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Our Tribute To Nacho

"To know him was to love him." This saying may be trite, or schmaltzie, but I can think of no better way to describe the way the majority of us Gringos felt about our departed friend, Nacho.

His little store was a hodge-podge of the darndest assortment of merchandise ever gathered under one roof because he tried to service the wants of the darndest hodge-podge of fickle fishermen, timid tourists and drunken dumbbells — everyone who journeyed to Cholla, sooner or later crossed the threshold of his little Bougainvillea covered store and entered into the charming graciousness of Nacho's friendly and helpful personality.

Speaking of how helpful he was brings to mind an incident which he and I chuckled over in later years. During the fall of 1951, before I had become acquainted with him, a buddy and I had spent two fruitless days searching for some hungry grouper with no success.

One evening my buddy and I dropped by Nacho's place to sip a cold beer and get acquainted with him. As we cried in our beer to him about our lack of success, his

face lit up in a beautiful smile, and he informed us our troubles were over — he then rummaged thru his desk for a minute, then triumphantly pulled forth a slightly familiar map of the fishing area. Not knowing who I was, he excitedly started pointing out the various reefs shown on the map, assuring me that I couldn't go wrong, as this was a genuine authentic map of just exactly where all of the finny denizens of the deep hung out. All three of us broke out in laughter when I introduced myself and explained that I

had drawn the original map his copy had come from.

Nacho had a natural talent for making children love him — he spoiled my kids rotten — always giving them a little goodie

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of some sort. Did you know that he could speak four languages fluently? He was an extremely well educated man.

Years ago, when his health was no problem, Nacho would delight in telling us wide-eyed tourists, folklore and legends of the Pinate area. One story in particular stands out in my mind, that he related to my two oldest daughters one evening. He was sincere and I believe he was convinced of its authenticity. It seemed that there is a little desert bird, about the size of a sparrow, who, for some unknown reason, periodically gets an overwhelming desire to see what's going on, on the Baja side of the gulf. Well, this here little bird is a smarter than average little cookie, so rather than making a hell of a trip out of it by flying up the coastline and around down the other side, he figures that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, so-o-o, right straight across the gulf he heads. As you and I and these little birds are well aware, the Gulf of California is at one of its widest points opposite Cholla. Nacho, without a trace of a smile informed us that these little birds would scrounge up a stick, grasp it firmly in its hot little feet, and blissfully head out right square across the gulf. Halfway across, as he started to poop out, he would nonchalantly settle into

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Phoenix Club

By: Myrt Johnson, Secretary

Recent experiences of Americans visiting Mexico and passing thru the border Immigration Office at Sonoyta created quite a disturbance until the correct and official information reached publication in the newspapers and also was brought back by those who had been to the Bay. The answer is very simple. Mexican officials are enforcing their rightful laws by insisting that everyone entering their country show proof of U.S. Citizenship. We found the officials at the border very courteous and helpful on our last trip down, but we came with the proper papers of affidavits and birth certificates and paid the small fee of 50c per person for our five day stay in Mexico. The officials want the Americans to come to their country but we must recognize their rights and respect the fact that we are visitors in Mexico. Just be sure that everyone in your party has proof of citizenship with them when they apply for a visa at the border and everything will be fine.

For months we have been waiting for signs at the Bay informing the fishermen that they must register at the Base Radio Station before going fishing and now we have them, thanks to our fellow club member, Clarence Parks of the National Barricade Co. He made the signs and they are at the Bay waiting to be placed at the strategical points.

The out-going and the in-coming Board
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of Directors met together at the Wes Douglas' home Feb. 21st and collaborated at length on the many problems of the Club. The new President and officers and Board of Directors were versed in detail concerning the obligations the 1961 Board of Directors had incurred thru the inauguration of the new insurance plan, the road maintenance being continued and the Base Radio Station put into satisfactory operation, plus the expense of maintaining the present Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club House, which houses the radio and the operator. A very friendly discussion resulted in the unanimous approval of all the new officers—they agreed that the present Club benefits must continue and that the newly inaugurated membership dues of \$10.00 per year for all active voting members must be maintained for the Club to be able to continue with the existing financial obligations, plus whatever new plans they may incorporate during the coming year. Using an old hackneyed phrase—A good time was had by all.

