

HARBOR LIGHT



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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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<https://www.monroeboatclub.org/events>

Commodore – Tony Schippa



Dear MBC Members, we hope this message finds you well as we dive into the new year.

January was a bustling month for our MBC community, filled with exciting events and the warmth

of shared experiences.

First, a big shout-out to Brad Fichtner and his dedicated crew for orchestrating yet another fantastic Muskrat Dinner. The sold-out event was a great success, and we have heard nothing but praises for the delicious food. Your support and enthusiasm make these gatherings truly special.

R/C Carl Laura treated us to another lively Name That Tune night at the club. It was an evening of fun and laughter, bringing together families and friends for a memorable time. Our gratitude to Carl for hosting such entertaining events.

P/C David Ryan, in collaboration with MBC-A, organized the first event of a four-part series presented by The National Museum of the Great Lakes. The History of Piracy on the Great Lakes captivated an audience of over fifty people from MBC, the community, and their families. We look forward to the next installment on February 17th, titled "Lost on Lake Erie: Marquette and Bessemer No 2."

In the spirit of camaraderie, Lady Denise and I will be attending several Commodores' Balls this month, including those hosted by Elba-Mar Boat Club, Sun Seekers Boat Club, AYC Commodore’s Ball, and North Cape Yacht Club. We hope to connect with fellow boaters and make lasting memories.

For those attending the AYC Commodore’s Ball, our P/F Captain Russ is seeking members to assist with bar shifts at the event. It’s an excellent opportunity to mingle with boating enthusiasts from around the lake and expand your network. Your participation is highly appreciated.

On a financial note, I'm pleased to announce that the club's budget for the year 2024 is in place, and MBC stands on solid financial ground. This achievement is attributed to the collective efforts of our members who generously contribute their time, talent, and resources to various club projects, from building initiatives to aiding with cleaning supplies. Your support is invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

As we embark on the coming months, let's continue to strengthen our bonds and create more unforgettable moments together. Thank you for being the heartbeat of MBC.

Fair winds and smooth sailing!

Vice Commodore – Dave Volker



Hey hey MBC members, as we go through these cold month’s things are still happening here at your club. Yoga, Burger nights, Family Game night, Name That Tune, National Museum seminars. Just to name a few. Check out the MBC calendar to find out what is

happening at your club.

The Muskrat dinner turned out to be a fantastic event, even with the snowfall we had that night. Brad Fichtner managed this event, and he knocked it out of the park. A very successful tradition that he carried on here at MBC. I heard nothing but great comments from people from all over that attended. Thank you, Brad, for stepping up and taking this on during a very busy time for you.

MBC will be getting a new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) donated by the local firefighter's motorcycle club The Nozzlemen Chapter 4; including classes to learn how to use it. More information to follow on dates for this. A great thank you to Nozzlemen Chapter 4. The Nozzlemen will be around the club for the next couple of months on burger nights. If you see them come and say hi and give some thanks. A formal presentation will be happening when everything gets in place.

If you see anything around the club that needs to get fixed, please don't hesitate to contact me. I may be already in the process of fixing it or it may be added to the list.

Don't forget the AYC Ball event on February 16th and 17th. Get your My MBC shirts and come and support your club at this fun event.

Stay safe and keep "Havin Fun"!



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Happy February! It's not long till spring time. We have the Super Bowl February 11th and I hope to see everybody at the club.

The AYC Commodores Ball on Feb 16th and 17th is sure to be a lot of fun! On Saturday the 17th in the banquet room is The National Museum of the Great Lakes "Lost on Lake Erie" program from 3:30 to 4:30; we all like to hear the history of the Great Lakes. February we will be having Friday lunch specials, along with

our Monday through Thursday lunch specials. The prices are hard to beat and we always enjoy seeing the lunch people!

We appreciate seeing the euchre Sunday crowd too as it is a good boost for the Club along with the Sunday night open pool table.

