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We now have to pay monthly taxes to four separate offices; Municipal, Federal, State and Social Security for employees; plus many smaller payments for other things. For these payments we get nothing back and have to provide all services ourselves. Every cabin is taxed individually according to the location and the size of the lot, number of rooms, construction material, and value of construction, so on this basis and the devaluation of the U.S. Dollar, we have assessed many of the cabin owners a new rent. You will in the very near future receive a personal letter to that effect.

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ATTENTION

Bob Morris

The Mexican population of Cholla Bay has long had the problem of getting their children to school in Rocky Point. Last month the "Workers Union" members in Cholla Bay voted to start a campaign to raise funds to buy a school bus. Since Rocky Point has wonderful schools and since the approximately 25 students in Cholla represent all grades, it was decided a school bus was more logical than bringing a teacher to Cholla. The fund raising committee is called "El Patronato Pro-Compra De Camion Escolar De La Choya, Auspiciado Por El Sindicato De Trabajadores De La Choya."

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THE INVISIBLE KILLER

She was a big, black, auxiliary ketch bound west in Long Island Sound under sail and power before a light easterly that brought with it a steady rain. Two of us were on deck, alternating as helmsman and lookout. The rest of our crew of six were belowdecks, under closed hatches.

We had left Port Jefferson several hours earlier after the season's first cruise and were now headed back for our home port. The owner's wife, a superb cook, had been working steadily in the galley, which was aft, over an elegant stew of her own invention. The skipper and another couple, making the best of a bad day, had turned in. The boat rolled gently in the following sea.

Presently the skipper's wife, her face flushed, appeared on the companion leading to the cockpit, with the apologetic comment that she seemed to be feeling the motion and was going to lie down awhile. She asked us to watch the stew, and retired below. Somewhere deep within me a caution must have sounded- when you have cruised with people long enough to know their qualities any behavior inconsistent with their normal pattern is apt to trigger an alarm. Never before had any sea caused the skipper's wife a moment of discomfort.

Soon thereafter, I left the deck to stir the stew. Though the galley's pass-through port to the cockpit was open, there was a decided smell of exhaust from the gasoline engine that pounded away under the after-deck. Then, as I kept stirring the stew, I felt myself passing out.

Instinctively, I dropped my spoon and made my way up the ladder topsides, where I clung to the rail in the rain, gasping lungful of

the damp air as I fought to stay conscious. All awareness seemed to be focussed in the small bright entrance of a black tunnel down which I was retreating rapidly backwards. To my startled friend at the wheel, I finally managed to blurt out: "Carbon monoxide!"

Instantly he cut the engine and rushed to open all hatches. Wobbily, I helped him rouse out the ship's company, who like so many zombies, came up on deck from what might well have been their last sleep. The rain dripped down on us while the boat, her power off, ghosted in the light air.

Splitting headaches set in, which we countered with aspirin as we cut short our passage and put into the nearest harbor to call the skipper's son, a doctor. His comment: Aspirin as needed, plus time, would heal us- we had been lucky.

Under sail alone, we finally made our home port. Later the skipper reported the cause of the carbon monoxide: boatyard carelessness. He had paid, as usual, to have the yard put his boat in shape for the season, but whoever had overhauled the engine had not checked the exhaust line thoroughly- new asbestos tape had merely been wound over an area that had rusted through, so that lethal carbon monoxide could seep out into the engine compartment. With the engine going, the following wind and closed hatches had provided the perfect combination to asphyxiate everyone belowdecks.

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Pants for women are nothing new. Men have been doing it for years.

Two Oakies were trying to raise a telegraph pole against a building. Said they wanted to measure it. An Arkie watching said "Why don't you measure it on the ground." Oakies said, "We don't care how long it is, we want to know how high it is."



By ... MEL JARVIS

Deck Hardware is a very important part of any boat and should be cared for as such..

