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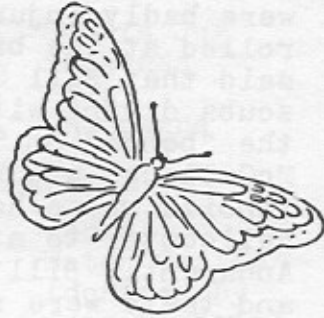


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- October 6-----Board Meeting-Phoenix
- October 7-----Board Meeting- Tucson
- October 8-----Phoenix-Meeting
- October 13-----Board Meeting-Cholla Bay
- October 14-----Tucson-Meeting
- October 14-----Cholla Bay-Meeting
- October 18-----CBSC Dance
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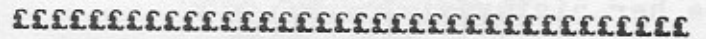
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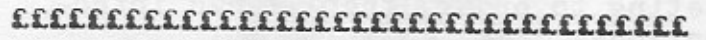
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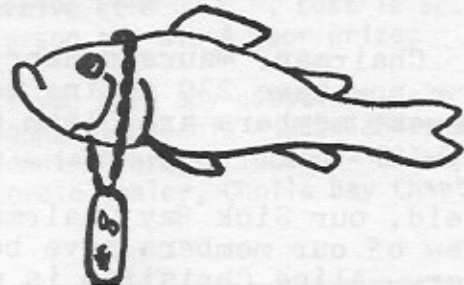
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TUCSON CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING
By Shelly Bock

The Tucson chapter members had a great time at the September 9th meeting. All of you who did not attend missed a superb pot-luck dinner also.

Many members had quite memorable summer vacations this year. World travelers, Gene and Shirley Reid, took an Alaskan cruise which they thoroughly enjoyed. Lynn Skwiat met the Chicago Bears football team and we can't wait to see her pictures!

President Dennis Hohlenkamp called the meeting to order, then we had introductions.

Secretary, Ross Winter read the minutes of our last meeting which was way back in June. Jackie Winter then read the treasurers report. Ross and Jackie also had a great summer. They took their boat to Lake Powell and enjoyed the cool weather, beautiful scenery, fishing and beach parties.

Shirts Store, Lynn Skwiat says now is the time to order jackets for Christmas presents. They come in five different colors with the club logo on the back. What!! No Chicago Bears jackets? Also, Lynn had mens golf shirts on sale and will hopefully have tide calendars by December.

Membership Chairman, Maureen Henry, reported we now have 239 voting members. Our two newest members are Glenn and Pam Whitehead.

Shirley Reid, our Sick Bay Chairman, said quite a few of our members have been ill this summer. Alice Christian is undergoing radiation treatments. Ilene Courtwright had a cat-scan recently. Paula Vreeland fell and broke her hip. Jo Hanson's been ill with arthritis. Johnnie Ahren's has had back problems - and not from having too much fun! Shirley's husband, Gene Reid is still trying to shake pneumonia but seems to be feeling alot better. We hope all of you recover soon.

Search and Rescue, Lou Bock reported that about a month ago, a hobie cat was found without its crew. The people, who were safe and having dinner in Espinosas, were unaware of the Search going on for them. It was reported to Lou by Bill Coughlin that over labor day weekend, one person died after a three wheeler accident. Also, a couple were badly injured after their jeep rolled at the bridges area. Lou also said that Bill Schramm came up from scuba diving with symptoms similar to the "bends" on September 5th. Jim McCullough and Rojo rushed him to Sonoita where he was transported by helicopter to a Phoenix hospital. Apparently Bill did not have the bends and tests were run to determine what caused his symptoms. Everyone is very worried about Bill and we hope he's up and raising havoc in Cholla soon.

Radios, Alan Peterson said that recently a faint "may day" was heard on our VHF system channel 26. Later that evening Sally Newman in Penasco heard the may day which was an american boat on the baja side who had been out three days and unable to contact anyone. She contacted Augustine who called for a rescue for them on the baja. The boat called later to say they were in the process of being towed in. Apparently they had heard of our repeater system which is a great asset to all in these emergency situations.

Alan Peterson, Council, said that at the last meeting residential jurisdiction was discussed. The Cholla Chapter submitted an amendment in which there would be no geographical restrictions. This amendment was rejected by Council. A proposal submitted which requires geographical distinction was accepted.

No action as of yet has been taken on the lot given to the chapter in Las Conchas which is for sale.

The Cholla Bay Christmas party for the Mexican children and families is being given by the Cholla Chapter. The Chairman is Jo Barnes. The Tucson chapter raffles for the Christmas party are being handled by Chuck and Sandy Costelow. If anyone has donations or

want to donate items to be raffled, you may call Chuck or Sandy at 743-7396.

Johnnie Ahrens said the Fall Dance will be held at Gus Brown's Plaza on October 18th. I'm sure between Johnnie and Fran Johnson the dance should be lots of fun so get your dancing shoes ready.

Door Prize Winners:

Joannie Dernberger - Sports Jug
Shirley Peterson - Bookends
Art Valley - Flag
Sandy Costelow - Champagne

Y-mas Party Raffle Winners:

Alan Peterson - Vodka
Art Valley - Water Cooler
(donated by
Joan Nichols)

Incidentally, the Petersons invited everyone to Cabin 80 for a shot of the vodka which they won.

Hey Mermaids!!! Joanne Otanez thinks it's about time for another Margarita Meeting. It's been a long, not dry, hot summer so prepare yourselves for another party.

Dates to remember:

October 7th - Board Meeting
October 14th - General Meeting

Remember: Nominations for our new 1987 officers is coming up in November. If you are interested in running for an office contact any board member.

Mark your calendar now for Tucson's December meeting. We will be having another pot-luck which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Don't forget that our new meeting place is at the D.A.V. Building, 4656 E. 1st (Speedway-Swan area). It's a very spacious and comfortable room.

See you at the October meeting.