I hope everybody stays healthy and happy. You can stop by the club anytime have a drink enjoy the view and enjoy camaraderie with friends!



Power Fleet Capt. – Russ Moore

Greetings everyone,

Well January is officially over and gets us one step closer to boating season and summertime fun!

We have been busy working on the AYC room for the ball coming up the weekend of February 16-17 at the Sheraton Metro Airport. So far, we are very pleased with the theme and all we are doing to make the MBC room really stand out! If you have not

purchased a ticket yet and would like to do so, please contact me. We still need help and volunteers for food and bartenders for that weekend.... the signup sheet is at the club and we would appreciate any time you have to help us out. It is going to be a great weekend!

Looking ahead, Lori and I will be hosting burger night for the month of March and will be looking for volunteers. It is a great night of fun and a great way to get your work hours in. Come out and enjoy and invite your friends and family.



Sail Fleet Capt. – Andrew Devenish

In the last Harbor Light, I had commented on how warm the winter was this year – but I was soon proved wrong with the bitter cold snap. I hope everyone is staying safe and warm.

During January, the Sail Fleet has been hosting the burger nights. I would like to thank all those that signed up to help on the evenings, and also Carol Smith and P/C Wendy Campbell for their excellent guidance and support. Not only were we able to generate some funds for the fleet, but it was also a great chance to put names to faces, and learn a little about each other though the down-time chats. Attendance on a couple of night was perhaps a little impacted by the weather, but we still managed to serve over 230 burgers.

We have been working with the local and regional bodies to set up the sail fleet race calendar for 2024, with the Sister's race securing a new and improved date of June 29th. We are planning a new course for the Sister's to go around West Sister – a partial return to the

historical format of the race. The Solo race will be on August 10th, with the Ladies race the following weekend.

At the membership meeting on January 23rd, we were happy to accept the application to join MBC from Matt Quam. Matt acquired John Davis's boat "Footloose" and is hoping to keep it close by, such that he can join in our race activities. If you see him in the club please say hello. If you might be interested, I do believe he is looking for crew.

The Sail Fleet held the Feb 1st meeting in the Commodore's Room, which provided a great opportunity to grab a burger before the meeting. If you are not currently on the mailing list and would like to be included in the fleet communications, please let me know.

The Facebook page created by John Kauffman "MBC Sail Fleet" has been re-energized and we will be using it for communications and general sail fleet community posts. If you are not a member already, please feel free to join the page, and maybe upload a few of your favorite pictures. Group email will remain the formal communication path as not all members use the Facebook platform.



Dock Master – Aaron Goldsmith

Hello MBC members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year and an amazing season for the Detroit Lions, on another good note we have less than 125 days until spring. We almost got through this cold spell without turning the bubblers on. Unfortunately the wind blew most of the water out of the harbor and left some of the bubblers suspended out of the water, which then turned to ice. When the water returned the bubblers were frozen and on the wrong side of the ice. It required some work but we were able to get them all chipped out and working.

Dock dues have been mailed out and need to be returned/postmarked by Feb 10. If anyone should have but didn't receive their

paperwork, please get in touch with me. Please also include all the necessary information (reg, insurance, address change). I already have a few members I'll need track down for missing info.

Dock assignments are to be on the first Sunday of March (March 3rd this year) at 2:00 p.m. A member must be present or represented by proxy. Said proxy statement is to be delivered to the Dock Master prior to the beginning of the assignment procedure. Proof of ownership and insurance must be presented to the Dock Master at said procedure prior to assignment of a dock.

Again if anyone has any questions don't hesitate to reach out to me.



Auxiliary – Tara Goldsmith

Hello everyone, January is finally behind us and the countdown to Spring has begun. The Auxiliary will be kicking off the month of February with an MBC Game Night in the banquet room. It will be Friday, February 9th at 6pm. Games will be provided as well as snacks and pizza. A donation of \$5 is appreciated. If there is a game you want to bring with you, by all means, do so. The more the merrier!



