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FROM THE HELM!

Here we are at the beginning of March and already it is starting to feel like Boating season. Soon the marinas will be bustling with everyone prepping their boats, speculating on gas prices and preparing to launch into the new season.

Our March meeting had a great turnout; we even had a couple of visitors disguised as the Bickel's show up. The people of "Old Mexico" were polite, the food was good and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. The owners of "Old Mexico" said we were a good group and that we were invited back anytime! During our meeting we discussed events such as Whirly Ball that is now cancelled and the Hiram Walker tour that is now scheduled in place of Whirly Ball on March 24th. (If you are interested in attending, please contact Fleet Captain Herb Alfaro).

Our Rear; Ed Pritchard discussed the Venetian festivities and the revival of his famous Poker Runs.

Treasurer Ron Sherman settled with Laurel Park in regards to their noise and trespassing issue, Laurel Park gave RVYC a 10% discount on Herb's Ball and the choice of room's for the next Ball should we decide to return.

The books were audited and we concluded the meeting with a few Margarita's and a couple games of Mexican Train.

We still do not have dues from some members, most of whom are active with the club and need to hurry up. I won't mention any specific names but the list did include a Jariett, Giroux and more!!

Don't forget, the prelude to our next meeting is dinner at Sinbad's (starting @ 6:00pm) then at 8:00 pm we finally return to the meeting room at Kean's.

Commodore,
Dave Passmore

FROM THE VICE

The First Annual RVYC Winter Rendezvous was a great success! The seven of us spent the first night in Marathon where we met up with my cousin Sammy and had a nice dinner. We also got a taste of the real estate prices in the area. Sammy's house is on a canal that is about a block from the Gulf of Mexico. The remodeled home has four bedrooms, has a tiki bar at the dock, new kitchen and bathrooms and is for sale for only \$1,300,000.

Key West was a blast!
It's a giant version of Put in Bay.
Our hotel was on Duval Street
about 8 blocks from Mallory
Square, so we were able to get in
a little exercise. We tested most
of the beer and found it to be OK
to drink. My favorite bar was the
Green Parrot.

We had a sunset cruise
one evening and the next day we
took the fast boat to the Dry
Tortugas National Park. The Dry
Tortugas is an island about 70
miles west of Key West. The
construction of Fort Jefferson
was started in 1846 and lasted
about 30 years. It was never
completed, but served as the
largest outpost to protect
shipping for many years.
We had a good time in the bars,
ate a lot of seafood and got in
some American history. Not bad
for the four days we were there. I
hope we can get more people to
join us next year.

The March 24th
Whirlyball night had to be
cancelled because they are
booked every Saturday in March.
It's important that we sign up for
some of these activities early.
We will try and plan another
outing for this day and everyone
will be notified by E-mail or
phone.

40 days till launch!

VC Joe

FROM THE REAR

Calendar Girl Tops the Charts

Mark your calendars girls
for this year's Venetian parade,
fleet blessing, fish boil dinner
party and after glow taste at

Kean's Marina on Saturday June
9, 2007. Details: This year's
theme is based on the musical
classic by Neil Sedaka: Calendar
Girl. The theme for your boat/
personal decorations will be
based on the month of the
calendar girl year you draw. For
example, if you draw April you
must listen to the song and
decorate your boat accordingly.
At the April membership
meeting you will have the
opportunity to draw a Calendar
Girl CD with month you have
selected. Prizes for decorations
will be based partially on how
you represent the month selected.
Schedule for Saturday June 9,
2007:

- 1:00pm – set-up team
assemble to set tables, chairs,
cooking apparatus, etc.
- Be on the River in front of
Kean's at 3:00pm for parade
and blessing of the fleet by
Reverend Mary Jean Bird.
- 6:30pm gather for Fish Boil
dinner – ticket cost to be
determined
- 7:30 Judges will announce
category winners and
distribute prizes
- 10:00pm – clean-up and drift
back to selected boats for a
post-calendar girl taste.

Sunday June 10, 2007 –
Commodore's Bloody Mary
Party, details to be announced by
the Commodore.

Also for this year, back by popular demand, RVYC Poker Run.

This year we are
following a different format.
This will be a five card game,

nothing wild, and we will run
two games: April, May June for

game #1 July, August and
September for game #2. As in
the past, each card will be \$5
with 50% going to the Club the
balance split between the best
and worst poker hand, see rules
that follow.

2007 Poker Run Rules and Regulations

- Each player can get up to 5
cards; the RC will record
each card as it is "dealt".
- Based on the level of play,
multiple decks may be
necessary.
- Cards can be purchased for
\$5 each.
- Purchase one card per event.
- Maximum of five cards.
- Cards may be purchased at
any RVYC event including:
bowling, member meetings,
rendezvous and organized,
announced club parties.
- Game #1 will commence
April 1, 2007 and conclude
on June 30, 2007 with
winners announced at the
July 6, 2007 membership
meeting. Game #2 will
commence July 1, 2007 and
conclude on September 30,
2007 with winners
announced at the October 5,
2007 membership meeting.
- Winners will be the best
poker hand and the worst
poker hand. The worst poker
hand would be 2,3,4,5,7 not
of the same suite. Aces are
always considered high. Best
and worst poker hands will
split 50% of the pot; the
balance of 50% will go to the
Club.

One last comment before
your PC runs out of RAM, Jean

and I really enjoyed the first annual winter rendezvous of

RVYC. Everyone was focused on our motto, for example, when the first item unloaded by P/C Baran from his rental car was a box of booze and he set-up a bar outside his room by the pool, we decided to expand the motto to: For Fun Sake – Let’s Play. By the way, if you want to see Duval Street live, Sloppy Joes has installed a web cam outside the bar which you can access at <http://www.liveduvalstreet.com/>.
Let’s Play
RC Ed Pritchard

SUNSHINE PERSON REPORT

Over the past few years, some of our good friends have relocated to areas outside of Michigan but have remained loyal Club members. Two of our favorite couples, the Tussets and Bunges are among those. I have had occasion to talk to both Mary Lou Tuset and Karen Bunge lately and thought you might like to have an update on what they’ve been doing.

Since selling their Michigan home and their boat, “Lucky Duck”, and moving to Green Valley, AZ, Don and Mary Lou Tuset have both kept very busy. Don continues his passion for automobiles. Since moving, he has restored a ‘64 powder blue Mustang, a ‘74 Plymouth Scamp that he purchased from the original owner who was 92 years old, and he is currently restoring a ’70 Mustang to its original pumpkin/orange color with a black cordova top. Don sings in the church choir at Sunday mass and at funerals. And best of all,

he rides his 2006 Honda 1300 candy apple red bike with a posse known as the “*Wrinkle Riders of Green Valley, AZ*”, fashionably dressed in his leather vest with an American eagle decal on the back. Mary Lou volunteers at the local Episcopal Church of St. Francis and recently helped the church collect \$4000 during their annual clothing drive (she asked that I remind everyone that she is still Catholic). She also volunteered to serve as Captain in a beautifully decorated model home that was donated to the Church to offer as a main prize in a charity raffle. Don and Mary Lou will be married for 54 years this coming September. Just before moving permanently, they checked out a local casino while on one of their house hunting expeditions to Arizona. Mary Lou also wants it known that she does not gamble but during this visit she used a \$5 gratis Welcome Wagon coupon, made a pull on the slots and went home \$2000 richer. The next time they revisited the casino, Don used his \$5 gratis coupon and won another \$2000 and then another \$600. Not bad for a couple who does not gamble! Another thing they do not do is communicate via email, so feel free to keep in touch with them at (520) 625-3896 or via the US mail. We sure miss you Don & Mary Lou!

A few years ago, Karen & Don Bunge sold their boat, “Flamingo” and moved to Athens, GA when Karen’s job was relocated. Karen’s job is very hectic; she said she does not do much but work and sleep. At the time of their move, Don was undergoing radiation treatment, and he is now continuing on hormone/chemo therapy, he feels great and the doctor says that this

will keep his cancer from spreading and keep it in check for the rest of his life. Don is very happy in Georgia even though his daughter who lived near there moved to Dallas shortly after they relocated. He spends his time between Georgia and their home in Stuart, Florida on the St. Lucie River, near Hutchinson Island, north of West Palm. Their current plans are to try to start coming back to Michigan the first week of every month so they can visit Karen’s mother, attend our monthly meetings and see their RVYC friends. They asked that I send their kindest regards to everyone. Feel free to drop them a note at KBunge@OptimValue.com. Karen and Don, we have missed both of you and “Flamingo” on our rendezvous’!

