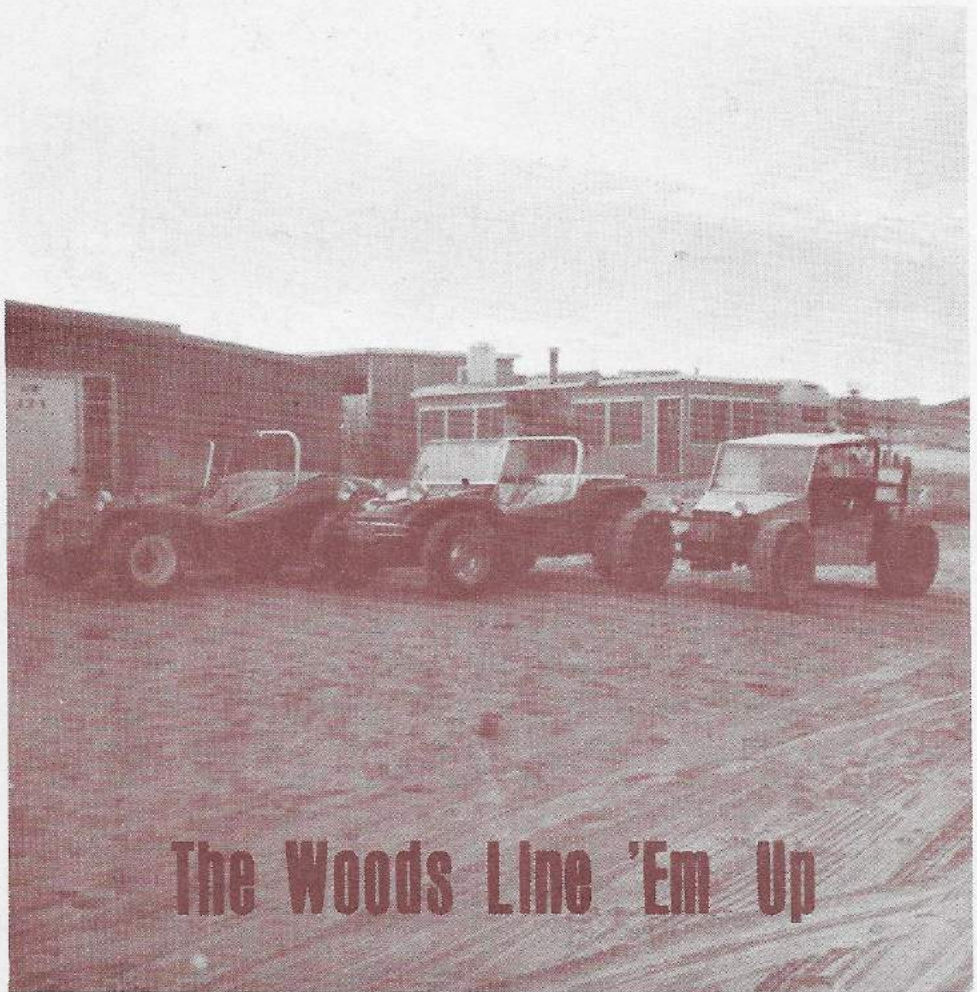




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sandbuggies

by Wayne Wood

I have been asked to write an article on Sandbuggies by the editor. I should know better, you can get in an argument faster on sandbuggies than politics, but here goes.

The first one I had was a 1955 Mercury I chopped down. This one had an automatic transmission with 12" rims and Cadillac take off tires.

I managed to get around pretty good with it by using sheer power. The good thing about it, I guess, was that I had only about \$100 in it.

After seeing several VW sandbuggies around, I decided that was what I wanted. I started cheap. I bought a 1957 VW with a 1963 engine that wouldn't run. Well \$1,500 later I woke up to the fact that it was too nice and expensive to beat around the beaches and salt water. Later I bought a 1961 VW. This one I still keep at Cholla Bay. I shortened it 30 inches and built a metal body for it. By listening closely, I hear it

looks like a crab going down the beach. Well anyway I can reach the Playa Hermosa from Cholla Bay about as fast as anyone and still get a good look at all of the bikinis on the beach. I also have won the privilege of being called one of the dumb Gringos with more money than brains.

We have enjoyed many days with our sandbuggy that were too windy for fishing. Several years ago I took up scuba diving to take care of those windy days. However you should never dive alone and my wife could not swim, much less qualify through a diving school. She swims like a rock. Actually she is the only person I have ever seen that floats "bottoms up" in a life jacket.

Sandbuggies have their practical purposes also.

I am a member of the CBSC Search and Rescue Team and have been almost to the sand dunes by land to pick up stranded people. All in all I wouldn't be without my sandbuggy.



Friday evening, the 15th of January, the CBSC Council met at Snow's Cafe in Casa Grande to wind up the 1970 business and elect new Officers for 1971. I had the honor of being elected your new Chairman for the year, Mary Taylor was elected Secretary and Charles Reed

was appointed to another term as Treasurer. We proceeded to appoint Committee Chairmen as follows: Search & Rescue -Mel Jarvis, Radio- Chris Tatum, Derby -Hal McKanzie Custodian -Bill Sanderson, Cholla Chatter -Betty Capen, Big Ten - Oscar Newman, Christmas Party - Bob Morris, Building -Bob Morris.

There are a number of things to be accomplished this year. Our building project on the Radio Station should be completed. Chairman Bob Morris will provide an estimate for completion at the next Council meeting. Radio Chairman, Chris Tatum, was allowed \$100 for research and development. Our radio equipment must be updated in the near cont'd on page 4

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future to comply with new Federal regulations. Monthly Chapter meetings should be tuned to our members interests to increase attendance. We hope activity in the Big 10 will be 100%. As always, we need more volunteers for committee appointments.

Our CBSC is nearing a membership of 1500. Our members receive more benefits for their membership dues than in any other Sportsmen's Club, I am aware of. You, as a member, receive with your membership card an accident Insurance benefit, while in Mexico; you receive an issue of the Cholla Chatter monthly; you have the facilities of your own Radio Station, while fishing out of Cholla Bay. If you get in trouble, your CBSC Search & Rescue Team are in their to find you by land sea or air. There is an annual Fishing Derby (if the wind doesn't blow), Christmas Party for the Mexican children in Cholla Bay and a lot of good friendship and sportsmanship.

I mention this because your Club, in order to accomplish a justifiable project, must have funds to cover these expenditures. Your Council will study our financial situation and make recommendations toward the end of 1971, if any small adjustments in membership fees would be warranted.

I would like to Thank the 1970 Officers and Council Members for their service during the year.

I, like all our members, am proud of our Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. Let's enjoy it and our trips to Cholla Bay.

**MAY THE FISH BITE HARD
AND THE WIND NOT BLOW!**



My First Fishing Trip

The day I went on my first deep-sea fishing trip was the day after Christmas, 1970. I went with my Dad, Frank Zimmerman and a friend John Allen - on the "Frank and Norma, too". It was a pretty day at Cholla Bay and there were a lot of boats out fishing. There were no boats fishing where we were fishing. I caught the first fish, a Rock Bass and caught 21 more Rock Bass, 2 Pintos, 2 tigger fish and 1 trumpet fish (or soap fish). A Trumpet Fish has spots on its back and stomach. It's mouth is very big and looks like a flower when the fish opens its mouth. My Dad and Mr. Allen caught a few Pinto but I caught the most fish. I caught a fish so big that it broke my line. My fishing trip was my biggest thrill for my Christmas vacation.

by Miss **Dianne Lynn Zimmerman**
8 1/2 Yrs Old



The Cholla Bay Search and Rescue unit is asking the Cholla fishermen to fill out the boat identification and equipment list. Mail it to the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club, or give it to Patty at the Radio Shack in Cholla Bay. The Identification & Equipment forms can be picked up at the Radio Shack in Cholla and at the regular meetings of your Club.

These will be put in file form and will be of great help if we have a boat lost, it will tell us what the boat has aboard in the way of equipment, food and etc. PLEASE BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.

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Search and Rescue Unit
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Chris Tatum, Radio Chairman

This call, heard at the Bay hundreds of times each year, may be only to check the operations of a boat radio, but for many boaters and fisherman, it has been a life-saver.

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club maintains a "check out" or "launching permit" facility at Cholla Bay and second in importance to the use of the "check out" forms, for safe boating, the Club has a marine radio for emergency communication with boats in the area.

The radio is licensed to the Club by the Mexican Government through the Tourist Department of Puerto Penasco and the State of Sonora. The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club gratefully acknowledges the unusual privilege of being allowed to maintain the "Ship to Shore" radio station at Bahia "La Choya". The licence indicates the station is for safety communications with tourists boats, Club members boats and Charter boats owned by citizens of Mexico.

A "watch" or listening schedule is maintained only when the launching permits indicate a boat equipped with radio is checked out and No checking out over the radio is permitted. The watch is on 2182KHz, the international calling and distress frequency. A second frequency, and the only other one, 2555KHz is for all messages after contact is made on 2182KHz.

