

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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From the Helm

Well, it official: RVYC has been commissioned for the 52<sup>nd</sup> year!! The Commodore's Ball was a great success as usual (with the one minor exception of noise emanating from our neighboring party for the second consecutive year.) Everything else went smoothly, thanks to the many volunteers. Herb has many new docking and hearing aids, and a bunch of people went home with a new Ass. It looked as if the Alfaro family, along with everyone else, had a great time. Chuck Koleski did a fantastic and touching speech in honor of Lee Vauris. And once again the after glow party was graciously hosted by the Koleski's for the people that didn't want to see the party end.

As everyone is aware our clubs "good start" was quickly changed with the sad loss of two Patriarch members. First, RVYC lost the "Father" of our club P/C Lee Vauris, then the sudden and tragic loss of another father figure and charter member P/C Chuck Koleski. This is a huge loss for the club, all of the members and their families, so please keep Mary Lou, Lynn and their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. They will be so dearly missed. The wakes for both Lee and Chuck were first class celebrations for us to celebrate their lives and I'm sure they would both be proud. As

I'm sure Chuck and Lee would like, we need to continue to celebrate them, the Club and our sport they so dearly loved. So, pour a glass of your favorite adult beverage and give them a toast "For Fun's Sake!"

In spite of the sub-zero weather, our super bowl party at Kean's had a good turnout. As with tradition, RVYC went overboard with the fixin's, we had at least 3 crock pots full of Chili, sloppy Joe's, potato's and many other dishes. Jim Baron did an excellent job with the boards, Jon & Patti Jordan were the big winners taking 4 squares and, once again, Pat Thul set up the big screen for us. Thanks everyone!

We have a lot of people out there who have not renewed their membership with RVYC. I know the dues are expensive but we ask that you dig deep and send your dues in prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> (to Treasurer Ron Sherman). In an effort to offset this huge financial burden, RVYC has one again signed up for the group discount at Boat U.S., meaning you can save \$12.50 on their membership. So in essence you are making a 25% profit on your RVYC dues even before you get the Boat U.S. fuel discount. Our group # is GA819014. You can also enroll with Boat U.S. by calling 800-395-2628.

The RVYC March meeting will be held at "Old Mexico" in Livonia on 5 Mile and Harrison (between Middlebelt and Inkster). The meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. The restaurant will have their bar open and a full menu available just for RVYC members. Following the meeting, we will have Euchre, Mexican Train and other games. The Restaurant will be opened to the public at 3:00 p.m. but we are welcome to stay as long as we wish.

Thank you to the Club and members for electing me as Commodore this year! We have a great Board and I am proud to serve the club with them.

Your Commodore, Dave

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From the Vice

Mid February, colder than a witch's boobies, the plow guy came around and because we are the last house in the cul-de-sac on his turn, he dumps all of the snow in our driveway. At least the middle is clear.

Next Wednesday Carol and myself will leave for sunny Florida where we will join the Jim and Linda Baran, Ed and Jean Pritchard and Diane Deptula for the **First Annual RVYC Winter Rendezvous - Destination Key West**. At this very moment, it is 79 degrees there and we can hardly wait to leave. This is a test rendezvous for us and, hopefully next year, we can get a few more people to join us. Destination unknown at this time, but, for sure it won't be Canada.

The Super Bowl party was a good time. Lots of food and beer and the commercials were fun to watch. Between the commercials, there was a football game and it was fun to watch as well.

March 24<sup>th</sup> is Whirly Ball in Novi. At present, we only have 14 people signed up and we are hoping for 40. Invite your friends and let any bridge officer know if you are interested. There are restaurants in the area or you may eat at the Whirly Ball arena. There is a bar on the premises we will finalize the plans at the March meeting.

59 days till launch!

VC Joe Bacile

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### Scott Who?

