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What? A Car Show at Belmont Yacht Club?!

By Eric Schuermann

On Saturday May 10, from 10am-2pm, BYC will be kicking off the season with a new type of event for us – a classic and collector car show and cook out! BYC will be hosting the Lambda Car Club International – Lake Michigan Region (LCCI-LMR) (www.lambdacarclub.net) for its annual “Spring Dust Off” car show. Founded in 1981, LCCI, is a gay and lesbian car club that has 27 local chapters coast to coast with over 2,000 members having a wide interest in and collection of



nearly every make of car from Amphicars to Volkswagens – and a whole bunch in between! All BYC members are welcome to come over to the Club and join in the fun (with or without a car)! For those of you that have a classic, collector, professional or otherwise interesting vehicle to you (moderns are welcome too!!), give it a wash and wax and bring it down to the harbor to show. Burgers, dogs, brats, and chix will be on the grill around Noon, along with the usual “honor bar” in full swing! If you would like, you may bring a side dish to share that will compliment the barbeque. This event should be lots of fun for all



with plenty of opportunities for socializing, some great photo opportunities and most importantly, great exposure for our club that will certainly help in our membership recruiting efforts (old cars have a way of drawing people in)! Please RSVP by Saturday May 3 to Eric Schuermann, LCCI-LMR Director and fellow BYC Board member at eric.schuermann@comcast.net or (773) 636-0303 so we can plan for the barbeque food and cars in the show. If possible, for those of you showing a car, it will be helpful if you arrive prior to 10am to allow for positioning of the cars. See you Saturday, May 10!



Commodore's Corner

Dr. James Sanderson, Commodore



We finally made it out of winter and again probably right into summer. I wish we could have great springs allowing us to have more time to get the boats ready. The Mack is fully functional and open for member use thanks to

Rear Commodore John and his volunteers. Our first Board/Members meeting was April 15 and the Pot Luck dinner and meeting was well attended and went very smoothly. For the rest of the year all Board Meetings will be Pot Luck and all members are encouraged to attend. Starting with the last Friday in May we will have the club open every week until the end of September, please stop by at your convenience

to sign up as a host for one of the nights. We will also need hosts for the Sunday morning Continental Breakfasts starting in June. Please try to host at least one of each if possible. Our first function will be co-hosted car show with the Lambda Car Club to which Eric Schuermann is President of, and Larry Cady belong. It will be May 10th in our parking lot, food and refreshments will be provided. Please try to stop by between 10 and 2. Sunday June 1st will be our Welcome Back Brunch from 9 to Noon. Watch for future workdays as the ship still will need updating and please stop by to see the improvements already going on. Hope to see you all at the upcoming events.
Happy Boating Season, Commodore Jim

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, May 10

- 10:00 am -2:00 pm: Belmont Harbor Car Show

Monday, May 12

- Migdalia Pinckney's Birthday 🎂
- Jackie Conlon's Birthday 🎂

Saturday, May 17

- James Sanderson's Birthday 🎂

Tuesday, May 20

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm: Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 22

- Dick Rose's Birthday 🎂
- 5:45 pm -9:00 pm: CYA Meeting

Monday, May 26

- Steve Paulson's Birthday 🎂

Friday, May 30

- Eileen Bray's Birthday 🎂
- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm: Friday Social Hours

Sunday, June 1

- 9:00 am -12:00 pm: Welcome Back Brunch

<< *Details for all these BYC events can be found on our website at www.BelmontYC.org* >>

Venetian Night July 26 – May Update

By Director Ken Low - BYC Venetian Night Chairman

I have great news, we now have a boat! The "Verdict" a 41' sailboat has been offered for use by Bob Buckley, and a backup boat, the 26' sailboat "Chriselle Marie" offered by Dan Waters are both available for use for Venetian Night. We also have two places to work. I will announce workdays in June. Tentative dates are July 17, 18, 24 & 25. We will need help decorating all day Saturday July 25th and participants for the parade are also needed. I have received some good ideas for our club's theme and music. My committee will decide which one to use and let everyone know. If you are unable to help with Venetian Night we would welcome any donations to help pay for needed materials and decorations. If we have any excess, donations they will be applied to the BYC work fund. Thanks in advance for all your help and support. Kenlow1@comcast.net or 708-349-8095 (home phone)





IMEs Available

By Rear Commodore John Graneto



As a PAID member, enjoying the benefits of BYC include being able to host Individual Member Events (IME) at the harbor. The BYC Board of Directors approved the IME policy in 2006 and it is quoted below. The Individual

Member Events policy was designed to allow members to host small groups of guests at the facility without restricting other members from using and access their club.

It is the Rear Commodore's job each year to enforce the policy guidelines as outlined. I wanted to reiterate these guidelines so that all members were aware. It is the policy of the board that the RC send out periodic E-mails reminding all the members of upcoming IME's.

