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From the Helm

The October meeting was held Friday the 7th at Kean's. Traditionally, the October meeting has always been where the nominations for the next year's positions for officers and directors are collected. Further in the newsletter will be a complete listing of the nominees for each position. The election meeting occurs Friday, November 4th, at Lynn Koleski's home, so everyone should make plans to attend and vote for your favorite candidate.

Also, at the October meeting we had the traditional bake sale. The bake sale table was overflowing with wonderful baked goods which brought a total of \$204 into the club as a result of the all the items being auctioned to the membership present.

With Halloween and Devil's Night approaching, one needs to be thinking about home security. A home is robbed every 14.6 seconds and the average dollar loss per burglary is \$2,119, according to statistics just released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. And that's the good news because burglaries were down slightly in 2010 compared to 2009. Sure you lock your doors and windows when you're not home (you'd be surprised how many

people don't). Following are ten things that you're probably doing that make your home a target, and what you should be doing instead:

1. Leaving your garage door open or unlocked. Once inside the garage, a burglar can use any tools you haven't locked away to break into your home, out of sight of the neighbors. Interior doors between the garage and your home often aren't as strong as exterior doors and may not have deadbolt locks.

Instead: Always close and lock the garage door. Consider getting a garage-door opener with random codes that automatically reset.

2. Hiding spare keys. Burglars know about fake rocks and leprechaun statues and will check under doormats, in mailboxes, and over doorways.

Instead: Give a spare set to a neighbor or family member.

3. Storing ladders outdoors or in unlocked sheds. Burglars can use them to reach the roof and unprotected upper floor windows.

Instead: Keep ladders under lock and key.

4. Relying on silent alarm systems. Everyone hates noisy alarms, especially burglars. Smart thieves know that it can

take as long as 10 to 20 minutes for the alarm company or cops to show up after an alarm has been tripped.

Instead: Have both silent and audible alarms.

5. Letting landscaping get overgrown. Tall hedges and shrubs near the house create hiding spots for burglars who may even use overhanging branches to climb onto your roof.

Instead: Trim any bushes and trees around your home.

6. Keeping your house in the dark. Like overgrown landscaping, poor exterior lighting creates shadows in which burglars can work unobserved.

Instead: Replace burned out bulbs promptly, add lighting where needed, and consider putting fixtures on motion sensors or light sensors so that they go on automatically.

7. Not securing sliding doors. These often make tempting targets.

Instead: When you're out, put a dowel down in the channel, so that the door can't be opened wide enough for a person to get through.

8. Relying on your dog to scare away burglars. While barking may deter amateurs, serious burglars know that dogs may back away from someone wielding a weapon, or get chummy if offered a treat laced with a tranquilizer.

Instead: Make your home look occupied by using timers to turn lights, radios, and TVs on and off in random patterns.

9. Leaving "goody" boxes by the curb. Nothing screams "I just got a brand new flat-screen, stereo, or other big-ticket item" better than boxes by the curb with your garbage cans.

Instead: Break down big boxes into small pieces and bundle them together so that you can't tell what was inside.

10. Posting vacation photos on Facebook. Burglars troll social media sites looking for targets.

Instead: Wait until you get back before sharing vacation details or make sure your security settings only allow trusted "friends" to see what you're up to.

Hunt Taylor – Commodore

Vice Views

The Haul-Out Party was held on Saturday the 16th of October with 18 members present. This was one of the windiest days of all times with gusts up to 45mph, so when Ron and Ruthie volunteered the use of their boat it was a real day-saver. Thanks again to Ron and Ruthie and all that attended to make this a great event.

The next huge event will be the Commodores Ball (not to forget the Square Dance on October 29th) on the 21st of January 2012 so mark your calendar. There will be a Commodore's

Ball Planning Committee Meeting on Sunday, December 4th, at my house at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to attend if you can help with all that needs to be done to make this a great event.

Vice Commodore
Rich Helm

Greetings from the Rear

As you know, our November 4th meeting at PC Lynn Koleski's home is election night and as an incentive to entice as many members as possible to attend, it's also the annual pizza night, compliments of the Club.

At the October meeting the following individuals were nominated for the 2012 Bridge:

Nominations for Rear Commodore

Joe Dell
Randy Fryfogle
Bill Middlekauff

Nominations for Treasurer

Joe Dell
Nan Dell
Mary Ann Helm
Bill Middlekauff
Elaine Middlekauff
Mike Schrage

Nominations for Secretary

Kathy Fryfogle
Mary Ann Helm
Bill Middlekauff

Nominations for Directors

(need to elect two)
PC Jim Baran
PC Ray Brown
PC Joe Clapper

Randy Fryfogle
PC Lynn Koleski
Bill Middlekauff
PC Ron Sherman
Pat Thul

Vice Commodore Rich Helm and myself as Rear Commodore will ascend to the positions of Commodore and Vice Commodore respectively.

