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FROM THE HELM!

Simply... A Labor of Love

As I was finishing the past school year in June, I was wondering where the year had gone. Now that I am starting back to school, I am wondering where the summer has gone! Our club is blessed with so many creative and hard working members who like to have a good time. With Labor Day fast approaching it seems only natural to use the theme of "simply...a labor of love" when reporting on the happenings of RVYC during the August.

Wow. What a party!! The 2002 Green and White Party, held August 10th, was simply a "labor of love". All of the Board members should be commended for a tremendous job of planning and executing a party that attracted 57 people. Our primary goal was to keep it simple for the workers, but **FUN** for those attending. The party was promoted as an "old fashioned Green & White Party," 2002 style, and to our surprise it truly became that! We were delighted to see the presence of some "older" members who added to the theme. Folks enjoyed reminiscing with **Lou Perrone** and **Nora Houlihan**, both of whom are in their nineties. The **Nesbitts** and **Czas**, long time "younger" members of the club, came too. Also it was great to see **Gracie Spicer** and guests and catch up on her news.

We returned to the old fashioned menu. The idea to

serve coney's (Thank You! **MaryLou T.**) made it easy on the chef and our pocketbooks. That way we kept the menu simple and inexpensive; plus, we got the large grill rebuilt. (Thank You! **Don**). All eaters were most appreciative that **Barb Brown** was willing to make her Chinese slaw recipe and **R/C Ray** could find corn at a reasonable price. Rounding out the menu with ice cream and cake was an excellent idea.

Then everyone had fun after dinner with the games. Kudos to R, R & J 4 these + 4 M's help. Not only did **V/C Lynn** take responsibility for the "Dearborn dogs" and condiments, she was able to find several nice gifts for the game winners from her haunts up north. She kept finding items (donated by **Jim Roth**) to award throughout the evening that kept everyone lingering longer. 'Thank you!' to **Pat Thul** who made sure we had sound and music, even though he couldn't be there. I'm personally grateful he has access to all that equipment. I was able to put together a presentation of pictures our Club members have been taking during the past year.

(Yes, it was a bit **laborious** for this PowerPoint "novice", but I **loved** learning the process so I can teach and use it at school this year.)

Thanks, also, to **Armina & Bob Abernethy, Jim Baran, Chuck Koleski and Ron Sherman** who helped the Board members set up and clean up. (As usual, anyone I missed will be recognized at the next meeting, Friday, September 6th)

[Editor: Speaking of oversights, forgot to mention the wonderful meatloaf that **MaryLou Tuset** prepared for us in Vermilion last month. It was so delicious, there were no leftovers for sandwiches!]

The recent Club excursion to St. Clair, Lexington, and Sarnia was another "labor of love" experience for those attending. In fact, it may have more **labor** than **love** for some. First, "A Paige of Summer" and "Temporary" had engine problems. After much tinkering and mo' money, they were both running and caught up with the group in Sarnia. Then there was the matter of burying the commodore, a tradition that was being *resurrected* after years of absence. (How did I get so lucky?) Although I would **love** to have seen all the **labor** going into digging a hole for me, I was secretly glad that the shovels were "aground" in Detroit. However, with some ingenuity by the Head Chieftains and after witnessing a gorgeous double rainbow, plus being treated to a scrumptious dessert of "Schaumburg over ice cream", I **loved** the idea of being buried under "squaw blankets" in Tuset's throne.

Of course, one cannot forget the performance of all the "Jimmies" in the Beer Tent at Sarnia's Highland Games.

I believe that Bob Finley's job as entertainer becomes easier each year as more "Jimmies" are inducted into the fraternity by "laboring" through the dance steps and motions to "The Unicorn Song" while wearing those handsome hats. Then there are members who create clever ways of getting out of work in order not to miss all of this. What can explain it? It's simply a labor of love, **FOR FUN'S SAKE!**

I'm looking forward to Labor Day's rendezvous (even though it signals the end of the summer) because of all the activities that our F/C and the city of Chatham have planned for us. Hope you can join us!

