



# Newsletter

## American Sternwheel Association

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## CHARLESTON STERNWHEEL REGATTA!



Bret Michaels & Lita Ford absolutely  
ROCKED the Regatta stage!

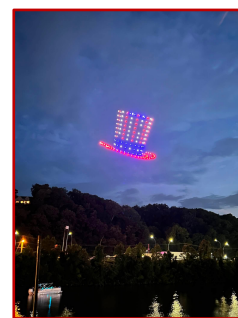
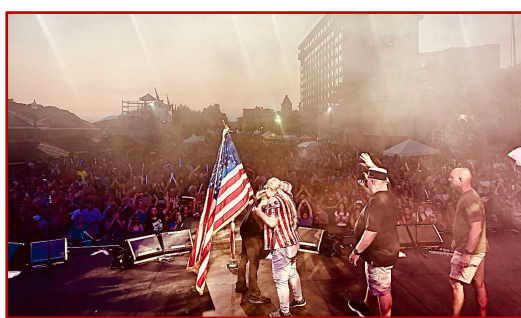
What a crowd turnout! Unbelievable!



(Photos above and at right, courtesy of Bret Michaels on the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta Facebook page.)

We're going to give you a front-row seat to the stellar entertainment you may have missed on Independence Day in Charleston, WV. The acts that night, along with the outstanding fireworks and drone show, were an absolute hit among festivalgoers.

Bret Michaels, frontman of the 80's hairband Poison and a solo-artist rock legend in his own right, brought down the house along with high-octane metal queen Lita Ford on America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Not only did Bret perform to the largest crowd the regatta has ever had, but his show brought so much energy and was the pure embodiment of patriotism. He honored military veterans and active-duty members, first responders, frontline workers, hometown heroes and musicians on stage. What a class act! And Lita, well, she played her heart out! The weather was beautiful that night, the fireworks were superb, and it was a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration like no other!



(Crowd photos are courtesy of Bret Michaels on the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta FB page, and drone photo courtesy of Captain J.D. Pauley.)

## ASA Officers

**Capt. Bryan Hughes**  
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**Capt. Rick Burden**  
*Steering*

**Kristina Price**  
*Editor*

## ***Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar!***

- **Sept. 4-5, 2026** **Tribute to the River**  
Point Pleasant, WV (Ohio River, MM 265.2)
- **Sept. 11-13, 2026** **Ohio River Sternwheel Festival**  
Marietta, OH (Ohio River, MM 172)
- **Sept. 12, 2026** **ASA Meeting at Lafayette Hotel**  
Marietta, OH (Ohio River, Mile Marker 172)  
*Trustee Meeting @ 1 pm • General Meeting @ 2 pm*
- **Sept. 18-19, 2026** **Parkersburg Riverfest**  
Parkersburg, WV (Ohio River, MM 184.6)
- **Sept. 24-27, 2026** **Pomeroy Sternwheel Regatta**  
Pomeroy, OH (Ohio River, MM249.5)
- **Nov. 14, 2026** **ASA Meeting at Lafayette Hotel**  
Marietta, OH (Ohio River, MM 172)  
*Trustee Meeting @ 2 pm • General Meeting @ 3 pm*  
**ASA "80's Theme" CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**AS ALWAYS ...** If you are having a river event and would like to be included in our calendar, please notify the Editor at [editor@americansternwheel.org](mailto:editor@americansternwheel.org).



## **Welcome, New Members!**

*Gene Massey of Cerritos, CA*

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*Mike & Ally Mullins of Saint Albans, WV*

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*Samantha & David Smith Jr.*  
*of Ironton, OH*

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*Linda J. Stalnaker of Hurricane, WV*

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*Justin & Lacey Winter of Racine, OH*  
**SUNSHINE**



♪ We represent the Lollipop Pups, the Lollipop Pups ... These adorable doggies enjoyed lollies at Charleston's regatta.

Top (L to R): Josie of the JENNY B has a big slurp; and from the NANNIE JEAN, Blakely seems tentative while Walter steals a nibble!

