongoing support, and will greatly miss seeing them regularly.





2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 11, 2023 ORSF Ball

MAY 27, 2023 5K Run & Walk

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Opening Ceremonies 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Steve & Beverly Pottmeyer 7:00 - 8:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Little Miss & Mister Sternwheel Pageant 7:30 - 9:00 PM Lafayette Hotel Ballroom

THW 8:00 to 9:30 PM Entertainment Barge

Tina - Tribute To The Queen Of Rock & Roll Starring Cookie Watkins 9:30 to 11:00 PM Entertainment Barge

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Queen Genevieve Pageant 11:00 - 12:30 PM Lafayette Hotel Ballroom

Marietta High School Wall Of Sound 12:00 - 1:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Columbus Zoo Traveling Education Program 12:00 - 1:00 PM The Armory - 241 Front Street

Coloring Contest 1:00 - 3:00 PM The Armory - 241 Front Street Marietta High School Choir - Vocal Point 1:00 - 2:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Bruce Haas Trio 2:00 - 3:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Generation Gap Blues Band 3:00 - 4:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Bruce Haas Trio 4:00 - 5:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Jake Binegar Band 5:00 - 6:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Division Street 6:00 - 7:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Queen Genevieve Coronation 7:00 - 7:30 PM Entertainment Barge

Jake Binegar 7:30 - 8:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Division Street 8:00 - 9:00 PM Entertainment Barge

HIGHWAY 96 9:00 - 9:30 PM Entertainment Barge

The Harry J. Robinson Fireworks 9:30 - 10:00 PM Ohio River Levee

HIGHWAY 96 10:00 - 11:00 PM Entertainment Barge

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sunrise Service 8:00 - 9:00 AM Entertainment Barge

24th Annual Car Show 9:00 - 4:00 PM Second Street & Greene Street

Charlie Brewer 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Gypsy River Band 12:00 - 1:00 PM Entertainment Barge

Dino Roar 12:00 - 3:00 PM The Armory - 241 Front Street

Captain James E. Sands Memorial Races 1:00 - 2:00 PM Ohio River

Gypsy River Band 2:00 - 2:30 PM Entertainment Barge

Crush - Bon Jovi Experience 2:30 to 4:00 PM Entertainment Barge

NOVEMBER 3, 2023
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A PEEK AT THE WEEKEND AHEAD...



13TH ANNUAL 5K RUN & WALK



AWARDS - 5K RUN

Overall Female

Tricia Allen 23:07:7 Fran Wymbs, Athens, OH 23:31:8 Deana Farrah, Marietta, OH 23:32:9

Overall Male

Scott Barker 16:00:2 Jonathan Schiefer, Ripley, WV 16:13:7 Logan Arnold 17:31:1

AWARDS - 5K WALK

Overall Female

Katie Vickers, Vienna, WV 33:30:9 Heather Tenney, Parkersburg, WV 37:00:3 Kristen Foraker, Bethesda, OH 39:17:6

Overall Male

Don Schena, Marietta, OH 32:12:2 David Torbett, Marietta, OH 34:51:0 Brenda Phillips, Parkersburg, WV 37:44:8 Eager runners and walkers made the 13th Annual Ohio River Sternwheel Festival 5K Run and Walk a major success!

The race was held on May 27, 2023 in East Muskingum Park in Marietta. Participants started above the Start Westward Monument, made their way down Front Street to the boat ramp, then traveled back up the bike path finishing at the gazebo.

For a complete list of race results, visit https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/107481

The 14th Annual Ohio River Sternwheel Festival 5K Run and Walk will be held Saturday May 25, 2024. Please join our runners and walkers for an enjoyable event!

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Country Roads - Kettle Corn Kettle Corn

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Italian Stromboli

Darlene Dechellis

Cavatelli & meatballs, meatball subs, bread bowl pasta, pepperoni rolls

Fair Foods - Nelson Family Concessions

Funnel cake, cotton candy, candy apple, popcorn, slushies

Forking Pierogi

6-8 Pierogi meals for every appetite, plus sides and beverages

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Lemon shakes

Jamie's Apple Treats LLC

Apple dumplings, peach and blackberry cobbler, ice cream, root beer floats

Kona Ice

Shaved ice

M & M Concession -Bloomin' Onion

Blooming onion

Marietta Civitan Club

Bob Evans sausage sandwich, bratwurst, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot dogs

Marietta Tiger Boosters

Lemon Shakes

R and B Concessions

Philly cheese steak, french fries, ribbon fries

R and B Concessions

Funnel cakes, deep-fried Oreo's

Snell Concessions

Brick Oven Pizza

Snell Concessions

Soft serve ice cream

Spanglish

Latin food tacos, burritos, quesadillas, Latin egg rolls

Sprankle

Burgers, Philly cheese steak, gyros, hot sausage, Italian sausage, corn dogs, french fries, 12 different types of loaded fries

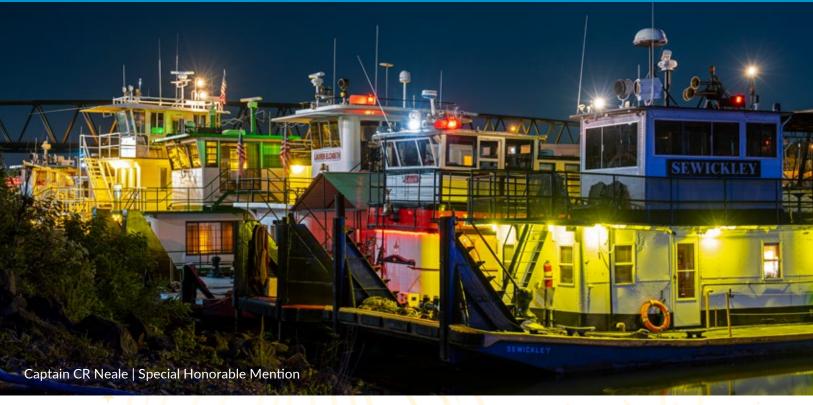
Triple L Concessions

Hand dipped corn dogs, ribbon fries

Triple L Concessions

Funnel cakes

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2022 WINNERS

1st Place:

Anne House (page 2)

2nd Place:

Jackie Tepe (back cover)

3rd Place:

Jewel Church (page 36)

Special Honorable Mention:

Captain CR Neale (page 26) Danny Carpenter (front cover) Drake Duty (page 37)

Judge Honorable Mention:

Carol Kinsinger (page 18) Danny Carpenter (page 23) Jackie Tepe (page 27) Joseph Titus (page 27)

PUBLICATION & USAGE

By entering the Contest, participants agree that the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival can use the submitted photos for advertising and other promotional purposes and are entitled to having their name listed alongside the photo. Winning photographs will be featured in the next year's program with photo credit.

PRIZES

1st place: \$1002nd place: \$753rd place: \$50

Honorable mentions will also be selected.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All entries must be submitted digitally by October 15th. Please email your image as a .jpg to Bruce Wunderlich at: bruce@mariettaohio.org.

 If your image is large, you may need to send one image per email.
 Alternatively, you can transfer larger images using websites like wetransfer.com or wesendit.com.
 A confirmation email will be sent to acknowledge the receipt of your entries.

- Digital files must have a minimum resolution of 3500 pixels on the longest side.
- Each participant can submit up to 6 images.
- Please include your name in the filename of all images.
- Include the following information with each entry: Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone number, Email address

Failure to provide all the required information may result in disqualification.

Judging will take place at the Lafayette Hotel on November 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

CONTACT

Bruce Wunderlich at 740-516-5322 or bruce@mariettaohio.org.



2022 ROYALTY

KAYLEE ULLMAN

Queen Genevieve XLVI

Welcome everyone to the 2023 Ohio River Sternwheel Festival! My name is Kaylee Ullman and I have had the honor of serving as the 46th Queen Genevieve. I am the 22-year-old daughter of Mark and Teresa Ullman of Fleming, OH, and am a 2019 graduate of Warren High School. Last year I graduated from Washington State Community College with my Associate's Degree. This fall, I am transferring to Marietta College to study adolescent/young adult history education. I am a member of the Marietta College cheer team and will be cheering on my fellow Pios!

Growing up on the outskirts of Marietta, the Sternwheel Festival has a very special place in my heart. My brother competed in and won the Little Mister Sternwheel pageant just before I was born, and it has become a yearly tradition ever since. I have felt this community in ways I never believed possible and have received a new appreciation for where I come from.

I have loved the support, smiles, and hugs from my Little Miss (Kolbie Gutberlet) and Mister (Chase Brown). I will cherish the memories of Kolbie's parade blanket and Chase clapping on the runners at the 5K. I want to thank them and their parents for being the best little helpers.

I would like to sincerely thank the ORSF Committee, the Queen's Committee, all our Sternwheel owners,

local businesses, volunteers, and the City of Marietta. Without you, this festival would not be a heartfelt sense of community and love. I hope you all enjoy an amazing weekend full of friends, music, fireworks, and that small-town spirit.

KOLBIE GUTBERLET

Little Miss Sternwheel

Welcome to the 2023 Ohio Sternwheel Festival! My name is Kolbie Gutberlet, and it has been an honor to serve as your 2022 Little Miss Sternwheel! I am the 9-year-old daughter of Cody and Jasmine Gutberlet, of Marietta, Ohio. I am in the 4th grade at Marietta Elementary School. And I enjoy dancing, cheerleading, tumbling, and swimming. I love to go on vacations to the beach and Disney World!

During my time as Little Miss Sternwheel, I enjoyed touring all the sternwheelers, being in different parades, and helping with the 5K race! My favorite memory of all was being crowned Little Miss Sternwheel, it is a memory that I will never forget!

