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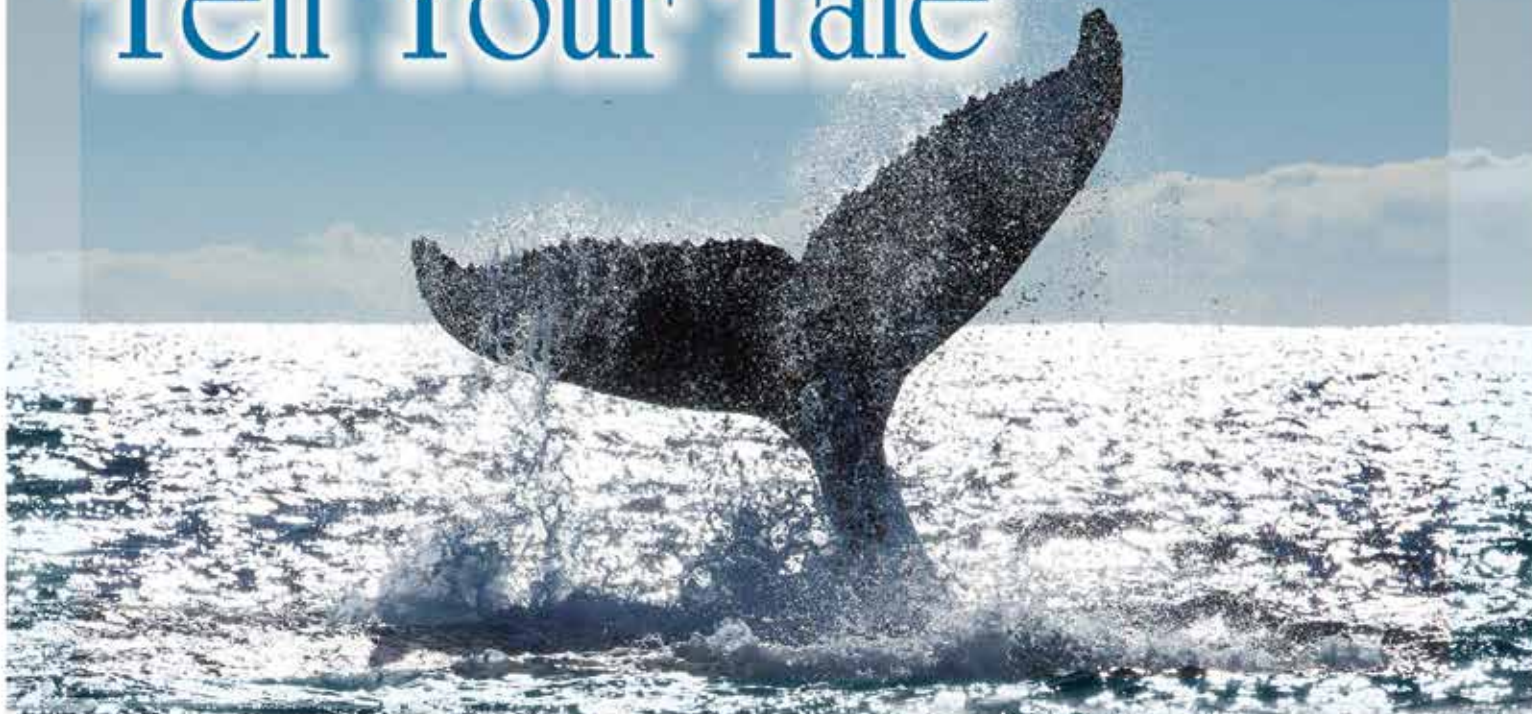
The LOG



Special Club Election Issue



Tell Your Tale



You don't have to be a professional writer to contribute to the Erie Yacht Club's LOG magazine. You don't even have to be a sailor, just someone with a tale to tell.

A tidbit from the history of the Club, an unusual vacation destination, or an epic boat race are all good story topics for your LOG magazine. Interesting stories come in all shapes and sizes.

LOG stories can be informational, like how to patch a hull, inspirational, as in the Lake Erie Solo challenge, or perhaps you'd like to call some well deserved attention to another member's generosity to the Club or community. Stories can also be just plain entertaining like surviving that cruising vacation with your in-laws.

Although a picture is worth a thousand words they are not a necessity when submitting an article to the LOG. (Although if they help tell the story they are still worth at least a couple hundred words!). Pictures are greatly appreciated however, when at all possible, especially when dealing with specifics or a difficult explanation.

There are also no word count requirements, all article lengths are needed. Heck, you don't even need to use proper grammar! The Log staff reviews and will correct any grammatical mishaps. Writers also have the opportunity to review the finished article before it goes to press if they choose. You don't have to be a great author like Mark Twain or William Shakespeare to submit a LOG article, but you may feel like one after seeing your story in print.

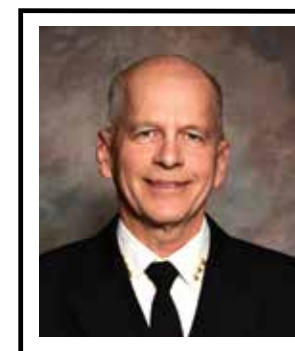
So c'mon all the cool kids are doin' it!

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From the Bridge

by Commodore Greg Gorny



This being my final "From the Bridge" article, I wanted to touch on two subjects.

When I told a couple of my Past Commodore friends I was running for Fleet Captain they asked if I knew what I was getting in to. I told them I did. After all, I had spent 3 years on the Board and 3 years on the Nominating Committee. I figured I had a pretty good grip on the system. I did not. It turned out to be an educational four years.

What most struck me after these four years as an officer of the Club is just how much effort goes into running this operation. The staff, our general manager Mike Lynch, the officers, the Board members, and

seemingly half of the 1450 members contributing as volunteers all working together gives the impression that the many things we members enjoy on a daily basis is as simple as snapping your fingers. It is not that simple. They all put their hearts into the Club. Hosting the Commodore's Appreciation Party seemed like just a token thank you for all their efforts.

The last four years has been a great adventure and I want to thank our membership for the opportunity.

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All Hands On Deck for the Tenth Annual Winter Solstice Party!

• 22 December 2018 •

by Old Dan Winter



Photos Courtesy of Tom Madura

As we move through life, maybe we get more used to (or maybe less alarmed by?) measuring the passage of time using big numbers... you know... big numbers like “ten years”?

Anyways, the ten years since we were sitting at the last September EYC Thursday Happy Hour on the Deck trying to figure out how to squeeze out a little more partying on the deck sure seem to scream by?

Sure there was some head-scratching and beer-drinking and some protracted discussions and maybe even a few more beers before we had the epiphany to use our just-installed natural gas heaters to heat our deck to Aruba-like temperatures and celebrate the longest night of the year with a Winter Solstice Party.

We can thank a small army of workers and volunteers for their good efforts preparing our deck for these parties. EYC Dockmaster Mike Argeny sees the deck is clear of snow and frames-in the south-deck-opening for us, complete with a nice door! Mike also test-fires the deck heaters to assure us toasty-warm conditions. Then P/C Matt and Cutter Niemic and their crew enclose the entire deck in construction plastic. Matt’s team works hard and makes this tough job look easy.

