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**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicago Cruise Continues Tradition of Success**

**July 22, 2009** - The third annual Chicago Cruise sailed Lake Michigan on July 1, 2009 with 116 attendees aboard the *Summer of George*, all to benefit the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF). The event raised almost \$16,000 to further EESF’s mission to educate the public on the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walks through informational programs.



Committee members present EESF a “check” onboard L to R: Cornelius Walls, Tom Sybert, Mike Ryan, Ed Chmielewski and Barbara Allen.

Ed Chmielewski (Anderson Elevator Company), cruise committee chairman, said “We are very fortunate to have the industry support this worthwhile event.” Other committee members, Tom Sybert (C.J. Anderson) and Cornelius Walls (Formula Systems North America) were thrilled at the astounding turnout. “People from all parts of the country came to enjoy a fun-filled evening of food, drink, fireworks, a great view of Chicago and to show their support for the EESF.”

At the time of the “check” representation, the amount raised equated to purchasing Safe-T Rider material and distribution costs for approximately 56,254 children. Mike Ryan, EESF Chairman, said the event shows how industry members are dedicated to keeping the riding public safe. “Events of this caliber demonstrate the enthusiasm of our industry in helping EESF accomplish its many goals.”

Attendees enjoyed the view of Chicago’s skyline as the sun set on Lake Michigan. The *Summer of George* provides two decks – the bottom deck allowed guests to partake in the hors d’oeuvres and visit the bar and sit in a climate-controlled setting, while the top deck

was outfitted with a disc jockey for dancing and entertainment. The cruise concluded with fireworks, a pleasant ending to an evening of camaraderie and fellowship.

The success of this event, in large part, is due to the support of the Sponsors. Those include:

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The Chicago Cruise Committee will soon announce the date for the 2010 cruise. Not only is this an opportunity to support the EESF, but it also gives the Chicago area industry an opportunity to network with others while supporting a great cause.

For more information about the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation, please contact EESF at (800) 949-6442, [info@EESF.org](mailto:info@EESF.org) or visit the website at [www.EESF.org](http://www.EESF.org).

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