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Teenage Holiday Plans Underway At Cholla Bay

*By Miss Patricia De Vore
Teen-Age Chairman*

We are looking for all teen-agers who like to have fun and we know there are many that go to Cholla Bay and Puerto Penasco.

And we know they are wondering if we can arrange some special activities for our age group.

The answer is, "YES WE CAN."

We have received approval from the President to form a "Teen Cholla Bay Club" for the purpose of planning, organizing and conducting parties, dances, trips and beach cook-outs and the many other interesting things we can do.

Plans were started Thanksgiving weekend for us to have a dance New Year's Eve, Saturday, Jan. 1st. We have the place all set and the only thing we need to know is how many will be interested. If you live in or around Tucson, please contact me at EAst 6-9230 or write to 4601 East Malvern, Tucson.

To start with, we thought we would invite the teenagers of Puerto Penasco, through the Lions Club, to join our New Year's dance. Then, we thought some of the parents of the teenagers attending might serve refreshments at our dance. But there is lots to do and I hope you will let me know what you think of the idea and how you can help make the Teen Cholla Bay Club a success.

Program for Phoenix December Meet

By Jack Jennings, Program Chairman

Many thanks to Mrs. Miona Mackey for a most interesting and entertaining program at our last meeting. We will all have a new interest in shells after seeing and hearing Mrs. Mackey.

Our next meeting will be a 'one or the other' type. Both programs are excellent but when the deadline for the CHATTER came, we were not sure which it would be.

It might be a film on the construction of the Glen Canyon Dam which will be a Department of Interior production.

Since Glen Canyon will be an important recreational center, we felt our members would enjoy the film.

Or . . . our program might be another of those wonderful nature films that Walt Disney has produced.

Either one will be excellent, so plan to attend our next meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 8:00 PM at Goettl Bros. Auditorium, 2005 East Indian School Road, Phoenix. Bring the family and guests, they are always welcome.

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By Ed Jones, Chairman

We have a new advertiser this month, thanks to Shirley Bishop.

It is the DOLL HOUSE in Ajo and they welcome Cholla Bay Sportsmen to stop in for meals going to and from the Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Velie keep copies of our publication in their place of business and 'talk up' our activities. These are the kind of folks that help us build.

Last month, Ajo produced an ad, too. It was Blakely Station No. 68, the big new one on the curve. Paul and Jack, the operators, have had lots of nice comments from our members about their ad—and they like your response to their invitation to do business with them.

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forts. They sold us two 200 amp batteries for one-half their cost and I assure you that is a saving of several hundred pesos.

Oh, I almost forgot! Any of you boat-owners who don't have an ANCHOR and at least 150 FEET OF ROPE . . . GET IT. It is a safety device that is a must like your life jacket, and just as important.

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By Shirley Bishop

Have you ever tried to find a recipe for turtle aside from soup? Well, one afternoon at Cholla Bay we found ourselves the proud possessors of one turtle and no recipes. So Vi Keltner and I found ourselves in the curio shop across from Nacho's operated by Teresa Cardenas and her husband. Teresa's reputation as a cook is well known and she certainly rewarded us with a very superb recipe.

Handle the turtle in preparing the same as you would chicken. Quick fry it and set it aside. Chop rather finely about a half of a medium size onion. Fry until transparent in butter then add: 1 No. 2 can whole tomatoes (break up), 1 cup sherry wine, 1 cup pineapple juice, 1 heaping tablespoon mayonnaise, salt and pepper to your taste, couple pinches of oregano and simmer for a couple of hours. Then add the turtle and simmer for another hour (covered).

Before serving add about 1/3 cup of stuffed green olives and 1/2 can of chili peppers (Teresa sells them in her store under the label of Chilitos Serranos En Escabeche). We served this with celery rice which is simply rice cooked in stock with about a teaspoon of celery seed.

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By-Laws Still Missing, Shall We Start Over?

By Paul Schoonover, Past President

To date, the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club By-Laws are still among the missing!

I understand that while the Tucson Chapter was trying to get organized our Legal Advisor Gaynor Stover pointed out that 'we were not acting in accordance with the By-Laws.' Do you have a copy of them Gaynor? If so, will you send them to us immediately so that we can publish them for all to see.

Election of our officers is held in February and we know we have to act according to our By-Laws, but where are they?

If anyone has a copy, send them to me, or Bill Blair as soon as possible.

Posse Award To Club Member Young

By Mel Harrison, Inter-Club Chairman

On Nov. 17, Commander and Mrs. Doug Young were the honored guests at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Water Safety Posse dinner to receive the annual Frank J. Schmidt Memorial Award on behalf of the members of the Phoenix Power Squadron.

The award was made for outstanding public contribution towards safer and better boating and water recreation activities for 1960.