MBC-A (501c3) Update – David Ryan

The Mission Statement of MBC-A is: To provide educational opportunities for fostering a sustainable boating and clean water harbor community, enhancing and protecting natural surroundings, and providing programs and projects that build environmental stewardship in youth and adults.

Introducing the 2024 Winter Seminar Series at MBC!

Saturday January 13th was the first of 4 monthly National Museum of the Great Lakes Winter Seminars held at MBC.

This talk explained the history of Piracy on the Great Lakes. Mr. Ring Lardner, the Collections Coordinator at the National Museum of the Great Lakes, gave a fast-paced and entertaining presentation describing the history of piracy on the Great Lakes.

He described what piracy is and how it developed. Early-on, the word Pyrate was spelled with a “y” before English had the full compliment of 26 letters! Did you know that the pirates wore eye patches not because many of them had lost an eye, but it preserved night vision when navigating at night; they would move the patch back-and-forth when they went between lighted areas and the darkness on deck.

The parrots that are perched on the shoulders of pirates were not really pets but back in the day, parrots were actually currency and if you were lucky you would get one in trade instead of simply robbed or killed!

All programs are at 3:30pm:

Feb 17:

- **Lost on Lake Erie: Marquette and Bessemer No.2**

This talk takes a look at the history and the mystery behind the sinking of the Marquette and Bessemer No.2, which occurred on December 7, 1909.

March 16:

- **A Grateful Nation Thanks You: The US Coast Guard Temporary Reserve on the Great Lakes in WWII.**

This event is for all ages! The AYC Commodore's Ball is fast approaching. We have been asked for cold food donations, preferably finger foods, for the MBC hospitality room. We need food items to be dropped off by Thursday the 15th. Please label with your name and “AYC room” for work hour credits. Hope to see a large turnout for the Ball, it's a great party! Our next meeting is Monday, February 12th, 6:30 Board and 7:00 General. As usual, one work hour is credited for attending. See you all around the club!

A highlight of how the Great Lakes were protected during World War II by the use of sailors in the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve.

April 20:

- **The Archaeology of the Battle of Lake Erie and the War of 1812**

Take a look at the history of the Battle and the work that National Museum of the Great Lakes is doing to attempt to identify the battlefield. We will also look at other War of 1812 naval archaeological sites around the Great Lakes.

Every seminar is totally free for MBC members and other clubs; the general public is also invited at no cost. Invite your friends and prospective new members for a fun afternoon!

Free Hot Chocolate, coffee and light snacks are provided; MBC Association is funding all costs associated with this program.

The National Museum of the Great Lakes is located on the banks of the Maumee River in Downtown Toledo. The NMGL tells the awe-inspiring stories of our Great Lakes with over 300 incredible artifacts, a number of powerful audiovisual displays, breathtaking photography, and 40 hands-on interactive exhibits including the 617-foot iron ore freighter Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship and the historic Museum Tug Ohio.

MBC-A Earns the Platinum Seal for 2024!!

The world's largest source of nonprofit information is the GuidStar/Candid firm www.guidestar.org with over 1.8 million IRS nonprofits in their database. MBC-A is proud to announce we have received the “Platinum Seal” of transparency for our organization, operations, metrics and accounting.

MBC-A's Guidestar/Candid profile is: [MBC-A on GuideStar](#)

The Monroe Boat Club's 501c3 organization is called the MBC Association. By virtue of your club membership, all members and their significant others are Associates of this charitable organization. MBC-A funds, organizes and administers educational programs that have member, non-member, local schools and community involvement.

