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Prexy Speaks

Eddie Smith

The radio at Cholla is finally permanently located. And what a beautiful spot . . . Jose's old bar at the boat landing. This place has real possibilities. A little imagination, hard work, used materials and paint the Club will really have something to be proud of. The ease of signing in here has been proven by the amount of float plans being filed. The amount of radios are increasing rapidly. First—you can get the latest weather report. Mrs. Shahan gets them regularly from the commercial boats. She knows if there is a storm warning in the day or any other pertinent information which you should know. Second—if you file and unexpected high winds are predicted—the message will be given to all boats with radios. Any boat without a radio can be warned by the nearest boat receiving the message—if—she knows what locality you are in.

The charge for filing a float plan per boat is (10 cents) or more if you so desire. But—if you feel your hide is not worth 10 cents for some one to look about your safety—then by all means pay nothing *but please file* so the rest won't have to spend so damn much time looking for you. We will have somewhat of an idea of your direction and return time and will eliminate wild goose chases.

Now there are some of the old timers that have been fishing at Cholla for years and have a pretty good chance of survival in small boats—we have lost a few old timers too. Anyhoo—those who know just about what they can get away with

"Read Me" Meeting Notice

All members be there for nominations of next year's officers.

Program will be out of this world. Rick Bell will give us a preview showing of his fabulous Film on his trip completely around the Gulf of Lower California in a 25 foot boat. This film is to be shown all over the country but Cholla Bay Club will be the first. Thanks, Rick.

Program
Bill Blair

Nominations for Officers, 1962

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under any conditions set an example for Mr. Newcomer, who lacks all this education of the treacherous waters of Cholla. So, Mr. Old Timer, you set the precedent and if you don't file your boat plan you may lead Mr. Newcomer into danger by leading him to think it is unimportant.

The radio station, club house and all its facilities belong to Cholla Bay Club members—so why not take advantage of them.

Cholla Chatter

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Pat Gardner, winter resident of Cholla Bay, went a-fishing, shore casting style, along the Sandy beach shore line. Every cast resulted with a trout grabbing the bait; landed every one. None went to waste as eager hands were outstretched for the fish when he returned to the Bay.

What not to do and what to do when visiting Bird Island, especially if you go ashore during the low tide. Don't look up unless you don't mind being splattered in the face, and wear a wide brimmed hat to prevent experiencing the feeling of goop slithering down your back. Pete Barker said, while shell collecting on the Island—"Gol Dang — that bird got me just right — on the back of my neck between my shirt collar." Those Sea Gulls can really make you pretty messy."

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Phoenix Club

By: Myrt Johnson, Secretary

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club has a new club house at the bay. The location is Jose's place down at the boat landing area, a well known landmark. It is maintained by the Club and houses the Base Radio Station with Gina and Lloyd Shahan in charge of its operation. The large porch has been used for the Radio room and with a few coats of paint, plus a new large sign proclaiming it is the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club House, we think it will be a place that all members will enjoy.

The response for clothing and food for the little children of Rocky Point was terrific. Milk, beans, rice, chickens, candy, fruit, plus box after box of children's clothes were donated. That cute little Santa Claus that was passed around at the last meeting came back with \$36.00 in it, which will be used to buy powdered milk for the babies down there — one hundred pounds going down before New Years. This milk will save the lives of many of the tiny babies this winter.

Reports on the operating condition of the Base Radio are that the Shahans have been in constant contact with the Coast Guard stations at Long Beach and San Francisco. What more can you ask for.

President Ed Smith has appointed two Board members to take the place of two unable to continue. New members are Jack Schmidt, Treasurer and Lewis Frazier, Board of Directors.

Wes Wells, who is representing the Club on the Water Sports Council is concerned about those who have not signed unclaimed gas tax forms. This brings revenue to the Council for maintaining our lakes.

A New Year has been born and our club one year older. May it continue to be the good Club that it has been in the past.