Having Float n' Stroke's in a slip at the far end of the 0 Dock at Kean's Marina (serving boaters since 1931) has its pluses and minuses. Many of you see and hear the minuses, but a plus is the view of river traffic and in particular the adventures of unsuspecting boats traveling over Scott's Middle Ground. Here is an opportunity for some quick wagers; Will it suddenly come off plane and change heading? Will it come to a sudden stop? Will it pass as if in 200' of water? Then someone utters the question of the ages, "Why do they call it Scott's Middle Ground?" After moments of silence, everyone gets back to business: Bob on the bullhorn, Jack telling stories, Harold drinking beer, etc. But who was Scott and why does he / she have

a middle ground? In fact, it has been reported by a keen (play on words) observer that in the early 1960's the Middle Ground was above water. Some say it was named after one of Detroit's most eccentric bachelors, James Scott, who died at 79 on March 5, 1910, bequeathed his \$500,000 estate to the city to build a fountain on Belle Isle. According to the AIA Detroit Guide, Scott was one of the most despised men in the city who delighted in lawsuits and other disputes. He was a loafer and a gambler. He told off-color stories. And he perpetrated vindictive practical jokes. However, a navigational chart from 1892 identified the area as Scott's Middle Ground. Now, prior to the Civil War, there was a State Militia company organized in Detroit that was named the "Scott Guards" known for their bagpipe playing and drinking. During the Civil War, because Michigan was on the Canadian border, it was continually threatened with invasion by rebels who had found refuge in Canada (blame it on the Canadians) and were encouraged by the Confederate government to raid the northern states. During the time of these threatened raids, Michigan relied on various military forces to defend its borders and guess what area was assigned to the Scott Guard? Yep - Hog Island and the adjacent mainland. Also of note, Col. August Goebel was the most prominent member of the Scott Guards. Old-timers will remember him as the founder of Goebel Brewery, which satisfied thirsty Detroiters and Michiganians from 1873 until 1964 except for the Prohibition years (yea - right). So there you

have it – another link between boating and alcohol, lets' raise a glass of Goebel for keeping all the rebels (except Taylors) away

from Kean's Marina - serving boaters since 1931.

RC Ed Pritchard

### March Birthday's

Bob Krupka	5 <sup>th</sup>
Don Bungee	9 <sup>th</sup>
Joyce Alfaro	11 <sup>th</sup>

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## 2007 RVYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

25<sup>TH</sup> - KEAN'S OPEN HOUSE THRU-OUT THE DAY.

### MARCH

3<sup>RD</sup> - BOWLING

4<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT LIL MEXICAN RESTAURANT ( 5 MILE AT INKSTER RD. MEETING STARTS AT 1 PM. CARD GAMES TO FOLLOW, I.E.; EUCHRE, MEXICAN TRAIN, ETC.

17<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

24<sup>TH</sup> - HIRAM WALKER TOUR (WILL HAVE DETAILS AT THE MEETING)

31<sup>ST</sup> - BOWLING

### APRIL

1<sup>ST</sup> - "GLO-IN-THE-DARK" PUTT-PUTT GOLF DETAILS TO FOLLOW

6<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEAN'S AT 8PM.  
DINNER @ SINBAD'S @ 6PM. RECOMMEN GROUPS OF FOUR (4)  
PER TABLE TO AVOID DELAY.

14<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

28<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING – FINAL NITE (FUN NITE)

### MAY

4<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @8PM  
WITH USED ITEMS AUCTION FOLLOWING

12<sup>TH</sup> - FITTING-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @4PM

19<sup>TH</sup> - MAI-FEST CELEBRATION/SINGALONG AT THE DAKOTA INN @ 7PM  
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

26<sup>TH</sup> - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE COVE MARINA  
TILBURY, ONTARIO, CANADA.  
RESERVATIONS FOR TEN (10) BOATS.\*\*  
PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.

## JUNE

- 1<sup>ST</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.
- 9<sup>TH</sup> - VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN'S W/BLESSING OF FLEET.\*\*
- 10<sup>TH</sup> - COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK @ 9AM.\*\*
- 16<sup>TH</sup> - FATHERS DAY WEEKEND @METRO BEACH.  
(BRING FISH-FLY REPELLENT)\*\*
- 27<sup>TH</sup> - FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT.