VC Rich is currently in process of contacting all the nominees to inquire if they will agree to appear on the ballot. Once the ballot is finalized, we will forward an informational copy to the membership via email prior to election night.

Also, VC Rich is looking to fill the volunteer positions of Fleet Captain, Newsletter Editor and Sunshine Person. Please contact Rich if you are interested in taking over any of these fun jobs!

We look forward to seeing you at the November meeting. Come prepared to vote, eat pizza and have a good time ...
For Fun's Sake!

Rear Commodore
Joey Clapper

Treasurer's Report for October

Previous balance:	\$1,728.13
Deposits	245.00
Expenses	(40.00)
Ending Balance	1,933.13
Petty Cash	0.50
New Balance	<u>\$1,933.63</u>

Fleet Captain Report

Please see the Schedule of Events for updates.

Thanks, Fleet Captain Ruthie

Sunshine Person Report

Our best wishes again go out to Joe Dell as he continues to recuperate from his recent surgery.

Sunshine Person, Lynn

For the Good of the Order

A warm welcome aboard to our new members, Mario & Lula Puglise who were unanimously voted in to the RVCY membership at the October meeting. Mario & Lula dock their 42' Chris Craft Commander, *Lady Lu*, in well 152 on the 100 dock.

From the Editor

As if there's not enough going on with our Square Dance and nomination of officers for the 2012 Bridge, as noted in Commodore Hunt's article Halloween is fast approaching and it has also become the biggest celebration next to Christmas.

We think we all know everything there is to know about this October 31st holiday, but do we really know the history behind the "Jack-o'-lantern?" For those who want the real story ... read on ...

Jack-o'-lantern (sometimes also spelled Jack O'Lantern) is typically a carved pumpkin. It is associated chiefly with the

Halloween holiday. Typically the top is cut off, the inside flesh is scooped out with an image, usually a monstrous face, carved onto the outside surface, and the lid replaced. During the night, a candle is placed inside to illuminate the effect. The term is not particularly common outside North America, although the practice of carving lanterns for Halloween is.

An old Irish folk tale tells of Jack, a lazy yet shrewd farmer who uses a cross to trap the Devil.

One story says that Jack tricked the Devil into climbing an apple tree and once he was up there Jack quickly placed crosses around the trunk or carved a cross into the bark so the Devil couldn't get down.

Another myth says that Jack put a key in the Devil's pocket while he was suspended upside-down.

And yet another version of the myth says that Jack was getting chased by some villagers from whom he had stolen when he met the Devil, who claimed it was time for him to die. However, the thief stalled his death by tempting the Devil with a chance to bedevil the church-going villagers chasing him. Jack told the Devil to turn into a coin with which he would pay for the stolen goods (the Devil could take on any shape he wanted); later, when the coin/Devil disappeared, the Christian villagers would fight over who had stolen it. The Devil agreed to this plan. He turned himself into a silver coin

and jumped into Jack's wallet, only to find himself next to a cross Jack had also picked up in the village. Jack had closed the wallet tight, and the cross stripped the Devil of his powers and so he was trapped.

In both myths, Jack only lets the Devil go when he agrees never to take his soul. After a while the thief died, as all living things do. Of course, his life had been too sinful for Jack to go to heaven; however, the Devil had promised not to take his soul, and so he was barred from Hell as well. Jack now had nowhere to go. He asked how he would see where to go, as he had no light, and the Devil mockingly tossed him an ember that would never burn out from the flames of hell. Jack carved out one of his turnips (which was his favorite food), put the ember inside it, and began endlessly wandering the Earth for a resting place.

Thus, he became known as "Jack of the Lantern", or Jack-o'-Lantern!

November Birthdays

Bill Fine - 2
Dale Binkley – 17
Pat Binkley – 18
Joe Dell - 21
P/C Ron Sherman – 25
P/C Herb Alfaro – 27

November Anniversaries

Norm & Jo Anne Crain – 12
Jim & Linda Baran – 22
Patrick & Patricia O'Brien - 23

RIVER VIEW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2011

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

October 29 - Square Dance - Lazy J Ranch

Event is from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

625 S. Hickory Ridge Road Milford, MI 48380

Google the address above for directions. Basically, it is a block south off of M59 between US 23 and Milford Road. We still have room, so invite your friends and relatives. We have 49 people paid and 8 others committed, so we have reached our minimum of 50 people to participate. We will have Sloppy Joes and please bring a dish to pass if you are willing (RVYC members only to bring a dish). Cost is \$15 per person. BYOBeverages. There will be nothing provided by the club, so bring your own soft drinks, ice, beer, liquor and mixes etc.

