

GREEN TURTLE BAY TENNESSEE RIVER ADVENTURE – July, 2009

One of our Squadron's most adventurous and fun outings was last summer's 370 mile round trip from Pickwick Lake to Green Turtle Bay at Grand Rivers, Kentucky and back to Pickwick Lake. Five boats and fifteen people participated.



We started out at Pickwick Lake on the Tennessee River, near Counce, Tennessee.



Left to right, Becky Austin, Connie Long, Allan Long, Reese Austin and Janet Nuckolls prepare to load up on the night before the adventure.



There was a little fog starting out. Here the Chapparr's boat, "Savannah", prepares to join up with the Austin's boat, "Another Chance", to enter the locks at Pickwick Dam.





We passed many homes on the river. They were new, old, beautiful, not-so-beautiful, and all interesting.



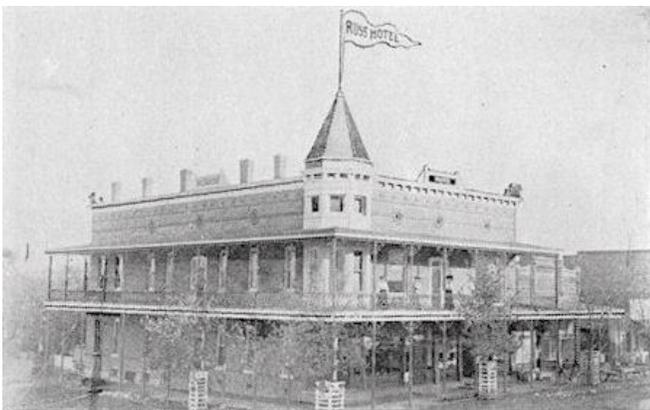
Allan Long tends the lines at one of the floating tie-off points at Pickwick Dam. All persons must wear life vests when locking through. This heron thought that we were doing a good job of locking through.



Our first stop was at Clifton, Tennessee for refueling and sandwiches.



Reese Austin tops off the tanks of "Another Chance" at the Clifton Marina as Janet Nuckolls supervises.



Clifton is an old river town. The Russ Hotel, shown in this old photo, has been beautifully restored.



Left-to-Right – "Ocean Outlaw" (Tim Robertson), "Savannah" (Greg & Diane Chappars), "Another Chance" (Reese & Becky Austin), all docked for the night.



This is an old grain loading facility, they ran out of time to demolish it as Kentucky Lake was filling up. Below- tour boat passes us.





There really are lots of green turtles at Green Turtle Bay Marina.



John and Marty White brought along their granddaughter, Haley. Haley helped John bring the boat to Pickwick, since Marty had to leave.



Left-to-Right – “Sea Gypsy” (J.C. Kennedy and Carolyn Flack) and “White Cloud” (John & Marty White)



Reese Austin checks to make sure that the engine is “shipshape”.



J.C. Kennedy and Carolyn Flack enjoy our group dinner at Patty’s Restaurant.



Left-to-Right – Tim Robertson and Rip Wiley.



Becky Austin and Janet Nuckolls go exploring.



Just resting here? Or retired?



Greg & Dianne Chappars cool down in the shade.



Green Turtle Bay Marina from the hill.



We had a "hair raising" ride to dinner on I-40 in this old van at Cuba Landing Marina.



None of us lost weight on the trip! But we all had a great time on our wonderful Tennessee River Adventure.