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Subject: THE 2017 UPPER MISSISSIPPI STEAMBOAT MEET - Wednesday through Saturday, 13-16 September

Dear Fellow Steamboat enthusiasts... Spring will be upon us soon, and it is just over 6 short months until the annual **2017 Upper Mississippi Steamboat Meet!** So here's this year's update to both our regular Meet attendees, and also to those who may be interested in attending this great Steamboating venue.

DATES:

The "official" dates for the Upper Mississippi Steamboat Meet are; Wednesday through Saturday, 13-16 September 2017.

Early steamboater arrivals are encouraged, and several of us will arrive on Monday, 11 September - staying for the entire week.

Two well-attended dinners are planned for the group; the "Captain's Dinner" on Friday evening 15 September, and the "Farewell Dinner" on Saturday evening 16 September after many of the boats are pulled.

Departure days will be Sunday - 17 September, or Monday - 18 September 2017.

LOCATION:

By popular vote, the **2017 Upper Mississippi Steamboat Meet will once again be held in Eagle River, WI - based at the Chanticleer Inn, 1458 East Dollar Lake Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.**

Lodging at the **Chanticleer Inn** is filling up, so it is recommended that you make your reservations asap! When you call, ask Jake (or Judy - in reservations) for the "Steamboater Rate" when you book your accommodations - which are offered in conjunction with our Meet.

Phone: [800.752.9193](tel:800.752.9193) or [715.479.4486](tel:715.479.4486), see: <http://www.chanticleerinn.com/>

For those of you who may not be familiar with this area of "Up North" Wisconsin, the **Chanticleer Inn** offers excellent facilities for rent including; Villas, Cottages, Motel Rooms, and Condos. In addition to the great lodging accommodations provided by the Jake Alward family, the **Chanticleer Inn** also offers excellent docks which are protected from the wind - located on the channel between Eagle and Voyager Lakes. **Chanticleer Inn** offers a restaurant and bar/lounge overlooking the channel and docks, and there is walking or car

access to Dollar Lake (a peaceful lake which is excellent for sunset viewing via the Chanticleer Inn's frontage on the lake).

From the **Chanticleer Inn's** docks (which are about in the middle of the 9 lakes comprising the "lower chain" or "Eagle River Chain of Lakes"), we have direct access to 3,900 surface acres of protected lakes on which we can steam. The town of Eagle River - with its many shops and restaurants, along with the other restaurants and destinations located on the lower chain of lakes - all of which are accessible by boat, helps make this is an ideal venue for steamboating!

An additional 20 lakes - the "upper chain" or "Three Lakes Chain of Lakes" - covering another 7,600 surface acres, is also accessible via the "boat hoist" (a rolling gantry hoist, which carries boats up and over the Burnt Rollways' dam), located at the "Burnt Rollways".

see: http://www.wvic.com/Content/Burnt_Rollways_Boat_Hoist.cfm

BOAT LAUNCH:

Boats can be launched at **Boat Sport Marina, 3624 State Road 70 (WI-70)**, which is located on the upper end of Voyage Lake - about 3/4 of a mile away from the **Chanticleer Inn**. This launch can be used for a small donation to a local charity.

ACTIVITIES:

At the request of Meet attendees, we will again outline some of our tentative daily group activities, which helps people arriving throughout the week know where the group is (if the "fleet" is not at the docks). Having a few things planned also allows individual captains (and their crews) decide each day if they want to participate with the group and have their boilers ready to leave with the "fleet" (or go their own way).

The tentative schedule also helps us with planning for lunch and dinner venues, scheduling media coverage, the group photo, etc.

FIRE WOOD:

Split, seasoned, and dry firewood (primarily oak) - and perfectly sized for our boilers - will once again be provided at a very modest cost by local Steamboaters - Mike and Pat Apple (**SL RUBY**), who also assist Patti and me with the scheduled daily group activities and local group dinner arrangements. Thanks Pat & Mike !!

GOING FORWARD:

The tentative schedule of activities (similar to last year's) will be emailed to the group a few weeks prior to this year's Meet.

If you are planning on attending this Meet either with or without a steamboat, please let us know your planned arrival and departure dates in advance of the meet, as this is huge help in planning to us; (1) in planning our group activities, and (2) in having the appropriate amount of firewood "on site" at the **Chanticleer Inn** to support the steamboater's needs.

If you know of someone who may be interested in attending, please forward this email to them

If you have any questions, concerns, or if you would prefer NOT to receive any further information about this Steamboat Meet, please contact us.

Have a great spring and summer, happy steaming, and we hope to see you at this year's Upper Mississippi Steamboat Meet in September !

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