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COMMODORE'S REPORT



By Jay Crum

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The countdown to spring has begun and things continue to be very busy at the club. There have been a lot of parties, events, and trips from the club keeping everyone busy. I have been very busy travelling to different clubs for meetings, events, and representing at the Commodore's Ball.

I would like to thank V/C Ron Reeder and R/C Bruce Macdonald for their efforts and for forming their committees to keep everything running smoothly. Ron has asked Trustee Maria Trinidad to head the entertainment committee. Maria has been doing a fantastic job and Dan has been an incredible asset in numerous areas. Thank You for your hard work!

The New Years Eve party and The "Dr. K" Margarita Party were both a huge success. Thank You to V/C Ron Reeder and our entire entertainment committee for putting these parties together and making them a huge success.

I would like to thank and recognize Fleet Captain Jon Bezon for putting together a very successful land cruise. Jon booked a bus and planned visits to DBBC, MBC, ORYC, and HVYC. The other clubs went above and beyond to accept everyone from MRYC by providing food and drinks to keep everyone happy. Thank You Jon for giving us the opportunity to show our support and interest in other AYC clubs.

If you have not had an opportunity to have lunch or dinner at the club lately you are truly missing out. Kevin Dugan has been providing the members of MRYC a dining experience that can be described as “Best In Class.” The food quality has been fantastic and Kevin has been doing a great job. Thank You for your hard work Kevin.

I would like recognize Steve Davis for his extra efforts in helping with the kitchen in the absence of a purveyor. Steve has been doing a nice job with the staff and helping to keep up with supplies or ordering. Thank You for your hard work Steve.

We have been having great success with our new POS system at the club. I would like to thank Treasurer Joe Lieske for his efforts and for providing the board and membership with clear and concise reporting and financial statements. I urge everyone to join us at the General Membership meeting on Tuesday February 28, 2012. A full financial report will be provided regarding the clubs financials. Things are going well and Joe has been doing a great job for our beloved club. Thank You for your hard work Joe!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the annual South Of The Border Margarita Party. This party will be held at Toledo Yacht Club on Sunday March 25th. This is a fundraiser for Opening of the Port. Tickets are available for \$15.00 each. Food and entertainment is provided with your admission price. Come out and spend an afternoon for this great fundraiser. The buffet is from 1:00-3:00 and Johnny Rodriguez will be on stage from 2:00 to 6:00. Please see Ron Reeder, Bruce Macdonald, Maria Trinidad, or Myself for tickets.

Things are going well at the club and I am very fortunate to have the great team we have in place from our great bridge to our board. We are also very fortunate to have Jana Byrd as our Beacon Editor. Not only does she do a great job, she is also very patient when I am late with my article EVERY month. Thank You Jana! 😊

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the club. Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing everyone at the club!

Jay Crum

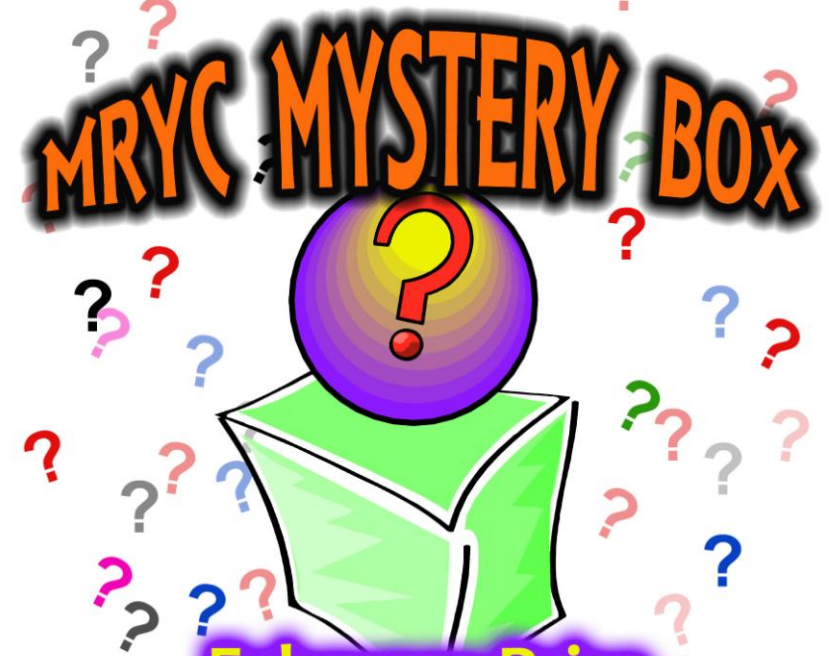
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Congratulations to January's Mystery Box Winner!!

