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Effective October 1, 1980, the operator for the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Radio facilities at Cholla Bay will be Sr. Agustin Leon.

To help Agustin do a good job for the Club, we urgently ask that everyone use their radios for their designated purpose and keep the working channels free of unnecessary chit-chat.

Stop by and welcome Agustin. You will find he is sincerely interested in the Club and will be a valued friend and asset to the Club.

Other demands on his time and resources have required Don Barber to curtail his activities in the Club.

With the realization of a great loss, I have accepted Don's resignation as Search and Rescue Chairman.

For the uncounted times "DONDOS" has been there with that needed tow line, regardless of conditions, it is impossible to give proper recognition.

The next time you see Don, why not extend your own personal thanks.

Pete Scott and Chuck Woodward have agreed to finish the year as co-chairmen of Search and Rescue. They plan to involve more members in the activities. Be sure your answer is "OF COURSE" when they request your participation.

Paul Schoonover,
Council Chairman
CHOLLA BAY

TO THE CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S
CLUB MEMBERS:

Leaving your employment after eight years is a very big step for me and a step that has lots of prayers and thoughts behind it. I wish I could thank each and everyone of you personally for letting me be a part of your wonderful Club. For me it was a privilege and an honor to have represented you in Mexico to it's people. I wish the Club the best in the future and pray you gain in numbers and in unity.

A special thanks to the past and present officers of the Club. It was great to work for and with you. My job required me to work closer with the Search & Rescue Chairmen than anyone. During most of my years there, Don Barber was chairman. A very special thanks to him for the time he sacrificed to the job. Don knows the waters surrounding Cholla like the palm of his hand and seemed to be always there ready to be of assistance. Don should be praised for the work he does, not only serving the Club members and non-members, but for the service he is always ready to give the Mexican people. It never mattered if it was a 24' Gringo boat in trouble or a 14' Panga belonging to a Mexican fisherman. Don was always there to assist. The years we were lucky to have Phil Hunziker acting as anchor man in Cholla, helped to make the S & R team work like clock work. Phil and his wisdom will surely be missed by all.

In closing, I'd like to say a very special thanks to Pete Peterson, one of the radio chairmen. Most of you will never know the hours and hours of labor Pete has put into making your radio system work as effeciently as it does. He made my job so much easier and I always knew my equipment was dependable. Of course, a big thanks to the wives of these three, Verlene, Jane and Shirley for letting their husbands donate so much time to the work involved.

With that, I'll say my final thanks to everyone concerned and for the last time say "Cholla Radio - Over and Out."

Fondly,
Betty Munro

PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

Marie MacGill

If you didn't attend the September 10th meeting, you don't know what you missed. President, Chuck Woodward was out of town, as was treasurer, Les Ormsby, so vice-president Shirley Hemp-hill was in charge and announced that the women were running the show, and indeed they did. There was never a dull moment.

Shirley called on Elnora Westfall, instead of Jim, for Ship's Store report and on Verlene Barber for Sick Bay. Betty Woodward gave membership & Chatter reports. Maxine Rodgers, instead of George, was asked for a report on the progress of the Christmas Party. They can still use more dolls and toys for the youngsters.

Bill Valentine, who just recently returned from the Billfish tournament in Hawaii, introduced his friend, professional photographer, Jim Tallon, who presented color slides of several tournaments in beautiful Hawaii. We enjoyed his stories and had a lot of laughs. Thanks so much Jim, for your share of a delightful evening, you are very entertaining. Bill explained billfishing in these tournaments and answered several questions, very interesting. Thank you Bill, for sharing your experiences and for bringing Jim.

The Valley Shell Club invites our members to attend their meetings. They are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at United Asbury Church, room 4, 1601 W. Indian School Rd. This is a super group of people and a good place to learn about shells and marine creatures. John Holms, a member of the Club was with us.

I would like to make a correction on the name of Chuck Clark's boat. It is PATTY BABY II and not TINA BABY II. Sorry Chuck.