Commodore Jean Pritchard

FROM THE VICE!

It took us three tries and five days to get out of Kean's for the latest rendezvous with the Club, but we finally met up with them in Sarnia; definitely worth the effort. The other boaters had a great time in the ports of Lake Huron. If you have never traveled with this Club, I would encourage you to do so. The camaraderie alone is exceptional.

The next planned trip is to Chatham and as usual, F/C Ed has great and fun things planned. I'm sure looking forward to it. Check out his article in this newsletter.

Our next general membership meeting is September 6th and I hope to see you there. Also, bowling starts on September 14th and if you would like to participate as a regular or as a substitute bowler, please let me know and I'll contact Herb.

Vice Commodore Lynn Koleski

FROM THE REAR!

As the summer of 2002 progresses, I've come to the realization that the activities of RVYC are occupying all of my time, and I am enjoying it more and more! The Green & White Party was well attended and although it was just hot dogs, corn, slaw and ice cream, the activities and games added to the fun. **Commodore Jean** put together an entertaining video collage of pictures from events of 2002 so far. Lots of great pix! As usual, many members lent their time and labor to make this party a success, **FOR FUN'S SAKE!**

If you have ever gone on a rendezvous with this club, you would appreciate the schedule of events that were prepared by our illustrious **Fleet Captain Ed** for the weeklong trip to Lake Huron. One of the highlights was to renew the tradition of burying the Commodore, although we had to improvise due to inclement weather that evening. Indian costumes, drums, bells, and most unusual sound effects made for a very interesting experience. Altogether, it was a great week and "**Fantasy**" performed flawlessly - imagine that!

Rear Commodore Ray Brown

Baran's Blaring!

For those of you still in town, you have two more times to enjoy our motley crew on a rendezvous. We sure know how to eat, drink, and be merry! Come by boat, car, motor home, or plane (I saw one in Sarnia Bay!), **FOR FUN'S SAKE!**

Editor Linda Baran

"Fall Classic" - Labour Day in Chatham, Ontario

Where: Enter the Thames River at the Lighthouse Cove on Lake St. Clair. Coordinates: Lat 42.18.00 Long 82.27.66. The leisurely journey to Chatham is simply a matter of following the river for 2.5 hours. Halfway is the Prairie Siding Bridge, which swings open on the hour. If you need the Parry Bridge to open, contact Chatham docks on 68 for a lift. We are on the wall as we have been for the past 10 years.

When: August 31 to September 2, 2002

Participants: Abernethy (really?), Bacile, Baran, Bickle, Binkley, Brown, Clapper, Jordan, Koleski, Niermann, Passmore, Peterman, Pritchard, Vauris

Marina Telephone number: (they all monitor channel 68.)

➤ Culture and Recreation Services Division: 519-360-1998

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water.

Itinerary:

Saturday August 31

- Be on the river in front of Kean's at 8 am
- Guided walking tours of historic Chatham at 10 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm
- "Poker Run" store contest, but this year it is the most cards wins
- Visit the LCBO
- Decorate your boat with lights for the evening contest - Chatham sponsored
- 4 pm - our traditional hors d'oeuvres party on the dock
- Dinner on your own
- 8 pm - club crawl in Chatham

Sunday September 1

- 9 am - Bridge's pancake breakfast
- 11 am - three tee times for 9 holes of golf at Indian Creek Golf & CC
- 11 am until 1 pm - corn roast on the Civic Centre Patio, winners of the card contest and boat light decorating contest announced
- 1 pm until 3 pm - horse and buggy rides downtown
- 4 pm - second annual Hat Contest and Margarita Party. Bring your favorite Mexican hors d'oeuvres and a pitcher (or ball) of your best margarita. Judges will decide 1-2-3 places for hats and margaritas.
- If you can make dinner, it's on your own
- Light up the boats again

Monday September 2

- ◆ 8:30 am until 10 am - Continental breakfast at the Civic Centre
- ◆ Depart for home marinas

Frostbite Rendezvous - Cove Marina

Where: Enter the Thames Rives at the Lighthouse Cove on Lake St. Clair. Coordinates: Lat 42.18.00 Long 82.27.66. Hang a right at Radlin's Marina and follow the channel to the Cove.

