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Commodore's Corner



John Moldovan (RJ)

Commodore

It has been brought up to my attention that the Commodore's Ball is in danger of being canceled. The bottom line is that we need more members to sign up for it. If you haven't done so please call Sherry at 330.276.2813 or 216.870.1868 and make your reservations. The Commodore's Ball has been around for as long as I can remember. It is a nice tradition and it gives you the chance to meet your newly elected officers and mingle with your friends. It is a nice way to break the monotony of cold weather, reminisce the good times and make plans for the upcoming season.

I want to remind everybody about the newly installed "Online Membership System". Please go to our website and follow the link on the first page. This will take you to a new website. Please click on the "Register" and fill out your information. I encourage that all the members that have access to the Internet do this. Your information will be kept secured and only members will have access to some of it (phone number, email, boat name, etc...). There is also a Forum where members can leave messages and each member can upload pictures under their profile page. Future plans are to include a Chat Room. After registration and the approval process please sign in and click on "User Details". There you can update your information if necessary, or upload a picture of yourself. You can view other members that signed up by clicking on "User List".

Our next meeting will be held at Zone-Car on March 12th at 7:30. The address is 1303 W. 58th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. –

<http://www.cppa.org/zonecar.htm>

www.embc-cleve.com

RJ

Fleet News and Views



Steve Longa

Fleet Captain

Okay folks. You elected me to this office now grin and bear it. I don't think I have much to say, but I thought it was good intro keeping you all on the edge of your seat. I enjoyed it. I do appreciate the electoral response I received. Being in this marina is like being a personality. I've been told I look like Letterman and Redford, and RJ(?-?-?) what do think. Your votes only count in an election year.

I've kept the recruiting office open through-out the winter months. RJ comes and goes. Ya never know when the boss is going to make a showing, but he made me an alternate administrator to our website. You folks are in trouble now. Anyone who has an interest in website registration, lazy in registering, or not having internet access, please may pay me a visit and will create your portfolio on the fly. We could double our registration with the website priveleges I have.

Membership due's are required by May 19th, at a cost of \$30.00 else you'll have to fork over an additional \$5.00 for participating in our spectacular events. Your previous years's boat slip's cost will remain the the same if paid by March 31st.

Linda our 'Yardmistress' is busy scheduling painting the docks to mirror the place next door. Personally, I'd rather have cleats for my sloop. We're still looking forward to floating over the E55th fingerdocks to complement our aesthetic values. I look forward to it.

Based on our last meeting, Bruce Hill will be handling the 'Fitting-Out' event. I'll be the supervisor promoting our alligence to the Coast Guard/Navy and safety awareness. Someone has to keep tabs on Bruce.

We're not sure about the 'Poker Run'. I've heard of us going east to Fairport harbor. We could easily do an Edgewater world of Edgewater Park. It would be nice to do a trip around the Crib and back, maybe a couple of times. Personally, I'd like to travel down the Canal to NYC, down the Chesapeake, to open coastal waters, heading south to the Marathon Key's, but knowing my luck I'd run into Florida 'Steve'. With my luck, I'd have RJ 'saying we can do it'. That's the pleasure of writing these articles. Tune in to the next edition.

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Not to be long winded, but Monday's are free ZOO day's and I'd be willing to coordinate the event for those interested. I'd like to add that any Indian's ballgame would be a blast. I would make the arrangement's if you Boston folk's are interested, it has to be a RedSox game. If the Meister reads this we could even go to a Brown's game only if the Patriots are playing. Pisser of a season. Go Believeland.

How about the BlockBuster trade with the Cav's? Talk about Bo-Hee-Ca to Cleveland, touchee too Boston. We can do it. Bring the hardware home Cav's, Indian's may have an opportunity. Browns are positioned as well. This should be an awesome year. Being a Cleveland native, I'd like to see it happen. It's been a long time waiting.

I could keep on writing but I suspect you folks are bored with,

You're Fleet Captain but, but, but, I Enjoyed the Ride.
Enjoy.

