

Mike Movinski gets ready to go in the Valvoline hydroplane. Mike set up at the local Valvoline Quick Change and helped to give the business the largest sales day in the store's history.

Bob's Crane Service and the Whitlow family were on hand to move hydroplanes into the Mighty Mississippi for APBA sanctioned test sessions. Here Bruce Tracey watches Brad Whitlow take *Shockwave* to the dock for a fly-by session.



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Quick Change Oil Station, where Mike Movinski, from Ohio, displayed his current Valvoline 5 liter hydroplane. One block to the north at Muscatine Toyota, Mike Tucker had his *Miss Crazy Thing* vintage hydroplane. Directly across the street at the Chevy dealership was Robert Kent's 1927 Chris-Craft Gentlemen's Racer.

Saturday was a beautiful day with a little bit of everything for everybody with all of the boats along with classic cars, motorcycles, a nostalgia top fuel dragster, cardboard boat regatta, radio controlled boats, and more. The event was a sanctioned vintage and testing event through

Steve Bergstrom in his 2003 homemade *Miss Jodie* with a 50 hp Mercury outboard.



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Richard Weaire brings in his 1938 Chris-Craft 17' Model 802 *Lucille*.



Photo by Leah Ann Nixon



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Portage Boat Works was on the river giving rides most of the day in their 24' triple cockpit classic design. From Portage Des Sioux, Missouri, this was the first show for their triple powered with a modern 300hp PCM Excalibur.

*In the Clover* is a 1960 Shepherd 22' Runabout owned by Andy and Cyndi McCormick from Wisconsin. The boat is powered by a 318 Chrysler.



Photo by Leah Ann Nixon

the APBA, so a nice blend of boats were on hand for testing their winter motor programs and new boats before the racing and show boat seasons get under way. On the other end of the park is a protected harbor off of the river with 95 slips available and longer slips for the larger cruisers.

For a first time event, we learned a lot. Next year we'll have boat parades for the show boats and a fun time for them to also enjoy the river. We're challenging ourselves to make the event bigger and better each year by taking input from the participants and making corrections for next year. We are trying to do the little things that make the boater feel like they are at home. We are easy-going here on the river, and we want participants to be able to sense that when they come to town. ☺

Eric and Erin Petty's 1957 Higgins *Lil' Buddy*.