Commodore Greg Gorney, P/C Tom Trost and I assist with the wooden battens and helped Matt and his guys where we can. Later, P/C Ed Schuler brings his heat-gun and shrink-wraps the plastic enclosure. Mike piles snow against the out-side base of the deck which really helped reduce drafts (the cold air, not the beer... ha ha). Day of, Tom Madura, Jim McBrier and I decorate the plastic with seasonal and goofy drawings to set-the-mood for this winter solstice celebration.

By mid-Saturday-afternoon on December 22nd, we will again fire-up the heaters and get creative with our magic markers. My hat is off again to all these folks for pitching-in so everyone has a good time enjoying a super party!

We will again be drinking hot-buttered-um and listening to the tropical sounds of Erie’s own Key West Express. We can depend on Lauren and her bar-staff to do another great job “transporting us” to one of our mid-summer Thursday Happy Hours!

So come double-celebrate the turn-of-the-seasons as well as the soon-to-be-increasing daylight hours with Old Man Winter and your EYC friends! Maybe stick your neck out and wear a tropical shirt or a grass skirt? Maybe dress for polar exploration? In no time at all we will again be enjoying summer Thursday Sunset Happy Hours on the EYC Deck!

This year, the annual re-set of the calendar will see our party held on 22 December, within hours of the true Winter Solstice.

See you there!



THE FORD Tri-Motor

BY P/C DAVE HEITZENRATER

EXPERIENCING THE ENERGY, PASSION AND EXCITEMENT
OF A ROARING 20'S ERA FLIGHT



This beautifully restored Ford Tri-Motor (Serial Number 8) was state of the art stylish aviation nearly 100 years ago.

The first experience was purely auditory as we heard the unique sound of the three low revving engines of the plane flying barely overhead above the small resort island. Then... there she was, the shiny silver aircraft appearing just over the tree tops and floating to a controlled gentle landing on the small air strip at the water's edge near Put in Bay, South Bass Island, Ohio. A group of EYC sailors were visiting the island during participation in the annual Inter-Lake Yachting Association Regatta.

These aerial sights and sounds piqued ones interest to discover more information on who, what and where. After heading to the airport terminal building, we found a small group of soon-to-be passengers outside receiving preflight instructions and interesting historical background information under a canvas canopy providing shelter from the hot sun. Shortly thereafter, having paid the nominal \$75 boarding fee and signing the obligatory legal waiver of liability, we found ourselves seated under the same canvas being briefed on the history and background of the plane.

The 1926 aircraft was the brainchild Henry Ford, the American captain of industry and business magnate and the founder of the Ford Motor Company when he recognized the potential for mass air transportation beyond his contributions in the auto industry.

Mr. Ford thoughts were that due to barnstorming and other dangerous early flying experiences, the public needed to be reassured that flight was a safe and dependable method of travel. The Tri-Motor was built by the Stout Metal Aircraft Division of the Ford Motor Company and was designed to be extra safe being over built in construction and scheme providing unsurpassed safety and reliability. Much of this effort was prominently displayed with the installation of three engines rather than one and publically promoting the fact that the plane will actually fly with only one of these power plants functioning. Each of the nine cylinders in the radial engine produces 50 horsepower providing a total thrust of 450 hp. per engine.

Ford's air machine was the first all-metal commercial airliner in the

world designed for passengers rather than just mail which incidentally led to the construction of the first paved runways.

The Tri-Motor has brought a unique history as it offered passengers a flying experience like never existed before providing an upscale, expensive luxurious flight which fetched passengers dressing up in coats, ties, hats and even gloves for ladies, all typical of this prosperous 1920s era. There were only 199 of these aluminum airframes built in the years between 1926 and 1933.



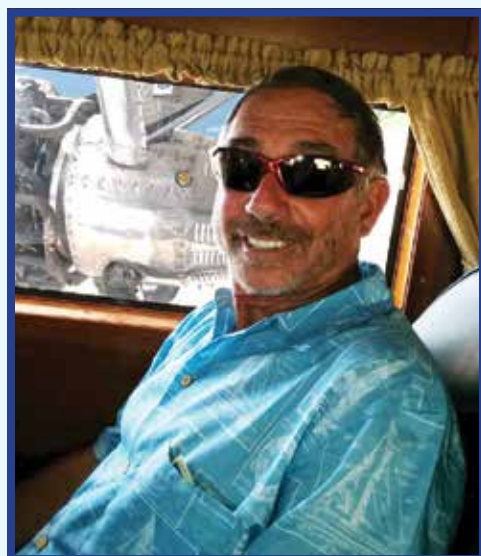
Passengers look out the window for the view, whereas the pilot must look out the window to check his engine mounted gauges.

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Ford Tri-Motor

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Our plane, serial No. 8 with tail number NC 9645 is one of only two Ford's still flying today. Constructed in 1928, No. 8 flew its first flight on December 1, 1928. It was sold to Transcontinental Air Transport in January 1929 which eventually became TWA Airlines. The TAT logo appears on the aircraft's fuselage today. Subsequently No. 8 passed through a number of owners and configurations however since then the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port



The author taking in the scenery both inside and out as the plane's interior has been painstakingly restored to its original 1920's art deco styling.

Clinton acquired it and has currently leased it to the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) to promote the Ford around the country as a flying museum and to help raise funds for the Tri-Motor Heritage Museum of Port Clinton which is currently restoring a second plane, serial No. 13 by its volunteer members.

Since the early days of aviation, the Tri-Motor has played a significant part in our Nation's history and for many years 'Island Airlines' served Erie island area residents famously in the use of the Ford Tri-Motor for the vital role of transporting people and goods between the mainland,

the islands and outlying areas. For many years the 'Tin Goose' as it was affectionately known, was a familiar sight gracing the island skies providing reliable, safe shuttling islanders, workers and young students back and forth to the mainland in good weather and bad.

Our plane is over ninety years old but still looked brand new with the highly polished corrugated aluminum exterior. Our exciting once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience flight in the world's first mass-produced airliner began as we entered the craft walking up the steep narrow interior to take one of the 15 single leather seats next to the huge windows providing excellent sight out both sides of plane. The interior was adorned with inlaid wooden panels, curtains and fancy lighting which brought our imagination alive wondering who and what station in life they might have had who shared the Tri-Motor experience nearly a century ago.

During our pre-flight briefing, we were informed that Charles Lindbergh, the famous aviator had actually flown No. 8, this very plane.

Shortly after boarding, the pilot in position behind the port steering wheel, seemingly borrowed from one of Ford's cars and labeled 'Ford' was clearly visible to the passengers. The pilot started the engines and was assisted by a flight controller stationed in front of the aircraft.

