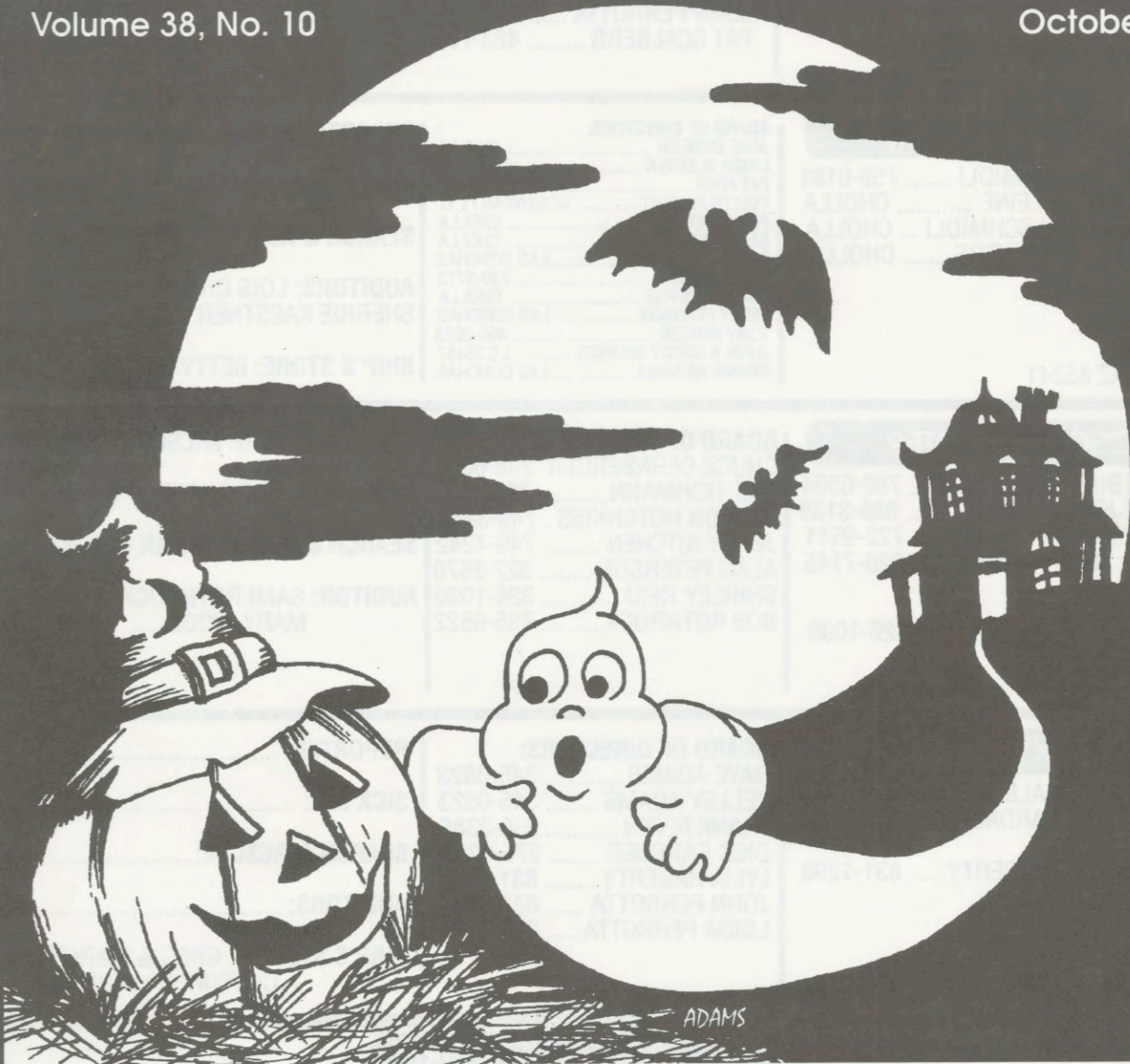


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'95 Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 6-9 JJ's 3rd Angler of the Year Tour.
- 7 OBSC Octoberfest
- 10 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 10 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 11 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 14/15 JJ's Sailboat Races
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 21 JJ's Bathtub Races
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 11 2nd Annual CBSC Fall Fiesta
- 11 1996 Derby Organizational Meeting
- 14 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 14 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 15 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 25 CBSC Craft Sale & Yard Sale