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If you have any questions call Fran Johnson, Phoenix - 253-4264 and Jonnie Ahrens, Tucson - 881-6239 or Cordie Conley, Cholla Bay Chapter.

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A Desert Place by the Sea Named Cholla

Sonoran Desert ecology has nurtured many of us most of our lives. To us a great body of water is Roosevelt Lake or the Salt River. Perhaps we miss something from our evolutionary past. For strong in many of us is a desire to return to the sea. Trips to the California coast left me cold and longing for bright sunshine. But the ocean held an endless fascination and seemed to demand a return to its shores.

1948 found Paul and I the parents of one baby daughter and a desire to explore territory we had never seen before. Grandparents were available for sitting so in May of that year we planned a trip to Rocky Point. Not much written information was available on the place but Seth Smith, Oakley Jordann, Bill Blair and a few others said no problem - just take all the gear needed to dig your vehicle out of sand.

Crossing the border was different. The American Customs was a small white building. That's all. No Why or Lukeville. The Mexican counterpart was small and adobe. That's all. No proof of citizenship was required to cross the international border. Two people ahead of you for a visa was considered a delaying crowd - but - you knew them and were glad to visit and find out their plans for the weekend.

I entered Cholla Bay for the first time about 2:00 AM. The best "first timer" joke was to describe the magnificent vegetation that existed in this garden paradise. Bill Blair had fed me the total line. Our camping spot was out on Pelican Point (stuck twice before we got to our spot).

Rising with the sun is one of the great pleasures of life. When old Sol presented itself that morning I knew the desert place by the sea had been located.

The only vegetaion in the bay planted by the hand of man was the beautiful old Tamarack tree (still surviving) on the road to the boat landing.

Three or four cabins (patate shacks) had been constructed and Nacho Quiros lived in what is now the library, and Augustine's home. His nice shady porch was made for exchanging fish storys.

Launching your boat was your own problem. Mostly you waited until the tide was right and then entered the water. Your return trip was timed the same way.

The first time I went fishing I landed a big king Mackerel. Mentally I was figuring the cost to have it mounted, when the captain announced that we had our bait - now lets go fishing. Desecration!

Puerto Penasco was inhabited by about five hundred people who had no electricity. Water was hauled in trucks much like the one we still use in Cholla.

No lights obstructed the vision of the stars. The beaches were clean and uncluttered. The tide came in and receded with quiet regularity. Shells, tide pool creatures and fish were in abundance. Perhaps because there were so few of us a feeling of companionship and willingness to help our neighbor developed at Cholla Bay. This feeling was unique.

As more people made the long trip, we felt the need of more services. The Cholla Bay Sportsman Club was organized. Friendship motivated the birth of this great club. The radio was installed. Search and Rescue provided more safety for our boaters. Roads were maintained. Cholla was becoming available to the public.

With comfort came other things. More people. With more people more vehicles. More vehicles equal more noise. More noise can equal more drunkenness and more injuries. More injuries indicate that we need a larger police force and an ambulance.

How many of you have ever seen the grunion run on the beach of Cholla? They use to. Why don't they now? Because of vehicular traffic on the beach. The eggs deposited on the sand are destroyed everytime a buggy, ATC, ATV or other motorized "thing" is driven across them. The beaches are for walking not driving!

Labor day weekend we watched a new pickup truck drive at a high rate of speed across the mud flats. The truck drove in repeated circles and other antics for almost an hour. If the driver of that truck reads this I would like to ask him if he has any idea how many forms of life he destroyed by his senseless act. It takes centuries for colonies of life to develop on the flats and only a few thoughtless seconds to destroy them.

Traffic did not stop any of the three nights we were at the cabin. The ambulance was heard about one o'clock and the next morning we learned that some one was seriously injured on an ATC. Augustine transported him to the Border.

Immediate reaction to the barbarism witnessed that weekend was. Build a jail and incarcerate them. Hire another policeman and pay his salary with fines collected from the "Bad Guy".

But -- can actions ,good or bad, be legislated? How can we restore the original attituded of brotherly love that existed in this unique place?

Perhaps- by each of us trying to apply the oldest rule in the world" Do onto others and you would have them do unto you"

Drive slowly through the residential area. Turn off loud music and lights so that quiet lovers and sky watchers can have their turn to enjoy. Let all creatures that live by respecting their habitat.

Help may be at hand by the recent formation of a chapter of the CBSC in the Bay. They are cleaning up the area and I think trying to educate some of the "more than one trip" newcomers.

If I have stepped on toes I hope you will take time to reply to this article. Is there something I don't appreciate about noise, light, drunkenness and loud obscene language? Take time to tell me why you come to Cholla Bay and then destroy the very things you are there to enjoy.

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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING
By: Marie MacGill

The September 10th meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, led by Gentle Ben Boyd.

President Gerald Nelson introduced the officers and board members. After that the fun began when each of us introduced ourselves. Everyone was in a joyful mood, and happy to be together after so long a time. I believe our members really love one another as a big family, more so than most clubs.

Secretary Ellen Coughlin's report was accepted as read. Paul VanOver, treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Sara McWhorter of Ships Stores was her usual smiling self with lots of goodies for sale. She said the month of July was a slow month, but the rest before were very good. The beautiful winter jackets with the Cholla Emblem were in, but only the samples. She said it will take around two months for an order to come in and that you should hurry and get your order in for one before cold weather sets in. They are very nice and pretty, so please hurry. She has bumper stickers at half price, 50¢. You would have to see all of the nice things to appreciate them.

The editor, Sharon Allen, CB handle, Chatter Box said she got the stapler she had been wanting and that she and Skip are working up a storm with it. She said all Chatters had been mailed, but there a lot of people that she can not reach with them. If you know of someone thats a member that has a new address let her or Billye Wilda know.

Dave Bennett said he did not have any Search and Rescue to report as he has not been to the bay for a couple of months. John Fowler of Cholla Bay said they are still having their accidents down there and their fires. He said they are still having trouble with the fire crackers there at the bay. One landed in some bedding on the roof of a house, and if some one hadn't been around to kick it off the roof the whole thing would have burned down.

