

NAUTICAL NEWS

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WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB meets the **1st Wednesday** of every month
Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass. Regular meeting begins at
7:30 Pm at the Clubhouse at 695 Ave. K, SW. Our Website is www.whnc.biz
If you have any ideas about the website, call John Valich 559-5887.

WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB

General Membership Meeting
10/07/2009

Want to make sure we “**WELCOME BACK**”
Bill and Margaret Barrett...

They were in 31 States, 3 Providences and put 19,000 Miles on vehicle.

ACTIVITIES: **Susan Hutchinson,**
Chairperson

September 26: BQ & Story Teller

Amber and Ronnie Herl hosted this NEW event. There were 22 people at this event. Made \$58's profit. The story of the “Margaret Block” was one stories that was told. A FUN time !!

October 17: Fall Fun Day

This event has been cancelled.

October 18: Progressive Dinner

This event will be moved to some time in January.

Might have it as a New Years Eve event.. Let Margaret Barrett know what you think about this.

October 28: Planning Meeting (2010)

This has been changed from the original date of November 11th.

The Board Meeting will be from 6 to 7 pm, with the planning meeting starting at 7:05 pm. This is the time of the year when new events, cruises, etc are planned for 2010. We are always looking for new things to try. Bring your suggestions, a 2010 calendar and your 2009 club calendar. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING...Speak now or forever hold your peace!

Oct. 30th: WH Downtown Halloween

We still need candy for this event...

This yearly event held on Central Avenue in downtown Winter Haven is something to see. At no cost to the club, we are allowed to sit up a table. We bring our big advertise board, a game for the kids to play and LOTS and LOTS of candy. This event usually has several thousand people attending it. Is good free publicity for WHNC. If you go to the event, wear your club shirt for others to see. This is from 6 to 9 PM.

OCT. 30th: Halloween Party

This will be held on Friday night at John and Cindy Valich's home. They live at 5811 Trophy Loop, Lakeland, FL (863-644-1122). The evening will begin at 7 pm. Bring finger food and your own drinks. May dress in costume if you want, but do not have to. This neighborhood really likes to decorate for Halloween.

NOV. 7th & 8th: Roar & Soar

This is getting closer and closer and with that tax invoice we really need to do good at this event. (Need 15 people @ day) Call Bob Beckner if you can help out. If you sign up to help, you get free parking; get in free for events and Fantasy of Flight. They have trams for transportation; plan to have old cars and model plans also there to be seen. Will need 12 - 18 people for this weekend event. Time is anytime between 9:30 am and 5 pm (when gates are closed)

NOV. 4th: General Membership Meeting (7:30)

NOV 20th: Attitude Adjustment Night

Get yourself something to eat and bring it to the club. Eat with your friends and visit. This social event begins at 6 pm.

NOV 22nd: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

This yearly event is held at the Clubhouse. Bring a side dish to share. Turkeys will be brought by: Margaret Barrett, Bob Beckner and Pam Henry. After dinner the inside of the club will be decorated for Christmas (We have 2 trees, lights for the windows, etc.)

DEC. 12th: Christmas Party

This will be held at the Ramada Inn (Uptown next to where Christy's used to be) Happy Hour will be from 5-5:30 pm with dinner following from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. After dinner we will have the installation of the 2010 Officers and Directors.

We have decided to do a "Toy Secret Santa" at the party. Those wanting to do so will draw names at the November 4th General Membership Meeting. You are NOT to

tell anyone whose name you got and should buy a toy that reminds you of this person. After the toys are all opened they

will be given to "Toys for Tots" Bill Barrett gave us his idea. He is called "Grumpy" Disney Character for this. However, he did add: That is because I am married to "Dopey" and Margaret gave him a smack (HA). The cost for the evening is

\$25/per person. We will need a count and do the drawing at the November Meeting, but the payment will not be due until the Dec. 2nd meeting. This is the one time a year we get dressed up and go out. We will have Karaoke after the installations take place. **Will be a fun night**

CRUISES: John Valich, Chairperson

Sep. 5th, 6th & 7th (Labor Day)

This cruise was to Fernandina Beach. They trailered to Daytona Beach and put in at the Halifax River. There

was a lunch/potty break/fuel stop in St. Augustine along the way. This is about 115 miles run and everyone enjoyed it. Want to do this one again.

Oct. 10th & 11th Twin Dolphins

David Smith led this cruise. Due to the VEY HIGH dock fee at Riveria Dunes we ended up going to Twin Dolphins. There were only 2 boats (Awe\$um Duck and IV Fun) with 6 people. However, we had several that drove up for the day: Hutchinson Family, Valich Family, Ronnie/Amber Herl, Ed/Cheryl Burges, and Mike/Nancy Hall (spent weekend with all of us-did the transportation for my 4, which I greatly appreciated). I finally got to eat one of those famous cheeseburgers I had heard about from the Pool Hall place and it was really good. I also got to go see the 50' boat that Sandy and Phil Herl live on. Is beautiful.. They both came over to Mattison's after we ate and visited for a while. Tampa Bay was as smooth as could be going over and coming back. This was a great trip with Good Friends & Good Weather.

NOV. 27th, 28th & 29th: Red Flannel Cruise

This yearly cruise is to St. Augustine to see them light the city lights. More information will be given at the Nov. 4th meeting.

