

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – TIM MILLER AND LIZ BRANSTETTER

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Tim Miller and his wife, Liz Branstetter, live in St. Charles, Missouri. They purchased TIMTATION, a 1968 35' Commander in the fall of 1994 at Lake Ozark, MO.

TIMTATION then berthed at the Yacht Club of St. Louis until 2006 when the Harbor Point Yacht Club became home.

Tim says he moved downstream to Harbor Point Yacht Club because this is the area in which he and Liz preferred to cruise. (and their friend Fred Catcott, another Commander Club member, was moving there).



Tim and Liz boat in the Great Rivers Basin of the Mississippi River. The drive along the bluffs of the Illinois side of the Mississippi in this area was designated among the 10 scenic drives in America several years ago. What wasn't said is the perspective is so much better from the River. From the relatively new Mel Price Lock and Dam (Dam 26) to the next dam upriver on the Mississippi is nearly 42 miles.

From L&D 26 to the first dam on the Illinois is 80 miles. This large and long waterway is at most venturesome at a minimum casual. The harbors are shallow and boaters experience big logs during flooding, and may species of birds and fish. To read more about this boating area see [STYLED IN FIBERGLASS Winter 2009](#)



Tim served on the Board of Governors from 2002 until 2005 in the position of Membership Chair. Tim and wife Liz have been to nearly all of the club meets, and continue to heavily support the club in many, many ways. Tim is one of our earliest members. He has 467 posts archived on the SuperDisc and has been one of our top posters 8 out of 13 years.

Tim details his journey into club participation in [STYLED IN FIBERGLASS Winter 2004](#) citing a "friend brought us an article on Commanders that he found in the first issue of a gift subscription

to Classic Boating.” The article, [Classic Glass, by Curt Radford](#), might be identified as a coalescing factor for the Commander Club.” Tim says the Commander Club’s wealth of experience and knowledge that people are willing to share is impressive and invaluable.



Another interesting article authored by Tim is “Voyage to Mecca”. Enjoy an engaging journey from St. Louis, MO to Michigan City, IN (and back). It is an adventure of TIMTATION and member Fred Catcott’s 41’ Commander PMS trip to the 2005 rendezvous. [STYLED IN FIBERGLASS Winter 2007\(published January 2008\)](#)

Tim and Liz say they are quite fortunate to have had such a wonderful boat adopt them 19 years ago. The Commander Club is quite fortunate that Tim and Liz are active members and share their

experiences with us. We look forward to many more years of their friendship and contributions.



2005 Commander Club Rendezvous

Best club, best friends, best resource

/ Char Pike, CCCC Archivist