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From the Helm

September has been a busy month for the Club, beginning with the General Membership Meeting held upstairs at Club Kean/SCYC. Light attendance, but at least most of the Bridge was there this time!

The next day, the weather took a turn for the worse. Rain and wind made it a rough ride to St. Clair Harbor for the Labor Day Weekend rendezvous. Six boats made the trip, plus my friend Barry, who braved the trip from Beacon Cove in a 23' boat. He had been waiting for the canvas man to complete a camper top for his boat before Labor Day, but no such luck. He and his passengers got very wet, but still enjoyed the adventure. Once the boat was docked, they promptly left for rooms at the St. Clair Inn!

Sunday was Pirate Day, and there were plenty of good looking pirates and wenches around the dock. The judges from the marina had a tough job, but chose P/C Ron Sherman as winner of the best pirate. His wench Ruthie looked the part in her finery, and P/C Ed Pritchard was convincing with the mute parrot on his shoulder. Everyone else in attendance had on some degree of pirate-wear, which added to the good spirit. Pizza and salad went down well after all the arrrr-ing that we did!

The trip home was even rougher than when we came. Benny, the-sea-dog, lost his cookies, but after the *Knotty Lady* was able to ride behind *Paige of Summer*, it was a much easier ride. Thank you, Ron and Ruthie!

The following weekend, Alfaro and Pritchards went to Put-in-Bay aboard the *Float 'n Stroke* to hear the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. Weather fouled the plans for the performance to be held outdoors near Perry's Monument. Instead, it was held in the Put-in-Bay High School Auditorium, and since it was so well attended, there was a whole lot of body heat! The orchestra conductor must have lost a few pounds from sweating so much! Regardless of the weather, everyone enjoyed the presentation.

The Progressive Dinner at Metro was the last of the Club's September outings. Two boats and three vehicles made the trip: Alfaro and Pritchards by boats, and Barans and Thuls by vehicles. We progressed from Pritchards' *Float 'n Stroke* with soup, to Alfaro's *Juice's Paradise* for salad, to the Big Green Tent for the main course, which had many helping hands in its preparation. Dessert and tastes of Canadian Club Classic finalized the meal. The next morning, we all enjoyed an egg-boil breakfast with bagels, back in the tent. M-m-m good!

Hope to see many of you at the Roth's home for the October General Membership Meeting on Sunday, October 3. It is also Nominations and the annual Bake Sale auction meeting which should make for an interesting get-together. Be there, **For Fun's Sake!**

Commodore Jim

View from the Vice

The "Haul-Out Party" is schedule for Saturday, October 16th at 4 p.m. on the grassy area next to the pool. The Kean's tent is scheduled to be taken down by the time of this party, but I have reserved with Mike Litt for his people to arrange for picnic tables with umbrellas next to the pool. Hot dogs and brats will be provided with all the trimmings along with chips. Everyone planning on attending should bring a dish to pass. Club sponsored beer and pop selections will be provided. BYOL if one desires more alcohol than beer. Please plan on attending *For Fun's Sake*.

RVYC's monthly meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at 4 p.m., at Jim and Carolyn Roth's home in Northville. This is a very important meeting that everyone should plan on attending because nominations for new directors and board officers will be on the agenda. The Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore shall advance one grade upon acclamation at the Election Meeting in November. The Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be duly nominated and voted upon for a one-year term. To be nominated for the Rear

Commodore position, the nominee must be a member in good standing for the previous two years. To be nominated for the Treasurer and Secretary positions, the nominee must be a member in good standing for the previous one year. A majority of all valid votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Anyone desiring to serve in any of the open positions should make certain that they have someone nominate them for the position. The Election Meeting in November is when the voting will occur to elect the nominated persons for each open office. Job descriptions for each officer can be reviewed in the club's constitution beginning on page 6. Go to the club's web site www.rvyc.info/ and click on "members only" at the top of the page. The box will come up where you will be requested to input the username which is **rvyc** and the password which is **forfun sake**. When the new page loads click on constitution and by-laws.

If you are planning to attend the October meeting, a potluck dinner will follow the general membership meeting. The Roths are providing broasted chicken; please check with Carolyn if you are able to bring a dish to pass to find out what menu items still need to be covered.

Finally, following the dinner will be the Club's annual bake sale ... a chance to enjoy our baker's finest offerings and provide a little income to the Club. So please come with a few extra dollars (in small bills, please.)

Vice Commodore
Hunt Taylor

Treasurer's Report for March

Previous balance:	\$1,849.38
Deposits	383.00
Expenses	(611.74)
Ending	1,620.64
Petty	44.35
New Balance	<u>\$1,664.99</u>

Fleet Captain Report

Our schedule is winding down. In fact, it has reached the "one-page" status. By the time you are reading this, we will have had our last rendezvous for 2010, The Progressive Dinner being held at Metro Beach. The Labor Day Weekend was well attended, despite the efforts of Mother Nature and Lake St. Clair trying to discourage boat travel. Sailboaters made the trip in record time, but power boaters were "white knuckling" it (besides dealing with a few upset stomachs). We even had some members travel "by land" to celebrate in the pirate festivities ... A-R-R-G-H! Captain Ron (Sherman) was the winner of the costume contest (May he fly his banner proudly!) Thank you to all who participated and made it a "FUN" experience.

The only thing left to plan is an activity for later in October and/or a service project in November. I will bring several ideas, i.e., a wine tour, feather bowling, working at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, etc., to the October meeting. In the meantime, feel free to email your thoughts or suggestions to me.

Just a reminder that many of our members will start bowling every other Saturday beginning October 9th. Our

league patterns itself after our motto: "*For Fun's Sake*" and we are in need of one to two new teams for this year. If you're interested, please contact Herb Alfaro at 586-755-1693 or email at alfaroherbert12@yahoo.com for more information.

Jean Pritchard, Fleet Captain

From the Editor

The Editor recently received an inquiry asking what is *the simple list* that is often published on a monthly basis in the RVYC newsletter?

Answer is that is it your monthly dose of useful tidbits, timely trivia, and catchy conversation starters, often found in various publications, magazines and the Internet.

That said, for the month of September ... here is *the simple list* ...

¼ inch is the length of the average termite. They may seem good for nothing, but the way the tiny pests construct 10-foot-high mounds may provide a model for creating energy-efficient buildings. There's something to chew on!

Four is how many inches deep a tulip bulb should be planted in the fall to help it bloom when warmer weather hits. The ideal time for planting spring-flowering bulbs is October for most parts of the country so order yours now. Pick from the wide selection of varieties at brentandbeckybulbs.com and whiteflowerfarm.com.

Please feel free to contribute any information you find that may be useful to the club for this column. Also, any Letters to the Editor would be happily accepted for publication.

Sincerely, the Editor

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

RVYC 2010 Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 3rd - RVYC General Membership Meeting at 4 p.m. (including a pot luck supper)

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 p.m., Tickets are purchased

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

Participants: Alfaro(2), Baciles(4), Deptula(1), Koleski(1), Middlekauffs(2), Pritchards(2), Shermans(3), Thuls (2), Craines (4)
Barans (2)

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