Secretary Escritoire

Nina Gamin
Secretary



Dan and I went to Florida last month and spent some time with Steve in Marathon. Man, that guy has the life! He is slim and tanned and spends his day catering to the guests and raking the beach. He took us into the ocean onto a sand bar where we waded in the salt water, looked for shells and other creatures, and just grooved. The only one who had more fun than us was the golden retriever, Cleo. She lives for that! We kayaked and took pictures and I actually finished a book! It was fun and relaxing; just what we wanted. Thanks Steve! We'll be back. (Soon, I hope.)

The Commodore has already broken two gavels trying to gain some control over our monthly meetings. Still certain people continue to shout out their ideas, oppositions, sarcasms, or whatever comes into their minds. I have researched Meeting Etiquette and here are five suggestions. But they require the cooperation of all attendees. Please.

1. Begin and end on time. Everyone in attendance is responsible for arriving on time and for keeping things moving so that the meeting ends on time.
2. Follow the agenda. Create an agenda and distribute to all participants (preferably ahead of time) and stick to only what is on the agenda.
3. **Speak one person at a time and listen when others are talking. Do not dominate the conversation.**

interrupt, participate in side conversations or make unnecessary comments. 4. **Stay on task and on the topic being discussed. Don't bring up other, non related issues or get off purpose.**

5. Hold questions and comments until the end of the meeting or other specified time.

The Social Scene

Sherry Wilke

Entertainment Committee

MARCH 29TH

COMMANDORES' BALL

The event of the year and nobody wants to go. You only have a few weeks to get your reservations in. At this time there are only 36 signed up and that includes the band. If we don't get the number of people we need, we will be losing \$600.

As I have said before, \$1 a week starting now and you would have the money for next year.

Check out the menu:

To get things rockin' and rollin' there is a full bar.

Including mixed drinks served in glassware.

The bar is open all evening

7:00PM until 12:00AM

- Cheese and Snack Table -

An assortment of Cheese and Crackers, with

Chips, Pretzels, Nuts, Dips and Sauces.

These Scooby's will be available all evening.

- Dinner menu -

Entrees:

Boneless Chicken Marsala

Roast Round of Beef Au Jus

Penne Rigate Served with Marinara Sauce.

Side Dishes:

Potatoes Au Gratin, California Medley Vegetables

Fresh Tossed Salad, Hearth Baked Rolls with

Butter and assorted Petite Pastry Desserts.

Hot Beverages:

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

The Dinner is an All-You-Care-To-Eat-Buffer.

Call or email me NOW!!!!!!!

March 1st is National Pig Day and March 16th is Freedom of Information Day, so along with this is a recipe for pork.

Polynesian Pork Chops

4 boneless pork chops, 3/4" thick

1 tsp garlic powder

1 TB vegetable oil, or olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

1 can Campbell's(r) Golden Mushroom Soup

- 2 oz canned mushrooms
- 1 can (8 oz.) pineapple chunks and juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 TB soy sauce
- 1 TB honey
- Sliced green onions

1. Season chops with garlic. Heat the oil in a skillet. Add chops and cook until browned.
2. Add onion, soup, pineapple with juice, water, soy, mushrooms and honey. Heat to a boil. Cook over low heat 10 min. or until done.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, March 12th

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Birthday Wishes

William, Nuss	3/2
Vincent, Leonardi	3/6
Walter, Dlugon II	3/6
Lucille Nuss	3/10
Robert, Sklenka	3/11
Mike, Chapin	3/12
Robert A., Power	3/15
Wayne, Miller	3/22
Nora Cieplowski	3/26
Doug, Mekinda	3/27
Gilbert Ginorio	3/27
Fran Elliott	3/28



Committees

- Sunshine – Vacant
- Entertainment – Sherry Wilke
- Refreshment – Dale Gutfranski & Nina Gamin
- Membership – Russ Leonardi & Dave Newman
- Publicity Director – John Moldovan
- By-Laws – Chris Cieplowski
- Nominating – Tony Soliwoda & Kathy Patyk
- ILYA Delegate – Dave Hamm
- GCBA Delegate – Steve Antel

2008 Flag Officers

- Commodore – John Moldovan (RJ)
- Past Commodore – Dave Newman
- Vice Commodore – Dan Othberg
- Rear Commodore – Bruce Hill
- Fleet Captain – Steve Longa
- Treasurer – Dan Othberg
- Secretary – Nina Gamin

Board of Trustees

- Buck Wilke Pete Welky
- Dale Gutfranski Chris Cieplowski
- Gunther Wingert Rick Verrell



FROM THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Our condolences go to Mike Nagy, our Past Commodore for the loss of his father. You will be in our prayers thru this difficult time.