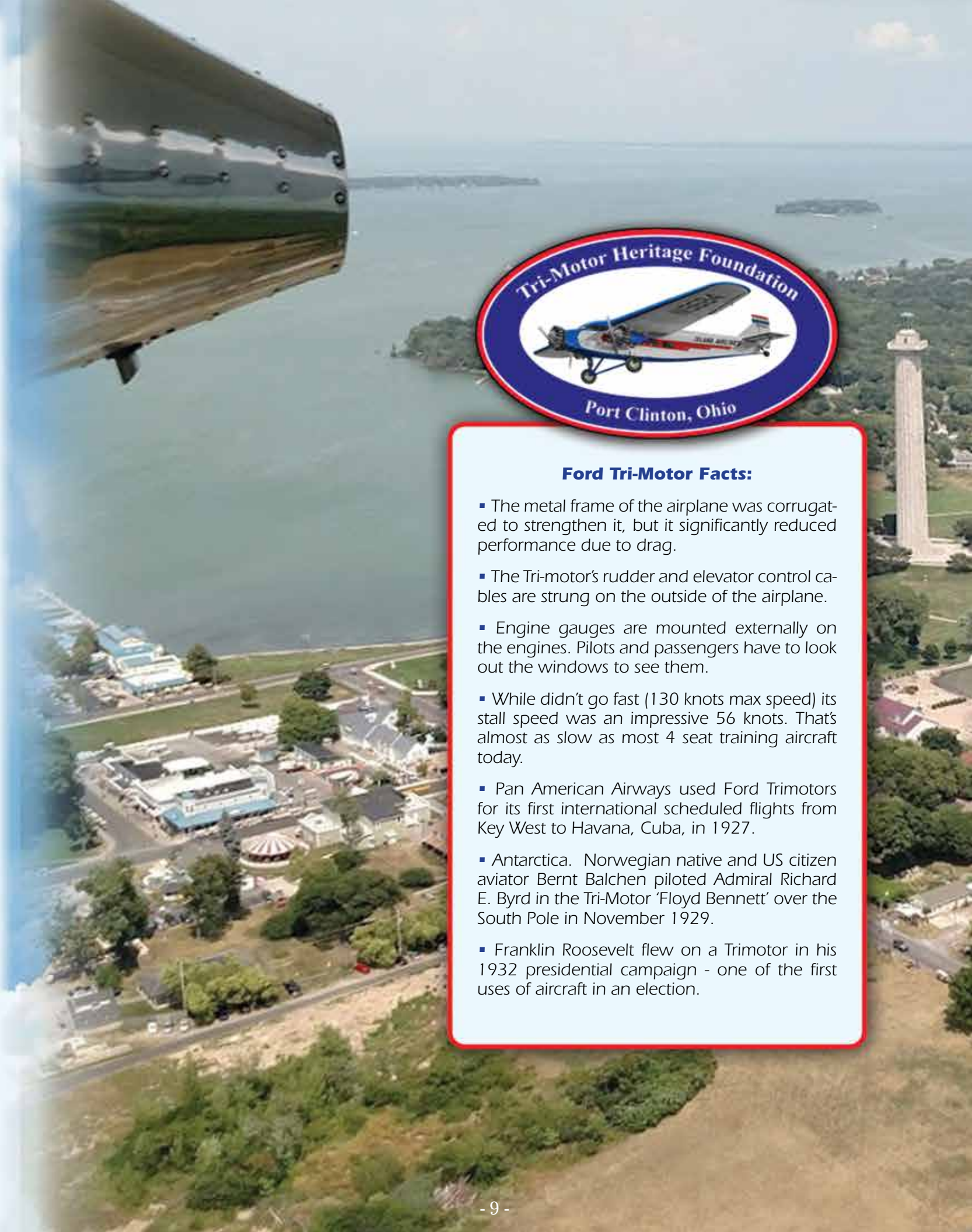


Not your typical cockpit, sporting twin steering wheels that would appear to be automotive.

The controller signaled the start of each engine as he circled the plane pointing at each engine and then twirled his index finger high in the air. After the high pitched whine of the starter, each engine came to life with an abundance of smoke and irregular roar as each of the nine air cooled, exposed cylinder began to fire. Exciting!

The pilot, with all three engines rumbling, taxied out to the runway and gently eased the three power plants to full throttle, the plane accelerated and very quickly but smoothly lifted above the runway and immediately leveled off from its pre-flight inclined stance. I was seated next to the starboard engine where I could clearly see the gauges located above the engine on its mount. Once obtaining an altitude of about 1500' the pilot throttled back the engines to about 1200 rpm allowing for a wonderful flight. This altitude and low speed allowed for a beautiful view of the island waters, boats and structures below. The 15 minute flight brought ear to ear smiles to all onboard despite ending much too soon.

We can't help but wonder just like our adventure began, how many below spied up to the sky to have their interest piqued by the sight and sounds of the Ford Tri-Motor.



Ford Tri-Motor Facts:

- The metal frame of the airplane was corrugated to strengthen it, but it significantly reduced performance due to drag.
- The Tri-motor's rudder and elevator control cables are strung on the outside of the airplane.
- Engine gauges are mounted externally on the engines. Pilots and passengers have to look out the windows to see them.
- While didn't go fast (130 knots max speed) its stall speed was an impressive 56 knots. That's almost as slow as most 4 seat training aircraft today.
- Pan American Airways used Ford Trimotors for its first international scheduled flights from Key West to Havana, Cuba, in 1927.
- Antarctica. Norwegian native and US citizen aviator Bernt Balchen piloted Admiral Richard E. Byrd in the Tri-Motor 'Floyd Bennett' over the South Pole in November 1929.
- Franklin Roosevelt flew on a Trimotor in his 1932 presidential campaign - one of the first uses of aircraft in an election.

Chilly night, yes, but it soon warmed up for Cruisers and friends as we entered the Rickloff Community Boathouse. Besides very creative appetizers and desserts provided by those in attendance, secret recipes of meats and spices came together with all the fixin's on the side. The night was heating up!

Organizers, Karen and Brad Carns were every bit the consummate hosts; ensuring that we had everything that we needed for an enjoyable evening. Their selection of tunes was a nice part of the event as well.

According to Karen, "The Chili Cook-Off, while a little smaller than last year, was a total BLAST and everyone who went had a fabulous time... if you missed it, too bad for you! We had 7 delicious chili entries with First Place going to Dave Saner and Second Place a two-way tie between Dave Wagner's Spicy XXX Chili with hot peppers grown by son Sam; and Dianne and Bob Cunningham's Cincinnati Chili, a 5-Way chili, complete with spaghetti, cheese, beans and onions! All the chili was yummy, the Rickloff Boathouse was beautiful and the sunset was one of the year's best! The BYOB format worked very well as did the appetizers and desserts. So this event is a keeper."

Here's a few other snippets from the "chilly" chili night:

- Barbara Wathan had to take notes as she tasted each chili so she could remember what she had eaten...
- Everyone said they were pretty "full 'a' beans" after sampling the varied entries... Look out!!.
- Karen heard it said that the Cruising Fleet sure has some good cooks!
- Seven chili entries and each one different from the rest!

Karen concluded, "Rickloff Community Boathouse is an absolutely perfect venue for such an event with its soaring vaulted ceilings with wood beams, huge water view windows and tremendous wrap around deck. The College Sailing Teams were practicing to the west, the sky was light blue with patchy clouds... we looked out at in awe at the sparkling blue water of Presque Isle Bay peppered with small white sails and said, 'How beautiful! We are so blessed to have this!' The sunset did not disappoint. The sky was on fire as we gathered on the west deck to snap photos to document a fine evening of fun, friends, food and a firey sky."



The firey sunset could only mimic the tasty chili simmering in their pots



A Chili Evening...

The evening of October 4th was unseasonably chilly; but the beautiful EYC sunset set the stage for the EYC Cruising Fleet's 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff.

By Dianne Cunningham with Karen Carns

Right Under Your Nose

An EYC Visual Scavenger Hunt

by Gene Polaski

Lets see how well you know your Erie Yacht Club.

Think you've been to every nick and cranny of the EYC? well let's put that to the test shall we...

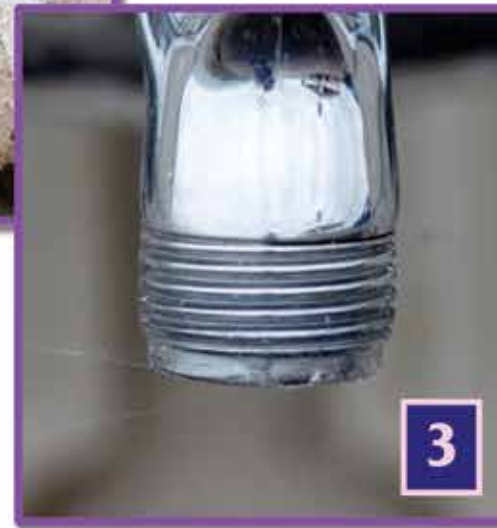
These photos were taken on and around the Club grounds. Some you may see every time you are at the Club but some are a bit inconspicuous. Most of which have been right under your nose time and time again, but can you identify their location? Lets see, and after giving it your best shot, check out the answers on page 22.



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Trivia Anyone?

The Fun & Games begin January 3rd

by P/C Dave Heitzenrater



The 2018 Season Champions, The "Dover Stairmasters" The team consists of - Ross Aresco, Casey Bowes, The Woolards, The Froehlichs, The Hollands, The Lilliss, Bill Speros and Tom Tredway.

Looking for something to help get you through the winter months after those hectic holidays? Yes, we have the perfect antidote for those winter blues and its Fun, Easy and there is Zero cost to participate. Join your friends, enjoy the food, beverages and answer a few intriguing questions, smile and laugh all while making winter pass by a bit faster and much more enjoyable!

The questioning begins on January 3th, 2019 as we launch our ninth season of EYC Thursday Night Trivia. There are eleven Thursdays of wide-ranging questions that are tossed up at 7:00 PM sharp by our infamous quizzing, questioning and inquisitive quizmaster P/C Ronald 'The Riddler' Busse.

Last season's final Thursday Night Trivia session proved to be just as much fun as the first with the laughter coming from all corners of the full room.

In scoring, the Silver fleet was topped by the 'Be Sharps' with the 'Bay Rats' retaining their second place slot by a single point over both the 'Deyzed and Confused' and the 'Tazbrainiacs' teams who tied for third. In the Gold fleet, the 'Lazy Jacks' had a big final push and surged ahead for one last time over those 'Guessing Men and Women' who tallied the third place position for the season. The 'Dover Stairmasters' had little trouble defending their 2017 championship. Congratulations to Ross Aresco and the entire team and to all players who came to have fun and support their EYC.

• What to do: Just gather up some of your best buds to form a team or join an existing team.

• A tip for success: Generally it's a good idea to have both well experienced and more youthful members of both sexes in your line-up.

• Most importantly: A clever name is important for your team but it's not necessary unless you want to be assigned a name like Lumpy Gravy.

• Also note that Thursday Night Trivia is a very popular event so weekly reservations are required to ensure your team a spot on the playing floor each of the 11 weeks.

• Remember, you don't have to place 1st to have fun but scores are noted for those interested and prizes awarded after each topical round of questions.

• Might the first question of the season be? What is the antonym of the word synonym?



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Great People & Fishing Piers

by Paul Jenkins

The wind was out of the East, the weather forecast was for rain, and the boat ramps were crowded because it was a weekend. All in all, not a very good day for using my fishing boat.

So I said to myself, "Self, it might be better to save the hassle of launching the boat and just find a quiet bay front dock to do some pan fish angling."

After buying minnows, I parked at the Chestnut fishing pier and was surprised to see three fishermen there were also trying their luck. This pier has never been a favorite spot because the water is only about two feet deep and most of the fish

caught there are small, but what the heck, it's always nice to have someone to talk to. As I walked on the pier the first fisherman said hello but I was a little skeptical of this robust man with wall to wall hideous tattoos, Harley tee-shirt, and gruff domineer. It might be better to find a spot a long ways from him.

After setting up my lawn chair and fishing gear, I noticed the Harley guy was catching quite a few small perch and offering them to the other men on the pier. Maybe this guy isn't so bad after all. When He caught five or six fish and I was still fishless, I asked him what type of bait he was using. "Nothing special," he said, "just back yard worms."



My tackle box was loaded with crank baits, jigs, and spinners of every description, and I had a bucket full of live minnows, but no worms.

Maybe it was time to get more friendly with the big Harley Guy, so I asked him if he had caught any keeper perch here lately.

"Oh, heck," he said, "A few days ago I took home about a dozen all over ten inches." Wow!, It might be time to sit a little closer and be more friendly with this guy with the beautiful tattoos.

After he went on catching loads of perch I mentioned my love of motor cycles and how I had been a bike rider for over forty years, but after retirement switched to ATV riding.

"Yeah, I stopped riding after a bad accident that put me in the hospital," he said. Then showed me the many scars from his accident and talked about the pain that was suffered during the long months in the hospital, and the worry and grief it caused his family. He also spoke of his son and the good times they have fishing.

As he went on sharing family stories, I began to see how wrong I was to judge a man by his looks and clothing. He told about how much he loved his kids and the fun they had catching the worms together.

After only pulling in a few small perch and a Rock bass, I decided to return to the bait shop to get some worms. When I mentioned what I had in mind, my new Pal, said, "Nah, don't bother", and handed me a fist full of night crawlers.

Now I was really feeling like a crumb because of the bad thoughts I had about this great guy. I put a worm on and casted it out with the bobber rig that that he recommended and still no bites.

"If you don't mind me telling you," he said, "it might do better if you fish straight down next to the pier."

After doing that, I started getting lots of bites and finally my first small fish.

As time went on I caught about a half dozen fish, and my friendly biker buddy caught two for everyone I got but it turned out that we were enjoying our story swapping as much as the fishing. I even got some good advice on how to use an oil additives to help my car get better gas mileage.

I think fisherman are some of the nicest people you will ever meet, and just maybe the those who have lots of tattoos and ware Harley shirts might even be the best of the of all. I wonder if I should buy a Harley shirt and get a small tattoo on the back of my foot? I defiantly won't forget the backyard worms next time.



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If These Docks Could Talk

by P/C Gib Loesel

The Enigma Model



The other day as I was gazing around the bar (a/k/a) the lounge and admiring some of the various items we proudly display as decorations when I spied the "dear Old Enigma" sitting over in the corner looking as beautiful as ever. Of course, this got me to thinking "again", about how it found its home here? I fully understand that many of our new members and probably most of our guests may never even heard of this "fabled" yacht and what it meant to so many of us as what could rightfully be called EYC's "old time sailors" and their families.

To those of you who don't know anything about the Enigma let me see if I can get you up to speed in 150 words or less: The Enigma was built for Kennedy M. Eckerd commonly referred to as "Uncle Ken", she was designed as a yawl by Chester A. Nedwitek built by Herman Lund (Erie, PA) and launched on May 29, 1931.

She was originally 45 feet overall and later lengthened out to 54 feet, beam 13'6". From the time she was launched until the time she departed Erie she was cruised and raced by the "boys" of the EYC under several "Captains" and became the Queen of Lake Erie Racing, holding most race course speed records. She was Uncle Ken's delight in which he took much delight sharing his wonderful beautiful vessel.

