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COMMODORE'S CORNER

BY: MARY ALDERMAN

HELLO MY BOAT CLUB FRIENDS, FINALLY, THE HEAT IS ON. AUGUST IS FEELING ALOT LIKE SUMMER. I HOPE THE HIGH TEMPS CONTINUE ON THROUGH SEPTEMBER. WAS FAMILY DAY AWESOME OR WHAT? ATTENDANCE WAS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH AND THE KIDS AND ADULTS ALIKE LOVED THE TRICK OR TREATING. HALLOWEEN WAS A GREAT THEME FOR THE DAY. THANK YOU TO OUR ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR TOM KOVACH, HIS WIFE PATTY AND ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS FOR PUTTING TOGETHER SUCH A GREAT DAY. ON JULY 31ST WE HAD 6 BOATS FROM HARBOR VIEW YACHT CLUB COME INTO THE CLUB FOR THE NIGHT ON THEIR WAY TO PORT HURON. AS USUAL OUR MEMBERS CAME OUT AND GAVE THEM A TOUR OF THE CLUB AND SHOWED THEM A GREAT TIME. IF AT ANY TIME YOU SEE VISITORS AROUND THE CLUB, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AND MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOYS FOR TAKING 1ST PLACE AT THE ILYA WEEKEND AT P-I-B IN THE CARDBOARD BOAT RACES. I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE IN PERSON TO CHEER YOU ON. GREAT JOB! ON AUGUST 14TH, 15TH AND 16TH WE FOUND OURSELVES BACK AT HOLIDAY HARBOUR FOR OUR 3RD RENDEZVOUS OF THE SEASON. IT WAS A PERFECT WEEKEND FOR RELAXING AND FLOATING IN THE POOL. ON SATURDAY EVENING OUR FLEET CAPTAIN VINNIE SUTHERLAND AND GIRLFRIEND MAUREEN PUT ON AN

2009 Upcoming Events

Aug. 22nd Steak Roast
 Sept. 19th Southside Party
 Sept. 26th/ 27th Jet Express to Put-In-Bay
 Oct. 3rd & 4th Haul-out
 Dec. 12th Annual Meeting

AWESOME STEAK AND CHICKEN DINNER FOR US. THANK YOU VINNIE AND MAUREEN FOR ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE STEAK COOKOUT THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND. UNTIL NEXT MONTH, HAPPY CRUISING AND PLAY SAFE.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



Hello everyone! Hard to believe we are already at the end of August. Summer has flown by like it seems to do more and more each year!

Family Day, even though the weather was a bit cooler than we expected (more like May weather than July!) was a huge success! We had record numbers attending with 201 kids and 306 adults for a total of 507 people! The day was a lot of fun and the trick or treating at the end of the day was a perfect ending to a perfect fun day. I think everyone, adults and kids alike enjoyed the trick or treating because it was a way for everyone to interact and visit. Needless to say a fun time was had by all! Now I usually do not like to mention names for fear of forgetting someone, but in this case I would like the membership to know exactly how much help Patty and I received and we could not have done it without the following committee heads and their teams. MUCHO THANKS to **Shirley and Bob Zasada** for heading up the lunch committee with their usual GREAT FOOD, to **Chuck Kato** for heading up the parking committee, to **Linda Armatis** for heading up Admissions, to **Dan Goodfellow** for heading up the fun with the kid's fishing tournament, to **Ron and Janice Lovasz** for doing a fabulous job with the kid's games, to **Sharon Fater** for amazing kid's crafts, to **P/C Ralph Pennybacker** for providing the fun time with the tractor rides, to **Moe and F/C Vinnie Sutherland** for the cake walk (what a load of cakes!!!), to **Cindy Neff** for coordinating the trick or treating, to **R/C Robbie Ponder** for the water balloon toss, to

V/C Rick Kasza for the horseshoe contest, to **Sabrina Ponder** for the watermelon carving contest, to **Gary Convery** for the pizza (from **Stone's Pizza!**), to **Dave Wilks** for the clean up crew and last but certainly not least, to **Julie and Greg Tackett** for the raffles (along with **P/C Jack Berry** of course!) and for all of the decorations! Julie did her best to make it look like Halloween at GLSBC! "Booville" over on the Southside was so cool with all the ghosts hanging from the trees!! I want you to know that by no means am I forgetting all of the helpers that these committee chairs had to help them do their jobs and there are way too many to name, but I wanted to mention the chair people because without them this day would not have been the wonderful success that it was. Thank you again to EVERYONE who helped to make this year's Family Day a wonderful time!

Our steak roast is right around the corner and I will have a full report on that next month. So far so good, we have lots of steaks and chicken ordered and Brian Bosman is confirmed for the entertainment so we should have another great time!

See you at the club, and have a great Labor Day!!