John said that as for as he knows that on September 1st the State of Sonora has passed a law that no fire crackers can be purchased or sold in the state. Perhaps that might help some, later on.

Gerry Nelson made a sick bay report. He said that Marge Dumas can now walk after having two Discs removed from her spine, however she will not be driving a dune buggy or ATC for a couple of years, and maybe never. He also reported the death of Seth Smith. We were sorry to hear of his passing.

Billye Wilda said we now have 816 members. She read a long list of people that she had been unable to contact, and would like help from someone that might know where they can be located.

Billye reported that the cook books are now ready to go to press.

Fran Johnson will be co-chairman of the fall dance of October 18th at Cholla Bay that will be held at the Gus Brown Plaza. She said the roof should be on by then, and that they will have tables and chairs set up and expect to have a four piece band. The admission will be \$2.50 per person. She said the club will furnish the goodies; however you must bring your own drinks or beer. She also said that they will furnish the ice and set ups. Sounds like its going to be a real fun time, and the weather should be great. If anyone can help they should contact Fran.

An announcement was made that Dee Dee Taylor and Joe Barnes will co-chair the 1986 Phoenix Chapter Christmas party. A Raffle was held for raising money for this event. If you have some goodies to be raffled please bring them to the meetings and what money you can afford to give.

Ben Boyd said the Orphanage is badly in need of money this year. They need help to run the place and take care of these forty some odd children.

We thank our guests from the Cholla Bay club for being with us, which included John Fowler, Stevie Rohr and Elaine Escher.

We also thank Jim Salelsberg, Jr. for coming to the meeting with mom and dad Savelsberg. Hurry back Jim.

Another big Thank You goes to Judy Smithbaker and Ernie Moreno for coming, and hope that you will hurry back. They are planning on going to the bay to look for a place to hang their hat while there. Hope they find what they are looking for. We expect to see more of them.

Door prizes were as follows:

Art Rosenlof a Make up mirror
 Clyde and Noel Jordan A coffee thermos
 Ellen Coughlin an Oscilating fan
 Cindy Robson won dinner for two at the HUNAN RESTAURANT.

Until next time, GOD BLESS!



No news again this month from S&R.

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CHOLLA NOTES

September gave Cholla Bay no relief from the heat. The humidity was high, and only a few drops of rain fell. Thanks to the breeze, it has been bearable. But in spite of the heat, this seems to have been one of the busiest Labor Day weekends ever, with many young people having their last big week end before school started. The college group had their first week of school, then headed south, so Cholla and especially Sandy Beach, were full of people. Most of the visitors were campers, rather than the usual residents of Cholla. Tents were lined up all along Tucson Beach. The wind blew all weekend, and kept everyone fairly cool, but it also kept the water rough, with white caps every day. Most of the fishermen who went out, stayed pretty close to the Bay. Some fish were caught, but not very big ones.

As on all busy weekends, Labor Day weekend had it's share of accidents and incidents. A man on a 3 wheeler was going too fast on the road to Cholla, and ran off the road and into a hole and flipped, injuring him seriously. He was treated at the Santa Fe Medical Clinic in Rocky Point, and transported by the Cholla ambulance to the border, where the DPS helicopter met them and took him to the hospital. It was later learned that he died. In another accident, a man and a woman were traveling from Rocky Point to Sonoita in a 4-wheel drive vehicle. The vehicle overturned, and both occupants received head and chest injuries and broken bones. They were treated at the Santa Fe Clinic, and taken by the Cholla ambulance to the helicopter at the border.

Because of the wind, there was a small fire that could have been very serious if it hadn't been put out quickly. A firecracker was thoughtlessly set off near Patty & Ramon's store, and it landed on a bed on the roof of a building. The bed caught

on fire, but the fire was discovered and put out by the fire truck before too much damage was done to the roof of the structure.

Recently, on a nice, lazy afternoon, a group of eight people decided to gather mussels, clams, and crabs, for a seafood cookout. They went by ponga over to Black Mt. to the second estuary. When they could go no further because of shallow water, they got out and pulled the boat closer to shore, where they anchored it. They walked up the estuary to where the mussels are, and everyone sat down in the nice gooey black mud and started digging. After filling two 5 gallon buckets with mussels and clams, they started back. When they got to the beach and looked for the ponga, it was on dry land. The tide had gone out more than expected. After reaching the boat and putting the heavy buckets down, they realized it would be some time before the tide returned high enough to refloat the ponga. As late afternoon turned into evening, the tide seemed to be still going out, even though it should have changed by then. After trying to figure out how to move the ponga in about 4 inches of water, every one decided to just take it easy and sit in the boat and wait. What a sight! Eight people sitting in a ponga on almost dry land. While they were waiting, there was a lesson given on astrology by one of the group on a constellation of stars, known as the Tea Pot of Sagitarius. The reluctant tide finally returned, and everyone returned home safely.

Some of our local residents have vacationed this summer for various lengths of time in other places. Hank & Shirley Hunter went to Pitiquito & Sinaloa, Mexico. Vince & Cordie Conley, Texas & New Orleans. Jo & Ken Barnes, San Diego. Danny & Crystal Brown, Phoenix & San Diego. Rojo & Debbie, San Diego & Payson. John Fowler, Mississippi & New Orleans. Martine, Phoenix. Wally, Southern Mexico. Joe Anacleto, & daughter, Lisa went to Portugal. Agustin, Maria, and family, to Pitiquito. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed their vacations very much.

Many thanks to Sprotsmen's Club members Roy Sirakis and Bob Zapata for their donation of \$100 apiece, to provide CB and VHF radios for the Cholla Bay ambulance. They were badly needed.

A VW van caught fire and burned, half-way between Sandy Beach and Cholla, on the side of the road. Two water trucks from Patty and Ramon's Store arrived, as always, very quickly, and put out the fire. The driver of the van said the fire started in the engine and spread so fast, they couldn't save anything. The whole interior was completely gutted, but no one was burned.

