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FROM THE HELM!

AH-H-H SWEETNESS ... JUST
LIKE ICING ON THE CAKE

I can't think of a better way to end RVYC's summer festivities than to have the Bake Sale after our next meeting, Friday, October 4th. 8 pm. We've had numerous desserts shared on the rendezvous and if you were in Sarnia this year, there appears to be a number of "wanna be" pastry chiefs in this club. I can't wait to see what they will concoct for our bake sale, which raises money for the club. Aren't we fortunate to have P/C Norm Crain transfer to the Royal Oak area? Hopefully, he is available Oct. 4th so that the infamous "fast tongue twisting" auctioneer will be back on the block soliciting money from all who attend. Just look at his performance as ... icing on the cake.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the club will be returning from their final rendezvous to The Cove Marina. The F/C saved this spot for the end knowing that the final evening will culminate with a favorite tradition—campfire and smores ... just more icing on the cake.

Sure hope you joined us there because the rendezvous this summer were outstanding. Certainly weather helps and boats operating on **both** engines are another important factor, but the key to successful trips is the people

who attend. From all of the testimonies given at the last meeting this club lives up to it's motto, ***For Fun's Sake!***

Our Labor Day cruise to Chatham was the ultimate!!! We had a perfect 3-day sun filled holiday.... The Browns almost made it on both engines.... Chatham was the perfect host by providing us with enough wall space so few had to raft off, allowing plenty of electricity for once. They moved the trash receptacles, which removed the bees. Then they held a corn roast on Sunday and provided a Continental breakfast on Monday—both delicious and money savers to us. Of course there were the newer Chatham activities such as the store shopping scavenger hunt (I think Kristen, Mary and Armena have a foolproof plan for winning next year) and the boat lighting contest. Heart Smart was the big winner with the "Ole' Margarita Doll" who later was *uncovered*, which revealed her true identity to be *Madame Seka from Spanky's!* There were the traditional events at Chatham, but with a new twist to them this year. Ruth Peterman did a fabulous job on the pancakes. Did you see how she flips them without a turner?! If not, check it out next year. Our F/C did a great job of setting up the golf outing & Norm Crain was an accommodating taxi driver. Golf is getting so popular with our members, the F/C had to reserve three tee times. Now,

if only he can arrange for a greener course next year.

But the "icing on the cake" was the margarita hat party (thanks Bob A. for the idea). Not only did it bring out an array of creative hats and ideas, but also the margaritas brought out the true dancers, limboers, and singers in our Club. Don't you agree that anyone connected to the name **Clapper**, either by birth or by friendship, has the talent to be our next Motown star? What a fantastic and entertaining evening we all had and one that members will be reminiscing about for a long time. (Visit the website, www.rvyc.info and see for yourself.) Ah-h-h, such sweetness ... just like icing on a cake!

See you on October 4th with your dessert(s).

Commodore Jean Pritchard

FROM THE VICE!

October 4th is the date for our Nominations and Bake Sale Meeting. Nominations are needed for two directors, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Rear Commodore. Nominees for Secretary and Treasurer must be members in good standing of RVYC for at least one year; nominees for Rear Commodore, at least two years. Think about whom you would like to see help run the Club in the next year, then make it to the meeting!

Please plan to contributing something for the bake sale, which will follow the meeting. Also, plan to purchase lots of the goodies that others have donated. These fund raisers are one of the ways we make money to spend "**For Fun's Sake,**" so plan to participate.

Also, we will be raffling off an extra slip we have available at Sarnia for next year's Highland Games. This is a valuable item as that weekend is one of our Club's most popular of the year. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!** That's the bad news – the good news is that you do not have to present to be nominated for an office, and absentees usually are.

The Annual Haul Out Party is Saturday, **October 5th**, 4 pm. Come for those wonderful Dearborn Sausage hot dogs and bring a dish to pass if you can. As usual, beer and pop provided by your Club. We will have it outside on the deck if possible. Otherwise, upstairs.

