

AUGUST 1999

SPRING ROUND-UP



Things turn serious when the first of the Spring Round-up bratwursts come off the grill!

May 15th's Spring Round-up fell on one of those beautiful days that remind us why we love both Havasu and boating. Obviously everyone else in what we now call the Tri-State-Area agreed, as the upriver traffic was thick and included everything from pickelforks to kayaks. Worst off were the canoers who watched with mounting horror as first the 28' GREEN LIMOUSINE came by, followed by Kahn's flybridge 28, then Bartholomew's 28 and the biggest of the big daddies-Cliff Lee's 32.

Thanks to the kindness of the Tyrrells, who skipped the morning social hour at the plant to go

up river and save a beach, we were all able to cluster on the sand. This year has been either feast or famine as to the lake level. All winter we haven't been able to get our boats INTO the water due to low levels and now we can't get our boats OUT of the water onto the beach due to high levels. But of course we were able to overcome all obstacles, especially when Kermit Larby and Steve and Mitch Parker brought out the bratwursts. Kermit is a fine chef, in contrast to Big Bob(see photo story), and the LIMO's bow served well as a buffet table.

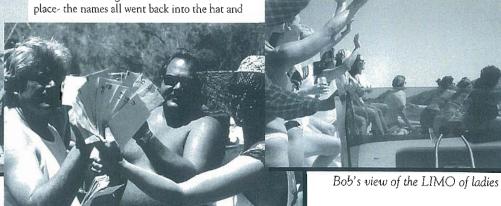
After the usual drawings for "fabulous gifts"the embarrassing part being that we actually had some of those things in our store in the first Clay Bartholomew was drawn for the free trip to the Regatta. The poker hand winners were Mimi Richardson and Mary Parker, who both took home some cash.

As the accompanying photos show, Bob finally fulfilled his dream of having his picture taken with a LIMO full of only women. As he pulled offshore, the guys were laughing and thanking him for taking them away until Evie Cheshire hollered, "Why are you laughing? We've got half the money and all of the lovin'!" (or something like that...)

A good time was had by all- now let the summer games begin!



The Wakemaker crew relaxes before heading upriver



There must be a winning hand here somewhere! (Parker photo)

27th CAMPBELL REGATTA SEPT. 10-12

27th CAMPBELL REGATTA -one of the "Unforgettable Moments of the 20th Century!"

Be sure that you have blocked out the weekend of September 10-12 and have rounded up your family and friends to join us here in Havasu for the 27th Annual Campbell Boat Owners' Regatta.

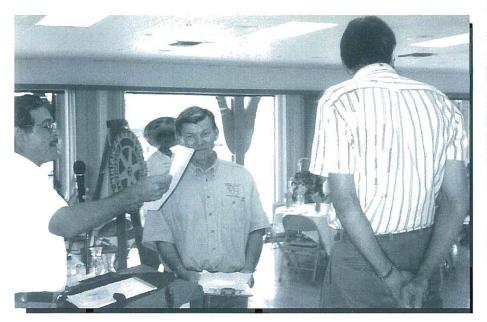
The format remains the same, with the first official event being cocktails, hamburgers and dancing at the plant on Friday night, starting about 6. Everyone seems to arrive at once, so by registering early we can have your group's package ready when you arrive. Knowing well that bribery works, if you register before September 6, we'll give you a free poker hand for Saturday's poker run.

On Saturday we run the competitive events off Sailboat Cove all day, starting with the ski race at 9 and the slalom around 1. During the lunch break we send you out on the lake for the poker run while we reset the race course. Generally we wind everything up around 4 so everyone has time to prepare for the Boat Parade at 6 through Bridgewater Channel. Remember to parade on through whether you are decorated or not as the judges (stationed on the GREEN LIMO-bribe hint...) are also picking "Best Looking" in each size category. We are hearing some interesting rumors about interpretations of this year's parade theme: UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY" and look forward to the always fabulous results.

Refreshments, dinner and dancing to our favorite local band, Clean Break, follows the boat parade and is held at the Nautical Inn Convention Center (real-air conditioning). Awards for the day's events are given out at 9 and two poker hand winners take home a wad of cash. Festivities continue...

On Sunday you can sleep in until 10, but the Extended Slalom/Powderpuff (I know what you girls wanted to call this event- will BIB be close enough??) gets more popular every year, so don't snooze too long. This event has resulted in some interesting time comparisons and spirited rivalry. But by 1 o' clock the results are in, the awards are given out and the lucky ones who don't have to be home, head upriver for the Post-Regatta barbeque on the sandbar.

We always look forward to the Regatta weekend as it is a great mixture of people and boats with a bit of friendly competition thrown in. Join us for what will surely be one of the UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY!



THE WAY WE WERE



1989



1994



1997

BOB WHELAN CITED BY SPCA FOR ANIMAL ABUSE

At a meeting in late April, Bob was called up at Rotary by a uniformed Humane Society officer and served with this Notice of Violation:

"Subject, Rotarian Robert Whelan, was observed by several community leaders treating small dogs in an inhumane manner; specifically heating, burning, incinerating and cremating them at approximately 12:00 noon on April 25."

Clearly Bob had to plead guilty as everyone at our open house had to either starve or crunch down blackened hot dogs. Bob has retained an attorney to define what a "dog" is, figuring the Clinton defense is his only hope.



The boats arrived behind some pretty fancy tow vechicles!



Behind Bob is the pontoon bridge built across the north end of Bridgewater Channel so spectators could walk from Crazy Horse to the pits at Windsor.



What a way to launch! No problems with backing the trailer down a crowded ramp.

HYDROFEST

The first annual Budweiser Mohave Unlimited Hydrofest took place off Crazy Horse in May, and it really went well for a first-time event. Chip Hanauer, making his first start in 3 years, won the event, beating the faster Budweiser boat at the starting line and never looking back.

The log boom that several of you paid to tie to did not materialize, and I finally found out why. At the last minute the insurance company made them move the entire course 200 yards farther from shore. To do that, they used the heavy anchors intended for the log boom. Next year we'll see it before giving them any money.

The GREEN LIMOUSINE was the press boat, so several of us from Campbell got to see the race up close and personal from inside the oval. It was very impressive to see the speed, and to see how hard the turning fin has to dig to get around the corners at that pace. Several times we saw a boat lift off and it is really scary. Fortunately, no one flipped.

The high level of quality of the equipment, boats, drivers and crews was very impressive. We understand the event will return next year and we'll keep our Campbell people posted.



The MISS HAVASU entry



The pit crews had everything needed for a complete change of engine or whatever.



"It's a tough job being the press, but somebody has to do it . . ."



"Hey, thong at 10 o' clock!"



Let the races begin

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



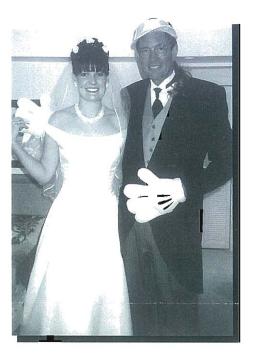
It's been a busy summer so far, with Spring Roundup, Hydrofest, daughter Amy's wedding and camping trips to Mexico and the Kaibab forest. In August the beat goes on with a new event, the Bluewater Boat Show at the new Bluewater Casino in Parker. It is right on the river, and the show will be held in the water in 66 slips in their new marina. So far over 10 dealers are exhibiting, so it should be a good show. It will be held August 27, 28 and 29, the weekend before Labor Day. The next weekend is the Regatta, so we'll have three big weekends in a row-thank goodness we're in training!

Some of you may be planning to attend the V-Drive Regatta, which will be held at Bluewater on August 13 and 14. If you are interested, I have information.

Judy and I have acquired a couple of Campbells this summer; the 28' SNOOPY and the 20' veedrive FLAGSHIP II. They both need a lot of work, and we hope to restore them this winter. They have good memories for us and we look forward to seeing them in "mint condition."

I look forward to seeing you at the Regatta and at our winter events: the 4 wheel drive trip, Christmas Boat Parade of Lights, New Year's Eve 2000, and the Klambake. There is something here for everyone, and we hope you will participate in as many as possible. After all, there is life beyond boating (though we don't encourage that thought...)

RSh Whelan



Amy, the younger Whelan daughter, married Ty Glennon in Carmel on June 12. Here is an exclusive snap of the bride and her father, both suitably attired for the occasion. Unfortunately Bob's crowning touch, a magnetic nose stud, did not arrive in time to complete his ensemble.

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