Tom Kovach
313-670-1582

Docks



Family Day 2009 had a terrific turn-out and it appeared that everyone had a great time! This year there were 15 teams that participated in the Horseshoe Tournament. The final match came down to Dan Thomas & Chuck Kato vs. Greg Tackett & Rich Fater. Congratulations to this year's champions; Greg Tackett & Rich Fater. July 29th thru August 2nd was the 116th annual ILYA Power Boat Regatta at Put-In-Bay, yep 116 years, WOW! This is a wonderful event that is open to the members of all ILYA Clubs. GLSBC was well represented this year with 8 boats and we participated in a new event, a cardboard and duct tape boat build and race. Thanks to everyone who brought in cardboard including some extra thick boxes from Ken Hurley and carpet tubes from Dan Tulek. Also thanks to those members who donated duct tape including a case from Greg Tackett. A team of volunteers including Jack Berry, Gary Convery, Tom Kovach, John Armatis and a little inspiration from Ralph Pennybacker worked two evenings in the Think Tank to design and pre-construct a 14 foot cardboard boat. What a terrific team! The rules required the final assembly to be complete at Put-In-Bay so Friday brought a team together and as the boat was being constructed, it became a magnet for everyone in the area! The planning and pre-construction paid off as the boat was complete with ease and was ready for "Race Time". The crew equipped with inflatable

boat paddles of Armatis, Convery, Kovach and Kasza with Jack Berry in the pit for support hit the water, literally, when we tipped at the dock. My guess is that here was a little too much flotation engineered and built into the boat? But it didn't end there, it seems that the extra water inside the cardboard boat added some ballast and helped to stabilize it. Although it was a little lower in the water, we got back in and not only went on to complete the race but brought home a first place prize for GLSBC. There are some pictures and a certificate in the club house and if you have not already seen the video, check out this web site:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APosmQklR9Y&feature=channel>



This past weekend was our third rendezvous of the year and without a doubt the hottest. The pool at Holiday Harbour was the center of attraction all three days and we really made good use of it. There were those that spent some time in the shade and those that spent some time in the pool. There was a nice turn-out of members and it appeared that everyone had a wonderful time. Some "Dock" Business; the weeds are still growing in the rocks! If there is any question as to whose responsibility it is to keep them clear, please call me. I hope to see you at the club!

*Rick Kasza
VC & Dock's*



FLEET REPORT

HELLO ALL MEMBERS. AS THIS GOES TO WRITING WE HAVE HAD OUR HOLIDAY HARBOUR 2 TRIP. WEATHER WAS VERY HOT!! FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AND THE STEAK COOKOUT ON SATURDAY NIGHT WAS FANTASTIC. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED WITH SET-UP AND TEARDOWN, IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. 'TIL NEXT MONTH, YOUR FLEET CAPT. VINNIE



SPEND A DAY OR TWO AT PUT-IN-BAY OHIO

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

2 BOATS WILL DEPART FORD YACHT CLUB, Grosse Ile, Michigan. The 8:45 am departure is the overnight boat returning Sunday afternoon at 6:30 pm. The 12:15 pm departure boat will return about 10:30 pm with complimentary pizza served at Ford Yacht Club.

Jet Express tickets are \$55.00 per person. Overnight accommodations are \$129.00 + tax. Numerous discounts to all for beverages, meals and shopping at select participating businesses.

Call John Gambino @ 734-818-6064 for tickets

SOUTHSIDE PARTY - LAST BIG BASH FOR 2009!!

Please join us for our 2009 year-end party that will guarantee lots of food, fun and entertainment! Details are:

- *September 19th, anytime after 4:00 P.M. at the tennis court*
- *Bring your favorite dish to pass, or*
- *Donate a meat or other entrée...contact Ralph Pennybacker @ 734-752-9977 or Rick Martin @ 734-231-6093 for details*
- *Entertainment following the feast*
- *Friends and family are welcome!!*



ATTENTION: BIKE BARN USERS

ALL BIKES THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING STORED IN THE BIKE BARN MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY A CARD WITH THE OWNER'S NAME HANGING ON THE BACK OF THE SEAT. ALL CARDS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BIKES BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009. ANY AND ALL BIKES THAT ARE NOT IDENTIFIED BY SAID DATE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BIKE BARN AND PUT BEHIND THE CLUBHOUSE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9, 2009. IF NOT REMOVED FROM THERE BY HAUL OUT DATE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009 THEY WILL BE THEN MOVED TO THE DUMPSTER FOR DISPOSAL.

THE BIKE BARN WAS BUILT BY THE MEMBERS TO HOUSE ALL BIKES THAT ARE USED AT THE CLUB AND AT RENDEZVOUS. IF YOU DO NOT USE YOUR BIKES FOR THESE 2 PURPOSES PLEASE TAKE THEM HOME. USE OF THE BIKE BARN FOR STORAGE IS SOLELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COMMODORE, MARY ALDERMAN @ 313-399-4963.



SICK BAY

Gene Majtyka just had ear surgery. Your friends at GLSBC wish you well!



Our condolences to out to Mike Baird for the passing of his brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



September Anniversaries:

- 4 Jack & Tami Berry
- 12 Darel & Karen Shafer
- 15 Dave & Sue Schafran
- 18 Jack & Maggie Spanitz
- 18 Bob & Cecilia Webb
- 27 Rich & Stephanie Fater
- 29 Gary & Phyllis Powell



September Birthdays:

- 3 Linda Armatis
- 8 Renee Pitman
- 11 Tom Kovach
- 12 Charles Green
- 13 Jack Berry
- 13 Brian Bonner
- 17 Elbert Gleeton
- 17 Rick Kasza
- 18 Jack & Maggie Spanitz
- 20 Mary Lou Labadie
- 22 Tony Laginess
- 22 Leila Berry
- 26 Cherie Armatis
- 30 Dave Schafran



BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO DALE AND CYNTHIA NEFF. THEY BOTH CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY ON JULY 24TH. HAVING BIRTHDAYS ON THE SAME DAY, WHO BUYS DINNER???? HOPE IT WAS GREAT!

Fine Memories of Family Day



A surprise visit to GLSBC from Michael Phelps and Mark Spitz.....



Who is the escapee stealing candy?? You can't fool us, Bill Ponder!!!



Our favorite Jello Shot Lady, Geraldine, had a booming business going for Family Day!



Gary, Bob and John did a great job keeping all of us fed.