New Date For Membership Dues

The important matter of standardizing the delinquent date of membership dues to the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club has been mulled over for months by the Board of Directors of both the Phoenix and Tucson Chapters. A plan has finally been outlined and agreed upon as the best method for keeping the records straight as to due dates and will, eventually, facilitate processing of membership cards and minimize necessary work by the Membership Chairman, now a "Mucho Grande" sized job. January 1, 1962 has been set as the new date that all membership dues are due. However they will be prorated to the expiration date of the present members. With this plan in effect, automatically January 1st, 1963 will be the date that all membership dues are due and for the full amount. January 1st, 1962, members pay the prorated amount due for the year from the date of their present due date and up to January 1, 1963.

Another decision reached by the Board of Directors is that of dividing the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club membership into three groups. There will be three types of membership, the Active Voting Member, the Associate Member and the Children Membership, with each group paying a different membership dues. At present we have one membership due for adults of \$5.00 per year and children covered under the insurance plan of \$2.00.

This will remain the same with the members of these groups in good standing entitled to all the benefits of the club, including the Chatter, road maintenance to the Bay, good program membership meetings with coffee and doughnuts and social visiting, plus the Beneficiary Life Insurance and the services of the Base Radio Station — but, they will not have the privilege of casting a vote.

The Active Voting Member will pay a membership due of \$10.00 per year because he has a vital interest in the maintaining all the benefits by the Club and furthering its progress. Members who voluntarily join this group and pay the membership dues of \$10.00 will be those who realize this non-profit organization cannot maintain the present benefits and progress as it should on the present Membership Dues of \$5.00 per year. They will be the members who feel they have enough at stake to desire to help the Club fulfill its present obligations — they will be the members who realize the necessity of the present facilities, use them, and desire them continued. They will be the ones who will have the privilege of choosing those they wish on the Board of Directors, who are faced with the responsibility of spending the Club's money and fulfilling present obligations and furthering the progress of the organization. They will be entitled to all the above men-

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USCG Flotilla 85 Conducts Practice Search and Rescue

"Mission accomplished, search of missing vessel successful" was the message that went out over the Citizens and Marine Band radios to seven boats participating in a practice Search and Rescue Mission Saturday morning, December 17, at Cholla Bay under the direction of Wayne Earley, Operations Officer of USCG Flotilla 85, Phoenix.

An alert had been sounded in Phoenix Friday by Commander Vic Boels that all possible boats owned by members of Flotilla 85 were needed at Cholla Bay to practice a Search and Rescue Mission. A Pyramid call brought the information that Ken Johnson, Pete Barker, Frank Claver and Wes Douglas were already at the Bay with their boats. A caravan of boat owners and boats started from Phoenix Friday evening.

Recognizing the authority of Sr. G. Seville Seeman, Captain of the Port at Puerto Penasco, Ken Johnson, Secretary, accompanied by Mayor Lalo Iberra and Gina Shahan as interpreter, went to the office of the Captain Friday and explained the planned Search and Rescue Mission to be conducted by the USCG Flotilla 85

and asked for his permission to carry on this experiment. The rough weather and rains that had prevailed the entire day caused the Captain to be apprehensive about the next days weather but he gave his permission if extreme caution on the part of all that participated be used. He emphasized that boats should not venture too far from shore and wait until such time of day that weather conditions could fairly well be predicted.

Saturday the sea was calm but the sky overcast and a light drizzle prevailed but weather reports were good. Roy Kentner with his boat "Here 'Tis" agreed to participate as the vessel missing and in distress and launched his boat at about 8:45 a.m. setting his compass in the direction of Bird Island. His instructions were to drop a buoy at a position out from the entrance of the first estuary and then proceed a designated distance at the same compass reading, which would put him approximately eleven miles from shore. Participating in the Search and Rescue, launching their boats one by one, were Ken Johnson with his boat "Honey Boo," acting as Search Lead Boat, aboard which were Radio Technician Dick Gardner and Operations Officer Wayne Earley. Ray Kraft with his boat "High Fever" was in charge of weather and tides but also acted as Pivot Boat. Frank Claver with "Sea Hawk," had Commander Boels aboard. Ed Smith with "Martha Jane," Wes Douglas with "Poco Loco," Glen Stewart with "Apache One," and Pete Barker with "Putsea" were additional participants.

Don Gehon was stationed at the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Radio Base as Radio Technician ashore.

