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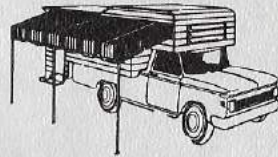
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— August 26th —

There's going to be a party on August 26th at Tom Sharp's Crest Room. This party will be for the Adult members of the Club, since spirituous beverages will be served. The theme will be that of a Mexican Fiesta, and Ray Andrade's group will provide the music. Don't miss this — it's a 'for fun' doings.

Bill Valentine's serial is on its second to last chapter on Page 6

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by J. L. (Slim) Wilkerson

Just back of the radio shack at Cholla Bay sets one of the most beautiful sail boats I have ever seen. If you decide to read this article, you may decide point of view.

During the Christmas holidays of 1961, the wind was blowing at Cholla Bay and the surfing was nothing to brag about. I wasn't necessarily bored because I have never yet been bored at Cholla Bay. I decided to take a ride over to Rocky Point and wound up over at the boat yard. I sat down near the front of one of the shrimp boats which was being built. I must have spent an hour or more admiring the graceful shape and precise workmanship.

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My thoughts wandered from boats to places I had been, things I had done, and back to my boyhood days down in Central Kentucky.

Suddenly I thought I would like to build a boat. I got up and walked around every boat there — old hulls lying on their sides, some buried in the sand and some just getting their finishing touches waiting for the high tide to send them on their way with some proud man standing behind the wheel as he watches the big red sun sink in the Sea of Cortez.

I sat back down and looked at a pool of water that had been left by the high tide. I pictured the boat I was to build, not the exact length or width or height, but the picture of what it was to look like sitting in the water. I sat there with a perfect picture of the front view. Then since I had that much printed in my mind, I moved around to the side of this pond and designed the sides. None of the men working around me were aware that I was about to become a competitor and doing my design work in their yard. The fact of the matter is, they didn't even notice me until I waded

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into this pond and stood out there gazing into the pool of water less than a foot deep.

After about thirty minutes, one of the men came out and said something in Spanish. I think he was checking my sanity. I can't blame him. He didn't bother me for I had the picture in my mind of just how it was to look.

Since I had the plans, there was no use to fiddle around, just as well get started. I went over and asked the man at the ship yard if he would sell me two of his choice pieces of curved mesquite. He said, "Si, \$10.00." I picked out the two pieces plus a pick-up load of scrap for ribs. From that day for the next four years, I was never caught up with my work. I scrounged parts from Boston to San Francisco. My friends and relatives were never at a loss as to what to give me for Christmas, Father's Day, etc.

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THIS AND THAT!

by Bob Taylor

At our last meeting I heard one of our officers say, "All the old members are tired; they don't seem to want to help us anymore." We won't name any names and we won't asked ether he meant "old" as to age, or "old" as to length of membership.

You know "he" might just be right; at the last several meetings the "old" members have not been there. We know it's summer, and hot, and vacations, and excuses are easy to make. In all clubs there are a few that work hard and the rest of us receive the benefit of their work. At this time of year, we should begin to think about who will represent us in the coming year.

We have problems:

1. AN ASSOCIATION that will be recognized by our Mexican friends, however, one that can be operated under our own by-laws and

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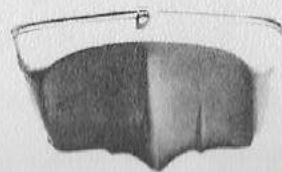
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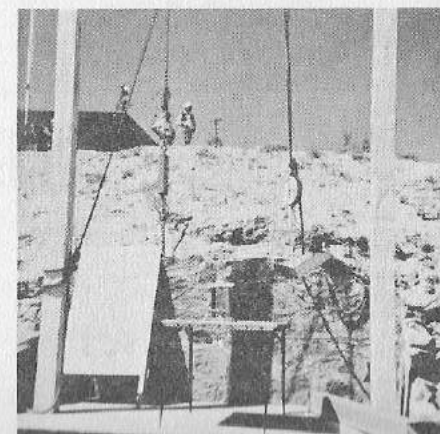
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Jan Graham, fishing in Cece's boat the 'C Lover', had managed to do what I had been unable to do, and that was to land a ladyfish. She actually nailed two of the little dolls and landed both. Yep, the gals sorta show'd us 'professionals' up that day.