DECEMBER

- 12 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 12 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 13 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 OBSC New Year's Party

A Note From The Editors

Actually this should be titled "Something to read"! As you can tell there hasn't been much to read in the last few issues. We need help! We haven't received anything from the Cholla Chapter (no meetings), nothing from the Phoenix Chapter (no reporter), nothing about the upcoming Fall Fiesta, nothing much, period. We have finally run out of filler articles and our files are empty. So, the November issue will probably be just ads unless you help us. Send anything (printable of course); cartoons, articles (fact or fiction), photos, ??? You don't have to be a writer, just scribble something down and we'll help make it printable. If you find it interesting, so will the rest of us. So sharpen those pencils and get to work. We're looking forward to a full mailbox!!!

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In Response to "Who Dropped The Ball" in the Sept. 95 Chatter.

To Anonymous on the beach,

I also had the pleasure of Tucson Beach on the July 4th weekend, and also many other weekends this summer. I saw many Americans and Mexicans enjoying the beach. It was nice to not have to walk and carry a cooler, leave my vehicle in an unprotected area or worry that some self appointed authority was creating a problem for me or my friends.

Tucson Beach is one of the nicest community features of Cholla Bay, always in use by young, old, healthy and not so healthy, it is a shame that every few years a couple of families living above the beach start thinking it is their private property.

Personally I would be ashamed to think I was responsible for creating so much difficulty for people that are my neighbors, friends and club members, fortunately these people are few and far between, hopefully "between" is near and Cholla Bay and Tucson Beach can get back to normal.

Rick "Sassy Cat" Smith

PHOENIX CHAPTER CHECKS IN

Our September meeting found us welcoming new faces to our club. New members Ken & Dorothy Allen have enjoyed the Rocky Point area for about 10 years, and have joined the Club to meet more people and to partake in the many events we hold. Welcome! Glen Rodgers brought along his daughters Tammy & Teresa. It seems that Dad bought raffle tickets at the Fish Fry for them and Tammy won not once, but twice. We hope she enjoys the gas barbecue and fishing rod. Jim Houlihan and Rodney Moore joined in on the fun. Jim won't have as much free time as he thought, so he won't be able to be Derby Chairman next year, but will help out in any way he can. So once again the search is on for a Derby Chairman, any volunteers? Vern Wolfley attended to claim the plaques his sons won in the Derby. Vern has been going to Cholla since he was a child, and now enjoys taking his kids. His dad, Dr. Vern Wolfley was one of the original CBSC Members in 1958. Randy Scalberg and John & Nancy Warren were also in attendance. It is nice to have members from other chapters attend our meetings. Ron Engle-Wilson is taking off for a fishing trip to Costa Rica this month, so we asked him to be a speaker at the October meeting and tell us all about it, maybe pictures and video too.

The Perrotta's reported on the Campout. It seems that there we're only 3 Phoenix members in attendance, yet we are the hosts. The rest of the campers were from the Tucson & Cholla chapters. We need to get more members involved. With the hot weather, what's better than to go than the mountains?

The November meeting will once again be our annual "Brown-Bag Auction", to raise money for the Christmas Party for the families of Cholla. Start thinking of what you have that you can put in a bag for this fun, cause worthy event. The Club also purchases nice items for the bags, as well as CASH. You never know what you might get. We hope to have another Christmas gift exchange at the December meeting. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for meetings, please call an officer, or better yet, attend a meeting.

Phoenix has the most members of the three chapters, yet we have the smallest meetings. Why? Time, location, agendas, ???? Please let us know, this is a fun club and we would like more participants. *See you in October*

41st Annual Fishing Derby *Time to start planning now!*

There will be a organizational meeting on Saturday, November 11th. It will be held at 8:00 am at the Fry Shack. They will be setting up the Fry Shack for the Fall Fiesta, so we will meet somewhere out of their way. We need to find a Derby Chairman, pick the weekends, set up committees to help make the jobs easier, we need volunteers for:

- T-shirt & poster designs
- Selling tickets
- Recruiting advertisers
- Trophy sponsors
- Raffle: buy prizes, run raffle
- Weighing fish, manning scales
- Fish Fry, someone to organize people
- T-shirt sales
- ?????