Bottom (L to R): Phoenix has a taste and Walter takes a bite, both pups are from the NANNIE JEAN.





# MARIETTA'S RIVERFRONT UPDATE

by Captain C.R. Neale III



Construction continues along Marietta's historic riverfront as crews make steady progress utilizing the \$9.4 million Appalachian Community Grant Program funding received from the State of Ohio. Work is nearing completion along the Marietta riverfront between Front Street and Second Street and has included the construction of a new amphitheater and an enlarged fountain, which has been relocated upriver to create better pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the area. According to the latest updates, construction is expected to be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>, allowing the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival to proceed as scheduled.

As this newsletter goes to press, it has been announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned by state and local officials to officially celebrate the reopening of the riverfront. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and sternwheel captains are invited to participate. As plans remain subject to change, please watch for official communications from the ASA via email or Facebook for confirmation.

This photo was taken August 2<sup>nd</sup> looking upriver at the cul-de-sac along Ohio Street. New brick pavers are currently being installed on this street up through the intersection with Second Street.

In additional news, Marietta's "Adopt A Boat" program held a live drawing on Facebook on August 8<sup>th</sup> to pair ASA sternwheel boats with local merchants. Pairings are as follows:

| BOAT             | MERCHANT                           | BOAT                 | MERCHANT                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| DIANA JEAN       | Two Peas in a Pod                  | LE'PORT EXPLORER     | Wilky's Sports Bar        |
| DIXIE            | American Flags & Poles             | MAJOR                | Rockstar Wellness         |
| DONNA RAE        | EmLeigh's & Mama B's               | MISS STERLING        | Wilky's Market            |
| E.L. THUMPER     | Clutch Collective                  | MORNING GLORY CHAPEL | Over The Moon Pub & Pizza |
| FARIS WHEEL      | Wit & Whimzy                       | NANNIE JEAN          | Gold Line Jewelers        |
| FRANKY D         | Downtown Bargains & Toy Drop       | NATALIE JANE         | Wit & Whimzy              |
| HENNY COOK       | Black Diamond Brewery & Distillery | NEMACOLIN            | Levee House Bistro        |
| HOBBY III        | Derailed Distillery                | P.A. DENNY           | Twisted Roots             |
| JACK B           | Levee House Bistro                 | PEARL ANNE           | Original Pizza Place      |
| JENNY B          | First City Records                 | ROY C                | American Flags & Poles    |
| JOE S            | Schafer Leather Store              | RUFUS B II           | Threadz Boutique          |
| JUANITA          | Lafayette Hotel                    | SEWICKLEY            | Life Balance Healing      |
| KANAWHA          | Huck's Market on Putnam            | SUNSHINE             | Dad's Primitive Workbench |
| KATIE H          | The Cook's Shop                    | TRAVIS LEE           | Moonglade Salon & Spa     |
| LADY CARMINA     | Teri Ann's                         | VALLEY GEM           | River City Spaces         |
| LAUREN ELIZABETH | All Pro Nutrition                  | WILLIAM D            | Jeremiah's Coffee House   |

**CHARLESTON, WV, NEWS:** At the Regatta, two boats were honored on stage for their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays – Capt. Lou Wendell's RUFUS B II and Capt. Kris Eads's MISS STERLING. Capt. Lou was also presented with an honorary Key to the River! Congratulations! The MISS STERLING celebrated with a cake, and was gifted a steam gauge from Capt. J.D. Pauley, and a whistle from Robyn Jones that her late husband, Nelson, had retrieved from the Marietta Manufacturing Company.

Photo at Left shows (L to R): Capt. Bryan Hughes, Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin, Capt. Lou Wendell, Capt. Kris Eads, and Joshua Scott. (Photo courtesy of Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin on FB.) Photo at Right shows (L to R): Capt. J.D. Pauley of the HOBBY III and Capt. Kris Eads of the MISS STERLING. (Photo courtesy of Stephanie Burden.)





