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From The Helm

It's March and it's closer to launch than when it was February. Yesterday we had six inches of snow and this weekend we may have another six inches **OF SNOW!** Not much has happened since the Commodore's Ball and Super bowl party, so this will be a short story.

April's meeting will feature an after meeting wine "tasting" party hosted by Jim and Carolyn Roth. Jim suggested those who come bring a small amount of cheese or sliced baguette bread to cleanse the pallet between tastes. I emphasize small amounts so we don't have 20 pounds of cheese at the party.

I'm looking forward to this boating season and being "at the helm". No pun intended for our new members Richard and Mary Ann Helm. Carol and I will soon be enjoying the Walleye sandwiches on the deck of the Boardwalk at Put-IN-Bay, the late night card games on board Juice's Paradise, Cove Marina, Jean Pritchard's bonfires, the parade, decorations, food and the Hunt Taylor Memorial Jug of Cheer at the Venetian. We also look forward to the excitement of the hydroplane races, the cookouts and golf at Metro Beach. I hope we can enter the parade of lights again with Ray and Barb Brown. Being buried at

Maumee Bay will be a new experience for me. I hope our new members Bill and Elaine Middlekauff as well as all of the members can make this destination. Golf, swimming pools and hot tubs make Maumee Bay a great place to relax! The progressive dinner will be held at Metro Beach this year and I wonder what Ruthie Sherman will "cook up" this time. Of course there is always Jim and Carolyn Roth's party cocktails "for the good of the club". If I haven't mentioned your name in this article, be patient and later this year you'll get your moment of fame.

News flash from Jim and Carolyn Roth: Kean's Marina was sold. Tony and John will no longer be with us. A man named Mike Litt and a partner are the new owners. What will we do without Tony!

Commodore Joe Bacile

Vice View

Well I pretty much survived going around the world (Shanghai and back) in February. I brought back a cold, now I know why so many Chinese wear protective breathing masks. In fact, the room closet at the Westin Hotel in Shanghai had a full protective breathing system with replacement masks etc. Also brought back a Rolex for Jean which I negotiated for

130RMB (Chinese dollars.) For the uninformed, Congress took time out from harassing Major League Baseball (is this the best use of their time?) to pass the National CPR and AED Awareness Week Resolution. The American Red Cross and the American Heart Association joined together to successfully lobby Congress who passed a bill designating the first week of June “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week.” The passing of this resolution shines a national spotlight on how important it is for all Americans to learn critical lifesaving skills such as how to perform CPR and how to use an AED. As such, Ruthie Sherman at the June monthly meeting will re-introduce the Club to our AED and review the procedures for its application. On a related note, a big THANK YOU to President Bush for arranging to present all of us with a check for gas in May. For most of us it represents a trip to Put-In-Bay and back, for First Year Member Helms it means gas for five years.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendars.

Friday April 4, 8:00pm – first Friday night meeting at Kean’s (servicing boaters since 1931)

Saturday April 19, 7:00pm – Dakota Inn sing-a-long and dancing. This historic German Restaurant and Detroit landmark is on John R. just north of Six Mile. There is a fenced, guarded parking lot, remember to appreciate the guy in the little shack with some \$.

Friday May 2, 8:00pm is the club meeting at Kean’s (servicing boaters since 1931) when we will have our nautical auction. Over the years this has proven to be a cornucopia of valuable items and a good fund raiser for the Club. So bring stuff you don’t want but would enjoy seeing on someone else’s boat and lets see if we can break last year’s record of \$300. So if in doubt, bring it, I know Schrage’s will be on the look out for items to decorate that new house.

Saturday May 17, 4:00pm is the fitting out party. We will be cooking long tubular and round flat meats on the balcony of our usual meeting room. So plan to come on up at 4:00pm, bring something on a plate that you can put on the buffet table, the Club will supply some beer and soda and the previously mentioned meats – and if you don’t have to rush off some games of chance might breakout.

Vice Commodore Pritchard

From The Editor

At our last meeting we discussed adding a column to our monthly newsletter entitled *The RVYC Sale Corner* wherein members can list items they want to sell. While we don’t want to be inundated with all kinds of knick-knack type items, this would mostly be for larger, specialty items and the item does not have to be boat related. Anything that a member would like to be included, please call, send or email the information to the Newsletter Editor. We will run the item for a few months.

