

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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**From the Commodore-Elect**

And here I thought “pay to play” referred to middle school and high school students that are required to pay a fee to participate in sports. It has certainly been sobering to witness our democracy in action: from the pay-offs to committee inquisition of CEO’s.

But enough of that.  
Here is a quick look back at 2008:

Auction nets \$239.

“Big Stud Warrior” ceremony at Camp Roth.

Bonfires at the Cove.

By-Law amendment on monthly Meetings.

Decoration winners: Lindberg’s Plane, Rum Runner and Model T.

Emron II gone.

Exposure to Mike “*there will be no changes*” Litt.

Falling in ... and while sober!

Feather bowling.

Fish flies at Metro Beach -- avoided!

“Great to be an American” boat decorating winners: all 45’

Commanders.

Green cruising.

Hunt’s Bloody Marys.

Is that price per gallon?

Lake Erie: everyone on

Umberto’s boat.

Locomotives in first place.

Mary Lou’s afghan.

Massive turn-out at St. Clair.

New members Mike & Martha

Conrad.

No boats on the lake.

Outstanding Commodore’s Ball for Dave Passmore and a new name for his boat.

PC Passmore “clearing the decks” at the Super Bowl party by winning: two-loser’s drawings, two quarters on the \$.50 board, and final score for a huge profit.

Polish buffet becoming a Green & White Party standard.

Progressive dinner at Metro Beach.

Roaring 20’s themed Venetian with record 14 boats blessed.

Stopping the boat motor with your foot.

The Columbia connection.

Un-official rendezvous at Metro Beach.

Whirlpool open till 11 p.m.

Who destroyed Mike “*there will be no changes*” Litt’s grill on the balcony?

Wine tasting party.

The Board and Fleet Captain-

Elect Ruthie Sherman are

planning a full and diverse activity schedule for 2009 to be

announced at the Super Bowl party and published in the

monthly newsletters.

Upcoming events:

January 24, 2009 Commodore’s Ball. This event has become one of the best attended functions of the year. We will be back in the

Maple room at Laurel Manor, same price of \$55 per person, same food and booze. We will have a five piece band for your dancing pleasure. The party starts at 6 p.m.

February 1, 2009 – Super Bowl party. Usually this party is held at Kean's (serving boaters since 1931) but with the potential construction projects by Mike "TWBNC" Litt, soon-to-be Past Commodore Joe Bacile and Carol have graciously offered to have the party at their house in Livonia. Google or MapQuest their address to figure out your land navigation to 31343 Hillbrook St, Livonia 48152. We will have a short business meeting at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the 2009 event schedule. Bring some snacks / hors d'oeuvres to pass, your favorite beverage and small bills for squares on the various "quarter" boards.

See you at the Ball!  
Commodore-Elect Ed Pritchard

### Vice Views

Hope everyone had enjoyable holidays – they were certainly white!

I'm back on the Bridge after 13 years. Third time's the charm, or so it's been said. My previous experiences were good ones – Carl Deptula was a real go-getter and organized, while Chuck Koleski was less intense. Both contributed much to the Club as I watched and learned and worked hard to be sure the Club had fun when it was my turn. Bob Rea cruised right along, but when the position of Commodore was open after him, nobody was

ready to fill it, so I came back a second time. We were all part of a good team back then. It will be interesting this time around, working with a new Bridge. Management styles have changed, as has the general economy and gas prices. Commodore Ed will keep us on course and organized, while I will be less intense, to keep this Club cruising along. Hunt is fun loving and will be a good Rear. I made a promise to a long-time member that RVYC would maintain the "For Fun's Sake" spirit and I intend to keep it.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Ball – hope you'll be there!

Vice Commodore-Elect  
Jim Baran

### Greetings from the Rear

I would like to say hello and Happy New Year to everyone in RVYC from Hunt Taylor, the newly elected Rear Commodore. I was asked to give a brief description of myself as a form of introduction to the members of the Club that may not know me.

Although I have been living in Michigan for the past 31 years, I was originally from a small town in North Carolina. Washington, NC is located on the Pamlico River, which flows into the Pamlico Sound that empties into the Atlantic Ocean. So needless to say, I grew up on the water for all my childhood. At the age of 12, I began crewing on small "one design" sailboats, which raced every Sunday in the summer on the Pamlico River. My first encounter with

powerboats was about the same time as my friends and I would water ski and go tubing behind any boat whose parents were patient enough to pull us up and down the river. As we got older we were allowed to take the ski boats out by ourselves, which usually involved every good-looking girl in town. Also, as I gained more experience with sailing, I would occasionally get invited to crew on larger sailboats in the annual race from the Washington Yacht and Country Club across the Pamlico Sound to Okracoke Island on the outer banks of North Carolina. Back in those days I was too young to have cocktails and have just now figured out why I was allowed to steer the sailboat the next day all the way back to the Yacht Club.