There is a lot to do, but if we divide into committees, and all work together, it will be much easier on everyone. Please attend the meeting if you can help out in any way. You may call Dave & Kelley Adams if you have ideas, comments, or would like to help out, (602) 345-0623. If we start now, it will be another successful year!

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Please forgive us in our "busy" life for not writing more! We intended to but time has slipped away now that we are situated on the Tres Brisas Ranch!

We had a "hal la ba lu" of a Spring and Summer what with all the travel to Mexico & to Camp Verde. In the middle of all this we so enjoyed the Fish Fry and all our friends in June. We wish that more folks could have been there, but it was fun.

We learned something new from a dear Mexican friend, I'll describe it and you try it.

As you all know Puerto Peñasco breeds lots and lots of flies. One day, battling flies with our pal from Hermosillo at his residence in PPE, (the aircraft term for Puerto Penasco and VOR) his wife brought out three water filled plastic sandwich bags. She asked him to tie a string to each corner and hang them up in the patio.

After securing these bags the flies left! I still can't figure it out!

My brainy husband informed me that the "prism" affect of the water bag frightened away the bugs because they thought it was a bigger bug that was going to eat them! Chew on that one gang. Readers????

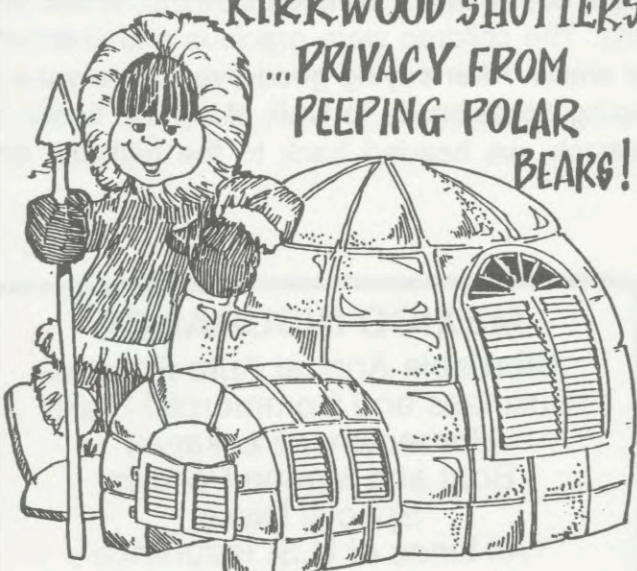
In August, Clive and I had some business to complete in PPE. We drove through the heat (116 degrees F. Phx.) comfortably in our new Jeep Cherokee.

In the subconscious of our minds we were a little skeptical about sleeping at #403 in Cholla. Two miles out of PPE I as always, started looking for the keys to #403. I had left them at home!

Before the divorce we decided to stay at "Las Glorias" the new PPE hotel! What a Glorias time we had! Our frozen food spoiled or was given away and we luxuriated in being served, and sleeping in air conditioned rooms!

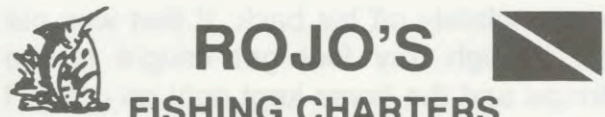
Love from a couple of hayseeds and CBSC members who now reside in Camp Verde. We'll see you at the Bay. *Clive & Noel*

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A Trip to Desemboque

by Pat Scalberg

Twice this summer, myself along with Randy Scalberg and Doug & Judy Jones, were lucky enough to travel with the "Mother Teresa" of Desemboque, Nancy Warren, and of course, "Juan Grande", "Mother Teresa's" sidekick; to visit this quaint fishing village. The two hour drive from Rocky Point is very interesting with lots of things to see along the way. One of the sights I enjoyed is a town named "September 15th", which I believe is Mexican Independence Day. The scenery is very diversified, and includes small towns, ranches and beautiful haciendas in the middle of the vast stretches of wine vineyards. As you drive into Desemboque, your first view is one of a few people and an abandoned trailer. We drove to the waterfront, where the only cafe exist, where we enjoyed a cool cervesa. We were greeted with "Hola Nancy" and as the word spread the children of the town began to appear one at a time until we were surrounded with children, dogs and the family that owns the cafe. If you wish to order a meal you have to let them know in advance so that your meal can be thawed and prepared from scratch. We ordered cervesas and along with our Tecate we were served avocado, salsa and chips.

