



1980 Hydroglobe on Eastwood Lake

Dayton needs more events than air show

Several weeks ago I spent a wonderfully interesting weekend at Maysville, Ky., for the Power Boat Regatta.

All visitors were treated royally. Banners gave directions, etc.

There were 62 boats — meaning 62 drivers, three or four crew members per boat, and most of them with families. Some were there all week; others two or three days. Those in their own motor homes required supplies, and quite a large number stayed at a motel. Think of the revenue generated for a small town like Maysville.

Think what 90 to 100 drivers,

crews, etc. would do for Dayton's economy. Yet Tom Heine and the local chamber of commerce do nothing to promote Dayton motor boat racing. In fact, this year they not only failed to back the local club but asked \$5,000 for the use of Eastwood Lake. One top-notch motel lost money when the use of its facilities had to be canceled. Veteran boat drivers *adore* Eastwood Lake. It is so safe, with excellent facilities and lots of ideal areas for spectators.

Apparently, Mr. Heine thinks having basketball tournaments here will make Dayton rich, but

how much is he spending to entice them? Until now it seems Dayton puts all its eggs in one basket — the Dayton Air Show. Not everyone, such as senior citizens, can attend this because of the physical stress. . .

We are not all football, baseball or golf fans.

Members of the rapidly expanding Dayton Motor Boat Club found the "man on the street" appalled that there would be no Eastwood Lake power-boat races this year. How about next year, Mr. Heine?

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