Thus the out-going President, Ed Smith, Vice President, Bob Taylor, Secretary—yours truly, Myrt Johnson, Board of Directors members Jerry Williams, Ruby Smith and immediate past president, Bill Blair, now bow out of the picture as Officers in charge of club affairs and the new regime take over the headaches of maintaining a good club. The club did have a good year in 1961 and your Board of Directors has worked hard to make it so. We are growing in membership and

receiving more and more benefits for our membership dues of such a small amount as \$10.00 per year. The new officers will give you an even better club.

And now—this gal will no longer be faced with the problems of trying to figure out what to write for the Splinters of the Board because she will no longer have to take minutes of any meeting—she is going to have time now to fish while at Cholla Bay—vacation for a month at Guaymas, and possibly take a vacation from our August heat with a month at the lakes in her home state, Minnesota. Adios—mi Amigos.

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the surface of the water, on his little stick, of course, then after getting his breath back, he would take off again to ultimately reach the terra firma of Baja. Pretty damn smart bird, if you ask me.

We are all going to miss his gentle humor, and very very honorable philosophy, gracious welcome and well, just the warm feeling this fine gentleman would always leave us with. Cholla Bay has lost one of its finest assets.

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The gol-darndest things happen to people down there at Cholla Bay. Bernie Walker, President of the Tucson Chapter, together with wife and son, head for the bay on a Friday afternoon. Following them were guests for the weekend. Everything was all set—cabin in readiness for a crowd of people—they thought. Doc has two generators at his cabin and what happens?—Neither one will work and there he is with family and guests and no lights with the exception of "a couple of blue noses" as he put it, when on a search for the loan of a generator, lamps etc. Located two Coleman lanterns so all was fine for that night and the next day the two light plants were in operation again. So far—so good. Saturday dawned clear and calm and the prospects of a good days fishing looked very good. Fishing they went and what happens?—The stern of the boat developed a long crack and home they came. Moaned Doc — "And I just dropped the insurance on that boat just a short while back." More guests arrived and then another car full, until the place bulged but everyone had a "ball," so to speak as they consumed Shrimp fried via Manuel Style and Empanadas that only Mable can make that delicious.

Pete and Iva Barker should be enroute home by this time from a trip via Power Wagon down the Baja side of the Gulf of California to La Paz. Last heard from they were having heyday at Concepcion Bay. Leaving Phoenix immediately after the first of January, they encountered

some axle trouble the first few days after they passed San Felipe, but they arrived at Los Angeles Bay on January 12th, where they were met by Helen and Ted Bergen, who left Cholla Bay with their new large cabin boat on January 8th but had to lay over at Lobos for two days because of a terrific wind storm. The Bergens remained around the vicinity of Los Angeles Bay for a week and then returned to the Bay and home, and Pete and Iva continued on their vagabond journey over rough and hazardous trails to the Pacific Side and then back to the east side and Concepcion Bay. No reports of such foolish blunders as they made two years ago on a trip with the same Power Wagon to La Paz, such as feeling confident they could cross a long stretch of salt flats without getting mired down. Took 36 hours to get out of that mess. If they don't come back with reels of film of their journey to show we club members, they better head right back down there.

Mrs. John Malt of Tucson is back at Cholla Bay in an effort to find peace and consolation following the death of John just before Christmas. They completed the building of a small cabin at the Bay last fall and then returned to Tucson for a short while before an anticipated long stay at their favorite spot, Cholla Bay. John was reading his daily newspaper and discussing with his wife his plans for spending the holidays at the Bay, which

he loved so much, when a fatal heart attack struck him and his earthly days were over. Because John enjoyed the Bay and their small home down there, Mrs. Malt felt it was the place for her to come to and take over the task of adjusting herself to living alone but she feels sure she can find a sort of happiness and peace at the Bay. Frank Lopez drove her down from Tucson in her cab-over truck to help her over the first step of the way.