COMMITTEES

Have you gotten your WHNC Window Clings yet? Put them on your vehicles and on your boat (s). We need to advertise our club.

GROUNDS: David Hutchinson, Chairperson

The September 19th work day did complete getting all the wood away from the building. Our next big task is getting the tree cut down that is by the shed. There seem to be a lot of termites in this and the tree has been in bad shape for some time now. More discussion will be held at the Nov. 4th meeting. I do not know if the swing got fixed or the flagpole got painted yet as there was no report on these two things. When I know the outcome, you will too.

Mike Britt was contacted about the smell we have coming from the ditch. We may have problems with dumpage from Velda again.

The dock needs to have boards replaced. Look for an email from Commodore Becky Smith regarding this matter.

RENTALS: David Smith, Chairperson

David announced we a rental for June 7th and one for June, 2010

WAYS & MEANS: Margaret Barrett, Chairperson

Bob Beckner reported and showed us a new idea that Bill Stevens and him came up with. These are: Trial WHNC Membership Certificates. They are good for 1 year. This membership allows the person(s) to take part in any activities (only) that the club has. No key nor any usage of the club facilities goes along with this. These can be handed out to people at Marinas, Stores, or almost anywhere. They look very nice in print. Anytime during the year they can join the WHNC at our regular price of \$187.50 for a year. If you can think of a place or person that could use these, please contact Bob.

WEB-SITE: John Valich, Chairperson

**John said that we was putting new pictures on our web-site .
(www.whnc.biz)**

The more times it is looked at the higher we go and we will be seen more by the public. Any pictures or new ideas, contact John.

SUNSHINE: Marty Kidwell, Chairperson

Marty and Wes are still under the weather some, so Marty reported via email to us. We were glad to see Sandi Ross at the meeting and she says she is feeling much better and doing excercises at home now from her injury at Disney. Both of Nancy Hall's sisters have had surgery lately. Hope they are doing great. BobKrencisz is doing much better. His recovery will determine when they will come down this year. Jim Bise has had some heart problems and has to lose some weight before they can go in and do the repairs. We wish him the very best. We learned that our friend, Keith Truit, from the Daytona Beach Boat Club has passed away. We had a lot of good times both at his club and at ours. He will be missed. Also learned that Wes Kidwell's younger sister (Beverly Phillips) passed away with a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with Wes and his family at this time.

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QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

(I do not do mornings)

The proper response to “Good Morning” is not “Prove It”

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

TOYS for TOTS: Frank Ingraham is doing this again this year. He will bring a box and put at the clubhouse. He will collect toys until Dec. 1st. He will also accept any cash donations (He has a jar for this). This is a really worthy cause = Help others...

I volunteered to bring a cake for the Christmas Party..

Bob Beckner won the 50/50 donation of \$20's and gave back to the club. “Thanks Bob”

Housekeeping:

October = Need Someone

November = Need Someone

December – Need Someone

HOSTESS:

November: Jackie Littrell

December = Need Someone

Nominating Committee: Susan Hutchinson will chair this along with Bob Beckner and Ronnie Herl. If you are interested in helping fill any of the positions, please let them know. Helping is not bad if we all do a little...Names and positions will be put on the board at the Nov. 4th meeting.

Commodore Becky Smith asked Margaret Barrett to chair the “Audit Committee”. She agreed to do so with some help (me for one). If sdhe asks you to help, please do so.

Christmas Family: Larry and Brenda still have the 8 kids. We have helped them the last couple of years with Christmas presents and plan to do so again this year. Look for more information at the Nov. 4th meeting.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

I found 2 I liked this month and I have the keyboard so.....

THE PREACHER'S SON

An old country preacher had a teenage son, and it was getting time the boy should give some thought to choosing a profession. Like many young men he didn't seem too concerned about it. One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed on his study table four objects.

1. A Bible.

2. A silver dollar.

3.. A bottle of whiskey.

4. And a Playboy magazine.

'I'll just hide behind the door,' the old preacher said to himself.

'When he comes home from school today, I'll see which object he picks up.

If it's the Bible, he's going to be a preacher like me, and what a blessing that would be!

If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a business man, and that would be okay, too.

But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunken bum, and Lord, what a shame that would be.

And worst of all if he picks up that magazine he's going to be a skirt-chasing womanizer.'

The old man waited anxiously, and soon heard his son's footsteps as he entered the house whistling and headed for his room.

The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave the room, he he spotted the objects on the table.

With curiosity in his eye, he walked over to inspect them. Finally, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the silver dollar and dropped into his pocket. He uncorked the bottle and took a big drink, while he admired this month's centerfold.

"Lord have mercy,' the old preacher whispered.

HEARING LOSS ???

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he

- > thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her
- > on the subject, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The
- > doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could
- > perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.
- > Here's what you do," said the Doctor. "Stand about 40 feet away from
- > her, and say something in a normal conversational speaking tone see if
- > she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you
- > get a response."
- > That evening, his wife was in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in
- > the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what
- > happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

> **No response.**

- > So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife
- > and he repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

> **Still no response.**

- > Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his
- > wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

> **Again he gets no response.**

- > So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's

> for dinner?"

> Again there is no response.

> So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

> (I just love this...)

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> "Ralph!, for the FIFTH time, it's CHICKEN!!!"

Sea Ya, Arlene