

# Travis Lee

**Owner:** David and JoLynn Martin

**Home Port:** Gallipolis, OH, Ohio River Mile Marker 273

**Hull Type:** Model Bow

**Hull Material:** Steel hull, 3/16" 4 water-tight compartments and weighs 60 tons

**Length:** 64'

**Width:** 22'

**Drafts:** 48"

**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

**Built By:** Dubuque Boat & Boiler Company

**Built At:** Dubuque, IA

**Date:** 1970

**Past Names:** Don Rob't, IvaRuby, Travis Lee

**Description and History:** The Don Rob't was built by the Dubuque Boat & Boiler Company for Don & Kay Klein of Rock Valley, IA., 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 and Nancy Bird and renamed the **IvaRuby** after their Mothers and did some major renovations. Melvin Lawrence renamed it the Don Rob't a few years later. In 2019 the Don Rob't was sold to David and JoLynn Martin, who named it for their son Travis Lee.