When: September 21 & 22, 2002

Participants: Bacile, Baran, Binkley, Brown, Jordan, Koleski, Niermann, Peterman, Pritchard, Vauris

Marina Telephone number: (they all monitor channel 68.)

➤ 519-682-3841

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water.

Itinerary:

Saturday September 21

- ◆ Be on the river in front of Kean's at 9 am
- ◆ 12 noon – Bocce ball tournament
- ◆ Take a dip in the pool
- ◆ 2 pm –mini golf tournament
- ◆ 4 pm – hors d'oeuvres party
- ◆ Dinner at one of the local restaurants
- ◆ Campfire with smore's

Sunday September 22

- ◆ Breakfast at Sooters
- ◆ 2 pm tee times at Tilbury Golf and Curling Club
- ◆ Depart for home marinas

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard

YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE.....



The Pharos (Lighthouse) of Alexandria

Of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, only one had a practical use in addition to its architectural elegance: The Lighthouse of Alexandria. For sailors, it ensured a safe return to the Great Harbor. For architects, it meant even more - it was the tallest building on Earth. And for scientists, it was the mysterious mirror that fascinated them most, the mirror whose reflection could be seen more than 35 miles offshore.

Built: About 270 B.C.

Location: On the ancient island of Pharos in harbor of Alexandria, Egypt

History: Upon its completion, the Alexandria Lighthouse -- commonly estimated to have been about 400 feet high -- was one of the tallest structures on Earth. The Greek architect Sostratus designed it during the reign of King Ptolemy II.

The Pharos guided sailors into the city harbor for 1,500 years and was the last of the six lost wonders to disappear. Earthquakes toppled it in the 14th century A.D. An Arab traveler made notes in 1166 that provide intricate details on the structure. From his writing, archaeologists have determined the lighthouse was constructed in three stages. At the top, a mirror reflected sunlight during the day, and a fire guided sailors at night.

The structure was so famous that the word "pharos" came to mean lighthouse in French, Italian and Spanish.

The final chapter in the history of the lighthouse came in 1480 A.D. when the Egyptian Mamelouk Sultan, Qaitbay, decided to fortify Alexandria's defense. He built a medieval fort on the same spot where the lighthouse once stood, using the fallen stone and marble.

August Birthdays

2 – Russ Sanford
4 – Marilyn Carson
14 – Barbara Brown
21 – Joann Giffer
22 – Ellen Bickle
26 – Don Tussett

August Anniversaries

2 – John & Mary Anne Seedott
16 – Ed & Jean Pritchard
29 – Bob & Janet Caza

August Events

2 – RVYC Meeting @ Kean's
10 – Green & White Party
11-15 – Rendezvous @ Lake Huron
16&17 – Highland Games @ Sarnia
31/Sept. 2 – Rendezvous @ Chatham

September Birthdays

14 – Lynn Koleski
16 – MaryLou Tussett
21 – Christyn Nawrot
22 – Keith Armstrong
23 – Armina Abernethy

September Anniversaries

5 – Don & MaryLou Tussett
17 – Joe & Pat Clapper
17 – Terry & Diane Dawes
25 – Brian & Michelle Walker

September Events

2 – Labor Day/Labour Day, US **and** Canada
6 – **RVYC Meeting** @ Kean's
7 – Drifter's Corn Roast @ Kean's
14 – Bowling Begins
21 – **Rendezvous @ The Cove**
22 – First Day of Autumn
28 – Bowling Nite