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FROM THE HELM!

This is the first article I am writing as your Commodore. I am looking forward to a year filled with fair skies, warm temperatures, calm waters, good company, with emphasis on food and fun.

2004 started with a bang! The Commodore's Ball was again a beautiful sight to behold. The decorating committee went above and beyond the call of duty. This group always seems to come to the front whenever they are needed, and take pride in what they do. Many thanks to the decorating committee. Ron **AND** Ruthie **Sherman**, Jim and Linda Baran, Joe Clapper, Sue Grim, Ed and Jean Pritchard, Dave Passmore, Carol Austin, Joe and Carol Bacile, Jon and Patti Jordan.

Joe Bacile and Jim Baran put their talents together and created a lamp out of a bent prop that they presented to **Lee Vauris**. It was named "The Bent Prop Award" and is it ever cool! Lee will probably have this lamp available during the summer for all to see.

Pat Thul worked his magic and provided us with a continuous slide show of 2003 events on the screen. This shows what our club is really all about, **"For Fun's Sake."**

The Lee Vauris Service Award was presented to **Jim Roth** for 2003. This award is presented to persons who give freely of their time and deserve to be recognized.

We at R.V.Y.C. are fortunate to have many members that qualify and the choice is always difficult.

Sunday, February 1st, is the date of the **Super Bowl Party** at Kean's at 4 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. The club will provide beer and pop. Please note the time change to 4 pm.

This month's chuckle:

This is about an elderly couple, sitting together, watching television.

During one of the commercials, the husband asked his wife, "Whatever happened to our sexual relations?"

After a long and thoughtful silence, the wife replied during the next commercial. "You know, I don't know. I don't even think we got a Christmas card from them this year."

Commodore Ray

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

I just wanted to thank all of you who attended the Commodore's Ball. V/C Ray Brown and his wonderful decorating team did a terrific job. I had a great time and it looked like everyone else did too! This year we got caught sliding down the banisters and got a scolding!! I don't know if this is the last year at Laurel Manor, but I hope not.

Oh and by the way, it was I who sat on Chuck's lap in the middle of the night and he was the one who yelped! Once again, thanks for a wonderful year and magical night!

So long, adieu, ciao, aloha, holler back, ta-ta, x o, x o, x o

Past Commodore Lynn

FROM THE VICE!

Well here it is, January, and time for my first article as the Vice Commodore of River View Yacht Club! What an honor that is!

It's been a heck of a year so far. The fun began January 3rd when Ruthie and I "tied the knot" in Cedarville (that's in the UP). That's correct, we finally did this thing right and got married! It was a terrific ceremony that was supposed to include just the two of us and our four children.

But not everything turns out the way you plan. Some things turn out even better. In our case, we were surprised with the company of Joe and Sue, along with Chuck and Lynn. We all had a great time together.

Immediately following that, we had great fun at Lynn's Commodore's Ball. This club really knows how throw a party! Everyone "cut loose" and enjoyed themselves.

Our February meeting on February 1st will be at Kean's at 4:00 and will be followed by our annual Super Bowl party. Come join the fun!

We have a great rendezvous schedule set up for this year that will include trips to the Cove in May, Metro Beach in June, Lake Erie and Algonac in July, Lake Huron in August, and Chatham and Belle River in September.

We found that the club saved almost \$200 last year in postage and copies by sending the Newsletter by email. If you still get the newsletter in hard copy and would like to get it by email instead, please send your request to Linda Baran at jbaran1629@aol.com

In closing,



See you at the docks!

Vice Commodore Ron

FROM THE REAR!

First of all, many thanks to everyone for electing me as RVYC Rear for 2004. And to our concerned friends and neighbors, yes, we will have "Nauticlue" on the River well before the October haul out party!

RVYC has a tradition of making every event memorable. This was no exception at the Commodores Ball. We enjoyed a great night of dining, dancing, cocktails, toasts, roasts, stories, shots, a slide show, lots of pictures, and more cocktails. The men looked quite presentable, and the ladies looked quite **fantastic!** Oh, and speaking of the ladies...we now have the distinction of being formally requested not to use the banister as an exit! (For good reason, this was a "ladies only" event)

When Ron Sherman asked me to bowl for him a month ago, Patti and I reluctantly agreed to go. We had not been on a lane in years, we bowled terrible, and we both had way too much fun! Everyone was great, nobody said a thing about our occasional gutter ball, and we couldn't have had a better time. We have subbed every week since. ("For Fun's Sake" is not just a motto, this club **lives** it!) For anyone that is not familiar with Saturday bowling, you really need to see it! The club has exclusive use of the lanes, so you are bowling (and quenching your thirst) with all your friends.

Looking forward to our first meeting and Superbowl party on February 1. Bring any ideas for topics you would like to have discussed at our monthly meetings. Commodore Ray has expressed an eagerness to address any new issues that would inform or entertain club members.

We are quite confident that no one will be able to come up with an idea that V/C Ron Sherman will be unable to research, document, and then explain to club members. I agree wholeheartedly. Ron's thoroughness is more than a gift, it is a passion. It is his purpose; nay, it is his calling! In fact, I think it is the club's duty to put our resources (Ron) to the fullest use. Any less would be an insult to Ron, his position, his intelligence, his devotion to the club, and pretty much the American way of life. But that's just what I think; what do *you* think?

Rear Commodore Jon

FACTS FOR THE FLEET!

Tentative Rendezvous Planned for 2004

May 29 -31 Memorial Day	Cove marina - confirmed for 15 boats
June 12 -13	Metro Beach - North Lagoon
June 19 - 20	Venetian
July 3 - 4 Week in Lake Erie	Middle Bass Island - can't confirm until mid March
July 5	Kelley's Island
July 6	Cedar Point - individual reservations
July 7	Put-in-Bay - City Docks
July 8	Pelee Island - Scudder Marina
July 9 & 10	Leamington - confirmed 12 boats
July 23 - 25	Algonac
July 31 - Aug 1	Crystal Bay (Canadian) or Sugar Island (US)
Aug 7 & 8	Green and White?
Aug 14 Week in Lake Huron	St. Clair - individual reservations
Aug 16 - 17	Lexington - individual reservations
Aug 18 -19	Grand Bend
Aug 20 - 22	Sarnia Highland Games - 20 boats confirmed
Sept 4 - 6 Labor Day Weekend	Chatham - Municipal Docks
Sept 25 - 26	Belle River

Respectively Submitted by Fleet Captain Ed

January Birthdays

- 1 – Jackie Sanford
- 8 – Norm Crain
- 16 – Bev Niermann
- 18 – John Cornwell
- 18 – Dan Jablonski
- 25 – Claudia Jablonski
- 27 – Denise Armstrong
- 27 – Eleanor Button
- 27 – Jim Penland
- 28 – George Perron

January Anniversaries

- 20 – Russ & Jackie Sanford

Other January Dates

- 1 – New Year’s Day
- 10 – Commodore’s Ball**
- 22 – Chinese New Year
(4702, Year of the Monkey)

February Birthdays

- 2 – Ed Pritchard
- 4 – Jim Roth
- 6 – Bob Cieslak
- 8 – Diane Dawes
- 10 – Dave Passmore
- 11 – Glenn Bemiss
- 15 – Joe Clapper
- 20 – Carol Theard
- 23 – Pat Thul
- 24 – Jeff Niermann

February Anniversaries

- 22 – Don & Barb Leone

Other February Dates

- 1 – Membership meeting AND
Super Bowl Party @ Kean’s, 4 pm**
- 14 – St. Valentine’s Day
- 16 – Presidents’ Day
- 20 – Whirly Ball in West Bloomfield**

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**RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2004**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_ Member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/PARTNER’S BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE OF BOAT \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PORT \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU KEEP A BOAT AT KEAN’S, WHAT IS YOUR DOCK NUMBER? \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **River View Yacht Club. (\$10 per member, please.)**

Bring this completed form to the next meeting, or send to:

**Pat Thul**  
**1083 Joshua Dr.**  
**Troy, MI 48098**

## RVYC SCHEDULE 2004

### JANUARY

- 10<sup>TH</sup> COMMODORE'S BALL
- 17<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING
- 31<sup>ST</sup> BOWLING

### FEBRUARY

- 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING AND SUPER BOWL PARTY - 4 pm @ KEAN'S
- 14<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING
- 28<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING

### MARCH

- 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING - 2 pm @ KEAN'S
- 13<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING
- 27<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING

### APRIL

- 2<sup>ND</sup> DINNER - 6 pm @ POLISH YACHT CLUB
- MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S
- 10<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING
- 24<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING

### MAY

- 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S - AUCTION of USED BOAT ITEMS
- 15<sup>TH</sup> FITTING OUT PARTY 4pm @ KEAN'S
- 29<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> COVE MARINA

### JUNE

- 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S
- 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> METRO BEACH
- 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN'S

### JULY

- 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S
- 3<sup>RD</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN LAKE ERIE
- 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> MIDDLE BASS ISLAND
- 5<sup>TH</sup> KELLEY'S ISLAND
- 6<sup>TH</sup> CEDAR POINT
- 7<sup>TH</sup> PUT IN BAY
- 8<sup>TH</sup> PELEE ISLAND
- 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> LEAMINGTON
- 15<sup>TH</sup> GOLD CUP RACES
- 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> ALGONAC MARINA

## **AUGUST**

- 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S**
- 7<sup>TH</sup> GREEN AND WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S**
- 14<sup>TH</sup>–22<sup>ND</sup> WEEK IN LAKE HURON:**
  - 15<sup>TH</sup> ST CLAIR HARBOR**
  - 16<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> LEXINGTON**
  - 18<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> GRAND BEND**
  - 20<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> SARNIA/HIGHLAND GAMES**

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S**
- 4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> CHATHAM**
- 18<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING STARTS**
- 25<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> BELLE RIVER**

## **OCTOBER**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S - NOMINATIONS AND BAKE SALE**
- 2<sup>ND</sup> BOWLING**
- 9<sup>TH</sup> HAUL OUT PARTY @ KEAN'S - 4 pm**
- TBA - SQUARE DANCE @ LAZY J RANCH**
- 16<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING**
- 30<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING**

## **NOVEMBER**

- 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING - 8 pm @ KEAN'S - ELECTION NIGHT**
- 13<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING**
- 27<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING**

## **DECEMBER**

- 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- 11<sup>TH</sup> BOWLING**

## **JANUARY 2005**

- 15<sup>TH</sup> COMMODORE'S BALL**