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FROM THE HELM!

Our February meeting was merely a formality and was over almost before it started. Everyone there was anxious to get started at the food table (and was it ever delicious). Every time we have a dinner with a dish to pass our members really come through with something to eat that is outstanding. Many thanks to all whom participated. For those of you who were there, you had a treat of a football game that we watched on a huge screen that was so clear it was better than being at the game. Thanks to Pat Thul for equipment that was second to none. Winners of the squares were extremely happy.

We have, once again, signed up our club with Boat US for 2004. Our club's number is **GA81901Y**. If you use this number, you can save \$9.50 on your Boat US dues.

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 7th, 2 pm, at Kean's.

There will be a presentation on safety that should be very informative and of interest to all of us. Don't miss it.

Funny Signs

On a local plumbing truck - "Don't sleep with a drip, call your plumber."

At a tire shop - "Invite us to your next blowout"

On the door of a plastic surgeon's office - "Hello, can we pick your nose?"

At a towing company - "We don't charge an arm and a leg, we want tows."

On a maternity room door - "Push, push, push."

On a taxidermist's window - "We really know our stuff."

At a car dealership - "The best way to get back on your feet is to miss a payment."

At the electric company - "We would be delighted if you send in your bill. However if you don't, you will be."

In a Counselor's office - "Growing old is mandatory. Growing wise is optional."

Commodore Ray

FROM THE VICE!

Well, another month has past and it brings us that much closer to our favorite time of the year - boating season! I for one can't wait. Of course, it would be so much more fun if Ruthie and I had a boat. We are looking hard but haven't found the "right one," yet.

I missed the Super Bowl party but I hear it was a fantastic time for all who attended. Add the fact that the game was one of the best in the past "who knows how many years" and you have the recipe for another great RVYC party.

We are getting ready for the next Whirlyball event on Friday, February 20th, and I know it will be awesome, based on the last time we played. I hope you all will be there to join in the fun.

Our next club meeting is Sunday, March 7th, 2 pm, at Kean's. Ruthie will be giving us all a lesson in safety that I'm sure will prove entertaining **and** rewarding for all of us. So make sure you're there! You will definitely regret it if you miss this one.

Well, sadly I gotta go, so I'll see you at the docks!

Vice Commodore Ron

FROM THE REAR!

Thanks to everyone that helped out at the Super Bowl party. Especially Joe Clapper for manning the "chart" table for me!

I was reading an article about the Great Lakes the other day. It said the combined Great Lakes form the largest fresh water system on our planet. The article went on to say that if you could spread the water **evenly** across the 48 United States, the water would be almost 10 feet deep! Unfortunately there seems to be a slight catch. Apparently the water in our area was not spread out **evenly**. I first realized this years ago when I was a temporary Captain on Dave Passmore's *Boweevil*. In hindsight, probably not a good decision on Dave's part...

Anyway, I managed to prove beyond any doubt that there was **not** 10 feet of water where we were! After calmly telling me to restart the starboard engine, Dave went down into the cabin for a well-deserved Michelob.

When he returned to the flybridge, I asked him what was so funny. (Probably **not** his freshly mangled prop!) He said that he had to explain to Buck what woke Buck up and threw him on the floor! (I didn't think I hit it **that** hard.) Months later when I was sure everyone had forgotten, I was given a nice, shiny, and **very** mangled prop. As bad as I felt, Dave told me it could have been worse. When asked how, he replied, "It could have been your boat!" Which reminds me, I have never driven Lee's boat...

Rear Commodore Jon

UPCOMING RVYC EVENTS

MARCH

7TH MEETING 2 pm @ KEAN'S
13TH BOWLING
27TH BOWLING

APRIL

2ND DINNER 6 pm @ POLISH YACHT CLUB & MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S
10TH BOWLING
24TH BOWLING (Last night)

MAY

7TH MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S & AUCTION of USED BOAT ITEMS
15TH FITTING OUT PARTY 4pm @ KEAN'S
29TH - 31ST COVE MARINA

JUNE

4TH MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S
12TH & 13TH METRO BEACH
19TH & 20TH VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN'S

JULY

2ND MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S
3RD - 10TH LAKE ERIE WEEK
15TH GOLD CUP RACES
24TH & 25TH ALGONAC MARINA

AUGUST

6TH MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S
7TH GREEN AND WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S
14TH - 22ND LAKE HURON WEEK
20TH - 22ND HIGHLAND GAMES

SEPTEMBER

3RD MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S
4TH - 6TH CHATHAM
18TH BOWLING STARTS
25TH - 26TH BELLE RIVER

OCTOBER

1ST MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S - NOMINATIONS AND BAKE SALE
2ND BOWLING
9TH HAUL OUT Party 4 pm @ KEAN'S
TBA - SQUARE DANCE @ LAZY J RANCH
16TH BOWLING
30TH BOWLING

NOVEMBER

5TH MEETING 8 pm @ KEAN'S - ELECTION NIGHT
13TH BOWLING
27TH BOWLING

DECEMBER

3RD MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY
11TH BOWLING

JANUARY 2005

15TH COMMODORE'S BALL

February Birthdays

2 – Ed Pritchard
4 – Jim Roth
6 – Bob Cieslak
8 – Diane Dawes
10 – Dave Passmore
11 – Glenn Bemiss
15 – Joe Clapper
20 – Carol Theard
23 – Pat Thul
24 – Jeff Niermann

February Anniversaries

22 – Don & Barb Leone

Other February Dates

20 – Whirly Ball in West Bloomfield
24 – Fat Tuesday ("Paczki Day")

March Birthdays

1 – Shiela Binkley
5 – Bob Krupka
9 – Shirley Bartlett
11 – Joyce Alfaro
17 – Kelly Thomas
20 – Mike Boyle

March Anniversaries

25 – Roger & Shirley Bartlett
30 – Norm & Mabel Feliks

Other March Dates

7 – Meeting @ Kean's @ 2 pm
17 – St. Patrick's Day
20 – First Day of Spring

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2004

YOUR NAME _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER _____ Member? Yes ___ No ___

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

YOUR BIRTHDAY _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER'S BIRTHDAY _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY _____

BOAT NAME _____

MAKE OF BOAT _____ LENGTH _____

HOME PORT _____

IF YOU KEEP A BOAT AT KEAN'S, WHAT IS YOUR DOCK NUMBER? _____

Please make checks payable to **River View Yacht Club, Inc. (\$10 per member, please.)**

Bring this completed form to the next meeting, or send to:

Pat Thul
1083 Joshua Dr.
Troy, MI 48098

In an effort to update our records, it would be appreciated if you would take the time to complete the above form, even if you completed one in the past, and submit it along with your dues.

REMINDER: dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2004**, so that you will be included in the 2004 roster.