There are two new cabañas on Tucson Beach, complete with thatched roofs. The City of Puerto Peñasco built them. They're very well built, with 4 x 4 posts, set in concrete. They look very picturesque, and give quite a lot of shade, especially mid-day.

Be careful reaching into closets or dark places, because the scorpions are out this time of the year. Shake your shoes before you put them on, the little critters love to snuggle down in shoes and socks. A man in Cholla was stung twice in the hand, when he picked up his socks, which had been lying on the floor.

At 8:30 PM, a sailboat was reported coming ashore at Maruas Estuary, with no one aboard. A man radioed Cholla and reported the beach had been searched, and no one was found. He requested assistance from Cholla. It was learned from friends camped here, that the missing sailors were 2 young men who had launched from Cholla, and were several hours overdue in returning. Since there was a possibility the people could still be in the water, Martine Taylor launched his boat and began a search, which was to no avail. The next morning the two men were located in Playa Encanto, with the help of Elaine & Bud Escher. It was learned they had been dumped off the boat and swam ashore.

On Sept 9, Agustin was summoned to the Cantina by Victor Manuel, to assist in quelling a disturbance. Upon arrival, Agustin discovered the disturbance was a surprise birthday party for him,

given by his Mexican and American friends in Cholla. Everyone enjoyed the variety of good food and the birthday cake at the party.

Don't forget the Cholla clean-up weekend in October, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Everyone please turn out and help clean up Cholla Bay.

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In Memory of Seth Smith

One of the first (and greatest) pioneers of the Cholla Bay area has just passed on to that place where all of us old fishermen hope to ultimately spend eternity...That place where calm water abounds, bait is always fresh, big fish are ever hungry and lines never break. I'm speaking of Seth Smith. Seth was loved and respected by all who knew him. Everything I want to write, all of the trite and overused adjectives, seem inadequate in trying to describe Seth and the impact he made on the Rocky Point area--from Cholla Bay to St. Georges Bay.

Just as a few fer instances back in 1946 he designed a craft and formed a company that built probably the most sea worthy and durable saltwater proof aluminum fishing boat ever to ply the waters of the gulf. The last one was produced in 1966 and yet you still find proud owners fishing up and down the Gulf in their "Smithcrafts."

Seth with his longtime Buddy Oakley Jordan, and friend Gaynor Stover (of Tucson) together with Al Scott, back in the mid 50's, gathered as many interested gulf fishermen together as they could find and formed the original Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club.

These pioneers were also the first to build cabins at Cholla Bay in the early 50's Seth and Oakley Jordan started up the Americanized settlement of homes at the 1st estuary below Rocky Point back in '59, when the Cholla Bay area started getting too peopled up; Seth Smith designed a self propelled boat trailer for his beautiful 25' selfbilt "Dream Boat". Back in 1954 the proved to be the inspiration for the present day fleet of "Giraffe Milkers" which our Mexican Compadres now launch us with.

Just to show you what a helluva guy he was, in his early 80's (80 years old, mind you) he designed and built an apparatus for his pickup truck which allowed him to completely load a 17' Smithcraft and trailer aboard the back of his pickup by himself. He would then tow a 19' house trailer to one of his favorite freshwater fishing spots near Gunnison, Colorado with his beloved wife Maude.

Once there, he'd unload and unhook (not necessarily in that order) and go fishing. When the vacation was over, he'd reload everything all by his lonesome and come on home. I doubt if I could've handled this little operation by myself when I was in my 30's.

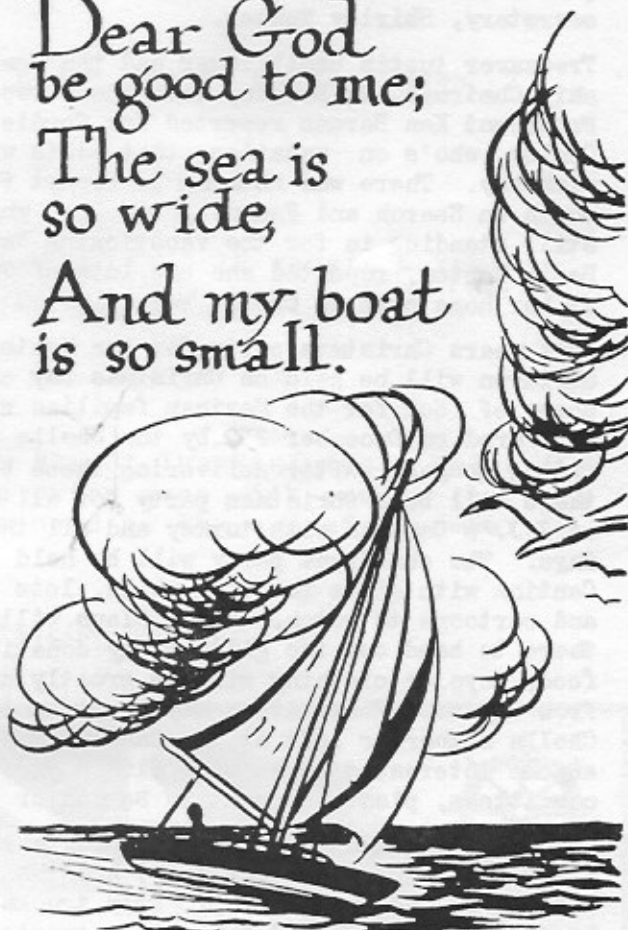
He quit manufacturing 'Smithcrafts' in 1966 because the cost to maintain the quality he insisted upon for each of the handbuilt beauties grew prohibitive as each year inflation reared its ugly head higher and higher. He switched his company's operation to Boat and Propeller Repair and the sale of marine hardware. It is now (Seth Smith Marine Distributors) the largest propeller repair shop in the southwest. It is also one of the biggest marine hardware and boat supply stores in Arizona, now being efficiently operated by his two very capable sons Donald and Ernest. (Along with help from his many nephews and grandsons). You probably sirmise (as you read this eulogy) that I was somewhat in awe of this great man well, I was, absolutely. Seth was truly a legend in his own time, and will be dearly missed by all of us who were lucky enough to know him. feel

I feel honored at being asked to write this tribute to Seth Smith, one of the truly mans, man, I knew in my life.... Adios and Vaya Con Dios, Seth.