Door prizes went to Bill Valentine, a Cholla Bay license plate (originally designed by Bill), which he said goes to wife, Jessie. Elnora Westfall, a money clip which she turned back for redrawing, it went to M. L. Williams. Chuck Clark won a T-shirt. The beautiful macrame wall hanger donated by



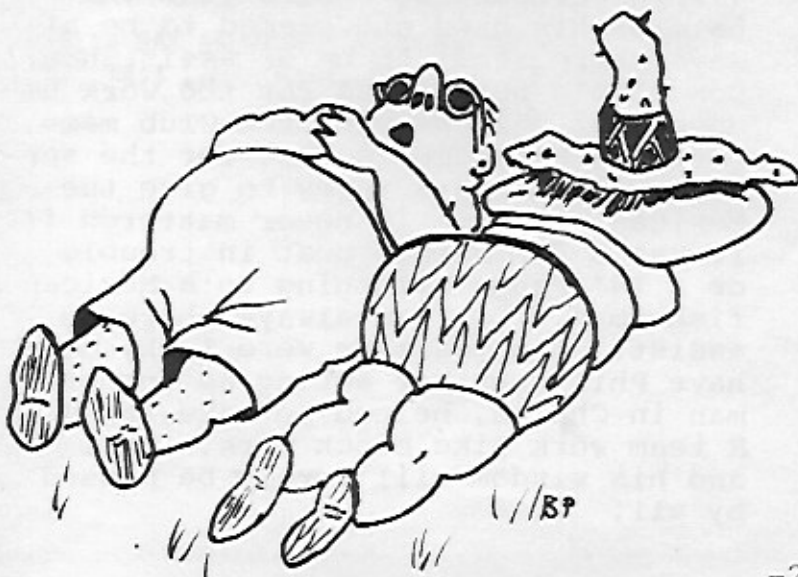
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Gail Kasten 



Floris Hickman for the Christmas raffle went to Betty Waggoner. A towel holder donated by Mary Reinert, was won by Newt Griffinson.

We were all grieved at Verlene Barber's announcement that Bill Williams, a past member of many years, died of a heart attach in early September, at his home in Peoria. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Marcella and to his family.

We were pleased to have Frank and Phyllis Abram's son John with us and Chuck and Betty Woodward's son Pete, also, Mr. & Mrs. Milligan. Thanks to all members and guests for helping to make it a most enjoyable evening.

Now that fall is upon us, maybe we will see you at the Bay, so until next time - - - HAPPY FISHING.

CHOLLA BAY!

"CHOLLA RADIO! This is DONDOS!"

"This is CHOLLA, DONDOS, go ahead."

Our sincere gratitude to these fine people who have given so much of themselves for our safety and peace of mind. No dictionary will ever be printed with enough words to convey our love and gratitude for the efforts of Betty Munro and Don and Verlene Barber, who have given so much of themselves for all of us at Cholla Bay. So, we'll just say - - - You will be missed - - - GOD BLESS and THANKS!

"Okey Dokey, CHOLLA out."

Marie MacGill

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TUCSON CHAPTER MEETING

Peggy Drake

The Tucson Chapter held it's meeting on the 4th of September with 25 members present.

Our guest speaker was Art Chapa, connected with Mo Udall's office in the Customs Department. He had been invited by president, Tom Boyle, to hear our grievences on the problems and inconveniences which we all have suffered in crossing the border, especially after a Holiday week-end. Mr. Chapa was very helpful and is setting up a meeting with the District Director for Customs to see if some of these problems can be resolved.

We all enjoyed Don Milligan from Phoenix, and his beautiful aireal photography of our Cholla peninsula.

A beautiful plaque was presented to the Moose Lodge, as our THANKS for the hospitality which they have shown us over the years.

It is good to see the faces of some of our new members, namely Don Hagen, and we hope next month will bring more of them and a lot more old faces as we all settle down to our fall routines.

