

# NAUTICAL NEWS

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**WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB** meets the **1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.whnc.biz)  
If you have any ideas about the website, call John Valich 559-5887.

## WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB

General Membership Meeting  
09/02/2009

(Find a comfortable spot before you start on this one, we have  
a lot going on it seems...)

**Treasurer, Ronnie Herl advised that we  
had gotten our proposed tax notice for  
this year.**

**Our taxes were \$3,776 for 2008 and our  
proposed tax is \$5,657 for 2009. Mainly  
due to the premises next door no longer  
being an empty lot, but a working  
business. This was not great news  
considering our finances.**

**We have had hardly any rentals this year. Main reason seems to be our price for the economy in the shape it is in and non-working stove/oven.**

**ACTIVITIES:** **Susan Hutchinson,**  
**Chairperson**

**August 21st: Movie Night (At the Clubhouse)**

**The Valich and Hutchinson families were the only people that attended this event. Because of this happening the last few movie nights we are **canceling this event**. The new event will be on Friday (Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>) and will be called **Attitude Adjustment Night**. This will begin at 6 PM and just bring something to eat and drink and we will socialize with each other. Food and Good Friends – Sounds like a winner to me....**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Yearly Casino Nite**

**Arlene Adams and Barbi Dodd hosted this yearly event. We had money from 34 people and cleared almost \$500's with donations for playing and the Silent Auction items. Just a few of the people owed a big "Thank You" are: Barbi Dodd, Susan Hutchinson, Mike Hall, Bob Beckner. Susan Beckner, Kenny Dodd, Dick Littrell, Wes Kidwell, Amanda Freeman, David Hutchinson. Lady Luck (Ken Bedsole) made it an interesting evening and had a brand new way to throw dice at the horse race table (HA) Lots of people brought food and auction items. This is**

always so much fun and all of you make it possible for this being a profitable event. **"THANKS"**

## **September 12: Chili & Chinese Auction**

**This is something we have had fun doing for several years.**

**We have donated (Arlene, Becky, Lucille, Pam) Chili (\$5 Cost) and then we have aprox. 35 to 50 paper bags that are sold for \$1.00 each that have an item in them. When your number is called you can pick a bag**

**OR**

**You can take something someone else has gotten. An item can only be traded 3 times though. It is a lot of fun.  
Starts at 6 PM**

## **September 12 & 13th: Tampa Boat Show is On....**

### **September 19th: Work Day at the Clubhouse.**

**Begins at 7:30 am due to heat of the day. Plan to get wood all away from the building. Bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.**

### **September 25: Comedy Club**

**The Comedy Club will be at our clubhouse on Friday, Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**This will start at 7 pm and has a cost of \$5/per person.**

**This is not only a fun evening, but also WHNC gets half the profits. What a deal..**

### **September 26: BQ & Story Teller**

**Amber and Ronnie Herl will host this NEW event. Your ticket cost for this is a “side dish”. If you have a story you want to tell on a member (real or not), you pay \$1 to tell the story. However, the member can raise the bid to \$2 for you NOT to tell the story and see where it goes from there. You might want to put some thought in to this (HA). This should be fun. Starts at 5 PM**

### **October 17: Fall Fun Day (Sat.,)**

**This is a day with a Scavenger Hunt (By land) at the parks in the area. We will also have a Cake Walk during the day. Anyone that can bake or help decorate a cake for this event, please call Becky Smith (968-0338). We will have a “ Trunk for Treat” where the kids can play a game out of the back of your vehicle (in the trunk-decorated) for candy. There should be flyers for this “Open To The Public” event at the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Plan a Halloween Costume contest also.**

### **October 18: Progressive Dinner (Sun.,)**

**Margaret Barrett (will be back in town by end of month) will chair this yearly event. Appetizers will be held and David and Becky Smith’s house, main meal (steak, etc.) will be served at the Club and desert will be at Dick and Jackie Littrells along with a pool party (bring your swim suits). The cost for this will be \$12/Adult and \$5/Child (under 10). At the October meeting contact Margaret for more information or if you can help out with this.**

### **October 28: Planning Meeting (2010)**

**This has been changed from the original date of November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 piece!

### **OCT. 30<sup>th</sup>: 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.

### **Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>: WH Downtown Halloween**

**(Everyone is asked to bring a bag of candy to the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**

**Date for this event was Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, but they changed it.....**

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. People will be needed to handle our table. Call Susan Hutchinson at 293-6956 if you can be in charge. She is not going to be in town. If you go to the event, wear your club shirt for others to see.