Bill Valentine



Dear God
be good to me;
The sea is
so wide,
And my boat
is so small.



BRETON FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

CHOLLA BAY CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING
By Shirley Hunter

The Cholla Chapters monthly meeting was held September 7, at 10 a.m. at J.J.'s Cantina, followed by a pancake breakfast, which served 30 members, including 3 new members and 3 guests. This meeting was one of our special meetings held on Sunday, so our out-of-town guests could attend. The minutes were read by secretary, Shirley Hunter.

Treasurer Austin Schillinger and the Membership Chairman, Jo Barnes, made their reports. President Ken Barnes reported for Cordie Conley, who's on vacation, that all's well in sick bay. There was nothing to report for this month on Search and Rescue. Dee Dee, who's still standing in for the vacationing Walt and Betty Horton, reported she has lots of T-shirts at her home here in Cholla Bay.

This years Christmas party for the Mexican children will be held on Christmas Day and the boxes of food for the Mexican families will be delivered on December 23, by the Cholla members riding pongas. After delivering these boxes, there will be a Christmas party for all members at J.J.'s Cantina with turkey and all the trimmings. The childrens party will be held at J.J. Cantina with gifts for each child, lots to eat, and cartoons to watch. Santa Claus will be there to hand out the gifts. Any donations of food, toys or clothing will be greatly accepted from anyone. These items may be given to any Cholla member or left at the Cantina. Also, anyone interested in helping with any of the committees, please contact Jo Barnes or Dee Dee.

A special clean-up campaign will begin the 2nd weekend of September (12,13,14) and the 1st weekend of October (3,4,5). Dump trucks will be available for all debris and a tractor will be standing by to tow away all large items.

Anyone needing this tractor, contact La Salle Taylor. These things will be towed away, regardless if you are here or not. Everyone will meet at the Cantina the 1st day of the clean-up, September 12 at 8 a.m..

Augustin has informed the Cholla Chapter that there will be a fishing lottery during the month of October. Martine and Hector Munro will catch, tag and release 10 grouper, 10 pinto and 10 cochi on 16, 18, 20, 22, and 24 mile reefs. Tickets will sell for \$10.00 per person and for every grouper caught, that is tagged, that person will receive \$100.00, for every pinto

\$50.00 and every cochi \$25.00. With the Councils permission, as Augustin is a member of the Sportsmens Club, he will be selling these tickets at the radio shack. The proceeds from this lottery will go for a roof on the building across from the hotel, which has been donated by Gus Brown for the Clubs use to house the fire truck and ambulance. Let's all get out and try to catch these fish!

The next regular meeting of the Cholla Chapter will be October 14, with a pot luck at J.J.'s Cantina starting at 6 p.m.

Glenda (Joe's girlfriend) did the honor of the raffle and door prizes. These are the results:

Door Prizes

Tank of water from Patty's	Rojo
Bottle of liquor from J.J.'s	Ken Barnes
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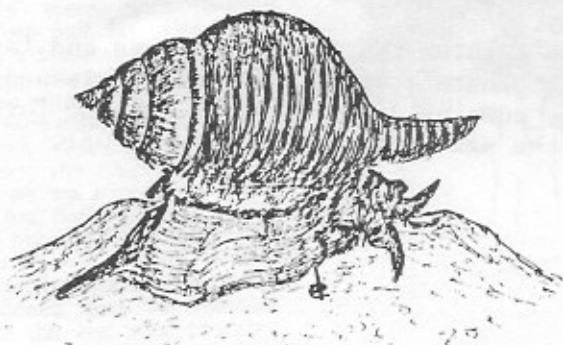
Cash contributions can be mailed to the CBSC Cholla Bay Chapter, PO Box 267. Lukeville, Az. 85341, or will be collected at your local Chapter meetings.

1. Canned fruits
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3. Toys--new or like new
4. Flour and rice
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7. Sports Equipment--soccer balls, volley balls, basket balls, and nets
baseballs, bats, and gloves
8. Citrus fruit

We will be conducting a can drive in Cholla Bay at Thanksgiving. Volunteers will come to your door. Please bring extra cans with you to the Bay. We hope to have most of the things we need by the end of November.

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The ingenuity of the Mexicans in finding various ways to remove the heavy items was something to see. Great to see the Mexicans and Americans working toward a common goal.

It was hot, dirty and in some cases heavy work with splinters, blisters and aching backs and muscles, but there was a terrific feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction at the end of each day.

Now, don't think the job is finished and far from it. There's still a lot to be cleaned up. So, come on down- we'll be looking for you on the next clean-up weekend of Oct. 3, 4, and 5.

June Schillinger

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Violent Sea Can Be Friend Or Foe

By Bernie Roth

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I NOW KNOW the violent side of the sea.

For years we've been no stranger to the many pleasures derived from the sea as far as fishing and boating recreation is concerned.

Certainly last week end gave us a mighty close look at the other side of the board.

Certainly we knew that the sea can be mean. But until you have first-hand knowledge of just how wild its fury can be, you don't really know at all.

We were aboard an out-board cruiser during the storm which struck quickly at Cholla Bay last Saturday.

Three other boats were also in trouble along with us. Of the four boats in trouble, three were rescued. A fourth boat was not so fortunate and its two occupants, the Davis brothers of Phoenix, were both lost.

The disaster cast quite a blanket over the otherwise highly successful 6th Annual Cholla Bay Derby.

And the weather certainly was not expected.

Friday at the bay was stormy and only a few hardy veterans braved the elements.