I want to thank Queen Genevieve, and Little Mr. Sternwheel, I will never forget our past year together. My parents, The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee, and Butch & Sandy Wiseman for all their hard work and dedication they put into the festival each year!

I hope everyone enjoys all the music, great food, and fireworks this weekend. And once again, thank you

for crowning me

your Little Miss

Sternwheel 2022!

CHASE BROWN

Little Mr. Sternwheel

Welcome to the 2023 Ohio River Sternwheel Festival! My name is Chase Brown. I am 6 years old, the son of Chris and Stacey Brown, of Marietta, Ohio. I am in kindergarten at St. Mary Catholic School. I enjoy playing soccer, T-ball, basketball, telling jokes, as well as all things Star Wars.

It has been my privilege and an honor to represent the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival as your 2022 Little Mr. Sternwheel. I would like to thank our 2022 Queen Genevieve, Kaylee Ullman and Little Miss Sternwheel, Kolbie Gutberlet. Together, we have formed an amazing friendship over the last 12 months!

I enjoyed all my duties as Little Mr. Sternwheel. I most enjoyed touring the sternwheelers, watching fireworks, throwing candy in parades, and helping with the 5K race.

I would like to thank Sandy and Butch Wiseman for all their dedication and support, as well as the Queen's Committee and Sternwheel Festival Committee for ensuring that the festival is a success each and every year.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity and crowning me your Little Mr. Sternwheel. This past year has provided me with so many experiences and lifelong memories.

I wish future
pageant
contestants the
best of luck and
hope they enjoy
their royal duties
as much as I did!



TURNING DREAMS INTO A REALITY

HOW QUEEN GENEVIEVE IS SELECTED:

As spring arrives, we invite candidates aged 17 to 22 to seize a unique scholarship opportunity. This chance helps them earn funds for their education, boosting their bright futures. Eligible candidates must be enrolled in an accredited institution. High school seniors receiving awards must enroll within a year.

Our esteemed panel of judges assess these candidates during a scholarship pageant, and local accountants tally their scores. The elegant Lafayette Hotel ballroom hosts the pageant, and the newly-selected Queen Genevieve is finally revealed on Saturday at 7:00 PM on the entertainment barge stage. We are honored to offer several scholarship opportunities.

Queen Genevieve: \$1,500

1st Runner-up: \$750

2nd Runner-up: \$500

 Washington State Community College graciously contributes an additional \$500 scholarship, making a total of \$3,250 in awards.

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- Wendy's
 - Frosty Coupons
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 - Visa Cards for Little Mr./Miss Sternwheel





2023 QUEEN CANDIDATES









AVA GEBCZYK

Ava Gebczyk is 17 years old and lives in Marietta, Ohio with her parents John and Michelle Gebczyk, her older brother, Jantzen, and her twin brother Caden. She is a senior at Marietta High School and also attends Washington State Community College and West Virginia University-Parkersburg. After high school, she plans to continue at West Virginia University-Parkersburg to complete a degree in Elementary Education. She is a varsity runner for her high school cross country and track teams. Her special interests and hobbies include working with children, long distance running, hanging out with friends, drawing and painting, learning to play the electric guitar, skateboarding, crocheting, listening to music, and enjoying my pets. Ava has participated in community service activities such as volunteering at a local elementary school and volunteering for youth camp. She has received many academic awards for good grades in school. In sports, awards she has earned include All-District, MHS Athlete of the Week, and Southeastern District Cross Country, Division 1, Girl Athlete of the Year 2021. Ava's ambition in life is to make a difference in the lives of others, especially children as an elementary school teacher and to help animals by volunteering at my local humane society and shelters/organizations for homeless, abused, or injured animals.

OLIVIA GIBBS

I am a passionate and driven individual who constantly seeks personal growth and strives to make a positive impact on those around me. With a diverse background and a thirst for knowledge, I have excelled in various fields, displaying adaptability and a strong work ethic. In my free time, I enjoy engaging in creative pursuits, such as painting and writing, finding solace in nature and regularly immersing myself in outdoor activities that rejuvenate my mind. I find immense satisfaction in offering my support and assistance, whether it be through lending

a listening ear or providing guidance. My empathetic nature allows me to understand the needs and concerns of those around me, making myself out to be a reliable source of support and comfort for anyone who needs it. Therefore, I am interested and attending college at Ohio University for a major in Psychology, I embrace my passion for psychology and embark on this incredible journey of self-discovery and helping others. With a burning desire to make a difference in the world. I'm determined to leave a lasting legacy that inspires others to follow their dreams and contribute to the betterment of society.

MELINA MATICS

Melina Matics is the 19-year-old daughter of Jeff and Sloane Matics of Marietta. She is a 2022 graduate of Wood County Christian School and is currently studying radiologic technology at Washington State Community College. Melina is an 11-year member of Ohio 4-H. Through 4-H Melina serves on the Washington County and Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Boards, is a Teen Representative on the Washington County 4-H Advisory Committee and the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board. She also serves on the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council and was inducted into the Ohio 4-H Teen Hall of Fame in 2023. She is a member of Souls Harbor Baptist Church where she volunteers in the children's ministry. In her free time, she enjoys working on her 4-H projects and taking care of her market chickens and market ducks in the summer months, as well as spending time with friends and family. Melina's ambition in life is to pursue a career in diagnostic imaging and continuing her education to expand her career options in the medical field.

LAKYN SECREST

I am Lakyn Secrest, the 20-year-old daughter of Michelle and J.D. Secrest of Marietta. I am a 2021 graduate of Marietta High School and am a thirdyear undergraduate student at The Ohio State University majoring in Health and

2023 QUEEN CANDIDATES

Rehabilitation Sciences with minors in General Psychology and Human Nutrition. After graduation I plan to obtain a Masters Degree in Athletic Training. I am an active member of many clubs including the Athletic Training Club, Girlup, Planned Parenthood General Action and the Health Sciences Club. I am a volunteer with the Bride Program where I tutor Somali students of all ages. I also volunteer with the ARISE program which is an intergenerational program working to bridge the gap between older and younger generations. Wishing everyone a wonderful time at this year's Ohio River Sternwheel Festival.

KENZIE SMITH

Kenzie Smith is the 19-year-old daughter of Brad and LeeAndra Smith of Marietta. Kenzie is very involved within her community. In 4-H she has worked various dinners, ice cream socials and helped mulch playgrounds. She wrote Christmas cards to soldiers overseas, helped clean local roads, and collect donations for the humane society. Kenzie was also very involved in extracurricular activities at Marietta High School and the Washington County Career Center. In the choir program she was a member of Cantabile and Vocal Point. she played soccer, ran track and was on the dance team. Kenzie was a member of Business Professionals of America. Student Council, Leo Club, and Student Ambassador of the Washington County Career Center. Kenzie is attending Muskingum University where she will be pole vaulting and throwing for the Muskies. She will also be singing in the choir and hopes to join clubs and organizations around campus. Kenzie's future plans include graduating Muskingum University double majoring in Animal Studies and Criminal Justice. After graduating she hopes to find a career with a zoo or as a K9 or equine police officer.

MARY ELLEN TOKODI

Mary Ellen Tokodi is a 17-year-old senior at Parkersburg Catholic High School and currently resides in Marietta, Ohio. She is an honors student who still enjoys participating in clubs, organizations and sports and her high school. She plays basketball, tennis, soccer, runs cross country all while still being academically challenged with National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl and Game Club. Mary Ellen is actively engaged in various community service initiatives, such as the Shop with a Cop program, Wreaths Across America, volunteering at the food pantry and providing tutoring assistance. She is an altar server and Eucharistic minister at both church and school. In her leisure time, Mary Ellen enjoys reading, movies, travel and quality moments with family. Her ambition in life is to achieve both athletic and academic excellence at the college level with her ultimate goal to become a doctor giving back to her community helping others.

TIANA TAUBER

Hello, my name is Tiana Tauber, on behalf of the 2023 Queen Genevieve candidates I would like to welcome you to scenic Marietta, Ohio to celebrate the 47th Annual Ohio River Sternwheel Festival. I am 18 years old, originally from Parkersburg, WV; a recent graduate of Parkersburg Catholic High School, where I was on the varsity volleyball and basketball teams. I miss my PCHS family and high school clubs, sports, events, faculty/staff but am representing the MOV well atop the hill at West Liberty University. I am pursing a bachelor's degree in nursing with a transfer to physician's assistant master's program option. I enjoy writing short stories. volunteering in my community, practicing my faith, and making memories with friends and family. Please take this opportunity to indulge in some fair food, support a local vendor, and above all create lasting memories with your family and friends enjoying all of the wonderful events and performances the Sternwheel committee has prepared for you. Thank you to all the boat captains for coming out and the committee volunteers for making this weekend possible.







PHOTO ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Courtney Wentz for her exceptional photography. Her skillful lens has beautifully immortalized Queen Genevieve, Queen candidates, and Little Miss and Mr. Sternwheel, preserving these cherished moments for us all.

FORMER QUEENS



Fun Fact: 2021 Queen Genevieve, Miss Anna Hunt, is the daughter of 1999 Queen Genevieve, Mary Beth (Varney) Hunt. The two are pictured here at the front and back of this royal line.