After the boat became Canadian in 1977 (she was sold to Dave Knowles in Port Dover) and Ken had "slipped his anchor" his sister Sue Britton decided to have a model made to honor her brother and his legacy in the world of yachting. As fate would have it one of the premier model builders in the country lived right here in Erie and is the son of P/C Lawrence Nagle. He is also named Lawrence but more commonly known as "Skip". Skip accepted the commission and the project came to life!!

Getting started is no easy task (keeping in mind that he didn't have a boat to look at). Fortunately he had sailed on her a number of times and his Dad's boat the Eleanor III had been in the slip right next to the Enigma. The first trick was to find the plans, next pictures which would reveal some of the unique details of her deck plan and the running rigging. For example: in the cockpit there is a box on the starboard side that contained a propane bottle (obviously added after 1931), this box was originally built with a slanted side which made it comfortable to lean against.

The box in the model now contains a list of every person who was ever a part of the crew. The trick was to get well over 90 names into the box, this was accomplished by running the original list through a reducing copier several times (not many of those were around in 1975).

This reducing trick also worked on the owner's pennant flown from Mizzen Mast and the EYC burgee flown from the Main Mast. By the way if you take a real close look at the owner's pennant it is a question mark as in "Enigma", but also resembles the south end of a cat facing north. The designer is unknown but the suspect is former Skipper Chuck Schuable.

Throughout the building process Skip would call on those of us who had been a part of the crew for "technical assistance" (in his words) asking questions and having us exam his progress for accuracy. Another example of attention to detail can be found if you examine the skylight on the cabin top, there are seven bars to protect the glass. Skip had the skylight finished with just three bars when Bill Beyer made the observation that there was seven.



When challenged Bill replied that was where we rested our beer cans and if there was only three, the cans would have fallen through. (case closed). If you like attention to detail exam the model closely, the plating of the stanchions, pulpit and other metal parts (not painted) and hand carved eagle under the bowsprit. It was little things like this, that brought the model to life.

Sue gifted the Enigma Model to EYC on August 3, 1995 and asked me to help in organizing the "party" and what a party it was!! I was instructed to invite every person who had served on the crew or had any involvement with the boat.

There was enough food to feed the Navy and enough "kickapoo joy juice" to float not only the model but maybe for the actual boat. There were no long drawn out speeches only good old "sea stories" about the so many great times everyone cherished about and on board this wonderful boat named Enigma and her proud owner Uncle Ken Eckerd!!

If "These Docks Could Talk" they would say; Thanks Uncle Ken, Thanks Sue and Thanks Skip for this everlasting treasure!!



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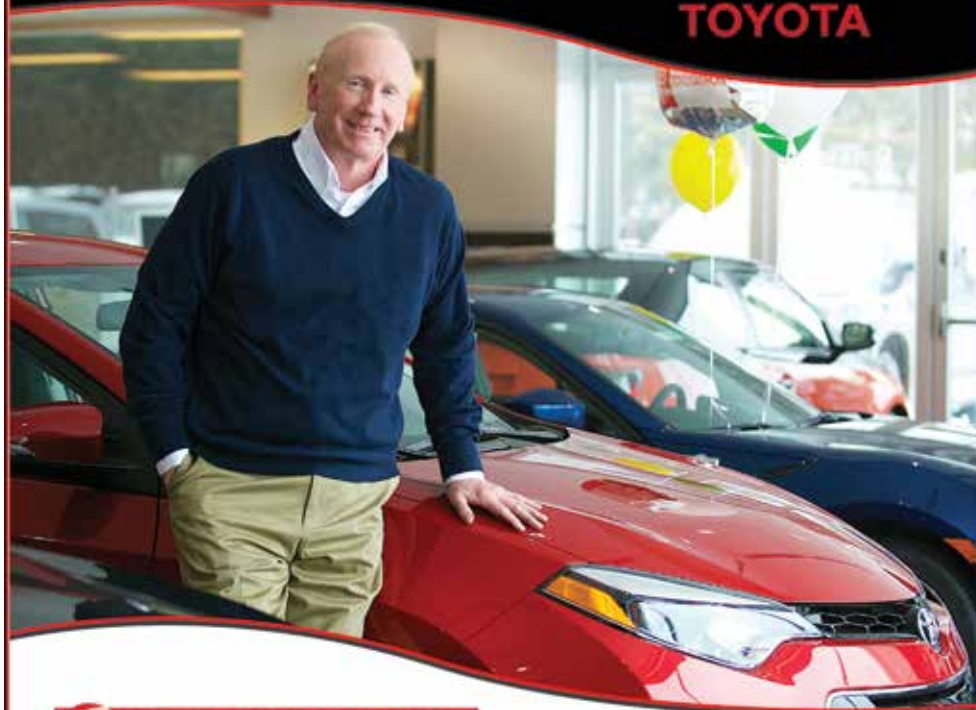
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Back to The Original...



WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?

BY DAN DUNDON

Here is another mix of quotations to help us wrap-up another year of Good Words. I hope everybody enjoys reading these as much as I enjoy putting them together for you. I came across these "Thoughts to Get You Through a Crisis", so here are some suggestions we may find helpful... or at least amusing?

Indecision is the key to flexibility.

If you ever find something you really like, buy a life-time supply because they will stop making it.

You can't tell which way the train went by looking at the track.

This is a bad as it can get... but, don't bet on it.

There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation.

By the time you make ends meet, somebody will move the ends.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Sometimes too much to drink is not enough.

Someone who thinks logically is a nice contrast to the real world.

The other line always moves faster until you get in it.

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.

Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

It is hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

If you think there is good in everybody, you have not met somebody.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

I hope you found these amusing. By all means, if you have some favorite quotes or such words-of-wisdom, send them to me (dandundon@gmail.com) for us to maybe include in future EYC log articles.

In closing...

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.

- Charles Schultz



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Historiclal Correction



It is only appropriate that this correction be made in this “Election” Issue...

A few issues back I wrote that the “hook” which was used to drag a “wordy” retiring Commodore from his podium and a long drawn out speech,was made by P/C “Doc Bressler”

...Oops

Captain Dave Bierig discovered in his records that the real creator was Richard Holden a member from the Pittsburgh area and presented to the Commodore at an annual meeting.


My apologies,
Gib Loesel


In anticipation of the Erie Yacht Clubs 125 year anniversary in 2020, your Club’s Historical Committee is seeking out interesting Club related artifacts and photographs relative to the Club’s history.

Even more recent contributions are welcome specifically those relating back to the Centennial Celebration in 1995 to the present.

So If you have anything you think may be of interest. contact P/C Gib Loesel or any member of the EYC Historical Committee through the front office at the Club.



Right Under Your Nose Answers




I hope you are not just flipping back between the pages without giving it any serious thought...

That’s just wrong.