As time passed I graduated from high school and attended the University of Virginia 1970 through 1974. I returned to school and received a MBA from Wake Forest University where I had job interviews with General Motors Corporation and accepted a position with AC Spark Plug in Flint, Michigan. I moved to Flint in 1978, met and married Barbara in 1982, who also was working for AC Spark Plug. We lived and worked in Flint until 1996 until we accepted sales positions with Delphi Corporation and moved to Rochester, Michigan where we reside today.

I am currently a member at Bayview Yacht Club where I have crewed on Mike Conrad's North American 40 sailboat for the past 12 years. In fact, Mike's sailboat played a big part in us

purchasing a powerboat. Now that I am old enough to have cocktails, after getting off his sailboat after a Saturday race, I continued to find it more and more difficult to drive all the way back to Rochester. All I had to do was convince John and Brenda Roth to sell us their Sea Ray 270 and start spending Saturday nights at Kean's Marina. We did purchase John's boat, named it Martouki, and it is still moored on the 100 dock. We began spending many Saturday nights and meeting a lot of the other RVYC members whose boats are docked nearby. We joined RVYC in 2006, was introduced to "Classic" and the party began to never end.

I am looking forward to the duties and responsibilities of Rear Commodore for RVYC and the many fun parties, rendezvous to come and nightcaps so I close with this:

### **Nightcap**

In days of old the night-cap was worn outside the head: Let's put ours in the inside, and then ... let's go to bed.

Rear Commodore-Elect  
Hunt Taylor

### **Sunshine Report**

We want to pass on an update on our Past Commodore & Director and good friend, Ray Brown. Ray and Barbara are hopeful of attending the Commodore's Ball; however Ray is in process of receiving a series of two-hour IV Remicade infusion treatments which will

continue through the next several weeks. He is also in physical therapy three days a week to help strengthen his legs. These treatments keep him somewhat house bound and under the gentle care of Ms. Barbara. Ray and Barb, we all hope to see you soon and we continue to send along our prayers and best wishes to both of you.

### **February Birthdays**

Ed Pritchard – 2  
Jim Roth - 4  
Bob Cieslak – 6  
Carol Passmore – 8  
P/C Dave Passmore - 10  
Bill Middlekauff - 11  
Barbara Taylor – 12  
P/C Joe Clapper – 15  
Joe K Clapper – 18  
Pat Thul – 23  
Jeff Niermann – 24

### **February Anniversaries**

Jim & Carolyn Roth – 15  
Don & Barb Leone – 22  
Dave & Carol Passmore – 24

### **From The Editor**

Its Membership Renewal time again. Attached is a copy of the RVYC 2009 renewal form for your use. Please return your renewal form and fee to P/C and Treasurer Lynn Koleski by March 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the new roster.

And, its also Super Bowl time again. How many of the following facts about the Super Bowl do you know?

*Who came up with the term Super Bowl?* Lamar Hunt was playing with his daughter's Super Ball in 1967 when he

came up with the name for the annual game against the AFL and the NFL.

*Who scored the first touchdown in Super Bowl history?* Max McGee got seven passes and two touchdowns for the Green Bay Packers in the first Super Bowl as they beat the Kansas City Chiefs on January 15, 1967, with a score of 35-10.

*What do you remember about the January 24, 1982 Super Bowl played at the Pontiac Silverdome?* There were 81,270 people that took the stands to see San Francisco beat Cincinnati with a score of 26-61.

*Who sang the National Anthem at Super Bowl XXXIII?* Cher.

*How much guacamole and potato chips are consumed on Super Bowl Sunday?* 8 million pounds of guacamole and 14,500 tons of chips.

*What is the increase in antacid sales on Monday after Super Bowl Sunday?* Twenty percent.

*How many people call in sick on the Monday after Super Bowl Sunday?* Six percent.

*How many people watch the Super Bowl alone?* Five percent.

*What is the average number of people at a Super Bowl party?* Seventeen.

Did you win first prize?

## RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2009

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 Lynn Koleski  
39576 Village Run Drive  
Northville, MI 48167

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

**REMINDER:** dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2009**, so that you will be included in the 2009 roster.