

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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**From the Helm**

The RVYC Venetian Day was held Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, which officially kicked the summer season off with a beautiful, hot and sunshiny day that was perfect for the boat parade and blessings. A total of 6 boats participated in the parade, the blessing and the cannon shot salute. All the boats were decorated to this year's theme, "Space: The Finale Frontier". The boats receiving the blessing and cannon shot salute were: *A Paige of Summer*, *Martouki*, *Helm's Haven Too*, *Bell Ringer*, *The Gift* and *Float n' Stroke*. RVYC thanks Rev. Jim Roth for volunteering his time and effort to fulfill the minister's role. He also included a blessing for all the RVYC members along with all the boats that were unable to attend. Also, a big thank you goes out to Pat Thul, the Sergeant At Arms, responsible for the cannon shot salutes for each boat after they were blessed.

The day's activities were just beginning with the end of the parade. Still remaining on the agenda was the judging of the boats for the best decorated boat, the monthly meeting, the Past Commodores' cocktail party and the wonderful Slows catered barbeque dinner. The monthly meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., and attendance was taken which

totaled 28 members and 2 guests. RC Joey Clapper presented awards for the best decorated boats. Winning first place was *A Paige of Summer*, which was decorated with a space ship and two aliens dressed in silver space suits saying "take us to your leader", second place was won by Helm's Haven Too, which also had 2 aliens aboard dressed in their space suits and third place was awarded to *Martouki* which displayed a solar system, a smiling sun and stars fashioned from balloons.

The Past Commodores' Cocktail Party was a perfect way to end the meeting and begin the count down to dinner arriving. A big thank you goes out to Lynn Koleski for organizing and managing the cocktail party event. The evening was topped off by a wonderful Slows catered barbeque pulled pork and beef dinner, complete with macaroni and cheese, potato salad and all the spicy sauces followed by a dessert table that the members supplied as a dish to pass.

The Club thanks RC Joey Clapper for a job well done in planning, organizing and directing the Venetian Day activities.

The July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting has been moved to Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Metro Beach as part of the

Independence Day Rendezvous weekend. Please see Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman's Metro Beach itinerary in the attached Schedule of Events.

Commodore Hunt Taylor

### Vice Views

Nothing to report this month.

### Greetings from the Rear

Thank you once again to all who participated in this year's Venetian Party. I would have liked to have seen more boats out on the river but we were graced with beautiful weather, delicious food and of course stiff cocktails. Thanks also to Jim Roth for his eloquent blessings of the fleet, to Lynn Koleski for putting together the happy hour in honor of our Past Commodores and to Ruthie Sherman for assisting in the planning of events.

I hope to see you all at Metro Beach over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Rear Commodore, Joey Clapper

### Treasurer's Report for June

Previous balance:	\$1,118.25
Deposits	170.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,288.25
Petty Cash	.50
New Balance	<u>\$1,288.75</u>

### Sunshine Report

Nothing but sunshine to report this month.

Sunshine Person, Lynn

### Fleet Captain Report

Please see the attached **updated** Schedule of Events, lots of *for fun's sake* "stuff" is planned!

### Good of the Order from Joe Dell

Just another brief reminder about the fund raiser cruise I am heading up on behalf of the Great Lakes Burn Camp. Our event is scheduled for Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, aboard the Diamond Belle, departing from the Stroh's dock at Joseph Campeau & Atwater Streets in Detroit, the ticket cost is \$35 per person and parking is \$4. The cruise includes dinner, dancing to a live band, a cash bar, a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction and a beautiful ride on the Detroit River come rain or shine.

And, as I've mentioned at our meetings and events and detailed in last month's newsletter, we are also accepting donations for a silent auction. A tax donation form will be available. Please contact me at 586-770-0737 or at [jwsdell@hotmail.com](mailto:jwsdell@hotmail.com) for more information, to purchase tickets or to donate a silent auction item.

My sincere thanks to all of you for supporting this event.

Joe Dell

### From The Editor

Since its July, here is a bit of *Americana* by the numbers ... or as we call it ... the simple list.

10,000 is the number of pairs of nesting bald eagles, our nation's symbol that currently live in the lower 48 states, according to the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That puts them off the endangered species list, where they landed in 1963 when there were about 400 pairs left. Visit [nwf.org](http://nwf.org) to "adopt" an eagle through the National Wildlife Federation.

125 is the number of years Americans have been sipping Coca-Cola.

1960 is the year Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> star on the American flag.

There are 10,466 Main Streets in the U.S., according to Mapping Main Street, a collaborative documentary media project funded by the Association of Independents in Radio and the Public Broadcasting Corporation. To contribute photos, videos and stories about the Main Street in your city or town, visit [mappingmainstreet.org](http://mappingmainstreet.org).

And, 2,500,000 was the number of people living the U.S. in July 1776. That's just slightly larger than the population of Huston today.

### July Birthdays

Patricia O'Brien - 7  
Carolyn Roth - 9  
Linda Baran - 14  
Carol Bacile - 17  
P/C Jo Anne Crain - 17  
Mary Hall - 24  
Don Leone - 30

### June Anniversaries

Joe & Nanette Dell - 2  
P/C Ray & Barbara Brown - 10  
Rob & Linda Carrier - 17

## RIVER VIEW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2011

Signing up is easy: Use Evite invitation in your email.

Email [apaigeofsummer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apaigeofsummer@sbcglobal.net) to add your name, or sign up at any RVYC function in the Rendezvous Sign-Up book.

As we get closer to each event, further details will be provided.

(Changes to RVYC's schedule shown *in Italics.*)

### June 24, 25 & 26 at Put-In-Bay

Pirate Weekend. The PIB Website says the festivities begin Friday at 4 pm. Parade and Costume contest on Saturday, but it does not list a time.

