

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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*From the Bridge:*

The November meeting went well. The new bridge officers have been identified and will assume their respective duties starting the New Year, Congratulations to Dave Passmore, the incoming Commodore, to Joe Bacile, the incoming Vice Commodore, to Ed Prichard, the incoming Rear Commodore, to Carol Bacile, the incoming Secretary and to Ron Sherman, the new Treasurer. Congratulations to Jim Baran and Chuck Koleski the newly elected directors for 2007. I plan to offer my services wherever and whenever they, the bridge, may require.

The defibrillator was in attendance at the meeting. Brought in by our own Ruthie Sherman who explained the apparatus to the membership. Ruthie will provide additional explanations on the operation of this life saving equipment in future meetings. We, as a group should avail ourselves of this vital training. You never know!

The recent passing of long time charter member, Lou Perrone, was met with some sadness. While we haven't seen much of him the last few years, we will remember him for his quiet and gentlemanly demeanor.

REMEMBER – The December meeting will be held at the Jim and Carolyn Roth residence in Northville. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Don't forget your thoughtful gift that everyone will fight over and call you names if it isn't what they thought it would be. Also remember you cannot use last year's gift. It must be new or almost new with a street value of \$5.00 USD.

Not much more to digress about. Juices Paradise is in winter storage for the next little while. I'll attempt to catch up now on those items I chose to ignore during the boating season. We'll see!

In closing I offer this prediction made in 1889 and quoted in the Literary Digest: "The ordinary 'horseless carriage' is at present a luxury for the wealthy; and although its price will fall in the future, it will never, of course, come into common use as the bicycle."

I wonder if we aren't headed that way, what with the price of cars today.

Commodore Herb Alfaro

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*From the Vice!*

Hi everyone, if you missed it, we had a great time at the square dance! This year our dance had to compete with the Tigers finally making the World Series! That competition resulted in much more room on the dance floor, it was very easy to move around, making it a little less likely to body slam someone behind you while trying to learn how to swing your red river gal. Our usual caller asked if we'd like to dance to his legendary Dad performing a call for us. It was a treat to watch him use his over 60 years of square dance calling experience. They run such a fun, professional atmosphere there, we really enjoyed it. That said, the prices have gone up so the next dance should be raised to \$20.00 per person. The winner of our "Best Outfit" prize was given to Carolyn Roth. Congratulations, Carolyn. She graciously turned the grand prize back in to the club, leaving us with one entire year of dues we didn't have to pay out! Thank you also to Jon & Patti Jordan for supplying the sloppy Joes, and to everyone who brought a dish to pass, with or without field mice.

The Commodore's Ball committee meeting was held at Chuck & Lynn's, we worked on all of the plans and unknown to me at the time RVYC has a very detailed Commodore's Ball instruction form that Ron Sherman posted on our website. It was very useful in helping us remember each item. The event will once again be held at Laurel

Manor in Livonia on January 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving Filet Mignon and Chicken with vegetables and potatoes. We will have an open bar stocked with premium liquor, bottled beer, wine and soft drinks. Entertainment will be by the DJ's Thomas and Thomas. The cost for this year will be held to \$55 per person. We need to have a firm count to Laurel Manor by January 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure that enough food and beverages will be provided. To secure your place, complete the lower section of the attached invitation, and send it with a check (payable to RVYC) to:

Treasurer Mike Schrage  
1012 Whittier  
Grosse Pte. Park, MI 48230

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*From the Rear!*

***Summer has come and gone,  
boating is over for a while, the  
leaves are raked and soon  
(December 1) we will be having  
our Christmas Party at the  
Roth's Christmas Party  
Residence.***