Officer Early directed the search by issuing orders according to a planned plank pattern and at 11:02 a.m. ordered the first boat, "High Fever" to get under way, allowing a three minute lapse between departure of each boat, each boat in turn heading straight out from Pelican Point until they were all spaced out and then, turning and setting their course at a compass reading of 90° at a speed of 20 miles until they reached the position abreast the entrance to the first estuary, when they were ordered to change course to 95° compass reading and continue another five miles at the same rate of speed. "Apache One" took the shore course and explored the estuary—no boat. "High Fever," with a good head start, reported a boat sighted. Proceeded to investigate—wrong boat. Bird Island was now plainly visible. Officer Earley called for a rendezvous and again the pattern was set, allowing only two minutes between the departure of each boat and within 14 minutes, the seven boats were heading back towards Pelican Point on a 180° compass course. The Buoy was sighted just where it was supposed to be by Pete Barker in "Putsea." Radios confirmed this finding. Next came a report monitored over the radios from "Martha Jane"— "Have sighted a boat off to the left." Instructions were relayed that the "Martha Jane" investigate the vessel. Re-

port— "Martha Jane to Honey Boo — have found the missing boat, the "Here 'Tis," have thrown her a line and have her safe in tow. Everything fine." The mission was accomplished and the search and rescue of a missing vessel successful.

The one and important contributing factor that made this Search and Rescue Mission the success that it was must be attributed to the radios aboard each boat and on shore. Radios are a necessity for missions of this type. The Flotilla installed an additional Citizens Band Radio at the Base Station for those boats that did not have Marine Radios and they were clearly heard there and also through another Citizens Band radio installed in a truck that called through to the boats from various points at Cholla Bay.

Daniel Kenny, also a member of the Flotilla, anticipated participating in this mission by aircraft and radio but was unable to do so because of the inclement weather.

In case of an emergency at the Cholla Bay area where the services of the USCG services are needed, a call to the Answering Service, Phoenix, Telephone AL 4-8831 will result in some official of the Flotilla 85 being reached, or a direct call to Commander Boels, CR 4-7690, will bring assistance. This organization stands by at all time to assist. Let's hope we never have to use it but it's a nice feeling to know we have this security.

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Bill Valentine

I don't know just exactly how to word the following message, but if you Cholla Bay Club members will just bear with me, and try to understand our reasoning, I will try to make sense to you.

Mr. Guadet, Bill Hammer and myself were invited to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of CBSC Tuesday night, December 19th, by Myrt Johnson. Having five kids running a yelling all over the place telling me how much loot they expected Santee to bring them decided me to attend the relative quiet of a board meeting—Ha! Like jumping from the frying pan to the fire!

After arriving, exchanging jolly greetings with the other members and settling comfy cozy back in one of Wes Douglas' easy chairs, I waited in anticipation to see what the hell they invited us outsiders in for.

I didn't have to wait long. Old work horse Eddie Smith called the meeting to order and with Tiger Myrt sitting by his side with facts and figures to back him up, calmly announced that the treasury outgo was rapidly overhauling the income, through no fault of his.

It seems that our little old social-type

club has outgrown its briches, what with commitments, we as a club have undertaken, each one, by golly, a damn good project, such as our Base Radio Station, road upkeep, this here Chatter you're now reading, and, well as anyone who belongs to any club can honestly testify, the many, many money costing things a group this size requires.

Now, good people, the main reason this club was started, was to present a united front, as a group of sportsmen, who, as a group, would be able to accomplish what would be impossible to do as individuals. This has hapened. We now have a fine road to our fishing area, thanks to the club (it's maintained damn good too), we now have a central radio transmitter, which although I never personally intend to have a set installed in my little boat, it is sure comforting to realize that should the time ever arise, when the Afrikan Queen is in distress, there will be a systematic, well organized search made by competent skippers who can keep in touch with each other via radio—and buddy—these coast guard trained guys are pretty sharp—if you are overdue and they set out to find you—if you have anything afloat—they'll spot it. The prestige that the club has gained for us in Mexico cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Here's the reason for all this back patting. *We need more dough* to keep operating as a club. *No one* in the club, gets any compensation for any office held—we need loot just to keep this thing together and to continus as we are now doing. (In fact, Myrt and Ed Smith, along with some other members of the Board, have been shelling out their own

ghetus to keep things together lately—this is wrong!)

