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Commodore's Corner

As you will read in some of the other articles, the Board November elections brings some old favorites and some "new blood" to the 2010 Bridge and Directors which I know will only result in an enhanced *FOR FUN'S SAKE* environment.

Memo for next year's elections:
no garlic flavored pizza crust!

And the November 6th meeting brought to a close the 2009 Poker Run. Participants purchased cards on rendezvous and other events for a basic seven card stud game. The one twist in this game: the player with the best poker hand splits the winner's share with the player with the worst poker hand. The results: PC/VC Jim Baran had the best poker hand with a full house and Juice Alfaro had the worst poker hand with a 10 high hand.

Also at the meeting we continued to discuss our web site host. Arron Thul's company has hosted the site since development but he has found that the electronic medical records business is more lucrative and is terminating his hosting business. At the October and November meetings the discussion leaned towards retaining the website with another server organization.

PC Ron Sherman reported that, after an exhaustive investigation, host site called justhost.com has a high rating and would cost us \$98 for two years hosting. A motion was made and passed to authorize porting our website content to this new host; which should be completed in the first quarter.

The Parade Company tour organized and coordinated by Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman on Saturday, November 14th, was one of the most interesting tours organized by RVYC: a close second only to the Hiram Walker tour, and if the Parade Company would have had a tasting room it would have been Number 1! Not only did we see floats in the process of being constructed but had an up-close and personal experience with the traditional floats we have seen over the years. Barb, a Parade Company volunteer, was our personal guide through the float catacombs and provided tons of detail on floats dating back to 1931 (missing was the original Kean's float: serving boaters since 1931.) After the Tour we snaked our way through Hamtramck to the Polish Village; an eatery founded in 1925. This is the polish Xochimilco: downstairs is the restaurant (upstairs is a massage boutique), with tables crammed together, and a line out the door.

The polish beer and food was outstanding and cheap; but bring cash since they don't take any credit cards. A trip to the head exposed the inner kitchen workings which seemed to be staffed by three traditional polish ladies with big ladles working over huge caldrons of dill pickle soup. The Polish Village is now included in RVYC dining lore of Detroit originals along with: Roma Café, The Polish Yacht Club, The Dakota Inn, and the afore mentioned Xochimilco.

Our December meeting will be the traditional Christmas party graciously hosted this year by PC Lynn Koleski. If you haven't been to Lynn's condo in Northville; look at your roster and do a Map Quest search on her address for a map and directions. Past Christmas party hosts have included: PC Norm and Joanne Crain, Director Jim and multitasking Carolyn Roth, Director Mike and Teresa Schrage, and the Wyandotte Yacht Club.

At this meeting we will dispense with reports, other than a brief plug for the Commodore's Ball, and focus on eating, drinking, and the traditional Christmas gift exchange. The expectation for the exchange is that everyone (not per couple) will bring a nautically themed festively wrapped gift with a retail price of \$5. Please clearly print your name on the gift so the exchange can move along crisply. Caution: no re-gifting – Lynn kept track of the gifts from 2008. And there is the swap rule. If you don't like the gift you select you can exchange it

for a previously opened gift. Linda Baran will supervise this portion of the gift exchange event. Please bring a small dish of your best hors d'oeuvre and some adult beverages; festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the meeting officially starting at 8 p.m.

Usually the winter months are a low activity time for RVYC. After the Christmas party and the Greenfield Village dinner in December, the next gatherings will be the Commodore's Ball and the Super Bowl party. In 2008, PC Joe Bacile hosted the Super Bowl party and we need a venue for this year. I believe the Super Bowl is scheduled for February 7, 2010.

If you feel you need a "fix" of RVYC *FOR FUN'S SAKE*, a whole gaggle of members bowl at Hartsfield Lanes on Twelve Mile Rd in Berkley every other Saturday night from 5:45 p.m. about 8 p.m. So stop by, have a cocktail, and get caught up

Commodore Ed

Vice Views

Four more holidays to go and this year is over; won't be long! The November meeting was productive with the election of the new Bridge. I look forward to working with them in the coming year. Also, the "Losers" 50/50 was drawn and two lucky losers won some money. A big "Thank You!" to P/C Ron Sherman for picking up the pizzas we enjoyed after the meeting – I wonder if his vehicle still smells like a pizza and garlic?! That was a job I had

done for years, and my car had a distinct aroma for a week later!

Lynn Koleski will again host the December meeting with the Christmas party held at her lovely Northville home. Note the date: Friday, December 4, 2009, beginning 7:30 p.m. If you need directions, give Lynn or one of the other officers a call – phone numbers are listed on the first page of this newsletter. Please bring something to nibble on. This is also the night of the \$5 gift exchange. Participation is optional, but you must bring a gift in order to play, it's always a lot of fun and interesting to see what other folks have found for five bucks!

The Commodore's Ball committee has had its first meeting and we're moving right along. The date is Saturday, January 30, 2010. Since it's also a bowling night for the RVYC bowling league, we are planning a pre-bow on Sunday, January 24th.

Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday, *For Fun's Sake!*

V/C Jim Baran

View from the Rear

November is always the Board election month for RVYC and the results this month proved to be a good mixture of "new blood" along with those who advanced one step up for the 2010 Bridge and the newly elected Director positions.

