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Commodore's Corner



Dave Hamm
Commodore

Greetings and happy holidays to all,

Well, all good things must come to an end. Soon I will be past commodore. Thanks for your trust and faith in me. I really enjoyed my term for two years. But now it is time to step down. Meeting and getting to know everyone better, both old and new members, was a large highlight of my position,.

Perhaps one of the reasons I accepted was the great camaraderie we have at our club. If you need a hand or info there is a wealth of friends to help.

We have accomplished much in the last two years. The reasons: working together and having a great time doing it, unselfishness, and just think of all the time and donations given. Wow! Just like a winning hockey team that plays together as a unit is the way I feel about our club. And I am proud of that.

It takes someone with dedication, spirit and forethought to get things together and organize. I am sure our new commodore Dave Newman fits the bill perfectly. I am sure he will receive all the help and support that I was bestowed. Club support is the key so let's keep it up team. Don't be afraid to step up as many have over the years.

These past two years went by so fast because of all the fun we've had. From building picnic tables, adding grills, replacing the old tarps, adding our Burgee to and painting the masthead, big band music, roasts etc. we did a lot and let's keep it up.

So now I leave my position with fond memories. Thanks again for all your help making EMBC prosper. Remember to support all our new flag officers in their future endeavors.

Thanks for the memories!

...may the hinges of friendship never rust,
nor the wings of love never lose a feather.

Dave Hamm

From the Vice

Dave Newman
Vice Commodore



As my term of Vice Commodore draws to a close I can but reflect on how fortunate we are to have members who so willingly contribute to the Club. Several members have stepped up to run for offices this year and we have a new Publicity Director, Mr. Tom Habanek. Please forward all newsletter articles and correspondence to him. Thanks Tom!!

I want to thank all of those who volunteered to help with all the events last year. It goes without saying that these events would not happen without the volunteer help and it is very much appreciated!!

As 2004 comes to a close and 2005 invites us in, now is the optimum time to set our new goals, make our wishes and put plans in place to improve the quality of our lives. I believe that this includes not only our professional lives, but also our family and social lives as well. If you are like me, Edgewater Marina Boat Club plays a significant part of our social and boating activities and will certainly require some of our time and attention if we are to see improvements this year.

Dave Newman

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Rantings from the Rear



Steve Antel
Rear Commodore

Thank you for the old tarps to cover my boat. And speaking of tarps, I heard where they were discussed at the last meeting. Seems we cannot roll them up enough or something so that they are protected from the wicked winds and sun. So we are buying a ladder to assist in tying them up after we use them. And there was talk of painting the lee side to stop or reduce the glare. Great ideas on both points. I wonder if some of our fellow sailors and engineers or sailing engineers couldn't figure out a way to roll them up like a roman shade. That should eliminate the need for the ladder.

Hey, the Lake isn't frozen over so far. Might be an early launch. Hopefully I can get my boat in this year. What was that noise? Hell freezing over you say! Twenty lashes.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas season. I know I am looking forward to next year and more parties and functions with the club.

Steve Antel

Fleet News & Views



Larry Liou
Fleet Captain

It has been a pleasure serving you, Members. I am grateful for the opportunity. By serving as the Fleet Captain, I have come to know many new members of the boat club as well as coming to know many old acquaintances better.

From the past season, many things worth reminiscing: It was a great time doing the EMBC 2004 Poker Run with many of you. What camaraderie, fun, and adventure that was! What I experienced and learned in that cruise will stay with me for many years to come. Then there was the passing visitor, "Minnesota Mike", who stopped here in Cleveland with his 35' sloop at Edgewater Marina to share with us his adventures, aspiration, and to receive the impromptu but warm hospitality we gave him. He is now already in Florida enjoying the sunshine. Also there was our own Tom Habanek who, via email, kept us informed of his sailing voyage from Cleveland to Miami Florida. Through his words and photographs loaded with frequent updates onto the web site, we were all taking the trip vicariously.

