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FROM THE HELM!

On Saturday, August 7th, our Club (yours and mine) had its annual Green and White Party. We had many volunteers that came to help set up, cook, decorate tables, plan games, provide music, and prizes.

Many thanks to Ron & Ruth Sherman and Joe Clapper for buying and cooking the kabobs; to Jon & Patti Jordan for bringing and wrapping the potatoes; to Herb & Joyce Alfaro for preparing the rice pilaf; Barb & I brought the corn on the cob and cole slaw; to Jim Roth & Carolyn Stoehr for setting up the bar and donating prizes; to Pat Thul for supplying the music and sound system; Jim & Linda Baran for coordinating some great games; and to everybody that participated and had a good laugh. Wait till you see the pictures -- what a hoot!

As if we didn't have enough food, our dessert table was to die for, from cookies to double chocolate tort, from watermelon to strawberry short cake. Our members sure know how to throw a party. I think this was one of the best this year, and if you missed it, you missed a good one.

The Board put together a little dance to entertain everybody, and in response the assigned teams had to sing a song about water or boating, if they wanted the Board to dance for them. Everybody joined in and we all had fun.

In the future, I would love to see more of our members come to enjoy these parties, **FOR FUN'S SAKE!**

SOME OBSERVATIONS:

If you throw a cat out of the car window, does it become kitty litter?

If you choke a Smurf, what color does it turn?

Is it OK to use the AM radio after noon?

What do people in China call their good plates?

Why are there interstates in Hawaii?

How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work?

Why is a bra singular and panties plural?

Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of a drive-up ATM?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the 'terminal'?

Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?

Commodore Ray

VICE VIEWS!

Hi everyone. I hope you have been enjoying your summer. It has been a real roller coaster ride with the weather!

We just finished up our RVYC Green and White party and, while it was a GREAT time, I am very disappointed that we didn't get more people there for the fun! The board members spent a lot of time planning the party and we had some great games only to have a good many of you not partake in the festivities.

RVYC is our club collectively and it was built on a saying that I find true in everything we do – FOR FUN'S SAKE! This group ALWAYS has a great time when we get together so let's keep the fun going and get the participation up!

With that in mind, Commodore Ray came up with a great idea for a party. With a lot of planning and some ingenuity from the board and club members (thanks Joe Clapper), we have put together what should prove to be an excellent time for anyone willing to participate. Here is the plan:

RVYC PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Where: 42°17' 57" N, 82° 42' 32" W, Our last Rendezvous of 2004 in Belle River

When: Saturday, September 25th, 2004

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm, Progressive Dinner starts at 6:00 pm

What the H _ _ _ is a Progressive Dinner? Glad you asked! Instead of having our traditional dock party, groups of 3-4 couples/individuals (no more than 8 people total) will be paired together to share dinner with each other at Belle River. The number of groups will depend on the number of people who sign up for the event. Each couple/individual will be randomly selected to provide a dinner course to be shared with the other people in their specific group. The courses will consist of an appetizer (if there are 4 couples in a group), soup, salad, and the main course.

The group will then go to each couple's/individual's boat and partake in the course being served. You will only be responsible for feeding the number of people in your group.

Now here is where it gets interesting. Each participant will be randomly selected for a course and group assignment. The participant (couple or individual) will be informed of the course they are to prepare and how many people they will need to feed. The group assignments will not be told until 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 25th at Belle River. We wanted to keep everyone guessing whom he or she will be dining with!

Here are some dinner rules:

This is not a contest. It is to have some fun with couples that you may not spend a lot of time with.

It doesn't have to be expensive or elaborate. You are responsible to provide enough food for the number of people in your group. The main course could be anything from hotdogs, to spaghetti, to steaks, to lobster. **IT**

DOESN'T MATTER, so serve your favorite or be creative. You don't have to serve the course on your boat. You can serve your course anywhere you choose.

If you drive to Belle River, you can still participate. Your course can be served on the dock, on one of the other participant's boats, or anywhere you choose.

Your course doesn't have to be home cooked. You can bring it from home, buy it already made from a restaurant or grocer, or bring "stuff" to cook at the rendezvous.

We will be selecting a number of groups at the Chatham rendezvous depending on the number of people participating. Therefore, we need a FIRM commitment from you by then to include you in a grouping.