Either way here are the answers:

- 1) Top of Mast Hoist
- 2) Tip of South Fence
- 3) Spigot on Outside North Wall of the Pier Restrooms
- 4) Rickloff Community Boathouse
- 5) Hydraulic Plumbing on the Boat Lift
- 6) Fabric of the Couch in Lobby
- 7) Speed Limit Sign on Channel Entrance Light





The following regular members of the Erie Yacht Club have been nominated for the indicated office. The following Slate of Candidates is for consideration by the regular members at the Annual Meeting on November 16th, 2018.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
Bill Gloekler

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
Peter Lund

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
Vincent Cifelli

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:
David Sanner
Tom Madura

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:
Tim McNair
Alex Nagle
Rick Seibel
Russ Thompson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT FOUR:
Karen Carns
Carrie Knox
David McBrier
P/C Matt Niemic
Tim Riley

To assist you in your evaluation of these candidates, each of the nominees was asked to prepare a statement for your consideration. These statements follow. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 16th at 7:30pm to vote for the candidates of your choice.

The Officers and Board of Directors thank the following Board members who have completed their terms on the Board for their dedicated service to the Club:
P/C David Haller, Harvey Downey, David Lasher

Also Nominating Committee members:
P/C Gerry Urbaniak - Chairman, P/C David Arthurs, P/C David Haller, Neal Baker, William Crotty, P/C John Orlando and P/C Greg Gorny

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting and the 2018 complete Financial Statement will be made available for members to pick up on November 6th, 2018 in the Club’s front office. In addition an abbreviated version of the Financial Report will be available on the Club’s website in the “Members’ Only” section and will be emailed to those members with an email address on file.

The Bridge Officers

COMMODORE BILL GLOEKLER



This marks my 7th year serving on the Erie Yacht Club Bridge and Board. I have had the privilege to have worked with many dedicated members who have offered a steady hand on the helm assuring our club remains the finest on the Great Lakes. A special thanks to John Orlando, Dave Haller and Greg Gorny how have provided guidance to me during my time on the Bridge... Thank You!

The House Committee has been very active this past year. Together with leadership of GM Mike Lynch, EYC hired a new Chef, Michelle Davis, we improved the plantings about the Club house exterior, replaced the house sound system, installed Fiber optic internet service and adopted a new employee training manual. I've also had the opportunity to serve on Finance, Safety and Long Range committees... accomplishments of these committees are too many to mention in this brief report but please know I appreciate the dedication of EYC members who volunteer on these committees and the tireless hours they spend helping your Club run efficiently and safely.

I ask for your vote for Commodore. I promise to work with you to chart a course which continues the excellence you expect of our Club.

VICE COMMODORE PETER LUND



My year as Rear Commodore has been a rewarding and educational experience. I want to thank the membership of the Erie Yacht Club for another year of their trust. The Docks Committee with six volunteer members were tasked with placement our members boats balancing slip requests with seniority but using the "best fit rule" as an overarching principle. We also looked at dock and basin maintenance issues. We looked at dock safety with recommendations of a new lifejacket rule for children updating the fueling guidelines at our fuel dock and inspections of shore power lines for compliance with marine requirements. Finally, we on the Dock Committee are looking to the future with the question of our basin design and will it fit future needs. This will be an on going process for our docks committee.

The other duties of Rear Commodore have been an exceptional educational opportunity. This Club has many moving parts which include the docks and our Marina, the clubhouse with its food and bar activities, the 37 acres of grounds with millions of dollars of equipment to support operations and the foundation and its own educational community outreach for water sports activities all furthering the Erie Yacht Club mission.

But the most gratifying aspect of my year as a bridge officer is getting to know more of you. We have a great Club only partly because of the location and the great facility. It is the wisdom of our past leaders and the spirit and enthusiasm of our current membership that wins the day.

REAR COMMODORE VINCENT CIFELLI



Hello fellow members,

It's hard to believe it has been a year since I was asking for your vote to be Fleet Captain. I would like to begin by thanking you for giving me the opportunity to serve, It has been a pleasure for me , and I hope you were happy with my performance over the past year. In addition to serving on the Board Of Directors , the Dock Committee , JR Sailing Committee and helping the Erie Yacht Club Foundation locate and purchase boats, I have been the chairperson for the Grounds Committee. Working with my committee members whom I would like to thank for their service, our Dock Master , General Manager and staff that work tirelessly for us has taught me what it takes to keep our Club the beautiful place we all love to be a part of.

I would also like to thank the Ladies of the Bridge who run our Thursday Night Trivia, among other things the proceeds from which they used to buy picnic tables and adirondack chairs for our new Picnic Shelter, and my wife Mary Lee for her work as one of the Ladies of the Bridge, and for her support and patience with me and my schedule.

With your blessing it would be my honor to serve as your Rear Commodore for the upcoming year. Thank You



FLEET CAPTAIN TOM MADURA

I wish to thank the Nominating Committee for choosing to place me on this year's ballot for Fleet Captain. I was born and raised in Erie, and my favorite childhood memories all revolve around Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay. As I got older, joining the Erie Yacht Club just seemed like the natural thing to do to allow me to fully appreciate the advantages of these wonderful resources. I continue to be impressed by the friendliness, enthusiasm, and passion for boating shared by my fellow EYC members.

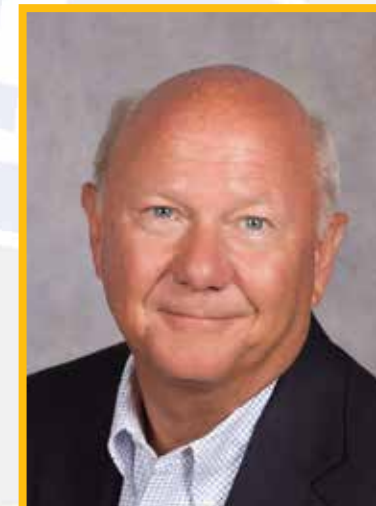
My wife Cindy and I thoroughly enjoy the social aspects of the Club, attending as many functions as we can. We also spend many hours enjoying our sailboat, "Good Vices", whether we're out day-sailing, racing, or just relaxing aboard and watching the spectacular EYC sunsets!

Since joining the Club I have spent many hours volunteering and serving on many committees. I am currently a member of both the Grounds and House Committees, and recently completed three years on the Board of Directors.

I served for many years on the Entertainment Committee, and I am especially proud to have been the driving force behind the successful seasonal Wine Tastings, the Winter Solstice Party, and the very popular Chili Cup sailboat race.

I am a frequent contributor to the LOG, and truly enjoy my role as a contributing photographer. It was also my great pleasure to have served as the Chairman of the EYC Racing Fleet, and I continue to serve on its Executive Committee. In my professional life as a Quality Engineer for BASF Corporation, I have developed teamwork, leadership, planning, and decision-making skills which also serve me well in many areas of my private life.

I would be honored to be able to put my skills, experience, and enthusiasm for the EYC to work as Fleet Captain, continuing to make the Erie Yacht Club the best on the Great Lakes!



FLEET CAPTAIN DAVID SANNER

I am honored to be chosen by the Nominating Committee as a candidate for the position of Fleet Captain.

Now entering our 30th year of membership, my wife, Julie, and I appreciate all the Erie Yacht Club has offered to us. I have always had a great love of boating starting when I participated in the Junior Sailing Program as a child. Both of our daughters learned to sail in the Reyburn Sailing program as well. My wife and I took lessons and competed in the adult sailing program. I crewed in the JAM races and sailed our Catalina 30 with family and friends for many years. Now as power boaters we continue to enjoy all that Lake Erie has to offer.