Participants: Baran(4), Brown(8), Carrier(2), Clapper Joe(2), Clapper Joey(2), Crain(2), Dell(4), Deptula (2), Fryfogle(2), Helm(6), Koleski (5), Passmore(2), Rose Loose (bowling), Roth Sr(4), Sherman(7 plus possibly 4 others), Taylor(2), Thul(2) and Wingert(2)

November 4 - Membership Meeting - Elections and Pizza Party

8 p.m. at the home of PC Lynn Koleski, 39576 Village Run Dr., Northville 48168 (tel. 734-420-5391).

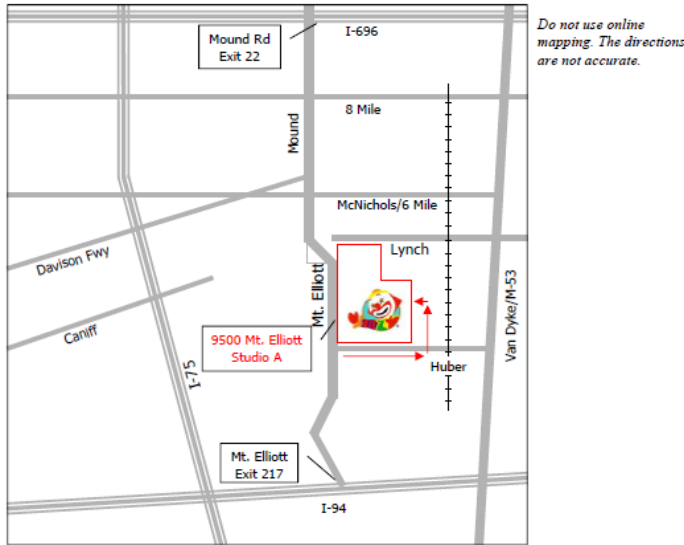
November 12 Thanksgiving Day Parade Tour

Parade tour is at 4:00pm until 5:00pm and Dinner at Polish Village Café in Hamtramck afterward.

Access a Map here → http://www.theparade.org/docs/Map_to_Studio.pdf
Or, for those of you who are technologically challenged, see below:

NOTE: Do not use online mapping. The directions are not accurate.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS to THE PARADE COMPANY



From the North (I-75)

Travel South on I-75 or Woodward Avenue. Exit east onto 8 Mile Road. Turn south onto Mound Road. Travel south (approximately 3 miles) until fork in the road. Veer left onto Mt. Elliott and travel across the overpass. Turn left onto Huber Street. Follow the signs leading you to The Parade Company. Turn left down the driveway before the train tracks. Travel down the driveway until you see the red canvas awning to the left indicating the entrance door to The Parade Company.

From the Northwest (M-10 the Lodge)

Travel south on M-10 the Lodge Freeway. Exit on HWY #8 The Davidson East (exit from the left lane.) Travel east on the Davidson until Mound Road. Turn right or south on Mound Road and travel south for approximately 1 mile until the fork in the road. Veer left on Mt. Elliott and travel across the overpass. Turn left onto Huber Street (second light once you are over the overpass.) Follow the signs leading you to The Parade Company. Turn left down the driveway before the train tracks. Travel down the driveway until you see the red canvas awning to the left indicating the entrance door to The Parade Company.

From the East, West or South (I-94)

Travel I-94 to the Mt. Elliott / Grand BLVD. exit 217. Proceed on the service drive to the first stoplight which is Mt. Elliott. Turn North on Mt. Elliott, proceed 6/10 of a mile to the stop light at a fork in the road (landmark is building marked "Mother's"). Veer right at the fork. This is still Mt. Elliott. Turn right onto Huber Street, approximately four lights after veering right. Follow the signs leading you to The Parade Company. Turn left down the driveway before the train tracks. Travel down the driveway until you see the red canvas awning to the left indicating the entrance door to The Parade Company.

The Parade Company
9500 Mt. Elliott, Studio A
Detroit, MI
313.923.7400
WWW.THEPARADE.ORG



Directions to the Parade Company.pdf

Participants:

Dell, Fryfogle, Koleski, Pritchard, Puglise, Sherman(4)

You may pay at the door. Cost is \$12.00 per person. I need to make reservations at the restaurant, so please let me know 3 days prior if you will be joining us for dinner.

CASH ONLY accepted at Polish Village Café.

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 Dinner and Christmas Walk at Greenfield Village

Participants: Baran, Deptula, Fryfogle, Koleski, Middlekauff, O'Brien, Sherman, Wingert. Baciles will join us for the walk only.