# HOW DO REGATTA COMMITTEES MANAGE TO BRING A STERNWHEEL FESTIVAL TO FRUITION?

In our last issue we questioned some of our boat captains about their regatta season preparations, but now we'd like to showcase festival committees. If you think about it, there is so much work that is done behind the scenes to pull off these amazing events, and most of us, as attendees just out there having fun, have no real grasp as to the herculean effort it takes. So, I set out to ask two event organizers, "How in the world do you do it?!?"

This is what Janet Hunt (Event Planner & Augusta/Bracken County Tourism Director) of the AUGUSTA RIVERFEST FAIR, and Cheri Seevers (Committee/Subcommittee Member) of the OHIO RIVER STERNWHEEL FESTIVAL, had to offer in response.

## **How much time is spent preparing for a festival?**

- **Janet Hunt, Augusta:** "This event is the longest and biggest event of our year. The planning stage starts the first week in January, six months before the event. Work includes booking music, connecting with the pageant committee, contacting vendors, and organizing activities for each event day."
- **Cheri Seevers, Ohio:** "There are many subcommittees under the main committee, and planning begins for the following year's festival one month after the current festival wraps up. Meetings are held monthly, on each third Tuesday, however some subcommittees do meet more frequently, especially as the festival draws near. Committees such as corporate finance begin working in January and continue throughout the year due to the need to gain funding for the next festival. Other subcommittees' work doesn't begin until the week before the festival, and then it's a full week of building the stage on the barge, hanging the sponsorship banner, and much, much more."

## **How do you raise funds for your festival?**

- **Janet Hunt, Augusta:** "The fair is sponsored by City of Augusta Tourism. Sponsor letters go out in the month of April seeking donations to support the event."
- **Cheri Seevers, Ohio:** "Our funding comes from corporate finance, private donations, car show registration, concession space sales, souvenir sales, art stroll sales, and fundraisers. The 50<sup>th</sup> festival this year has also received some grant funding related to America's 250<sup>th</sup>. We are so very fortunate that we also receive "in kind" donations for things like the entertainment barge, equipment for the barge, crane work and so much more."

## **How do you determine what type of entertainment and activities you will offer?**

- **Janet Hunt, Augusta:** "Augusta Riverfest Fair music supports our local musicians, but if they are not available, then outsiders will be notified, but supporting local always comes first. Every year, the tourism department always looks for ways to make the event family friendly, and this year we're hoping to have a kid's zone area. We are also planning ahead to make our exhibit hall much bigger."
- **Cheri Seevers, Ohio:** "Our goal is to book a variety of music that is family friendly. We try to cover country, pop, rock, oldies, bluegrass and patriotic styles. We have an entertainment committee that chooses the acts each year. Other projects such as the art stroll, car show, and children's activities are voted in by the board of trustees, and committee chairmen are assigned to manage it from there. We also cherish suggestions from the community, and the pairing of merchants and boat captains for the "Adopt A Boat" program is an example of that."



## **What type of work is done behind the scenes that the general public would not realize?**

- **Janet Hunt, Augusta:** “The Augusta Riverfest Fair has a LOT of behind-the-scenes work! Communicating with the city staff in regard to maintenance for electric locations, as well as setting up tables, the band stage, barricades, etc., is one example. Working with the police department for security and checking with the city clerk regarding budget is another. The tourism department creates fliers and vendor applications, they contact vendors, attend pageant committee meetings, discuss options with beer garden volunteers, and make sure the local fire department and EMS are aware of all plans. Advertising is arranged, communication with local businesses for support is done, and signs are created for safety and to mark vendor spaces. The event layout is organized. Individuals are asked to be weather watchers and stay alert for any other situations.”
- **Cheri Seevers, Ohio:** “I am certain the general public doesn’t realize the extreme cost and work associated with things that aren’t even related to the “fun things” the festival has to offer like entertainment, activities and fireworks. A huge expense is related to insurance, and there are costs and work associated with the electricity, trash, security and porta-johns. I am also certain festival attendees do not realize or understand the giant price tag associated with headline entertainment.”