MBC-A Programs for 2024

2024 MBC-Association Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Participants: # & Description	Partners/ Sponsors	Volunteers Needed Types & Number
Fishing Club	2nd & 4th Mondays, Sept-May, 4:00-6:00	Monroe County 5th-6th graders, 15-20	MBC-A	Coach & Parents - 3-4
Fundraising	May 2-3 Th-F 10am-6pm May 4-5 S-S 6pm-2am	Poker Nights Vision Bowling Lanes	MBC-A	12-15 MBC-A Volunteers
Environmental Career Day	May 29-30, 2024, 8 am-3 pm, Setup: June 28, 7:00pm	60) 7th graders Monroe MiddleSchool each day	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe Co. Health Fund, Monroe Middle School	8-10 MBC boats, captains & co-captains, 3-4 in backroom
Atmosphere, Weather and Applied Sciences	June 5, 8 am- 7 pm, Setup, June 4, 7 pm	20) 9th-10th graders Monroe MiddleCollege	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe Co. ISD	5-6 MBC sailboats, Plus 2-3 adults in classroom
Fishing Derby	July 20, 9am- 1 pm, Hoffman Park	25-50) 5-12year old children	MBC-A, Michigan DNR	3-4 MBC members
Maritime Trades Career Day	Sept. 26, 8 am-2:30 pm	30) 11th-12th graders Monroe High	MBC-A, DTE, Monroe Public	5 DTE volunteers, 2 MBC members
Fundraising	Oct 17-18 Th-F 10am-6pm Oct 19-20 S-S 6pm-2am	Poker Nights Vision Bowling Lanes	MBC-A	12-15 MBC-A Volunteers
Programs In Development:				
Fishing for Veterans	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, May-October, 9a-1p	10-15 veterans with PTSD West House	MBC-A, Monroe County Mental Health, Monroe Co. Veterans Affairs	1 from Veterans Affairs, 1 from MBC
Nuclear Energy Day	Oct. 9, 8 am-3 pm, Setup: Oct 8, 7 pm	8th graders from Monroe Middle School	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe PublicSchools	2-3 MBC members

MBC Kid's Sailing Class

WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2024 at:

www.monroeboatclub.org

Apply March 1st through March 31, 2024.



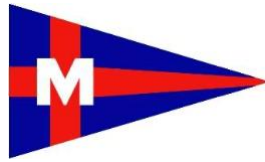
The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth in learning and/or developing sailing skills, including scholarships to North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer, From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 18! Must be able to swim

This opportunity is being extended to children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 773-6539



**NOTICE - SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 26, 7:00PM
BY-LAW VOTE**

**EACH MEMBER WAS SENT A NOTICE AND ABSENTEE BALLOT
JANUARY 10, 2024**

**THE EMAIL CONTAINED 5 BY-LAW PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED ON
AND AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 26 TO VOTE IN PERSON
AND HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ANSWERED PRIOR TO
VOTING.**

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND YOU CAN VOTE VIA THE ABSENTEE
BALLOT SENT TO YOUR E-MAIL**

THERE ARE HARDCOPIES IN THE CLUBHOUSE

**IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A NOTICE AND BALLOT PLEASE REQUEST ONE AND
HAVE YOUR CLUB EMAIL ON FILE CORRECTED.**

**Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 773-6539 BY-LAW CHAIRMAN
P/C Mike Powers (734) 546-2382 ELECTION CHAIRMAN**



Monroe Boat Club

Outside Boat and Trailer Storage Agreement

--MBC Member--



Owner Name(s) _____ Member # _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____
 Email _____

Summer June 1 to Oct 1 Year _____

Winter Oct 1 to June 1 Year _____

A Season is all or part of the term and includes a 30-day grace period.
 There is NO grace period at the *end* of the Summer Season.

