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There will also be a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 24th at the Playa Elegante Club House.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

Well we've made it through our first year of the Chatter and we would like to thank all of those who have sent articles, poems, chapter reports, event happenings, photos, etc. We would like to especially thank our advertisers, who without, this publication would not be possible. We send a special thanks to Frank Prieto, who helps with the labeling and sorting every month, Thank You!

Well if we don't get too many objections, we'll do the Chatter for another year.. Actually we have had a blast with the Chatter, meeting all of you wonderful people and becoming friends. We've been going to Penasco/Cholla for 10 years now, and not until we joined the CBSC did we feel that we got to know the people of the area. It's hard for us to go through Cholla or Penasco without someone waving or saying hi to us. We would like to thank the Club for bringing these friendships and camaraderie into our lives.

Thanks, Dave & Kelley

TUCSON CHITTER CHATTER

By: Teresa Wilson

The scene is set up for the holiday festivities. The hustle and bustle of all chairpersons and volunteers are going to pay off to a great scene.

Tucson CBSC had a good meeting with the usual formalities, but most of the evening was taken up by a speaker from the water company. Many had questions on the safety of drinking water. The presentation of slides was informative as to the procedures of the water treatment.

The other part of the evening was taken up by new officers slate. They are: Billy Drake, President--Jerry Kitchens, Vice- President--Sandy Messinger, Secretary - Joan Nichols, Treasurer. All others have been left for a later date.

The Tucson CBSC wants to thank Bob Rothrock for his great work as past President. Bob has much charisma and his efforts in bringing good speakers was a challenge and he succeeded in making the meetings interesting. Thank you Bob, for the two years of work. Hope we see you and your delightful family at the meetings. We have to see you Sandy because we miss your smiling face.

We want to thank the nominating committee: Joe Woods, Joan Nichols, Jerry Kitchens. We appreciate all the members who have accepted the positions for the coming year. "Good Luck."

Yours truly was not present because of a personal nightmare which will be told at a later date. I do not know about the Christmas door prizes or raffle at the meeting.

The Tucson CBSC members wish you had a great Thanksgiving and your Christmas is all which you wish for. "Peace"

Respectfully, Tere

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By: Marie MacGill

Our Phoenix Chapter meeting opened November 10th at 7:50 p.m. to a group of about 50. After introductions we had various discussions, some pertaining to the Club and some to other things. President Frank Flynn said that the referendum had passed to raise the Club's dues. He also reminded us of the trip to Gillespie's Mine on Friday, November 26th. There is a book called 'Gillespie's Gold' that can be found in bookstores that carry old/used books. It has a lot of interesting things about the man, the times and the mine.

Please don't forget the Christmas Party in the Bay on Saturday, December 18th.

Clive Jordan reported that the food served at the Arizona American Italian Club has been very good lately, and encouraged us to have dinner there before the meetings start.

Don't forget about the goodies needed for the Craft & Yard Sale. The proceeds go to help fund the Cholla Christmas Party for our little Mexican friends.

Everyone congratulated Jim & Elnora Westfall on their 50th anniversary.

We had the pleasure of seeing Joe & Roma Blunk's darling little 2 year old great-granddaughter Stephanie, that they brought with them to the meeting. When I asked her how old she was, she held up 2 fingers.

If any of you are interested in serving as an officer for our '94 year, please contact one of our officers. You can find their numbers inside the front cover of the Chatter. This Club can't run itself, we need your help, please volunteer, the future of our Club depends on it.

The white elephant sale was a roaring success. \$400. was raised for the Christmas Party Fund. Lew Frazier was the auctioneer and he did a wonderful job. You should have seen all the goodies that were donated and sold. There was china, stem ware, crystal, books, champagne, cosmetics, etc... If you didn't attend, you missed a bargain sale. We hope to see you at the next sale in '94.

We want to say thanks to Phyllis & Clint Yates, and Mary Lynn Paul and B.J. Killion for coming to our meeting. Please hurry back. oh, I forgot to mention that it has been 20 years since they first attended a meeting. I understand that they are from Idaho.

Please don't forget the nominating committee needs people to run for office, please volunteer.

Until next time, Happy Holidays! and God Bless.

IT IS TIME TO GIVE THANKS!!!

Without help I could not have accomplished it. Your Council overcame a past annual treasury deficit and returned the CBSC to a more balanced budget. Your Club can now face the changes ahead of it with optimism. There are so many people to thank for their efforts, from our past Derby Chairman, Gene Court and family (Courtship), to the coalition of JJ's, Brown, and the CBSC for the new launch/fish cleaning/weigh-in area. We also thank the Cholla Chapter for the Steak Fry and Mr. & Mrs. Brown for returning their cash jackpot winnings back to the treasury, as well as a donation of a years free rent.