When we were all finally back aboard the shrimper that evening, all the purty little wimmen there, decided to have a bath. Lucky Hector, the official 'Mother Hen' of our bunch, loaded the whole giggling female complement on board the 'C Lover' and headed about a half mile away to a beautiful little sand beached-up cove. They were all back aboard by dark, and that darn Hector sure looked smug -- the lucky bum.

After a nice dinner, prepared by the ever-lovin' Hammers, everyone relaxed and lolled around the spacious decks, drinking exotic highballs

and telling off-color stories. The more of that tequilla I drank, the more convinced I was of what a smart move it had been to bring our wives along. Horace Gam was in complete agreement with me.

The next morning, everyone on board was nursing a hangover. But it was a good thing. The miserable wind had picked up quite strongly during the night, so everyone was a little reluctant to leave the comfort of their sack. Finally, everyone struggled to their feet and moaned piteously to each other. We all started feeling human again after a good healthy breakfast, and seriously contemplated a course of action for the days fishing.

Hector had mentioned a long, pure white peninsula of sand, which he described as reaching almost to the mainland from the northeast corner of the huge island. To me, a sandy beach means sea trout and pompano, so after a short council of war, us hairy fishermen had our wives fix each boat up with a tasty lunch box, accompanied by an ice box filled with cold beer. We loaded our light spinning rigs on board each boat and roared toward the far distant sand beach.

After about a half hour run toward the mainland of Mexico, we pulled into one of the most beautiful stretches of pure white sand beaches

I'd ever seen. We beached the outboards and everyone scrambled ashore to fish and explore. All the girls, except my wife, started scrounging around for the remarkably weird shaped pieces of driftwood covering the peninsula.

I had equipped our light spinning rigs with dixie jet lures and Johnson silver minnow spoons, knowing from past experience that if there were trout and pompano in the area, these two old standbys would connect us up.

Jesse got the first strike, and by the way the fish was fighting I couldn't tell just what it was. A hooked pompano will sooner or later jump and show himself, and a trout will make several short runs and shake his head from side to side, but the fish Jess hooked behaved in a rather unorthodox manner. After a short minute and a half battle, she beached, of all things, a blowfish.

We, Hector, Jessie, George (boat captain), Hammer and myself, continued walking and casting, hoping to sooner or later find a feeding school of trout. Finally, after we'd gone about a half mile from where we'd beached the boats, George got a good solid strike. As he was trying to battle the fish on the unfamiliar spinning outfit, Hector got a hook-up.

This was the first time George had ever handled a spinning outfit, and Hector hadn't used one more than 3 or 4 times previously, and here they were hooked solidly into 2 fine trout, while Jessie, Hammer and myself, all past masters at spinning continued to draw nothing but blanks. This was rather frustrating.

Those two Mexicans stood there, flat-footed and out-fished us gringos about 4 to 1. When the trout finally quit hitting, they had caught 6 or 7 apiece, while we had beached only

2 trout and 3 skinny pompano between us.

Everyone had a ball anyway, and about 2 p.m. we hauled on back to the 'Big Mother'. We were going to change locations to see if fishing was better elsewhere.

Hector, George, Marco and Pancho helped us unload all of our gear from the little boats to make a short 6 mile run back up the gulf to a little island, just barely sticking its scarred head up out of the gulf, called 'Isle De Patos'.

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It pokes its lonely little head out of the water 6 miles N.W. of Tiburon, and is about 1/4 mile square. Every inch of water surrounding this hunk of Mexican real estate is practically alive with fish, all practically dying of hunger. These darn fish were so wild and wooly that I honestly saw several large sierra mackerel savagely strike at the bottom of an empty beer can I threw overboard - I hadn't drank a drop either.

As we left Tiburon to make a short hop to Little Duck, the wind had died to a soft, gentle breeze, so instead of lifting the outboard boats out of the water, we just tied them securely behind the wide, 25' stern of the Luisito, to bob along behind.

We pulled into the Lee (mainland) side of the rocky little dude about 5:30 p.m. There was still about 2 hours of daylight left, so I loaded Horace and myself aboard the Afrikan Queen the minute the anchor hit bottom from the Luisito.

