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**Commodore's Corner**

The Labor Day national holiday was late this year, September 7, but fortunately the RVYC flotilla to the Charles F. Moore St. Clair Marina was right on time for the 12:00 noon bridge, even with PC Alfaro playing "chicken" with a 600 foot freighter. As in the past, this was our biggest rendezvous with 12 boats, 38 people, 8 dogs, and 1 cat. The efforts of the 2008 Fleet Captain PC Herb Alfaro and 2009 Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman enabled the flotilla to be all together on Dock 4. The toga party organized by Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman reflected the theme of *FOR FUN'S SAKE*. Most of the two legged rendezvous participants and several of the four legged participants all donned togas in the best Animal House tradition. The delivered pizza, and salad made by Ruthie and Juice Alfaro, was the perfect dining experience: no stopping to fix dishes or grill – just eat, drink and keep partying. The Butt Pool contest in togas was challenging and several members/guests (i.e. the Bishop twins) raised the bar by attempting a tandem drop. Club members who participated in the Chatham Labor Day event will remember certain traditions associated with that destination and with our second Labor Day at St. Clair, a new set of traditions have been established.

For example, in 2008 *R Time III* won the boat decorating contest and this year Director Jim Roth won the prize for the best toga with his rendition of "Grapes of Roth." Martha Conrad also received honorable mention for her fashionably colored toga. In 2008 it was Barbie Taylor who took a header off of *R Time III* and this year Director Mike Schrage and Mike Conrad both almost pulled a "Barbie" but managed to catch the swim platform (alcohol was definitely involved). The first team golf tournament was played on Sunday with the Team of Pritchard/Varda soundly beating teams of PC Alfaro/VC Taylor and PC Baran/PC Sherman.

Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> is the annual progressive dinner at Metro Beach and is the Club's last rendezvous of the 2009 boating season. This event has diminished in popularity over the past years and we will have a new plan for 2009. In that most of the participants will be traveling by land (you don't need a boat or have to travel by boat); we will all dine under VC/PC Baran's large tent with the main course of ribs being cooked by PC Bacile with each participating family unit providing one of the other courses. Plan to arrive by 10 a.m., we will play some golf and then commence with eating and drinking. We will round out

our weekend of eating with the traditional egg boil on Sunday morning, even if you can't make the progressive dinner on Saturday; why not come to Metro for the egg boil, bring some eggs to put in a Ziploc, one ingredient to put into the Ziploc omelet, and one breakfast type dish to pass. For the past four years we have had great weather for this event and long range forecasts call for sunny and mid-70's for the weekend.

Friday, October 2<sup>rd</sup>, the membership meeting will be at 8 p.m. in our usual room now dubbed the Banquet Room. At the meeting will be the annual bake sale and nomination of bridge officers for 2010.

Saturday, October 3<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. will be the Haul Out Party. We will do the usual: hot dogs, beer and soda from the Club and please bring a dish to share with fellow RVYC members.

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, is the Cemetery walk in Northville; Carolyn Roth is coordinating this effort and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon rather than watching the Lions.

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, is the first night of bowling for the RVYC bowling league. Start time is at 5:30 p.m. at Hartsfield Lanes in Berkley (on 12 Mile Road between Greenfield and Coolidge).

There has been some discussion among Kean's RVYC members concerning Mike TWBNC Litt's new dockage contract with item number 12 reading, "Kean's reserves the right to rent wells

on a transient basis when they are unoccupied for more than 24 hours." A conversation with Mike gleaned the following information:

"I am new to this marina business, we are looking to incorporate Best Practices and we lifted that article from the DYC contract."

"My first priority is seasonal slip renters."

"We would read the meters first before renting a slip to a transient."

"Seasonal slip holders will not be compensated."

"The main focus of the Article is race weekend when we are full."

"Beside race weekend twice this summer we were practically full with club rendezvous, twenty people jumping into the limo to take in a Tigers game, etc., and Kean's is now the destination of choice to visit Detroit."

"I am attending a Marina Owner's Conference October 1-2 and will see what other marinas are doing. And get back to you with answers to some of your questions."

More later ... maybe.

On a different note; Jean and I spent the Sept 12<sup>th</sup> weekend with Alfaro and Barans in Put-In-Bay for a musical doubleheader: free concert by the Toledo Symphony and Pat Daily singing all his old favorites at the Boathouse. We had our favorite tie-up on C dock with no one rafting, in fact, at noon of Saturday there was still inside wall space on C dock.