Your council, because of past deficits, was analyzing the cost of our two largest expenditures; the Radio Room & our publication The Cholla Chatter (80% of Council Budget). They looked for ways to keep them in tack, however they needed to raise revenues and control costs. It was discussed, but immediately tabled, to reduce the hours of the Radio Room or the number of months for Chatter publication. More income to the Council would have to be forthcoming if we wanted to continue to give these services to our members. A change to the dues (which had not been changed in 17 years) was put to the membership and approved by a 82% majority in September. We were also blessed with the new Chatter Editor's (the Adams) who were able to take our monthly newsletter, and with new advertisers and cost control, made it pay for itself.

The changes in Cholla Bay/Puerto Penasco this past year, with the dedication of the world's largest ecological protected zone (President Carlos Solina 6/10/93), to the deeds of trust for ownership of one's cabin in Cholla Bay (9/17/93), and now with the approval of NAFTA, all of this certainly has made this a monumental year for Mexico, Arizona, and the CBSC. After more than 200 years of history, we are becoming more closely connected with Mexico and the majority of our members are making a part of this history. Many uncertainties exist for all, by contrary to the explorers who founded and survived this arid southwest region, we will all survive. With dedication by you Council Representatives, the CBSC after almost 40 years of existence, will continue to lead upon this region and service its membership for the principals upon which it was founded.; friendship between Mexico and Arizona and our mutual help to one another.

As we enter the Christmas season, it is always important to remember those less fortunate than ourselves, and to give with all our hearts, not only in gifts, but in personal time and love for our fellow mankind, to make this a better world. We will see you at the Christmas Party December 18th in Cholla Bay, and we will know you by your CBSC smile.

All my thanks to everyone who has helped in making this a memorable year!

Frank Flynn, Council President

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- Officer elections will be held.
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We also have some terrific donations toward the Party itself, and hope there will be more. We are still in need of the following:

- 100 pounds of dry pinto beans
- Cans of whole corn and green beans
- Citrus and Pecans

We need these items by December 16th. If you have these things, but won't be going to the Bay, please call one of the Council Members (numbers are inside front cover). If you are going to the Bay and can take something, call a Council Member to see if anything needs to be taken down. (Comprende? ... I hope so)

If you want to help with the Party, just let us know. We want this to be a "Special Day" for all our Mexican friends.

Have a Very Merry Christmas, and hope to see you in the Bay!

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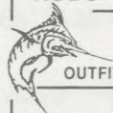
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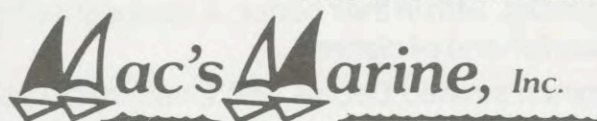
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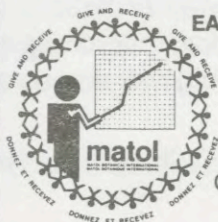
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By: Steve Rothbard

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The converted shrimp boat "Anselmo" operated by Roco Marine Co. of Puerto Penasco and the "Fiesta Penasco", a new 80' steel hulled vessel built & operated by a Rocky Point firm, Astelleros Cabrales, S.A. are now ready and waiting in Rocky Point.

The "Anselmo" is a 20 year old, 70 foot, wood hulled boat that has undergone complete remodeling and has been equipped with a new Caterpillar diesel engine and balanced drive train. It has berths for 24 persons, 2 heads and a shower. It also has a full galley and marine electronics to help locate the fish.

The "Fiesta Penasco" is a brand new boat, 80 foot long, diesel powered, with staterooms for 28 persons, a full galley, 6 showers and heads.

Both vessels will soon be departing from Rocky Point on regular schedules. The first trips will be 1/2 day, full day, sunset cruises and limited multiday trips. Schedules are now being put together which will detail these trips.

Trips to Lobos, Tiberon, San Pedro, and the Midriff Islands, as well as nature explorations are planned.

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TOP OF THE HILL VIEWPOINTS

By: Thelma Brown

Sprinkles and big winds changed the weather in Cholla from hot to cool comfort. The sky is such a beautiful shade of baby blue with a few scattered bits of fluffy white clouds. The water is a deeper shade of blue, Black Mountain looks like an island with the other mountains as a perfect backdrop. Such pulchritude! The trees are full of birds singing their own song "Fill the feeders, Big Mama".