We were equipped with two short glass boat rods, Penn Squidder reels, 30 pound lines, ball bearing swivel leaders, and 4" bone jigs for lures.

We dropped our jigs over the side as soon as we were clear of the Luisito's anchor chain, and tried to freespool our lures back about 25 yards in our wake. I say tried, because those bones were no more than 5 or 6 feet astern when wham-wham - Horace and I had a double mack hook-up. Talk about savage fighters! Those razor toothed tigers just flat went bezerk over those boned jigs. And fight - WOW, on those light boat rods, it was like tying into an 8 pound largemouth on a fly-rod. Poor old Horace and I just finally wore out about dark, and we were two of the bloodiest looking individuals you ever want to see. But man, did we have a load of fish. We must have landed 75 or 80 mackerel, ranging in size from 6 to 12 pounds.

As we pulled alongside the Luisito to hand our fish up to Pancho and Marko, Hector practically danced a jig of delight at the sight of all those bloody brutes we caught. "Mucho big garupa (grouper) tonite, Bill", he informed me. It seemed as though the large (15 to 50 pounders) grouper, pinto bass, and porgy, (cousin to the red snapper) seemed to loose all inhi-

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Be sure you have the following equipment for your trips:

1. Extra belts - fan, refrigeration units, etc.
2. Plenty of water in case your radiator overheats.
3. The necessary tools to work on your car.
4. Spare tire.
5. Extra radiator cap.
6. If you have refrigeration - an extra hose won't take up much room.
7. Necessary jack, etc. for tire changing.

In July our family went to Cholla Bay and although we had just had the car checked out shortly before, we had to drive down at 30-35 m.p.h. and put on a hard-to-locate belt there. Then on the way back, we had to stop 3 times before Sonoyta, spent 1 1/2 hours at the garage in Sonoyta getting a hose put on, stopped at Blakely in Ajo because of overheating, and the total trip from Cholla took 8 hours with no refrigeration. We noticed other cars cooling off too, and in garages at various places.

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The meeting of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Board of Directors was called to order at 8:25 p.m. on July 8, 1966 by Lyle Rogers, President. A majority of Board members were present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and there was only one correction to the Minutes as pertained to the distribution of the money donated by the Derby winner. The Minutes were corrected to read that Mabel Brand would buy something for the children in the hospital at Puerto Penasco. Minutes were then approved.

John Herrscher gave the Treasury report and it was approved as read.

Mel Jarvis reported that the membership stood at 491.

Harold Johnson discussed the plans for the Fiesta to be held in August. He also opened for discussion the possibility of having an 'Old Timer's Night', and all members of the Board approved of the idea. He also reported on the success of the Derby.

Mel Jarvis reported on the Association, and the proposed Articles were looked over and a discussion followed.

Toska Esenwein reported on the Chatter, and on the possibility of building up a Chatter collection. She also brought up the possibility of a boat signaling system, and it was suggested that the matter would be mentioned to the head of the milker's union at Cholla.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beulah Miller, Secretary

CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB TUCSON CHAPTER

The Cholla Bay meeting came to order at 8:00 o'clock on June 14, 1966 at the J. C. Hall.

Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved as read.

Visitors to the meeting were Mrs. Saylor's mother and two new mem-

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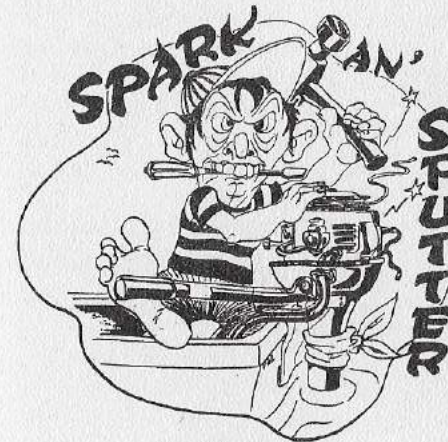
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By Mel Jarvis

Now that hot weather is really here, I think it would be a good idea to go back and go over the old fuel system again.

If you are going to lay your motor up for some time, this summer you should get all the gas out of the carb. You cannot do this by running the engine until it stops. There is still enough gas left in the carb bowl to plug up the main jets and with so small an amount it doesn't take long.

