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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Happy 2006 - we have had some great weather in January - in fact we have seen several boats on the water the past few weekends. Our boating season is right around the corner!

Barbara and I would like to thank all of you that helped and participated in our Con Trios events last year. The Fleet Captain position is a big responsibility, but with the support of so many members it is not a one person show and we had fun serving this role. Thank you again.

Our 2006 Fleet Captain Tim Tighe and First Mate Lynn are working on this years events and their preliminary plans look great. I know that you will enjoy the events and hope you will help/support Tim and Lynn. While Con Trios supports boating safety, we are also a social Club and the events are for your enjoyment so please plan on attending as many as you can. Event volunteers are always welcome!

Our 2006 Con Trios Board meetings will be the second Monday of each month, 7PM, and will be held at Sharky's. All members are welcome/ encouraged to attend.

Here's to a Great 2006 to you and your family,

Jim Svoboda



Happy New Year!



**GRAND RAFFLE
2005 WINNERS**

1st Place	Denny Galkowski	\$3,000
2nd Place	Andy Gay	\$1,000
3rd Place	Wayne Lenzing	\$500



Congratulations to all!

Greetings from the Fleet Captain

AHOY MATES !

Mr. Tim Tighe will serve as the Fleet Captain for the 2006 Season! Tim and his wife Lynn share a long inspired passion for boating. Early on their boating pleasure centered at Lake of the Ozarks. Later, they graduated to the Mississippi River and more specifically the Alton Pool. They have been active members of Con Trios Yacht Club since 2002. Tim and Lynn are also members of Duck Club Yacht Club where they harbor their Sea Ray Sundancer, "Patience".

Behind every good Skipper is a First Class Mate. Lynn grew up boating and enjoys boat rides and anchoring out with friends on weekends, as well as planning travel trips on the river as more time permits. Tim is an accomplished yachtsman, a Coast Guard Auxiliarist and the Newly Elected President of the Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Boats, a Tradition Celebrating its' 50th Anniversary on the Alton Pool in July, 2007.

Join us this year on the water as we navigate though a "Fun In The Sun" 2006 Season, Celebrating Con Trios Yacht Clubs' 40th Anniversary!

Tim and Lynn Tighe

“ANCHORS AWEIGH 2006”

The 2006 Boating Season is approaching! Lynn and I are well under way with plans and preparations for a season of Fun in the Sun, Celebrating Con Trios Yacht Clubs' 40th Anniversary!

Nautical Sensibilities aside, we will begin Our 40th Year with a traditional March POOL PARTY / ICE BREAKER WEEKEND. This event will be held, Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25th at Pere Marquette. Tradition, YES, but with a Special Twist ! Watch for your Invitation! Hint—Think WESTERNJ

Make your reservations now, (618) 786-2331, Pere Marquette Lodge. Be certain to mention you are a Con Trios Member.

Our PAST COMMODORES PARTY will be on May 6th, hosted by John Bicknese and the Past Commodores! Watch for all the details to be announced in your next issue of "The Hailer".

The CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH will be held on Sunday, June 11th. The Bubbly will be poured at the Duck Club by Con Trios Board Members all sporting bright red ties. We plan on going "OVERBOARD" in fun and presentation of this event. There will be something for everyone at this Festive Sunday Event.

On Saturday, July 22nd, we continue Our Celebration of 40 Years with one of your favorites, "THE FULL MOON CRUISE". A Great Way to Invoke Memories of a Glorious Evening Spent on the Water!

Then, on Saturday, September 9th, Get out your Logical Logbook, set your Compass and it is "ANCHORS AWEIGH" to Alton Marina. Reservations should be made early for this event as the Marina fills up fast in the Fall. Contact Alton Marina, (618) 462-9860 and again, it is important to mention that you are with the Con Trios Yacht Club Party!

Next, Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, October 21st, The HALLOWEEN / MEMBERSHIP PARTY! Lots of Latitude Tonight so, prepare to LAUNCH into the next level. Express yourself in your Best Disguise to Win a Prize! (Complete Details to be announced.)

Saturday, December 2nd, 2006. OUR HOLIDAY PARTY. The Site will be Crowne Plaza Hotel. Festivities include, "Waves of Compliments", to our Loyal Con Trios Crew for their efforts. Together, we will have Navigated thru yet another Successful Year! Cheers, Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, and Reasonable Lodging/Room Rates make this weekend a truly memorable 2006 Event.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY CON TRIOS !

Tim and Lynn Tighe

IT WAS AN ADVENTURE
By Judy Meinershagen

It was the 30th of December, 6:30am, and all through Lambert Airport came 32 River Rat Revelers (herein referred to as RRR's) in search of their plane to whisk them off to Paradise (Negril Jamaica). Half of the RRR's would be affectionately referred to as "the one-weekers", and the other half would be **NOT** so affectionately referred to as "the ½ monthers".

There were the "traditional" Mimosas, supplied by the Tiemanns; as well as a few other beverages of choice. Laura Kelley and myself (Judy Beads) surprised all the ladies with canvas beach bags, appropriately printed with their names and Jamaica 2006. What a fun way to start the trip.