Should your item sell, we suggest a \$5 minimum donation to the Club. Please see our first (unique) item listed this month!

The RVYC Sale Corner

Mike Schrage’s sister, Jeannie Wilcox, creates custom designed boat quilts and pillows, Mike brought a sample to the March meeting, they are one-of-a-kind and absolutely beautiful. The quilts and pillows are customized with a picture of your boat and its name; there are many possibilities for the customization. If you are interested in seeing one of the items in person, please call Mike and he can show you what his sister made for his boat, “Hooz A Bum V”. Jeannie’s company is called JSE Originals, her telephone number is 616-340-8374, or you can contact her via email at schragejs@yahoo.com.

April Birthdays

Barb Leone – 7
Choux Wingert – 8
Ray Lacey – 12
Ron Bickel – 16
Jim Baran – 18
Jean Pritchard – 20
Hunt Taylor – 24
Bob Nixon - 25
Diane Deptula – 26

April Anniversaries

Joe & Carol Bacile – 7

2008 RIVER VIEW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL:

- 4TH – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM
- 12TH – LEAGUE BOWLING
- 19TH – DINNER AT THE DAKOTA INN (DETROIT) AT 7PM. RESERVATIONS ARE FOR THE FIRST 20 SIGNED UP.
- 26TH – LEAGUE BOWLING – FINAL NITE

MAY:

- 2ND – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM
- 17TH – FITTING OUT PARTY – BRING DISH TO PASS – CLUB PROVIDES BEER, POP, CONDIMENTS, ETC.
- 24TH – MEMORIAL DAY RENDEVOUS AT THE COVE MARINA – TILBURY, ONT., CANADA – RESERVATIONS FOR TEN BOATS ON THE "F" DOCK(S).

JUNE:

- 6TH – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM
- 14TH – ANNUAL VENETIAN WEEKEND – BLESSING OF FLEET AT 3PM – DINNER (UPSTAIRS) AT 7PM
- 15TH – COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK AT 9:30AM
- 25TH – FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

JULY:

- 4TH – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM
- 11TH – THUNDERFEST BOAT RACES ON THE DETROIT RIVER
- 19TH – ANNUAL GREEN AND WHITE PARTY AT KEAN'S AT OR AROUND THE POOL. TIME TBD.
- 25TH – RENDEVOUS AT METRO BEACH – FIRST – COME – FIRST-SERVED.

AUGUST:

- 1ST – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM
- 2ND THRU THE 10TH – LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS STARTING OUT AT ELIZABETH PARK (DOWNRIVER) THEN ON TO MAUMEE BAY, PORT CLINTON, PUT-IN-BAY AND ENDING UP AT EITHER BOB-LO ISLAND OR TRICENTENNIAL HARBOR IN DETROIT.
- 29TH – START OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN ST. CLAIR, MI. OR PORT HURON, MI.

SEPTEMBER:

- 5TH – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM
- 27TH – ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER AT METRO BEACH

OCTOBER:

- 3RD – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND BAKE SALE.
- 4TH – ANNUAL HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 4PM. BRING DISH TO PASS. CLUB PROVIDES BEER, POP, ETC.
- 11TH – FIRST NITE OF RVYC LEAGUE BOWLING AT HARTFIELD LANES IN BERKLEY, MI. WARM-UP BEGINNING 5:45PM.
- 18TH – RVYC HAYRIDE – DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED
- 25TH – LEAGUE BOWLING

NOVEMBER:

- 7TH – CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8PM. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOLLOWED BY PIZZA PARTY.
- 8TH – LEAGUE BOWLING
- 15TH – OUTING AT GREENFIELD VILLAGE WITH DINNER AT MILLER'S BAR FOLLOWING. TIME TBD.
- 22ND – LEAGUE BOWLING

DECEMBER:

- 5TH – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY / MEETING AT THE HOME OF LYNN KOLESKI STARTING AT 8PM SHARP.
- 20TH – LEAGUE BOWLING

EDITOR'S NOTE: AS IS THE NORM FOR THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, ALL OF THE FOREGOING IS SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT.