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From the Helm

Venetian – another GREAT PARTY! Our parade was well coordinated, with F/C Jean and P/C Ed leading the way on a finally finely decorated *Float 'N Stroke*. The Pastor aboard *Knotty Lady* managed to bless all the boats that participated without melting in the heat. The weather almost rained on our parade, but managed to stay away from it!

Congratulations to the winners of the decorated boat contest: First prize well deserved winners were Rob & Linda Carrier (Marshall Matt Dillon and Ms. Kitty) aboard *Encore II*; second prize went to our finely clad Rear Commodore Rich Helm and Lady Mary Ann aboard *Helm's Haven Too*; and, third prize to Vice Commodore Hunt Taylor and Lady Barbara aboard *Martuki* (along with their pony, "Giddy Up"). All who decorated did a great job of staying with the "Wild Wild West" theme.

The Past Commodores' Cocktail Party was well stocked since we have many P/Cs in the Club. A special thank you to P/C Lynn Koleski for the shopping and to all the P/Cs who contributed to the party! Dinner was delicious and plentiful, served on tin plates and washed down with sarsaparilla. Those who helped

R/C Helm did a fine job of decorating the dining area under the Keans tent in the "Wild West" theme with kerosene lamps on gingham-clad tables, rail fences, a campfire and bales of hay which all set the western atmosphere. GREAT PARTY!

Location, location, location! The September meeting location is to be determined because not all of the officers will be in the same place at the same time. **Watch your email for updates.**

The Club's rendezvous over Labor Day Weekend at St Clair is always a good time. If you are not coming by boat, come up by car for the day on Saturday or Sunday, *For Fun's Sake!* We'd love to see you.

Commodore Jim

Greetings from the Rear

I wish to thank every one who came out for the Fleet Review and Blessing and Venetian Party on Saturday the 14th of August. This was the best one I have ever attended with RVYC. Oh wait; this was the only one I have attended. Well, it was a good time anyway.

I would also like to thank all those who brought a dish to pass and those who helped with the clean up. Thank you. I would also like to thank MaryAnn

for her help with decorating ideas and the menu.

I have some suggestions for future Venetian and Fleet Reviews that I will bring up at our next meeting.

So until next time: Keep your props out of the sand and your keel off the bottom.

Rear Commodore
Rich Helm

Treasurer's Report for March

Previous balance:	\$1,804.38
Deposits	45.00
Expenses	-0-
Ending	1,849.38
Petty	44.35
New Balance	<u>\$1,893.73</u>

Sunshine Report

I am sorry to report that PC Ray Brown was readmitted to Beaumont Hospital but hopefully by the time this newsletter is sent out he will have returned home. I know we all continue to pray for Ray and Barbara.

Thanks, Lynn

Fleet Captain Report

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our rendezvous this weekend at Metro Beach on Saturday & Sunday, August 21-22. Come by boat or car. Join us on Saturday afternoon or evening (includes RVYC's famous hummers) or for Sunday morning's breakfast egg boil ... *all for fun's sake!*

Also, please see the continuing fun Schedule of Events attached to the newsletter.

Jean Pritchard, Fleet Captain

FOR SALE CORNER

1998 Buick Park Avenue.
101,870 miles, dark green with tan interior, plush leather seats, Twilight Sentinel, Passenger Climate Control, Keyless entry - Key Fob, Traction Control, new battery, AC refurbished, non-smoker. Asking \$4,595.
Please contact Ed Pritchard at 734-455-4151

From the Editor

On behalf of all who attended the Past Commodores Cocktail Party, our sincere appreciation to the PC's for their generous and fun pre-Venetian dinner get-together. (Many of us are wondering if this will be an annual event ???).

Lastly, on the heels of our *Wild Wild West* themed Venetian Party, following is a brief history of what is referred to as "Spaghetti" western movies.

Spaghetti Westerns have a special place in the history of western movies. Although they were seen as foreign western films of inferior quality initially, slowly they made a mark on western cinema with time and western audience's broadened taste. The Spaghetti film era has given us some movies which are counted as The Best western films.

What is a Spaghetti Western movie? Spaghetti Western is the nickname for a sub-genre of western films that emerged in the mid-1960s. What did it have to do with Spaghetti? Most of these Spaghetti Westerns were produced by Italian studios and

were shot in the Tabernas Desert of Almeria, Andalucia region of Spain which resembles the American Southwest. So the term Spaghetti western film was coined.

The advantages of making Spaghetti films in those countries were significant because of the low cost of production, the similar western backdrop and the easy availability of Italian and Spanish bandits (actors to amuse your blood seeking taste).