The 2555KHz frequency is extremely important to all users of the station, in that is a "clear channel" assigned exclusively to Cholla Bay Radio.

The proper and best method of contacting the station, is to call on

2182KHz. Normally there will be at least a thirty second delay before the operator can answer due to the "warm up" time needed for the transmit section of the Club's radio. When calling, the station's name should be first and the name of the boat second. The words "Cholla Bay Radio" repeated at least two times followed by the boat's name and two calls spaced about fifteen seconds apart will be more understandable. The least number of words, that will get the facts to the operator, spoken slowly and clearly will save time and eliminate misunderstandings.

No "Radio Direction Finder" equipment is installed in the station, so the compass direction and distance information given to the operator, should be very carefully computed when requesting aid.

It should be clear to everyone that the station is for emergency communications and the use of the radio and operator for any other reasons, should be held to the very minimum. Unless some danger to life and property is involved. The request for launching machines and other services should not be made to the Club's radio station.

The "range", of the radio station, is over 100 nautical miles and boats cruising to the Baja side of the Gulf of California or down the coast, can communicate, on a scheduled basis, (twice that distance on 2555KHz) the conditions of the crew and the position of the boat.

Power for the radio, lights, beacon and beach control public address system is drawn from a twelve volt battery bank. Battery charging is done with a 500 watt, direct current generator, fueled with butane. The station's radio and power system is maintained by a licensed radio technician and the Club has made a considerable investment of money in the equipment and the building to house the facility.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As of this issue of the Chatter, the galley list is absolutely up to date. Please members, when you move, notify the Editor personally or by mail. That way you will always receive your Chatter every month. If you wait for the P. O. to change, it, that entails money to the Council and loss of two issues to you. Since December, I've been sending out, by straight mail, your changes, but effective this issue, your change of address will be done by the Addressing Co.

In order for the Chatter to reach your homes before the general meeting especially the Tucson members, the press date for the Chatter will be the first week of every month. It seems to take more than 3 weeks for the whole process. I was told 1 week for set-up, 1 for printing and 1 for mailing. The mailing seems to be the problem, as the Chatters are sent on a bulk mailing permit. So, we'll see how this system works out.

As previously asked by other Editors, how about some articles from the members? The February issue was outstanding, for the reason a-long. I can take articles from printed matter, but that isn't what we want, is it? I can write articles about the Bay and the goings on every month, but that isn't what we want either. I need "stuff" on everything and anything, that's of interest to us Cholla Bay goers. Sure wish those fellows on the boat "Oso" would tell us how they do it, never saw anything like it. If they went out and came back skunked, don't think some of us would ever go fishing again. Just wouldn't be any fish out there in the deep.

So, come on everybody, give this editor some breaks.

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ARTHUR SCHWARZ

Because the publisher of the Chatter demanded articles earlier in order to meet our deadline, I will not be able to give you the results of discussion at our meetings in the current issues. And facts that you should know will be a month late.

I have a doctor who, when you you are sick, gives you medicine that tastes so good that you are glad you are sick.

I guess, at this time, most of you are interested in your Income Taxes so here are a few facts that may help you.

If you are inclined to be a tiger or a wolf, fox or lamb, when its tax paying time you always end up being a goat.

Some nontaxable income. Unemployment compensation, workmen's compensation sickness or disability payments, social security or your own accident insurance policy payments. As much as \$20 a day or \$100 a week of earnings you got while out sick may be deductible (use special Form 2440). The first 30 days you are off from work are not deductible.

Business Travel. (Use Form 2106) Out of town transportation for which you were not fully reimbursed by your employer. Food, lodg-

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ing, etc. Also, are deductible. The cost of getting from one place of work to another the same day. You cannot deduct commuting costs from home to your regular place of work.

Social Security Refund. Don't forget, if you changed jobs during the year, the social security deducted from your pay over \$374.40 is refundable to you.

Congress is smart. They put a big tax on liquor and then raise other taxes so high you are driven to drink.

If you work for yourself here are some items often missed. Dues to a professional society, dues to business associations and the Chamber of Commerce, Xmas presents and most other small gifts to promote business. (There is a \$25 limit on the amount you can give to any one person in a year.) Professional library. Figure the entire value and depreciate. Union dues, small tools, periodicals, uniforms not adaptable to street wear.

The man who says it doesn't cost anything to laugh apparently hasn't heard of the amusement tax.

If your child is under 19 or a student you may claim him no matter how much he earned as long as you furnished over half of his support. Generally, parents or other relatives who earn less than \$265, not counting Social Security or non taxable insurance proceeds are dependents if you provided half of their support.