Check One: Power Sail Empty Trailer or Cradle Enclosed Trailer RV

Seasonal Rates:

Empty Cradle or Trailer 1-Axle	\$45.00/season
2-Axle	\$55.00/season
3-Axle	\$65.00/season
Enclosed Trailer	\$125.00/season
Boats/RV's: Under 30'	\$6.00/ft
30-39'	\$8.00/ft
40-49'	\$10.00/ft
50' and over	\$12.00/ft
Summer Storage-Boats Only:	\$6.00/ft any length

Registered Length: _____ Beam _____ Total Fee: \$ _____

Registration/Lic No: _____ State _____

Hull/Trailer ID or Serial No: _____

Boat Name _____ Manufacturer: _____ Year _____

Title State: Michigan Ohio Other _____

Year of Title and Owner Name _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy No: _____

Proof of Insurance must be attached.

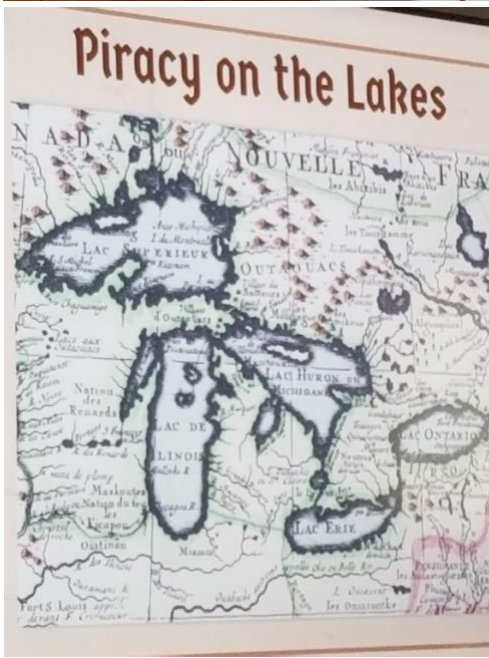
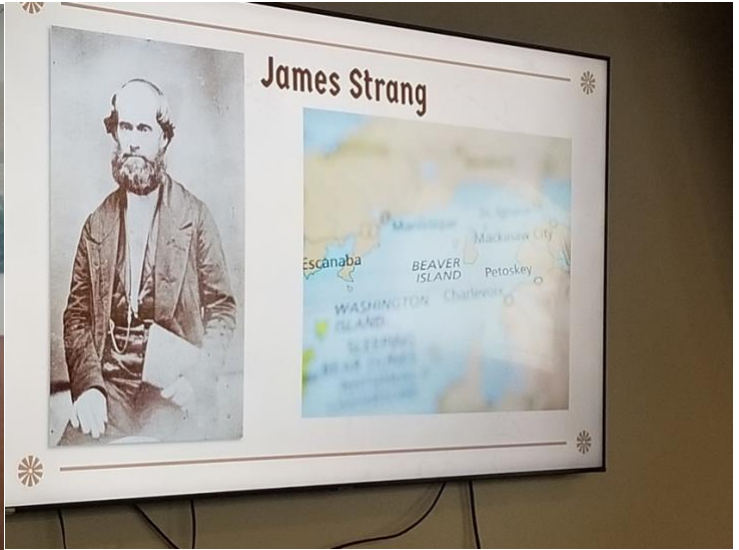
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NOTE: Owner must read Conditions of Storage on Page 2 and sign acceptance.



Vice Commodore Dave Volker celebrates his birthday in style with Kelly Butler

Mr. Ring Lardner, Collections Coordinator at the National Museum of the Great Lakes explains the History of Piracy on the Great Lakes to over 55 people at MBC on January 13.





Here are ice fishermen on LaPlaisance Creek January 20, and the club ice aerators doing their job during the big freeze. Lake Erie water levels during the Jan 12-13 Seiche.

Winter Seminar Series at MBC

Saturday Feb 17, 3:30pm

The National Museum of the Great Lakes presents:

LOST ON LAKE ERIE: MARQUETTE AND BESSEMER NO. 2

This talk takes a look at the history and the mystery behind the sinking of the car ferry *Marquette & Bessemer No. 2*, which occurred on December 7, 1909.