Our second round of cervesas came with cooked conch. By the third round we were joined by Jose, the local Cuban. Jose moved to Desemboque by way of Cuba, Florida, Colorado and Oregon. At a previous visit to Desemboque, Nancy had received a T-shirt from Jose, with the name "Desemboque" printed along with a picture of one of the local shrimp. I was so impressed with her shirt, I had requested one of my own. Jose was in the process of moving his "studio" and offered us the grand tour of his new location. We walked the dirt road, approximately one block (everything is within walking distance) to the future site of Jose's studio. I purchased the only T-shirt Jose had in stock that advertised Desemboque. This shirt started more conversations with strangers on the street than I could ever imagine. One gentleman very appropriately asked "Is Desemboque large enough to sell T-shirts?" To which I responded, "Only if you know the right people!"

Then we got down to business, "Mother Teresa" brought out boxes of donated clothing, shoes and candy for the local children, including Karina her favorite. The children were gracious and charming and returned her offerings with interesting and unusual shells. After saying good-bye to everyone in Desemboque, we started home along the beach, stopping occasionally to walk along the beach or look at shells. After traveling a few miles along the beach, we headed back to the highway and headed for the thriving metropolis of Rocky Point.

Near Death Experience

I would like to tell of my near-death experience while riding a horse. As soon as I mounted the spirited steed, he began to buck. After about five minutes, he bucked me completely off his back. If that was not bad enough, my foot got caught in the stirrups and the horse kept right on going. I truly thought I was dead when all of a sudden a miracle happened. The manager from K-Mart came out and unplugged the horse.

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We can start humming a few bars of that popular song "The shrimp boats are coming". The captain of the port has not officially released the shrimp fleet yet, but the smaller pongas are allowed to net them now and then and they have been bring in some real nice beauties. Considering they are the first shrimp of the season the prices are very reasonable. For some unknown reason the first of the season and the last of the season always seems to produce the tastiest shrimp.

October ... what a busy month in Cholla Bay. For beginners..cooler weather and are we ever ready for that. JJ's Cantina leads off the festivities October 6-9th with the third and final phase of their annual fishing tournament, "Angler of the Year". There are some very anxious fisherpeople waiting for the results of this big event. On the final day everyone gathers for a fish fry and then the much awaited awards ceremony.

October 7th the OBSC puts on their famous, much fun event, the Octoberfest. All sorts of games, music and just good fellowship topped off with a German meal which is a pleasant diversion from the usual tacos and frijoles. It is always a treat to see the hosts decked out in their traditional tuxedos. Never have we heard one of them complain about the heat, but we have seen a few beads of sweat on their brows. They are all good sports and put a lot of work into this yearly event. Their efforts are much appreciated by the whole community.

October 11-12th there will be sand drag races at the Reef on Sandy Beach. This is always an exciting event, bringing in racers from all different cities in Arizona and surrounding states. Then on October 14 & 15th it's back to JJ's for sailboat races and on the 21st the hilarious bathtub races.

Judging from the reports coming back to the Bay, Jerry and Ila Kettlehut did a terrific job hosting the August campout held up in the cool pine country by Happyjack. This is a good outing for the CBSC members who find the Bay too hot this time of year. That way no one gets too far behind on the news.

Remember we wind up October with Trick or Treat Halloween so bring your bag of goodies ... they will be knocking at your door. Lots of children in Cholla Bay, little and big.

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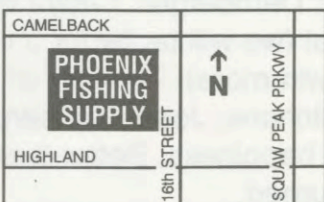
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Tucson Chitter Chatter

The second Tuesday of September in the early hours of the evening a few dedicated souls of the CBSC gathered together to partake of food and spirits. The small group greeted each other with smiling faces and many hugs were exchanged as the popular comment was asked of all "How was your summer?" and "Have you been to Cholla?" Well, needless to say, the answer was "It was too hot to venture to the good ole desert Bay of our dreams." We did hear of a few brave ones who attempted the trip.