Ruth Peterman is planning this year's Square Dance – not quite a Club function, but all RVYC members and friends are invited. It will be at the Lazy J Ranch in Milford again, on Friday, **October 25th**, 7 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and your own drinks. I did not attend last year, but I intend to come this year as all I heard were rave reviews!

The Commodore's Ball is to be held Saturday, **January 11th**, 2003, at Laurel Manor. Please put this date on your calendar. More details in the near future.

**Vice Commodore
Lynn Koleski**

FROM THE REAR!

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard has continued to provide us with interesting places to go and things to do. Second to the last was Labor Day weekend at Chatham. Turnout was great, with 14 boats ready to have a good time, "**For Fun's Sake.**"

The whole weekend was packed with things to do and places to go. Too much to cover all of the activities but the highlights were:

- Make a hat, bring a Mexican hors d'oeuvre and your favorite margarita. Awesome!
- Secretary Ruth and Commodore Jean cooked and served pancakes and sausage for breakfast. Outstanding!
- The Chatham dock staff provided a corn roast, continental breakfast, horse and buggy rides through downtown and a poker run by the town stores. A big **THANKS** to them for helping RVYC have such an enjoyable weekend.

**Rear Commodore
Ray Brown**

BARAN RANTING!

It's hard to believe that we had more fun "this time" than we had "last time" at Chatham. Big kids, little kids sliding down the hill on plastic plates duct taped to their butts or feet. When that didn't work well enough, they tried garbage bags – definitely determined to slide faster. And this was in addition to the Motown Revue on Peterman's bow! Many boats were lit with electric lights and many folks were lit with liquid margaritas.

Lee and company had a rather brassy airhead guest on board. The tart got a few fellows in trouble that night, but what a doll she was! Check out the photos on the next page. Charming Chatham!

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September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays

2 – Chuck Koleski
4 – Shirley Nesbitt
7 – Dave Hall
8 – Michelle Walker
9 – Mary Gavin
10 – Jack Kingston
16 – Ed Murphy
20 – MaryLou Payette
26 – Bill Nesbitt
27 – Ray Brown
30 – Ken Armstrong
31 – Gracie Spicer

September Anniversaries

5 – Don & MaryLou Tusset
17 – Joe & Pat Clapper
17 – Terry & Diane Dawes
21 – Bob & Armina Abernethy
25 – Brian & Michelle Walker

October Anniversaries

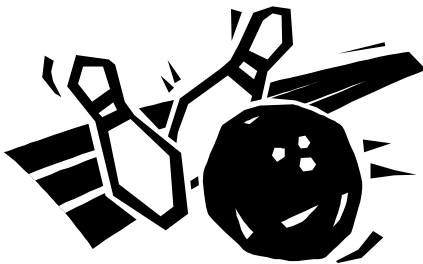
2 – Dan & Jill Martyka
2 – Larry & Kelly Thomas
10 – Jeff & Bev Niermann

Other September Events

23 – First Day of Autumn
28 – Bowling Nite

Other October Events

4 – **RVYC Meeting @ Kean's
(Nominations & Bake Sale)**
5 – **Haul Out Party @ Kean's**
14 – Columbus Day (observed)
19 – Sweetest Day
25 – Square Dance @ Lazy J
27 – Daylight Saving Ends
31 – Halloween



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**LIGHT DECORATING CONTEST
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Second Prize - Float 'N Stroke**



RVYC HAT DECORATING CONTEST

CHATHAM 2002

“MARGARITA NIGHT”

FIRST PRIZE – BOB & ARMINA ABERNATHY

SECOND PRIZE – PAT “CARMEN” BINKLEY

THIRD PRIZE – RAY & BARB BROWN

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

LEE “JIM ROTH” VAURIS

MIKE SHERMAN & CAMERON

ANNELISE & GERARD NIERMANN