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# The Listening Sea Shell

by  
VERLENE BARBER

Easter is passed but not forgotten. What a way to bring in the summer time. With the kids out of school there were many spending the week at the Bay. I spent the week with Don's brother and sister in-law in their motor home. I packed shorts and swim suit, which I certainly didn't get a chance to use. We had rain, blowing sand, and small hail. We think of Easter as a vacation when the kids are out of school and we can get away for a few days. This Easter I had the pleasure of meeting a bunch of school teachers who were also having a vacation because there were no kids in school for a week. They were, Arlene Christopher, Evie Eastan, Mr. Bernal and Opal Engle, whose husband is with the Ajo school system. They were all enjoying their vacation at the Bay, partying and cooking shrimp. They also spent some time looking for octopus for Mr. Bernal who is a gourmet cook. Arlene's drinks are very potent, and she serves them in the biggest styro foam cups I've ever seen.

I got to attend another Bingo club meeting. It was held at Jane Hunzikers because of the space needed. It turned out to be the biggest one with 24 girls. Alice Taylor was the hostess. Everyone was fighting over a Doggie Bank, a Stuffed Pillow and a LIVERWORST! Got to see alot of women I don't generally see.

Everyone went over to Marlene's for a big spaghetti feed on Saturday the 17th. Don's brother hasn't had a beer in eight years due to health reasons decided he would have one there but he didn't know how to open the push top can! The spaghetti was really good!

I got in on a grunion hunt at Tucson Beach. I found out that they really do exist, cause I saw them and we ate some that evening. Everyone thought they were delicious.

Beto's and Maya's cafe opened April 14th and we girls got out of cooking by enjoying home style cooking of Maya. It was sure luck because the food was good.



By Mel Jarvis

I've been asked how to tell where to look for the trouble if your board is heating. In case you don't know it, there are two different pumping systems in your 1/0. The pump in the out drive pumps the water up to the engine. You can tell if it's working by checking the water stream at the discharge outlet below the starboard (right side) of the outdrive trunnion cap with engine idling at about 500 RPM. See if it is a strong and steady flow. If so, then the pump in the outdrive is doing it's job, and the heating malfunction is somewhere in the engine. Heating trouble in the engine can be anything from an incorrectly timed engine to a defective elbow gasket on the manifold.

The other pump is your circulating pump on the engine, this pump could be leaking, corroded or have bad bearings. You can tell if it's leaking by checking at the hole under the pump body. There will be signs of rust on the pump body. At the same time check your belt that drives the pump, it could be loose. At this point if your outdrive pump is working, the belt is tight and the circulation pump is o.k., the next step is to see your favorite Outboard shop. If you're at the bay ther there is always Dominos or poker. For those that do their own spark plug installing, longer life can be had if you torque and the plugs to 20 ft. lbs. Too tight a plug distorts the gap or causes the plug shell to break, too low a torque and you have a hot burning plug due to poor heat transmission, to the water jacket.

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the snap-on type gun. You may end up with a grese gun dangling out of your outdrive. The hole in the outdrive housing isn't large enough to move the gun around to pop it off the fitting. You could pull the fitting out of the casting.

Speaking of grease, DO NOT use any type lubricant in your outdrive gear case of outboard gear case except type C. There is no substitute that I ever knew of or that OMC or Evenrude will reccommend. You guys running other type units should follow manufacturer's specifications. Lubricants used in the gear boxes of outboard and I/O are designed for very high speed running gear trains, and each engine manufacturer knows what's best for their units. It will pay to take their advice.