We are sorry to report that Mary Brown and Johnny Akrons have lost their Mothers, and that Shirley Reed's Mother is ill.

Ann Faulkenberry brought in the beautiful afghan which her Mother made, to be raffed off. Many of our members are busy working on a candidate for the Black and White Ball, and for suggestions for next years new officers.

Door prizes were won by Johnny Aherns, Anne Faulkenberry, Bob Cortright, Joanie Owens and Lee Reid. Raffle prizes were won by Chris Tatum, Bob Cortwright, Chuck Derenberger and Dennis Holencamp.

Hope to see ya'll October 1, 1980 at the Moose Lodge for our next General meeting!

A tremendous number of signatures have been coming in on the petitions requesting that the Border Station at Lukeville be left open through the night on Sundays. More petitions are available, you can obtain one by calling your membership chairman.

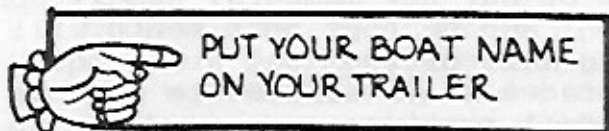
When signed, please mail to your Chapter P.O. Box number or bring to your October meetings.

COMING UP in November . . .

Mary Lou Clark, Cholla cabin owner and new CBSC member has volunteered to instruct the residents of Cholla in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

She is a Registered Nurse and a certified American Heart Association instructor and will offer one class for the American residents and another for the Mexicans with Agustin as interpreter.

These sessions will be in mid-November and we thank Mary Lou for her interest in training all these people.



Add the following to your CB Handle & Boat name booklet:

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Y NOT - boat
GIEBELHAUS, Sam & Charlotte
Cabin 319 MARLIN I

Send your corrections and/or additions to the Editor.

A special thanks to Dr. Walt Hohlstein from Club Deportivo "Bahia Kino" for his assistance in an emergency situation at the Awards Dinner following their 6th Annual Sportfishing Tournament.

- - - LOOK FOR TICKET BARGAINS - - -

Raffle items for the October meeting in Phoenix will be, the macrame handbag from Betty Williams and a painting from Betty Painter. Beautiful work gals.

What about you fellows, we know there's some talent out there, or maybe you bought something for your boat that you can't use.

The September raffle netted \$69.00 for the Christmas Party. Fine turnout!

Any school supplies or other donations which you might wish to go to the Cholla School, may be left with Javier Garcia in the Cholla Curios Shop.

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Check it out - Dr 269-3738
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WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO OUR CHATTER!

In an effort to continue bringing you the CHATTER without increasing our cost of printing, the Council has decided to publish it in a new format.

It is our hope that you will find your new CHATTER quite satisfactory and we encourage your comments.

Editor

THANKS TO THE

CHOLLA BAY CLUB

For your cooperation
and participation in
our Sportfishing
Tournament



**CLUB DEPORTIVO
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!!! IMPORTANT !!!

When you call Cholla on your Marine radio, please remember that the operator has received your call and must wait approximately 60 seconds for the transmitter to warm up before your call can be answered.

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In June I wrote about looking forward to seeing a PRIMA NINA II at the Bay. Last month I received this letter from Sam and Charlotte Giebelhaus.

"Sam & I thought you would like to know that the PRIMA NINA is no more. There were no ashes to scatter, but just the same it is gone.

We are now the proud owners of a 25' Bayliner. It is a nice boat and we have it all blue and white and will be taking it down to the Bay in the fall. We have all of our company trucks in blue and white, also Mark's race car, so in keeping with the company colors and all, we have named the new boat MARLIN I. Maybe you have noticed that my license plates say MARLIN. From now on our CB handle will also be MARLIN I."

Thanks again to Sam & Charlotte for taking the time to send me this bit of valuable information.