## **How many people/committees/volunteers are needed and why?**

- **Janet Hunt, Augusta:** “Along with myself and the tourism department, we currently have one committee, the pageant committee, and collectively, we wear a lot of hats. The pageant committee hosts all the pageants (Little Miss & Mister, Preteen/Teen, Miss/Ms./Mrs. and Mr. Riverfest), as well as the exhibit hall, the dog show, and the baby show.”
- **Cheri Seevers, Ohio:** “We have executive officers, a board of trustees, and 37 subcommittees each with a committee chairman. Some of our volunteers chair more than one committee. Committee chairmen are responsible for the function of their assigned committee and staying within the budget provided them. We currently have approximately 80 volunteers and are ALWAYS looking for new volunteers to bring fresh ideas and youth to the organization.”



*(Thank you to Cheri Seevers for giving us a glimpse of the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee meeting aboard the Valley Gem.)*



*(This photo of the 2026 Augusta Kings & Queens courtesy of the Augusta Kentucky Historic District Facebook page.)*

So, in summation, it really does take a village ... a whole lot of selfless individuals coming together and donating their time and efforts to make each year’s regatta season a huge success. I would encourage one and all, while visiting the various river towns and attending their festivals from the north to the south, to PLEASE thank a volunteer (or two or three) for their endeavors, dedication, and commitment. All the enjoyment we receive while gathered with friends and family at these events would not be possible without them.

# The JENNY B's Charleston Trip 2026

by Stephanie Burden

Before leaving for Charleston's Sternwheel Regatta, Capt. Rick Burden was busy working on the JENNY B and installing new doors. He was looking forward to spending about a month on the boat while relaxing and dining out with the Charleston clan.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> around 6 p.m., the JENNY B left the dock to begin the first leg of her journey. Aboard were Capt. Rick and wife, Debbie; son, Matt; grandson, William; and pup, Bruno. The plan was to stop in Parkersburg, WV, for the night. They made it to their destination but as the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> rolled into the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>, there was a bit of excitement around 3:30 a.m., as in an unexpected visitor that hollered, "Anyone here?" Good thing Capt. Rick's a light sleeper because no one else on the boat heard this person – a man that had actually jumped onto the back of the boat! Needless to say, Rick had a chat with him, and the stranger made his way off the JENNY B.

As they left Parkersburg around 6 a.m., it was a relatively good trip until they reached the Pomeroy, OH, area and a chain broke; thank goodness for dual chains! The boat was close to Capt. Jim Hysell's river camp, so the crew swung in to get her fixed and have a beer. After she was repaired, Capt. Jim hopped on and rode to Point Pleasant, WV, with the crew, and then his wife, Missy, picked him up later that night.



Broken wheel shaft.

June 19<sup>th</sup> around 7 a.m., the JENNY B departed Point Pleasant and made it to the town of Leon on the Kanawha River when the wheel shaft broke. Capt. Rick began making calls to find someone to assist with getting the boat towed. He then called daughter-in-law, Stephanie, around 7:20 a.m. to pick up some things to bring to the boat, and have her get the crew late Friday night.

The JENNY B was then towed back to Point Pleasant by Amherst Madison's boat, ANDY MULLINS, to get everyone in a safe spot. Then the Amherst Madison vessel, LAWSON W. HAMILTON JR., picked up the JENNY B around 4 p.m. and arrived around 6 a.m. on June 20<sup>th</sup> near the Interstate 64 bridge in St. Albans, WV. Capt. Rick was thinking, "damn, we're not gonna get those ASA miles this year!" But on a more serious note, everyone's help was truly appreciated beyond words!

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Capt. Rick's son, Jarrod and wife, Stephanie, began their drive to Charleston. (The original plan was to steal the MISS STERLING to tow the JENNY B to Capt. Kris Ead's landing, however, we're thinking Kris didn't trust our crew enough to run his 100-year-old boat!) So, Capt. J.D. Pauley and crew of the HOBBY III arrived around 8:45 a.m. to tow the boat toward the Dunbar area, and Capt. Kris Eads and Capt. Jim Kranz came later aboard the MISS STERLING to assist the HOBBY III. Jarrod and Stephanie sure planned that part of their drive right, as they sat on the bank and watched the action!

