

THE BILGE PUMP

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SPOTLIGHT

This issue's SPOTLIGHT focuses it's light on Dick and Onie Davis of Carlsbad, New Mexico



R. M. C. Members are HARBOR MASTERS

Dick and Onie Davis live in Carlsbad NM and belong to R. M. C. and guess what they do in that desert area? They are HARBOR MASTERS at Dowling Aquatic Base, a Boy Scout camp on the Pecos River!

Dick and Onie have been in scouting all their lives. In fact Dick served 46 years as of this April and Onie served 35 years as of this past November. Their 5 sons were also in scouting. Three of the five boys made Eagle (the highest rank in Boy Scouts). The youngest son is the District Executive for Yucca Council. His territory is Southwestern New Mexico. Dick was Ranger at Camp Wehinaipay in the Sacramento Mountains for 13 years until his retirement in 1997. At that time they moved to Carlsbad to take over the Dowling Aquatic Base to clean it up and help with the program. They have been there 2 ½ years now.

They have repaired all the water problems through out the camp, cleaned out the brush, and made the camp look presentable to the public. Dick reorganized the Thunderbird Dance Team (Venture Crew/Explorer Post 144), which had been inactive for many years. Dick received his Silver Beaver Award (the highest award on a Council level) in February 1999.

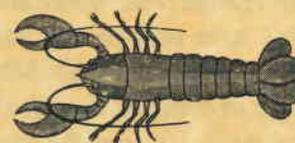
Dick and Onie have been friends of Bob Moharter for 40 years. They met in upstate New York, raised their families together, worked together and maintained their friendship through the years and over many miles.

Their '59 LYMAN, 15 ½ ft. outboard runabout is almost fully restored. They named it "YATAHAH" which means "good day" or "hello" in the Native American language of many tribes.

Dick and Onie are both volunteers in the Docent program at the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park in Carlsbad, NM and they work with the park and the Mescalero Apache Indianans on the annual Mescal Roast in May of each year.

Carlsbad is a 10-hour drive to Bayfield. They did get up to the Navajo Lake Poker Run in September 99. You will see these folks at other shows in the future.

Dick had the tapes copied by a friend in Carlsbad as his VCR's were destroyed by a power surge this fall. The tapes were of the Navajo Lake show. Dick had this done for each participant of the show. Many thanks for that job!



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ANTIQUÉ OR CLASSIC? - THE WAY WE WERE

We were before television - before penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and Frisbees. Before frozen foods, nylon, Dacron, radar, Xerox, credit cards and ball point pens. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers; a chip was a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware; and software wasn't even a word. In those days bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. We were before pantyhose and drip-dry clothes, before ice-makers and dishwashers, clothes dryers and electric blankets. Before the white wine craze, disposable diapers and pizzas.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? We wore Peter Pan collars and thought deep cleavage was something the butcher did. When we were in High School, Cheerios, instant coffee and MacDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. In our day cigarettes were fashionable, grass was mowed, Coke was something you drank, and pot was something you cooked in. We were before day-care centers, house-husbands, computer dating, and the term 'making out' referred to how you did on an exam.

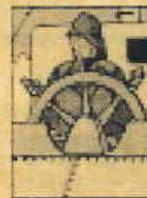
It was before men wore long hair and earrings - and women wore tuxedos. "Made in Japan" meant junk. There were five-and-ten cent stores where you could buy things for five and ten cents. For a nickel you could ride the bus or buy a Coke - or even buy enough stamps to mail a letter. Gas was 11 cents a gallon.

Unlike some of the remote control dancers of today, we knew how it felt to have your partner hold you close. We had Toscanini and saddle shoes. When we heard "The Very Thought of You" on the piano, we melted. Not all of us now go in for consciousness raising or sensitivity training. We don't all pump our own gas or jog. In fact, we'd rather take a walk with a friend than jog with a Walkman. Some of us even seek silence

when silence is as rare as a Gutenberg Bible. The woman I live with is my wife, and she's still the same one.

...How embarrassing!

ANON.



WHY WE LOVE OLD BOATS

It must be the rich blend of aromas that are released when the cover is first removed. Or the way the mahogany comes alive when lighted by the sun. It could be the way the curves of the sheer, the line of the bow or the tumblehome just take your eye and move it along. It's almost in motion, while sitting still. You never tire of looking at it. There are memories of boats you've known and the ones played on as kids. The plans you make, the looking forward to the next trip or the next improvement. Imagining new upholstery or new varnish or a new bottom color. How fast would it go with a bigger engine? Who could you pull on skis? Where could we go next weekend; what will be our next big adventure? The super-human effort required to bring it all about. The car turns into a 'rig' with the boat and trailer behind. People make a big fuss over a wooden boat. You get nervous over making the trip and finding the ramp. The feeling you get when it lifts off the trailer for the first time and is suddenly afloat. Then a flush of excitement and relief when the engine roars into life. Idling along, the boat cuts the water into a graceful wave which trickles along the hull. With the throttle open, the thundering sound of raw power muffled only by water, rpm and acceleration, breaking free, up on a plane. All the grind of life vanishes, as you glide away from land. Suddenly everyone is so much more friendly; everything ahead is so beautiful. You are now able to take in all the miracle that is our Earth. Every sense is filled with the ever-changing scenes. The rolling motions, the sweet air and vibrant colors, enrich us to the core. Unexpected events and unusual demands make us momentary heroes. Time is forgotten for a while but too soon comes the bittersweet return to land and thoughts of evening.

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We now have 70 members

Perhaps you enjoy a long sunset-viewing on board. Then how great the boat looks tied up at the dock, the happy bouncy way it rocks around as waves go by. What a great day it was, with the feeling of your new sunburn.