All in all it was a great year boating and associating with you. And I look forward to seeing you soon. To the new EMBC Officers of Year 2005, I wish you a fun-filled, enjoyable year of service.

Take good care, and God bless you

Larry Liou

The Secretary's Escritoire



The December 8th meeting was so much fun! It was a little longer than usual, but we used the time well to get much accomplished.

We have always had a topnotch newsletter, full of information. I would like to thank Teresa Graham for her tireless efforts in keeping it going in years past, sometimes without much help in terms of article submissions. I also want to include thanks to Dave Newman for his dedication (and computer savvy) for making it an attractive, modern looking journal of our club's activities. Now we welcome Tom Habanek as Publisher of the Rudder Post. Let's give him all the help we can by sending him articles and information, often and in a timely manner. Remember; if something is of interest to you, it's most likely of interest to many other people. Share the wealth of knowledge and pass it on to our club members!

Back to the meeting: Now we are two months behind in the election process. In January we will definitely have nominations for officers. IF YOU WANT TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE please submit your name to one of the present officers or come in person to the next meeting on January 12th.

We continue to make improvements on the pavilion area with new grates for the BBQ pit and plans to paint and improve the new tarps with a pulley system. We have plans in the works for many wintertime activities including a Barons hockey game, our much touted Chili Cook Off, and possible a bus trip to Windsor or Greektown. Just when we were worried about the future of the fabulous Commodore's Ball, our own Walt Dlugon stepped up to save the day. So the Commodore's Ball will go on as scheduled, March 19th. (Can you tell that is one of my favorite nights of the "off season"?) Please see Sherry's column for more information on all these activities.

We've made quite a bit of money in 2004. Now we voted to spend some of it. We Okayed a modest new sound system for the pavilion, an 8 foot step ladder and a Brew Master to replace the antiquated and semi-functional refrigeration system in the shed.

All this will set us back only about \$800 which we can easily make up at our next one or two events.

Now a personal note: All I wanted for Christmas is for more people to show up for the club meetings. (That, and world peace.) Don't leave all these decisions in the hands of the same 25%. That's right! Only 20 to 30% of members regularly attend our monthly meetings! Get involved! It's fun!

Dan and I wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you in 2005.

Nina Gamin

The Social Scene

FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE
Sherry Wilke & Sue Sigley

Hi everyone, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!
There will be a Chili cook off in Feb. at Mahall's. No entry fee, but it will cost you 3 dollars to taste all entries. It will begin at 2 p.m. and go till? Set up is the same as last year, behind the kitchen. Mahall's will have lanes available for us to bowl and we should support them.

We have a place for the Commodores ball! Now we are working on the catering. Further details in the next issue. If you know of a good, inexpensive caterer, let me know.

Sherry Wilke

Nominees for Office for 2005

Commodore	Dave Newman
Vice Commodore	Steve Antel, Russ Leonardi
Rear Commodore	Dan Othberg
Fleet Captain	John (RJ) Moldovan

Birthday Wishes

Dec 21 – Jan 30
Dec 22 James Williams
Dec 23 David Barb
Dec 23 Dave Meister
Dec 28 Caroll Bubna
Dec 29 Bruce Hill
Dec 31 Michael Brady
Dec 31 Tommy Two Tone Jones (Dec)

Jan 3 Tony Zakelj

Jan 6 Kay Jones

Jan 16 Nancy Barr

Jan 20 Gunther Wingert

Jan 22 Tom Habanek

2004 Flag Officers

Commodore - Dave Hamm
Past Commodore – Michael Nagy
Vice Commodore - Dave Newman
Rear Commodore - Steve Antel
Fleet Captain – Larry Liou
Treasurer - Al Noelker
Secretary – Nina Gamin

Board of Trustees

Tom Hitsman	Michael Nagy
Doug Gawthrop	Dennis Owen
Gunther Wingert	Chris Cieplowski

Committees

Sunshine – vacant
Entertainment – Sherry Wilke & Sue Sigley
Membership – Nina Gamin & Dave Newman
Publicity Director – Tom Habanek
By-Laws – Chris Cieplowski
ILYA Delegate – Dave Hamm
GCBA Delegate – Steve Antel

FROM THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please let an officer or trustee know about any illness, deaths, marriages, births, etc. so that we can publish them in our newsletter. We would also like to send a card, flowers, or whatever is appropriate for the occasion.