Nancy Huff came to town Thursday October 14th, with Lavona Ewing, Sylvia, Annette, Tamara and her mother Jennifer. Lavona stayed at Pat Goodin's, the others at Nancy's.

Saturday was Pat's birthday party at Huffs, with 20 present - Lots of women & 5 men. Vi brought Wally, his daughter Robin and granddaughter Haley back to the Bay. Vi came to Pat's party. Wally brought the baby (15 mos.) to the party for a few minutes. She just loved the attention and wanted each person there to hold her. After a perfect dinner of beef brisket, potatoes, beans, green salad, cole slaw, rolls, a beautiful birthday cake with candles was served. Then Pat opened her lovely gifts. Most of Pat's gifts pertained to shells, a perfect party. Nancy, as always, is a perfect hostess.

Good News! - Tish & Frenchy Basta are back in the Bay. Tish has been in treatment for cancer since last April, she is now in remission, and she looks great. Pat & Glenda made the banner "Welcome Home Tish" for the fish fry and pot luck dinner at the OBSC, Sunday night Oct. 24th in their honor. A card signed by all was given to them. As always, the food was perfect, delicious fish and all dishes.

Bill, Debbie, and Sandy Brown came for the week. Dammon's called Debbie with a sad message for Austin Schlinger. His brother had a terminal illness. With help of the VHF, Augustine and Pat, he got to Phoenix Saturday A.M.. Bob Dammon had air reservations for him. He'd go to Chicago, Rhode Island, rent a car and go to Rutland, VT. He had a chance to talk with his brother before he passed on. Communications sure have improved from the States to Puerto Penasco and Cholla Bay. And air flights have improved from Phoenix to Vermont.

Wanda Gill took Bob Lounsbury to doctors in Phoenix and to his sons. He had a circulatory problem in one leg. Its great that the singles club has so much fun and looks out for one another. Wanda took him right to the Emergency at Good Samaritans in Phoenix. The doctors put him in intensive care, where he underwent surgery for a dual pacemaker. He has an embolism and blood clots in his leg, numbness in his foot. If his heart is good enough he'll go into surgery to take care of the Embolism. He was allowed to go to his son's home for 3 days, his son's wife is a recovery room nurse. The prices of cardiac medicines are astronomical. Some times they are 10 times higher than a drug store in Mexico. He is a big risk and a very sick man. His friends wish him a quick recovery. I understand he should be home soon.

Beautiful sailboat races in the Bay, October 24th. A great sight to see those colorful sails lined up on the blue water.

Wally Schmerfeld brought some ocean magazines to me. There are so many interesting articles. We sent one article to the Chatter about the Totoaba, watch for it. Wally was really glad one got away after he read the article.

Cholla Bay is the place to make lasting friendships. One of Sharon Allen's friends met a friend several weeks ago, and they are still dating in Phoenix, how nice.

November 1st brought the bad news of the death of "Chino", one of Patty Perez's drivers of the water truck. His funeral procession went through the Bay Nov. 2nd, all souls day. His father, Ratone, and late mother, Lupie, lived on the hill east of the Cantina. Lupie died many years ago in a car accident at the entrance of Cholla Bay, leaving six young children. Everyone sends their sympathy to the family and to the Perez family who treats the water boys like family members.

Around 8 o'clock November 2nd, the sirens of fire engines, police cars, noise of water trucks came up the hill to a fire. The home of Janet Wilt's, #14 was afire. It was completely destroyed. No one was there, and she was notified. There was a terrific wind most all day and night, it's amazing how the blaze was contained and no other cabins were burned.

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Pat & Ken Goodin have a houseful of company from Las Cruces - Maggie & Darrel Cross who used to be in with the Goodins, have their motorhome at the Miramar Trailer Park in Rocky Pt. for the winter. One of Pat's guest fell on the rocks at the first site and is suffering from sore ribs.

Nov. 3rd Bob & Barb Dammon came for a week. Their house is going to look like Better Homes & Gardens.

There was a Halloween Party at the Goodins - at least 16 were fed wieners and potluck and a pumpkin cake. Same trick or treaters came around, but most of the kids came Saturday night. Ken teased them by stealing their candy. Sharon & Skip Allen gave me a Jack-o-lantern. For several years they have done this. Derenbergers and my pumpkins were decorations. One of them later became pumpkin squares at Pat & Ken's. Childrens costumes are better each year.

A bingo party was enjoyed at the OBSC one Thursday afternoon. The ladies brought some lovely prizes. I was lucky to win a pair of hand painted frog magnets. Bogie & Hannah returned in the middle of bingo from their cruise.