Our meeting was called to order by Billy Drake and roll call with the new faces of Pete Blamey and Randy Jewel present. The officers made their reports which were accepted, Bill continued on to the committee reports. Membership now has us at 92 multiplied by two gives us 184 living working bodies. The number can be debated on, right? All members cannot be multiplied by two. Some members come in singles. Do I have you confused? Hey, Shirley Reid lets have a report on singles and doubles. Ha-Ha. Welcome Jack and Jessie Radner.

Sick Bay had a few members to report on. The good news is Ross Winters is in remission and has returned to work. Great! Hope all goes well for you. Shirley Peterson had cataract surgery done and returned to Cholla in a few days. She did well. The bad news was at the time of meeting Jack Erny was in the hospital diagnosed with leukemia, we do hope by the time of the next printing of this Chatter you are in better spirits and on the road to some positive treatment. Randy Hager is our next ill one. Heart condition with Randy is getting him down. This illness takes such a toll on a person and family. We wish you well and hope you are out on your boat soon doing what you love best, fishing. CBSC members have you all in their thoughts and prayers.

The remaining committees report a few past events and we continue with the coming events of our Tucson annual get aquatinted picnic held at Reid Park. Joan Dernberger seemed to have all details organized. Thanks Joanie.

The next coming event which will be looking for volunteers is our Christmas Party for the working families of Choya. Canned foods have been purchased and will be taken to Bill Drakes shop so volunteers can start taking a few cans to the border. If you know what I mean. No, No-people take them to Choya, and deliver them to keep them until we know who to deliver them to. Do I sound confused? At this time please help. Pick up some cans from Bill and I'm sure you will hear after Council meeting who the chairpersons will be. Peterson's are a good place to dispose of them...they have a nice pool table. Ha. Oh, I think I'm going to be in trouble.

Bob Rothrock volunteered to attend September Council Meeting. Old business taken care of, we went on to the new business. Our President would like to have the board start getting a nominating committee to work on a slate for the coming election of new officers. Funny boy. What new officers? Excuse me. Do we have some new blood, some new faces to dedicate their time for the good of this hard working group of CBSC? Yes, we need another high spirited leader. Where are you? Bill has done a great job with all his helpers but, he wants a rest. How many times have you served Bill? Elections are in December.

Joe Wood, our vice-president, assisted by wife Mary, passed out door prize tickets and raffle tickets. Donations were given by Irene Drake, Mary Wood and the Club. Winners: Door prize, Randy Jewel: Decorated T-shirt, Irene Drake: ½ gal. Mr. Bacardi. Other winners: Culinary set: Glen Hotchkiss, Bob Rothrock: gas gadget to siphon gas (lock up your gas tanks in Choya), Joan Nichols: cookie sheet (we expect goodies from you and Glenn next meeting) Chuck Dernberger: Choya bath tub (plastic utility vessel for P.T.A. bath), Pete Blamey: ice-tea jug with spout (we will be by for a cool drink), Randy again: Proud American license plaque (new comers always win more). The rest of us: Reids, Woods, Hunzingers, Wilson's, Sandi Maesar, Pete Blaman, Jerry Kitchens, Joan Dernberger, Roy Drake, Truman Naussbaum, won nuttin, nuttin, but, we joined in their happiness. Better luck to us next time. The money goes to our Xmas fund for the party. Meeting adjourned.

Scuttlebug Time: Too much to tell. Gene and Shirley Reid attended the round-up up north during the summer. A lot of CBSC members were there. It was fun, cool and Shirley wonders why more of us do not attend. Oops, sorry, they did meet up with Alice Christian and Beaslys. We hear Billy Drake and Richard Hunzinger had to indulge of Mexican beer Labor Day Weekend. It was President Day until noon and all spirits were kept at the border. Lets all feel for the boys. We just want to know who knew this was their fiesta?? Lets have a better communication members, pass the word around. I forgot to bring this up at the meeting. I told you in the last Chatter that Clarito and I were invited to the Tohono O'dham Trade School Graduation at Sells Indian Reservation. It was very plain, but impressive because so many trades are being taught by journeymen. A lot of them Union, which means when they go out to work they are receiving Union wages. The women seem to be taking advantage of the classes. I met a 30 year old woman who was an office worker. She is doing dry walling and painting because it pays more. A mining company hires a woman as their foreman in big equipment operator. Richard Lower, retired plumber, is president and has a great rapport with the people. The leader of their community spoke and urged the students to keep bettering themselves so they can come back and teach the younger members of their school. We also heard the students which were learning mechanics are working on the school buses. Lunch was served and we were treated to red chili meat, potatos salad, pinto beans and tortillas cooked on mesquite fire, home made rolls, white sheet cake decorated and baked by the bakery students.