BoatU.S News About Renewal:

Tom Habanek contacted BoatU.S. on Monday December 27, 2004 and was told that we are current members as a group till 1-31-2006 and that our group number remains the same at GA82220B. That means if you renew or join new for 2005, you should get half off the regular dues rate of \$19.00 or \$9.50. You can renew online or at a BoatU.S. store. Their renewal number in case of problems is 1-800-395-2628. You will need our group number so write it down.

BoatU.S. provides a vast range of services, information and savings to recreational boaters, including:

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YAHOO! PHOTOS

Submitted by Mike Chapin

I posted some digital photos online, and created photo albums with thumbnails. Anyone that visits can download any of the photos or select the photo's they want, and order different things like T-Shirts and Photo CD's! You can also play a slideshow.

I invite anyone that would like to share any of their Digital Pictures to send them to me and I would be happy to create an album with your name on it.

Please be aware, that if you send me photo's, that they will be on the net for anyone to Download, so make sure that everyone in the photo's are ok with it!!

I put a bunch of my pics up, to download them all you have to do is right click on the one you want and hit **Save Picture As**. If anyone wants any of my pics removed just let me know.

A Christmas Saga

Twas three nights before Christmas..... Ah, you know the story. In the wee hours of December 22nd, I cleared the ice from the satellite dish as a monster ice storm raged around me. If too much ice

builds up on the dish and its parts you lose TV reception. At that point I should have known this was a bad storm. Well, we watched the tube till about 2AM, turned the thermostat back and shuffled off to bed.

Little did we know that at 3:50AM the power was going to fail, and that it was going to remain off for some time. We awoke to a surreal landscape. There was only 4 to 6 inches of snow on the ground before the ice storm hit. Everything now had the snow plus ½ to 1 inch of ice. Wherever you looked there were giant clear popsicles.

All that we could do was to turn the stove burners on for heat. I put on my old "Alaska" gear and went out to the well. Sherry and I lowered buckets into the well for some water. That damn well pump won't run without electricity. Coffee was in order and sometimes you just have to force flush the head.

As we looked around at the landscape we noticed that a lot of the trees were missing their tops, and others were totally down or grotesquely bent over. Three trees in our yard were down as well. From the woods to our west we could hear the sounds of trees breaking and crashing to the ground. The weight of the ice had to be incredible. Back into the house we go.

Dammit man, all we have is an electric coffee maker. But a grain bag from my homebrewing stuff takes care of that. Put the coffee in the bag and boil, the old way.

Now for a radio to listen to some local news with reports about how long the power would be out. Dammit man again! The batteries are dead. We have triple "A"'s, double "A"'s, and a pile of "C"'s. but no "D"'s. Okay, I have a porta-battery-jumper. Not to be foiled, I hooked it up to an inverter to juice up a 110 volt radio. At least we can here the news.

And the news is not good. Our local radio station says the Millersburg looks like tornados went though it. All of Holmes County is without power. The power company has no real idea of when they would be restoring service.

The next thing to think about was that the temperature was supposed to drop to around 0°F. Are we going to have frozen, broken pipes? We need a plan, hence "Plan A" came into being. I took a spare car battery out to the jeep to recharge it from my car lighter socket. With a little luck and the power inverter I should be able to power up the boiler for enough heat to stop the pipes from freezing. If the house water pipes freeze and break that is an easier fix then the the boiler piping. My daughter Jacqui and her fiancé Jim brought a kerosene heater up the hill from Clark to us. The one that we had stunk too

badly to run in the house. So warmth, food, and news on the radio are no problem. Just the possibility of the boiler pipes freezing loomed big.