Bill Valentine says he needs a lot of help at his camp at Cholla Bay to help him get his "Chick Sales" erect and in place again. Seems as if the terrific wind storm tipped it over. Have heart boy, because you aren't the only one with this catastrophe—many a family will arrive down there to find their important facility in the same shape.

A visitor from Minnesota, fishing in a good sized boat in calm weather out on the twenty mile reef, landed his first deep sea fish, a good sized Pinto and then turned and asked where the bathroom was. Looked slightly on the greenish shade and not any better when he finally came out again on the deck. An hour later and a pill taken much too late, he decided the best place for him was in the cabin lying down. Marcello was acting as guide and bringing in the fish and if anyone loves to fish it is Marcello—but he batted not an eye when told that the "hombre es muy enfermo" and he headed for shore. Said the amateur fisherman, when finally on firm ground and feeling slightly better—"A man must have committed some terrible sins in his lifetime to get as sick as that. This is worse than

the worst hang-over anyone ever had. I know—I have had them."

Has anyone taken a look-see at the wall that used to protect the new Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club House from the high tides and winds. High winds, together with a terrific high tide just tore that cement wall to smithers. Cement and some strong arms and backs and a new wall are needed. That cement wall is a must—unless we want to see the whole Club House washed out into the bay.

Mitch Gaudet scared everyone half silly with a coronary thrombosis and the St. Joseph's hospital is still his home. Reports are that the blood clot is dissolving nicely and he is calling his place of business regularly. Can't keep those tough characters down. Asked Carl Moore how his wife Cussie was getting along and he replied "still enjoying ill health" meaning that she is still fighting the job of breathing.

Cholla Bay doesn't seem quite the same with Nacho gone. With grim determination
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Prexy Speaks

Eddie Smith

It has taken years of hard work, time and money on the part of many, many people to get Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club to the advantage point it has today. The progress we have made the last year has been possible because of it. Each year the groundwork is laid for the next, and each prexy, with his Board of Directors, makes it possible for the next to complete projects.

For instance, the radio base station was conceived during Paul Schoonover's Prexy-ship, borne under "Gabby" Bill Blair & Associates (this probably accounts for its odd squeaks and squawks). Bob Taylor acted as mid-wife by getting its birth certificate (permit so to speak). However, it was still an orphan, sitting in Nacho's store collecting dust. Last year it received a new home in our own club house right on the ocean front with foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shahan, to operate it and keep its little batteries charged with the help of the new battery charger. Now it has learned to talk and is taking its rightful place in the club.

The new club house has also made it possible to have a good check system for your boats. Lots more work is needed to clean up and beautify the place, but at least it is a start in the right direction.

The road into Cholla has become increasingly better every year. The permanent maintenance now contracted for by Mayor Lallo Ybarra makes it the best ever. The road by the cross, since its repair, doesn't claim nearly as many props, rudders and tail pipes. It still needs improvement—but again it's a step.

We also have close cooperation with

the Coast Guard Auxiliary for Search & Rescue operations.

A healthy situation is the 100 member increase. This is not including any delinquent members.

The Insurance plan, initiated this year, is by no means a small item. Let's hope we never have to collect a cent from it. Not only has it given each of us a better feeling of security, but it has made it necessary to keep an absolutely accurate record of members. Now each member is processed through one channel and as soon as dues are paid he starts receiving his Chatter.

Our derbies have been bigger and better each year and this one should be a whopper, under the direction of Bob Taylor, who is a terrific organizer and has the ability to get things done.

The Chatter has grown to 12 pages now and it no longer is a small paper, but is approaching a magazine.

The Tucson & Phoenix Chapters have worked well together the last year. They have seen almost everything in the same light.

We have enjoyed very good relations with the Officials at Cholla and Rocky Point again this year.