FORMER QUEENS



1981 Debra Lawrence Vienna, WV



1982 Lynn Blair Parkersburg, WV



1983 Stephanie Van Vranken Henderson, WV



1984 Kim Cutlip Parkersburg, WV



1985 Melissa Giannamore Steubenville, OH



1991 Melissa Vernon Marietta, OH



1992 Melissa Dailey St. Marys, WV



J993 Melissa Seevers Marietta, OH



1994 Barbara Cunningham Belpre, OH



1995 Karen Briley Marietta, OH



2001 Wendy Edgar Newport, OH



2002 Melissa Laing Marietta, OH



2003 Stefanie Sexton



2004 Leigh Ann Buzzard Marietta, OH



2005 Jessica Wiseman Fleming, OH



2011 Cassi Jo Walters Ellenboro, WV



2012 Kalleigh Mason Marietta, OH



2013 Rachael McGoron Marietta, OH



2014 Olivia Sprague Fleming, OH



2015 Gabbie Gramkow Belpre, OH



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



NEW LOCATION

ARMORY SQUARE 241 FRONT STREET MARIETTA, OH 45750



SATURDAY:

All Day: Delight in balloon twisters and temporary tattoos.

12pm-1pm: Columbus Zoo Traveling Education Program.

1pm-3pm: Dive into the Coloring Contest! One entry per person.

- Categories: Easy (kids only) & Advanced (kids and adults).
- Judging starts at 3pm with 2 winners in each category.



SUNDAY:

All Day: Enjoy balloon twisters and temporary tattoos.

12pm-3pm: Unleash the Dino Roar fun!

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

- Marietta Welfare League
- Marietta Morning Rotary Club
- Marietta Community Foundation
- Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Zacharias



HARRY J. ROBINSON FIREWORKS

For years, Pyrotecnico has wowed audiences at the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival, and this year's show promises to be just as spectacular!

Founded in 1889 by Constantino Vitale in a quaint village near Naples, Italy, Pyrotecnico's rich history of pyrotechnic brilliance has evolved into an explosive legacy based in New Castle, Pennsylvania—known as the "Fireworks Capital of America." As the 4th largest fireworks company in the nation, they've

been setting the standard for excellence worldwide, putting on a staggering 2,000 firework displays annually across 48 states and beyond.

To celebrate the 47th anniversary of the Sternwheel Festival, we've been crafting a show-stopping performance for an entire year. We hope you're ready for a memorable night, as this year's theme is a tribute to the legendary Tina Turner, a musical powerhouse who recently left us. We'll be rocking to her iconic song, "Rollin

On The River," and paying homage to her mesmerizing performances and dancing skills with ZZ Top's "Legs" as a special salute—capturing the intensity and magic of Tina's artistry.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9th, 2023, at 9:30 p.m. as the night sky above the Ohio River comes alive with a breathtaking display of fireworks launched from anchored barges. The show will be perfectly synchronized with a lively musical arrangement, creating an unforgettable sensory experience.

World-class firework productions are usually reserved for big cities, but this year, Marietta, Ohio, is in for a treat! The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival is bringing you a rare opportunity to witness a mesmerizing display of international-grade pyrotechnics right in your backyard.

Don't miss out on this momentous event—join us for The Harry J. Robinson Fireworks and prepare to be amazed!

Let the excitement ignite!



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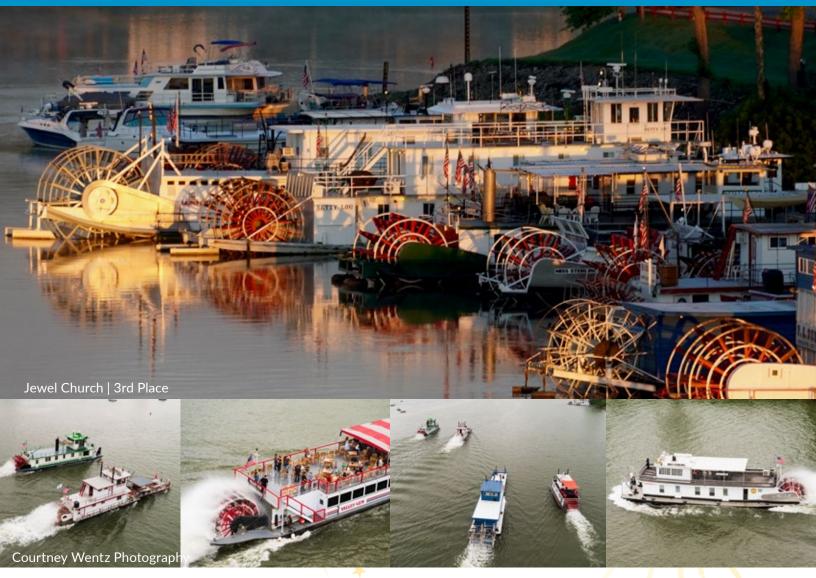
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SUNRISE SERVICE & BOAT RACES



SUNRISE SERVICE

Join us for the Sternwheel Sunrise Worship Service on September 10, 2023, at 8 AM. Set against the picturesque backdrop of the Ohio River, this serene gathering will uplift your spirit.

Guided by the melodious tones of the M2Naz youth band, our worship will be a harmonious blend of music and devotion. Our esteemed local clergy will lead us in heartfelt prayers and thought-provoking scripture readings.

The spotlight will shine on Cody Parman, the dynamic pastor of the Journey Church of Marietta. His insightful message, themed "Jesus is the Anchor," will draw from Hebrews 6:16. Hailing from Indiana, Cody, along with his wife Amanda and three boys, Nolan, Emmett, and Reese, found his way to the Mid-Ohio Valley 12 years ago. Cody's ministry philosophy is rooted in the simplicity of faith: the Bible as our ultimate guide, Jesus as our sole hope, and a deeply personal relationship with God as our driving force. Cody, an elected official of the Marietta Board of Education, will illuminate his Gospel insights, showcasing his dedication to sharing God's truth with the world.

We extend our gratitude to Ken Brown of the Marietta Community Church for orchestrating this soul-enriching service.

As the sun rises on September 10th, let us gather, reflect, and celebrate our faith in this beautiful setting.

CAPTAIN JAMES E. SANDS MEMORIAL RACES

A cherished tradition, we bid farewell to the beloved Sternwheel boats until next year with the annual Captain James E. Sands Memorial Race. Starting at the Williamstown bridge and finishing at the Entertainment barge, this spirited race features boats divided by weight class. The triumphant victor not only earns well-deserved bragging rights but also a treasured commemorative plaque.

24TH ANNUAL ORSF CAR SHOW





24TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW PRESENTED BY THE ROLLIN' OLDIES CAR CLUB IN MEMORY OF GAROLD

IN MEMORY OF GAROLD GREENLEES

Celebrate automotive excellence with a fantastic array of vehicles and bikes. No matter the make or model, all are welcome to join in the fun at our open show. Embrace the nostalgia as the Giant Juke Box sets the stage with toe-tapping tunes and sounds that transport you back in time.

Queen Genevieve will personally select one vehicle to receive the Queens Choice Award, adding an element of regal charm to the event.

Questions? Contact:

John Husk: 304-481-5297Sam Lisk: 740-336-4283

DETAILS

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023 **Location:** 200 Block of Second Street

Show: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Registration: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$15.00

Bonus! Free T-Shirt & Dash Plaque for the

First 200 Entrants

AMERICAN STERNWHEEL ASSOCIATION

ABOUT

The American Sternwheel Association, Inc. (ASA) was founded in January 1976 as a non-profit organization by a small group of enthusiastic sternwheel boat owners. The first meeting was held at the Hotel Lafayette in Marietta, Ohio which has since become the headquarters for the organization.

Membership has increased on a steady basis. The roster now includes members from all over the United States. Members do not need to own a boat, however over a hundred do.

The ASA is an educational and social organization dedicated to the proliferation of paddlewheel vessels. To accomplish this goal, the ASA attempts to inform the public about advantages, typical uses, uniqueness and other reasons for owning a paddlewheel boat. Members supply technical and other assistance to anyone wishing to buy or build a vessel. The ASA also publishes a magazine, "The Sternwheeler", and a newsletter. The magazine contains articles on river events, boats under construction, history and other subjects pertinent to paddlewheel boating. The newsletter keeps members informed of current activities. Most member captains attend regattas to show their boats, participate in races and other competitions and to answer questions.

Although the ASA does not conduct races and regattas, the association serves as a contact between regatta organizers and boat owners. Members' boats take part in many festivals each year including the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival in Marietta, OH the weekend following Labor Day. The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival is the largest gathering of paddlewheel vessels anywhere in the world.

ASA meetings are held every other month: January, March, May, July, September and November. The meetings are normally held at the Hotel Lafayette on the second Saturday. The May and July meetings may be held in other cities or locations by invitation.

A typical ASA weekend starts at 1:00 PM on Saturday with socializing. The Board of Trustees meets at 2:00 PM and the general membership meeting is at 3:00 PM.

Dues are \$25.00 per year for the first member of a family and includes 1 issue of the ASA magazine, "The Sternwheeler" and 5 issues of the ASA Newsletter.

If you enjoy history, river boating, river festivals and the company of some great people, you'll enjoy them all as a member of the American Sternwheel Association.

Write:

American Sternwheel Association, Inc. P.O. Box 1482

Charleston, West Virginia 25325

*If there are any other ASA members who own sternwheelers and whose names are not on the list, please contact the Ohio River Sternwheel Committee at P.O. Box 2109, Marietta, OH 45750.