With our boats out of the water and with a taste of high gas prices like we had this year, now is a good time to have our props removed, checked out and tuned up. We have had both sets of our props tuned up one set at Holland Propeller and the second set at Wolverine Propeller (313-383-0020) [www.wolverinepropeller.com](http://www.wolverinepropeller.com) in Lincoln Park. This has made a big difference in the boat's performance. When we first

bought our boat it had a different vibration at just about every RPM. It sounded like a bus. Pat Thule told me about a process called Prop Scan. I checked it out and found out that the process is a computer measuring device that checks six diameters of a propeller and enables the technician to bend the blades to the exact pitch for our boat. This pitch is a function of weight, speed and customer's performance expectations. I sent my props to Holland Propeller in Holland Michigan. This is what they told me: My props were 1/2" smaller in diameter than they were when new. This was caused by abuse and wear over the years. The biggest surprise was that the pitch of each prop varied from 21 to 23 inches. They were supposed to be 21 and very much out of spec. and very inefficient. You couldn't tell by looking at them. I wanted the best fuel efficiency for cruising at a cost of low-end acceleration and the props were set at 22" pitch. The computer read out was 22.003" for one prop and 21.997" for the other. The end result was the boat ran at a faster speed at a lower engine RPM and it didn't sound like a bus anymore. The second set of props we had done worked even better. We had performance data from the original props. I wanted to go 30 MPH at 3000 RPM. Fully loaded with fuel, water, beer, food and Carol's Tupperware. The Prop Scan computer calculated that this would be really stretching what the boat might be able to do. The new props were tweaked

and tuned and the result was 30 MPH at about 3200 RPM, a little better at times, but still close enough. The result was just as the computer had calculated. A little more tweaking and we may just get our 30 at 3000. Or we could leave the food and Tupperware home. Prop scan averages about a 15% performance gain overall. Ours was a 20% gain in speed at a given RPM. At today's gas prices this is something to consider

P.S. Wolverine Propeller gets real busy in the Spring.

Rear Commodore  
Joe Bacile

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*From the Sunshine Lady*

We are sad to report the death of our long time member, Mr. Lou Perrone. Lou passed away on November 2<sup>nd</sup>; he was 98 years old and in fact would be 99 this December. Many of us knew him as a dapper dresser, a great storyteller, a wise and very kind man. Flowers were sent from the Club as well as a sympathy card to his son.

P/C Lee Vauris asked me to pass on a few words from him to the Club members at the November meeting. Since many members were absent, I am sending along some of Lee's comments: First, Lee wants to thank everyone for their calls, cards, letters, notes and prayers during the past several weeks. He said our loyalty and friendship mean the world to him. He also wanted it conveyed

that he feels there is a good future to River View Yacht Club. He is happy and optimistic about the Club and he is pleased that we have taken in some new members during the past year. He wants us to stay active, to remember our history and keep the mission of the Club alive ... that being ... *For Fun Sake!* Lee believes that the Club can continue for many years (maybe forever) because of the good people in the Club. He feels our members denote non-pretentious and fun loving individuals who care for and about each other and while he always knew this about the members, it means even more to him now during his recent health issues.

Sunshine Lady  
Carolyn Roth

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**Direction to the Roth's for the Xmas Party!**

47199 Seven Mile Rd, Northville

From M14: Exit at Beck Rd., travel north to Seven Mile (approx. 3 miles). Right turn on to Seven Mile (east bound), third house on the right (south side).

From 275: Exit at 8 Mile Rd., travel west bound approx. 3 miles to Beck Road, turn left at Beck (south bound) to Seven Mile, left onto Seven Mile Rd., third house on the right (south side).

December Anniversary's

Don & Karen Bungee 12/27  
Dave & Mary Hall 12/31

December Birthday's

John Roth 12/19  
Joe Bacile 12/26  
Judy Thul 12/31

RVYC IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE 2007 COMMODORE'S  
BALL HONORING  
COMMODORE HERB ALFARO AND HIS LADY JOYCE

JANUARY 27, 2007

TO BE HELD AT THE LAUREL MANOR

COCKTAILS 6:00 P.M.

DINNER 7:00 P.M.

DANCING – 9:00 P.M.

THE COST IS \$55.00 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES DINNER,  
DANCING AND AN OPEN BAR.  
JANUARY 27, 2007

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ATTENDEES \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 per person

CHECK AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this portion of the flyer to Treasurer Mike Schrage:

1012 Whittier  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Your check must be received by January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007