No Charge for MBC, I-LYA/AYC Members, Guests and Public



Upcoming Events:

March 16 - A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS YOU: The US Coast Guard Temporary Reserve on the Great Lakes in WWII

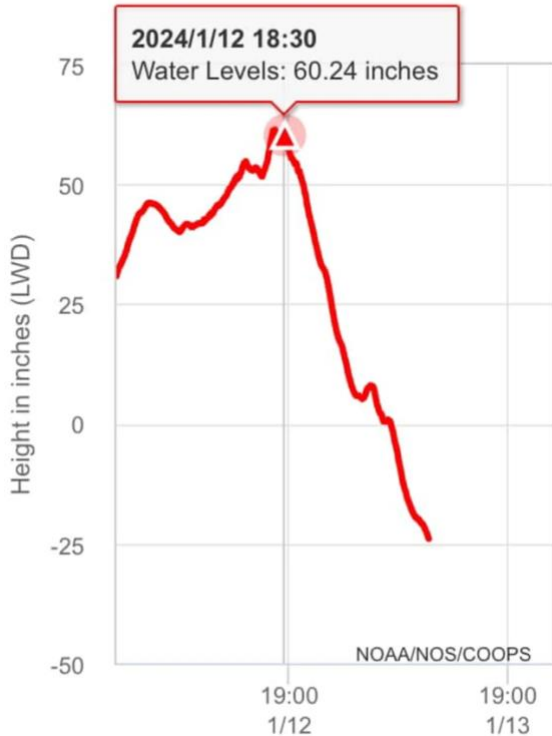
April 20 - The Archeology of the Battle of Lake Erie and the War of 1812

Brought to you by MBC Association
Monroe Boat Club 7932 N. Harbor Drive Monroe, MI 48161

Water Level

-24.01 inches below LWD

From 01/12/2024 00:00 LST/LDT to 01/13/2024 23:59 LST/LDT



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- Treasurer.....Olga Collino

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- Secretary.....Kim Fuller
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- Dave Volker
- Tony Schippa

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P/C Rodger Dutton

I-LYA DELEGATE: Andrew Devenish

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<https://www.monroeboatclub.org/MBC-A-Home>

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CLASSIFIED

Summer Storage Season
Jun 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Oct 1 - Jun 1
Contact Yard Master
Dave Ryan
(419)-260-9578 - dryan@bex.net

For Sale: C&C 33-1 Sailboat.
Fully equipped. Dacron and Kevlar sails, Harken
removable roller furling, GPS, safety equipment,
fenders and cradle.
Winter storage and spring launch included.
\$15,000
Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net

For Sale: Brand New Dry Suit & Trapeze Boots
Neither were ever used.
Dry Suit is size Large - \$400
Trapeze Boots are size 11-12 - \$50
If interested contact Hope McEvoy
586-381-3483 (talk or text)
Hope0929@aol.com

For Sale: 1997 SeaRay 21ft 5 in
1997 Mercruiser 221 HP V8
Winterized every year, No mechanical issues
Bottom freshly painted, Includes trailer, boat cover,
batteries, anchor. Taken great care of.
\$9,500 OBO
Call: 734-241-9309 or 734-735-5590 (leave message)

For Sale: Aqua-cat Catamaran.
Red, White & Blue sail in great shape.
12 ft, 6 in.
\$600 OBO
Contact Jennifer 734-417-8332 (text only)

Mercury Inflatable, Trailer & Motor
\$3,500.00
270 Sport - 8' 4" length; 5' 1" beam
4-person capacity/992 weight capacity
Genesis Trailer
Mercury 5HP 4 stroke motor
Purchased new in 2020
Ken - 734-771-0153

110 ft long Halyard/Mainsheet/Spin Guy.
Brand New Lanex "Ocean" line.
12mm (1/2") Double Braid Polyester Core/Cordura
cover. Eye Splice in One End 6,736 lbs strength.
Color: Flecked Black & White (looks great)
\$195
Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net