BOATS & CAPTAINS

The following list represents members of the ASA and the names of their boats:

- Lakie Marie Mark Babb
- Brandy Lynn Andrew, Emily, Scott & Katheryn Barr
- Princess Margy J D & Anna Basham and Gerald Sodaro
- E. L. Thumper Jack & Kathy Bedeck
- Hubba's Pride Jarrod & Stephanie Burden
- Jenny B Rick & Debbie Burden
- Juanita Tom Cook
- Franky D Stephen & Gina Cox
- Dresden Belle Carl Deaton
- Betty Lou, Celly Marie, Claire E.
 & Vernon C. Ledbetter Rick &
 Rachelle and Dana DeMent
- Aloha Dave Dickenson
- Pearl Anne Brannon Eads
- Miss Sterling Kris Eads
 & Tabitha Sutler
- Winnie Mae Sam Evans& Cheryl Clason
- Faris Wheel Tom Faris
- Morning Glory Chapel
 - Robert Ferrin

- Lady Carmina Steve & Catherine Folmar
- Roy C Hoyt & Wink Fontalbert
- Joseph M LaBarge Roger
 & Barbara Giles
- Liberty Jerry, Scotty
 & Ann Gonsoulin
- Kanawha Duke & Christy Grant
- Fancy Nancy David& Brigid Haney
- River Lady Harold Harasko
- Sewickley & Standard Bob
 & George Harrison
- Dixie & P A Denny Diane Heckert
- Rose Ann Michael Hoffman
- Katie H Bryan Hughes
- Lida Ann Jack Jarrett
- Miss Magdalena Richard & Marlene Jeske
- Donna Rae Jim & Jean Kranz
- William D John & David Lehew
- Le'Port Explorer Butch & Angie Leport
- Nannie Jean Joshua Lester
 & Jeremy Burkhamer
- Diana Jean Doug Lowe
- Travis Lee David Martin
- Perseverance II Michael McRee
- Joe S. C R & Ramsey Neale
- Elena Queen of Arts Jan
 & Apryl Nebozenko
- The Paddle Princess &
 Georgie Peach Tom New
- River Rose John Panzella
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 & Norma Venable
- Rufus B II Lou & Linda Wendell
- Shayla Elizabeth Will Windsheimer

Relebrating (PARS)

Check out other cruises on the Valley Gem and events on our stationary vessel, Major/Riviera. Up to date scheduling, availability and pricing can be found on our website at www.valleygemsternwheeler.com. Reservations are going quickly.

Sternwheel Festival SCHEDULE

Sternwheel Luncheon Friday, September 8, 11am-1pm

Narrated Sightseeing Tour

Friday, September 8, 1:30pm-3pm

Kick Off Party

Friday, September 8, 6pm-8pm

Hour Sightseeing Tours

Saturday, September 9 I I am, 12:15pm, 1:30pm, 2:45pm

Dinner Cruise

Saturday, September 9, 5-7pm

Fireworks Dinner Cruise Saturday, September 9, 8-11pm

601 Front Street under the Washington Street Bridge

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Schedule subject to change bused on river conditions, lock availability and severe weather.













Boats listed in red are planning to attend the 2023 Festival. We hope to see the others again soon!

1. BRANDY LYNN

The current owners, Andrew and Emily Barr & Scott and Kathy Barr, purchased the Brandy Lynn in 2015. She is 50 feet long and 12.5 feet wide. She is powered by a 4-cylinder Isuzu diesel engine. She has a hydraulic primary drive and a chain and sprocket final drive. The Brandy Lynn's home port is Nitro, WV mile marker 44 on the Kanawha River.

2. BETTY LOU

The sternwheeler, Betty Lou, was built at the Old Lock 7 in Georgetown, Pennsylvania on the Ohio River mile 36.5 in 1998. The hull is all steel construction. It is 100' x 20' x 6'. She has three decks, a kitchen, a living room, four bedrooms, and three bathrooms. She is fully airconditioned and uses electric heat. The main power is 175 H.P. Cummins. The Betty Lou also has a 40 k.w. generator. The Betty Lou was built by Captain Bub Crain and named the Betty Lou in honor of his wife. Bub and Betty Lou owned the boat through their lifetime. Close boating friends of the Crains, the DeMent family, acquired her in August 2021. Rick and Dana DeMent serve as co-captains with their first-mates and wives, Rachelle and Jennifer.

3. CELLY MARIE

Proudly owned by Rachelle & Rick Dement.

4. CLAIRE E

The Claire E was built in 1926 by Dravo Contracting Co, Neville Island, PA (hull) and Clyde Paden and JC Williamson, Sardis, Ohio. Reb 1967, Fly, Ohio. 114x18 hull (90x16) GM 4-71 diesel repowered 1967 100hp Ong towboat Diesel owned by builders. Sold May 1939 to Monongahala and Ohio Dredging Co, Pittsburgh. Sold February 1960 to Beaver, PA Towing Co. Sold 1962 to Seneca Towing Co, Pittsburgh. Sold 1966, renamed 1967 by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fitch. Captains Rick and Rachelle Dement have taken her into their fleet and hope to preserve the Claire E history.

5. DIANA JEAN

The unique wooden hull boat, originally name the G.D. Eddy, was built in 1980 by Red Curtis and Eddie Darbous. At 25' long and 8' wide, she was steered by a 5' diameter wheel and powered by a Redwing Marine engine. In 1983, she

was sold to Joe and Dianne Lockhart and renamed the Jody L. In 1985, she was sold to Jim and Judy Linger and renamed the Little Dipper. Many renovations were done at this time including; extending the paddle wheel, installing a steel hull, and replacing the Redwing Marine with a Chrysler slant six engine. These additions extended her length to 50' in length and 12' in width! In 2009, she was sold to Robert McIntosh Sr. and renamed the Diana Jean in memory of his eldest daughter. In 2010, the Diana Jean was revamped with new pine wood siding and pine floors. All the boards were cut and planed from a friends portable saw mill. This addition extended the upper deck by 2 feet! The Diana Jean also received a new generator and hydraulic steering with the help of family and friends. In 2013, Captain Bob passed away and passed ownership of the Diana Jean to his son-in-law and youngest daughter, Doug and Mary Ellen Lowe. In January of 2016 the Diana Jean took on water and sank in the shallow waters of the Muskingum River, where she was moored. Once again with a lot of help from family and friends she was quickly raised and dry docked. The Diana Jean has been completely gutted and remodeled. The hull has been expanded to 18' wide with all new steel. The inside has been beautifully redesigned with an open floor plan. The new design includes a kitchen island, full sized stainless refrigerator and stove, new cabinets with lots of storage, a bedroom with a queen sized bed, and antique sliding barn doors. New steps were built to access the upper deck, where family and friends love to gather. Doug has reluctantly but proudly accepted the position as Captain. The family is certain Robert McIntosh Sr. would be elated and proud of what the Diana Jean is today. Sail on in heaven's river "Captain Bob", and rest easy knowing the Diana Jean is in safe loving hands.

6. DIXIE

The Dixie was built in 1937 by The Nashville Bridge Company for Capt. Frank W. Paden of Sardis, OH. She has been sold several times: 1937 Standard Sand and Gravel of Wheeling, WV, January 1966 to W.L. Johnson Towing Co. of Shippingsport, PA, 1971 to Sidney E. Johnson of Beaver Falls, PA, and October 1975 to Primo and Captain Jan DiCarlo

of East Liverpool, OH. The Dixie was rebuilt in 1982 by Captain John Beatty Marine Services, Inc., of Warsaw, KY as a special gift boat from Primo DiCarlo to his wife, Captain Jan DiCarlo. She is a small version of the famous Delta Queen. The Dixie was sold again in 1998 to Captain "Heck" Heckert and Sheila Diane Heckert and has been restored as a modern day structuring of the original Dixie of 1937. The Heckert Fleet has been to many Sternwheel Festivals for over 30 years and continues to allow guests aboard for pictures at many of these events. Brothers and Sisters of the Heckert Fleet include P. A. Denny, M/V Sheila "D", Leviathan, G.D. Eddy, Old Glory, Capt. "H", Wild Goose, Tammy White, Oliver Merrill, Sam P. Sue, Henny Cook, Casino Boat M/V Speculation (Capt. "Heck" Heckert). Whenever you see The Dixie docked, take a picture and visit a while.

7. DONNA REA

Owner: Jim and Jean Kranz Home Port: Charleston, WV Hull: Scow Bow, 20' spoonbill scow, 21' 6" mid-body section, stern rake 15' 6". The hull is constructed from 5/16" steel on the bow compartment, 1/4" steel mid-body and stern. It has 3 water tight compartments. | Hull Size: Length - 57 feet, Width - 16 feet, Draft - 30 inches. Overall length - 74 feet. | Paddlewheel: Diameter - 14 feet, Width - 8' 6": 16 wooden buckets | Engine: 471 Detroit Diesel | Drive Train: Belt and Chain: 5.9:1 Tonan gear box, Woods coupling between gear box and cog belt. 4" wide cog belt to 120 chain to a 180 final drive chain. Builder: The Donna Rae was built by John N. Fadeley and family at home in Robinson Twp., PA. Construction started in May of 1984 and was completed May 10, 1988, Superstructure: The cabin of the Donna Rae is made of steel and finished out with a wood interior. Misc: The Donna Rae is equipped with a 480 gallon fresh water tank, 600 gallon fuel tank and a Kubota Diesel 7 KW gen set.

8. DRESDEN BELLE

Carl Deaton, Captain and Owner, purchased the Dresden Belle in 1998. She was built in 1988 with Carl being the 3rd owner. The boat is white with black trim, 83 feet in length plus the 16-foot stage and the beam is 16 feet. The boat drafts 21 inches. The range is 900 miles and has a 400-gallon fuel

capacity and 600-gallon water capacity. Carl has completely redone the engine and engine room. A 5.9 Cummins Diesel powers the Dresden Belle. Cruise speed is 7.5 miles per hour at 1500 rpm. The fuel burn is 3 gallons per hour at 1500 rpm. The boat is a continuous work in progress. The crew consists of Connie Hines, 1st mate, and Mascot, Cuddles.

