

RC boat racing this weekend at airport

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MT. VERNON — The River City Racing Club and the St. Louis Thunderboaters are holding their race at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Saturday.

The Mt. Vernon Regatta race will feature radio control model boats that can reach up to speeds of 100 miles per hour, said race organizer Mike Schindler. So far there are over 100 boats registered for the race, he said.

Schindler said about 15 years ago there was a racing boat club in Mt. Vernon which held races every year, but since then interest has dwindled.

“There are still some guys who have an interest in it, but not enough for a club,” Schindler said. “It [Mt. Vernon] is such a great site. It’s a great place to race.”

There will be people coming in from all over to race, Schindler said. He said each of the racers have an average of three boats to race during the weekend.

“We are putting the race on for those who are interested in Mt. Vernon,” he said. “There are a lot of people out there who are looking for a hobby. We want to try to generate some local interest to start up a club again.”

Schindler said remote control boat racing is something that any-

one can do, there will be contestants who are as young as 10 years of age and those who are 80 participating this weekend. He said it is also a great family hobby.

Once the racing starts, Schindler said it will be non stop. Schindler said the event is free for people who would like to watch the races and they should remember to bring blankets or chairs with them.

The River City Racing Club is also part of an international organization, Schindler said, so there are plenty of opportunities to race.

The race will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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