John Lark has won a \$50 credit to his account.

Wow, lucky month for John!!



MRYC MYSTERY BOX

February Prize
is valued at \$75!!

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Have an item to donate for the mystery box?
Contact Maria or email info@maumeeriveryachtclub.com

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



By Ron Reeder

Sunday January 8, 2012 was the 3rd Champagne Brunch and the 1st for 2012. Kevin and the kitchen crew continue to do a great job. We have some changes in the wait staff. Phoebe resigned as of January 13th. She has done a great job for us and she will be missed. She has offered to help out with special events. Coming on board will be Jill Flores, who worked with us in the past and new comer Kris Prottengeier. Jill will be bartending and serving, Kris will be serving dinners.

The next Champagne Brunch will be Sunday February 5, 2012. Be sure to make your reservations (PLEASE) you should take advantage of the RSVP discount. Jules Wilkins our new Banquet Manager is starting to book banquets, parties and special events so if you are planning an event please consider using your club. Jules can be reached at (419) 508-3704 or chefjules@chef.net. Bar Manager Steve Davis has the list of time and dates that are available so contact Jules and lock in those dates for your next events.

January 14, 2012 was the Land Cruise. Jon Bezon did a great job salvaging the cruise. Due to a lack of participants, we had to move into a smaller bus. This turned out to be a better deal. Wraparound bench seats, stereo, disco lights, wet bar what a ride. Great jello shots Jennie. I'm sorry but I'm not at liberty to reveal anything else that happened on the cruise. What happens on a cruise stays on a cruise you'll just have to go on the next one to find out what your missing. We were very well received by all of the clubs. I hope that we can show them the same hospitality, should they visit our club.

January 21, 2012, Dr. Kahler's Margarita Party. I was very glad to see the large turnout of members and their guest. This was a profitable fund raiser for the club. We need to give a big thanks to Maria, Dan and their family for organizing and preparing the food for the buffet. Thanks to all the members who also contributed to the buffet. I would like to thank all the contestants for their participation. There was a wide variety of flavors to vote on. The 1st Place winner was John Lark and he will have his name placed on the "Highly

Prestigious MRYC Margarita Trophy" Congratulations and good job John! 2nd Place went to Doug Schwan and 3rd Place went to Joel Groover. This was a completely blind tasting competition and the competitors corresponding numbers were not revealed until after the voting.

Many thanks to Jim Byrd for putting together the Margarita Trophy. Jim has set this up as a perpetual trophy and right now we are good for fourteen years.

AYC Weekend, February 17, 18, & 19, 2012. Anyone needing tickets please contact me or call the club. You are running out of time. The **Final Turn-in Date is February 5, 2012 @ DBBC 5:00 PM.** We are looking for volunteers to help build the decorations for the hospitality room. Please contact me if you are interested. Lady Carla and I will see you at the parties.

Please feel free to share with me any ideas or concerns you may have.

Ron Reeder reeder@accesstoledo.com 419-346-3023



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



By Bruce MacDonald

MRYC welcomed in the New Year with our New Year's Eve Party. Kevin and crew did a wonderful job on the steak and lobster tails. I hope all that attended had a wonderful time welcoming in 2012.

Once again, we have contracted for snow removal and salting of our parking lot and walkways, but please use caution around the club during this wintery period and let any of the staff know if immediate attention is required to clear walkways of snow or ice.

Projects completed this month:

1. Did a complete purge of all dated files and documents stored in the fourth floor storage room; thanks Ron Reeder for your assistance.
2. Neatly rearranged all items in the fourth floor storage room,
3. All Christmas decorations taken down and stored in fourth floor storage room.
4. New arrangement for the Commodore Lounge's mantel in place, thanks Lady Jean.
5. Ron Reeder replaced the exhaust fan in the ladies main restroom.
6. Leaks in the taps at the Commodore Lounge's bar were fixed.
7. The swimming pool water level was lowered, algacide and chlorine added.
8. All remaining leaves around the club disposed of.
9. Have set up a monthly schedule with a plumbing service to keep our Men's restroom floor drain flushed and cleaned in order to minimize recurring odors.

Please note that our kitchen is in dire need of a new freezer. The one we currently have is approximately a 24 cubic foot upright freezer. If anyone knows of a similar sized used unit that is in good condition and reasonably priced, please let either Jay Crum, Ron Reeder or myself know.

Our bus trip planned and managed by Jon Bezon for January 14th was a success and it gave our members a chance to visit many of our neighboring yacht clubs, meeting old friends and creating new friends.