9. E. L. THUMPER

Jack Bedeck and friends built the E.L. Thumper in 1979 in his front yard in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It has undergone many changes since then. Its overall length is 75 feet and it is 16 feet wide with a model bow and lots of sheer. The Thumper is powered by a 460 cu. in. Ford gasoline engine. The wheel size is 15 feet in diameter by eight feet wide with twelve buckets. The Thumper's home port is mile 3.3 on the Allegheny River at Hammill's Landing, Millvale, Pennsylvania.

10. FARIS WHEEL

John and Cheryl Thomas of Syracuse, Ohio built the Faris Wheel Sternwheeler. It took John two years to build the boat, completing it in 1996. Its current owners, Tom and Loretta Faris, purchased the boat in the Fall of 2001 and launched her in the Spring of 2002. The Faris Wheel is docked at The Gallipolis Boat Club on the Chickamauga Creek, Gallipolis, Ohio. Her overall length is 50' with a beam of 14'. The Faris Wheel is powered by a 363 cubic inch Ford 6 cylinder diesel engine through a hydraulic pump and a 4-1 ratio gear reduction hydraulic motor (no chain). The wheel is 8' in diameter and 8' wide. The main engine and 6.5KW generator is under the front deck and exhausts through the stack. The swim platform and stacks were added in 2004 and the stainless steel haul (to water line) added in 2007.

11. FRANKY D

Built in 1984 by Donald Burden, originally named the Gracie L., renamed Michael J in 1996 by Wayne and Jean Leidy of Barberton,Ohio. Rick and Rachelle DeMent of Rayland, Ohio, purchased the boat in 2009 and the boat has been renamed the Franky D. Steve and Gina Cox purchased the boat in September, 2021. They are currently remodeling the boat. Length: 65 feet | Beam: 15 ft. | Draft: 22 inches | Engine: 1160, V8 Cat Diesel | Horsepower: 215 | Allison auto













transmission to belt reduction to chain driven wheel. | Fuel capacity: 140 gallons | Water capacity: 250 gallons | Onan 6000 wt. generator | Sleeps four | Home port: Rayland Marina, Rayland, Ohio

12. HENNY COOK

The Henny Cook was renamed in 1982 to honor the longtime treasurer of the Charleston Festival Commission and mother of Thomas Cook of Dunbar, WV. Roland and Charles Montague of Ashland, KY originally built the HENNY COOK as the LUCY COLES in 1959. Her original 20 hp steam engine was repowered in









1963 with a Chrysler gas engine with a 67:1 reduction. She sold in 1975 to Ollie Adkins of Gallipolis, OH, and then sold again in 1977 to Jim Thalet. In 1981, she was sold to Tom Cook and Nelson Jones (deceased) and repowered with an Oldsmobile diesel engine, 120 hp. Ownership was transferred completely to Tom Cook in 1985. She then changed owners to Duke and Christy Grant, then to Jacob Grant, all of Dunbar, WV, then to Cory Fagan of Nitro, WV. Her current owners are Kenneth and Jessica Terry, also of Nitro, WV.

13. HOBBY III

The current owners are J. D. & Becky Pauley. Her home port is the "Port of Indecisions", Nitro, WV, Kanawha River Mile Marker 47.2RDB. Her hull is all steel with 1/4" bow and stern with 1/2" overlays. Sides and bottom are 3/16". The hull is scow bow with 5 watertight compartments and a 12" x 20' scag in the center. The old hull was removed and this new one installed in 2000. The Hobby has 4 rudders. The current hull size is 16' W x 65' L x 34" D sides with a 3" deadrise in the bottom. The paddlewheel is 10' x 8' with 2"x12" treated pine bucket boards. The current engine is a 150

hp Caterpillar, 3056 turbo diesel. The Hobby has a Velvet Drive 72C, 1.51:1 reduction transmission coupled to a V-belt reduction wheel which is coupled to a 6:1 Western reducing gear box and to the paddlewheel with a #160 chain. The late Captain Harry Wilson began building the Hobby in 1977 in Belpre, Ohio. It was finally launched in 1985. It was rehauled by J.D. Pauley & Denny Dawson. The Hobby has a wooden superstructure with the lower cabin area measuring 12' W x 44' L. The boat sleeps four downstairs. Two on a pullout couch and two in the bedroom. The recently renovated 10' W x 23' L Pilothouse/Texas cabin also sleeps four. The Hobby has a full bath and a complete kitchen with propane stove. She also has central air and heat. The Hobby has an 8 KW Kubota diesel generator and holds 210 gallons of fresh water, 250 gallons of diesel fuel and has a 110 gallon holding tank. The pilothouse is also radar equipped and has a Garmin GPS system. The entire boat is protected with a rather sophisticated security system.

14. JENNY B

Rick and Debbie Burden are the owners of the Jenny B which they built in 1988 along with their sons, Matt and Jarrod. She is named after Debbie's mother. Jenny Beckett. 17 feet wide by 80 feet long, the vessel's 14-foot paddle wheel is powered by a 6 BT Cummins engine, a ZF 63 transmission and a V-Belt to the twin chain drives. She has the capacity to carry 600 gallons of fresh water and 1000 gallons of fuel. All aboard relax very comfortably inside, which sleeps 8, has 1 ½ baths along with central heating and air conditioning. Her home port is Rayland Marina on the Ohio River at mile marker 81.3.

15. JOE S.

The Joe S. was built in 1986 by Tucker Marine in Cincinnati, OH. She is equipped with an all-steel hull & superstructure; overall dimensions are 84' in length by 20'5" wide with a draft of 20". The wheel is chain driven, all steel construction with a width of 16' and a total of 12 buckets, powered by a 6-cylinder Perkins 6-354 turbo diesel engine. The Joe S has one stateroom with a large walk-in closet, 1.5 bathrooms, washer/dryer, a complete galley (including a dishwasher!), and a spacious living area. The sizable

pilothouse includes modern electronics such as radar to navigate in restricted visibility, depth sounder, marine VHF radios, satellite compass to determine exact position and heading, and an AIS transponder to share the vessel's position and speed with other vessels operating in the area. Originally named Columbia, Gordon & Marilyn Tucker lived aboard this vessel in the Cincinnati area from 1986 until they sold it in 1994. Following 1994 she was home ported in St. Paul, MN and at various locations along the Tennessee River under prior ownership. Her endeavors under former ownership includes hosting lakeside concerts including tall scaffolds of speakers at Pickwick, TN and she even completed a round trip to Key West, FL! She was sold in December 2020 to the Neale family of Vienna, WV. Capt. C.R. Neale III and Capt. Steve Price completed the 968-mile journey in August 2021 to bring the Joe S. to her new home port of Vienna, WV. The Joe S. is the newest boat that has joined the fleet of towboats owned by the Neale family, owners of Neale Marine Transportation & Fleeting. Along with delivering raw materials to local chemical plants, aggregate yards, and petroleum terminals, Neale Marine Transportation & Fleeting is committed to providing transportation services for the Sternwheel Festival's stage and fireworks barges each year. If you see any of the fleet of 9 yellow & green towboats passing the city front of Marietta, be sure to give our crews a big wave...we will probably wave back and might even provide a horn salute!

16. JUANITA

The Juanita is owned by Tommy & Lakin Cook of Dunbar, West Virginia. It was built in 1954 by O. F. Shearer & Sons in an empty coal hopper barge at Cedar Grove, WV--mile 76.6 on the Kanawha River. When she was finished, the hopper barge was floated onto a dry dock and raised out of the water. Holes were cut into the hopper barge, then it was sunk from underneath the JUANITA. Plans for this boat consisted of a sketch drawn on a wall calendar. The JUANITA was built to replace a wooden hull towboat that was also named JUANITA. The 1st one was built in 1928 as the ESTELL II at Madison, Ind. The ESTELL II was the second boat in a long line of boats owned by O. F.

Shearer & Sons that stretched from the early 1900's to 1973. The primary duties of the JUANITA were servicing the Shearer landing at Cedar Grove, WV and coal landing docks on the upper Kanawha River. The JUANITA and the rest of the Shearer operations were sold in 1973 to Indiana & Michigan Power Co. In 1976, their base of operation was moved to Lakin, WV --mile 257.2 on the Ohio River. The Cooks purchased the boat in 1994 and returned it to the Kanawha River after a nearly twenty year absence. When it was purchased, the boat needed extensive renovation work. There were no living facilities. The bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room areas were added. No changes were made to the outside appearance. The hull has been sandblasted and coated with Coal Tar epoxy. The paddlewheel was rebuilt and made one foot larger in diameter. The three original steering rudders were replaced with two new ones. The toughest part of the renovation was removing 19 tons of river gravel ballast from the bow rake compartment. All this gravel was removed by hand using plastic buckets (approx. 450). This ballast was replaced with 6 tons of steel placed as close to the head of the boat as possible. Its hull is a scull bow, steel hull, three compartments, hull was re-plated in 1984 with 1/4" plate. All hull framing is 'extra heavy'. The hull size is 64' x 16.5' x 3.9' Overall 80' x 16.5' x 3.9' . Its paddlewheel is 12' wide x 12' diameter, 12 buckets, 24" dip, 1" oak boards with a hexagon shaft. The engine is a Detroit Diesel 6-71 which is naturally aspirated. Its drive train is a Twin Disc MG 166 reversing gear with 4.5 to 1 ratio. Link Belt Silent Chain drives to 4 7/16" jackshaft with # 200 chain to paddlewheel. Most of the machinery (engine, gear, drive train, steering system & paddlewheel) was transferred from the 1st JUANITA. It has hydraulic steering with two main & two monkey rudders controlled by steering levers instead of a pilotwheel. The superstructure has one deck, all steel construction, bath and shower area, kitchen & dining area, one bedroom.