Please submit all articles to John Moldovan at news@embc-cleve.com. Please let me know about any illness, deaths, marriages, births, etc. so that we can publish them in our newsletter.

Web Stuff

Submitted by Buck Wilke



March! Great! Let's have a ball, no not a ball, but "The Ball".

ball (2) (noun)

ball [bawl] (balls)

formal dance

a large-scale formal social event at which the main activity is dancing

have a ball

to enjoy yourself very much

(slang)

- It was a great party; we really had a ball!

And that's a fact. Our Commodore's Ball is right around the corner, March 29th to be exact. Get your reservations in

ASAP. Remember that you can invite friends who are non-members as well, and there is no increase in price for them. It would be nice to have a very large turnout, the more the merrier. A phone call is all that it takes to partake and, "Have yourselves a ball!"

I hope that everyone got to view the total eclipse of the moon on the 20th of February. It was really quite a sight. I've seen eclipses before but I can't say that I've seen the color like it was the other night. It seemed to be an alien skyscape, like those that you see on Star Trek or Star Gate. The reddish-orange full moon was a sight to see, along with Regulus and Saturn nestled up close to it. To top it off the sky was crystal clear, and that seems to be a rarity. Almost invariably when there is a celestial event it seems that we have cloudy skies, not this time. It doesn't get any better than it was, a total eclipse with clear skies and a full moon.

The other day I was thinking about Holidays. After all enjoying Holidays are one of my favorite pastimes. You know what I mean, any excuse will do. At any rate throughout the year there are only three days that are not a Holiday somewhere on this planet. And now you are asking yourself, "What days could they be?" Well here is some useless knowledge for you. The dates are January 23rd, February 13th and April 11th. Actually I was surprised because I thought that everyday was a Holiday somewhere. These results are from the Earth Calendar. <http://www.earthcalendar.net/index.php>

Do you do a lot of emailing of photos? Sometimes those images are too large to send efficiently. Some programs just won't send them and if they do it takes too long to send. Here is a nice free program to accomplish your goal, which is to send pics.

This program does not affect the original image and it keeps the "new" pic in a separate folder, which is a nice feature. <http://bluefive.pair.com/pixresizer.htm>

This is the time of year that we start to look at the weather. Hoping for some good days to head to the marina and get started on some of that springtime work or maybe just "take a peek at the boat". Accurate weather forecasts can help with that. Actually that last sentence might be an oxymoron. Anyway, here are some weather sites to check out:

The first four are all NOAA websites.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/ndfd/graphical/sectors/cleMarineDay.php> They list this site as experimental. However it has been up and running for a couple of years now. This is one of my favorite sites and there are a lot of graphics. They show wave height, wind direction and speed, wind gusts and a lot more. This is a Cleveland Harbor Forecast.

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?zoneid=OHZ011> This site gives the National Weather Service forecast for the next seven days. The current conditions are taken at Cleveland/Burke Lakefront Airport.

http://weather.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/fmtbltn.pl?file=forecasts/marine/near_shore/le/lez146.txt

This site is for the nearshore forecast, that is for within 5 nautical miles of shore.

http://weather.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/fmtbltn.pl?file=forecasts/marine/great_lakes/le/lez160.txt

NOAA site number four gives us the offshore forecast, that is outside of 5 nautical miles from shore. If this site is used in conjunction with the nearshore site you can actually get an extended forecast.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=417>

Time and Date dot com runs this site, and it is another of my favorite weather sites. There is a nice detailed forecast and the conditions given are again from Cleveland/Burke Lakefront Airport. This type of forecasting puts the point of origin near the marina, that should make it more accurate for our purposes.

<http://www.wunderground.com/US/OH/Cleveland.html?MR=1> The last listing that I have is an old standby, the Weather Underground. This is a very detailed forecast and once more the current conditions listing is from Cleveland/Burke Lakefront Airport.