BYC Individual Member Events Guidelines

The Belmont Yacht Club facilities are available to be scheduled for **Individual Member Events** that, in some cases, may limit some access to all BYC members. Members may reserve the facilities for "**Individual Member Events**" as follows:

Procedure

- 1) Confirm on the BYC web site that the calendar shows the requested date is not in conflict with another previously scheduled event,
- 2) Contact the Rear Commodore via E-mail to request the potential date needed.
- 3) Receive confirmation from the RC, assuring the club facilities are available for the date requested by the individual member,
- 4) Member-reserved dates are then posted by the RC on www.belmontyc.org

Facility

"Individual Member Events" reservations are for the outdoor/tented picnic area only, with

additional facilities and supplies available to members, as available:

- charcoal and gas grills
- restrooms / heads
- popcorn machine with supplies
- ice maker
- ice chests/coolers
- garbage cans/liners

The member provides all other supplies

Clean Up

- There is no deposit or penalty for not leaving the picnic area or club ship clean, because not cleaning up is not an option.
- There is no staff that comes in and cleans up after an event.
- Please plan some time at the end of the event for clean up.
- All members must attempt to leave the club facilities and picnic areas cleaner than how they found them. Everyone pitching in to do a little extra helps keep our facilities clean.

Guidelines

(Board of Directors Approved Policy, 2006)
Club members can only reserve the facility when official club functions are not scheduled. This must be done far enough in advance to notify all other members. There is no charge to reserve the club ship as long as the Guidelines above are followed. All club members still have use of the space. Respect for the member reserving the club ship and his/her guests is expected. The reserving member is not expected to supply food or drink to other club members, and other club members should use the space only for immediate needs.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

More New Members



BYC extends a hearty welcome to the newest members voted in at the April board meeting: **George Kraenzle** and his wife **Beth**, reside in Antioch, IL and have a 21 foot Four Winns on the Chain-of-Lakes. Welcome to Belmont Yacht Club!



Please Don't Be Anti-Social

By Vice Commodore Tim Harrington



I am happy to announce the return of a favorite event from last year, our Friday Night Social Hours (formally Aloha Fridays). I find it interesting how such a simple idea has grown. The idea during the previous two years was to have a way to draw in potential members at the beginning of the season by hosting a happy hour on Friday nights in May. If you remember Fridays in May of 2007, you would remember a cold and rainy start to every weekend in that month. The plan was a flop. Then came June, with warmer weather and plenty of people at the harbor on Fridays, so being the friendly folks that we are, several members made it their mission to extend the Friday night social hour through June. Then June became July, and soon it was August. Interestingly these gatherings became more of a member party than any type of recruiting tool, and there is nothing wrong with that. This year the board has approved the formal recognition of these get-togethers each Friday night from 7 to 9pm starting the last week of May through the

end of August. Please stop by the club to renew old friendship and maybe start a few new ones. Along the same lines, we will be experimenting with offering free coffee and a newspaper to the general boating community on Sunday mornings beginning in June and ending in September. So if you spent Saturday night on your boat, or you are planning to head out on the lake Sunday morning, stop by the club for a hot cup of Joe and the day's headlines. Both the Friday night socials and the Sunday coffees will be staffed with volunteer help, so make sure and say hi. The Sunday Morning Coffees kicks off with the Belmont Yacht Club Welcome Back Brunch, June 1, from 9am to noon. Mix that in with the harbor car show and other great events that are coming up this season, and I believe we will be THE yacht club in Belmont in which people want to be a member. I hope everyone makes the most of the club this season, and as the membership chair I would be remiss not to ask YOU to ask a dockmate or boating friend if they would be interested in joining BYC. It could be the best thing you ever do for them. I'll see you at the club.

Quotable Quickie: Taking the line of least resistance still makes both men and rivers crooked.

Green Solutions to Help Our Water

CruisingCompass.com / Blue Water Sailing LLC

Many of us boaters use more hazardous materials than we are aware. They include amongst others, chlorine bleach, drain cleaners, oven cleaners, and toilet cleaners. They are seriously bad news from an environmental point of view. Here are some Safe Cleaning Tips you can do with products you may already have onboard:

Deep clean the toilet: Use a baking soda and vinegar paste. Let solution sit for two hours in toilet, and then scrub. If your bowl is porcelain, try rubbing a natural pumice stone (available at most hardware stores) on lime, rust, and hard-water stains. Keeping the stone very moist throughout the process, it should not scratch. Scrub down the shower and the tub: Use baking soda and vinegar paste to get rid of mildew. Scrub from the top down so the tub floor gets the full benefit of a soaking to dissolve buildup.

Ceilings and Walls: Put 50/50 hydrogen peroxide and water solution on the ceilings and walls.

Remove mildew, mold, and other stubborn bits: To dislodge mildew and mold, apply hydrogen peroxide straight from the bottle and wear rubber gloves to protect your hands. Let it soak in for five minutes, and then scrub with a grout brush. According to Care 2, the EPA recommends simple soap to use as a disinfectant. Yet, there are many essential oils, such as lavender, clove, and tea tree oil (an excellent natural fungicide), that are very antiseptic, as is grapefruit seed extract, even though they are not registered as such. Use one teaspoon of essential oil to 2 cups of water in a spray bottle. A grapefruit seed extract spray is made by adding 20 drops of extract to a quart of water.