It was a great weekend with smooth water both directions and a good end to the summer cruising.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.  
Commodore Ed

### Vice Views

I got a preview of the articles from Commodore Ed and R/C Hunt and they seem to have covered all the bases, so I won't make this a "three-peat" other than to say the St Clair rendezvous was a ton of fun! Jim Roth and his "Grapes of Roth" was a sight to see, and you couldn't miss Martha Conrad in her "Rome is Burning" burnt orange outfit. *R-Time III* certainly had a lot of talent aboard that weekend!

Linda and I thank Herb and Joyce Alfaro for their hospitality for including us as their guests aboard *Juice's Paradise* for the Holiday weekend. We had so much fun that we went out again with them and the Pritchards to Put In Bay the next weekend. At the Perry Monument Visitors Center there was a free concert performed by the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and we had dinner on the lawn with pizzas from Latitudes, which is right across the street from the center. Who had the best pizza on the island - Frosty's, Pasquale's or Latitudes - was debated. They all came out as winners, depending on whom you asked. Reenactments from the Battle of 1812 had been going on earlier in the day. What a way to wind down the summer!

After all this fun, Linda and I decided we have to be able to return the favor having guests aboard, so we bought a boat, a previously-owned 1987 34' Sea Ray Express Cruiser. It has a lot

of 'stuff', which seems to be working, thankfully. We took delivery on Tuesday (the 15<sup>th</sup>) and brought it to Kean's on Wednesday, with help from P/C Joe Bacile. We hope to tweak some good days out of the last of the summer before dry-docking it.

**DON'T FORGET:**  
PROGRESSIVE DINNER AT  
METRO BEACH, SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26.

Come by boat or car – I hope to be there by boat this year! Always a fun time.

**DON'T FORGET: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT KEAN'S. 8 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.**

Nominations Night and Bake Sale.

Join us, FOR FUN'S SAKE!  
V/C Jim Baran

**View from the Rear**

The Labor Day RVYC Rendezvous at St. Clair Harbor in St. Clair proved to be one of the most fun events of the summer along with the most participation by the club members. A total of 12 boats participated from the club. The weather for the entire weekend was bright and sunny. For the boats docked at Kean's, most blowers were on at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 5 with the Shermans, P/C Joe Clapper and Toodie & Rich Nawrot onboard *A Paige of Summer Plus 2* departing first followed shortly by the Roths & Conrads on *R Time III*, Treasurer & P/C Lynn Koleski with Norm &

JoAnne Crain on *Just Perfect*, the Taylors on *Martouki*, the Schrages on *Hooz-A-Bum V*, Commodore Ed's boat was next onboard *Float 'N Stroke* with the famous Bishop twins (one of them aka Dr. Darryl & Jane Varda), and lastly to depart were The Other Roths on *JB & Water with a Twist* along with precious cargo Derek and Brian on board.

All saw seas of calm and arrived safely in St. Clair Harbor. Thanks to Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman and Herb Alfaro, all RVYC boats were all docked together on Dock-4 and the party began.

Activities for Saturday afternoon included Commodore Ed Pritchard organizing a golf outing. No group dinner was scheduled for Saturday night because many people wanted to experience local restaurants such as the "St. Clair Inn" and "The River Crab". In fact, the Conrads and Taylors had a special dinner scheduled to "The River Crab" by way of the St. Clair River on *Martouki* where a strategic docking and tie up on the River Crab docks was followed by a delightful cocktail hour, dinner and more cocktails on the return trip to the harbor.

Sunday dawned bright and clear which was perfect for the shoppers, golfers and the Toga designers getting ready for the Sunday evening festivities featuring the Toga and pizza party. Pizza was later delivered on time directly to the dock to the entire Toga clad RVYCers and good times were had by all well into the evening. Monday morning began with Bloody Marys while waiting

for the Noon check-out time. Everyone departed in happy spirits for the safe trip back home with good times had by all.

Regards, RC Hunt Taylor

**Treasurer's Report for August**

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August Balance: \$2,199.29

Deposits:

50/50 55.00

Poker Run 50.00

Dues Paid 40.00

Total 145.00

Expenses:

Best Toga Prize 30.00

Total checking deposit: \$2,314.29

**Sunshine Report**

Welcome back to four of our former members who have reinstated their membership in the Club. Dale & Pat Binkley and Eleanor Button & George (Doc) Perron ... we're glad you're back!