The Phoenix Power Squadron was organized by Schmidt and Young in 1958 and many of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club members have attended classes.

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PREXY SPEAKS

By gosh gang, it is done. . . . a project we have had for several years. . . . Believe it or not! Several of the Phoenix bunch took their covered wagons and journeyed to the Old Pueblo for the organization of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club, Tucson Chapter on November 13, 1960. If you were not there, friends and fellow liars, you really missed a good time.

They had over 90 people at the meeting, and signed up over 30 new members. The group donated over \$80 to the radio fund.

Then for a climax the Tucson Chapter elected Wayne DeVore their president. What a guy he is, ugly as me but more than 10 times as smart! He is a go-getter and full of ideas for projects to do at Cholla Bay.

The Board of the Moose Lodge was there and offered their Clubhouse FREE for meetings of the Chapter. Then to top it off the Moose Lodge also donated a \$25.00 check toward our radio project.

From the bottom of my heart, Tucson people, I want to thank you for the wonderful reception you extended to me and my family—everyone joins me in wishing you the very best of luck.

Now for a little more 'info' on the radio. It is in operation NOW. I have been busy as a one-arm paperhanger getting cables, batteries and all the last minute doghouse things to finish up the project.

We all owe a big THANK YOU to the Copperstate Battery Co., for their ef-

It Could Have Been A Tragedy

By Mrs. Ken Johnson, Phoenix

I am not repeating this from heresay, but am telling you this story as I saw it with my own eyes and heard it with my own ears, that never-to-be-forgotten night of Nov. 14 when 4 men were brought safely to land at Cholla Bay after 3 days and two nights out at sea.

To me, it seemed much as though I were watching a movie. Our boat (Honeyboo) had returned late that afternoon from a search across to the Sand Dunes and beyond on the other side and I remembered the words from the 3 Mexican boys that had made this trip alone. (No see nothing — no find). Dusk was approaching and there was nothing else to do but what we had been doing for 2 days and one night after we had received the news that 3 American and one Mexican had not returned from their day's fishing — just wait, hope and pray.

Donald Schmidt's wife and 2 children, his mother and sister, Marie, and brother, Bill, had left Cholla Bay and returned to Rocky Point to await further reports from the private and Coast Guard planes. I sat looking out our trailer window watching the day come to an end and thought of those men out there somewhere.

Then, I saw the Schmidt car come tearing down the road, stop and back swiftly and stop again, and what appeared to be a man jump out and run. I saw men come running — it was all confusion. Then a red truck, hauling a boat roared out from one of the open spaces just past Nacho's store. They went into the direction of the hill and gas pumps, and Ken and I followed and found this boat being filled with fuel ready to take off and aboard the boat was the sister of Don Schmidt,

Marie, and 2 Mexican lads. The lost boat had been sighted 20 miles out at 220 degrees and the Coast guard was standing by to drop flares around the boat with the 4 men safe aboard. It was then almost 5 o'clock and darkness was only a little over an hour away.

The Captain of the Port appeared on the scene just as this boat was putting out to sea. Another boat was needed, as a companion, as they would return in darkness and 20 miles is a long way to go and no boat should ever make such a trip alone.

Our boat was offered again, and the same two Mexico boys that had just returned from a day-long searaching trip, volunteered their services again.

Also, the owner of the long lost and now safe boat, and 3 Mexicans wanted to go along for the ride. Again, the Honeyboo was put to sea and we had the long wait of approximately 4 hours before we could expect them back again. We drove time and time again to the top of the hill at Pelican Point and peered out into the blackness of night that had no moon, and we could see nothing.

As the hour of 10 approached, we joined a group of our Mexican friends, acting under the orders of Frank Lopez, at the top of the hill where they had a campfire burning and the lights of the cars acting as a light for the boats, we could see approaching about two miles out — their running lights barely discernable. We realized that lights were also needed out on Pelican Point and Ken Johnson and Frank Lopez left in a hurry to get lanterns out on the point, dropping me off at the boat landing where the family of Don Schmidt were anxiously awaiting. I joined them and sat in the car telling them that the men would be in soon, either in our boat, or the other one, that

had gone on this rescue mission. We heard a roar and there came a hi-boy dashing down the hill — our trailer behind. And then another hi-boy with the second trailer. Our Mexican friends had a large campfire, that had been burning since dark, at the boat landing and cars were driven down with lights shining out on the waters of the Bay. Then out of the darkness, entering the inner bay, came Honeyboo. Everyone ran for the waters edge. Some of us stood in front of glaring car lights so as not to blind the pilots of the boat. The 2nd boat rounded the bend, towing the helpless craft that had been the home of 4 men for endless hours as they waited and hoped for someone to come and rescue them.