Salt will, if left on the finish eat away the best of it. Brass and bronze is about the only metal that will stand up under its assault. Only a few boats today carry the brass or bronze deck hardware. Its not as pretty and besides who's to polish it now days, as in the old days when there was teak decks, mohogany gunnel rails and varnished spars. Today its aluminum, Zamak and other metals, including brass or bronze etc. with a coating of chrome plating. This Chrome plating is taugt and will take a lot of abuse but it won't stand up under salt water, unless after each trip out you wash your deck hardware down with fresh water and wipe it dry. The Debbie J. is in her 2nd year at the bay and she's a proud lady, with bright and shiney hardware. Its not that her skipper is so ambitious, but the skipper's first mate uses the port pole holder to check her lipstick and who wants to sail around with one shiney pole holder...its like one clean spot on a dirty wall, just as well clean the whole wall. I find that after washing down with water and wiping a cloth saturated with DW 40 will keep the cleates and chocks like new while in dry storage. You should check for loose bolts holding deck hardware, this will allow salt to leak under and eat away at the screws or bolts. I've seen cleats lifted off the deck by salt buildup under them.

When installing deck hardware always use a bedding compound, there are many bedding compounds on the market and they are all good, but each one has it's own use, one I've found to be good for just about any use is put out by General Electric, called G.E. Seal.

Deck hardware should always be thru bolted when possible and where a heavy pull will be put on it, such as anchor chocks and belts; they should be backed up with marine plywood.

Just a word on gasoline..I was asked a while back if the new unleaded gas could be used in outboard engines and inboard type engines; I didn't know nor could I find any information about the unleaded gas as to use in marine engines. I really didn't think so, but then I was wrong. If you read the March 7th newspaper (sports page) it explained why in the BIA report. I've asked our Editor to reprint it in our Chatter.

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The Boating Industry Association (BIA) has warned boaters that studies reveal lead-free gasoline may be harmful to in-board and outboard boat motors.

Last year the BIA found that no-lead regular gasolines containing phosphorus additives caused destructive pre-ignition in outboard motors. Further studies have now proved that several brands of premium no-lead gasolines also have been found to contain phosphorus. The BIA warns against their use in outboard motors.

Phosphorus is added to lessen valve recession problems in automotive motors. But tests by manufacturers show this type of fuel doesn't help the problem in 4-cycle marine engines. Engineers agree that small amounts of lead are essential for reasonable valve life in 4-cycle marine motors.

The BIA says no-lead fuel may be used satisfactorily in 2-cycle outboard motors so long as there is no phosphorus in the fuel.

On the Way to Cholla Bay

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More years ago than I care to remember, I made a campout type trip to the 1st (Espinoza's) Estuary and witnessed a "happening", that when I tell someone about it, I'm either classed as a "truth stretcher" or am accused of being slightly in my cups (Heaven forbid both!)

I had just sold Milt Coggins a big 16' plywood jobbie that he'd hung a 22 HP Johnson outboard on. Milt and his fishing buddy, Herb Greer and I had decided to decimate the sea trout population at the Estuary, so had launched Milt's new boat from the ramp at Rocky Point, loaded enough camping and fishing gear to sustain us for 4 days, then headed thru the darkness on a calm sea down the shoreline to the Estuary. The only way to get inside, was on high tide, which is why we had to go by darkness. Incidentally, this was the very same night that a shrimpboat caught fire while being refueled, and burned up the Rocky Point pier--we had no more than cruised around the mountain on our way South, when the whole sky seemed to light up. I clearly remember Milt's remark when we looked back--"I sure hope that I parked the car outta that mess--we'll find out when we get back--!!" He wasn't about to turn that boat back for a measly Cadillac, when we had 4 days of fishing ahead of us.

Anyway, we beached the boat up inside the slough, unloaded all our gear and set up camp by Coleman lite.

Bright and early next morning, we all left the comfort of our sleeping bags to catch the incoming tide and see if we could intercept a few Corvina. Man, that water was alive with hungry trout. We were using regular casting outfits, as this was before any of us had been introduced to spinning. The only lures available in those days were "Yankee" feather jigs and Abalone "Killer" lures. Looking back, I still wonder how we managed to cast the darn things far enough to do any good, but boy, we sure caught fish. After we nailed enough trout to make us all happy, we

quit to cook up a healthy breakfast and map our strategy for the remainder of the day. Milt and Herb were all in favor of trolling for Grouper, and as either one of them outweighed me by about 50 lbs., we went Grouper trolling.