We heard from Jacqui that the grocery store in Killbuck was open. "D" cell batteries were in order for the radio. Holmes County was at a level 3 state at that time. This means that no one is allowed on the roads, with the exception of emergency vehicles.

Sometimes you just got to be a rebel. So, OK the trip to Killbuck was fruitless. The store was already out of "D" cell batteries.

Christmas Eve is looming in front of us with no relief in sight. The whole family is due at our home for the annual celebration on Christmas Eve. The power company says that the power may be restored late Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day. Boo hoo, it looks like a cancelled gathering to say the least.

It's now late in the afternoon on Thursday. The local radio station hasn't said that any power has been restored yet. One of our neighbors down the road has an all electric place. They have no heat at all. But they have a propane heater. Alas, the propane tank was empty and there was nowhere to get it filled. We have a few tanks for the grill and my homebrewing. A tank was dropped off and they gave us a radio that uses "C" cells, plus they had 4 "D" cells. I gave Jacqui the radio that uses the "D" cells and kept the one that uses the "C"'s. This works for all involved. Like I said, we have a pile of "C" cell batteries.

At this point we are rollin' in clover. Now, will "Plan A" work? Remember that one? The car battery tied to an inverter. I disconnected the boiler from the house wiring. After splicing a male plug into the boiler feed I plugged it into the inverter. Shazam!!! It worked, the boiler fired and the pipes heated up. I only let it run for about ten minutes, being unsure how long the battery would last. I didn't want to continually be carrying the battery from basement to the jeep for recharging. I need another plan. "Plan B" is born. We are going to run some wire from the jeep in the driveway to the inverter in the basement.

Now, I should be able to run the jeep every 4 or 5 hours to power up the boiler. Life is good, or so it seems... Every now and then plans don't work out. "Plan B" was one of those plans.

There was too much voltage drop in the 150 feet of wire for the 12 volts D.C. to power the inverter correctly at that load. Well, that's something to do in the daylight.

It's now 10AM Christmas Eve, and there is still no power. Reports from the power company say that maybe the power can be restored on Christmas Day. Our regular phone service has now gone out of action. Actually, I am surprised that it wasn't down

when our power went off. We still have the cell phone.

Running the jeep for about 30 minutes every 4 or 5 hours isn't burning up too much gas, we still have $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tank left. A neighbor told us of a gas station that was open for business. We couldn't verify if they had gas and kerosene because their phone was out. So, it was a 15 mile drive on awing and a prayer. After sitting in a long line we found that they had gas but no kerosene. That tanker truck had not shown up. At least we had a full tank of gas in the jeep for charging the batteries.

On a whim we decided to drive back home through Killbuck, it was a shorter drive and a Sheriffs Deputy told us that the road was clear. The Township needed diesel fuel, so one of the gas stations used a portable generator to pump their fuel. A pure stroke of luck had us passing by at that time. We were able to get 5 gallons of kerosene. That will last us at least another 48 hours.

After returning home I just reversed the wiring. The inverter was placed in the car and heavy duty extension cords were run to the boiler. Now the line drop at 120 volts A.C. is negligible compared to the drop for 12 volts D.C.. This works much better.

The temperature was to drop pretty low. So we decided to shorten the power off intervals to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. All seemed good again. Somewhere between 3:30 A.M. and 7 A.M. the temperature went down to -15°F. Too cold!!! One of the boiler pipes on the back porch froze and split. If I cut the bad section out and try to solder in a new piece, a lot of water will be lost and we won't have circulation. I talked to a neighbor and he had some $\frac{3}{4}$ inch radiator hose. After filling the hose with snow to replace the lost water I replaced the bad section of pipe. We still had heat circulation through part of the boiler system. But, there was still some frozen piping on the back porch. It's Christmas Day and even though the rest of our family isn't going to make it Jacqui, Jim, Sherry and I were going to have a dinner. A standard German-Swedish Christmas bill of fare was on the menu. A few homebrews followed by pork and venison fajitas with seasoned rice. Yep, that's what we had and it was great.