The board decided that the *only* way to do, is to change our membership dues as follows: 10 bucks per year (is there any other club this size with dues so low?) that's less than 1 dollar per month) this \$10.00 membership is for the boat or cabin owner or guy that sincerely wants to be an active member and will include voting privileges, along with the Chatter and the life insurance. This 10 buck membership will be the guy (or gal) who wants to suport the club. Now, the Board realizes that one helluva lot of people will rear up on their hind legs at this fee (I did! till I stopped to realize just how much this club has accomplished) so they are offering what they call an Associated Membership, for \$5.00 and, to wives and other type people who want to be called members and like to attend our Tuesday night meetings, this membership is available for the guy who likes to ride the wagon but doesn't want to help push.

This fee (\$5.00) will also include the insurance and the Chatter, *if* no other family member receives the Chatter now, but not the voting privilege or prestige of the 10 buck deal. Now here's a good deal—you can get a 2 buck membership for each of your kids which carries the insurance.

Where in the pluperfect @!!★ can you get life insurance alone, for a measly 10 dollars per year?

Good people, I sound, as I read this mess over, like I'm begging—well by gawd I am! I don't want to see this organization phoop out—we're big, we're strong, and we're doing one helluva lot of good between our people and the wonder-

ful people of Mexico—and it seems to me, that any guy who fishes Cholla Bay, uses the club sponsored facilities, and doesn't see fit to support it, is a pure-de horses posterior.

These new rates are to take effect January 1st, 1962 on a pro-rated basis. In other words, if your present membership will be up, say in March, you will owe a \$7.50 fee due and payable April, '62, and then at the expiration of your membership January 1963, another 10 bucks puts you in like Flynn, till January 1st '64, at which time you're due on a full \$10.00 basis for 1 years membership till the following January. We're making all memberships run from January to January, instead of the present policy where trying to keep track of when a guy becomes delinquent is an almost impossible task.

Let's all, for gosh sakes, put something in the pot, to keep this thing alive—it's by far the best investment you can make, if you like Cholla, fishing, and the wonderful friends we have made in Mexico.

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tioned benefits and services, the same as the Associate Members and Children, plus the voting privilege. Their dues are due also January 1st, 1962, prorated to their present expiration due dates.

Here you have the program for the year 1962 — all dues due January 1, 1961, prorated to the expiration date of the present members. Three types of membership—the Active Voting Member with yearly dues of \$10.00, the Associate member with yearly dues of \$5.00 or any child of an Active Voting or Associate members covered by Life Insurance with yearly membership dues of \$2.00. Ours is a wonderful club and there is not one single benefit offered that we can do without so choose the category you wish to join as a member and let's watch the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club grow.

Bait Box

Scene at the Frank Claver cabin at the Bay Saturday evening, December 17th, 36 people partaking of a delicious meal of Venison basted in Apricot Brandy, Beans cooked with hamburger in Marge Claver style, salads, cake and even hot garlic bread. Venison compliments Bill Blair to the USCG Flotills 85. \$1.00 per plate — profits for the Flotilla treasury.

Mitch Gaudet reporting over the radio that he had snagged a huge Sting-Ray that looked as if it measured over four feet when in the water. Was going to try and bring it in and please have wife at landing beach with camera. Mitch will never live that one down — landed Sting-Ray measured less than 2 feet at widest angle.