We trolled the close in reefs till the tidal cycle put enough water back into the Estuary to allow us to cruise right back to our little home away from home. We'd caught 6 or 8 nice Grouper and enough Pinto to almost fillup our remaining goodie box space.

As we pulled within sight of our camp, we spotted the dankest lookin' bunch of humans I'd ever laid eyes upon (this was way before the hippie types). There was a group of 7 or 8 raggetailed long haired characters, armed with long sticks, silently trotting toward our spread out belongings on the beach.

Milt and Herb outvoted me again - I figured it was time for us to hightail it back to R.P. and check our car... right now...but they had more regard for our possessions. We hit the beach going full bore and lept out of the boat to see if we could reach our gear before our long haired friends (?) did. We beat the near-Aborigines by a hair and stood panting there, awaiting for whatever might happen. The long haired group silently surrounded us and then squatted on their haunches to palaver. Milt could speak enough Mexican to converse with our strange guests, and when he translated to Herb and I, I couldn't believe it. These guys were rabbit hunters (or deer, coyote, or antelope for that matter), and as they tirelessly trotted across the bleak desert, any living creature that they spooked up, they would grimly give chase until the relentless pressure of their pursuit would finally completely poop out the quarry, then they'd whomp it til the creature was thoroughly dispatched with their sticks, then meat in the pot for everyone.

To make a long story short, we gave the hungry looking group some of our catch plus a few staple items, and they took off across the desert again.

I'd never heard of Seri's being this far North in Sonora before, but this bunch could very well have been. I've seen Seri Indians since, and the resemblance was very close. Anyway, for the remainder of our stay, we never ventured very far from our camp. And, talk about fishermen's luck--Milt's car wasn't even scorched when we finally returned to Rocky Point.

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Most of the boaters that head out of Cholla for one of the reefs just take it for granted that the engines and its components will get him back. I guess I do too. But would you know what to do...if...#1..Put out the old hook so you's stay put. If you have radio, call and report your position as near as possible, this will give Patty or search and rescue a chance to find you if they have to. If its engine trouble and you carry a spare parts kit and tools to install points, fuel pumps and etc. , then make your craft secure and your crew at ease. Then think things over; how did the engine sound and what did it do before it stopped?? When all of this is straight in your mind start to work. Check the spark at the plugs. If there is no fire, work backwards, go to the distributor, then the coil, etc.. If you have spark at the plugs check the fuel systems. Remove the flame arrester looking down the carburator, pump the throttles, you should see one or two spurts of gas as you pump the throttle. If you don't, move to the fuel pump. If you have fuel filters, check them, etc.. I hope you have gas in your tanks...

Working with the fuel system, care must be taken not to allow gas to be dumped in the bilge. Air the compartment good before trying to start the engine again.

If you can't find the trouble, call Cholla and ask for help. If you haven't a radio, make sure of your anchor. Post a lookout for a passing boat. If you have flares, have them ready to use. Use one of your fishing poles to tie a signal cloth to; if you don't have a signal mirror, the bottom of a beer can or pop can works well. If you see you have to spend the night hanging on the hook, don't fight it. Prepare yourself for it, make use of every thing you have on board to make your crew and yourself comfortable. Post an anchor watch. If you have a depth finder check your depth allowing for the tide. Keep all lights off. If you have to use a light, try not to look right at it, it will surprise you how well you can see at night once your eyes have adjusted to the night light.

If your trailer is still on the beach after all the other boats are in, Patty and the launcher operator will know you are still out and then Search and Rescue will be notified and they will have boats in the water at first light. If you went where you said you were going on your check out slip, you shouldn't be hard to find.

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Important Information

The U.S. Border Patrol, at the Lukeville crossing, informed me over the weekend about two particular rules, that are being enforced. No turtle shells are being permitted to come into the U.S., at the request of the Mexican government. The Mexican government is trying to stop the slaughter of the sea turtles in the Sea of Cortez. No canned turtle or turtle meat that has been purchased, will be permitted to come into the U.S. As to the shrimp that was reported taken at the U.S. crossing: They were taken by Federal Fish & Game men. The shrimp were alive and absolutely no living species, of any fish, turtles and etc. is permitted to be taken from Mexican waters and brought into this country. Exceptions are made, but permits are issued for this purpose. Such as Professors from the Universities.