Boat and car horns blared and men and women shouted. I saw Don's brother walk out into the water to get a glimpse of his brother. He emerged sopping wet to assure his Mother and Don's wife that all men were standing on their own feet and smiling.

The rescued men were not on our boat, but safe on the second rescue boat, and as that boat came out of the water and stopped on dry land I witnessed a sight I shall never forget — a wife reaching upward with her arms to the man she feared she had lost and the husband leaning down low out of the boat to hold her close as she sobbed out her relief.

It seemed so much like a dream that I had to make it real, by touching the arms of each man and feeling him warm and alive, and talking to each one and have them answer me.

The hours of anxiety were over and all was well again, and four men were safely back on land with no serious affects from their ordeal.

Here is the reason for this story. American boats helped the search for the missing boats and the men, but none of them

found them. Mexican boats, also, aided in the search. The man who went out into the dark of night used boats belonging to Americans, but they were manned by Mexican friends who were not even grown men but young lads. They went because they wanted to, and they came thru dark water and around treacherous Pelican Point to land in the darkness. I wish I could list here the names of Mexicans that should have recognition for their efforts, but I could not secure the full names of them all before we left for home the next morning. Marsellus, Joel, Alberto, Guatamula, Jimmy, Manuel, Roberto, etc. are what they are known as. One boy, I feel I should mention by the full name, is Roberto Platt, (the son of Bob Platt who was drowned last spring together with 2 Americans and found across near the Sand Dunes), was one of the young boys that took our boat on the whole days search.

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Shirley Bishop

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Yackety-Yack To Refugio And Back

(First in a series of articles)

By Marjorie Young, Phoenix

On October 19th at 0415 hours, Doug and I left Phoenix for San Felipe hauling our 18 foot Alta Craft Cabin Cruiser. We had a lot of enthusiasm and a heck of a lot of supplies since we planned to live and cruise on our Mardo V for two weeks. This trip with the Lynn Baylesses had been talked about for many months. Preceding this, and in the past month, a lot of serious planning had taken place — such as trips to the lake and a trip from Cholla Bay to Bird Island figuring time, speed, distance and fuel consumption checks. Because of the gas and speed problem, we had replaced our twin 35 hp Johnson Outboards with an 18 hp Evinrude and a borrowed 10 hp for emergencies.

At the same time, Lynn and Olive Bayless left Phoenix for Cholla Bay with their Jeep and the 'Bayou,' a 25 foot cruiser with a 25 hp Gray Marine Engine in which they had cruised the Gulf many times. Their previous trip had been a non-stop cruise to La Paz and back. The Bayou was to wet nurse Mardo V on its first extended trip on the Gulf. Until we rendezvoused with the Bayou in San Felipe harbor the next morning, we had about 4 square feet of space besides the bunks in which to move around on our boat.

That night, I was very tired due to the last minute preparations and lack of sleep. Even though the water was calm in the harbor, my stomach felt squeemish, so I took a pill for seasickness. It was the only one I took on the entire trip.

The Baylesses very graciously took aboard a lot of our supplies, five gallons of water, two large cartons of canned

goods, 24 quarts of oil and about 15 gallons of gas, which we transferred to their tanks.

Lynn and Olive had a very rough crossing which took about 11 hours. Olive arrived with a patch on her forehead and if you ask about her scar — perhaps she will tell you about it.

They arrived at San Felipe Harbor at 0730 hours and after transferring our belongings and making sure everything was either lashed down or thrown overboard and the boats shipshape, we were on our way by 0856 hours. It was a beautiful day, but very rough with 30-35 knot winds on our stern all the way. I was the only one who was rather scared, but I am the worrying type anyway. I took the wheel occasionally to relieve Doug for a few minutes but with the condition of the sea, I was afraid of broaching, so Doug had to do practically all the piloting. It was too rough to cook, so we ate bread and cheese.

At 1715 hours, we were at anchor at Puertocitas (45 miles S. of San Felipe) and very happy to be in quiet water. We all had dinner aboard the Bayou and by the time we noticed our boat again, we were high and dry on a sand bar. Lynn's fathometer was working but ours wasn't. We didn't let that happen again.

Because of the difficulty of paddling our life raft against the wind, we were unable to return to our boat until 2100 hours. After that when we went aboard the Bayou, we would tie on to their stern with our bowline until we were ready to turn in for the night. Then we anchored far enough away so we both had plenty of room to swing.

Friday, Oct. 21, we were up at 0700 hours and paddled our life rafts ashore where we bought gas at 40c a gallon and beer at 30c a bottle. On this trip, we carried no ice. We each took 4 dozen eggs, several pounds of cheese, fresh vegeta-

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bles, fruit, and bread. These things, plus our beer (which we drank warm and bought to conserve our water supply) were kept in the bilge and surprisingly enough, I only had one spoiled egg in the two week period.