The community trade school functions from donations, some federal funds and now they are receiving funds from gambling endeavors. The generation to come is looking forward to be a self-sustaining nation.

So, as you drive through Sells, you can think we have something in common, we the population of Choya are working for progress. Let's work together and let us communicate in peace.

Respectfully, Tere

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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 beloved friend, Nacho, of whom we have now but a memory of 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 in 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 decided 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 Peñasco 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 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 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 white, proud and tall, now a memorium to our dear old friend known to all as 'Nacho.'

by Myrt Johnson

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Unbelievable Behavior From a Toothy Sorehead

by Bill Valentine

from the book *Valentine & Friends Revisited*

You'd think that a 22 foot boat would have enough cockpit room to hold five people plus one uninvited guest, wouldn't you? Well, Johnny Newcomb, retired Air Force Veteran from Tempe, was not a very hospitable host when a hungry stranger hopped aboard his boat last weekend for a few tasty tidbits.

Johnny, his wife, Inas, her brother, Elmer Erickson from Michigan and Lonnie and Don Hartfield were fishing for Pinto off the sand dune area north of Cholla Bay. They were offshore and fishing in water 185 feet deep. Now, Johnny had fished Cholla before and when Elmer, who was venturing on saltwater for the first time, nervously remarked, "Isn't that big Shark circling us getting too close?" Johnny calmly answered "Don't worry about it, keep fishing!" This was his first mistake.

For the next 2½ hours, you wouldn't believe what transpired aboard that 22 foot boat. To say that confusion reigned would be the understatement of the year.

The 9 foot Mako Shark circling the boat decided to come aboard and liven things up. In one mighty leap he cleared the gunnel and chomped down on Inas' fancy fishing hat. Luckily Inas had removed her head from same a split second before his jaws snapped shut. Licking the taste of the hat, he took her sunglasses as a chaser. All this while, poor Inas who was bent backwards over the rail taking evasive action like mad, was trying her best to get out from under the thrashing beast. Johnny and Elmer tried to grab the shark's tail to see if they could get him to get the @!!%# off Inas and out of the boat. This seemed to disturb the mako so he reversed the field and bit a boat seat in two. Not liking the taste of the seat, he started sampling various and sundry other items such a tackle boxes, boat hooks, etc.

Meanwhile, everyone was wallowing about in search of a suitable weapon to discourage the shark with. Johnny triumphantly grabbed his trusty \$4.95 hand ax and charged. Every time he'd hit the shark, the beast would bite off another chunk of the boat interior. Finally tiring, John turned the bloody ax over to Elmer who got one good lick in before the shark, thoroughly angry by now at this inhospitable treatment, grabbed the ax out of poor Elmer's hand and commenced chopping up what he couldn't bite through.

Dean Feagins and Les McClatchy, who were fishing nearby in another boat, roared over to see if they could join the fun. They transferred the two ladies and Don Hartfield to their boat to lessen the somewhat crowded and bloody cockpit of Johnny's boat.

All poor John wanted to do was to get the bloody boat wrecker back into the water so he gingerly slipped loop of anchor rope over the sharks active tail and with the other boat pulling on the rope, they tried to slip the still-gnashing mako overboard - no soap. In fact the shark thought the rope was spaghetti and treated it as such. By this time the convertible top of the boat was ripped to shreds, the windshield was a shambles and the cockpit and remaining seats were decorated with wall to wall mako juice.

The Good Lord had his arms around these five people and they are all lucky to have been nimble enough to keep out of this killer's slashing jaws.