There are countless weather forecasting sites out there, these are just some of my favorites. Do you have any that can help with our marine usage? If so let us know about them so that the whole club will benefit from your input.

Below is a reprint from the Boat US Magazine "Seaworthy". As we are heading to spring it is a timely read:

Seaworthy Tip of the Month - Birds and the Bees and Flapper Valves
By Bob Adriance, Editor, Seaworthy Damage Avoidance Newsletter

It won't be long before spring arrives and boatyards are again filled with the happy sounds of electric sanders, boatyard hoists and chirping birds. Boat owners make boatyard sounds to get their boats ready for launching. Birds make chirping sounds to attract other birds, which eventually means - wink, wink - baby birds.

All of this would only be of passing interest, were it not for the fact that expectant birds tend to build nests. Just

what goes on in their tiny brains when they look for places to build nests isn't clear, but last year two BoatU.S. insured members at the same marina on the Eastern Shore of Maryland discovered birds had built nests way up in their boat's exhaust tailpipes. Unfortunately for both the members and the birds, the nests weren't discovered until the exhausts had mysteriously overheated and burned the exhaust system's insulation and hose. A surveyor who examined one of the boats said the blocked system, left undiscovered, could easily have started a fire.

Rather than flapper valves, both of the boats had exhaust system tailpipes that turned down 90° at the transom. Both boats were also being kept on boat lifts. It seems likely that birds won't build nests in exhaust pipes that are too close to ground or water, but boats stored way up on storage racks with the same tailpipe configuration are probably equally as vulnerable.

As a sort of epilogue to all of this, a surveyor told Seaworthy about a third exhaust system at the Eastern Shore marina with a bird's nest that was discovered last spring by the boat owner's wife. The boat, the wife decreed, could not be launched until the babies had grown up and flown away. This was in the spring, right at the start of the boating and fishing season. From the time a bird lays its eggs until the babies grow up and fly away can take up to six loooong weeks.

The lesson? If your boat doesn't have flapper valves you'd better cover your tailpipe before the birds start chirping.

Just a little blurb for all of those clean freaks out there, you know the ones that I am talking about. Yeah, it's those who can't let "Little Johnny's" hands get dirty. They come armed with a box of anti-bacterial wipes and a bottle of anti-bacterial spray ready to blast those evil germs to smithereens.

It's a good thing that they don't manufacture anti-bacterial clothing. These new items would make one hell of a fashion statement. "Hey, you look great in those "No-Coli Shorts", and correct me if I'm wrong but is that a "Bacter-Blaster Polo Shirt" that you're wearing?"

A recent study at the University of Michigan School of Public Health reveals that using antibacterial soap doesn't remove any more germs or bacteria than regular hand soap. And even worse, antibacterial soap containing triclosan can make your body resistant to common antibiotics like amoxicillin.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for the Commodore's Ball ASAP,

Buck Wilke

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Jack's Place

March 2008

An Irish story:



Three Irishmen are having a wee drink. The first says: "Aye, this is a nice bar, but where I come from, there's a better one. At MacDougal's, you buy a drink, you buy another drink, and MacDougal himself will buy your third drink!"

The second then starts: "That sounds like a nice bar, but where I come from, there's a better one called Quinns. At Quinns, you buy a drink, Quinn buys you a drink. You buy another drink, Quinn buys you another drink."

Then the third pipes up. "You think that's good? Where I come from, there's this place called Murphy's. At Murphy's, they buy you your first drink, they buy you your second drink, they buy you your third drink, and then, they take you in the back and get you laid!"

"Wow!" say the other two. "That sounds fantastic! Did that actually happen to you?" "No," replies their friend, "but it happened to my sister!"

Till next time,
Jack XXX



Upcoming Meetings

EMBC monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. During the winter months the meetings will be held at the Zone-Car - 1303 W. 58TH STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO.



MARCH 12th
EMBC Monthly Meeting

The Editor's Notes

Deadline for articles in our March newsletter is March 27th.

Please send in any and all articles; personal news, things for sale, cruise stories, letters to the editor, etc., etc. Pictures are welcome, include some details.

Items may be sent to the Editor:

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You can email your article to:

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Thank you to all who submitted contributions for this issue. Please let me know of any errors.

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