Once docked, everyone got busy removing, pounding, and prepping the wheel area. Parts were sent home with Matt to begin fixing the wheel shaft in hopes the wheel would be done by the following weekend. Needless to say, that whole week was a busy one for the folks back home who were building and waiting on parts, trying to get everything back for reassembly.

June 25<sup>th</sup> was move-in day for the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta, so that meant another tow to Haddad Riverfront Park to dock for the festival and serve as the location where all the repairs could take place. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Jarrod and Stephanie arrived with a load of parts. The best part of the day was saved for last, as everyone went over to Short Story Brewing that evening to relax and listen to Cousin Larry – an acoustic and electric guitar duo – featuring the ASA's very own Capt. Jim Kranz and his bandmate Greg Wegmann. Good times!

Saturday morning, June 27<sup>th</sup>, had all the boys busy installing the new shaft and making necessary repairs. By evening, things were mostly complete, other than making a few more parts, so Jarrod left Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, to return home and get to work. Jarrod and Stephanie would return by July 1<sup>st</sup> with the additional parts in hand, and once everything was completed, it was finally time to unwind and enjoy the upcoming regatta.



Photos Left to Right: The JENNY B, between the HOBBY III and MISS STERLING, gets towed to the Eads landing for repairs. A look at broken bucket plates that need repaired along the wheel. Capt. Kris Eads and Capt. Rick Burden at work putting on the new wheel shaft.

(All story photos courtesy of Stephanie Burden.)

We can't thank everyone enough for all the towing assistance, repair work, and moral support. River life, along with our river family, sure is special! Thank you all!

~ The JENNY B Crew



# Stephanie's Ways & Means Updates



## • ASA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Anniversary Cake & Merchandise Collection:

We will have an anniversary cake at our September meeting in Marietta during the Sternwheel Festival to celebrate the ASA's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. You won't want to miss paying homage to our organization! Also at the meeting, we will display a collection of photographs of past/present merchandise we've sold over the years.

• **Marietta's "Adopt A Boat" Program:** The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival will once again pair merchants and boats during a random live drawing on Facebook. If you are participating, we use information and a photo from the ASA's Boat Directory, so please be sure your listing is up to date!

• **ASA Merchandise Tent Volunteers:** Thank you to everyone who helped in the tent during the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta. We will now need volunteers to help in Marietta, so please lend us a hand. We only ask for an hour of your time, and signups are always on the JENNY B.

• **Special-Order ASA Merchandise:** As mentioned in our last newsletter, we have items available by **special order only**, that consist of unisex raincoats for \$60 each, and women's vests at \$55 each. Raincoats are offered in 11 colors and vests in 4 colors, all displaying our ASA logo. Contact Stephanie at [brightideaacres@gmail.com](mailto:brightideaacres@gmail.com) to order, and give color and size.

Adult Sizes: XS-6XL

Color selected: ☒ Direct Blue

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LEFT: Raincoat Sizes/Colors

RIGHT: Vest Sizes/Colors

Women's Sizes: XS-4XL

Color selected: ☐ Sterling Grey/ Graphite

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• **Regular ASA Merchandise:** We will have our usual assortment of ASA merchandise for sale in our tent in Marietta, consisting of shirts, hoodies, hats, etc., as well as our new large umbrellas shown at left for \$38 each.

• **2026 Christmas Party:** This year's Christmas Party theme will be the 80's, so we'll see you with your neon colors, acid wash jeans, and teased hair on November 14<sup>th</sup>!

• **Contact List:** We are developing an e-mail list for the ASA and sternwheel festival organizers to share so that important information can be conveyed before, and during, all of the regattas.

• **Membership:** We are always looking to expand our membership, so spread the word to family and friends. Let's keep our organization growing for another 50 years!