However, Saturday broke clear and bright and everyone was anxious to go fishing.

And go fishing they did as more than 100 boats headed out of Cholla Bay.

We were with Wayne DeVore and his wife along with a Mexican fishing guide as we started for the sand dunes with 38 gallons of gas and high expectations of landing the "derby champ."

Early the water was rough but as we made the dunes the sea flattened out. But it was only the calm before the storm.

Shortly after noon the wind freshened and 20 minutes later the sea was churning into a furious froth.

As we headed back in the face of the gale we knew it was going to be rough.

How can you describe the feeling you experience when your motors—gulping down gasoline at a tremendous rate in an effort to maintain headway into the crushing sea—suddenly stop?

It's sickening. And then there's the bobbing and drifting as you wave with all your might in an effort to attract attention.

And if those feelings are hard to describe then how do you think you could describe a feeling of exhilaration when a boat suddenly spots you and beats its way to you to effect a rescue?

We were taken in tow by T. B. Hulet Sr. of Phoenix who owns a magnificent (I've never seen a more beautiful boat in my life) Chris Craft 27-foot cruiser.

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The time is rapidly approaching to choose your officers for 1987. Each chapter has or will be looking for people to run for the various offices and to serve on their committees for the coming year. We would like to encourage all of you to get involved in the operation of your club and serving as an officer or on a committee is an excellent way to do so. You will find it quite rewarding and if you would like to become involved please contact any of the present officers listed in the front of the chatter or your nominating committee.

Finally, a reminder that CB channel 3 at Cholla Bay is reserved as an emergency channel and is to be used as such. It may be used for contact, but please use another channel for conversation.

There have been several instances lately of improper use of this channel by children and we would appreciate if they could be instructed by their parents as to the proper use of the radios.

Joe Blunk
Council Chairman

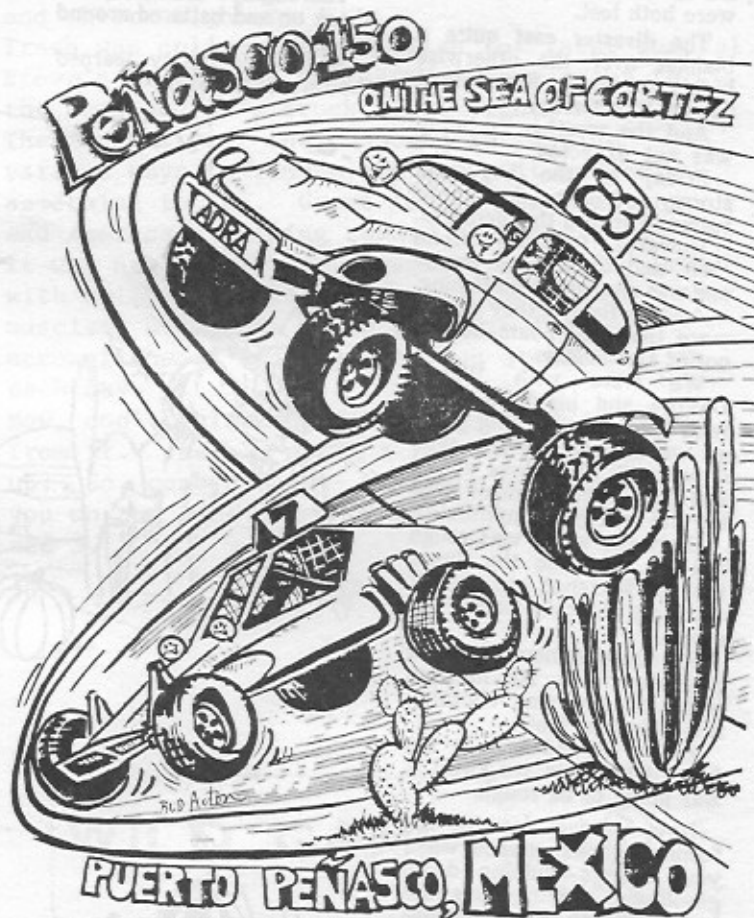


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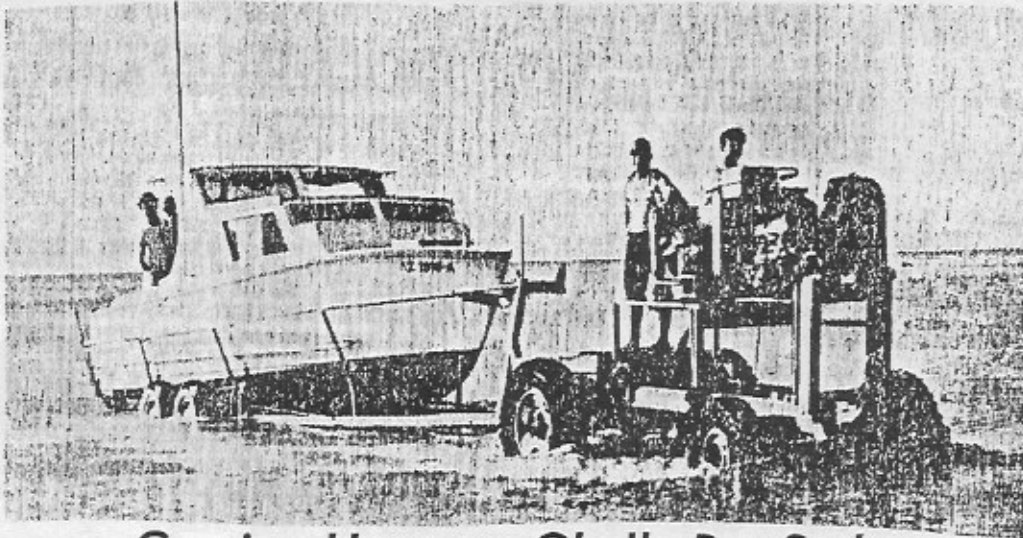
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Giraffe Milkers Whip Tides



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Coming Home — Cholla Bay Style

A modern giraffe milker or highboy is shown towing a cabin cruiser through shallow water to the beach at Cholla Bay, Sonora. Tucsonans Gaynor Stover and Albert Grabe built the first one 12

years ago to enable boat owners to launch and retrieve their craft no matter whether the tide was high or low. These strange mechanical vehicles are believed to be found only in the Cholla Bay area.