The only way to completely drain the carb is to pull the main jet plugs, and tilt the engine up a little, also you should drain the filter bowl and fuel pump lines. The fuel lines from the tank to the motor also should be drained.

Either top off (completely fill) built-in tanks (allow for expansion) or drain them. The small 6 gallon tanks should be drained, washed out and let dry.

At the time you are flushing out your engine with fresh water, and I know you all do? (Should be your one mandatory requirement each time you fish), you should run the engine at a fast idle, then choke it to death; this floods the engine and puts a coating of oil on the bearings, rods, pistons, etc. This helps guard against rusting of any of the inner parts of the powerhead.

Now just by chance, the wind should blow and a little sand should change location, it would be a good idea to cover the carb intake. Salt River bags work real good for this purpose. (Don't tell them I said so.)

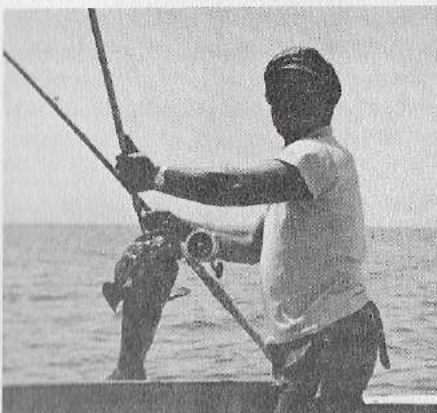
One other point that should be checked and may I say "OFTEN", is the lower unit, for water. This can be done by removing the bottom plug, (DO NOT REMOVE TOP PLUG) and letting out a tiny bit of the grease. If there is water, it will drain first.

Also, you could check the prop's behind side for any fish line that you have lost fighting that big one that got away.

Don't forget the old trailer,

repack those wheel bearings. Don't let them stand two or three months with salt water in them, after that last time out. Also, the winch could stand a little oil, in fact, on mine, I just pour oil all over it. If you have a tongue jack, do the same. Then, tie one of those bags over it and the next time it will work.

Oh yes, if by chance, you are like me, and will do most anything to keep from packing wheel bearings on your own trailer, I'll tell you what I did. I put grease fittings on the hubs, and use the old displacement system each time I go to the bay and before I leave for home. Sure works good. I displace the old grease with new. I use lots of grease and the back side of my trailer wheels are a mess, but I'm still using the same bearings I had two years ago and I've only pulled the wheels once in that time. LAZYHUH.



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Get well cards have been sent to Bob Parnell and Ralph Watkins.

A card was sent to St. Joseph's Hospital to Mrs. Anna Maria Guevara, wife of Dr. Guevara of Puerto Penasco. The Guevaras were in an automobile accident on July 6th just about 8 miles south of Gila Bend. Dr. Guevara has been released from the hospital. Mrs. Guevara, however, will be at St. Joseph's Hospital for some time yet having suffered a broken neck, broken ribs and a crushed chest. The well wishes of the Club are extended to her and the prayer that she will progress nicely toward good health.

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SAIL BOAT DREAM

I built that jewel in my garage and driveway. I did run into a little design problem transferring the picture from that pool at Rocky Point to my garage, especially about 1 A.M. My friends down at the City with the blue suits on came out one night to admire the boat. While they were there they suggested that I limit my sawing and sanding to 10 P.M.

After it began to take shape, I was convinced it was right to specs. When it was nearly finished, I put the marine radio in which also plays broadcast music. After 10 P.M. I would climb up in the pilot's seat, turn on Hawaiian music, read my last year's Christmas present, "Sailing and How to do it."

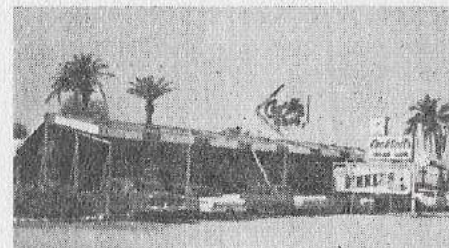


Boy, that's really living - as you pass those palm studded islands, with the sun tanned native girls.

By this time you have decided you must be crazy to build a boat. Well, you don't, but it helps.