Arrive by noon on Friday.

3:00 pm hors d'oeuvres on the dock. This is dinner.

7:00 pm head to town and get wild and crazy

#### Saturday

9:30 am Group breakfast on the dock. Bring a yummy contribution and your own table service.

11:00 am See the island by bike or golf cart

6:00 pm Dinner on your own in town.

8:00 pm more nightlife in town. Beer Barrel??

Sunday 10:00 am depart for home

Participants: Baran, Clapper (3), Sherman (4), Pritchard (w/ Alfaro)

### July 3rd - Membership Meeting

At Metro Beach Rendezvous

### July 2, 3 & 4 - Independence Day Rendezvous - Metro Beach

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH DNR WEBSITE

Arrive Saturday, July 2, and depart for home ports at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

July 3, we will BURY THE COMMODORE.

Bring your best Indian garb and your tom-tom and join in the fun!!

Please RSVP whether coming by car or boat; full 3 days or 1.

Participants: Alfaro, Carrier, Clapper/Clapper, Dell, Fryfogle, O'Brien, Pritchard (by car on Sunday), Sherman, Roth Sr. (with Conrads), and Taylor

Saturday noon arrival. Dockmaster "Dave" told me to call Thursday, 6/30, for well assignments. I will give yours over the radio. Please monitor channel 73 en route.

Lunch on your own.

6:00 pm Potluck dinner. Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to pass. Visiting on the docks throughout the evening or Mexican train??

Sunday 9:30 am Group breakfast. Please bring something to share.

11:00 golf or bocce, your choice.

5:00 pm RVYC Monthly meeting and dinner.

This is SALAD NIGHT. Please bring a salad entrée to share during or after the meeting.

7:00 pm Time for war paint and Indian attire!

8:00 pm BURY THE COMMODORE

Monday noon - leave for home ports

### August 5 - Membership Meeting

8 p.m. at Kean's Marina Poolside

### August 6 - Green and White Party

5 p.m. at Kean's Tent

Participants: Alfaro, Brown, Clapper, Helm, Koleski, O'Brien, Sherman, Taylor

### August 13 through 21 - Lake Huron Rendezvous

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH DNR WEBSITE.

Please RSVP thru Evite or email and advise the Fleet Captain if you are interested.

Don't reserve thru DNR until itinerary is locked in by participants.

8/13 - Lexington Harbor (DNR reservation required)

8/14 - Pt Austin unavailable to remodel. ?group to decide as we travel

8/15 - ? Group to decide as we travel

8/16 - E Tawas Harbor

8/17 - ? Group to decide as we travel

8/18 - Sanilac Harbor

8/19 & 8/20 - Port Huron River Street Marina (DNR reservations required)

8/21 - home ports

Participants:

### **August 19 & 20 - Port Huron Rendezvous**

You must make your own reservations through DNR.

Arrive Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and depart for home ports on Sunday at noon.

This is at the end of the Huron Trip.

If you can't make the whole week, join us on this weekend at River Street Marina.

Participants:

### **September 2 - Membership Meeting**

Details to follow.

### **September 3, 4, & 5 - Labor Day Rendezvous - St Clair Harbor**

Arrive Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and depart for home ports on Monday at noon.

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS THROUGH DNR WEBSITE,

then call the dock master at St Clair (586-530-5132) to let him know you are one of the 10 reserved spots.

First 10 boats to reserve will be grouped together as a Club.

Participants: Alfaro, Clapper, Fryfogle (w/ Dell), Koleski (w/ Crains), O'Brien, Roth Sr., Schrage, Sherman, and Taylor

### **September 10 - Progressive Dinner - Kean's Marina**

This is how it works: We will have groups of six dining together for three courses. Two weeks prior to the event, you will be informed what course you will be assigned. This is done by random drawing of names.

The night of the dinner, another drawing will be made to determine who your dining group is. Each participant will host their course, either on board their own boat or on the dock or land, whichever you prefer. Dessert will be enjoyed together poolside or on Sherman's' boat.

Participants: Brown, Clapper, Helm, Koleski, Sherman, and Thul

### **October 7 - Membership Meeting**

8 p.m. at Kean's, Nominations and Bake Sale

### **October 15 - Haul Out Party at Kean's**

Details to follow.

**October 29 - Square Dance - Lazy J Ranch**

625 S. Hickory Ridge Road Milford, MI 48380

Details to follow.

Participants:

**November 4 - Membership Meeting - Elections and Pizza Party**

(Venue to be determined)

**November Thanksgiving Day Parade Tour**

Details to follow

**December 2 - Membership Meeting and Christmas Party**

8 p.m. at the home of Kathy and Randy Fryfogle, 1124 Trailside Blvd.,  
Wixom 48393 (tel. 248-624-3650).

**December 10 - Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village**

Details will follow later in the year

Participants:

**Other Dates/Activities of interest:**

**June 27 - Detroit River Fireworks**

**July 8, 9 & 10 - Gold Cup Races**

**July 15 thru July 17 - Jet Express Round trip from Kean's to Put-In-Bay.  
\$95.00 per person plus lodging.**

See Bev and Marshall if interested (aboard Ms. Bev on dock 100)

**September 22 (Thursday) - Burn Center Charity Boat Cruise.**

Join Dells & Fryfogles and friends aboard the Diamond Jack  
for eats, drinks and dancing.

See Joe Dell for tickets. \$35.00 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

This will be a very fun evening. The band that plays at our Commodore's  
Ball will be entertaining us topsides for dancing.

Joe is also looking for silent auction items. If you have something you  
would be willing to donate for the auction, please contact Joe.

RVYC members signed up for this great charity event thus far are  
Clapper, Dell, Fryfogle, Koleski, O'Brien, Sherman.