James Westfall
3623 E. Granada Road
Phoenix, AZ 85008

HEY GUYS - - - We have been hearing adventure stories from the Gals and I for one would really like to hear from you Guys, too. Is it fishing, diving, shelling, sailing or dune buggy racing? Dig out some pictures, too.

Editor

Any of you who collect past issues of ARIZONA HIGHWAYS, call Floris or Dick Hickman, 946-7454, if you have copies to swap and trade.

! SAVE YOUR EMPTIES !

Oscar Newman is still collecting aluminum cans for the school fund. Put them in plastic garbage bags and leave them by the tree at his cabin. If you don't know where, most anyone can tell you, just ask.

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The Maiden Voyage of
THE 21 JEWELS

Hilda Erkert

(Last of three parts)

We were very busy for a month preparing to make the trip back for the boat with the diesel Chevy and the Jeep, as we need both for a trip such as this. We had to replace the broken spring leaf and the drive shaft on the Jeep and install a new fuel injector pump. The hitch had to be altered so we could lower and raise the tongue of the trailer in order to make it through the steep washes without dragging bottom.

On September 13th, we left our house in Phoenix at 5:10 AM. There was thunder and lightening clouds and rain all around. We took welding gear, chain, extra parts for cars, tires for the trailer and both cars and some fresh fruit for the Mexican families - really loaded. In Gila Bend we tried to get a fuel filter for the Chevy, Juergin can't get more than 60 MPH out of it. We reached San Felipe at 1:45, gassed up the Jeep then proceeded to Puertocitos where we had left the boat parked, arriving just before 4 PM. About 11 hours from Phoenix.

We began unpacking right away. We found some Mexicans to help load the outrigger on top of the main hull, but we first had to cut the metal rigging with the welder. There was no time to eat. We paid the Mexicans for their help and gave them some beer and pop. Juergen worked on the trailer brakes until 10 PM. We were all too tired to really eat anything. Gene looked like he was going to have a heart attack. We are completely exhausted.

We rented rooms for the night and got up before sunrise and rightaway working again. Worked yesterday 18 hours with only breakfast. Can't even talk to the boys. Have to check and grease the wheels, check radiator, oil etc. to be safe. Paid 178 pesos for the room and left Puertocitos at 8:30 AM Phoenix time.

We made only about 5 miles per hour, all washes and rocks, there has been much rain. At 10:20, about 12 miles north of Puertocitos, we loose sight of Juergen. He is driving the Jeep, towing the boat and Gene and I are traveling ahead of him in the Chevy. We call him on the CB, no answer. We turned around and drove back to see what is happening. He was laying on the ground under the car. Gene said to him, "Why you don't call us on the CB when you have trouble?" He responded, "How could I, I can't get up from here, we have a gasoline leak and I am holding it closed with my finger, or we loose all the gas." The connection to the spare gasoline tank had broken off and made a big hole. We were able to fix it with some Marine-tex and a screw, then fastened the tank in place with wire.

Some areas along this road were so bad that it became necessary for Gene to walk along beside the boat carrying a large rock so that if the Jeep should have trouble making it to the top of a steep hill, he could quick put the rock behind the tires to keep the whole thing from rolling back down the hill. This would give me time to come with the Chevy to hitch it up double.

We stopped by a soda stand and talked with Sr. Rafael Orozo from Puertocitos, he had passed us before and was on his way to Mexicali to visit a friend in the hospital. In Puertocitos, we had given 80 gallons of diesel fuel from the boat to the Mexican helpers. They in turn sold it to Sr. Orozo for 8 beers and 2 sodas, for his generator - - - 80 gallons for beer and soda! We talked with him for a while, shared our last watermelon and left around 1:30PM. We stopped near a sulfur mine to let the cars cool off a bit. Met 2 cars from Arizona, they were headed for Mulege for a weeks vacation.