THERE WILL BE NO ONE ADDED AFTER CHATHAM WEEKEND! If you are not attending Chatham and want to participate, you will need to contact me, Ron Sherman, at 313-969-2245 or email me at ronald.d.sherman@gm.com prior to Labor Day and advise if there will be one or two people. Once you commit, you are expected to attend the Belle River Rendezvous. The others in your group will be VERY disappointed if they don't get to eat because you didn't make it for the party. You can come to Belle River with us even if you don't want to participate in the Progressive Dinner. You will be on your own for dinner on the 25th.

Following dinner at 8:00 pm, we will join together to partake of ice cream topped with your favorite beverage and share your experience with others. The Club will provide the ice cream. Each of you is asked to bring your "beverage of choice" for the topping – I can't wait to see what come up with.

We will discuss this more at the Club meeting in September, so until then, I'll see you all at the docks!

Vice Commodore Ron

FLEET FACTS FROM F/C ED!

The "Lee, we hit something" Fall Classic – Labour Day in Chatham, Ontario

Where:

Enter the Thames Rives 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 (and avoiding the Lee Vauris mystery stumps.) 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 by the Satellite Restaurant.

When: September 4 - 6, 2004

Participants: Abernethy, Alfaro, Bacile, Binkley, Brown, Clapper, Jariett, Jordan, Passmore, Pritchard, Sherman, Jim Roth, Vauris

The Club will monitor Channel 72 while on the water.

Itinerary:

Saturday September 4

- Be on the river in front of Kean's at 8:00am.
- Decorate your boat with lights for the evening contest – Chatham sponsored?
- Visit the LCBO.
- Shop in the exotic Chatham stores.
- 5:00pm – Our traditional hors d'oeuvres party.
- Buy some of your last Poker Run cards.
- Dinner on your own.
- Evening: Bescia, Hand and Foot, Sequence, dominos, progressive bridge, drinking.

Sunday September 5

- 9:00am – Bridge's pancake breakfast.
- 11:30am – golf at Indian Creek Golf & CC.
- Bocce ball tournament.
- 5:00pm – Wine tasting and hat contest. Bring your most provocative hat and a bottle of wine.
- If you can make dinner, it is on your own.
- Light up the boats again.
- Evening: Bescia, Hand and Foot, Sequence, dominos, progressive bridge, drinking.

Monday September 6

- Depart for home marinas

Frostbite Rendezvous & Progressive Dinner at Belle River

Where: Belle River Marina on the southern shore of Lake St. Claire. When you are half way to the Thames (we hit something, Lee) River hang a right.

When: September 25 - 26, 2004

Participants: Alfaro, Bacile, Binkley, Bunge, Jordan, Passmore, Schrage, Sherman, Vauris, Thul

Marina Telephone number: 519-728-2245 (Canadian marinas monitor Channel 68)

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Itinerary:

Saturday September 25

- 9:00am – Be on the river in front of Kean's
- Afternoon: Bocce ball tournament, take a walking tour of Belle River.
- 4:00pm – Hors d'oeuvres party.
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER.
- Evening: Bescia, Hand and Foot, Sequence, dominos, progressive bridge, drinking.

Sunday September 26

- 8:30am – Vice Commodore's breakfast at Belle River (a tradition.)
- 11:00am – Golf at Rochester Place.
- Depart for home marinas.

FYI

Best wishes to Becky Schlice and Kevin Jariett upon their marriage July 23. Becky was a gorgeous bride, Kevin a handsome groom; the wedding party looked good, church was beautiful, reception hall was lovely, food and drink were tasty and plentiful. It was a fabulous wedding and we wish them well as they continue the journey of life together!

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August Birthdays

2 – Russ Sanford
4 – Michael Schrage
5 – Sandy Lacy
14 – Barbara Brown
21 – Joann Giffer
22 – Ellen Bickle
26 – Don Tussett
29 – Ron Freestone

August Anniversaries

2 – John & Mary Anne Seedott
3 – Ray & Sandy Lacy
16 – Ed & Jean Pritchard
29 – Bob & Janet Caza

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

5 – Don & MaryLou Tusset
17 – Terry & Diane Dawes
25 – Brian & Michelle Walker

September Events

3 – **RVYC Meeting** @ Kean's
4-6 – Rendezvous @ Chatham
6 – Labor Day/**US & Canada**
18 – Bowling Begins
22 – First Day of Autumn
25-26 – Rendezvous @ Belle River
25 – Progressive Dinner in Belle River