17. KANAWHA

The Kanawha was built in 1937 as a single screw towboat by Eddie Erlbacher of Cape Girardeau, MO. Kanawha has had several owners over the years. R.

C. Heckert converted her to a towboat style sternwheeler in 1985. In 1998, she was sold to Frank and Pam Fink. She was then completely renovated. Her current owners, Duke and Christy Grant, have made several changes and renovations since 2014. Her home port is Nitro, WV.

18. KATIE H

The Katie H was built in 1932 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, by Eddie Erlbacher. Christened as the "Owassa" and later named CIS-5, she worked the Pittsburgh area rivers as a commercial tow boat for U. S. Steel, Clarion Works until 1960. Vince Hammill, purchased the boat in 1962 and reconstructed her into a sternwheel boat and named it after his mother, now the Katie H. Bryan Hughes, now the owner and captain, purchased her from Vinnie in 2019. The Katie H is 82 feet long with a beam of 17 feet. The wheel is 15 x 10 feet and has a draft of 4.5 feet. She is powered by a General Motors 6-71 Detroit Diesel engine with 165hp. She has a full-size bath with tub, galley and bar area along with a Texas cabin and is a full-time live aboard. Recent remodeling has also added water making capabilities and wireless Internet. In 1984 the Katie H was in the movie "Mrs. Soffel" with Diane Keaton and in 1985 she appeared in "Silent Witness" with Valerie Bertinelli. The Katie H currently resides at mile marker 61 on the Kanawha River in Charleston, WV.

19. LADY CARMINA

Owner: Steve and Catherine Folmar | Home Port: Glen Dale, WV Ohio River Mile 99 | Hull Material: Steel | Length: Hull 48' | Width: 13' | Draft: 2' | Wheel Diameter: 12' | Wheel Width: 10' | # Buckets: 14 | Engine Type/Size: Detroit Diesel 4-53 | Drive Train: Allison transmission | Originally Built by: Tom and Mary Smith | Past Name: Mary Margaret Purchased by Steve and Catherine Folmar of Glen Dale, WV in the winter of 2012.

20. LADY LOIS

Diesel Sternwheel Towboat, 500 hp. Built 1928 Nashville Bridge Co. 100' x 20', 13' x 13' Paddlewheel, Engine: Detroit Diesel 60 Series, Twin Disc red. 3:1, Generator Lister 15 KW, Originally CATHERINE D. 1983 leased to Warner Brothers for filming of TV series "Mississippi". 1996 sold to Madison Coal & Supply Co. Its captain is Capt. John Elkins.











21. LAUREN ELIZABETH

The Lauren Elizabeth is a dream come true for Captain Steve Price. The boat was designed and built by Steve as a tribute to his father, Captain W. H. (Bill) Price. Steve had a lot of good help in building the boat, namely Captain John Fadeley and Steve's father Bill. She was started in 1995, launched in 2001, and cruised to the Marietta Festival in September 2002. At this time the interior was still rough. Steve and his mother, Mary, designed the interior. The interior was finished by festival time in 2005. The Lauren Elizabeth is named after Steve's daughter. She is 125 feet long, 22 feet wide and all steel, including the 18 foot diameter paddle wheel, which is chain driven by a 600 HP Cummins Diesel engine. She has two staterooms, 2.5 bathrooms, a full galley, and a living room. The engine room also includes two diesel generator sets and a laundry area.









22. LE'PORT EXPLORER

Once known as the Port Explorer, she was owned and built by Steve & Bonnie Hutchison of South Point, Ohio (Ohio River mile 312.0R). Construction was started in May, 2005, and she was launched January 27, 2010. The hull is all steel with a model bow and five separate watertight compartments. She was sold to Butch and Angie Leport in September 2018. She was renamed Le'Port Explorer. She is now ported in Gallopolis, Ohio. Length is 74' overall, a beam of 16.5', and draws 2'. Weighing in at about 34 tons, she is powered with a 6-cylinder Cummins diesel (5.9L). The paddlewheel is 10' D x 8' W with 12 buckets. Auxiliary power comes from a 6-kw. diesel generator. She carries 300 gallons of fresh water and 230 gallons of diesel. The cabin is wood, and finished with southern yellow pine bead board. The lower level includes a kitchen/dining area forward, the main salon and bath with shower, a guest stateroom (queen),

and the engine room aft. The upper level includes an elevated pilothouse, a halfbath, the owner's stateroom (queen), and a 15' x 20' outdoor "rec room" aft.

23. LIDA ANN

Her hull was built in 1926 and served as an open air passenger ferry near Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1984 she was purchased by new owners and then converted to a side wheel vessel in 1986. The Lida Ann is 51 ft. long by 1 ft. wide, powered by a Cummins 4B Diesel. She offers the comfort of 1 bedroom, full bath, galley and salon. Her wheels each are 8 ft. by 2 ft. In 2004 she was purchased by Captains Josh and John Scott. The Lida Ann, named in honor of Josh's mother, has seen many beautiful updates making her a unique side wheeler on the Kanawha River. She was recently purchased by Jack Jarrett. Her home port is Charleston, WV.

24. MAJOR

Major is a diesel sternwheel towboat built in 1928 by the Charles Ward Engineering Works of Charleston, WV. It is 85 feet long by 18 feet wide. The paddlewheel is a split wheel design and is driven by chain in the center. It has a 470 horsepower, 60 Series Detroit Diesel engine. The transmission is a twin disc MG514. Kelley's Creek Barge Line originally owned Major. White Brothers Towing purchased it in 1975, after which it sank and sat on the bottom of the river for 7 years. In 1982, Madison Coal and Supply raised it and restored it to a working towboat. In 2016, Major was purchased by Valley Gem, Inc. and will further be restored and upgraded to serve as a UTV for the Miss Lily passenger barge to be put into future service.

25. MISS STERLING

The Miss Sterling was built in 1926 by the Marietta Manufacturing Company in Pt. Pleasant, WV. She was originally named The Marietta until being sold to The Sterling Oil Company who renamed her The Miss Sterling. She was acquired in 1950 by The Crain Brothers of Pennsylvania, where she continued as a work boat for over thirty years. She was later sold to Tom Jones of Charleston, WV in 1983. At that time, she was retired from service, underwent a complete rebuild from the hull up, and became a regular champion of the Charleston Regatta races. She was sold to Kris Eads

of Dunbar, WV in November of 2013, and underwent another extensive rebuild. Length: 81' Width: 20' Draft: 28" Engine Type/Size: Cummins 400 Turbo Drive Train Type: Twin Disc 514 Wheel Diameter: 12.5' Wheel Width: 11.5' # of Buckets: 12

26. MORNING GLORY CHAPEL

Custom built and launched May 2013 Sternwheel propulsion, wheel is 8' wide by 10' tall and 20 buckets | Max bridge clearance 22 ft | 2 main and 1 large center monkey rudders | 4 watertight compartments | 8 bilge pumps (2 each compartment) | Depth sounder | Hull is 1/4" steel | Weight, approximately 30 ton | LOA is 56', including ramp 72', beam 14', deck 16', drafts 24 inches and 24" freeboard | Hull depth is 47" plenty of storage space and deep enough to work in | All deck is steel with 2" foam under bamboo flooring, things will not freeze inside #2 and 3 hulls | 2-8' aluminum side planks for reaching banks not accessible from the bow Engine: 4BT Cummins Diesel, 400 Turbo Hydromatic transmission, water cooled Equipped with 4 - 6"X12' spuds, each drop 8' below the hull bottom, winch driven saving beaching and also used to stabilize the boat when dropped to act as a counter to wind and storms. 30 to 1 gear reduction, all mechanical and virtually unbreakable. 6 part pulley acts as a slippage point if something gets hung-up in the wheel. | 2 heat exchangers, one each for engine fluid and transmission. | Cruise speed 6 mph, max 8 mph | 24 gallon day tank | 250 gals fuel in 2 steel tanks 3/16" all steel | 2 - 100 gals fresh water tanks that can be filled and or used separately | Wiring is all Marine boat wiring both 12Volt DC and 120 AC Raratan Electroscan sewage system, no holding tank needed. | Champion 3500-4000w generator runs everything with little fuel consumption | 5 solar panel array (top now) with 2 batteries liked and a 1000W converter | Engine also has 2 batteries linked | Propane heat. (2 - 100lb tanks) | Cobra Marine D.S.C radio | TV's both downstairs and up. | Ramp, with electrically driven hoist. | Restroom with sink, medicine cabinet, tile shower stall and pocket door. | Hardwood bamboo floor downstairs, carpet upper deck. | 3 burner gas cook stove and refrigerator | Electric and air driven horns. | Stereo

system with speakers throughout and CD players | Speakers controlled from wheelhouse | Oak cabinets microwave and refrigerator freezer in kitchen Safety equipment includes several fire extinguishers and 30+ life vests as per COI | Paperwork on virtually everything | Newly built post with eyelet that will allow tying off while going through locks from the top deck. No need to have someone below out of sight where they can't be seen when locking through. It also allows a single person to run the boat and lock through by themselves. Tires along each side act as cushions against other boats and docks, also works great as a rub bar when locking through. Owned by Robert Ferrin.