By PETE COWGILL
Star Outdoor Writer

This is the saga of Gaynor Stover and his Giraffe Milker.

The combination of very high tides (about the sixth largest in the world) and wide tidal flats used to make it nearly impossible to launch boats at Cholla Bay near Rocky Point in Mexico.

At low tide when the water was out a quarter or half mile any vehicle towing a boat deep water was itself inundated in salt water up to a couple of feet. This was not a condition making for long and reliable life for cars and pickups used for launching.

Something had to be done so boats could get into the water at any tide level. And something was done — by Stover whose occupation is fishing, exploring the Gulf of California and in other ways enjoying the relaxed way of life south of the Border, and who happens to be a Tucson attorney in his spare time.

"Albert Grabe and I got an old Ford V8 car and stripped it down to the frame," said Stover who built the first private cabin at Cholla Bay in 1952.

The two men built another frame and attached the engine to it. The old car or bottom frame with the front and rear axles was welded to the other or top frame by some four-foot-long channel beams. A driver's seat was put on the top frame and the steering arm was lengthened. A four-speed truck transmission



GAYNOR STOVER
... Cholla Bay Booster

was bolted to the engine and the drive shaft was lengthened so it could be coupled to the differential.

Both the driver and the engine were a good six feet off the ground as the mechanical marvel took shape at Roscoe Christopher's bulk oil plant on N. Oracle Rd.

"One day Roscoe came along while we were working on the machine," Stover said. "He asked us in a joking voice, 'What is that?'"

Before we could answer, Roscoe said, 'It has to be a giraffe milker.' The name sounded so good we painted it on the side when it was finished."

Getting the milker down to Cholla Bay proved no problem except that the Mexican customs officials had never seen anything like it before so they charged \$5 to get it across the border.

Once in the water — that historic first day was Oct. 12, 1956 — the milker proved its designers and builders were not crazy, as some of their friends had observed. In fact the Stover-Grabe machine inspired others to try their hand at building launchers. But it wasn't too many years before an enterprising Mexican started a launching and retrieving service for \$3. The Tucson and Phoenix pescaderos found they couldn't even maintain their milkers for that amount so they were either sold to the Mexicans or they rusted away.

Over the years the milkers have proved a very efficient vehicle. They're even used to give rides to tourists and to haul cars and trucks out of the sand.

"I tried to find our original milker down at Rocky Point over the Labor Day weekend," Stover said. "Albert finally gave it away quite a few years ago. But I couldn't find it so it probably has been cut up for scrap. I just wanted to get a picture for old time's sake."

The boat launching volume at Cholla Bay is now so great that four Mexicans are in the business. Although the modern milkers look a bit different, the same elevated-engine principle is still used and it is easy to trace their lineage back to Giraffe Milker No. 1.

HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT IN CHOLLA BAY

by Marie MacGill

Now that signs of fall is on its way, We will be seeing more of each other at Cholla Bay, especially since so many are returning from the cooler parts.

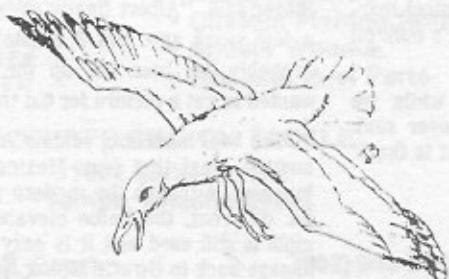
Speaking of returning reminds me that Jim and Gayle Savelsberg of Mexico Study groups have just returned from their Mexico Study tours. The first study group was at Cuernavaca for thirty days. That is about fifty miles south of Mexico City. Gayle said it was so cold in the city that she thought she was going to freeze to death. The second study group went to San Miguel de Allende. Then Jim and Gayle took a little vacation and went snorkeling on the Caribbean and had a wonderful time and then returned home.

Some people have all of the luck. They will take a group to Merida in January and in February they will take a group to Cuernavaca. That will be their first time for winter tours.

I was talking to Ethel Heldt and she had just returned from Maui Hawaii. She said her daughter Gwen Egleston and granddaughter Julie spent a week shopping and sight seeing and had a very enjoyable time.

I asked Von Gottbreht if she had started to rebuild her house that was destroyed by fire in Cholla Bay some time back, and she said no; however she had been working on the plans.

I understand a VW burned down to the ground in Cholla Bay a few days back, but didnt get the name of the owner. Too bad.



The following is a tribute long overdue.

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With us all.

God Bless you.



FUN FOR THE KIDS AT CHOLLA

During the Labor Day weekend, Johnny Linebarger from the KO SHO Self-Defense Studio in Tucson demonstrated karate to the young children at the Bay. About 50 youngsters gathered on the basketball court and Johnny showed the basic techniques and they had a chance to practice. Johnny plans to continue with this program when he returns to the Bay. Pictures and more details will be included in the November issue.

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Nacho's Cross...

The large white cross atop a rocky hill near the entrance to Cholla Bay is a familiar land sight. It used to gleam brightly in the sun in the olden days when it was kept freshly painted white by the man who erected it, our old beloved friend, Nacho, of whom we have now but a memory and his cross. Many have asked the significance of this white cross that greets all visitors coming to the Bay, why it was put there and by whom.