Every ride is unique and contains its own delights. Each is like a movie, all our own, one we take in with our eyes and play back later in our head. Many movies stay with us all our lives, memories of a great day, the greatest day, never to be forgotten. Where we go, what we shared with others, how great it was, all shapes our lives and further enriches our love for our old boats.

Maybe it's dreaming about a new boat. one you've, never had before. Hey, wait 'til they see this one...

GEUIN'S DONATE TO MAC 2000

Charlie and Katie Geuin have presented the Chapter with a beautiful boat shaped bookcase, handcrafted by Charlie. It will be given to ACBS by President Bob Braaf at the MAC 2000 Annual Meeting, to be included in the articles to be auctioned as a fund raiser. Thanks Charlie and Katie for the generous donation. (Bob Moharter)

(Post Mac Note) The bookcase brought a \$200 price tag and was sold to Carla Gernhofer-Vice President of Hagerty Insurance.



WOODIES ON THE WATER 2000 AT HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR

By Julie Johnson

You can't keep a RMC Boat Show Down! Lousy weather! Forest Fires! Draining the lake!!!!!!!!!!!!!! That might sink a "Tupperware Boat Show" but not a classic boater show.

We may have been few but we sure had fun. Thanks to Toni and Larry Thiemann, the boats began arriving at

about 9:30 keeping with the tradition at 10:30 the Thiemann's led the flotillas down the lake with their 26 foot Trojan.

As the rest followed, enjoying being on the water with other classics, we had two boats which needed to return to the doc's for "first of the season" mechanical problems. We hated to see them leave but certainly understood and were glad to hear that the repairs were fixable.

Hot dogs anyone? Once we reached the north end of the lake, the Thiemann's threw out their anchor and we tied together to make a giant raft. Magically, right about noon, the sun came out, Larry fired up the grill and the party began!

A great time was had by all with approximately eight boats and 25 people.....the day was a success. Thanks again, to our host Toni and Larry Thiemann.

Future Note: due to the water being drained out of Horsetooth Reservoir, the 2001 June show is being planned at Dillon Reservoir

CHATFIELD EVENT A SUCCESS (Katie Geuin)

July 22nd was a wonderful weather day. Nothing but blue skies and warm (ok, hot) temperatures. We had an incredible turnout and lots of visitors from the general public. It's so fun to listen to on-lookers talk about the boats they remember from when they were little. One visitor and his family (who were here from Oregon) was so impressed with our collection of magnificent old boats that they came back in August for the Grand Lake show!

When it came time to take a ride or two on the water, many of us decided to make it a short trip. On such a beautiful day you can imagine how busy the lake was, which makes for very, very choppy water. Chip Taft took a couple of us out in his 1940 Barrelback. What a ride!! That's one of the most stable boats in rough water I've ever been in! The water was ride in it's own right but then we hit a wave and the next thing we knew all we saw was a solid wall of water and then....a solid drenching. What a blast! That Barrelback really proved that it's still a champ in rough waters!

When the day was done, we all agreed that the location was great, the weather was great, but the water is just too rough to try and have another boat show there. We'll be looking for new locations.

NEWSLETTER HELP NEEDED!!!!

It is with much regret that I announce my resignation as *The Bilge Pump's* designer and publisher. I have been working for two years on this project and have truly enjoyed seeing it develop into such a professional magazine. Unfortunately, my work-load at my "real" job has increased more than double since the time I volunteered to take on the newsletter. This current issue should have been mailed to you in August, but I just was not able to produce it until now. This is an injustice to our members and I express my apologies for the delay. This is a very fun project and gives you the chance to be artistic and feel a sense of pride when you see how it looks when finished. Of course, the loads of compliments you receive is nice too!. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me. I can be reached (303) 670-9415 or you can email me at geuin-katie@worldnet.att.net.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's time to start thinking about a slate of officers for 2001. If you would like to volunteer or would like to volunteer someone else, please let me know. We will conduct elections this Fall at our Annual Meeting (time and place yet to be determined).

We are developing plans for the 2001 series of RMC events. Other tentatively scheduled events include:

Dillon Reservoir - 23 June
Grand Lake - 21 & 22 July

We have negotiated with the GL Yacht Club for a joint show in 2001 but have not obtained a resolution of the conflict in desired date. I think it would be appropriate for everyone to make their reservations now with the Western Riviera Motel & Cabins in Grand Lake (office

- (970) 627-3580, fax - (970) 627-3320, e-mail - www.westernriv.com.) for the weekend of 25 August. Darrell and Casey Herk have sold the Western Riviera Motel but they have retained the cabins that fronted on Grand Lake at the Boardwalk. Their number is (970) 627 - 3320.

One other idea I propose is the planning and national promotion of a week-long trip on a river or other suitable body of water. This would entail housing, food, etc. Other chapters have events on the Tennessee River, the St. John's River (Florida) and the Indian River (Michigan). One possibility that I came up with would be Lake Powell, top to bottom. I know that easily navigable rivers are not common to our area but put your thinking caps on for ideas.

We have a number of new members and proposed new members, most of which plan on attending the Grand Lake Show. Please go out of your way to welcome all.

The national ACBS office informed me that dues for ACBS will be raised from \$25 to \$35 per year. Additionally, we increased chapter dues from \$5 to \$10 per year. These changes will be reflected on your next billing (December 2000). As a side note, the ACBS Board of Directors renamed the Marketing and Public Relations Committee to the Membership Development, Marketing and Public Relations Committee, with expanded responsibilities. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for these national positions.

That's enough for now. Please call or write me with any suggestions-complaints-ideas. We are going to try to make continuing improvements to the Club to better meet your expectations and desires, but you have to let us know what those might be. My info is:

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