They finally limped back into Cholla with the still quivering shark as sole occupant of the cockpit. Whereupon Johnny loaded the rig on his trailer and informed everyone in earshot that he had a slightly used 22 foot boat for sale cheap with a highly decorated interior and that the next time anyone spotted him with a fishing rod in his hand, it would be sitting on a canal bank somewhere one helluva long ways from the nearest saltwater.

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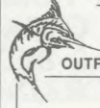
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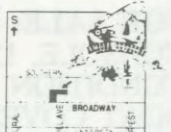
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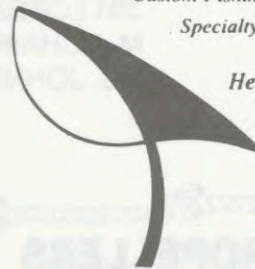
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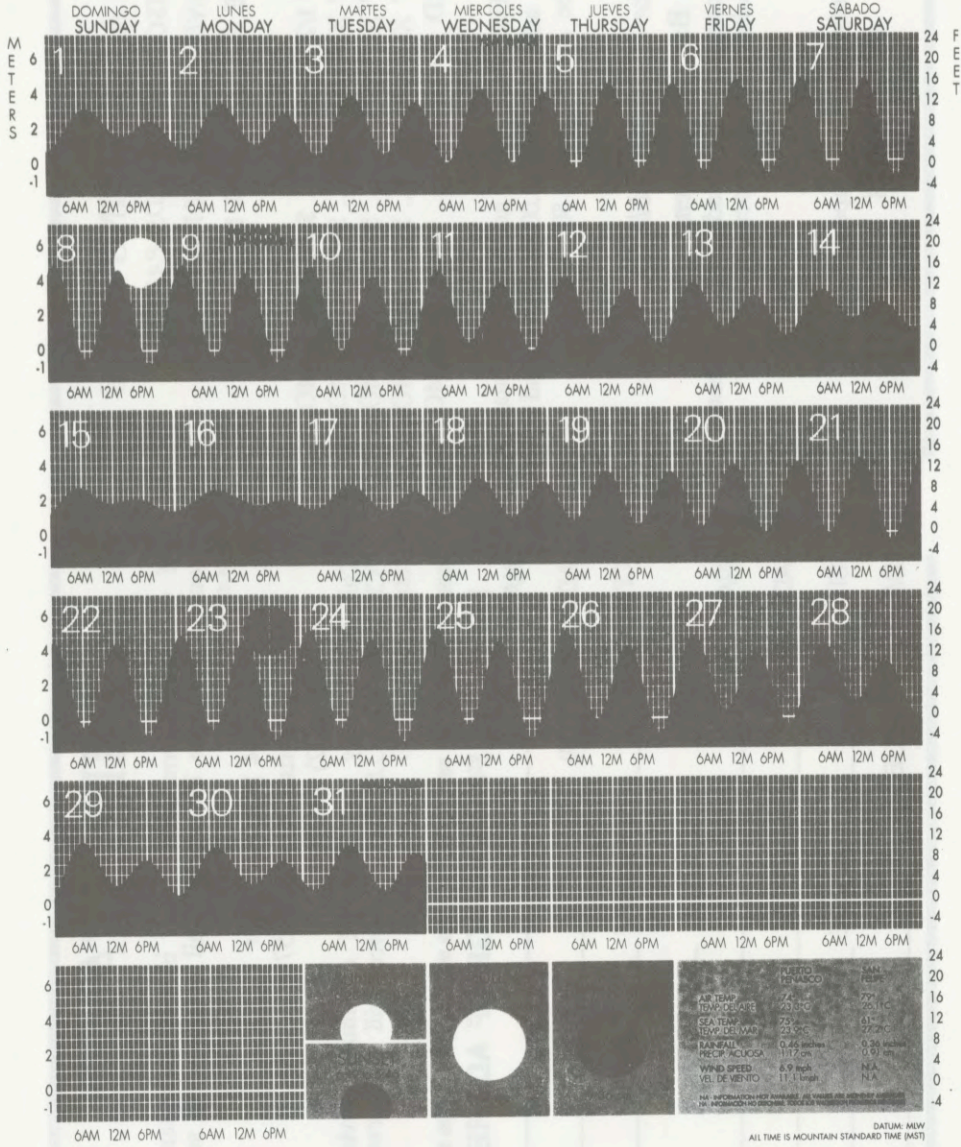
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