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HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT IN CHOLLA BAY

by Marie MacGill



Cholla Bay didn't have too many people down to bid the last week of the first month adios.

We had a nice visit with Bonnie Gibson who had been down for several days. That week-end her son, Tom and his family came with their camper and boat and did some fishing.

Dan and Mary Dever with their daughter Joanne spent the weekend there. Harold and Lori Sprauge with guests whose names I did not get were also down for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dunn came down on January 23. They had friends from Ontario, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Levanger and Mr. & Mrs. Buster Tucker, also as guests Mr. and Mrs. Glen Whitlock from Blythe, Calif. They had their boats and campers with them. With windy weather and poor fishing they decided to move on; however on Thursday, the 26th, the guide in the Dunn party caught a beautiful golden grouper which added some joy. On Friday, the 17th, they headed for other Mexican waters. They were going to Kino, San Carlos and then on to Guaymas. They planned on being gone about thirty days before returning home. After all of the fish we saw brought in on the 27th and 28th, it is too bad that the Dunn party didn't stay around for a couple days longer.

Bill Valentine with his boat "2-14" and his guests brought in some real beauties. Several boats came in with some large pinto, grouper and black sea bass.

George and Lydia Panek were down to do some odd jobs around the house.

There was a small birthday dinner for Rosella Frazier at Ray and Shirley Hemphills place on Saturday evening, the 18th. Besides the Frazier family, Wimpy and Jane Jaskowiak were there. Niyla Lunden and Bob Kelty, the Hemphill's house guest were there also for the dinner.

Joe and Roma Blunk were down, but didn't see them. Saw Ed and Marty Perlmutter. They are busy as bees as usual. They rearranged things in their big spacious home and made a cozy little winter haven out of part of it.

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY (ANIVERSARIO) to Roberto and Maya. They are owners of Cafe La Ranita (The Little Frog) there in Cholla Bay. They celebrated their anniversary a short time back at the same place where they were married three years ago. If you haven't tried some of their good family style cooking you don't know what you have missed. TRY IT! You'll like it.

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(Cont'd)

Skip Gruber announced at the last Phoenix Chapter meeting that he and Vera Hudson would be married at the Bay on March 11. They will have the reception at the Cantina with Mariachis, dancing and Tamales, etc. Skip invited all of the Club members to come and join in this big celebration. Skip did not give the name of the author of this special poem that was written for this occasion.

THANKS

Charles and Pauline Murphy asked that I thank each and everyone of you that sent the lovely cards and made the phone calls while Charlie was in the hospital. He is now out and on his way to recovery. They are hoping to see us all at the Bay before much longer.

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TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT



By: Helen Bos

Tucson's CBSC changing their meetings to Wednesday night sure proved to be rewarding.

People came that have been members for 3 years and couldn't come to Monday meetings. It gave me the chance to meet people I've never seen before.

Grace and Jack Parsons, Mr. & Mrs. George Goodson and our politician Gene Reed to name a few.

New members Ton and Diane Bolle were nice to meet and I predict they will be very active in CBSC.

Was good to see Sally and Mark Slatter again since they found their home base.

It really looks as if Tucson's membership is growing with some very nice members.

Al and Joan Nichols brought house guests from Plainfield, Indiana to this meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Whitemass are cousins of Joanies. They seem to really be enjoying Tucson's weather.

New membership chairwoman, Shirley Peterson reported 278 members and 52 of them were present at this meeting.

Mary Brown seems to have survived her kids new sand buggy very well. It's good to see Mary back as the Club's Council Secretary.

I had a good chance to talk to Nonie McKibbon; she is absolutely fascinating. So much knowledge and talent rolled up in that lady can be a great-great asset to CBSC.

Slides were shown by Nonie that she had taken while scuba diving. She showed us things we will never get to see unless we join Nonie down at the bottom, where the real beauty is. She promised to return and share more of her slides with us.

Pete Scott must be working very hard these days. When the lights were out for movies, I could hear this terrible rasping going on behind me. Really was feeling very sorry for someone, obviously they must have asthma. Finally got the best of me, so I turned to see who was suffering. Only to look Pete Scott in the eye. Ole Red was snoring his nose off. Poor Pete! It must be terrible to be so overworked! Pete, did you know that when you snore, your nose turns as red as your hair?

Door prize winners were: Walt Horton, Jo Morris, Chuck Dernburger and Sally Slatter.

Next meeting is Pot Luck and starts at 7:00, Wednesday, March 1.

If anyone has something they would like reported in the Scuttlebutt, feel free to call me at home after 4 PM 887-0978.

See you all soon!





News From The Launching Ramp

by BETTY MUNRO

Even though this message is late I'm going to get it in.

What a beautiful Christmas we had in Cholla thanks to the CBSC. Each family with children received a turkey plus other staple foods, fruits, candies and toys. Most important of all to the little ones a visit with Santa himself. All the people who pitched in and helped got their reward just seeing the faces of the little ones when they first laid eyes on that red suit, fat tummy and white beard. We all know under that not so false beard was Lew Frazier, who made a wonderful Santa. Chuck, the skinny Santa and Iris Hoyt did a marvelous job of organizing the Christmas party. Santa's inside helpers Joe and Roma Blunk were kept busy seeing each child got as near the correct ring size as possible. Those flashy, colorful plastic rings were a great success. Lots of the little girls still think they're engaged to Santa.

Wimpy and Jane Jaskowiak deserve a big thanks for literally turning their home into Santa's workshop assembly line and all. The assembly line helpers were too numerous to mention but they were great workers. The visit to Santa was topped off with a ride in the new school bus driven by Hector Munro. We were all honored to have SRA. Castillo, members of her family and friends come to the festivities.

Was it all worth it some of you ask? Maybe if I pass on this story you can judge for yourself.

Iris and Chuck Hoyt returned to the radio shack after delivering some of the food boxes to the various homes. Iris was taken by one man who she said tried ever so hard to communicate with them. She couldn't understand but had the strong feeling he wanted to give them something. Hector told her he'd check and talk with the man and this is what the man told Hector.

"My family and I wanted to give the Club something--some shells, firewood, tomases anything we had we wanted to share with them. All the time the Club gives, gives and gives to us and we never give in return. I just wanted them to know how much I appreciated what they were doing for my family. I could not afford to take my family where Santa Claus was so-the Club-they bring Santa Claus to my family. I am very grateful". He then changed that as he motioned to his family, "We are very grateful".

His words sum it up for all of us in Cholla - CBSC - Thanks - We are very grateful. Never think the things you do for us, little or big, go unnoticed. God bless you all.

Sweet Ida Baurland walked up to my house the other day and come to find out she has been coming to Cholla for the past 37 years. She and her husband, Bob, who is now deceased, first rolled into Cholla Bay in January of 1941. Now that's a long time.

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Very few people boating and fishing these winter days but for those who brave the rain and fog there is a reward. The first Black Sea Bass of the season was brought in by Mr. Nelson on his boat MI ESPOSA TRABAJAR. It weighed in at 67 lbs. Waiting patiently for him to get through the scales stood Elden Travis aboard his DRIFTER. Elden weighed in the second Black Sea Bass at 87 lbs. Same day the Joe McGuire boat WAHOO brought in a 66½ lb. grouper caught by the old pro Salvador Gonzales.

Randy and Maxine Hager of Tucson were here after a long absence. Seems Randy has been working in St. Johns and that was too far to travel for a weekend. Anyhow, fishing wasn't plentiful for them this trip but Randy reminded me I forgot to mention his sailfish he caught last summer--sorry Randy. Randy's sailfish measured 7½ ft. and weighed 67 lbs. As the usual fish story goes--Randy said it lost 10 lbs. from reef to the scales.

George's Launcher #526, two year old son, Adrian has been very ill. The doctors had to remove a cancerous kidney. The child is now home but under treatment. The cancer is now in the bone. On the brighter side of life for George and Ermina after having seven boys--Ermina has just birth to a baby girl. I asked George for the name and they are so excited about the thoughts of a girl in the household, they haven't had time to settle on a name.

While Tammy Bottcher was recuperating from her recent operation, Tom brought a couple buddies fishing. One buddy Ken Reeves now brags about a 60 lbs. Black Sea Bass and 9 year old Ken Jr. proudly boats of a 20 lb. Sardinero. Tim--he can brag his FREEDOM WON runs great but bragging fish wise he's out of luck on that trip.



AL SCOTT

WHAT ANOTHER BOAT

Oh Boy! Here goes the boat expert Al Scott to San Diego after another boat. My wife's brother just called and said a guy had a twenty one foot mahogany boat with a big Chrysler motor in it. A beautiful inboard he says, also a tandem trailer. I, of course, tell myself I am an expert because I had a fourteen foot outboard and an eighteen foot inboard, so what else is there. I am experienced with each on the Sea of Cortez. I want a boat that is fast, so I can get there in a hurry, besides I am tired of watching Skipper Hooper in his 23 foot Garwood with a gray marine in it go to Bird Island, and back to Rocky Point, while I am going to the first estuary. I will show him I say to myself, so off to San Diego I go.

I arrive in San Diego and call my brother-in-law. He said he would meet me at the owner's house. I have time to kill so I drive by the owner's house several times and sure enough there was my future boat in his front yard. It was as he had told me, a real mahogany beauty. At the planned time, we met the owner. I arrived a little late so the owner wouldn't think I was over anxious. We talked about the boat, and all the various equipment on the boat. I knew immediately, I wanted the boat, but hesitated to ask the price but finally did. He said twelve hundred dollars for the boat and trailer. I gave a long whistle and said I wasn't sure. I had not

planned to invest that much in a boat. He kept talking and I started backing off as if I was going to say no sale. I finally mustered up enough courage to say Friend, I have only eight hundred dollars. Will you sell the boat for that price? Explaining to him all the items I would have to purchase before I could use the boat. I bought the boat and started to Phoenix with it.

After I arrived home, I reconstructed the boat the way I wanted it. New windshield, new motor cover, seats in back, etc. Ever so often I would start the Chrysler Marine Motor just to hear it roar. I'll show that Skipper Hooper. It was almost summertime, and I have it ready to head for Cholla. Dr. Conner went with me and I hitched my Chevrolet Panel to it and headed for the sea. By this time I had learned how to cross the sand from the railroad into Cholla. I put the truck in low gear, and floor-boarded it for the next three miles, it worked fine. By early afternoon we were unloading our tent and equipment.

Then a guy came running down the hill and said two men were out in the Gulf yelling for help. Their boat had turned over. We rushed down to the landing, got in the boat and that Big Chrysler Motor came to life. In a few seconds we were by the boat. Doc got the big guy and I got the small one and we headed for shore. They said they could not have held on very much longer. They had been out in a small ALUMINIUM BOAT to spear a turtle and the boat turned over. They wanted to know if we needed anything. We told them we forgot to bring bread. The

big guy who was the distributor for a beer company in Rocky Point said he would go into town and bring back bread. We never saw him again. The little man I saw every time I went to Cholla and each time he would say Thank You Mr. Scott for saving my life.

Doc and I talked about our experience of the day. Those two people were the first of eleven lives I have had the good fortune of saving at Cholla over the years.

We fished for several days and then broke camp. I took the boat over to Rocky Point and left it with my friend Ted as we planned to come again the next week. I planned to really give it the gas next trip.

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Thanks

By: Betty Munro

Many thanks to Joe and Fran McGee who really got the wheels of the new Cholla Bay school bus rolling. The money raised on the raffle of the car donated by the McGees encouraged the promotion of additional funds. Finally enough was accumulated to purchase a beautiful 60 passenger school bus. All of the people in Cholla, big and little want to say "un mil gracias" to the following: Phoenix Chapter of the CBSC for \$150; to Pete Scott and Chuck Dernberger (Tucson) who personally donated \$100; to Duane Townsend of Townsend Motors (Phoenix) for \$75. Thanks to Lew Frazier for his wheeling and dealing to find the bus and push the promotion of the sale; to Bill Williams for his part in the transaction; to Hector Munro who went to Phoenix for the bus and for driving it to Cholla (Even if it did take him 9 days to make the trip).

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By Al Scott

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By Mel Jarvis

The cooling systems seems to be the one part of our fishing rig that plagues we reef hounds the most. Either we don't get out of the Bay at all without the old girl making like a tea kettle at full boil, or we can't run over 2000 RPMs without her threatening to overheat. How your engine is heating and at what RPM range or what temperature is under different circumstances can sometime tell you what the cause of overheating is.

Before we go into that, let us see how many reasons we can come up with that will cause your engines to overheat.

1. Pump housing or pump plate, worn, causing air bubbles in the pump and cooling system.
2. Damaged or badly worn water pumps and impellers.
3. Plugged water intake. Water intakes differ on each unit, so you would have to be familiar with your unit.
4. Picking up sea weed, sand, moss, plastic bags, etc. stops any water getting to the pump.
5. Plugged oil cooler (if you have one) slows down circulation.
6. Crack in the exhaust manifold allowing exhaust to enter incoming or outgoing water will also allow water to enter cylinders and valve chambers.

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7. A burn through the exhaust elbow allowing exhaust to enter cooling water passage, slowing down circulation of cooling water.
8. Bad head gaskets allowing compression gases to enter cooling system causing hot spots.
9. Loose belt, if you have separate belt driven water pump such as inboard boats, also some of the Chevrolet equipped Volvo units.
10. Air getting to any part of the suction side of your pump in any way
...and on and on. There seems to be no end to the reasons marine engines will over heat.

I once spent many frustrating hours trying to cure the overheating on an inboard and by sheer accident I found that the owner had installed some new deck hinges on his motor cover. He had driven a screw through the hinge, through the deck and into the suction hose of his water pump. It didn't leak, but it sure would suck air and starve the pump and engine of water.

So you can see there are many reasons for your fishing rig to blow its top.

If you start heating at slow speeds but will cool off at higher speeds chances are you have an impeller starting to go bad.

If you run cool at slow speeds but start heating at higher speeds and if your heat goes up and down with your speed, you are most likely holding water in the block too long. This is caused by poor circulation, something somewhere is plugged.

If your engine starts heating before you get off the trailer, there is no cooling water getting to the engine at all, and if there is, it's going some place it shouldn't be. There is one little ray of hope, you could check for a stuck thermostat. It's long odds but worth a try.

To help your cooling system live a longer, trouble free life, you should never start your engine and run it out of water, not for even a little old minute. The impeller fits the pump housing very close and tight and the heat from friction will burn it up if run dry.

If your boat spends long weeks on the trailer between fishing trips, leave the drive or outboard down so that all the salt water or water can drain out. Check the water intake for debris. After starting, always check the cooling water discharge. Just about every marine engine has one. You should know yours.

Happy reef hunting.

I would like to make an appeal for used clothes for children here at the Bay. Also need canned goods in case of emergency or illness in Mexican families.

Either bring to Butch at Casa 85 or to Betty at the radio shack.

I really appreciated the generous donors when Lupe was killed. The gifts of money, clothes and food was really a God send. Thank you one and all.

Betty Munro and I coordinate all distributions to needy families. Thank you all again.

Butch Heldt



By: Mel Jarvis

January was a good month for Search and Rescue. Out of the 158 boats that launched only four had to be helped in by their Buddy Boats.

Each month I get the daily log from Betty and from this log I can tell you who, why, and when and how it happened. Also what the weather was like, who launched, what time and when they came in, also if they signed out or turned in their "pink sheet". After reading January's report I had a good feeling knowing that a little part of Al Scott and a few others old dreams were fulfilled...A Club to help and protect each other when help is needed, as did the "5Gs" when his buddy boat, KICKA-POO called for help off the Point, the "5Gs" was already in and on her trailer at the time. This type of thing goes on all the time. It's the way it should be, this IS the Cholla Bay Sportsmens Club working the way it was planned to work.

As we go into this new year of fishing and boating or just fooling around, don't let your good times make you forget the little important things that are a very important part of your good times.

1. When was the last time you pulled out all your safety gear, such a red flares, flags, signal mirrors, life jackets, etc. and really checked it all over good?

2. What about your spare parts kit, you should carry one. Did it get salt watered down good in that last trip when it got rough and you couldn't hang on the reef any longer?

3. Took kit, now this is one kit that can really be a surprise if it hasn't been checked or used for some time.

4. First Aid Box, this kit gets a lot of use, at least on the DEBBIE J it does. I'm always cutting, hitting, pinching my finger, hand, head or putting my aft end where I left the last hook I just replaced for a sharper one.

Looking back at last year and the year before, in 1976 January there were 294 boats out and in 1977 January there were 246 boats out. This year January 158 boats were out.

Some boats haven't been in the water for some time or just haven't been going to Cholla. If it's your first trip down in a long time, best you re-read 1-4 again.

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C. B. S. C. PHOENIX CHAPTER-GENERAL MEETING

by Morie MacGill

We had a real fun time at the last meeting of the 14th. We saw a lot of new faces and some old faces that we hadn't seen for a long time. THANKS for coming.

Mel Jarvis made an interesting talk about the operations of Search and Rescue. I think we all learned a lot that we didn't know before.

Glen Davis brought a movie showing the safety rules for your boat trailer and boat.

We were very pleased to have a member, Bob Burdett of Sun City with us. Andy and Mary Frances Hoff that we hadn't seen for a long time was with us, also, Roger Dina. We were glad to have Chuck and Betty Woodard and Richard and Robert Parson. They had as their guest Carol Walker. Thanks for coming Carol.

Ralph Barlow came. His boat is the RAMBLER. Was real nice seeing George and Lydia Panek there. We don't often see George. He is so busy. Joe and Roma Blunk were there. Gene Ekert came, but said Hilda couldn't make it this time. Eldon and Maggie Annis, Bob Parnell and wife made their showing. Wimpy and Jane Jaskowiak came this time with some pictures of those fine looking twins that arrived last month. They are really happy

grandparents. Lew Frazier was there. We missed Rosella. Earl Kennedy was there with his guest Beth Burke. Greg White came, but his wife Peggy couldn't make it. Sorry Peggy. Vern and Betty Groves was over the flu enough to attend, also Trudy Murphy had recovered and was at the meeting. Pat and Doris Patterson brought guests Gil and Jackie Gilsdorf and Steve Brown came this time and brought his lovely wife Linda. We are looking forward to seeing more of them. They are interested in a class of first aid for more members of the Club. It will be brought up at the next meeting. Joseph and Arlene Savoca that own the boat LA TIGUE were with us and also Terry Beasley and Nancy Schmidli. Howard and Don couldn't make it this time. Lou and Mary Parker were there. Mary said she is getting the phone calling organized. Debbie Jarvis was there also with Mel.

It seems that some of our Club equipment has been misplaced. Our President, Jim Westfall, would like a call from anyone that might be storing it for the Club. Jim's phone number is 275-4062.

The door prizes were won by the following: Jane Jaskowiak's name was for the Bar buoy, Bill Lee won a Flare, Jim Westfall jokingly said he wanted the next prize, so I turned my back and stirred the names around and pulled out Jim's name. He almost fell over when we read it. He wanted to refuse it, but we all said that he had won it and would have to accept it. This prize was called the Queen's Planter, which his wife Elnora said she could use.

Thanks everyone for coming. See you next month at the meeting, if we miss you at the Bay.

P.S. Sorry Mary Parker that your name was spelled Mark in the February "Chatter". Please forgive. Also if any names were missed at the meeting, I apologize.

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