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After spending a very short period watching Betty Munro at her radios, it doesn't take a real brainy person to realize that she is almost a genius to be able to make any kind of sense from some of the transmissions directed to "Cholla Bay Radio." For example, "Hey Betty, would you send that curly haired launcher up to the cabin, we're ready" - click.

OK! It seems to me all launchers have curly hair, and whose cabin were they talking about? I think it's time we all attempt to clean up our act as far as the CB's are concerned.

The council is working hard to aquire another CB channel for EMERGENCY use only. I mention EMERGENCY which brings to mind use of the word "MAYDAY". The most dreaded work ever used or heard on the water, it really means "HELP! HELP! HELP! We are facing possible loss fo life.

Proper use of this call is simple, try to remember the few rules you use to make it work.

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Most important of all, rember if you are out of gas but not sinking or stuck in a sand buggy with the tide coming in, this is not a situation that is likely to cause a loss of life and therefore not a "MAYDAY" call.

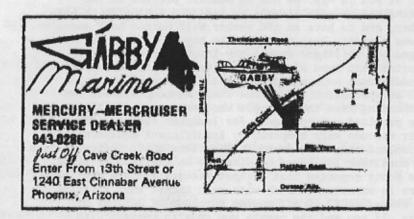
Hopefully, we will never hear the word on the air at Cholla Bay.

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GENERAL MEETING CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMENS CLUB

Hello to all. Hope everyone is well and having a good time getting into the summer. To those who missed the April meeting, I hope we will see some of you in May. We had 24 members present at the meeting and we were pleased to meet Jim Schlueter, a new member, and to have an old member, Walt Horton back among us. It was a pretty busy month at the bay, 334 boats were logged out and there were 5 tow-ins. Bob Courtright reported that some of these tow-ins resulted in damage to or additional expense for the boats and their owners as well as the Search and Rescue fund, No compensation was forthcoming from those people who were rescued although they promised reimbursement for launcher fees, gas, and etc. Their rescues were hampered by insufficient equipment, i.e. radios, and they were found in locations quite different from the ones they indicated heading for on their launchslips. Pete Scott reported that Jackpot tickets are now available. There is an attached stub with each ticket that entitles the bearer to \$2.00 off on the purchase of a Straw Hat pizza. If you and the people you come in contact with don't like winning prizes the buy the tickets to enjoy the pazza. Your a guaranteed winner. Dennis Holenkemp initiated a discussion as to the possiblities for courses in First Aid and CPR. Thelma Saylor

iblities for courses in First Aid and CPR. Thelma Saylor suggested that the proper course of action would be to contact the Red Cross and the American Heart Association and enroll in available courses to learn these skills. Dr. Blair Saylor and Dr. Delbert Heim agreed with this plan and a list was started of those people who would be interested in taking these courses. Anyone who would like to take part in these classes is encouraged to come to the meeting and

sign up.

We understand that if you want to get something done you ask a busy person to do it. Such was the case with this months raffle. Joannie Dernberger and Annie Faulkenberry got busy and brought in hand made ceramic dishes, candles, and plants among other things and raised \$22.00. Speaking of Joannie we understand that her freezer is still babysitting an 831b. grouper head (thats what the whole fish weighed) that was caught a couple of years ago and won her a trophy. Her husband Chuck figures that he'll teach it to make ice cubes and make a bundle at the bay on Saturday nights.

Door prize winners at the meeting were Dennis Holenkemp, Daisy Tatum, Betty Horton, Jim Schlueter, and Al NIchols. Raffle drawing winners were Dr. Albert Heim, Pete Scott, Annie Faulkenbury, Joannie Dernberger, Thelma Saylor, Roy Drake, and Chuck Dernberger.

> CAROL-SCOTT Tucson reporter

HOW TO JOIN CHOLLA BAY STINKER CLUB By Chief Pelican Snooper

Drinkum fire water from bottles so can brakum glass on beach and keepum squaw from swimming.

Don't signum in, keep paleface from knowing whar to look.

Don't signum out, keep man on talking wires. Worried all night.

Mixum gas, fire water and smokem pipe of peace all one time. Maybe seeum great white father in happy hunting ground.

It don't rain so buildum teepee with flat roofs. Always talk how to run tribe (club) but never go to pow-wow.

Tellum how to spend the wampum but keepum hand away from pocketbook.

Squatum on palefaces lots, runum over rocks and fillum barrels with trash. When heading for home grounds open end gate in coach and litter trail with garbage, tin cans and paper.

If passum test, will tradem one membership card in Stinker Club for five ponies and one quart fire water. Squaws wearing breach clothes and small halters carrying heavy loads comes free.

So long until meetum in Land of Tall Cactus and salty water.

Chatter, January 1963

(Reprinted by Request)



IN CHOLLA BAY

By: Marie MacGill

If gentle breezes are very pleasing, everyone was overly pleased the weekend before Easter, as the breezes turned into wind and almost blew everyone off the point.

Frank and Walda Peterson with their mass of guests were there for the fun and races. Bob and Thelma Lounsbury paid their cottage a visit to do some repairs and cleaning and to add a few more of their talents. The Bill Dunns were down for some fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodward had guests at their cottage this same windy weekend. Don't know if Ed and Bonnie got their casa finished or not.

Pauline Murphy was in Phoenix a few days ago on business and to take her grand-daughter back to her home. She had been visiting with her since son Tim and Gayle had been there the week before.

A couple of sweet hearts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton will be celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary on May 6th of this year. HAPPY, HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, BOB & VELMA! Thats a lot of years of love.

I'm sure that most of you feel as I, very honored and proud to have <u>BILL VALENTINE</u> writing in the Cholla Chatter. We will be looking forward to each months interesting issue. Thank you so much Bill.

If any of you have any birthdays or anniversaries that you would like mentioned please let us know, or any stories you would like printed we would be very happy to put them in the Chatter. Please call me and I will see that they are put in.

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The past few years has seen the advent of more and more lure trolling for billfish. I've been using lures for the past 29 years for dolphin, but just for the last 3 or 4 years I have been seriously billfishing with lures. I'll flat guarantee you that today's available high speed lures are every bit as effective as any dead bait. Even the slow speed semi-scooped mose jobbies are deadly. Last fall, for instance, slow trolling (4 - 6 mph) Sevenstrand lures out of Cholla we landed 4 sailfish and 6 nice dolphin, plus farming out about that many more in just one weekend. Earlier in the year, trolling lures off Baja's Vista area, our group hooked, tagged and released 9 beautiful striped marlin.

There are several good billfish lure manufacturers in the business, but by far the oldest and most experienced that I know of is Sevenstrand. This outfit has just come out with some of the most realistic lures I've ever seen. The series is called "Clones" and the colors are so true to life that they look good enough to fillet. They're designed in 4 or 5 different styles and sizes for trolling from any spped, 4 mph on up thru 18 mph, and are color-cloned to simulate squid, mackerel, skipjack, dolphin or flying fish. If this mishmash sounds like a commercial for Sevenstrand, its only because I've been using their products for, lo, these many years and they have always produced like champs.

Another advantage of lure trolling is the fact that you will have a higher percentage of strikes, for the simple reason that you cover much more territory (due to the higher speed--as opposed to bait trolling) and have a better chance of crossing paths with your quarry. And sportsfans, I've left the best part til last-- just think how much better you'll smell after a hot day out on the blue, by handling lures instead of mushy mullet.

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When time was by a different clock, When days were weeks, When months were Years,

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

By: Marie MacGill

The April 11th meeting was very interesting and enjoyable for those of us that did attend. We forgive you that didn't get there that time, as we know most of you were packing for a trip to the bay or elsewhere for Easter

Paul Schoonover gave a very interesting talk on navigation; infact enough to cause everyone to want to learn more about how important it is to know how to set and read your compass. Thanks so much Paul.

There was a lengthy discussion on what to do to put a stop to so many breakins at the Bay, as it has gotten to the point where drastic measures will have to be taken. It was voted that it would be taken before the Council that decals be printed in both English and Spanish telling what drastic measures will be taken regardless of what nationality. They will be prosecuted with no acceptions.

It was reported that a window was broken and a fire bomb, was tossed into a trailer distroying it. I understand that it belonged to Gus Brown. There have been many more breakins, too many to mention.

We were very pleased to meet new members that Betty Munro sent to the Club, Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, Angus and Del, also to meet their guest Mr. McIntre's sister, Lillian Reinert. We hope that you enjoyed your first meeting and will return many many times. Thanks so much for coming. We also enhoyed another new member of January 79, Mr. Harry (Bud) Vasconcellos. His wife is Terry. Blue Max is their boat. We hope to see you at the next meeting and can bring your wife, as we are looking forward to meeting her.

Since I spread the word how nice it would be if each of us could bring a new member into the club, Betty Munro has done her part. I hope I don't let her out-do me. How about you? Thanks Betty. We might reach that 1,000 mark yet. As of March we had 912 and now we have topped that.

Some of the following were in attendance at the April meeting: Bob and Velma Fulton, Von Gottbreht, Paul and Joan Vanover, Ed and Barbara Miller, Paul Schoonover, Earl D. Kennedy, Frank Abram, Wimpy and Jayne Jaskowiak, Lou and Mary Parker, Angus and Del McIntyre and Lillian Reinert, Homer and Betty Green, Dave and Teresa Conner, George and Maxine Rodgers, Hildegard Ekert, Larry Bridges, Chuck and Betty Woodward, Mark Miller, Alene Miller, Trudy Murphy, Don and Verlene Barber, Rojo, Jack Ebert,

C.B.S.C. Phoenix Chapter General Meeting - Cont.

Bud Vasconcellos, Bill and Betty Waggoner, Jim McCullough Bob and Phyllis Pennington, Dick Harmon, Jim Westfall, Bill MacGill and yours truly. If I missed your name please forgive me.

Hilda Erkert reported that they hope to give thier boat the 21 JEWELS a Champagne launching at the bay the last of May or the first of June.

Jim Westfall reported that with the sale of the Tide calenders he took in \$306.50 for Ship's Store for the month of March. He hopes to have the new jackets in by May.

Mary Parker made two very nice Cholla Bay shirts. If anyone is interested in one, please see her. They are really nice.

Also The Straw Hat Pizza house is still giving a \$2.00 credit on Pizza if you buy a \$1.00 fishing derby ticket. I don't think you could loose on a deal like that.

The world is still full of good people. Frank Abram's mother Geneivive made and donated some beautiful flowers for the Christmas fund. They were crocketed and in pastel colors. They netted \$18.00. Dick Harmon was the lucky winner for them. I won a Gift Certificate for a set of wheel bearings and seals for a boat trailer that were donated by Paul and Joan Vanover (PJ's PRIDE). They have Bearing-Belt and Chain, Inc. of Phoenix, Casa Grande and Tucson. Since we have just purchased a new boat and trailer I would like to donate the certificate for another raffel for the Christmas fund, if Paul and Joan don't mind. This was a very generous gester on their part and I would like to double it. Thanks so very much Paul and Joan.

Betty Woodward has made several more hats for Ship's Store. They are in all colors and very pretty. I bought the red one, and I think there is another red one or two. Verlene Barber won a pot holder set, Paul Schoonover a cap, and Betty Waggoner a tee shirt.

Verlene Barber reported that a get well card was mailed to Mary Fran DeHoff. Hope you are well and real fine real soon.

We missed a lot of you that are at all of the meetings, so please come and be with us next time.

C.B.S.C. Phoenix Chapter General Meeting - Cont.

Hope we see all of you at the May meeting on the 9th.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN APOLOGY FOR THE CHATTER STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE INCORRECT SPELLING, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE SPELLING OF IRIS HOYT, AND OTHER NAMES THAT WE SPELLED INCORRECTLY. PLEASE BEAR WITH US AT PRESENT TIME AND WE WILL TRY TO DO BETTER.

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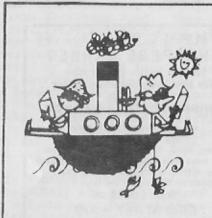
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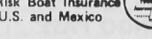
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NEWS FROM THE LAUNCHING RAMP

By: Betty Munro

Captain RALPH BARLOW is doing O.K. on his RAMBLER. All you Motorola people sit up and take notice of the champ amongst you... Captain BARLOW's 1st Officer, NORM DAVIS landed a beautiful 66 lb. grouper. NORM was so thrilled with his grouper, he grabbed it with both hands, lifted her up and planted a big kiss right on her head. That's what you call happiness!!! Not to be outdone, Captain BARLOW returned to the Bay a few weeks later and landed himself NORM's fishes sister, a 63 lb. grouper. This must be the RAMBLER's good year!!!!

The HONEY BEA group did it again. CLARENCE ALLUM landed a 76 lb. grouper. "Plus", he states, "they lost a couple just as big!"

I heard through the fishline that LARRY FAIT landed what was probably the first black sea bass of the season. I didn't see it, but friends who did say it weighed in at 65 lbs.

SLIM KEMP got a black, too!!! I didn't see that one either. They took it straight up to their cabin for pictures.

The Thresher sharks seem to be plentiful this year. So far, I know of four brought in this year. CLYDE PEED of Ajo caught the largest so far reported. It was 90 inches in length. . . . They picked him up in the Sand Dune area.

ROGER and OPAL DINA along with their friends, PAUL and MARIS, spent one of their too few weeks here at the Bay. ROGER proved he still has the touch when he came in with a nice 18 1b. pinto on the deck of his POLARIS.

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GEORGE RODGERS had his Rotary friends as guest at the Bay. The 1st day they got out and loaded up with a terrific catch of pinto. The next two days were spent playing poker as they watched the sand blow by the windows. . . .

FRED AND DELLA WRIGHT had their granddaughter TRACY WRIGHT with them at the Bay. TRACY was in awe at all the things in Choya. She is a delightful young lady and she had a ball shelling. She was especially intrigued by the sand dollars on the beach. . .

Old timers at the Bay, BILL and DORA GARDNER spent a weekend in Choya before beginning a trip to the state of Maryland to see their son graduate from Law School. While they were here fishing on their boat - the G's - DORA landed a 42 lb grouper. . .

A special thanks to a few of the Mexican guys who pitched in and fixed the road leading down to the launching ramp. It was in terrible shape with about a foot drop off when they began. They spent a day with pick and shovel and for awhile we will have a decent road. The whole gang helped either with muscles or with money to pay those who did the heavy work. . . .

Another very special thanks to DR. JOSE L. CONTRERAS V. and DR. OSCAR J. DURAN T. for the service they provided for the Club during the Easter holidays. They took shifts and stood by in the Search and Rescue room from the time we opened until the time we closed, ready to treat any emergencies that came up. They were great and did this on their own. After they left here, they had to pull duty at the Hospital in town. They are delightful, devoted young doctors and a privilege to know. . .

With all the break-ins that we had had lately, we are all watchful and ready to be crime stoppers.... I won't mention this detective's name, but will refer to him by the old cliche' Sherlock...Well, as the story goes, Sherlock saw a man busy with a hacksaw cutting off the lock on a trailer.... Sherlock dashes down to Pelican Point to get our local policeman, ENRIQUE. ENRIQUE gathered up a few more troops figuring anyone that bold in broad day light might be a little dangerous. Sherlock led the forces to the scene of the crime... Zombie, did they ever scatter when they saw who it was cutting off the lock... It was GUS BROWN himself...

In as much as energy seems to be on everyone's mind these days, I thought it might be an appropriate subject to write about - and in so doing fill a page or so of the Chatter. (viewed from the-house-by-the-side-of-the-road, on a long weekend energy does not yet appear to be of any great concern at Cholla). Divided into segments it goes like this:

1.) BOATS. Kecently a new boat - replacing another one much larger and faster - has appeared at the launching ramp, and that it smacks of economy and versatility to a degree that is worthy of note. It is a deepkeeled, cutter rigged, motor sailer that fits like a glove into it's cradle on a two-axle trailer.

Its power - other than from the wind - comes from 18¢ a gallon Mexican diesel, and although it will not get you to the 20-mile reef in 40 minutes, once you've taken your departure, youjust set the auto pilot, relax in the forward cabin, and eventually you will be there with more pesos left in your wallet. It not only looks more like a boat than some recent "creations" but has many cruising amenities they do not have, e.g., even an after stateroom for the fry - all in it's 25 feet OAL.

Gone is the ever troublesome, corrosion-prone stern drive, in favor of the conventional shaft.

2.) TREES. Every time I pass that tamarisk (?) by the icehouse, where you turn off the the right to reach the launching ramp (sic) I think of Sargeant Joyce Kilmer's poem (who was killed in action - July 30, 1918 on the western front near Ourcy) the last stanza of which reads:

"Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree."

And I mentally calculate how many cords of lena it would yield for my fireplace. And I also speculate upon what a great contribution to energy Gus Brown would have made had he planted his two thousand acres or so, with the species back in 1948 or 1949, the approximate date this tree was planted by Nacho Quiroz.

There are other trees too - not so large or old - planted by LLalo Ibara, up around the bar. Somehow they seem to thrive - without rainfall or soil, or even care. Have you noticed that Phelps Dodge is foresting their tailings dump with this species at Ajo? Incidentally in the Almanac it is listed as the world's largest earth fill dam although it is across a dry wash!

I have read too, that there is one specie of eucalyptus in Central Australia - faster growing and just as thrifty - that is available from nurseries. I do not know if this is the specie that Jack London planted in his California woodlot, or not.

3.) PATROLES. Sweden and Mexico have just signed a trade agreement in which the former will recieve 600,000 bbl. of crude oil per day and the latter agricultural equipment, and agrarian technology - to mention only a few of the many in the bargain.

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1979 DERBY RULES

- 1. Each contestant participating in the derby must have a valid derby ticket and a valid Mexican fishing license before starting to fish. All boats must have a valid boat permit and must fill out a launch slip prior to entering the water. Fish must be caught with hook and line.
- 2. Classes of fish eligible for prizes:
 - a. Grouper
 b. Pinto
 c. Black Sea Bass
 d. Sea Trout
 e. Pampano
 f. Mackeral
 g. Dolphin
- j. Skipjack
 k. Flounder
 l. Cochi
 m. Sardinero
 n. Leatherfish
 o. Sailfish (see note)

i. Pargo

- h. Red Snapper
- 3. Judging and prizes:
- a. Judging of fish for prizes shall be done by judges appointed by the derby chairman, with equal representation from each chapter.
- b. Fish will be judged according to weight (except sailfish see note).
- c. There will be a grand prize winner for men, women, and juniors 15 years of age or under. Fish taking a grand prize trophy will not be eligible for any other cash prizes; additional prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, adult class; and first, second and thir place, junior class, in each catagory of fish (except sailfish see note)
 - d. Prizes will consist of cash and trophies.
 - e. NOTE:
- (1) In the interest of sportsmanship and to prevent unnecessary waste, the following special rules apply to sailfish:
- (2) Awards will be presented for the first sailfish registered only, regardless of weight, for each division, men, women and juniors 15 years or under. Sailfish will not be eligible for grand prize trophy.
- (3) In addition a special "Sportsmans Trophy" will be awarded to the person catching and releasing the most sailfish. The sailfish must be brought to the boat and released at the leader. This must be witnessed and verified by at least two (2) persons. Since this is an honor system type of judgement, we trust everybody will act in the best interest of true sportsmanship.

4. Registration and weighing of catches: The scales will be open for weighing from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. each day of the derby, except Sunday, September 2, scales will close promptly at 5:00 P.M. Derby days are as follows - May 26, 27 and 28; June 16 and 17; July 21 and 22; September 1 and 2.

5. Derby tickets:

- a. A derby ticket entitles the purchaser to fish all nine days of the derby may be purchased prior to or during the derby for the sum of \$10.00 per adult or \$5.00 per junior. Daily derby tickets may be purchased on the day you wish to fish only for the sum of \$2.50 per adult or \$1.50 per junior.
- b. In either case, a valid derby ticket must be in your possession before you start to fish.
- 6. Jackpot tickets: Jackpot tickets will be sold prior to and during the derby and will be available to anyone wishing to purchase them. It is not necessary to participate in the derby in order to buy a jackpot ticket. Cash will be awarded to winning jackpot ticket holders. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Awards Ceremony. Several drawings will be made, depending on the size of the pot. Winners need not be present.

7. Fish fry and awards:

- a. Our annual fish fry will begin at 6:00 P.M. on the last day of the derby, September 2, 1979.
- b. The awards ceremony and jackpot drawings will immediately follow the fish fry.
- c. Our fish fry and awards ceremony is for all to enjoy!! Everybody is welcome!

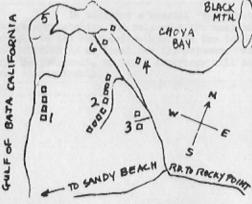
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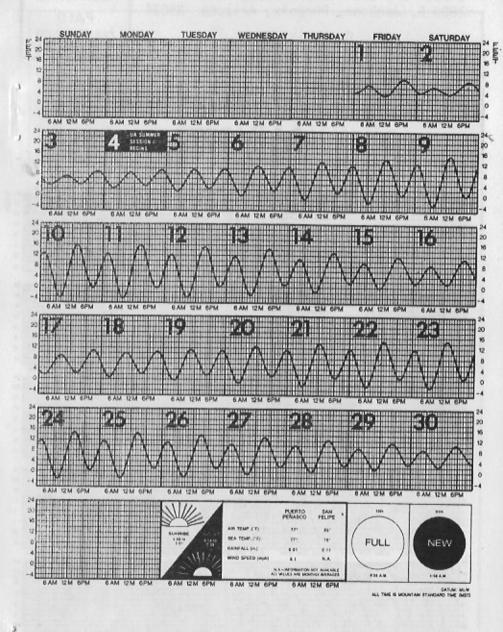
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