27. MUDSOCK

The "Mudsock" was originally constructed by Carl Wright along Mill Creek in Cottageville, WV, sometime in the mid 1980's. The boat then measured 58' in length with a 14' beam. Robert Cantrell acquired the boat from Mr. Wright in July 1996. The Mudsock was dry-docked and remodeled in 1999, being launched in 2001. The boat's dimensions were increased to 80' in length and 20' in width. It has a modified scow bow, two staterooms, two full heads, a full galley and salon. Powered by a Cummins 855 Big Cam turbo diesel engine coupled to a twin disc transmission. It has a 12'x10' diameter wheel and drafts 36" in depth. It has a 12volt system with four 8D battery storage cells. It has a diesel driven Olympic 14KV genset. It boasts push button controlled traditional wheel steerage through a Sea star hydraulic system coupled to dual, Flanking and Monkey Rudders. From June of 2009 until July of 2014 the boat sat idle due to the owner's illness. It was purchased in 2014 by Vince and Susan McCormick, 2019 by Kevin Daily. Thomas New purchased it in 2022, 2022 by Thomas New and 2023 by Carl Teel.

28. NANNIE JEAN

The Nannie Jean was built in 1953. She measures 54' x 12'. Her propulsion is a Cummins A2300 and powered by a Westerbeke 8.0 BTD. The drive is coupled with a 71c Velvet drive transmission. It holds 240 gallons of fuel and fresh water. Previous names are CW King, Madeline G and Modina Ann. Josh Lester from Charleston WV is her current owner.

29. NEMACOLIN

Owner: Brian & Sheila Patterson Home Port: Henderson, WV, Kanawha River Mile Marker 1 | Hull Type: Scow Bow | Hull Material: Steel | Length: 100' | Width: 20' | Draft: 3' 6" | Wheel Diameter: 12' 6" | Wheel Width: 12' | # of Buckets: 24 | Engine Type/Size: Detroit GM 6-71 120 HP | Drive Train Type: Twin Disc MG 509, 200 double chain Built By: Dravo Contracting Company Built at: Neville Island, P Date: 1929 | Past Names (oldest to newest): Nemacolin, Glenda H, Laura J, Nemacolin Description and History: Nemacolin was built as a sternwheel tow boat in 1929 at Neville Island, PA by Dravo Contracting Company for the United States Army Corp of Enginners. Originally the hull was only 16' wide and was proved to be too narrow and was widened in 1947. In April of 1954, she was purchased by the J.F. Hardymon Company, of Maysville, KY and renamed the Glenda H., then in 1970, Capt. Charles T. Jones, Amherst Industries, Charleston, WV purchased the boat and renamed her, the Laura J after his daughter. In May of 2010, the vessel ownership was transferred to Red Star Towing Co. of Charleston, WV. In August of 2020, she was purchased by Amherst Madison employee, Brian Patterson who returned the name of the historic vessel to the Nemacolin.

30. P. A. DENNY

The P.A. Denny was built in Charleston, WV, by the Charles Ward Engineering Works in 1930 and named the Scott, after Addison Scott, a New York engineer who oversaw the construction of the lock system on the Great Kanawha River in the 1880's. She was used by the Louisville District of the Army Corps of Engineers as a diesel towboat on the Ohio River for twenty-four years. She has guite a history of owners and uses. SOLD: 1954, the boat was sold to Howard Powell and Son of Guntersville, Alabama and a great friend to the American Sternwheel Association of Marietta, Ohio. SOLD: 1973, Dunbar, WV coal executive/river man bought the boat with intentions to completely refurbish and use her as a tour boat. Sadly, he passed away in 1975. SOLD: to Lawson Hamilton and The Pratt Mining Company of Hansford, WV and renamed the P.A. Denny in honor of his dear friend, Lawson Hamilton was









a major supporter of the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta for many years. DONATED: the P.A. DENNY became a floating marine biology school operated by the ORSANCO GROUP in Cincinnati, Ohio for five years and then came the opportunity for a private sale. SOLD: 2010 to The American Riverboat Co., Capt. "Heck" Heckert and his wife, Sheila Diane Heckert of Parkersburg, WV. It is with great pleasure the Heckert Family is maintaining and enjoying being the keeper of the PA DENNY while going to several Regatta's each year. It should be noted that Capt. Nelson Jones (deceased) worked his first river man deckhand duties aboard the P.A. Denny and was the inspiration for the P.A. Denny's preservation by the Heckert family through the regattas, wherever they might be. Brothers and sisters of the Heckert Fleet, include M/V Sheila "D", Leviathan, G D Eddy, Old Glory, Captain "H", M/V Dixie, Wild Goose, Tammy White, Oliver Merrill, Sam P Sue, Henny Cook, Casino boat M/V Speculation (Captain "Heck" Heckert).









31. PEARL ANN

Capt. Bud Russell of Parkersburg, WV built the vessel in 1987. It was originally named the Oh Susanna after his oldest daughter. Joe and Rosa Moore purchased the boat in the mid-nineties and actually traveled on it to Texas before its return to the Great Kanawha River. Shortly after being launched in 1987, she was lengthened by ten feet, and now measures roughly 18'x 78'. The hull is made out of 3/16" stainless steel and has seven watertight compartments. The living quarters contain a full bathroom, bedroom, satellite TV with 2 flat screen televisions, and a fully equipped galley. The pilot house has a pull out sofa and also serves as sleeping quarters, which is usually utilized by the late night participants. She carries 160 gallons of fuel and 400 gallons of water. The Pearl Anne is powered by a 453 Detroit diesel engine with a Twin Disc 5050 transmission, and has an 11KW Kubota generator. Kris Eads and Tabitha Stutler purchased the boat in 2007 and she was renamed the Pearl Anne. She had a color scheme change and the addition of an outdoor bar, 19" Carlisle & Finch searchlight, and Kahlenburg horns.

Brannon Eads (Kris's brother) purchased the boat in the spring of 2014, after Kris acquired the Miss Sterling from Tom Jones. She was then fitted with a washer/dryer unit, a propane and electric heat source, and now serves as the full time residence for Brannon and his dog Gems. A Furuno 1715 radar system, a Furuno Wass GPS Navigator, and surveillance cameras were added to the pilot house. Her current home port is Pier 54 Marina at mile marker 54.8 on the Great Kanawha River in South Charleston, WV.

32. PRINCESS MARGY

Owner: JD & Anna Basham

Home Port: Dunbar, WV. Kanawha River Mile Marker 50.9 RDB | Hull Type: Scow Bow; Material: Steel; Length 80', Width 20', Draft 40" | Wheel: Diameter 13' 6", Width 12', Number of Buckets 16 | Engine Type/ Size: 6V-71 200 HP Detroit Diesel engine | Drive Train Type: Hydraulic Pete Grassie started building the all-steel sternwheeler Princes Margy in 1975 at Dunbar, WV, the site of his successful family-run manufacturing business. When about 75% complete, the hull of the Princess Margy had to be transported by house movers from Dunbar to Charleston across the Patrick Street Bridge and back down MacCorkle Avenue to South Charleston so she could be launched. With this task completed, she made her way down the Kanawha River to her new home in Dunbar at the Grassie residence. By 1980 the Princes Margy was completed. The Princess Margy can hold 1,000 gallons of water and 1,200 gallons of fuel and has a 20 KW GM-Delco, 2-71 generators. The wheel shaft sprocket is 45" with a 6" shaft. The Princes Margy is a three-level self-sufficient live-aboard vessel. The first level consists of a lounge. full-sized kitchen and a half bath. On the second level are a bedroom, bunk room, full- sized bath, and a utility room with full-sized washer and dryer. Enclosed areas are comfortably heated and cooled year around with a 3-ton electric heat pump. The third level is comprised of the pilot house and a large deck. No longer at the forward of the third deck is the 36" muzzle loading, black powder cannon. Firing blank charges, this impressive firearm was mainly used for starting races and other special occasions. Sadly, the infamous cannon exploded

upon use in Charleston, WV in 2009.
Atop the pilot house are two 8"
Kahlenberg trumpet air horns, a 1939
model 14" Carlyle Finch carbon spotlight
and a heavy #3 12" brass bell. Decorative,
yet functional, wrought iron railing
borders each level complimenting Pete
Grassie's original streamlined design
of the boat. The Princes Margy has
always retained its christened name
and remains docked on the Kanawha
River at Dunbar. In 2021 the Brannon
Eads sold the Princess Margy to JD &
Anna Basham and Anna's father Jerry.

33. ROY C

Stanley Cole built the "Roy C" at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Hoyt and Wink Fontalbert currently own her. The "Roy C" is 68' in length and 18' wide. She features a twin split Sternwheel each measuring 36" x 11 ½" driven from a single axle with a Sundstrand hydraulic transmission to a hydraulic motor, through a Braving 18-1 reduction gear to an 18 tooth to 45 tooth chain drive to the wheel, powered by a John Deere four-cylinder engine. The inside is fully equipped for comfort and extended cruising. Her home port is 95 Street, Marmet, West Virginia. If you are in the area, feel free to stop by.

34. RUFUS B II

The Rufus B II was built in 1926 at LeClaire, Iowa on the banks of the Mississippi River. The boat's first owner was Attorney Carl Lamback, and the original name was Freddie Boy. Local legend has it that Attorney Lamback entertained client Al Capone on board. In 1955, Bill Molo purchased the boat and renamed it Bart L and replaced the wood hull with steel. Mr. Molo died in 1960, and the boat was sold that year to Mr. Altman who renamed it William S. Dr. Bettler purchased the boat from Mr. Altman in 1963 and he changed the name to Rufus B II, his wife's nickname. In 1965 the entire boat was remodeled and the hull was widened to 18 feet. The interior is covered with ¾" mahogany on the wall and a redwood ceiling. It has two bedrooms, a salon, a complete galley and one and a half baths. In 1991, the Rufus B II was sold to Lou Wendell Marine Sales in St. Albans, WV. The motor was changed to a 671 Detroit diesel with a belt drive and a twin disc transmission. Fuel capacity is 1,400 gallons and the

water tank holds 250 gallons. The total length of the boat is 73 feet with a draft of 20 inches. The wheel is 9 feet wide and has 13 buckets. During the 28 years owned by Dr. and Mrs. Bettler, this boat traveled over 30,000 miles, covering the Mississippi, the Tennessee, the Ohio, the Missouri, the St. Croix and the Kanawha Rivers. In 1992, the Rufus B II was in the Tall Stacks Parade in Cincinnati, Ohio.

