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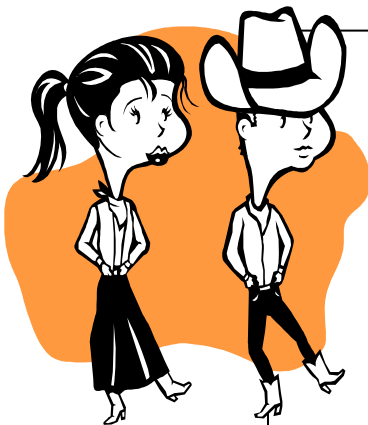
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Board Meeting and Dinner Western-Style BBQ

Saturday, June 15, 2006

Contact Barry Eldridge to RSVP and
If you want to help out in any way



Barry Eldridge

Commodore's Log

Hi Folks...

Am on vacation so I don't have anything to report on clubhouse events this month.

For the sake of continuity and at the risk of chatting about something that isn't about sailing, I have attached something that might be of interest.

He made do with his lot and here's how...

A few years back, the First Mate and I were driving down the coast on Highway One, south of Ft. Bragg. It was getting late and we were looking for a place to stay. We had just driven through the community of Elk when Judy noticed a small sign along the side of the road: 'Room for Rent.' As the sign was on the ocean side of the Highway, we turned around by this ranch road with a rusty sign and returned to see what we found. What a pleasant surprise!

We were shown a roomy, studio apartment above their garage. On the west side facing the ocean there were two small decks, with a gas fireplace between. One could sit on either deck and look down through some pines to the water breaking on the rocks below. There was a microwave, VCR, a wall full of classic movies, and coffee, juice and sweet rolls for breakfast the next morning... for a modest fee. Truly a find.

It was too early for dinner, so pleased with our lot we set out to explore the neighborhood. We drove out the gate to head south and again, I noticed that rusty sign. This was sagging a bit, but a sign nevertheless... advertising Beacon's Bar. The dirt road disappeared across a cattle guard and into some trees, but this looked to be in decent shape. We got out of the car and all we could see

was something way high on the top of the hill. This looked like a farmhouse, so perhaps that was it. So off we went to see what's what?

We crossed a couple of cattle guards and the road wound up the hill for a couple of miles. After ten minutes, we arrived at the rear of the farmhouse. The house was about fifty years old, on the edge of this bench carved into the hillside. There in front of us was a fire truck, a caterpillar tractor on a trailer and several cars. The home also had a huge short wave antenna towering on one side. We couldn't see anything that looked like a front door, so we parked our car along with the rest and started walking to the far side, and that's where we found it... a beacon on a pole and around the corner to the right was the bar, or the bar side of the house. The door was open so we walked in like we belonged there and were greeted by the owner, the smiling proprietor, RD Beacon, and a bar full of happy expatriates. I don't think anyone was from Elk.

This was intriguing...! Here we were sitting high on this hillside, enjoying a 50 mile, million dollar view down the Pacific Coast and a wonderful sunset. The wine was great, dinner jazz in the background and a bar full of interesting folks from all over the country, including one chap from the United Nations in New York.

After a couple of hours, a bottle of wine and many stories later, dinner was starting to sound good, so we asked for our tab. RD looked around like the tab fell on the floor, then said with a smile "Oh, give me five bucks and we'll call it even." Five Bucks? I expected a bill for... something a bit more. We were there for a couple of hours.

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New Membership Applications

No new applicants as of this printing



New Members

(No new applications processed)

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"So how did this unusual bar-with-a-view come about?" we asked, and RD was more than willing to tell us... As the story goes, RD's "mother, once removed," was a widow lady in her 70's. She was sitting on a million acres of timber and 10 miles of coastline, a ranch her grandfather created and called Greenwood. She didn't have any family left and so, as a last "Hurrah," she married one of her twenty years old ranch hands.

After a few good years she passed on. "with a grin on her face," and RD laughed. She left her estate to her young and grateful husband who eventually married again and that's when RD was conceived.

Over the years a lot of the timberland was lost through taxes, but enough remained to allow RD a comfortable way of life. But then, local folks in Elk thought he had too much for his own good and resent him to this day. When he tried to become that communities Fire Chief, the town fathers nixed that and appointed someone less qualified, or so the story goes...

Well, to RD Beacon that was a problem, for he really wanted to be Fire Chief. So after giving this some thought, he incorporated his lands and established the Community of Greenwood, after which he appointed himself Fire Chief. He bought a fire truck, a bulldozer and related equipment so he could fight fires if he wanted and apparently, the State Department of Forestry look upon his fire department as part of the team.

As the Saloon Keeper, Post Master, Mayor and Chief of Police, he doesn't have much time to socialize, however he does find time to attend Fire Chief conferences across the country.

The last time I saw RD, he was watching TV and the bar was closed, he told us he only opens on weekends anymore. He also mentioned that he'd just been approached by Homeland Security, to install a radar facility next to City Hall.