On this first leg of our trip, we had averaged 5 knots and used 11 gallons of gas. Lynn had to cut his speed back several knots during the entire trip to stay with us. We averaged this same speed throughout the trip, more or less, depending on the currents and wind.

At 1020 hours, we departed for San Luis Island, where we were to rendezvous with the Mary Belle, skippered by Rick Bell with Dr. Bill Bishop and Pete Walsh as crew. Another rough day with winds up to 35 miles from the north. Arrived at San Luis Island at 1540 hours, explored the island and anchored for the night. Up at 0600 hours, and finally made radio contact with the Mary Belle which met us at San Luis Island shortly afterwards at 1012 hours. Coffee and cold beer (Pluto-crats) aboard the Mary Belle and afterwards all three boats explored some of the nearby islands. There was no breeze at all and some annoying gnats. (Lynn and Olive were a mass of bites but they didn't bother me at all.)

The water was exceptionally smooth and it was overcast all day, but beautiful with a few showers toward evening. Lynn anchored and the other two boats tied onto each others stern between 2 huge sheer rocks where we all had lunch aboard the Mary Belle. Lynn and Doug took off in their rubber boats long enough to take pictures of the group.

(Continued next month)

Tucson Talking . . .

By Wayne DeVore

President, Tucson Chapter

(Editors Note: This is the space we saved for the minutes of the Tucson organizational meeting but ran out of time. See January Chatter. Tucson member, please send items by 20th of each month. Best wishes.)

What's In A Name

By Shirley Bishop

Jack and Barbara Schmidt named their boat "Champagne Lady" because of their champagne appetite and beer pocketbook. Grace and Paul Schoonover thought that if they named their boat "Pegala" that even the sailfish (who speak Spanish) would know that it meant "strike it" in English.

Roy Keltner says that when he pulled their boat up in front of their home he said to his wife: "Well Vi, Hyar Tiz" and after planning and waiting for their boat as long as they did they thought that "Hyar Tiz" summed up the situation well enough to name the boat that.

Florence and Don Zimmer got a little subtle and wishful when they named their boat "Flo-Don." By shortening and combining names, the thought of their boat floating on-and-on-and-on was most appealing to them. Amen and good wishing.

Ken Johnson looked at me as tho he thought I had marbles in my head (more than usual) when he told me he had named their boat "Honey Boo" because that was his pet name for his wife Mert.

Bill Valentine, do you really expect me to believe that when you saw the movie "African Queen" that you figured your boat was just as handsome as the one that Humphrey Bogart had? He got the academy award for this movie, and I suppose you figure it's pretty even because you got Jessie?

It was with a very wistful look in his eye that Mel Harrison told me he named his boat "Anytime" when he was much younger because he thought that it was a good idea but now that he was older he had forgotten why he named his boat that.

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By H. B. Kelley, Class Chairman

We have received over 31 survey forms from members requesting the Club start classes for members in January.

The majority seemed to favor Wednesday night but there will be more on that later.

At the November 15th Board of Directors meeting of the Club, I was asked to teach the Class, and I am looking forward to starting early next year.

After working and living in several Latin American countries and completing the course at the American Institute of Foreign Trade, I feel that I know the kind of classwork that you will find most useful to learn the Spanish you want to use in Cholla Bay-Puerto Penasco.

If you have any inquiries, please contact me at WH 5-4293 or at 521 West 4th St., Scottsdale. Please turn in your survey forms as soon as possible.

April Derby Plans Started By Club

By Ed Smith, Vive President

We thought we had better get started on the Derby plans early this year and your Board has been getting things underway.

We will have a big issue of the CHATTER again this year. Ed Jones, our advertising manager will be calling on you to help line-up advertising for us, since this has to pay the freight on the super-duper issue.

All the suppliers of prizes in years past will be invited to again participate in donating prizes for the Derby and letters will be going out to them early next year. Contact me if you have any thoughts on some we might have missed.

The Derby is our big annual event and requires the cooperation of everyone to make it the success it has been in the past. When you are called on to help, please plan now to say—'yes.'

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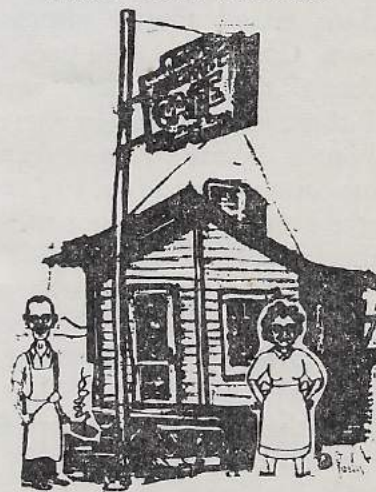


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