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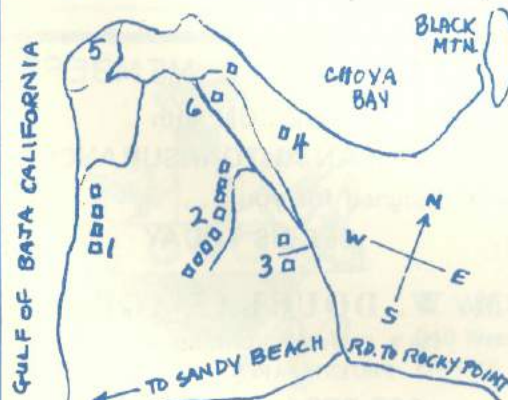
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Miguel's wife, Alicia and their four children are often seen by Miguel's office waiting for him to finish the day's work. Miguelito is a good example of the old cliché, "good things come in small packages."

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**News From The  
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by BETTY MUNRO

If variety is the spice of life, we have had our share of spice during the Easter holidays, weather wise, people wise, and fish wise. Anyone who spent the holiday here, knows we had wind, rain, hail and finally sunshine. Those who braved out the bad weather got their reward. The huge tides were the shellers delight, but not so for the launchers. Bothe George and Marcelo had problems with their launchers getting stuck and engulfed by the incoming tides. George was launching Joe Savoca's boat so Joe could take his family around the point for a couple hours sightseeing. Joe got the boat off ok, but George launcher and trailer got stuck. Every effort was made to free Joe's trailer, a diver donned his wet suit and tried but no luck. To add to the drama the winds were increasing. Finally, it was decided Joe had to beach his boat and get to shore. Here I'd like to add a word about Joe. As your radio operator, I've talked with many people under all circumstances, but never have I talked with a nicer person than Joe that evening. He was so humble and polite and willing to do what ever he was directed. His son was standing by at the radio shack, and Ray Hemphill told him he could be very proud of his father because he was a very brave man and a good sailor. Needless to say, the boy beamed with pride. They directed Joe and got him safe on shore and the boat anchored, and all retired for the night.

During the night, Old Mr. Wind really let loose and so did Joe's anchor. By early afternoon, all was back to normal. Joe had his boat on it's trailer. Just how extensive damage was to his boat when it broke anchor, I never found out. George had his launcher working the next day and Marcelo's is now back together and sporting a new paint job.

Ray and Shirley Hemphill got their boat the Mucho  
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Ridiculous wet for the second time. Shirley claims it has been wet more than that, but she counts hosing it off in the carport as getting it wet. Anyhow, while they were out, Shirley hooked a nice Pinto. As she was bringing him in, he got off the hook and floated by the boat. While Shirley and Ray stood there in a state of shock wondering what to do, the little Pinto (excuse me Shirley, the big Pinto) floated and bumped into a neighboring boat. The bump revived the fish and off he swam to grow up for next years catch.

Dick Smith had bad luck on his own boat and had to be towed in. The next day, Dick was a guest on Woodward's boat the Eagle and his luck changed when he hooked and landed a 60 lb. Grouper.

Bill Sanderson went fishing on the Manana Maybe and even though the fishing was bad that day, Bill still brought a gift to Mary. Her eyes lit up when Bill handed her a big sea fan he had pulled up. Anyone who knows Mary, knows that sea fan meant more to her than a bouquet of roses the average husband brings home. (Boy am I getting carried away, who gets a dozen roses these days.)

During the Easter weekend, Don Barber was wearing the poor Dondos out towing one boat after another. He had one in tow when he heard another distress call come in. He very sweetly called Choya Radio and said he would be in with the boat he had in tow shortly and could go to assist the second boat. Or he said he could hook on to both of them. "I know they call two or more railroad cars joined together a choo choo train, but what do they call a string of boats?" Don Asked. I have to admit I don't know but ask Bill Brown, he has done that scene and maybe he has a name for it.

Chuck and Joanie Dernberger spent, as Joanie puts it, ten glorious days in Choya. I've seen devoted fisherwomen before but none to top Joanie. She spent every hour possible sitting on shore fishing. Her patience was rewarded when Dondos took Chuck and Joanie out to the reefs for some bottom fishing.