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Will The Next Be A Child?

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a BIG fish story

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Finally, unable to stand it any longer, he had to inject his two cents worth by stating that "when he got big enough to go out in the boat, he was going to catch a big giant fish". Well my brother-in-law told him that if he caught one it would probably pull him into the water and it would take him far out to sea. Using a child's logic he decided to change his story and said "then I will catch a giant dead fish", and promptly walked off, proud that he had gotten in the last word. But what he didn't know was that everyone was too busy laughing rather than trying to add to the conversation.

Charlene Wood

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NOTES FOR SHELL COLLECTORS

M. J. Goldsmith

Those little white shells out on the mud flats at Cholla Bay, which in some places are as thick as snow flakes in a blizzard, may be somebody's treasure. If you have been passing them up because they are too small, or too many, or just not pretty, take another look--on your hands and knees, if necessary--and you may come up with some that are rare, beautiful, and possibly quite colorful.

Recently a perfect little skull-cap shaped shell was picked up at Pelican Point--just because it was there--and on comparing notes with one of the experts, it turned out to be a rarity, Phenacolepas malonei Vanatta, 1912, a shell the expert had never seen before except for a badly eroded specimen dredged off Guyamas. But that was luck--coupled with a determination not to ignore those "little white shells".

Less rare, but interesting because of its elusiveness and unique shape is the pale cousin of the colorful tellin shells, Tellidora burneti (Broderip & Sowerby, 1829) found just off the lava bank between Natcho's and the launching area, out to and (infrequently) beyond the "River Jordan". I use the word elusive because you are not likely to find any live ones without turning over an acre or so of sand, but it shouldn't take you long to gather a handful of single valves (a clam shell is composed of two "valves"). You can't miss them, as the Englishman would say, for Tellidora is roughly triangular in shape and has saw-tooth edges, (like no other clam) along the top sides, one of which ends in a squared-off snout. The bottom edge is nicely rounded. These shells are thin and flat, and should you find a matching pair you will probably wonder where there was room for the animal. However, this clam does not hold the record for thinness; that honor going to the Pandoras which live below low tide and are so fragile and chances of meeting one face to hinge-tooth is practically nil.

Speaking of squared-off snouts, another shell that has one is another tellin, Merisca crystallina (Spengler, 1798) found in the same general area, and beyond, at about the zero tide level. Merisca is smaller than Tellidora--one inch or less compared to two--and less plentiful, requiring a certain acuity of vision if one is to be successful. The shell itself is thin, white and translucent with growth lines across it (concentric sculpture) but no rays (radial sculpture). One of the best places to look for these elusives is in and around the "pot-holes" sand sharks and mantas have fanned out in search of nourishment.

Higher up the "river" and on the far side in sands that are comparatively clean, you may find a little clam, about 3/4 inch across that runs the gamut of coloration, from white through buff, pink, orange, brown, violet and purple with one color shading into another or flecked with dots, lines and blotches of brown or the other colors. This is Heterodonax bimaculatus (Linnaeus, 1758) which ranges from southern California to Peru. The name bimaculatus refers to two color spots

inside some shells, and which show to best advantage when the two valves are left intact and dried flat, like butterflies. In life they live in the sand not more than two or three inches below the surface and where circumstances are favorable, more than a dozen may be found in a square foot. Look for them where swift currents from really high tides have rippled the sand just outside the river channel.

One more little clam, always white, but with a yellowish covering (periostacum) is Cryptomya californica (Conrad, 1837) which in the past ten years has proliferated from "scarce" to "abundant" at Cholla Bay. This, too, is a sand dweller, and can be found over most of the intertidal Bay, including the sand bars in the estuary. Once I dug into a sand bar at the high tide line (that day) just to see what was there. I found several of these little refugees from the chowder pot at a depth of 12 to 15 inches, which is pretty deep for a clam averaging only an inch across.