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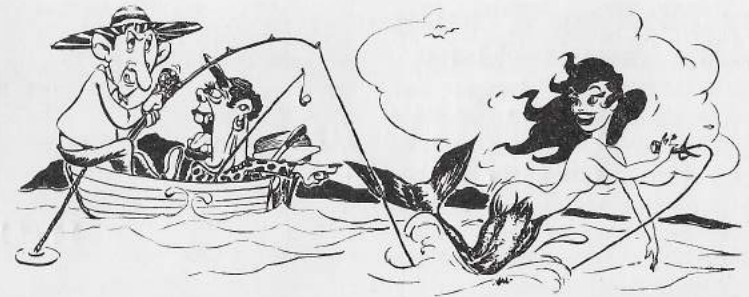
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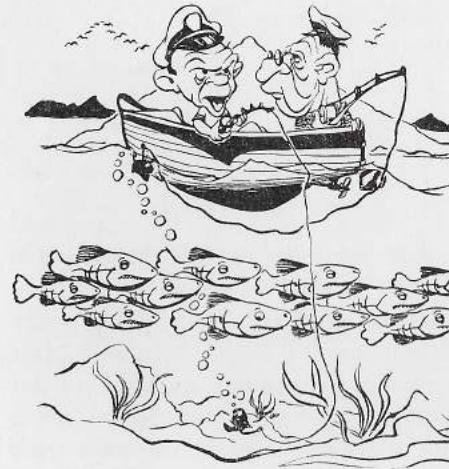
Moral— Always carry a camera wherever you go. You never have one when you want it as happened when the party of K. Johnson's and P. Barbers were ashore on Bird Island. The Seals objected to this invasion of humans and proceeded to rush for the waters. One old grand papp Seal lumbered clumsily down the rocks, headed for the waters and there in his path stood Pete. There was no where for Pete to go and we had no camera to catch the startled look on his face.

Here is one for the book. Ken Johnson fishing out in deep waters, accompanied by 17 year old nephew, Doug Jones. "Jeepers" said Ken, "What have I got hooked this time. Must be the bottom of the ocean." It was a fish alright and a big one judging from the progress he was making trying to get it to the surface. It was a nice sized Pinto but it was not alone because, hanging on with as much of the fish as he could get into his mouth, was a brown seal. Little old Doug whammed that seal with the gaff hook until it let go and the fish brought in.

Joe Underdown has acquired a deep respect for the Radio Base Station at the Bay, plus radios on other boats. Miles from shore, enroute home, his strep plumb broke and all went hay wire. A call to the Base Station resulted in Peter Barker standing by at his cabin with his radio on receive and Mitch Gaudet out on the waters, coming to stand by the boat in distress. Hours later both boats landed safely. Previously, when asked why he had a Marine Band Radio installed in his boat, Joe replied that he just wanted it to play with—now he wants it because he knows its value.



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By: Don Zimmer, Phoenix

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At the border in Sonoita, we stopped for the vehicle sticker at the Customs House. This is a *must* and requires you show the vehicle registration.

As usual the trip from Phoenix to Caborca, which is 200 miles over paved roads, was a cinch. But, watch those last 60 miles from Caborca to Lobos.

Rugged scenery and primitive beauty abound, but the wind and shifting sands are treacherous. The rutted trail used for many years by Lobos commercial fishermen is passable with care and reason, except in rainy season. A pickup or jeep, or any four wheel drive vehicle, is a *must*. Traveling in pairs is a good idea, too.

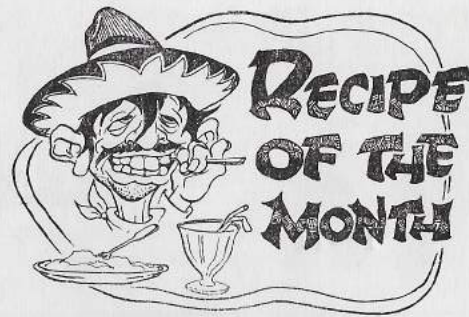
Jumping cactus are another hazard and Hal had the punctures to prove it.

At Lobos, after renting one of the 8 adobe cabins from Alfredo, the English-speaking host at the Lobos Hilton, we readied the boat for early morning fishing. We brought in all the supplies we would need including water and ice.

Launching was done from the hard sand beach since there are no ramps or coral. Fishermen that have shacks in the area also rent boats, but, don't depend on that either.

The next two days were a fisherman's dream. This Lobos is the home of the 90-100 pound grooper. Apparently there are no small fish — just big ones.

We fished a reef-filled bay a short distance from Lobos and caught a sea bass on almost every run over the reef. Martin plugs and Tony Aceta lures seemed to work like magic.



