

## Racing with milk carton boats

RISING SUN, Md. — Get ready for the great "Intergalactic Invitational Point to Point Milk Carton Boat Race."

Never heard of it, you say? That's understandable. There's never been one before.

Brainstormer and host of the first "Intergalactic Invitational Point to Point Milk Carton Boat Race," set for Sunday afternoon, August 21, is the Bob Knutsen family of Lovdal Farms, Rising Sun.

Knutsen, former president of the Maryland Holstein association and an active milk promoter, was familiar with milk carton boat races held in California.

"Why not have one here?" he figured, and out went the idea to the family's church youth group at Janes United Methodist Church to sponsor the first such race in the East.

Lovdal Farms is the site of the race, which will see up to a dozen milk carton "yachts" sail, or paddle, — or at least try to stay afloat — across the four-acre Lovdal Lake on the dairy farm operated in partnership by the Bob and Warren Knutsen families.

Entries are by invitation only, and have been limited to 12.

Only milk cartons, either plastic or pasteboard, are allowed in the

construction of the floating craft. Containers may be inflated, cut, folded, flattened or crushed, and fastened together with glue, tape, staples, string — or that perennial popular, baler twine.

Cartons must not be painted or covered in any way, and the crafts will be carefully inspected by an examination committee prior to their admittance to the race.

All individuals in or on the water must wear lifejackets, and should be good swimmers. Positively no alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the grounds.

Innovativeness in design, plus "floatability," could earn the

youth group entrants cash awards in five categories: imagination galore, greatest distance or first across, prettiest, titanic aware, and the craft with the highest carton count.

Dairy organizations are being invited to help sponsor the race, and groups or individuals interested in assisting should contact Bob and Ginger Knutsen at 301-658-6325.



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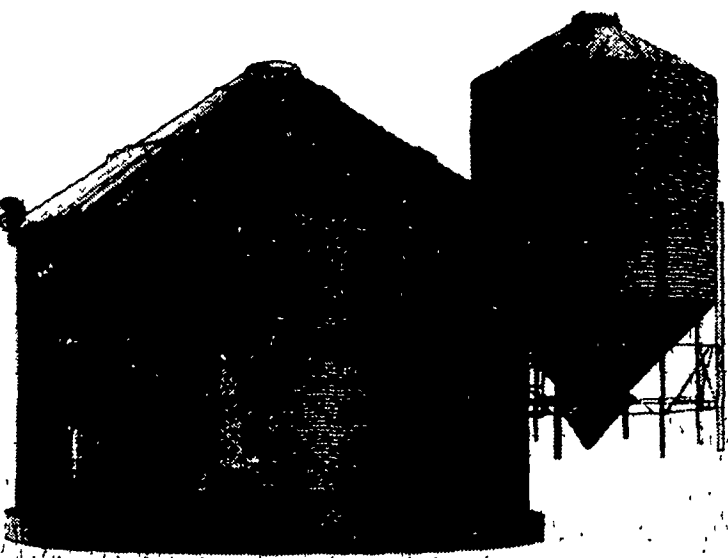
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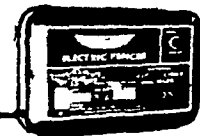


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