We arrived in San Felipe just after 4 PM. Had to fix the hitch for driving on hardtop. We need now to get washed and dressed for civilization and gas

up the Jeep. Left San Felipe just before 6 PM, after pumping up the tires and putting on the equalizer hitch. No time for food, we'll eat while driving. Stopped around 6:45, the lights don't work on the trailer. Managed to get enough working to go on. Only making about 35 MPH. Reached the Border, the officials were very nice, no problems with any of our equipment. Stopped at a border hotel, had to get one with a parking lot big enough for the boat. Check in time about 10:45. Gene pulled the boat into the parking lot but didn't swing quite wide enough and caught the tire on the sidewalk forcing it off the rim. This time Juergen is yelling! Flat tire. One other tire was low so we changed two. I drove to have the tires fixed for the next day and bought some hamburgers. Finally we made it to the room. Gene sat down on the only chair to take off his shoes and when he got up one leg of the chair fell off. Juergen in the meantime is trying to wash up, no hot water in the shower & the faucet is running all the time and the toilet does not flush. We ate our hamburgers and dropped into bed. At least they were clean. I don't think they ever heard about a vacuum cleaner, but by this time it is midnight and we are too tired to complain. The next morning we woke up to find that one leg of the bed was missing. Most important, the air conditioning worked all night without a bit of trouble. Cost for all of this in Mexicali - \$26.00. Oh well, it looked very nice from the outside.

Saturday, Sept. 15th, 5:30 AM rise and shine. Put water and oil in both cars. Radiator in Jeep has a small hole. Found Stop Leak in the gas station. Hope it works. On the road at 7:30, no breakfast. We are soon on Interstate 8 and although the boat is very heavy, we can now make about 50 MPH and arrive in Yuma around 9 AM. Filled up the gas and water and on the road again by 9:45.

Made both mountains outside Yuma O.K., it's 11:35 and we are about half way to Gila Bend. A long train passed and Mother was ordered to count the cars, 3 engines and 139 cars. Oh well, something to pass the time.

A truck passed and called on the CB, "You with the boat, you have to find a hell of a lake to put that big boat into." About 42 miles from Gila Bend, Gene talked to Juergen and said, "There is a blue car a ways back of us that looks like a Cop we saw before." The reply was not from Juergen, "Put your mind at ease, it is! Are you the boat?" To this we answered, "Yes." Our concern was due to the fact that Juergen had misplaced his license and didn't seem to have it along. The Cop replied, "Maybe I should take over your equipment." At this point a speeder in the oncoming traffic caught his attention and he said he had more important matters to tend to so he left. Just about noon we stopped in Gila Bend for fuel and some breakfast, everything seems to be going very well.

Coming toward us, we saw a pick-up truck, hauling a trailer with a very heavy load. I said to Juergen, "Did you see that guy with the loaded trailer?" Juergen replied, "Yes, but he has better equipment, his is a one ton truck with a 452 engine." The voice on the CB said, "No, it's a 454 engine."

Near Buckeye, we saw black smoke ahead and thought it was a field burning but when we came to Cotton Lane, we found it was a car. We pulled over and couldn't see if anybody was still in it. The fire was too hot and we couldn't get close. We called the police on the CB but there was no response. We were able to reach an East bound vehicle and asked them to get the police. The Sheriff and a tow truck finally showed up and we went on. Don't know what happened, maybe it will be on the news tonight.

We had checked the roads out of Phoenix when we left just to be sure we would be able to get back to the house without going through any construction. However, about 2 miles from home, we were into some new road construction and the Jeep was beginning to run hot, It was stop and go. Everytime we stopped, the car would boil over. Juergen quickly moved out around the traffic, through a Shopping Center parking lot and onto a smaller, less traveled road and on home. We stopped in front of our house and the first thing we did was take the hose and cool down the

radiator. We made it home but just barely, hurrah, 2:50 PM. After unloading the ice chest and necessities, I got into bed and slept 'til 10 o'clock, got up for a drink and slept until morning. After three 18 hour days, we were all exhausted. We still have to get the boat back down the alley and into the backyard again.