Western Spaghetti cinema products were easily distinguishable from traditional western movies because of their high violence. But that violence was the first of its own kind. More stress was laid on stylizing this brutal violence. Audiences slowly developed a taste for this violence of Spaghetti western films.

Protagonists of Western Spaghetti films are don't mess-with-me 'kind of guys'. They were portrayed as highly self esteemed and revenge seeking living objects. That was quite a difference from mostly drama oriented traditional western films. The period from mid-1960s to mid-1970s was the golden period for Spaghetti films. During this period their influence on western movie genre can't be denied.

Spaghetti western film fans like the genre because it takes them back to their childhood days of boys-don't-cry kind-of movies featuring action, fights, chases, guns and dark sarcastic dialogues.

Most-Wanted-Western-Movies.com presents a list of the best Spaghetti Western movies of all time. This list was prepared after rigorous searches on the genre and is based on ratings provided by audiences and film critics over the internet.

September Birthdays

Randy Fryfogle - 2
P/C Lynn Koleski – 14
Mary Lou Tusset
Keith Armstrong – 22
Beth Armstrong – 27

September Anniversaries

Don & Mary Lou Tusset - 5

RVYC 2010 Schedule of Events

Please email Jean (jeanpritchard@sbcglobal.net) to add your name to any event or sign up at any RVYC function on the Rendezvous Sign-Up Sheets.

Saturday-Sunday, August 21st & 22nd Rendezvous at Metro Beach
Reservations now being taken by the DNR for the South Basin.
Register online at <http://www.midnrreservations.com/>
or stay in the North Basin for a flat fee (still done on a "first come basis").
Saturday Night "Hummers" followed by Sunday's "Egg Boil"
Participants: ????

Labor Day Weekend, September 4th, 5th & 6th –
St. Clair City Boat Harbor

Theme: Pirates – "Swashbuckling & Booty"
(further details to follow)

Each boat needs to make their own reservation.

You must now call the DNR reservation system at 1-800-447-2757 and let them know you are with RVYC.

If you now try to register online, you will get a "marina is full" response. Also, please let your FC know when you register.

Participants registered: Alfaros, Barans, Fryfogles/Dells, Koleski, Pritchards, Schrages & Shermans

September General Membership Meeting

Date and location to be announced

Friday-Sunday, September 10th-12th

Put-In-Bay/Toledo Symphony Weekend

Symphony on Saturday at 6 p.m. (details to follow)

Participants: Pritchards

Saturday, September 18th – Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach
Details to follow. Besides new dog rules, South Basin will be open to reservations via DNR. (<http://www.midnrreservations.com/>)
Participants: Baciles, Barans, Koleski, Pritchards, Shermans & Thuls

?? Sunday, September 26th – Winery Tour/Yacht Club Tour
Do a “color” tour visiting wineries/yacht clubs using A Dream Limo Service

Friday, October 1st - RVYC General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m.
Nominations & Bake Sale.
Location is at Jim & Carolyn Roth’s home located at 47199 Seven Mile in Northville, tel. 248-348-3787.
Please call or Google for directions.

Saturday, October 16th – Haul Out Party at 4 p.m.
Location is under the tent at Kean’s.
Club furnishes hot dogs & brats and beer & pop.
Please bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

Friday, November 5th – RVYC General Membership Meeting at 8 p.m.
Elections & Loser’s Drawing with complimentary pizzas.
Location is at P/C Lynn Koleski’s home located at 39576 Village Run Dr., Northville 48167, tel. 734-420-5391.
Please call or Google for directions.

Month of November
Possibly do a service project or feather bowl (if interested)

Friday, December 3rd – Christmas Party & Gift Exchange
Remember the \$5.00 limit and no “regifting” from 2009!
Location is at Director Bill & Elaine Middlekauff’s home located at 2449 Oak Ridge Rd., Troy 48098, tel. 248-641-9330.
Please call or Google for directions.

Saturday, December 11th – Holiday Nights and Dinner at Greenfield Village – starting at 5:00 p.m.

No more reservations can be accepted.

Dinner @ Eagles Tavern & outside activities in the Village afterwards (dress in layers and bring a "nip" to stay warm).

Participants: Alfaros(2), Baciles(2), Deptula(1), Koleski(1), Middlekauffs(2), Pritchards(2), Shermans(2) & Thuls(2)

Saturday, January 22, 2011 - Commodore's Ball at Laurel Manor
Honoring "three-peat" Commodore Jim Baran