As you stand on the porch at the radio shack and see the "Vema Mae" slide gracefully off the trailer, I hope you can notice the sparkle in my eyes as it sails out of the bay to the far away places -- Pelican Point.

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FISHIN' LINES

hibitions when the sun sent down and would inhale dead, cut mackerel, at the drop of a bait.

Cecil in the 'C Lover', and Hammer in his little 14'er had followed Horace and I, and had likewise loaded up with big mackerel, so we all looked forward to a pretty lively night's fishing.

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PHOENIX PREXY SPEAKS

The saying around Carling Brewery is, "We're working on it". That's what I have told your editor, "I'm working on it".

The first thing that comes to my mind is: last January Mr. Brown said he should have more rent. The road had to have work and it cost money. That's fine, we are aware of it.

Next - garbage: he told me that he would pick up the garbage each week. The can in front of my cabin has sure been full ever since the Derby weekend. Why?

The time will soon be here for nomination of officers for 1967. It's time to get your thinking caps on as to whom you want to run the Club.

There will be a party in August. Harold will see that you all have a good time. Also, later on we will have a fish fry. Anyway, it looks like we will have some social life this year.

Thanks, Lyle -

TUCSON CHAPTER

bers, Mr. and Mrs. St. Johns. We now have 146 members in the Tucson Chapter.

No reports were made regarding the Derby.

Chris Tatum told about the Marine Day Celebration in Mexico and it was very interesting. He also told about a boat they had to bring in because of a dead battery, and that the weather had calmed down nicely after the Derby.

There was some discussion about the Border crossings to see if anyone had any difficulty. Chris Tatum mentioned that he had again talked to the Custom Men and the Inspectors.

It was noted that the Mexican Lion's Club is planning on having a celebration on Labor Day, complete with swimming, water skiing, diving contest and boat racing. There is also a fishing derby planned for Thanksgiving at which time the Mexicans will furnish everything except the Search and Rescue Boats, and they have requested our service in that matter.

The Tucson club sold \$12.00 worth of tickets for the Symphony in Puerto Penasco, and we also agreed to pay \$33.33 for our share of the tickets. Motion for the latter was made by Les Conlisk and seconded by Wally Robinson.

Dr. Saylor made a motion to pay the council for the chapter stationery; motion was seconded by Verna Conlisk.

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Meeting adjourned with coffee and donuts and a very good film.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Kemp, Secretary

THIS AND THAT!

not be too expensive for our pocket-book.

2. OUR RADIO and shack are becoming more expensive, yet not as effective as previously.

3. We are having more trouble with the customs officials as to what to bring across the line.

4. We are charged, as usual, with all the problems that come with itinerant fishermen and vacationers at Cholla Bay, even though they are not our Club members.

If we should take each of these problems separately and explain the troubles and the solutions, as far as the Club is concerned, it would take up most of the Chatter; besides, I'm no Houdini. However, let me make one statement and then you, as a member, think about what your Board and Council has to do and then you think how you can help. In the next few months we will choose the people to represent us next year. Representation of this Club is not easy. We are really two Clubs held together by our Council. They meet under difficulties due to distance. With no intent to criticize, it would seem that both Clubs could assume more responsibility. This may be the fault of the Council due to lack of delegation. (You see I can say this as I'm on both.)

However, it seems to me that the chapters have "let-the-Council-do-it-itis". The Council is supposed to head up committees that it appoints and then counsel these committees. Instead of that the Council is made up of officers of both chapters and they, in turn, are trying to do all the work. The more people we have working for the Club as a whole, the more interested members we will have. This should be considered by both Chapters when they appoint their respective

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2 0218 1512	12 1100 2230	23 0730 1930		2 0300 1530
3 0248 1542	13 1200 2330	24 0900 2042		3 0330 1554
4 0324 1612	14 1248 0000	25 1036 2200		4 0406 1624
5 0400 1642	15 0030 1336	26 1142 2312		5 0442 1648
6 0430 1712	16 0118 1612	27 1230 0000		6 0524 1724
7 0512 1742	17 0206 1454	28 0006 1312		7 0618 1812
8 0554 1818	18 0254 1530	29 0048 1342		8 0736 1918
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