And, our best wishes to Jim and Linda Baran on the purchase of their new boat. Rumor has it that they are considering naming it after their last boat ... *Knotty Lady* ... maybe we need a boat naming party to help the Barans decide ... just For Fun's Sake ... of course (?).

And, on another happy note, following is a note from P/C Herb Alfaro as he and Juice prepare to depart on an adventuresome Mediterranean trip:

"Joyce and I leave on Monday, Sept.28<sup>th</sup>, from DTW and change planes in NY. We depart from NY and fly to Barcelona, Spain for an early morning arrival on the 29th. We lollygag in

Barcelona for two days before boarding our ship on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Then we cruise until the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, whereupon we disembark once again in Barcelona. We spend another extra day in Barcelona prior to our return flight home on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. We shall see Nice, France; Florence and Rome, Italy; Mykonos, Greece; Ephesus, Turkey; Santorini and Athens; and Naples/Capri, Italy as well as Barcelona. Wish us calm waters and great weather. We'll see everyone at Christmas or thereabout.

*Regards, Herb and Joyce*

Herb & Joyce, we all expect great stories and pictures upon your safe and happy arrival back home.

#### **From The Editor**

Please see Commodore Ed's Poker Run tally on the last page of this newsletter.

For the Month of September ...the simple list ... this month is noted for heralding the following promotions:

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Month;  
Baby Safety Month;  
Be Kind to [RVYC] Editors and Writers Month;  
Children's Eye Health & Safety Month;  
College Savings Month;  
Fall Hat Month;  
International Strategic Thinking Month;  
Library Card Sign Up Month;  
National Biscuit Month;  
National Chicken Month;  
National Coupon Month;  
National Honey Month;  
National Mushroom Month;  
National Piano Month;

National Potato Month;  
National Rice Month;  
National Sewing Month;  
National School Success Month;  
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month;  
Self-improvement Month;  
Shameless Promotion Month;  
and Subliminal Marketing Month.

#### **October Birthdays**

Dave Hall – 7  
Ed Murphy – 16  
Mary Lou Payette – 20  
P/C Ray Brown – 27  
Ken Armstrong – 30  
Gracie Spicer – 31

#### **October Anniversaries**

Dan & Jill Martyka – 2  
Bill & Elaine Middlekauff - 8  
Jeff & Beverly Niermann – 10

## **FLEET CAPTAIN'S RVYC 2009 Schedule of Events**

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

### **Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach - Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Participants: Alfaros, Baciles, Barans and Pritchards

The participating group has decided not to do a progressive dinner, but to cook and share a BBQ rib dinner under Baran's tent.

Sunday morning egg boil. Bring an ingredient to share.

### **Oakwood Cemetery Walk in Northville - Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Participants: Baciles, Joe Clapper, Conrads, Crains, Lynn Koleski, Middlekauffs, Jean Pritchard, Roths (senior), Shermans, Judy Thul and Wingerts.

(tickets are sold out for this event)

### **Month of November - possibly visit Thanksgiving Day Parade Company**

(Details to follow)

### **Christmas Party - Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> -**

At Lynn Koleski's home.

### **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Nights and Dinner at Greenfield Village**

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

Price is \$66 per person.

Dinner is at 5 p.m., followed by a walk through the Village.

### **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Commodore's Ball -**

To be held at Laurel Manor

Poker Run as of 9-16-09

	1 <sup>st</sup> card	2nd card	3rd card	4th card	5th card	6th card	7 <sup>th</sup> card
Alfaro, Juice	X	X	3 clubs	King spades	10 spades	8 Hearts	6 diamonds
Bacile, Carol	X						
Bacile, Joe	X						
Baran, Jim	X	X	King hearts	4 Hearts			
Baran, Linda	X	X	6 diamonds	Ace Spades			
Brown, Barb	X	X	2 clubs				
Brown, Ray	X	X	5 diamonds				
Clapper, Joe	X						
Drawe, Kim	X						
Koleski, Lynn	X	X	7 diamonds	Queen clubs	Jack Diamonds	8 Diamonds	
Pritchard, Ed	X	X	8 diamonds	4 hearts	Ace diamonds		
Pritchard, Jean	X	X	8 spades	King diamonds	10 diamonds		
Sherman, Ron	X	X	3 spades	3 hearts	10 Hearts	6 Hearts	
Sherman, Ruthie	X	X	5 spades	Queen diamonds	Jack Clubs	7 Spades	