With partners in hand and beach bags in tow - someone from our Krewe yelled at the airline attendants - **WE CAN'T WAIT ANYMORE - LET'S GO!!!**

We loaded the plane, all giggly and bright - ready for the first leg of our Jamaican Flight . Miami Airport look out, here come 32 RRR's from St. Louis and they are a ripe and ready for a PAR-TAY.

Our layover in Miami most certainly had to be the longest three hours every spent anywhere.

Our time to board had at long last arrived as someone **exclaimed** - "ALL THOSE HEADED FOR PARADISE, PLEASE BOARD THE **PLANE**".

At last, we landed in Montego Bay Jamaica and after going through the customary entry procedures, we were in search of and found our favorite bus driver, Wayne. Bill Kelley has been using Wayne for many years in all his ventures to Jamaica, so he was quite accustomed as to what was expected. As we loaded the bus, with our eyes smiling and bright - **WOW**, exclaimed all - look at all the **COLD RED STRIPE!!!**

Gary Meinershagen AKA "the Tour Guide" performed a headcount, giving all appropriate nicknames. It took a bit to get through the complete list - as everyone kept yelling - **MORE RED STRIPE**, as they held up their fists! Ronnie Stevens had passed out a song sheet for all - and asked the bus driver to slip in a CD he had brought from home. We all started singing the lyrics "We Met Our Thrill, way down in Negril" to the melody of Fats Domino's, *Blueberry Hill*. Our bus driver was quite amused as we could all tell, as he shook his head and laughed as well. Then, our very own Bert Yates stood up and read a poem to us all which brought cheers from the crowd, as we were having a ball.

Mariner's Negril Beach Club

When we finally arrived at our destination it was pitch dark, and when they opened the bus doors, we now know what the song means "WHO LET THE DOGS OUT". It was like opening up a can of worms, as everyone slithered off in different directions. Some ran to the beach; some ran to the Ocean; some ran to the nearest bar; some just **RAN!**

New Year's Eve

We spent New Year's Eve at the beach in front of our Complex. We dined and listened to the tunes sang to us by Orv, a local musician. Linda Stevens brought 2006 flashing pins, and I (Judy Beads) brought flashing palm trees. We lit up the Island with delight, quite similar to lighting bugs during a long summer's night . You could find the RRR's wherever you turned. **AND**, to all's **delight** (especially Mary Beth Tiemann); fireworks lit up the sky at the stroke of **MIDNIGHT**, and one of our Krewe yelled

IT'S TIME FOR MORE RED STRIPE!

January 1, 2006 - Beach Time

Ahhhhhh - time to settle in for some nice, quite, relaxing beach time - KNOT!! We had beach time alright, but quiet it was NOT! We pulled up our beach lounges in a circle and started to PAR-TAY - St. Louis Style. It was quite entertaining, to say the least. AND, just like here in St. Louis, all the "on-lookers" wanted to be one of us! Who are these people they began to ponder as they watched us laugh, and act like a bunch of "Senior Spring Breakers" (as we have been affectionately called in the past).

Soup Walks

Oh, the infamous Soup Walks. Throughout the week, on one of our many beach walks, we had the pleasant experience of visiting several bars/restaurants in the immediate vicinity of our Complex. Almost all had excellent soups (pumpkin, conch, chicken, lobster) - YUMMMM!

Well, one afternoon, a group of "R's" left for a short "Soup Walk" - and, that was the last we saw of them until wayyyyyyyyy after dark! The Soup must have been mighty good that day.

Hereinafter, when one was announcing "soup walk", we all knew it meant - see ya after dark! AND, trust me, there were a lot of Soup Walks.

Negril Ill

Strangest thing ever - about a quarter of our group came down with the "Negril Ill" - a cold of some sort that settled in the chest area. Almost everyday, someone else was down with the Negril Ill.

One Weekers Go Home

It's time for our group of One Weeker RRR's to board the bus and head home, but not before the traditional Red Stripe Goodbye by the $\frac{1}{2}$ Monthers, and a Poem read by Bert that brought a tear to all eyes.

With the bus of One Weekers well out of sight, one of the $\frac{1}{2}$ Monther's yelled

TO THE BEACH — IT'S TIME FOR MORE RED STRIPE

The $\frac{1}{2}$ Monthers arranged our beach chairs in a much smaller circle, and reminisced how we were already missing our "One Weekers" and what fun we all had, when one of the remaining RRR's exclaimed with a shout "HOLY COW - we are the One Weekers NOW!"

MORE RED STRIPE PLEASE!!

IT'S ALL ABOUT MARY

Just to give you a little background - Bill and Laura Kelley have been going to Negril for approximately 15 years, and over those years have met and know a lot of locals, as well as those who return from other states year after year. **THEN ALONG COMES MARY** (as in Tiemann), who proceeds to meet and befriend almost every vendor and bartender on the Island. Every where she goes, they all shout - "HI MARY - HOW ARE YOU TODAY MISS MARY" .

Bill is now affectionately known as "Bill, Mary's Friend".

Rumor is that www.riverbills.com will be renamed to www.marybills.com

AND, A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Suggestion Box



If you have an article you would like to share with your fellow Members, or if you have any suggestions for future events and/or locations, please feel free to send to me via e-mail:

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You can also forward your suggestions to any Board Member.

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