All in all we have had a good year—board and committee members have worked hard. We did our jobs the best we know how under the circumstances involved. If we have stepped on any toes, we apologize. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Phoenix & Tucson Board and Committee members—a swell bunch of guys and gals. Also congratulations are in order for the new president and his Board of Directors. The club will be in good hands for the coming year.

Don't forget our next Phoenix meeting is Pot Luck—see you there.

The Traveling Zimmers

Dear All,

We are on the verge of leaving Mexico City for Puebla and points South. Arrived here Sunday at noon and our "sister" Arcely came directly to the trailer court (there is only one here). She toured us until sunset. Then we went to the 44th floor of the highest building and had dinner while the city lights began to blossom. It was great viewing, great food and great service, which is our usual experience here.

The trip from Mazatlan to Guadalajara was over mountain roads that reminded us of the Whitespars. But they are very well graded, paved and marked, so it remains to enjoy the fabulous scenery and tropical vegetation. This is winter, but there is much greenery since the crops of grain spread over acres of cultivated land everywhere. Then on the tops of the mountains, the Indians plant corn, so as far as the eye can see there are growing things. All of this is carefully marked by the waist-high stone walls that snake out in every direction. Labor was not a consideration when those walls were constructed, that's for sure.

Guadalajara is a fun place and we wish we had been able to stay longer than overnight, but we wanted to be in Mexico City Sunday so we could see Arcely during the day. The Sears store and Wool-

worths look just like USA and everyone is very helpful. It is an old Colonial city so the trees arch the streets just "like in Wisconsin" according to Don. We delivered a letter of introduction to friends of the Strupplers and they were just as nice as our Phoenix Ruth and Bill. On our way back thru Mexico later this year we plan to gather up these fabulous folk.

From Guadalajara we drove on the "leveler" route because of the trailer and the fact we need to have the jets in the carburetor adjusted for the high altitude driving. The truck has lots of power at sea-level but poops out on the long grades. But it will be taken care of in Mexico City since the balance of the trip is in high country. So our route took us to La Piedad, (Bayless' please note), then to Salamanca (Austin's please note) then on a toll road to Mexico City via Queretaro. It is the "desirable route" for hauling, although we will go "downhill" thru Morelia when we go back to Guadalajara since that is the Tourist Route.

We have not taken many movies but Don feels most of the people we know will eventually take this trip, so he is waiting for us to get South of here before "shooting up" the footage. Most everything this far is familiar to you having been covered in magazines and movies. But from here on the going should be filmed, Don feels. The Guatemala Consul

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Office we visited yesterday for our visa (which is stamped in our US Passport, so be sure you carry a Passport. Otherwise you pay \$3.00. Also it is acceptable identification at Banks, etc.) told us that the Trailways Bus runs daily from Oaxaco to Guatemala City during this season. We will check to see if it also runs in December when we get to Guatemala.

This 19 foot trailer is a ball! Don has everything under control—hot water included. We finally learned how to stow our gear, so it stays put. But that is on pavement. When we come to the gravel road, we will probably find it necessary to regroup. Every minute is fun. Our best to each and everyone, everywhere.

Fondly,
Don & Florence Zimmer
Mexico City, D.F.
February 13, 1962

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tion we marched down the street and entered the store. It was a quiet, silent place with a young Mexican lad in charge. Harry DeLozier of Ajo, one of Nacho's best friends, was there standing around on his one good leg and supported with crutches, just sort of watching out for Nacho's interests. He relayed the information that Tommy and Henrietta Costello of Ajo were getting Nacho's old trailer ready for occupancy. His wife, Mrs. Martha Quiroz of Ajo, is going to take over where Nacho left off and run the business down at the Bay.

The Editor Speaks

Ruby Smith

Next month is the DERBY and many fisherman will be vying for the biggest fish. There will be all types of craft afloat so the first thought should be safety for ourselves and for the other guy.

Some very simple and important precautions are:

Examine the sky and water before embarking. Check with the Shahans, they are in constant contact with the Coast Guard stations in Long Beach and San Francisco.

Do not permit passengers aboard before checking the bilges for gasoline fumes and looking for leaks.