After many hours of heating the frozen area, the pipes thawed and there were no other breaks. By Sunday afternoon the whole heating system was up and running again. By 10 P.M. Sunday our whole road had power. Did I say the whole road? I meant all but two neighbors and us.

To back up a little, my daughter Jacqui and Jim have a hot water boiler like us. They are also without power, so they could not run it. The good thing is that they also have a wood burner and a fireplace. The bad thing is that they were almost out of wood. As a last resort down came the Christmas tree. Now that is what you call a "Yule Log". Shortly

after the Christmas tree burning their power came back on.

At 2 P.M. Monday afternoon we decided not the chance waiting for the power company. They know that our whole road is lit with the exceptions already noted. And they have still not shown up. A trip to Killbuck was in order, more kerosene and a fill up for the jeep.

Time passes with no change. We call the power company twice a day to check on the status of our repair. They say to quit calling we're on their list.

Well, it's now 8 A.M. Thursday morning. The power has been taking a nap for a little over 1 week. A few days ago we were worried that some pipes would freeze. Now the problem is that all of the food in our freezer will thaw. A least bears eat a lot and then hibernate. We're just going to have to keep eating so the food won't spoil. Yum yum, eat em up. Just bulking up for the winter.

We are still shooting for a combo Christmas Eve- New Years Eve party. The way things are going the party will be a combo Christmas Eve- New Years Eve- Valentines Day blast.

Spring cleaning won't be a big deal this year. Most of that is being done right now. Boredom and cleaning must go hand in hand.

At 10:30 P.M. Thursday night we beheld the flashing of yellow strobe lights on utility vehicles. They approached from the east. Our hopes were quickly melted, like snowflakes on warm pavement; as they sped by.

Here we are on New Years Eve. The family agreed that we would have our Christmas Eve party on New Years Day. Our normal New Years Eve party would go on as usual, even though we had no real power. The reason that I said real power was that Jim brought his dad's generator over. His power was finally on. We got the boiler running, the freezer running and few lights and music. You can't beat that with a stick.

The party was rather sparsely attended. All that showed were some friends from the area along with Jacqui and Jim. No one from Cleveland had the courage to brave the elements.

Oh no, New Years Day and a brand new hangover. But, there is still no power. It's been 10 days now and this is getting a little stupid. The power company threatened us this morning with a rumor that we were on a list to get power sometime today. I'll believe it when I see someone in the bucket of a boom truck.

Our eldest daughter Michelle and the grandkids made it down today, as did my dad, Jacqui, Jim and his kids. Our son Scott had to pull Homeland Security Detail so he couldn't make it. There were quite a few others missing due to other circumstances. But we finally had our Christmas. This time it was the standard bill of fare. All of the

presents were eagerly passed out and received.

Holy flashing lights Batman!!! Is that a line truck? With actual linemen? Yes, could the end be in sight?

And the Lord said "Let there be light." At 1:35 P.M. of day number 11, we saw the light. Our son Scott made it down for part of the Browns game with more gifts. One more surprise though. A geyser was spraying from the utility sink on the back porch. All and all that's not too bad just a couple of broken pipes. Off goes the well pump, I'll fix that tomorrow.

It was a great Sunday. We had family here, a big dinner, more gifts, plenty of homebrew, and the Browns won. I would say that is a perfect start to the New Year.

Till next month,
Buck Wilke

Upcoming Meetings

EMBC monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. **REMINDER!!!** This months meeting will be held at Mahall's Bowling Alley and Restaurant located on Madison Avenue and Clarence, across from Madison Park in Lakewood.

The Editor's Notes

Deadline for articles in our February newsletter is January 21st, 2005

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:

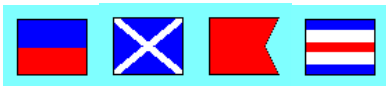
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