This is the story as told by Nacho a few years before his death:

"My full name is Ignacio C. Quiroz, of Castillian Spanish descent and very proud of that. I was really the first person to live at Cholla Bay. I came first in 1931 with the intention of building a trailer court at the Bay and my original cement slabs are still there at the foot of the cross - that is - what is left of them. I did not stay very long


this first time, returning to Sonoyta and Ajo where I lived until 1938 when I again came to the Bay, but again I did not stay very long. My trailer park plan did not work very well. In 1941 I came to Cholla Bay to stay and here I have lived most of the time since then. I was a very sick man when I came here but I gradually regained my health and here at Cholla Bay is where I feel the best. In 1941 I secured first a land grant on the Cholla Bay area for rental purposes and in 1945 negotiated through officials at Hermosillo for the purchase of the property.

"I prospered in my business of rentals and operating a general store and was very happy. I appreciated the many people who came from the United States and were responsible for my prospering as I did. As a token of appreciation and a symbol of friendship I decide to have a cross built and placed on this high hill where everyone could see it. That cross is my way of saying 'Thank You' to my American friends."

Nacho told also about the people of Puerto Penasco coming to the Bay on May 5th of each year, the day of the Cinco de Mayo celebration - the Day of the Holy Cross. They would decorate the cross with flowers and kneel there to say their prayers. A priest, whose name Nacho could not remember, came from Phoenix to bless the cross. It was used for years also at Easter Time by the Mexican natives as the Holy Place where they came to say their rosary and prayers.

That cross meant much to Nacho. Now he is gone and can no longer see that it is kept freshly painted and gleaming white in the years to come. American friends, who knew the cross had been placed there by Nacho even though they did not know about its significance, have watched the paint fade and peel and, because they loved Nacho as their friend and respect his memory, they have had the cross painted and there it stands again, pure and white, proud and tall, now a memorium to our dear old friend known to all as "Nacho."

By Myrl Johnson



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Villa lived in Cholla for seven years, then his family of six brothers and five sisters moved to Rocky Point so the children could attend school. Villa, as a young boy, worked as a fish cleaner for 10 years and then some construction. When he was 16 or 17 years old, he went to work for Jorge Vasquez Guttierrez as a launcher driver. You will see him hurry about on his launcher still today.

Villa lives in Rocky Point now, with his wife Bertha. They are expecting their first child in about 4 months.

Early in the mornings you will see Villa riding in to Cholla from Rocky Point on his motorcycle to begin his work day launching boats.

He is a quiet and very patient person. When you call him to pick up your boat and trailer to be launched, he is there in a blink of an eye. Many times when you call him from six miles out, in the water you will

find your trailer waiting in the water, when you enter the bay. Villa is always seen hurrying on busy weekends trying to please his customers by getting them launched as soon as possible or taking the tired fishermen and boats out of the water and back to their cabins as quickly as he can.

On slow and lazy weekdays and weekends, you will find Villa sitting on the porch of the Curio Shop near the launch ramp road, talking with the other launch drivers and his friends, waiting for a call of "Villa, Villa" on the CB, we are ready for you to pick us up. And he is off again.



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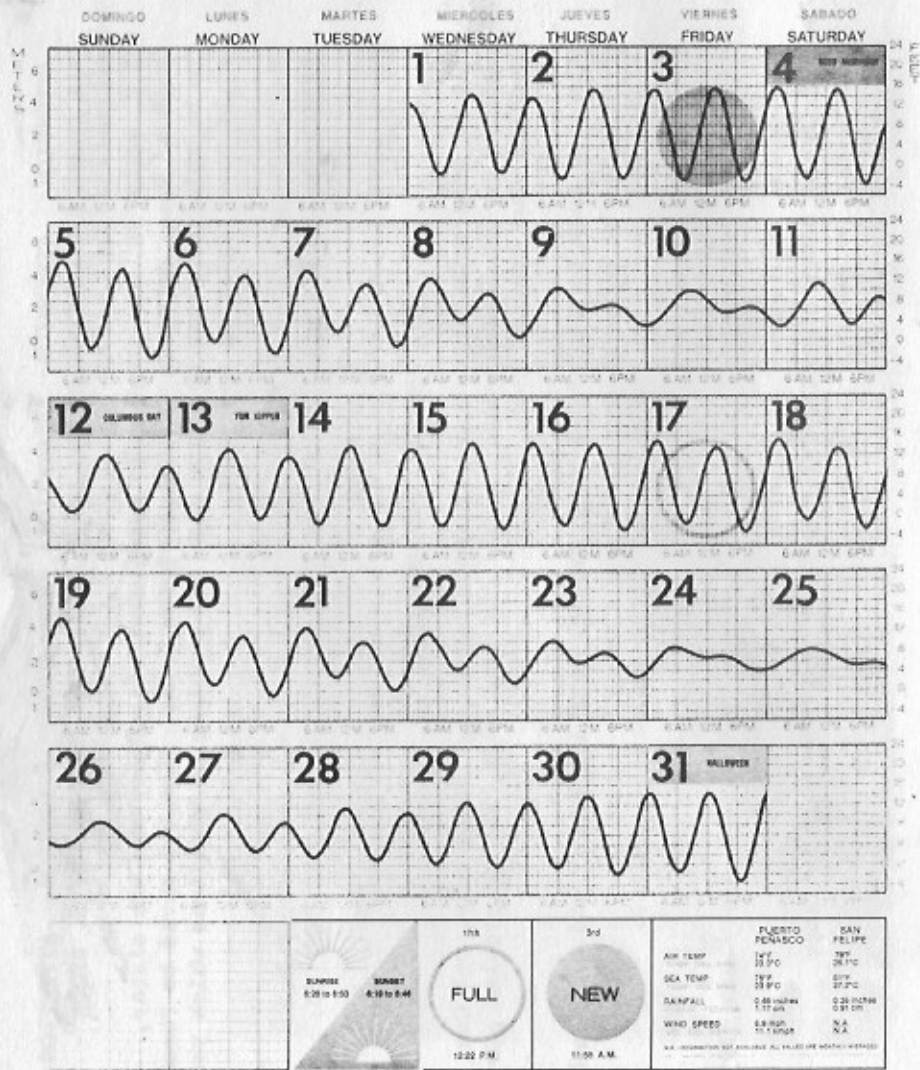
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