Our Dr. Kahler Margarita Party was held on January 21st with very good attendance and all had a great time sampling and voting on the best of the six Margarita recipes. Congratulations to John Lark - First Place winner, Doug Swan - Second Place Winner and Joel Groover - Third Place Winner for their winning Margarita recipes. A big thanks goes out to Ron Reeder and his entertainment committee and a special thanks to Maria Trinidad, her Mom & Dad, Dan Kekes, Al & Carol Crum, and Carol & Richard Linker for providing the wonderful Mexican Food and desserts.

Upcoming events in February will be:

1. Super Bowl Party February 5, 2012
2. Sunday Brunch February 5, 2012 - 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.
3. Tuesday February 14, 2012 Valentine's Day Dinner
4. AYC Ball February, 17th, and 18th
5. Sunday February 26th, Shorty's NASCAR Party
6. Potluck tailgate every Thursday night. Bring your favorite tailgate snack.
7. St. Patrick's Day "Jiggs Dinner" Friday night March 16, 2012

As you know by now, we have requested that our dock members submit this year's dock fees in January, 2012 in order to enter our order for the balance of the dock electrical boxes. We are hoping to submit the order no later than mid February so we can have them installed by Spring launch. With that in mind, please remember that we rely heavily on volunteers to accomplish much of the necessary work around the club, especially maintaining our docks and launching them in the Spring. This is a big help in defraying operating costs so that more our revenues can be directed towards events and activities for the enjoyment of our members and their families. Please watch for future notifications for assistance in accomplishing the needed work.

Rear Commodore Bruce D. MacDonald



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Contact Larry Cole: 734-243-4282, boater734@chartermi.net

Have an announcement, a personal message, an item to sell?
Let me know by the 28th of the month and I will post it in the following month's
Beacon! janabyrd@bex.net

FLEET CAPTAIN

By Jon Bezon

Greetings,

As the New Year gets underway, the anticipation of boating season builds in us all. It won't be long until the Harbor Master is rallying volunteers for the installation of the docks.

I'd like to thank the 21 people that participated in the Land Cruise. We had a great time and the clubs we visited really rolled out the red carpet for the MRYC. We needed 26 people to participate in the land cruise to cover the bus expense. We came up short in funding. As we were ready to cancel, Joel Groover and Casey & Chris Haley made generous donations to allow us to "bezon" down the road. THANK YOU!

We are working on a master event schedule and will post next month. There are some great parties in the works. We are still looking for members to host or co-host an event.

Have a great February and pray for an early spring. Happy Valentines to all the lovers.

Cheers,
Jon



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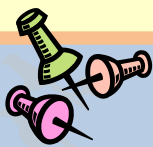


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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Maumee-River-Yacht-Club/299165190304>

Like our Maumee River Yacht Club page on Facebook and you will be alerted to menu specials and things happening at the club! You can also share photos and comments from club events. What a great way to show off our club to potential members!



**SAVE THE DATES,
 MATES!**



- Saturday March 3rd, Karaoke Night at MRYC
- Friday March 16th, St. Patrick's Jig's Dinner in dining room
- Sunday, March 25th, South of the Border Party at TYC
- Tuesday, March 27th, Ladies Aux. General Meeting & Dinner
- Saturday May 5th MRYC Commodore's Ball

Ladies Auxiliary Report

This time of year winter seems to hang on forever, but it doesn't stop the Ladies Auxiliary from making plans for the year ahead.

SAVE THE DATE—It's going to be GREAT! Tuesday, March 27 is the next Auxiliary General Meeting and dinner. Casey Haley has a wonderful program "in the works", that everyone is sure to enjoy. Details to follow—

The March meeting is an excellent time to **update your contact information, and renew your Auxiliary membership** if you have not already done so. The 2011--2012 Member Roster will be developed with the updated info, so be sure yours is correct. The annual dues are **STILL** only \$10, paid by cash or check (made out to MRYC Ladies Auxiliary). If you are not sure if you are a paid member, check with Christine Bradish.

The Spring and Summer will bring many other fun events to Auxiliary members. In May, we celebrate the "birthday" of the Auxiliary with a special dinner and evening program. June is our annual "Potluck Picnic"—a casual evening to enjoy. Late summer we traditionally go out as a group, "off site"—each year a new adventure! Dates and details of our late Spring and Summer activities to follow.

IT'S COMING BACK BETTER THAN EVER!! ☺ The **Boatique** will be restocked with new merchandise shortly—just in time for spring shopping. A wide selection of unique and comfortable apparel and cool "boat stuff" is planned. Shop early for the best selection!