### **NOV. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: Roar & Soar**

**This is getting closer and closer and with that tax invoice we really need to do good at this event. Contact Becky Smith or 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)**

**CRUISES: John Valich, Chairperson**

**Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: Crystal River**

**Two boats (Smith's and Emery's) went on this cruise. They said it was a beautiful and relaxing cruise and enjoyed it very much.**

**Sep. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)**

**This cruise is to Fernandina Beach. Everyone will leave from Loves Truck Stop at 8:00 am on Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> and should be back late Monday night. They will trailer to Daytona Beach and put in at the Halifax River. There will be a lunch/potty break/fuel stop in St. Augustine along the way. . A total of 5 boats are signed up to go on this**

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Riveria Dunes**

**Mike Hall will lead this cruise. We will get more information via e-mail and the October meeting. They have 2 floating swimming pools there. The Hotel between Twin Dolphin & Rivera Dunes is:**

**Marriott Courtyard Sarasota/Bradenton Riverfront.  
100 Riverfront Drive West  
Bradenton, Fl 34205  
Tel-941-747-3727**

**You can take the path on the Riverfront and walk to Twin Dolphin, but you have to drive to Rivera Dunes, because it's on the other side of the river. You actually drive by the Dunes over the bridge to get to the Hotel.**

**Sandy and Phil Herl will do transportation she said. Shelby, me, Kayla and Britt will be staying there. Mike also said that he heard that all Hillsborough County Parks would start charging a \$5 parking fee soon.**

## **COMMITTEES**

**Bob Beckner donated a set of window clings to each member as a way to advertise the WHNC. These cost him over \$100, but says is worth it to get our colors out there to be seen by the public. Thanks, Bob. If you have not seen these you should as they look really nice and are bright and noticeable. We need to advertise our club.**

### **GROUNDS: David Hutchinson, Chairperson**

**(There was no report on any of these items at the meeting)**

**David announced that we have a broken board in the swing that will need to be fixed. We also need to take the flagpole down and have it re-painted. We do have a new flag that can be put up. We are waiting on a permit before the spraying can be done. We have an okay for 12 kinds of plants but seems there are 13 kinds (HA) in the lakefront. This is a cost of \$100's per spray, but has to be done. We no longer have money left in the donated fund for this, so will have to come out of our checking account.**

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**We have a building maintenance problem that has to be dealt with. TERMITES have invaded the shed outside. They seem to be working their way around to the front of our building also. This is the reason for the workday on Sep., 19<sup>th</sup>. Due to the cost factor, we will try to deal with this ourselves first. Will clear the wood, etc away and then spray real well. Estimates we got were from \$530 (spraying) to a liquid defense system for \$1500 plus \$225 yearly contract.**

## **QUOTE FOR THE MONTH**

**If you take castor oil first thing in the morning the rest of the day will move smooth...**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**Cake for September Birthdays and Anniversaries was totally forgotten to be done by yours truly. I really apologize and will bring a cake later on for an event. Please forgive me!!!**

**Mike Hall won the 50/50 donation of \$13's and gave back to the club. "Thanks Mike"**

**Housekeeping: August: David Smith (Thanks)**

**September = Need Someone**

**October = Need Someone**

**November = Need Someone**

**December – Need Someone**

**HOSTESS: October: Bob Beckner**

**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. Ronnie did announce that he would not be Treasurer next year, so this is open for sure. Helping is not bad if we all do a little...**

**SILVER GLEN SPRINGS: There is information that the owner of this place may be thinking of closing it. Main**

**reason seems to be the use of the woods as a trash dump and using as an outhouse. If possible, please contact Bob Beckner by e-mail (becknerspecmds@aol.com) or call (221-7623) and get more information as to where you can email your desire to keep it open and any suggestions you might have. We talked about having it all cleared out by 8pm every night and not letting house boats into the area as a couple of suggestions. If you do not speak out, you can't complain when it closes up..**

### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

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

#### **THE PREACHER'S SON**

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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.

'He's gonna run for Congress.'

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### 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**