On the subject of fisherwomen, Doris Patterson and her husband added Sardinoso to their Big 10 card. They are making plans to spend their vacation here, hoping for a sail and a dolphin. Their Barracho II is scheduled for some heavy fishing. It is nice to see Piteco walking around Choya, even if it is on crutches!



by  
DON BARBER

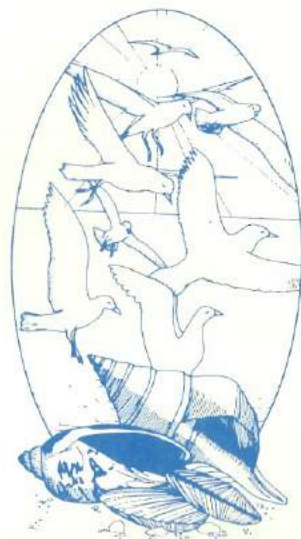
With Gordie Erickson, our new Search and Rescue chairman on a one month leave of absence, it's my opportunity to squeak out a few comments of my own. Incidentally for everyone's info Gordie's absence has a very beautiful ring to it. He is talking delivery on a fabulous 36' Taiwan built all fiberglass Trawler. By the time this is in print he should be somewhere in the sea of Cortez. He took delivery on or about April 1st. At Ensenada. I can hardly wait to see her and go aboard.

By the way, for those of you who have not had the message, be sure your boat has a state registration number on her and it gets on your sign out slip. This way coast guard will help of needed, knowing it is an American registered vessel.

The "Dondos" is here in Phoenix, getting her semi-annual physical, just like we people do. This reminds me of a remark I heard last time at the Bay. A very nice appearing man was overheard speaking to a friend. He said, "I have not looked at my engine for about a year, but it ran good the last time we were down here". I went over and checked with Betty and this fellow was signed out for the dunes (with three women aboard and no buddy boat nor any kind of radio). This type of boating gives me nitemares. My suggestion to everybody is, if you are not able to check and service your own boat occasionally, it's not a very costly job to drop your boat by a good shop (marine), and get her looked at. Tow-ins are usually more costly. (continued)

Incidently, our reorganized Search and Rescue group is something to be proud of. Two of our newest Search and rescue members did a bang up job last week at the Bay. I wasn't there but I've had some great reports and I am really proud, especially since the search was a combined effort of Tucson and Phoenix, members. Hopefully this is an indication of better comradeship among all members of our two chapters.

By the time this is in print, I will have the "dondos" all prettied up and back at the Bay, ready to charge out for the seven week derby. By the way, anybody know how to get a premex credit card?



## TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT



EILEEN COURTRIGHT

In the absence of our President, Bob Bos, Bill Frenier chaired our April meeting which started by silent prayer in memory of a good club member, Dick MacClanahan, who will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him and enjoyed boating with him. Our sympathy to Pat and family. We hear that Bob Saylor is showing improvement keep it up Bob.

Tickets are on sale for a C.B. radio, proceeds to go to Search and Rescue fund, which is greatly needed due to a few expensive rescues of non-paying boaters. Ann Faulkenbery also supplied an Afghan for this worthy cause, and this was raffled off and won by Marion Scofield.

Heard that a new Phoenix club member has donated the much needed 20 gals of paint for the painting of the radio shack, this makes Chuck Derberger very happy as he has been working on this project for a long time. Tucson club members voted to donate \$50.00 towards the cost of painting labor cost.

Two very interesting movies on Mexico were shown and enjoyed by all. Was good to see old members the Himes and Greens, Jessie Schwartz and Jo Morris at the meeting, haven't seen their faces for a long time. Do come back, we get bored with the same faces at every meeting.

Our last trip to Cholla was rather exciting to say the least. On our arrival in Cholla we found we had been broken into and vandalised. A day of cleaning was required. Finished our work and went clamming, got back at dusk and found out our boat house door and wall were no longer there. Seems Roberto's brakes had failed him on our downgrade road. Fortunately, nobody was hurt, but what a mess, gasoline cans upended, butane



tanks turned over, shelving and contents dumped. Boat was sitting in the middle of the rubble unscathed thank goodness, glad it wasn't launched out of the back of the boathouse, found out later that Betty was going to charge us launching fees for illegal launching.

Had to stay an extra day to put things back in shape. Thank you to all our friends who came to our rescue with beer, supplies, advise and entertainment. Our beer and liquor supply had been stolen in the robbery. Our council chairman rapidly took the situation in hand and provided the beer. A special modeling of a new T-shirt-rather small-much naval exposed. The lettering on this particular T-shirt was very very confusing to our Mexican workmen and upon being asked what it meant, the Anglo to Espanol explanation was something else again. Still very confused Mexicans. Ask our past council chairman about his new wardrobe addition. Betty has a new name for Roberto - "Crash".

Rosario and his man worked all day Sunday to build and secure our cabin again. We really did appreciate this. Thank you Rosario.

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I want to take time to apologize for not giving credit underneath the stories and who submitted me pictures in last month's issue of the Chatter. The cover photo came from Homer Smith, Spark and Sputter was written by Mel Jarvis, the Grunion story was written by Al Scott.

Just a reminder that a number of us have installed base stations in our cabins along with C.B.'s in our buggies. Most of us use Channel 9 for communication. It would be greatly appreciated by our radio operator to go to another Channel for conversation like 11 or 22. This way it leaves Channel 9 open for emergency use by our radio operator and Search and Rescue.

Let's remember to be sure and use Channel 11 from Why to the Bay. See you at the Bay!



## HAPPENINGS AT THE BAY by Maggie

March 27, 1976 (Evening): Open House party given by Pauline and Charlie Murphy. Happy group attending were; Pete Scott, our Council Chairman and his friend Bernie Weber of Tucson, Shirley and Ray Hemphill, Rosella and Lew Frazier, Bob and Alice Taylor, Jack and Jane Eberg, Bill Brown, our Derby Chairman, Jack Gill, Marlene Sternberger, her parents Vi and Geroge Hamann, Tim and Gayle Murphy (Charlie's son). A good time was enjoyed by all. The appetizers, chips, dips, salad and libations was great! We all admired their unusual, prett, black rod iron stairway to the bedrooms. Their house faces the ocean from all rooms and what a beautiful sight, watching the reflections of the lights from the boats anchored in the still of the evening at the Bay! Thank you for your hospitality Pauline and Charlie!

NOTE: Who takes a shower in a water tank at midnight while a rescue search is being held?

April 14th: Opening of Maya and Beto's restaurant, congratulations for serving such delicious fish, soup, salad, the works! Everything was so good and everyone enjoyed a beautiful evening, with so many friends attending; there were the Ebergs, Fraziers, Hemphills, Barbers, Dusenbergs, Annis', and their visitors from California, Jack and Evie Mott and son John with his girlfriend, Betty and Hector Munro and several others. As always, Maya was so gracious and friendly to everyone with Beto helping to serve and smiling Jackie, (waitress) taking orders. So, for friendly service, delicious family style food, drop in to see Maya and Beto next trip to the Bay!

April 16th: Several club members and their families including, Vi and George Hamann, George and Helen (son of George and Vi), went out sand bugging. What fun!

April 17th: Marlene Sternberger had quite a gang over for her unforgettable spaghetti dinner, served with  
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Italian sausage, meat balls and salad. She invited everyone who had been out sand bugging to Espinoza's Estuary that afternoon; Fraziers and family, Hemphills, Ebergs and family, Annis' and family, and guests Evie and Jack Mott, Barbers, and Don's brother Wayne. Kimmy (Marlene's daughter) had her girlfriend Christie over for the Easter vacation and joined in for dinner. Thanks Marlene for a great evening!



## THE BEAUTIFUL BEACH AT EL GULFO by Al Scott

As you pass through the town of Sana Clara one comes to Cemetery Hill where you will go off the hill and on to the beach. This is one hundred yards of unbelievable sand that only a sand buggy or four wheel drive will go through with ease. Once on the beach, you have thirty five miles of one of the most beautiful beaches you will ever see. I am really living in the past years. Now there are so many people going down from Yuma now that the beach is not as it was in the fifties when Gene Smith and I went down so often. In those days the fish caught from shore was fantastic. I remember so well my first trip, a Mexican by the name of Sanchez ran the shrimp plat at El Gulfo, which is by the way one of the best in Mexico. The plant is stainless steel and really clean. His generators had gone bad and he bought a new part in Yuma, and wanted us to smuggle it in to Mexico. It was a huge plate for the generator. He put it in our pickup, and we were told to follow his son to El Gulfo. We asked him what we should say if the customs asked about it. He said to tell them it was a stove. About dark we went through San Luis, we had no trouble. We met his son in San Luis, and started for El Gulfo, after an hour of travel, he stopped and told us he was coming to the bad roads. He said he would go through a bad mile, stop and blow his horn. We could hear him going. He stopped and blew his horn. We started out, Gene had the throttle all the way to the floor board. By the headlights we could see what seemed like hundreds of sidewinders standing in the two ruts the youn Sanchez made. Gene's pickup was in and out of the road most of the time. We finally came up on Sanchez. He yelled cautioning us not to get out of the truck, that there were too many rattle snakes. We were to wait there until we heard him stop again. This continued until about sunrise. We came upon the small sleepy town of El Gulfo. We were exhausted. We put our cots up and tried to sleep, but the sun was too hot. We fixed breakfast, and walked down the beach with our

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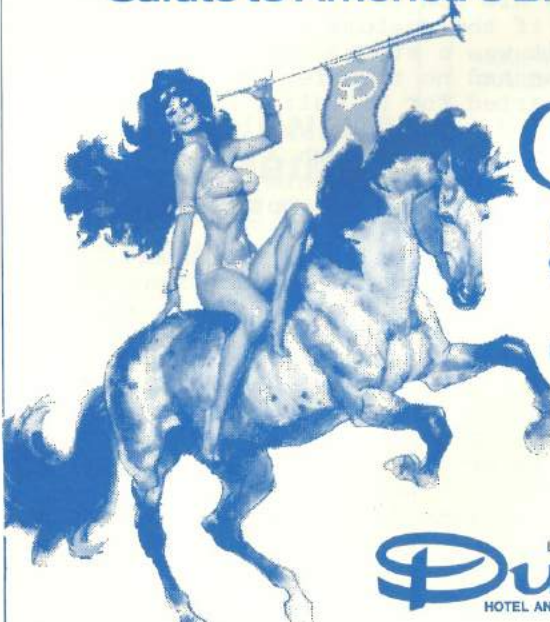
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fishing rods. We went to the first rocks and caught large sea trout like we used to catch at Cholla Bay. The beach at that time was very crusty. As you walked As you walked the beach you would sink down through the crust about six inches. That afternoon, we met young Sanchez again, and he took us through the shrimp factory, it was beautiful. He informed us we would take a different route back to San Luis. This road was along a high cliff, and very narrow. When we arrived at El Doctor we stopped to pick up a collection of petrified wood. At that time there was tons of petrified wood in every direction. In later years the Mexican Government came and hauled all remaining away. Now you can only find small pieces when the wind blows the sand. We finally arrived on the American side, and needless to say we were two tired fishermen. We were glad our first trip to El Gulfo had ended. In this year of 1976 I am afraid it is not a beautiful beach anymore. Over the years with hundreds of people on the beaches every weekend with their sand buggies. This has changed all the beauty that Gene and I saw and enjoyed on our first trip to El Gulfo.

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Sympathy goes to Mrs. Walt Schmerfeldt and family.

Get well wishes to Mr. Edwin Busfield.

Belated birthday greetings to Don Barber, our Search & Rescue Vice-Chairman, whose birthday was the 31st of March.

This month's BOOBY AWARD goes to Verlene Barber. Verlene, (even though she is a very experienced fishing woman) tried to remove a hook from the mouth of a fish and got it stuck in her finger.

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