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From The Helm

Sh Boom is in the water and looking good! Our launch was the most exciting so far. I managed to cut my foot and wound up getting a few stitches. I thought I might be in a tight spot when I looked down and saw blood overflowing my shoe. Carol put a tourniquet around my foot. Joe Clapper and Jim Roth docked and tied up the boat. Ray Brown and John Roth were at the dock to lend a hand while we went to the emergency room. Ron Sherman pulled the remains of my sock out of the alternator. Joe even baked a cake, which we enjoyed after returning from the hospital. Thank you all for helping out. It's nice to know that the members of River View are there when you need them and I really appreciate it.

The auction was another success. There was a complete service for eight of yellow plastic dinnerware, a set of boat chairs, fenders, a boat alarm, lines and lots of home décor items. Thanks to all who participated. The club made 239 American dollars and almost all of the members went home with a beautiful and rare nautical item.

We are looking forward to seeing our friends at the Fitting Out Party on May 17th. Until then, have a safe and uneventful launch. Commodore Joe

Vice View

Thanks to all who participated in the Nautical Auction at the May 2, 2008 monthly meeting. I recall a shout out by Treasurer and Past Commodore Lynn Koleski that \$239 was raised through the auctioning of some rare, and in some cases puzzling, nautical items. Personally I was just glad not to have to look at four bags of a twelve place settings of plastic polymer-based yellow picnic dishes. One way or another they were not going to be in my car on the way home from the meeting. One other rule of the Auction, items won at the Auction cannot later appear at the Christmas Party gift exchange - we keep track.

You may have noticed that Mike Litt has kept his promise of placing red cigarette receptacles around Kean's (servicing boaters since 1931.) Although I am disappointed it is not the coffee cans of old, rather the modern rendition that positions the disposal point about thigh-high (for most people.) I have several concerns 1) they look like sealed containers, which reduces spills but will butts continue to smolder 2) the insertion point is too small to accommodate a 50+ ring cigar butt 3) what happens when some "hammered" Kean's patron uses them like an Olympic field event by seeing how far out in the river they can

be thrown – and then float past Kuame’s place.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendars.

Saturday, May 17, 4 p.m., Fitting Out Party. We will be cooking long tubular and round flat meats on the balcony of our usual meeting room. Please note, if the weather is cooperating, we will hold the fitting out party on the deck by the pool. So plan to show up at 4 p.m., bring something on a plate that you can put on the buffet table, your lawn/deck chairs, the Club will supply some beer and soda and the previously mentioned meats.

Saturday, June 21, Lighted Boat Parade. Ray Brown reported that he has been contacted by the NEW parade committee and, indeed, the parade will be on June 21. They have new boat categories and are limiting the parade to 50 boats – with last year’s participants getting first dibs at a slot. On the web site one of the new categories is, “wood boats over 40’ with twin engines, but basically has run on only one engine over the past five years” – we have a shot!!

Monday, June 23, Freedomfest Fireworks. That’s right, the Fireworks are scheduled for a Monday, see: <http://www.theparade.org/freedomfest/>

Burying of the Commodore, Saturday, August 2. To accommodate a proper burying of the Commodore, Jim and Carolyn Roth (*some feel in a moment of insanity*) offered their

house, beach and paddle boat to stage this year’s Commodore Burial Ceremony. As you recall, this event begins by consuming mass quantities of ceremonial “fire water”, putting the Commodore in the deepest hole possible, historical perspective spoken in tongues by select past commodores, and concludes with consumption of the remaining fire water. Having said that, the Bridge appreciates the Roth’s offer to host this ritual, it was instrumental in solving a logistical problem with the Maumee Bay site.

The Lake Erie Rendezvous Departs on Sunday, August 3. Will primarily focus on ports around Put-In-Bay.

Update on the issue of Great Lakes discharge.