## JULY

- 4<sup>TH</sup> - SCAVENGER HUNT @ KEAN'S MARINA  
(TIME TBD)
- 6<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEANS AT 8PM.  
DINNER AT SINBAD'S@6PM. (AVOID DELAY BY EATING IN SMALL  
GROUPS).
- 7<sup>TH</sup> - RVYC GREEN & WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S  
STARTING @ 5PM @ END OF 100 DOCK..
- 13<sup>TH</sup> - THUNDERFEST / BOAT RACE WEEKEND
- 21<sup>ST</sup> - LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS - DETAILS TBD \*\*

## AUGUST

- 3<sup>RD</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.
- 10<sup>TH</sup> - LAKE HURON RENDEVOUS BEGINNING AT MACRAE'S HARBOR IN  
ANCHOR BAY FOR TWO (2) NITES. \*\*
- 12<sup>TH</sup> - IDLE HOUR YACHT CLUB OR PORT HURON
- 13<sup>TH</sup> - PORT HURON - CITY OWNED DOCKS
- 14/15<sup>TH</sup> - LEXINGTON, MI.
- 16<sup>TH</sup> - BAYFIELD,ONTARIO (BRING PASSPORTS)  
HARBOUR LIGHTS MARINA (BYOB PLANK).
- 17/18<sup>TH</sup> - GRAND BEND MUNICIPAL MARINA  
OUTER BASIN IN GRAND BEND,ONTARIO.  
BURIAL RITUAL CONDUCTED HERE.  
DON'T MISS THIS EVENT !!
- 19<sup>TH</sup> - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>ST</sup>&2<sup>ND</sup> - LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT ALGONAC  
HARBOR.
- 3<sup>RD</sup> - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT.
- 7<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.
- 22<sup>ND</sup> - BELLE RIVER MARINA,ONTARIO,CANADA \*\*  
ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER - FINAL BOATING EVENT FOR 2007.  
THIS IS A TREAT!!
- 23<sup>RD</sup> - LIFT LINES - HEAD FOR HOME PORT. FINAL CLUB BOATING EVENT  
FOR THE YEAR.

## OCTOBER

- 5<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.  
NOMINATION OF OFFICERS & BAKE SALE.
- 6<sup>TH</sup> - HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @ 4PM  
BRING DISH -TO-PASS.CLUB BUYS BEER/POP.
- 13<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING BEGINS NEW SEASON.
- 20<sup>TH</sup> - SQUARE DANCE @ LAZY J RANCH – MILFORD  
BYOB AND DISH-TO-PASS. STARTS @ 7PM.
- 27<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING W/HALLOWEEN PARTY (TBD)

## NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>ND</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.  
ELECTION OF BRIDGE OFFICERS. PIZZA  
PARTY TO FOLLOW.
- 10<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING
- 17<sup>TH</sup> – NORTHVILLE DOWNS @ 4PM – DINNER AT THE TRACK.
- 24<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

## DECEMBER

- 7<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING & XMAS PARTY  
WITH GIFT EXCHANGE.LOCATION TBD.
- 8<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING
- 22<sup>ND</sup> - BOWLING

\*\* = DETAILS FOR CLUB EVENTS OCCURRING DURING  
RENDEVOUS TRIPS WILL BE IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EVENT. I.E., MEALS,  
COCKTAIL HOUR, SPORT ACTIVITIES, GAMES OF  
CHANCE, ETC.

THIS ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
HERB ALFARO – FLEET CAPTAIN

**RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2007**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Spouse/Partner also a Member (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (D/M) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Birthday (D/M) \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (D/M/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft Beam \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Home Port \_\_\_\_\_

Dock and Well Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please bring a check and this form to the next club meeting, or send to:

**Treasurer Ron Sherman  
4400 Green Lake Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48323**

**Please complete the entire form.** This information will be used to create this year's roster and update the RVMC.info Web Site. Prior year information will **NOT** be used.

**REMINDER:** dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2007**, so that you will be included in the 2007 roster.