Sunshine Person, Carolyn Roth



April Birthdays

Barb Leone	4/7
Choux Wingert	4/8
Ray Lace	4/12
Ron Bickel	4/16
Jim Baran	4/18
Jean Pritchard	4/20
Bob Nixon	4/25
Diane Deptula	4/26

April Anniversary’s

2007 RVYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 1ST - "GLO-IN-THE-DARK" PUTT-PUTT GOLF DETAILS TO FOLLOW
- 6TH - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEAN'S AT 8PM.
DINNER @ SINBAD'S @ 6PM. RECOMMEN GROUPS OF FOUR (4)
PER TABLE TO AVOID DELAY.
- 14TH - BOWLING
- 28TH - BOWLING – FINAL NITE (FUN NITE)

MAY

- 4TH - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @8PM
WITH USED ITEMS AUCTION FOLLOWING
- 12TH – FITTING-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @4PM
- 19TH – MAI-FEST CELEBRATION/SINGALONGAT THE DAKOTA INN @ 7PM
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)
- 26TH - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE COVE MARINA
TILBURY, ONTARIO, CANADA.
RESERVATIONS FOR TEN (10) BOATS.**
PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.

JUNE

- 1ST - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.
- 9TH - VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN'S W/BLESSING OF FLEET.**
- 10TH - COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK @ 9AM.**
- 16TH - FATHERS DAY WEEKEND @METRO BEACH.
(BRING FISH-FLY REPELLENT)**
- 27TH - FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT.

JULY

- 4TH - SCAVENGER HUNT @ KEAN'S MARINA
(TIME TBD)
- 6TH - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEANS AT 8PM.
DINNER AT SINBAD'S@6PM. (AVOID DELAY BY EATING IN SMALL
GROUPS).
- 7TH - RVYC GREEN & WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S
STARTING @ 5PM @ END OF 100 DOCK..
- 13TH - THUNDERFEST / BOAT RACE WEEKEND
- 21ST - LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS – DETAILS TBD **

AUGUST

- 3RD - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.
- 10TH - LAKE HURON RENDEVOUS BEGINNING AT MACRAE'S HARBOR IN
ANCHOR BAY FOR TWO (2) NITES. **
- 12TH - IDLE HOUR YACHT CLUB OR PORT HURON
- 13TH - PORT HURON – CITY OWNED DOCKS
- 14/15TH – LEXINGTON, MI.
- 16TH - BAYFIELD,ONTARIO (BRING PASSPORTS)
HARBOUR LIGHTS MARINA (BYOB PLANK).

- 17/18TH - GRAND BEND MUNICIPAL MARINA
OUTER BASIN IN GRAND BEND, ONTARIO.
BURIAL RITUAL CONDUCTED HERE.
DON'T MISS THIS EVENT !!
19TH - LIFT LINES – HEAD FOR HOME PORT.

SEPTEMBER

- 1ST & 2ND - LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT ALGONAC
HARBOR.
3RD - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT.
7TH - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.
22ND - BELLE RIVER MARINA, ONTARIO, CANADA **
ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER – FINAL BOATING EVENT FOR 2007.
THIS IS A TREAT!!
23RD - LIFT LINES – HEAD FOR HOME PORT. FINAL CLUB BOATING EVENT
FOR THE YEAR.

OCTOBER

- 5TH - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.
NOMINATION OF OFFICERS & BAKE SALE.
6TH - HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @ 4PM
BRING DISH – TO-PASS. CLUB BUYS BEER/POP.
13TH - BOWLING BEGINS NEW SEASON.
20TH - SQUARE DANCE @ LAZY J RANCH – MILFORD
BYOB AND DISH-TO-PASS. STARTS @ 7PM.
27TH - BOWLING W/HALLOWEEN PARTY (TBD)

NOVEMBER

- 2ND - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.
ELECTION OF BRIDGE OFFICERS. PIZZA
PARTY TO FOLLOW.
10TH - BOWLING
17TH – NORTHVILLE DOWNS @ 4PM – DINNER AT THE TRACK.
24TH - BOWLING

DECEMBER

- 7TH - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING & XMAS PARTY
WITH GIFT EXCHANGE. LOCATION TBD.
8TH - BOWLING
22ND - BOWLING

** = DETAILS FOR CLUB EVENTS OCCURRING DURING
RENDEVOUS TRIPS WILL BE IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EVENT. I.E., MEALS,
COCKTAIL HOUR, SPORT ACTIVITIES, GAMES OF
CHANCE, ETC.

THIS ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
HERB ALFARO – FLEET CAPTAIN