Vi Schmerfeld came to spend a weekend with Wanda Gill & family. We celebrated her birthday while she was here with a potluck, cake & ice cream. She took Wally to Phoenix to start extensive treatment for skin cancer.

I'm glad to see an Osprey sitting on the aerials. I've missed them. A love thrasher is at the feeder daily, he dominates over a branch feeder until he's through. Lots of sparrows and finches, juncos, cowbirds. As usual, I spend much time driving away the pigeons.

When Bill & Stan came, they brought Bill's dog 'Sandy'. He kept the pigeons on the wing.

There was a Chili Bean Cook-off at the OBSC Nov. 13th, there's always something going on.

The women are working diligently on their crafts for the craft sale Nov. 27th. These are lovely gift suggestions.

Pat Goodin won the turkey and an Hors d'oeuvres dish at the raffle of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Meeting.

There are homeowner's club minutes posted at 4 locations: Betty's office, Cantina, Patty & Ramons store, and Ramon Jr. & Dawn Marie's store. Good looking cases made by Bob Dammon.

Evie Busfield's cabin is getting a whole new look. A lovely new pretty paint job.

A wind came up on the 11th, that moved real estate. I couldn't see Panchita's house. Everything moved: bird feeders, garden tools, windows rattled, big white caps, it went on for many hours.

As always, the day after a big wind all is quiet. The birds came around the feeders, the wind had them off schedule yesterday. Several hummers are at the feeders, one very small one awaits her turn.

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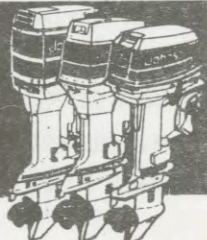
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CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

By: Pat Goodin

Once again, SALUD from Cholla Chapter!

We held our November meeting on the 9th, again at La Curva Restaurant, there were 66 of us. It was good to see so many out for the meeting and dinner. It's always nice to get together and catch up on what has been happening. La Curva served a great dinner as usual. Our PA system was back in working order, so I think most everyone could hear what went on at the meeting.

Nancy Schmidli has been "hosting" some sessions at her home in Cholla Bay, for making crafts for our up-coming bazaar. We've had several people at each session, and have made some nice things. We just hope that we'll have a lot of people come to the Sale to buy some of the "wonderful things" we've made! Of course, by the time this is printed in the Chatter, all of this will be history.

We've had some beautiful weather in the Bay, except for most weekends when of course the wind blows for all those who come down for fishing. But all in all, it's been pretty nice.

We all extend our sympathy to the family of Chino, one of the water truck drivers, who recently passed away.

With this article is a form for ALL CHOLLA CHAPTER MEMBERS. We would appreciate it, if you would complete the form, or a copy of it, and send it with your dues for 1994. The dues will now be \$30.00 for either family or single membership. This will save the Club a lot of money in postage, so we thank you in advance for sending in your dues this way. All Cholla Chapter Members now pay their dues in January.

With this, I will now say Hasta Luego, and Feliz Navidad from all of us in the Cholla Chapter, and a Happy New Year to all!

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Once again Rocky Point was honored by a visit from Governor Beltrones. Saturday, November 27th, the Governor paid his eighth visit to Rocky Point, showing the tremendous interest the State Government has in this area. During this visit, the Governor inaugurated the new curio market down by the harbor, and also officially inaugurated the start of the Situr Project at the Esplanada. The first phase of the Situr contemplates a 140 room four star hotel, 60 time share units, 72 condos, 2 restaurants and a shopping center. This will be a 25 million dollar investment and should be completed in 14 months. As you can see, the interest in tourism development in Rocky Point is growing by leaps and bounds.

This past November our area received some heavy rains and strong winds. The storm did some damage to a few roofs. The worst of the storm hit during the daylight hours and as soon as it subsided, everyone was out checking out the damage done. Pete Peterson, President of the Homeowners, and his wife Shirley made the necessary phone calls to the unfortunate few whose homes received the brunt of the storm.

The members of the Power Squadron had picked this same November weekend for their yearly Cholla Bay get-together. They had a number of boats waiting to launch and catch the 'big ones', but the wind put a halt to that plan. They still had their fish fry (bought the fish) and fun was had by all. Most of the members of the Power Squadron are old timers to Cholla Bay and they learned a long time ago to take Cholla's weather in stride. A little wind and rain didn't dampen their spirits.

Here we are entering one of the happiest of holidays of the year - Christmas. Good ole Santa is busy packing his bag of goodies for the Mexican families in Cholla Bay. Watching everyone getting ready for the Christmas Party, one has to wonder who is having the most enjoyment ... Santa and his numerous helpers or the recipients of all of his goodies. It is indeed a happy season and the magic of the spirit of Christmas dominates the whole area.