## Charleston Dirty Birds

The weekend prior to the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta, several of our ASA members attended a Dirty Birds baseball game thanks to tickets provided by Charleston's favorite mainstream-hits radio station V100.FM. For those of you not familiar, the Dirty Birds are a professional independent baseball league based in Charleston, WV, that play at GoMart Ballpark. An interesting bit of information is that the team's name "Dirty Birds" pays tribute to the coal mining industry in regard to the "canaries in a coal mine" that were early warning indicators of toxic conditions. We're so glad our ASA squad had good weather, witnessed a victory over York Revolution (11-2), and enjoyed

the game! Thank you to Stephanie Burden for this great photo, featuring FIRST ROW: Capt. Rick & Debbie Burden. SECOND ROW (left to right): Capt. Jarrod & Stephanie Burden, Capt. Bryan Hughes, Joshua Scott, and Logan Mills. THIRD ROW (left to right): Capt. Kris Eads & Tabby Stutler and Capt. Jim & Jean Kranz.



# Meeting Minutes for the American Sternwheel Association

## GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** May 16, 2026

**Location:** The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2171, Pomeroy, OH

**General Membership Meeting Called to Order:** Capt. Butch Leport, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, at 3:00 PM

**Minutes:** Motion made and accepted to defer the reading of the minutes. Personal copies available.

**Treasurer's Report:** Capt. Tom Cook submitted the Treasurer's Report. Motion made and accepted.

### Committee Reports

**\*Budget & Finance:** Capt. Tom Cook reviewed the Budget & Finance Report.

**\*Membership:** Capt. Tom Cook reported there are currently 260 members in 20 states; 160 primary members.

**\*Steering Committee:** Capt. Rick Burden, no report.

**\*Magazine & Newsletter:** Editor, Kristina Price, please send stories. The questionnaires have been made into a pdf format, so they are now easily fillable and printable.

**\*Website Report:** Capt. Jim Kranz reported site is up to date. Nothing new to report.

**\*Directory & Other Projects:** N/A

**\*Ways & Means:** Stephanie Burden, the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee remains open to ideas to combine with the ASA to make the Marietta Festival special for both organizations. The ORSF has developed a commemorative coin and are selling them with their merchandise. A request for clarification was made, since the ASA already has a Captain's Dinner, and cake for the commemoration. Stephanie clarified, meaning something in line with commemorative merchandise. There were not any new ideas brought forward. Stephanie will set up a book of old photos, merchandise photos, and t-shirts of the past ASA years for the September meeting. She will include cake and punch to celebrate the ASA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A commemorative coin would be too costly for the ASA alone, due to the setup fee and the number of coins needed to fill the smallest order. The ASA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts will be available for the July festival in Charleston. This year's Christmas party will be 80's themed for November 14<sup>th</sup>. Make sure your ASA Directory page on the website is current as the merchants use that information for the "Adopt a Boat" program. Stephanie also needs a good email address for all boat captains. Pet calendars are still available for order, \$25 each.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

Capt. C.R. Neale, for "Adopt a Boat", the Directory needs to be up to date. The selection will be at random, bingo style. Stephanie reported some businesses give more gifts or signs to their adopted boat, but remember, this is about the partnership, not the gifts. Capt. Jim Kranz added, banners would be nice. The LAUREN ELIZABETH asked their business last year for a banner, and their merchant was unaware one could be requested, so they hurried out to have one made. Capt. C.R. Neale said this has been communicated to the Marietta Main Street Group regarding banners, but he will stress this point to make all merchants aware.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:36 PM, motion not needed.

## Happy Birthday, ASA!

*"To Keep Alive that Precious Bit of Americana, the Paddlewheel Boat."*

The American Sternwheel Association, Inc. was founded in January 1976 as a non-profit organization by a small group of enthusiastic sternwheel owners. The first meeting was held at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio.

We are grateful for each and every one of our readers. Thank you for being a valued member of the ASA and helping us continue the tradition in our 50<sup>th</sup> year!



**Looking ahead to our next issue, we'll have lots of pictures from ALL of the various regattas! You won't want to miss it!**