Congratulations to VC Jim Baran as the new 2010 RVYC

Commodore. On the Bridge with Jim will be Hunt Taylor moving into the Vice Commodore chair by accommodation.

In a hotly contested election, Rich Helm won the honor of Rear Commodore which now places a sailboat owner on the Bridge.

Carolyn Roth maintained her position as Secretary and Barbara Taylor squeaked out the win for the Treasurer.

Bill Middlekauff was elected as one of the Directors and brings much experience to the position with his past General Motors position. The other Director position was won by PC Joe Clapper who brings many years of boating knowledge from his past Coast Guard experience.

Congratulations to everyone and may the 2010 boating season be a long, hot, happy summer for all RVYC members.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next big social activity on the calendar for RVYC, the December meeting and Christmas party to be held at PC Lynn Koleski's home on December 4, 2009.

Regards, RC Hunt Taylor

Treasurer's Report for November

Previous balance: \$2,314.29

Deposits:

Poker Run	\$ 45.00
Bake Sale	<u>124.00</u>
	\$169.00

Total checking deposit:
\$2,483.29

Fleet Captain Report

The year is coming to an end but not the fun activities to look forward to. Please see the continuing schedule of events attached to the newsletter.

thanks, Ruthie Sherman

Sunshine Report

Our best wishes are extended to PC Ray Brown as he continues to recuperate from recent back surgery. Ray has been through a lot the past couple of years and we all send our prayers and best wishes to both Ray and Barbara.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Choux Wingert on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Marjorie Grayson.

And, it was good to see PC Joe Clapper looking fit at the November meeting. Joe, our continued best wishes to you also.

A warm welcome is extended to our new members, Kathy and Randy Fryfogle. They are friends of Rich and Mary Ann Helm and will be on the 100 dock at Keans in well 149 (next to Lynn Koleski). With the Fryfogles joining RVYC, our fleet of sailboats is gaining in number with their 43 foot Irwin, named "Freebird". Welcome Aboard!!

From The Editor

Attached to this newsletter is a reservation form for the 2010 Commodore's Ball. Please feel free to bring it along with a check payable to RVYC to give to Lynn Koleski at the December meeting/party.

Lastly, for the month of November ... the simple list ...

Approximately 161 billion turkey feathers pile up this time of year. Where do they all go?

Organic Fertilizer – a simple chemical process now uses proteins from turkey feathers to grow greener grass for golf courses.

Arts and Crafts Supply – colorfully dyed, they take their place in craft stores alongside pipe cleaners and finger paints.

Feather Dusters – turkey plumage makes up the fluffy business end of this classic tool.

Fishing Lures and Flies – like the Beadhead Hare's Ear (from 79 cents at flyshack.com), which is good for catching trout.

Arrow Fletching – the parabolic-shaped pieces of material at the end that help stabilize the arrow during flight.

Decorative Flourishes – on dream catchers and denim jackets (remember see the 1980s).

Big Bird – the star of Sesame Street's costume is composed of some 4,000 turkey feathers dyed bright yellow.

December Birthdays

Michael Conrad - 7

John Roth – 19

Joe Bacile – 26

Judy Thul – 31

December Anniversaries

Keith & Beth Armstrong – 31

Dave & Mary Hall - 31

FLEET CAPTAIN'S RVYC 2009 Schedule of Events

Please email Ruthie @ apaigeofsummer@sbcglobal.net to add your name to any event or sign up at any RVYC function in the Rendezvous Sign Up Book.

Christmas Party - Friday December 4th

Starting at 7:30 p.m. at Lynn Koleski's home.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvres to pass and a \$5.00 wrapped gift, with your own name on it for the gift exchange.

(Please contact Lynn at 734-420-5391 or at clkoleski@comcast.net to coordinate your appetizer, dish-to-pass or dessert.)

Holiday Nights Dinner and Walk at Greenfield Village – December 12th

Dinner at the Eagle Tavern in the village is at 5 p.m., followed by a walk through the village. Dress is business casual for dinner, but bring a tote with warm clothes to layer up. Gloves, hats, etc. too.

Participants: Alfaros, Baciles, Crains, Lynn Koleski, Pritchards and Shermans

Commodore's Ball – Saturday, January 30th, 2010

To be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

**RVYC IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE
2010 COMMODORE'S BALL
HONORING COMMODORE ED PRITCHARD
AND HIS LADY, PC JEAN**

JANUARY 30, 2010

**TO BE HELD AT THE LAUREL MANOR
39000 SCHOOLCRAFT ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48150**

Cocktails at 6 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m.

**Tribute to the Commodore and Introduction of
the new Bridge and Board Members at 8 p.m.
Dancing from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**

**THE COST IS \$55.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES
DINNER, DANCING AND OPEN BAR).**

NAME _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____ @ \$55.00 per person

CHECK AMOUNT: _____

**Please make checks payable to RVYC and return this flyer to:
Treasurer Lynn Koleski
39576 Village Run Drive
Northville, MI 48167**

Your check must be received by January 16th, 2009