Parties abound in Cholla for Christmas and New Years. One you don't want to miss out on is the New Years Party put on by the OBSC. Their newsletter says to see Bogie & Hannah Jordan for reservations, and remember they limit them, so sign up early.

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THE BUILDING OF CHOLLA

By: Libby Roh

Once the decision to buy a used trailer for Cholla was made, the search began.

Every Sunday afternoon was spent along Oracle road checking out the used trailers at the trailer sales lots on Miracle Mile. Jenny fell in love with a new one (she was 9 or 10 years old) that had a swimming pool (believe it or not). We wound up with a 27 foot long and 8 foot wide trailer (vintage 1947). It had a double bed in the bedroom and a washstand/vanity. The kitchen was in the middle, with a 2 burner butane stove and a small icebox. The double (?) sink sold us as Mary liked that.

The living room had a couch that opened up to a bed and a small pull-down table. We put in new linoleum and took out the oil burner heater so we could have room to sit at the table. We made new curtains out of whatever material was on hand and then painted the outside. The interior was a light birch and quite attractive. We spent New Years Eve in Tucson with a party in the trailer. The Chambers Family came over from across the alley and a grand time was had by all drinking beer and playing cards. The big moving day was set for January 20, 1954.

The moving and building crew consisted of Ed, Buddy Jacobson, his father, Roy, and Armando Rodriguez. The boys worked for us, and Roy was a skilled carpenter. The old Studebaker truck was to haul the trailer, tools and some building supplies. The food, clothes and misc. stuff was shoved into the trailer. An old GMC 1 ton truck was rented from Bogard Motors. Now these men weren't fooling around, they knew they needed lots of cement and a mixer, and proceeded to put 50 bags of cement into the truck.

They assembled very early in the morning and took off into the dark. Ed figured that it would take a day to get there, 3 or maybe 4 days to build the boat house and set the trailer and then a day to get back. Libby could handle the shop with one tech and no transportation.

At noon, while in the office, I looked up and there stood Armando. He had disconnected the trailer and driven back into town as the overloaded GMC had blown two tires 11 miles out on Ajo Way. He had to pick up some others from GMC so that they could continue. On their way again, as they got near Sells, the other two tires exploded.

They spent the night near Sells eating cold food, unpacking the trailer and sleeping in it. The next morning they drove the Studebaker into Sells and managed to buy two more tires. Thus it took two long days to reach Cholla. On the fourth day I received a telegram from Puerto Penasco (in Spanish, of course) and I called Sally (Armando's wife) to phonetically read it to her. I was all about the llantas and they would not be home for a while. Each day after that I received a telegram, not giving a lot of information in two lines of print, but at least I knew they were surviving.

I would have liked to be more accurate, but these are the stories I heard on their return.

Ed was the contractor with Armando as his spokesman and interpreter. Roy was chief boss

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and carpenter, Buddy did everything else. Five Mexicans were hired to work and make the cement platforms.

Now when you hire Mexicans, you also provide the midday meal and beer. Ed and Armando went into Penasco each morning to pick up the workers and buy food. Ed spent the morning cooking the midday stew or whatever. They had to buy many supplies, pails, lumber, screens for sifting sand, etc. Then each evening they returned the men to Penasco and got off their daily progress report to me.

Buddy and Roy hauled water (near or far) from the ocean to mix the cement depending where the tide was. Another tedious job was lugging sand to be mixed with the cement, since the Mexicans were not allowed to drive the truck to get sand. Armando was the go-between relaying what had to be done to the workmen in Spanish. Roy decided he couldn't stand being so dirty, so he went for a dip in the ocean and had a terrible cold when he came back. The wheels were taken off the trailer and the trailer set on railroad ties to level it.

The men arrived back home some ten days later, bearded, dirty and tired. This was the start of the Tecate Lodge, our Cholla Home. It still took a lot of beer before it was plumbed, wired and made comfortable. We thought it was the most wonderful place in the world to be after camping out so many years, **it was Paradise!**

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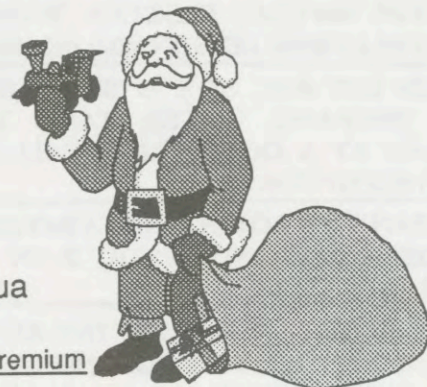
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