35. SEWICKLY

Dravo Corporation at Neville Island, PA built the sternwheel towboat in 1930. She was powered by a 105 x 23 GM6-110 diesel. The original Sewickley, owned by the builder, was sold February 1937 to Captain John Hysmith of Charleston, PA. He sold her in July 1967 to Mon River Towing, Inc. in Belle Vernon, PA. She sold again in 1967 to Harvey Johnson of Monaca, PA. In 1968, she sold to Eugene H. Bartley of Vanport, PA. He sold her to Elmer P. Grimm of Pittsburgh in February 1969. Later in 1969 she was sold to Judd Marine of Cincinnati. She was repowered in 1969 with a 220 hp Allison red. The name was changed in 1973 when Read I. Coen of Cincinnati purchased her and renamed her REED LEE. He sold her in April 2000 to Red Star Towing of Charleston, WV. Finally, she sold to Robert Harrison of Bellaire, OH and her new name is SEWICKLEY.

36. SHAYLA ELIZABETH

Owner: Will Windsheimer
Home Port: The 101 Landing,
Moundsville, WV | Mile Marker: 101.8,
The Ohio River | Hull Material: Steel
| Overall Length: 63 feet | Width: 12
feet |Draft: 22 inches | Paddlewheel:
Diameter - 8 feet, Width - 6 feet |
Powered By: Perkins 4.107 engine with
a velvet drive transmission | Previous
Owner: Mike & Korrie O'Donnell |
Past Name: Defendant | The boat is
currently listed for rent through Airbnb.

37. TRAVIS LEE

Owner: David and Jo Lynn Martin Home Port: Gallipolis, Ohio | Hull Type: Model bow | Hull Material: Steel Hull, 3/16" | 4 water-tight compartments and weighs 60 tons | Length 60' | Width 14' | Deep 48" | Drafts 30" | Wheel Diameter: 11' | Wheel Width: 11' | # of Buckets 14 offset buckets | Engine Type: GM 4 - 53 Detroit Diesel Engine | Drive Train: Hydraulic with double 160 chain | Boat and Boiler Company | The Travis Lee, formerly the Don Rob't was built by the Dubuque Boat & Boiler Company in Dubuque, Iowa, for Don and Kay Klein of Rock Valley, Iowa in 1970. In an effort to replicate the packet boats of the 1800's, the Kleins' paid great attention to detail when designing their Vessel. Named for their son, the Don Rob't is patterned after Captain Fred Way's vessel, the Betsy Ann and is complete with a gingerbread trimmed pilothouse and eight leaded stained-glass windows. In 1991 the Don Rob't was purchased by Quarry Creek Land Developers. In 2007 the Don Rob't was purchased by Mike Monk. In 2012 the Don Rob't was purchased by Melvin Lawrence, he and his wife Donna enjoyed the boat as they traveled up and down the Ohio River. The Don Rob't was purchased in 2019 by David and Jo Lynn Martin who renamed it the Travis Lee, for their son who passed away in 2013.

38. VALLEY GEM

The Valley Gem was built 1988-89 by Ivan Arnold and was designed by James E. Sands. The Valley Gem is 157' x 25' (hull 102'x 24.5') and weighs 100 tons. The sternwheel is driven by a 12.7 liter Series 60 Detroit Diesel, which produces 500HP @ 2300 RPM. The engine is coupled to a ZF W325 electronic marine transmission. Total reduction from engine to wheel is 60:1. A 4039 John Deere 40KW Marathon generator provides electricity. The Valley Gem is air conditioned by two 5 ton Carrier units, and is baseboard heated. She carries 1700 gallons of diesel, and 360 gallons of fresh water. The Valley Gem is USCG certified for 300 passengers.

39. WILLIAM D

In July of 2013, John and David Lehew purchased an unfinished hull from Denny Taylor to start building a new sternwheeler because their current sternwheeler Skinney Bill needed major hull repairs. The father and son team decided to build a completely new sternwheeler instead of repairing Skinney Bill so they could make one completely of their own design. In the summer of 2014 Skinney Bill sank; he was raised and sold for scrap. Then the pressure was on to make William D a reality. David completed all the construction work of this new vessel himself. However, he was assisted with the design of the









hydraulic system by Sternwheel Captain Tom Faris of the Faris Wheel. William D's hull measures 18 ft by 50 ft with twin 13 ft by 5 ft hydraulically driven wheels for an overall length of 65 ft; bow to the end of wheel framing. The boat is powered by a six-cylinder turbocharged Cummins diesel. William D's drive train is a dual path Eaton pump connected to dual hydraulic motors with a final 5.2 reduction chain drive and a total system reduction of 72 to 1. This vessel is constructed completely out of steel, the wall studs are galvanized, and there is a hidden "hog line" fashioned of 3" structural channel inside the exterior cabin wall. William D has a 12' by 16'



pilot house and the deck floor includes a bathroom, bedroom, kitchen, and living room. Owners John and David started construction in August of 2013 with the drive system being put in operation in June 2015 and the interior being completed in August of 2018. The boat's namesake is John's father and David's grandfather - William David "Skinney" Lehew. He was also the namesake of their previous vessel utilizing his widely known nickname around the Pomeroy, OH area of Skinney. The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival 40th Anniversary was the first festival that William D attended. In July of 2020, David and his wife Wendy put the finishing touches on a 14 ft by 65 ft barge to push with William D. The 45th Ohio River Sternwheel Festival was the barge's first year. The Crew of William D has also been added to; now consisting of Capt. John & Missi, Pilot David along with Wendy and Maycee Lehew.

40. W.P. SNYDER JR.

The W.P Snyder, Jr. is the only steamdriven sternwheel towboat still in the United States river system and is a National Historic Landmark. Built in 1918 to tow coal for the Carnegie Steel Company, she was purchased by the Crucible Steel Company in 1945, and named after the board chairman. Thanks to the work of Fred Way, the Sons & Daughters of the Pioneer Rivermen, and the Ohio Historical Society, she found her current home on the Muskingum in 1955. Although the Ohio River Museum is currently closed as we plan construction of a new museum, guided tours of the WP Snyder will be given during Sternwheel Festival weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12-4. Tour wristbands may be purchased at Campus Martius Museum at 601 Second Street

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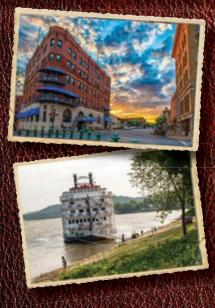
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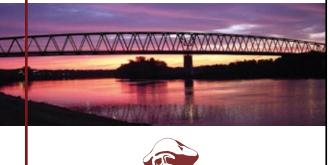
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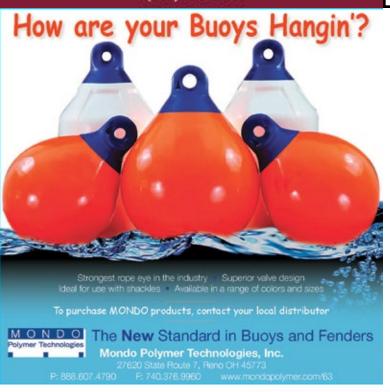
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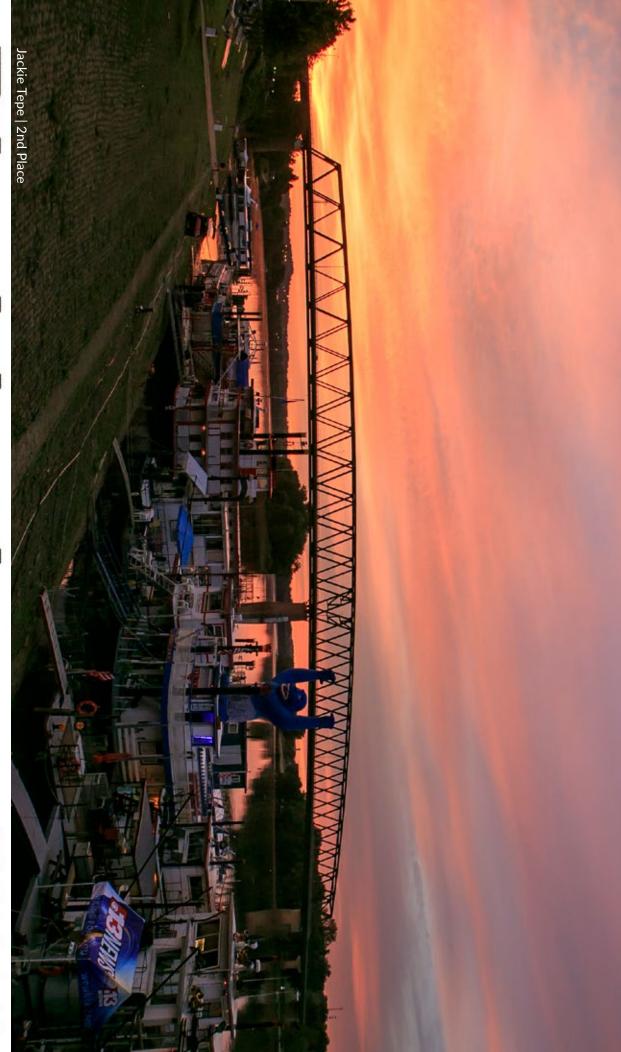
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