On day when we return, I wouldn't be surprised if ol' W wasn't sitting at the bar.

RD wasn't appointed Fire Chief in the Community of Elk, but then he made do with what he had!



Marina Bay Yacht Club

OPEN HOUSE - BAR-B-Q and MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2006

We are inviting interested sailors and power boaters to visit our club facilities as our guests for lunch, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. on July 15th. See below for Details...

Background Information: The Marina Bay Yacht Club is a volunteer club composed of sailors and power boaters from throughout the greater San Francisco Bay and Northern California, who keep their boats in Marina Bay. Over the past couple of years we have lost several old time members, who have either moved away, or moved their boats to other marinas. So that we may maintain our current level of activities and provide new programs for our members, we are actively seeking new members for the Marina Bay Yacht Club.

One-time Opportunity for Boat Owners in Marina Bay... Presently, our club fees include the \$150 application fee and \$300 annual membership fee, and the application process can take between 45 to 60 days, depending on the time of year.

For those who apply for membership before the end of July, 2006, we will waive the application fee and accept a \$200 Membership Fee for the rest of 2006... and we will do this over the following 30 days.

Membership Activities:

1. Belonging to the MBYC entitles members to clubhouse privileges, as well as reciprocal privileges with other yacht clubs throughout the Bar Area and Sacramento River Delta.
2. Our membership in PICYA extends this benefit to include most West Coast yacht clubs. Cruising members have enjoyed a warm welcome at clubs throughout Mexico, Central America and ports of call throughout the Pacific Rim.
3. We hold Membership Dinners, prepared by one of our member teams, on the third Saturday of each month, at which time we are often host to another club that has sailed in for this event. Our dinners usually have a theme that celebrates that particular time of the year, i.e. St. Patrick's Day in March, Tuscan Dinner in August, etc.
4. We participate in other activities such as the fall Swap Meet and would like to become more active in racing and youth programs as our membership grows.
5. We also have at least one Cruise Out each month, when we sail to another club in the greater Bay Area or the Delta for the weekend. We are their guests for dinner and events, which could be anything from a Jamaican celebration to a Casino night.

Please join us at this event. Thank you for your interest and consideration and should you like additional information, please visit our web site: www.marinabayyc.com.

Respectfully,

Barry Eldridge
Commodore- MBYC



MBYC 2006 Calendar of Events

<p>January</p> <p>7-8 Cruise-Out to Point San Pablo</p> <p>21 Board Meeting & Installation dinner</p>	<p>July</p> <p>1-5 Delta Hilton Fireworks</p> <p>8 - 9 Cruise Out - San Leandro YC</p> <p>15 Board Meeting & Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Open House</p>
<p>February</p> <p>11 Board Meeting & Cioppino Dinner Berkeley YC Cruise-In</p> <p>Program this month is on boat maintenance: Getting Conditions in the Engine Compartment ready for the winter months.</p> <p>Date for Cruise-Out: TBD</p>	<p>August</p> <p>12 Board Meeting & Dinner</p> <p>19 -20 Cruise out to Loch Lomond YC "Jamaica Me Crazy Night "</p>
<p>March</p> <p>11-12 Cruise Out: Ayala Cove (Angel Island). Pot Luck on "La Dolce Vita"</p> <p>18 Board Meeting & Dinner</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Traditional St. Patricks Feast: Hosts: Judy Murray and Barry Eldridge . Menu- Corn Beef finished off with apricots, Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Salad and Soda Bread.</p> <p>18-19 Oyster Point YC Cruise- In</p> <p>25-26 San Rafael YC Cruise-In</p>	<p>September</p> <p>2-4 Cruise Out to China Camp</p> <p>16 Board Meeting & Dinner</p>
<p>April NOTE CHANGE OF DATES</p> <p>8 Board Meeting & Dinner EASTER Theme: POT LUCK Club provides meat - members bring dish</p> <p>29-30 Cruise Out to Sierra Point YC</p>	<p>October</p> <p>7-8 Cruise Out: Alameda YC "Pirates Party"</p> <p>21-22: Cruise Out: Coyote Point YC</p> <p>28 Board & General Membership Meeting Dinner & Election of Officers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Octoberfest</p>
<p>May</p> <p>13-14 Cruise Out cancelled</p> <p>20 Board Meeting & Dinner Mexican Theme Cancelled</p>	<p>November</p> <p>18-19 Cruise Out: Sausalito YC Lobster Feed</p> <p>TBD Board Meeting & Dinner</p>
<p>June</p> <p>17 Board Meeting & Dinner Western BBQ Theme</p> <p>24-25 Cruise Out to San Rafael</p>	<p>December</p> <p>No cruise out in December</p> <p>2 Board Meeting & Holiday Dinner</p>

NOTE: Please make reservations for each Yacht Club dinner you would like to attend.
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