During my years as a member I have served on the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee and currently on the EYC Foundation Board and the Board of the EYC Cruising Fleet. I've also enjoyed volunteering in Frolic on the Bay and the Red Cross Regatta. Working with the past Bridge and Board taught me a lot about how our club operates and has provided me with the knowledge and confidence to work effectively to keep our Club the Premiere Club that it is.

On a personal note, I recently retired from our 75-year-old family business, Sanner Office Supply. Over the years I have served on both local and national boards. My business experience affords me the management skills that will be an asset in providing a fiscally responsible direction for our Club. I will work hard to ensure the continued success of the Club with a careful monitoring of expenses while working to increase revenues. Being retired I will have the time available to commit toward achieving these goals.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Candidates for Board of Directors



RICK SEIBEL

It is an honor to be considered to serve the Club in this capacity. Enjoying the waters of Erie's shoreline has been a passion of mine since visiting my grandparents and departing from EYC for a fishing trip when I was three years old. I was eternally hooked! Since then, our family has enjoyed an assortment of boats, from power to sail, from PWC to self-propelled, taking pleasure in both the fun and the work associated with such ownership. Through my family I have enjoyed the benefits of the EYC for more than 50 years appreciating the Club's offerings through every season of the year. Each member of my family enjoys a different aspect of the water, which allows me to experience it all.

A little about me for those faces I recognize but have never had the pleasure to socialize with. Born in Erie, having lived here the majority of my life. I am a Mercyhurst College grad, a CPA, and recently retired after a fulfilling 32 years in banking. Volunteering is inherently my nature, I believe in giving back to the community that has provided me so much pleasure. I have served in many volunteer roles both professionally and socially, and have already served the Club on the finance and Rebyburn Sailing School committees.

I believe I can effectively serve the Club by blending both my affection for the Club, and my professional training and experiences. I have witnessed firsthand the impressive evolution of the grounds and facilities over the past 50 years. Its continued improvement and the sustainability are of my utmost desire. With your confidence I will be able to contribute to the Club's success.



ALEX NAGLE

I would like to begin by thanking the nominating committee for considering me for a position on the Board of Directors; it is a privilege to be asked to continue my service to the Erie Yacht Club. Having served on the nominating committee two years ago, I know that all of the candidates are extremely qualified and it is an honor to be counted among them.

I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club since I was 16 years old, but these docks have been a part of my life since my earliest memories. I am a product of the Junior Sailing program, having attended as a student, taught as head instructor, and served for the past 5 years on the Junior Sailing Committee. Those experiences have led me on a path through life never far from the water, and my love of sailing, racing, and boating would serve as a backdrop for my work on the board of directors.

Professionally, I work as the Chief Data Scientist for an international market research firm, managing teams in the US, Japan, and Europe. The scope of our projects is large and highly analytical, yet the results need to be actionable and approachable to a wide audience. This dichotomy presents new challenges every day, the experience of which I would happily bring to the EYC board. Additionally, I hold a 100-ton Coast Guard Master's License, and have been a volunteer Ski Patrolter for 19 years.

It is important to me that my young daughter and the entire next generation of EYC members has the same wonderful experiences at the Club as I have had, and with your vote I will enthusiastically embrace this responsibility to serve the current and future EYC membership. Thank you for your consideration..



RUSS THOMPSON

Special thanks to all of those who served and are serving the EYC. I have witnessed, first hand, the dedication and commitment needed and respect the position of a director at the EYC. I am at a time in my life where I am ready to take on this responsibility.

I own and have managed a successful software development company since the early 1980's. I have the experience and I now have the time to serve.

I have served the EYC in many capacities over the past 25 years. I was fleet chair in 2005 and worked closely with David Haller to help usher in the Family Jam Racing Fleet which is, to this day, the envy of many other yacht clubs both big and small. Ken Reed and Gary Jobson, both world champions, noted how lucky we are to have this beautiful venue, including our bay. I am proud of the EYC and I intend to honor the fine traditions that this Club has enjoys.

I recognize that the EYC is made up of a diverse group. I want EYC powerboaters to know that I will represent your concerns equally as I learn the intricacies of managing the EYC and help guide the Club in to the future.

I have served on our nominating committee and most recently I have spent a great deal of time managing the technological aspects of the Club. I assisted in the provisioning of high-speed fiber optic internet connectivity, including the best basin Wi-Fi service the Club has ever experienced. This was done at a fraction of the original quoted cost. There is more work to be done though and I am well qualified for the job.

I respectfully recognize the talent of my fellow candidates in asking for your vote.



TIM MCNAIR

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of our Club. Since my wife Karin and I joined in 2003, it has been our "home away from home." I moved to Erie in 1982, and immediately felt a connection to the town and to its waterfront. Growing up South of here, I have been boating since the age of 8, and continued as soon as I got to Erie with the joint purchase of a 19" day sailer, "Seabiscuit." That progressed to a 22' SeaMew sloop hand built by a former member of the Club. After we married, Karin persuaded me to go the powerboat route, with a series of powerboats (interrupted by the fabulous 30' Hunter "Speedy,") to the Jolly Mon, our Sea Ray 340 Express. We go out almost every weekend day the weather allows during the season. We enjoy being part of the EYC Cruising Fleet. I also enjoy serving on the Race Committee and participating in Frolic on the Bay every year.

I have made many friendships at the Club, and have always been impressed with the quality of leadership the organization has. I serve on the Boards of several other organizations, including Empower Eri, where I am the Board Chair, the Police Athletic League, the Pa. Association for Justice Board of Governors, and the Chestnut Hills Homeowners Association. I appreciate the demands and duties involved in helping to guide an organization.

I ask for your vote for me to join the Board to help the Club continue to give the level of service to its members that they want and need, and to advance the goals of providing the premier boating facility on the Great Lakes. I will serve with dedication, energy and contribute to the best of my ability.

**Don't Forget to Cast your Vote
On Friday, November 16th at 7:30 PM**

Candidates for Nominating Committee



**CARRIE
KNOX**

I am honored to be asked to run for the nominating Committee of the Erie Yacht Club. It would be a privilege to give back to our Club, which has been such an integral part of my life since childhood. From riding my stingray bicycle down the hill to Sailing Class, through years of

boating and Sunday brunches with my family to becoming a Regular Member and boat owner myself when I returned to Erie 14 years ago. This Club is a very special place to me.

Throughout my career in Sales, Marketing and advertising at ad agencies, Georgia Pacific, International Paper and now C.R. Weber Realtors, I have learned that a team of individuals with different talents can accomplish amazing things. While part of a small team at IP, we grew the corporation's largest account five-fold over ten years. That combination of skill sets, hard work and dedication is what the volunteers on the Bridge and Board of this Club have been doing over the last century, and what they must continue to do. I would welcome the opportunity to seek members with the necessary talents and skills to keep our Club progressing for many years to come.



**P/C MATT
NIEMIC**

It is an honor and a privilege to be considered for a seat on the Erie Yacht Club Nominating Committee. Having served on various club committees, the Board of Directors, and as your Past Commodore, I realize the importance of the Nominating Committee.

Many Clubs in our area and around the country are struggling to maintain membership and even remain open. We have so many great members who volunteer their time and energy to making this Club run. The vibrant and progressive position our Club enjoys is a direct result of finding and encouraging dedicated members to fill the many elected positions that guide our Club. In my view, it is an enjoyable and rewarding experience serving this Club. If elected, I will continue to do my best to help the Nominating Committee select from the many qualified members to fill the slate of candidates.

