

**From the VC Power Jon Kukuk**  
**MEET THE FLEET**

This year's "Meet the Fleet" will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Menominee Marina and will again include both power and sailboats. As always, we are looking for "a few good men" to skipper their boats and take "land lubbers" out for rides on the bay. Departure times are: 10:30 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm and 4 pm with a pizza lunch for skippers and crew at noon.

Last year we had fun watching people's reaction to seeing the M&M area from the water, we let some of the kids sit at the helm and several got to steer. On our second voyage we had a wedding party including their photographer; they got some great pictures of the lighthouse and the bride and groom going under the Ogden Street Bridge. This is a good event because it helps the Yacht Club "give back" to the community and introduces the non-boating public to the water we all enjoy.

We will be advertising Meet the Fleet at assisted living homes in the area as well as the DAR. Sue Kukuk is going to make up some large, hand drawn, tag board posters for special, high traffic, places around town. Small, 8.5"X11", posters are all printed and ready to put up just before Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>. These posters have all our information plus "tear-off" phone numbers at the bottom to call for reservations. Another way we plan to advertise is through public service announcements on radio, cable TV, community calendar and newspaper. Also, watch for our "Meet the Fleet" banner hanging over the clubhouse soon.

So, we are expecting a good turnout this year and hope to have more skippers volunteer their time and boat for this event. We will be taking reservations at Nestegg (715)732-4466 and need information on each boat by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Information includes: boat type (power or sail), name, dock where located and how many passengers you can accommodate. Remember, you must have life jackets for each passenger and crewmember and anyone under 16 must wear a jacket while on deck.

We will need help on shore in the club house to take names as passengers arrive and then escort them to their vessel and help them board. Connie Betzinger has volunteered to help and I think we can call on the Sea Scouts to be our escorts. This is a wonderful way to enjoy your boat and show-off your navigational skills so sign-up today!