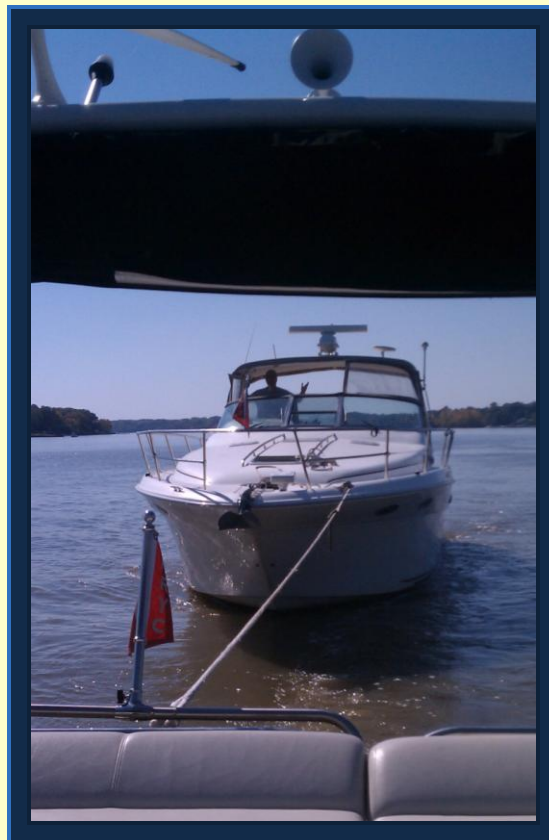
Past Auxiliary President Paula Lieske was recently appointed to the Auxiliary Board. Paula spear headed many projects for the Auxiliary in the past, including a "Fifties Party" for the Club in honor of the Auxiliary's 50th birthday in 2008. She will once again be a valuable asset as a Board member. Welcome back, Paula!

It's great to see Past Auxiliary President Carol Crum up and about again! Carol has contributed so much to MRYC as well as the Auxiliary; it is wonderful to have her back on track! ☺

It's going to be a great year for the Ladies Auxiliary—See YOU at the March 27th meeting!

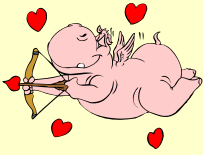
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<http://maumeeriveryachtclub.com/home.html>



An Attempted Editorial Poll

A topic that has come up many times at the club is the “wonderful” gifts the men have gotten the ladies over the years. I’ve heard everything from an ice crusher to a crock pot to Reba “fashion” boots and yes, even a vacuum (and it was no Dyson!) So for this February issue, the month of love, I thought it might be fun to comply an anonymous list of the “Worst Gifts Given by the MRYC Men”. I sent out an email weeks ago to random ladies asking what their best worst gift was they had received....and as my teenager would say, it was an EPIC FAIL. Of the minimal responses I received, most of the ladies raved over their husband’s gift giving talents and could not think of one gift they have not loved,really?!. The others played along nicely, one to mention was how excited she was to find a wrapped gift (jewelry box size) in her stocking Christmas morning only to open it and see it was an egg slicer. He then added he now wanted sliced eggs on his sandwiches.

Now let me just say that my husband is an amazing gift giver.....beautiful jewelry, relaxing vacations, and even a BMW one Christmas morning, but he has had a few zingers in his day. For starters landscaping, not once but twice folks and what doesn’t say love more than receiving a washer & dryer for your birthday, in candy apple red!

So I have come to one conclusion here: To get more accurate results, future polls will not be conducted by email during business hours when everyone is in a clear-headed mode. They will be done in the Tap Room or Pool Bar when the drinks are flowing. For one, I am pretty sure the answers will be much more funner(yes, it is a word in my world) and two, I think the ladies will be a tiny bit more truthful in their answers.... just as I’ve heard over the past years regarding this subject sitting at the club.

So congratulations to the Men, apparently you are doing a wonderful job!

XOXO,

Jana

P.S. Can’t wait to see what I get for Valentine’s Day now! ;)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Potluck Thursday 6-8pm	3	4
5 Champagne Brunch Super Bowl Potluck!	6	7 Entertainment Meeting	8	9 Potluck Thursday 6-8pm Finance Committee Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Dinner Specials 	15	16 Potluck Thursday 6-8pm	17 AYC Weekend	18 AYC Weekend
19 AYC Weekend	20	21 Ladies Aux. Board Meeting Board Trustees Meeting	22	23 Potluck Thursday 6-8pm	24	25
26 Daytona Race Party	27	28 General Membership Meeting				