Tamale Pie

Etta Rene Austin

- 1 lb. Masa (Corn Meal)
- 3 tlb. Shortening
- 2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 3 cloves Garlic
- 2 tlb. Flour
- Gerharts Chili Powder (to taste)
- 1 can Green Beans
- 1 can pitted Black Olives

Add meat, garlic and 3 tlb. Chili Powder in skillet, cook until done. Add flour and mix well. Add $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water, more if needed, salt to taste. Add Masa, 2 tsp salt, 3 tlb. shortening, add hot water a little at a time, mix well. Spread in pan — just enough to cover bottom — thick. Pour in half of meat mixture, thin left over Masa with water, add. Add olives and green beans. Add remaining Masa on top. Bake 350° for one hour. Bake in (8 x 12) uncovered dish.

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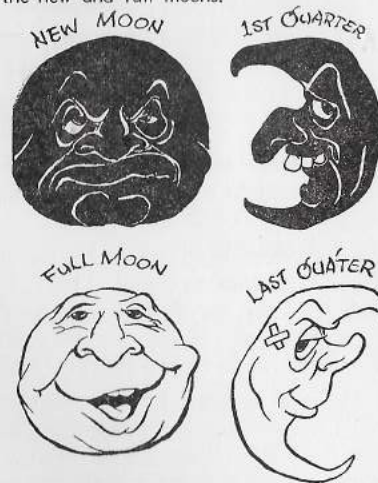
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Full Jan. 20
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Times given show the time of high tide.

Our tide predicting formula is being revised this year. Tide watchers should report observed error in the tide chart to Don Zimmer or Lynn Bayless.

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Solitude-Peace-Quiet

By Wes Douglas

Someone once said "Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder" — I might add solitude — peace — quiet are in the hands of the individual —

I have recently heard the remark that Cholla Bay is ruined — too many people — modern communications — smooth road —

People? Yes, two to four times a year — Derby Time and a couple of long holidays does attract a crowd — Even then with a little effort one can find solitude — With a small boat one can explore miles of beaches and estuaries from Black Mountain to the Sand Dunes and from Rocky Point to Georges Bay with an interesting visit to Bird Island. With a larger boat many more places are within reach.

If you like it the way it used to be try camping out for a few days on one of these isolated beaches —

Radio? My radio might save my life, and what's more important, it might help me save your life. If one is still seeking peace and quiet, with a simple little twist of the wrist the radio can be turned off.

Smooth road? Can you remember the many times we used to have to dig out of the sand between Rocky Point and Cholla?

This smooth road can and will save many times the amount of my dues. It will leave much more money and time to find and enjoy "Solitude — Peace — Quiet" . . . that is still to be found at Cholla Bay —

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Tucson Talking

by Les Conlisk, Sec.

We had a good turnout for our regular business meeting, December 19, at our Tucson Chapter of the Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club. The meeting was held at the Moose Lodge, 378 N. Main Ave.

Our new president, Doctor Walker, opened the meeting. Some of the items discussed were the fact that Lloyd and Gina had moved into their new place at Cholla Bay, and the radio reception must be better there as they reported picking up Long Beach, California very distinctly.

Several ideas were fostered on how to raise money for the search and rescue fund. One idea which we tried is the following: several items were donated by our members, and we auctioned them off raising our fund by \$20.00.

Three boxes of clothing were donated for the Rocky Point Lions Club, and Charlie Moore volunteered to take them down this week-end.

Our door prize was a 2½ gallon can of Quaker State Motor Boat Oil, donated

by Gus Altfillisch of the 22nd St. Boat Dock, won by Ted Robles.

Clayton Sheer is going to contact the Border Authorities to see if it would be possible to keep the Border Gates open later on the week-ends, so the trip won't have to be made in such a hurry.

A film was secured by Gus Altfillisch called, Johnson Motors presents 'Seahorse Action Parade.' (Even cheesecake in it for those who already have their motors.)

Next meeting January 16, 1962.

The days of the Good Samaritan are not over. The Sunday evening of Thanksgiving weekend on the way home from Cholla Bay the clip on the distributor broke about 25 miles from Tucson. Two friends stopped and lent me a pair of pliers and a flashlight and I was soon on my way again. In my anxiety as to whether I was going to get home I forgot to find out who they were. They followed me to Tucson, but when I got to Mission road and waited for them they didn't show up. I want to thank them and let them know it was a good feeling to have someone back of you. T. R. Nussbaum, P.S.: This all happened after my wife passed me with all my tools and flashlight.

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