Respectfully,
P/C Matthew Niemic

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**DAVID
MCBRIER**

Just walking into the Erie Yacht Club puts a smile on my face because many of my wonderful friends are there. And over the years, I have been proud to represent the Erie Yacht Club throughout North America and Asia on my sailing adventures and carry and present our Erie Yacht Club Burgee along the way.

Special appreciation to Past Commodore Gerry Urbaniak and Vincent Cifelli for encouraging my continued participation in our fine Yacht Club. I am honored to be a candidate for this important position on the Nominating Committee, I look forward to serving you on this committee and would sincerely appreciate your consideration and vote at the General Meeting this year. If elected to the Nominating Committee, I pledge to give all my effort and talents to the prudent selection of members needed to maintain the continued success of the Erie Yacht Club.

Thank you to my fellow mates of the Erie Yacht Club whom I have explored the lakes, oceans, and harbors with over the years! And if I am lucky, they will vouch for me that I am an ideal candidate for the Nominating Committee.

Sincerely, David McBrier

Candidates for Nominating Committee



**KAREN
CARNS**

As Club Secretary-Treasurer for 16 years, I had the opportunity to serve with over 56 different Directors and Commodores. During that time, I attended 192 Board Meetings, 16 Budget Meetings, organized and attended 16 Annual Meetings and several Special Meetings (including Pool

and new Docks) where numerous significant discussions and decisions took place. I saw how various Officers and Directors approached their responsibilities. Maybe more than anyone but a Past Commodore who has served in all the Chairs, I understand the skills and qualities needed to be effective in running our Club.

The Nominating Committee's responsibility is to propose candidates with these skills. A 20-plus year Club member, I own a sailboat and powerboat, was active in the EYC Racing Fleet, co-founded and serve as current Co-Chair of the EYC Cruising Fleet, served on many committees and was a Trustee of the EYC Foundation. Consequently, I know a wide circle of fellow Club members. My extensive Club involvement uniquely equips me to serve on Nominating and assist in making the crucial choice of candidates to lead our Club into the future. Therefore, I ask you to allow me the privilege of being a Nominating Committee representative in 2019. Thank you!



**TIM
RILEY**

I've enjoyed visiting EYC and sailing on other people's boats much of my adult life, but when Al Taylor, John Lubahn and I bought our CAT 30 in early 2013, it was finally time for me to become a regular member. I wish I'd done that 35 years earlier!

My wife, Patty, and I have three sons living in Boston, Austin and New York City, one of whom is a Reyburn alum. Patty works for Perseus House as a tutor for Erie School District students who are unable to attend regular classes. I've practiced law in Erie since 1978, first at MacDonald Illig Jones & Britton, and since 1993 at my present firm, Conner Riley Friedman & Weichler, which Andy Conner and I co-founded.

I currently serve as member of the Board of the Erie County Convention Center Authority and the American Association for Justice, a national trial lawyers group. This year I was honored as Chancellor of the Bar by the Erie County Bar Association, and by Best Lawyers as Lawyer of the Year in Medical Malpractice Law- Plaintiffs for the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area, which includes Erie. I'm honored to have been asked to run and, if chosen, would consider it a privilege to serve.

Club Offers Absentee Ballot

The 2018 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday November 16th On September 18th, requests for an absentee ballot for the election of office will be available. You can secure an election ballot by contacting the Club office. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM and Saturday 8 AM-3PM. The Club phone number is 453-4931.

Please state the address to which you would like your ballot mailed. Ballots will be mailed on Tuesday, October 23rd, which is 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on November 16th.

The office will keep a list of those members to whom we send a ballot. Once we mail you a ballot, you will not be eligible to receive another ballot.

So if your plans change, and you come to the Annual meeting in person you will not be given another ballot. **Vote with the ballot you were sent!**

Once you receive your absentee ballot, please mark it and return it to the Club in the specially marked envelope as soon as possible. The returned ballots will be placed under lock and key in the office until the night of the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will then give all returned ballots to the Head Teller to be tallied with those cast at the meeting. You may return your sealed ballot to the Club as late as the start of the meeting on November 16, 2018 @ 7:30.

Any questions? Feel free to stop by or call the Club office.



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November Calendar of Club Events

- 3rd EYC Racing Fleet Awards Banquet
Club closed at 2pm
6pm Registration & Cocktails
6:45 Dinner Buffet • \$25 per person
8pm Awards Presentation
9:30 Entertainment & Dancing by Smoking Section
See registration form on the Club's website
- 4th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 11th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 16th EYC Annual Meeting • 7:30pm
Only regular members permitted at meeting - No guests or spouses
Dining room open 5pm - 7pm
- 17th Wild Game & Bourbon Tasting
Explore the world of "Wild Game Cuisine" each paired with a Whiskey, Bourbon or Scotch
6pm • Limited seating call 453-4931
- 18th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 21st EYC Turkey Bowl • 5pm - 9pm
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres
Drink Specials • \$14 Dinner Specials
Entertainment by Encore
- 22nd Thanksgiving Day • Club Closed
- 25th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm

Make Your Opinion Count



Vote at Every Level

Keep Christmas Merry and Let the EYC Handle Your Party!

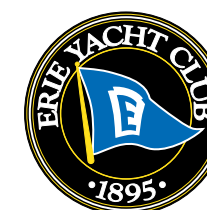
Another Christmas party season is fast approaching! The Erie Yacht Club is the perfect location for your business or organizations Christmas party. Not only will you enjoy beautiful panoramic views of Presque Isle Bay from our Bayside Ballroom, but the clubhouse is sure to be adorned in plenty of holiday spirit.

Red and Green embellishments throughout the clubhouse provide a joyful, sophisticated setting for your upcoming Christmas party. We take the worry out of decorating, and are certain to provide enough Christmas feast and yuletide to satisfy any occasion. Whether large or small, casual or formal, the Erie Yacht Club has all the options for your holiday festivities.

Although weekend dates are filling quickly, we are still accepting reservations for weekdays and Sunday afternoon or evenings. Please remember, these dates will fill quickly so be certain to call today and reserve a date!

Please contact our Catering Manager, Elizabeth Dougan, either at 453-4931 or catering@eriyachtclub.org.

Happy Holidays!



December Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Members Christmas Party & Dinner Dance
6:30 Cocktails & Hors d' Oeuvres
Entertainment by Manhattan
\$36 per person+ tax & gratuity
Reservations at 453-4931
- 2nd A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 8th Breakfast with Santa • 10am
Visit with Santa & Kids decorate an Ornament from Claytopia
Entertainment from the Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Reservations Required
- 9th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 11th Dinner with Santa • 6pm
Santa Visits • Kids can decorate an Ornament from Claytopia
Entertainment from the Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Reservations Required
- 16th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 22nd Winter Solstice Party on the Patio
6pm - 10pm • Join Old Man Winter & EYC members to celebrate the longest day of the year!
Drink Specials and entertainment by Key West Express
- 23rd A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 24th Christmas Eve; Club Closed
- 25th Christmas Day; Club Closed
- 30th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 31st EYC New Years Bash! • 9pm - 1am
Hors d' oeuvre Buffet • Party Favors
Champagne Toast • Casual Attire
Music by Street Level
Reservations Required 453-4931

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