Several days later, just as Juergen began backing the boat down the alley (a good half block in distance), the Jeep gave up. This time it was the fan clutch which had also been replaced just prior to the first trip to Cholla. Now we have to back the VW Baja out of the back yard and chain it to the rear of the boat trailer. What a sight! A VW pulling a 32' sailboat backwards down the alley. Yes, we had many spectators and it's good we did. We unchained the VW and all the men pushed the boat through the gates and into the back yard. With all our friends and neighbors to help, it was a good time to remove the outrigger from the top of the main hull so we could again get into the boat. Time for some beer and a rest. The round trip was now completed.



For the better share of the past 10 years, except when we ran off to Cholla for stretch week-ends, most of our spare time had been spent working on the boat. Gene had promised me that as soon as the boat was out of the back yard and parked in Cholla, we would concentrate on some badly needed additions and repairs to our badly neglected house. Now the boat was back and it needed additions and repairs too!

The boys have been very sweet and kept their promise. I now have the new addition to my dining room, among other things, and Gene has his new shop, all of which we have waited so long for. Gene has completed the new outrigger but many metal fittings, hinges etc. must still be made and we hope to have the 21 JEWELS back in the water again by the Spring of 1981.

Although our trip seems to have been plagued with problems from the very beginning, we have such pleasant memories of the times we spent shell-ing, mountain climbing, scuba diving, meeting and making many new friends with a lot of beautiful people and thoroughly enjoying sailing the gorgeous Sea of Cortez. We look forward to a lot of exciting cruises in the future but will manage quite nicely if we never again have to tangle with another water spout, if indeed, that is what it was.

We wish to thank the Editor for helping us to tell our story.

Gene & Hilda Erkert

IN NOVEMBER . . .