There are plenty of other little white shells out there, but you will have to identify them yourself. Meanwhile, buy some garden type knee-pads--for shelling, primarily, but also useful for praying.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

After much aggravation, your Editor decided to change Printing companies. After giving them an additional week, they still came out late as usual. In our March issue, there were more mistakes made, than I like to think about. And then, of course, if the printer was late, our mailing was late. As of March 9th, several members still had not received their Chatter. I have already gone to a new printer and this is their first issue. Also, we now have our own mailing permit and several of the members have volunteered to help get the Chatters mailed. It is more responsibility assumed by this Chairman, but you know the old saying "If you want it done right, do it yourself".

Well, Easter weekend is coming up this month and so wish for us a Happy Easter Holiday at Cholla. Of course, each year, I hope the weekend is better than the one the year before. We've sure had some down there, we'd like to forget. Maybe the young people will act somewhat better, they, in the past, have certainly set a terrible example for the Mexican people. I'm for them shapin' up or shipping them out.

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SOUTH OF THE BORDER, DOWN MEXICO WAY

We have really had a wonderful exciting and eventful trip. When I wrote you before Christmas we were in the city of Veracruz. We spent almost two months on the Yucatan peninsula and loved it. The city of Merida is beautiful, with wide tree-lined streets, good shops, perfect weather, and great people. Most of the buildings, whether rich or poor, are adorned with lovely wrought iron grill work at windows and doors and many have ornate gates and fences surrounding them.

It is a long way to Merida and we will probably never attempt it again. We stayed in a huge trailer park there. It had large spaces, each one separated by a croton hedge. There was a gigantic swimming pool and all facilities, for \$1.50 a day. That is about the average cost all over Mexico altho we paid \$2.40 at Kino Bay and \$2.80 at Veracruz. At the opposite end we paid .64 at Puerto Morelos on the Caribbean. We were in Merida two weeks, then went to Morelos and were there 3 weeks. We really hated to leave there, but the winds came up and did not diminish for several days and the fishing was no good, nor was the shelling, so we went back to Merida for another couple of weeks. We met so many marvelous people and a lot of kooks that I could write a book just describing the people who travel in Mexico and their hang-ups. Most everyone is retired, and elderly, altho a few hippies and young retired service people show up here and there. The hippies are usually run out of town as none of the trailer parks will take them and they swarm the beaches and the archaeological ruins.

We met an elderly man, traveling with his wife and 30 year old retarded daughter. He had two wooden legs and they had been all the way to San Salvador in a camper bus. He had the brightest blue eyes I have ever seen and loved every second in Central America, especially the steepest, most winding and dangerous roads. Another couple are nearly 80 and travel in a big Dodge van. He goes on all the jungle jeep trips, eats everything in sight, climbs all the pyramids, visits anything and everything he has ever

read or heard about and is rich besides. She is a peppery little doll and we hope we see them again. We became great friends with a couple in Merida (one reason we stayed there so long). He is a retired Air Force jet pilot, an ex-rancher and rodeo rider, and takes select motor-coach tours into the wilds of Central America on safaris. You can imagine how interesting he is. Another couple we liked have a diving shop in Seattle. They turned it over to their son and have spent nearly six months in Puerto Morelos and dive every day. They are looking for old bottles, especially, but started to bring up some shells when I got them interested in looking for them. The most common shell is the big pink or Queen conch which is also very common in Florida. The natives gash a hole near the apex of the shell to release the animal and it is soaked in lime juice and eaten without cooking. Great piles of these shells are on the beach in front of every small settlement. There is a reef about 1/2 mile off shore and a few divers would go out and dive there but the coral is so dangerous and so are the sharks that only the foolhardy tried it. The water was rather cold all the time we were there, but I did some skin diving and learned to use my snorkel and mask. About all I could find was broken beer bottles, tho. I did much better just hiking the beaches. About two miles from Morelos, along white beautiful stretches of beach, is a rocky area and I found limpets, chitons, bleeding tooth, partridge tun, beaded periwinkle, and one gorgeous West Indian chank.

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WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

In checking out the membership of our Club, we have found over 900 people that have been members in the past and have since dropped by the wayside. Why is this? What can be done about it?