You get an extra \$625 exemption of you or your wife are over 65 and another \$625 if you are blind (or wife) Blind means that you have no better than 20/20 vision in your better eye.

SEND IN YOUR FISHING STORIES

**"IF YOU CAN'T CATCH 'EM
FROM YOUR BOAT,
GO DOWN WHERE THEY ARE"**

**Doug Gieske, Desert Dolphins, Tucson
(Excerpts from 1967 article)**

To every sport fisherman, there is always the challenge of outsmarting his quarry by guessing which lure or bait the sought after fish will desire enough to make that fish an enjoyable meal or trophy to photograph. Have you ever contemplated what it would be like trying to outsmart or outmaneuver that fish in his own environment, so that you could bring him in on the end of a spear? Frightening thought, you say? Too much challenge? Or, maybe you can't swim that well?

I am referring, of course, to the sport of skin diving or SCUBA diving, as means of acquiring an enjoyable meal or trophy specimen. However, I would not limit the sport to that activity alone. It is, as the title implies, one of the most rewarding sports one can partake of and contribute to, while enjoying the sun sea and people of the Gulf of California area.

There is a fantastically beautiful world under the sea's surface for you to discover. A world so varied and so colorful that even underwater photos do not do it justice. Hours upon hours can be spent investigating (and collecting) the sea life that lies within easy skin-diving depth of that underworld world? It isn't crowded— and it's serenely quiet. Two hours spent diving on any given weekend can be a most effective cure of whatever it is you use as an excuse to "get away from it all".

I mentioned SCUBA diving earlier. You've seen the Mike Nelson series on TV? Or read about the Aquanauts? Well, those fellows use



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Why should you want to stay underwater for thirty minutes? To make like a fish, of course! To get a better, longer more thorough look at the world you've never seen, and never will see without being there. To bring home a beautiful conch shell that you found! To stalk and spear 3 -60 pound sea bass for your dinner table! To watch the beautiful colored fish watching you! To wonder. To learn, To do what very few people in the world will do.

There are many favorite diving sports in the Gulf of California. Among them are: Rocky Point, Lobos Liberated, Tiburon, Kino Bay, San Autustine, San Pedro Island, San Carlos - Guaymas area, and if you have the means, any of several locations on the Baja Coast. Depending on the season, you can spear grouper, pinto, red snapper, yellowtail, and if you are really adventurous— an eel,



By... MEL JARVIS

THE FUEL SYSTEM

The vapors generated from 1/2 pint of gasoline are equivalent to the explosive power of 5 pounds of dynamite. Multiply that a few times and you can see what the result can be if you spill or gasoline leaks into the bilge of your boat.

If you have installed or are going to install permanent tanks in your rigs it should be done right.

No tank should be installed directly on the deck, that is the best way to rust it out, also it's hard on your deck, tanks should be mounted 1 to

2 inches off the deck, so water and dirt will not lay under the tank. The suction line should come out the top with a drain in the bottom to drain off water or oil accumulation, if you have outboards.

Filters should be installed between the tank and engine especially if you use Mexican gas—the type filter used on automobiles work real good, for both inboard and outboards. The tank should be vented and a deck type filler installed for filling the tank.

(No tank large or small should be filled from in the boat.) That is the best way to fill your boat with fuel, vapors and for you to go into orbit.

The tanks and filler pipe must be grounded to the water, there are grounding plates that are made for this purpose.

The damages from explosion by gasoline vapors are not limited to the inboard boat, I've talked to boaters with small ski boats and even the sailor with 17 and 18 foot outboard boat, and some have the idea that unless you have a 24 footer and an inboard there is no danger from gasoline vapors. Don't believe
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it, fuel vapors are heavier than air and will settle to the lowest part of your boat and lay there until exposed to the open air or a spark.

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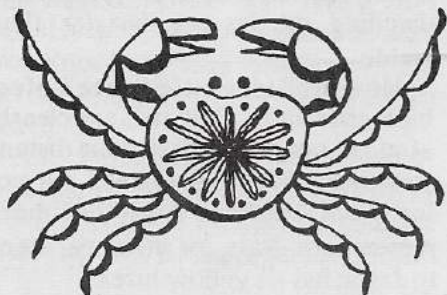
With the outboard there isn't too much damage of engine spark igniting gas vapor. Your outboard has built in anti-explosion safeguards, but you as the boater don't have, so it's you that can cause the spark, so be careful. Air that compartment and that inboard won't forgive you often for not turning on the flower or airing compartment before starting your engine.

The coast guard says you have to ventilate the tank and engine compartment by forced air (air scoops) and/or blower and they mean it, I believe some have found that out the hard way.