A new bill, S (for Senate) 2766 is being supported and pundits feel has the best hope for quick passage. This is an ideal PR opportunity for Boat US to demonstrate what we get for our \$9.50 to \$19.50 dues as they commit to, “We’re going to pull out all the stops to have it signed into law this year.” Not sure if “pulling out stops” is a good visual for a boating contingency – but you get the drift of their total commitment. Anyway, Commodore Bacile has directed Secretary Bacile to craft a letter throwing the weight of RVYC in support of the bill. You can help by emailing your people in Washington and basically saying, “We are asking your support in cosponsoring the Clean Boating Act of 2008, S. 2766.” To get to their sites, put the following in your address line: stabenow.senate.gov, \levin.senate.gov.

You are on your own with the Representatives.

For Fun’s Sake – VC Ed Pritchard

Sunshine Person Report

Our condolences are extended to Don & Mary Lou Tusset on the passing of Don’s brother, Herbert, on April 30th.

Congratulations are extended to Kevin & Becky Jarriett on the birth of their second baby, Kevin Jr., on April 24th. Due to their very busy lives these days they are no longer members of RVYC. They are now raising two children, Becky continues to work and Kevin is enrolled in Police Academy training and just two weeks ago they sold their boat. For those interested in sending a personal congratulatory card their address is 19558 Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

For those attending the May 17th Fitting Out Party, be sure to bring a few extra American dollars along ...there will be a Libation Fund Raiser ... for the good of the Club!

From The Editor

Please be sure to read the attached schedules (in addition to those outlined by V/C Ed Pritchard, especially the outstanding Venetian flyer from Rear Commodore Pat Thul. There are lots of fun events and rendezvous’ planned for this season, so please plan to attend and sign up where needed ... remembering, you don’t need to own a boat to participate ... it’s all For Fun Sake!

RVYC Sale Corner

1987 Shadow 1100 CC
motorcycle, Collectors Bike,
excellent condition, only 8,000
original miles. Asking \$4450.
Contact Jim Roth at 248-982-
4809.

June Birthdays

Ruthie Sherman – 5
Dan Martyka – 7
Ken Wilkerson – 23

June Anniversaries

John & Brenda Roth - 5
Jon & Patti Jordan – 9
Dale & Pat Binkley – 22
Mike & Therese Schrage – 28

2008 RIVER VIEW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY:

- 2ND MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
17TH FITTING OUT PARTY, BRING DISH TO PASS, CLUB PROVIDES BEER, POP,
CONDIMENTS, ETC., at 4 p.m.
24TH MEMORIAL DAY RENDEVOUS AT THE COVE MARINA, TILBURY, ONTARIO, CANADA
RESERVATIONS FOR TEN BOATS ON THE "F" DOCK(S).

JUNE:

- 6TH MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
14TH ANNUAL VENETIAN WEEKEND, BLESSING OF FLEET AT 3 P.M., DINNER (UPSTAIRS)
AT 6:30 P.M.
15TH COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK AT 9 A.M.
23RD FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

JULY:

- 4TH MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
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 MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
2ND BURYING OF THE COMMODORE AT JIM & CAROLYN ROTH'S HOME.
3RD LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS BEGINS, STOPPING AT PORTS NEAR AND AROUND PUT-IN-BAY,
ITINERARY TO BE DETERMINED.
29TH START OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN ST. CLAIR, MI. OR PORT HURON, MI.

SEPTEMBER:

- 5TH MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
27TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER AT METRO BEACH

OCTOBER:

- 3RD MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND BAKE SALE
4TH ANNUAL HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 4 P.M., BRING DISH TO
PASS, CLUB PROVIDES BEER, POP, ETC.
11TH FIRST NITE OF RVYC LEAGUE BOWLING AT HARTFIELD LANES IN BERKLEY, MI.
WARM-UP BEGINS AT 5:45 P.M.

18TH RVYC HAYRIDE – DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED
25TH LEAGUE BOWLING

NOVEMBER:

7TH MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT KEAN'S STARTING AT 8 P.M.
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 8 P.M. SHARP.
20TH LEAGUE BOWLING

FLEET CAPTAIN'S NOTE – THIS IS THE NORM FOR THIS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,
ALL OF THE FOREGOING IS SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT

Howdy Do Were Taking You To



\$20.00 per person



Come Join Us for a Great Time

Great Friends, Great Food

Parade at 3:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM