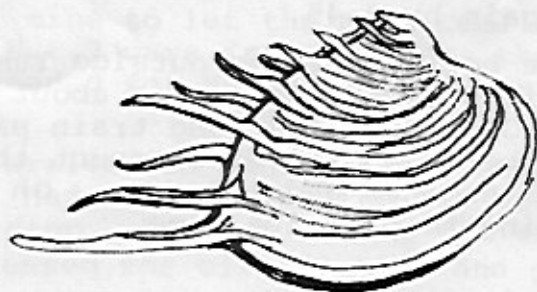
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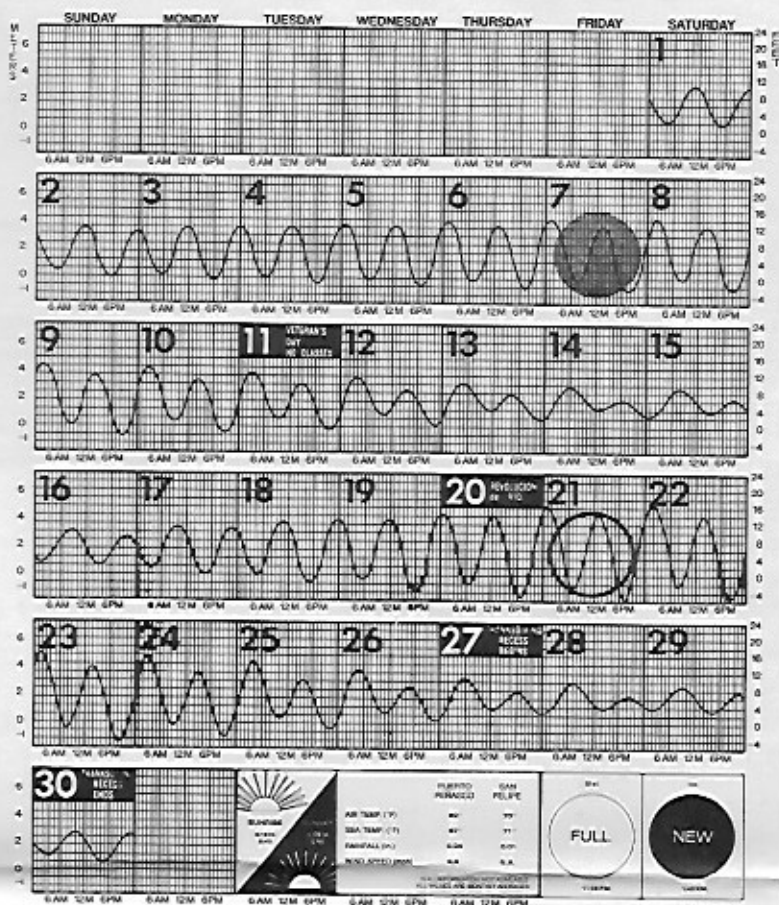
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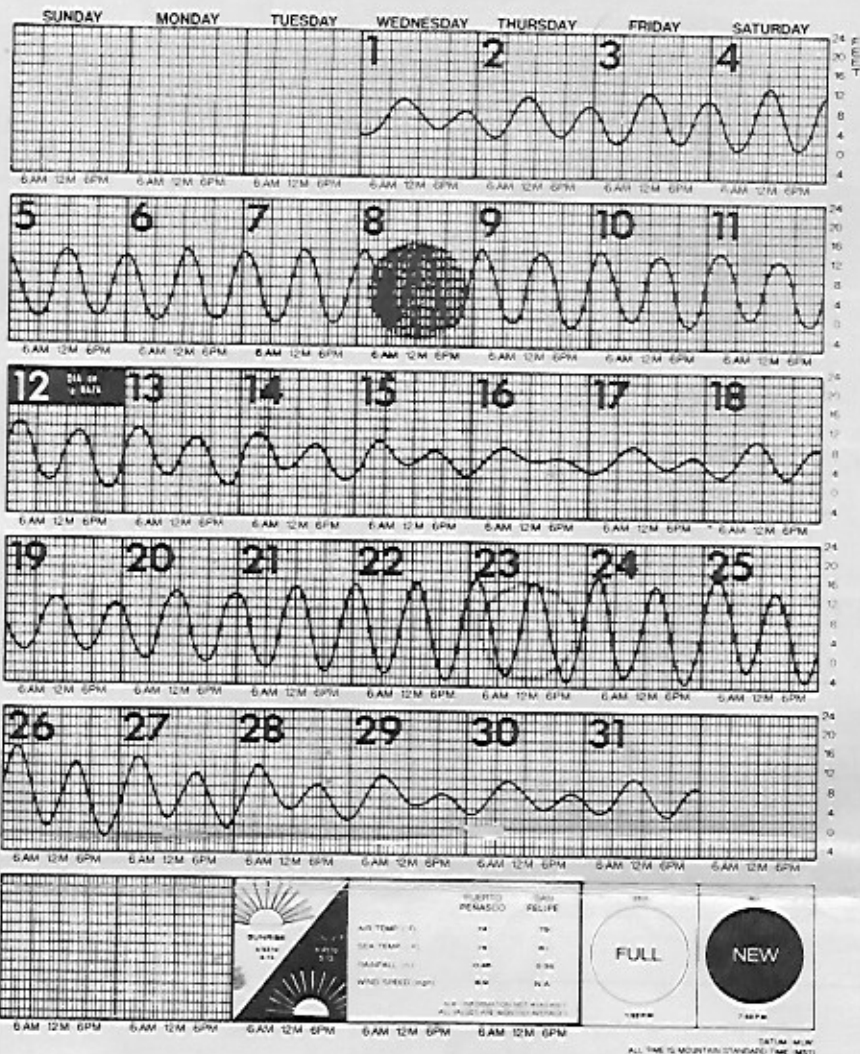
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Oct.	4	6:24	6:09
"	11	6:29	6:00
"	18	6:35	5:51
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