The air scoops ventilate the bilge and engine compartments while underway and the blower for cold starts. It should be run five minutes before starting your engine.

Some of the boys are using blowers out of carheater, they are good blowers and will move a lot of air, but they are not vapor proof, they could put you on the bottom, if you see this type of blower do not mount in the bilge or compartment.

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Can fish make sounds? How well do they see? Can they distinguish one color from another? Do they feel pain?

These and other questions have fascinated fisherman since primitive man first wet a line. The answers to some of the angler's usual questions are purely academic, while others give clues to successful fishing.

Here are a few facts on which most scientists agree:

Can a fish feel pain when he is hooked? To some extent, but the sensation of pain is probably not as keen as it is in mammals. It's unlikely that a hooked fish would pull so hard on a fishing line if such action greatly increased its pain.

Can a fish make sounds? Some make a grunting noise by forcing air from the air bladder through their mouths. Others gnash their teeth. Fishermen in Malaya put their heads in the water and distinguish the direction and types of fish making underwater sounds (or so they claim).

How do fish manage to support themselves at various depths so effortlessly? Submerged, fish weigh little or nothing, because the total volume of water they occupy weighs about the same as they do. Bottom dwelling species are heavier than water.

How well does a fish see? Most biologists agree that fish see clearly at close range but that their distant view is limited. Fish can tell one color from another. And they have preferences. Bass, for instance, seem to favor red or yellow lures.

PHOENIX NEWS

by Harry Capen, President

Well, from the looks of things, this is going to be an active year for every member. The possibility of a Constitution and By-laws being drawn up for the Phoenix Chapter. We now use the Council's. A review of our Insurance, by the Council and etc. We are getting to be quite a large club and very well known for our varying activities. All members present at the March meeting will receive a copy of the Constitution and By-laws and you will find the objectives and purposes of this club to be very exact in its nature. We have been very lax in some of the wishes and ideas of members. You can't please everyone but then everyone isn't right. Several ideas are in the planning stages and expect them to come before the general meetings. Sure would like to make this year one of the Club's best. Please come to our monthly meetings and get your 2 cents in and we'll have a better club. Think one of my biggest personal gripes takes place at Cholla Bay. So many forget they are guests of a foreign country, when they go to fish, camp and etc. Some have the character of Mr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a story which I'm sure you know. Our club members should set an example for everyone down there.

On January 28th, our Chapter had their 2nd annual Officers party at the Alpine Village. Immediate past Officers, Board members, Coun-

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sil members and all present Officers, Board and Council Members. All members were present except George and Doris Muench. Needless to say, everyone had a wonderful time and got to know each other better. Don Barber was the Chairman and stag. (Verline was in the hospital and we missed her.) Thanks again to Don for a very enjoyable evening.



A couple had a New Year's Eve party at the Bay and really laid a bomb. Everyone gone by 1 second after midnight. Anyone need hats and noise makers for next year.

Sorry to hear about Jessie Schwarz having such a rough time with her her back, hope she'll be able to get to the Bay more often very soon.

Verline Barber was having a rough time last month. Going to the hospital, coming, out going in and out again. If she'd quit having those parties there, she wouldn't have to go back so often.

A couple, at the Bay, is building a terrace on the rocks. That way, if you have 1 too many, you can fall from the roof, to the porch, to the terrace.

Hector and Betty Munroe are building a new home and from the looks of it, it's going to be a honey. Don't forget to have a house-warming, and I'll be there, with bells on.

Some families have a sandbuggy, but then there are some who have three and all spiffy looking.

Whose wife is a walking Madmoiselle ad, when she is at the Bay and the rest of us walk around looking like something a shark drug in. Come on, Jack, make her quit it.

One of our members save beer tabs and everytime someone mentions it, her husband says "Don't look at me, those are Mary's". . .

What couple's dog can model a complete wardrobe for each month of the year? We'll put her in our next fashion show, what fashion show?

Some of our members went to the German Club to check out facilities for the annual party in August, I'm here to report the German beer by the pitcher, is good, good, good. Sampled every one brought to the table. Wish also to Thank my husband for cooking, etc., he did the next day.

Our Treasurer's wife never seems to get to our monthly meeting, but it seems she is real active in the Girl Scouts, so we'll excuse you plus sending bouquets for working with the younger generation. (PHX)



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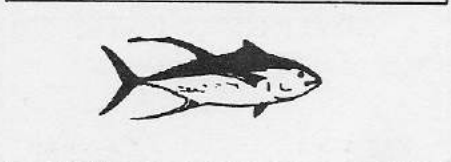
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