It is my opinion that this list of people are the most likely group that is available for either new or renewal members. The Club, consisting of both the Phoenix and Tucson Chapters, now has in excess of 1,200 members. What would it be if at least 50% of the old members renewed?

The people were interested enough at one time to have paid their dues and been active members. All of them could not have given up the Cholla Bay area for their recreation.

It has been said many times that anyone owning a cabin or trailer at the Bay or even the ones that use our radio base for check-out and check-in privileges and are subject to the assistance of the Search and Rescue group should be members of the Club.

I know that a lot of these people would still be active paid up members if someone would just ask them. This has been proven to me in many cases. We, meaning each and every member, should make it a point to ask your friends and all others that show up at the Bay, if they are members and if not, get them signed up immediately.

Don't overlook the fact that there are many benefits available to each member. You get the Chatter monthly, you have the benefit of being insured under our group accidental death and dismemberment policy, you have the benefit of having over 1,000 members behind you, should you get into some kind of trouble with the officials. (Remember the voice of over 1,000 people speaks much more loudly than one lone individual). In addition to all of this, the members can take advantage of the Master Mexican insurance policies covering your cars, as well as your boats, at a rate that is substantially below the standard tariff.

Each of you stop and think of all the benefits that you get by being a member of this group and I am sure that you can convince anyone that the dues involved are very little compared to the benefits.

If each member just brought in one other family that might be using, not

only the Bay, but using the entire area, as well, you can imagine without too much trouble the number of members we would have and the resultant recognition of the Mexican officials.

Why don't each one of you make this a project, for it will benefit you as well as the one fortunate enough to have this opportunity?

Just remember there is strength in numbers!!!!

I am sure your membership chairmen and any officer of the Club, as well as Patty and Ramon at the radio station, would have forms necessary to have you become members of this very strong group.

We have a very good group and everyone in the area should be given the opportunity to be an active member, and have all the advantages that are available through the Club.

The membership chairmen cannot possibly do the entire job, so it is up to you to do your friends and acquaintances the favor of making membership available.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR CLUB BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE.....

Wes Douglas

GROUP ANATOMY

Someone has said that membership in every group is made up of four kinds of bones:

There are the "wish" bones who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

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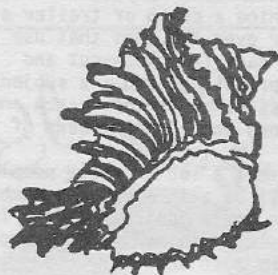
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On March 31st, I received a phone call from Gus Brown, regarding the delayed crossings at the border, when coming from Cholla Bay. Especially during Holiday weekends, such as Easter. He talked to Chauncey Espe, U.S. Customs Inspector, about the problem and he proceeded to call Mr. Long, the Regional Customs Inspector in Nogales. Mr. Long said he would see that additional personnel was available for this coming Easter weekend. Mr. Brown also talked to the Customs Inspector on the Mexican side and they also said, they would do everything possible to hasten our entry into Mexico.

Inspector Espe made the following suggestions, for us to follow, when we return to our border:

- *If you have a pet, have your rabies certificate ready.
- *Try to plan to be at the border, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
- *Do not try to bring back such things as fruit or vegetables.
- *Liquor or beer should be in sight.
- *Also any kinds of plants.
- *Any fish, you are bringing back, easily accessible to see.

These are the things that take time and slow up the crossing.

I wish to Thank the following for their consideration: Gus Brown, Chauncey Espe, Mr. Long and the Mexican Customs, who will have tried to make our trip more pleasant, this weekend. Consequently, I have seen fit to insert a flyer in the Chatter, for the benefit of all members.

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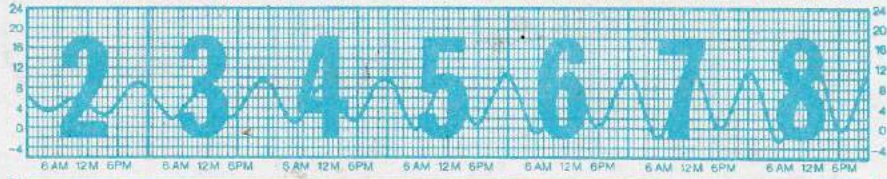
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