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FROM THE HELM!

Well, I hear that my first meeting as Commodore was short and sweet (just like me) as everyone was anxious to get to the Boat Show.

Unfortunately, We couldn't be there because We were punishing ourselves in 80-degree weather. We even had to force ourselves to snorkel. I know you will be happy to know that we did cone back February 12th to 12-degree weather. In any event, I'd like to thank V/C Ray Brown for running the meeting for me.

Looking forward to my first meeting on March 2nd and to the tour of the Canadian Club plant, followed by dinner in Greek Town (maybe playing the slots in the casino).

See you soon.

Commodore Lynn

VICE COMMENTS!

Since Barb and I could not go to the Boat Show with the Club on Sunday because of a family funeral, and we really needed a "Nautical Fix," we decided to go on Wednesday. We were surprised how much the show had been downsized. However, everything we were interested in was there, and we enjoyed ourselves. For those of you who did not go to the boat show, we picked up some information on places to go and things to do on the water, and we will make them available at the March meeting.

At our last meeting (brief as it was) our Fleet Captain (Mr. Ed) gave us good information to use in planning our summer schedules, when it arrives (summer that is.)

For all of you out there who grew up with the Lone Ranger and Tonto: The Lone Ranger and Tonto are camping in the desert, set up their tent, and are asleep. Some hours later, The Lone Ranger wakes his faithful companion.

"Tonto, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Tonto replies, "Me see millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" asks The Lone Ranger. Tonto ponders for a minute.

"Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

"Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three.

"Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant.

"Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What it tell you, Kemo Sabi?"

The Lone Ranger is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Tonto, you Dumb Nut, someone has stolen our tent."

Vice Commodore Ray

FROM THE REAR!

It's that time again. What time is that? It's time to write my next newsletter article!

It's getting closer to RVYC's big event – the 2003 Venetian Party! Make your plans to attend and bring everyone you know along for the fun. And what fun it will be. Although I can't say what the "theme" will be yet, I assure you it will live up to our club motto – "For Fun Sake". So, put Saturday June 7th in your calendar for the main event followed by the Commodore's Bloody Mary Party on Sunday the 8th. More info to come in the next newsletter so stay tuned!

What else is happening? I had a little mishap recently resulting in 2 shattered knuckles in my right hand. Did you know walls don't give much? What timing – I just came off my best game in bowling (won't be doing that for a while) and Ruthie and I are leaving for the Bahamas this Sunday. Can you snorkel with a cast on? Luckily my Dr. is putting on a plastic cast that can get wet so look out fishies, here we come!

Are you ready to start working on your boat? It's getting closer every day. Ruthie and I got each other XM Radio for the boat along with new Bose speakers. We will be sounding good this year. For those of you who don't know what XM Radio is, it is a satellite radio system that connects through your existing stereo. You receive 101 channels of mostly commercial free music, news, sports, even comedy – what ever you want.

You select what you want to listen to (all 40's, all 80's, all Reggae, all Jazz, all Blues, all classical – whatever you like) and they deliver it to you. And since it's satellite, you have great reception no matter where you travel – Lake Huron, Lake Erie, or right here at Kean's.

We got Delphi's SkyFi system. It has a small receiver and an antenna that's the size of a computer mouse. With the Delphi system, I can take it with me. It is moveable between the boat, the car, or home. They even offer a "boom box" that works off "D" batteries or A/C current – Cool!

Well, you'll have to come by and hear it for yourself this spring. If you want more info, visit www.xmradio.com or just give me a shout.

Until next time, have fun and stay warm!

Rear Commodore Ron

FACTS FOR THE FLEET!

Rendezvous updates:

Tour Canadian Club Heritage Centre, March 2, 2003

As expected this event is well subscribed, attesting to the real focus of this club.

However, we need to pick up the pace at the general RVYC meeting to insure we get over to Windsor before the distillery closes. Commodore Lynn has promised to start the meeting promptly at 1:00pm to enable touring parties to meet the time schedule.

Here is the timetable:

2:00pm – leave Kean's Marina
2:30pm – consolidate vehicles at the Greektown Parking ramp (need to go into the Casino to get it validated)

4:00pm - Tour of distillery
6:00pm – back in the States, group dinner at Fishbone's.

Bring your driver's license and passport.

Here are the current participants:

Thuls, Lacey, Freestone, Wilkersons, Roth & Stoehr, Vauris & Payette, Browns, Barans, Baciles, Koleskis, Pritchards, Tussets, Jordans, Deptula.

WhirlyBall, April 11, 2003

We calculate that approx. 30 participants is a good size for this two-hour session of intense (?) competition. That puts the court time at about \$10 per person. Based on additional sign-up at the March 2 general meeting, we might open it up to non-members. Here is the current list of combatants:

Thuls, Passmores, Vauris & Payette, Barans, Koleskis, Pritchards, Jordans, Deptula, Sherman & Peterman.

Metro Beach Rendezvous: June 13-15, 2003

This date has been changed. The Gold Cup races are now scheduled for June 19 –22, so we will head to Metro the weekend of June 13-15th.

Highland Games –2004

P/C Joe Clapper made an excellent suggestion concerning the Highland Games weekend at Sarnia Bay. As you know, the Games are always scheduled for the third weekend in August.

They ask for a one-night deposit of \$20 Canadian. So this summer, anytime prior to August 14, **2003**, sign-up for the **2004** weekend and give the Fleet Captain \$13 US deposit –either cash or check. That way on August 15, **2003**, when we sign-up for **2004**, we will know exactly how many slips to reserve. As always, all sign-up sheets will be at the March 2 general meeting.

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard

February Birthdays

2 – Ed Pritchard
 4 – Sue Proctor
 4 – Jim Roth
 6 – **P/C** Bob Cieslak
 8 – Diane Dawes
 10 – Dave Passmore
 11 – Glenn Bemiss
 15 – **P/C** Joe Clapper
 20 – Carol Theard
 22 – Norah Houlihan
 23 – Pat Thul
 24 – Jeff Niermann

February Anniversaries

22 – Don & Barb Leone
 24 – Ray & Kim Mandry

Other February Dates

2 – Groundhog Day
9 – RVYC Meeting @ Kean's, 1 pm
 Boat Show & Dinner afterwards
 14 – St. Valentine's Day
 17 – Presidents' Day
23 – Kean's Open House

March Birthdays

5 – Bob Krupka
 9 – Shirley Bartlett
 17 – Kelly Thomas
 20 – Mike Boyle

March Anniversaries

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

Other March Dates

2 – Meeting @ Kean's/Canadian Club Tour
 17 – St. Patrick's Day
 21 – First Day of Spring

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2003

YOUR NAME _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER _____ Member?
 Yes ___ No ___

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ BOAT/CAR PHONE _____

YOUR BIRTHDAY _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER'S BIRTHDAY _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY _____

MAKE OF BOAT _____ LENGTH _____

BOAT NAME _____ HOME PORT _____

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:

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1083 Joshua Dr.
Troy, MI 48098

REMINDER: dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2003**, so that you will be included in the 2003 roster.