Check amount of fuel and fire fighting equipment aboard.

Break out life jackets and place half of them forward and half aft, that way no one will be caught at the wrong end of the boat.

Start engine, check exhaust, battery and bilge pump and study engine heat. Check every half hour while on the water.

If you are going more than two miles from land, take a barometer reading, enter in log, and examine compass to make certain it is accurate.

Cast off, make sure that two lines are aboard plus a working anchor and line.

Never go faster than six knots in confined waters or areas where other boats are moored. Never at any time, run your engine more than three-quarters open.

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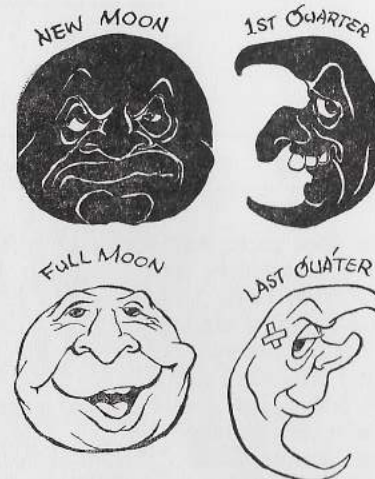
Never press your rights on the water. Remember you can be 'right dead right as you sail along, but you could be just as dead as if you'd been wrong.'

When you see a dark blot on the horizon, or a big white thunderhead, or

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Operation: Tide Chart

The times given are for high tide. Low tide will follow each high by about 5½ hours.



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you feel a breeze that strengthens steadily, steer close to shore.

Being a Water Safety instructor for the American Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. for 20 years taught me that it pays to be cautious where the water is concerned. Don't be afraid to be afraid. Water can be fun only when viewed from above.

It is with mixed emotions that I leave the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club. The pressure of trying to do a good job for you has been great and I'll be glad to be relieved of that responsibility. However, editing the Cholla Chatter and serving on your board of directors has been a pleasure, too—I've enjoyed it—I've learned a lot from you and I've made many friends—I hope I've been your friend, too.

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Tucson Talking

By Lester Conlisk, Secretary

Our regular business meeting of Feb. 20th was held at the Moose Lodge, 347 N. Main at 7:30 P.M.

President Bernie Walker couldn't conduct the meeting as his wife fell and broke her hip. She is in Tucson Medical Center, room 120 B. So. Wayne Devore took charge of the meeting.

Bill Casey started to work on advertising for the Cholla Chatter. He should get some good ads now, he has Dean Fisher, Forest Cooley and Myron Lusk as volunteer helpers.

If you have a fish story to tell, contact Dorothy Walker, her story column for the Chatter is called Tucson Scuttlebutt. We should hear some good ones now.

We had a guest speaker. He is working for the Red Cross to promote safety for swimming and boating. His name is Jerry Harner. He is offering a free course on First Aid. If you are interested, come to

222 S. Cherry Ave. in Tucson. Everyone should have more knowledge of First Aid.

The door prize was a case of motor boat oil, donated by Ted Long, won by Roy Warren. Harry Jones donated a bolo tie and a pair of earrings for door prizes also. Les Conlisk won the tie and Ellinor Gregory won the earrings.

We had a good attendance and gained five more new members.

Roy Warren donated his prize for a raffle and the club gained \$17.75.

Gus Altfillisch had a nice film to show. Coffee and Doughnuts were served downstairs after the meeting.

Plan to be at our next meeting March 20, 1962.

Les Conlisk, Secretary

GUAYMAS WAY

The Johnsons, Myrt and Ken, are heading Guaymas way March 1st, towing "Honey Boo" and going by road via Santa Ana. "No less than a month," vows Myrt and Ken just cocks his head sideways and looks at her, shrugs his shoulders and smiles. Too much business and work and the twilight hours of their lives is approaching, so they decided to sort of semi-retire. "It's better to retire during mid afternoon than wait until twilight and we're too old to do anything that is fun and requires a little more than just living normal" is their motto. They say they will be spending more time at Cholla Bay also this year.—Next year—who knows?

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