

Commodore

A big thanks to our fleet captain Gary Wilson, for a great mystery bus trip. Everyone had a great time, and the clubs we visited treated our members like gold. We had 2 full buses, great job. Spring is right around the corner, that means there is a ton of work to do. The big hoist has to be working as soon as possible. See Terry Trimmer, he can use all the help he can get. Also, the docks need a lot of attention, we need manpower. Come on down and get your work hours in, and at the same time meet the many great members we have.

For the newer members, I would like to remind them, we have Regular membership meetings the 1st and 3rd Monday (8:00 p.m.) of every month. We sure could use your input in the many projects and functions of the club. More involvement of our members, the stronger our club will be. Think deep water and good weather. Looking forward to a great boating season.

Mike Myers

Thought for the month.

*“Small minds discuss people.
Average minds discuss events,
Great minds discuss ideas.”*

Vice Commodore

April is coming on us fast and furious and we all will be thinking of getting the boats ready for this upcoming season. But I want to remind you of all the events coming up also. The Easter Bash will be combined with our 2nd Annual Reverse Raffle; both events are fun and could be profitable for a few of us. Buy your reverse raffle tickets from your officers.

The month of May is always active with the Ladies App. Dinner, the 40 hour workers party, Dunkers Dance and 5 Club Poker Run. This is why ORYC is such a great club there are so many events, to bring friends together and enjoy each others company.

On a personal note, Debi and I had the good fortune to travel with our past Fleet Captain John Strick and his wife Peggy to St. Lucia West Indies. And as Past Fleet Captain, John thought it would be nice to seek out a yacht club in St. Lucia and exchange burgees with them. We found “St. Lucia Yacht Club” and talk to some of the members. They were friendly and asked questions about our club and wondered what we did during the cold winter months. They didn’t have that problem down there for their club sits right on the beach and over looks the blue waters of the Caribbean. We all had a good time and came back to reality and 10 to 20 degree temp.

Remember get involved in the club, we have so many good people to get to know.

Bill Jankowski

Rear Commodore

Attention, Mark Cunnigham, Fritz Rogaki and Rich Vail. Thanks for all the help with the bar while Kathy and I were in Florida. I wish I could say that the weather was bad down in Florida, but I can’t. We’ll be back to the bad stuff soon enough.

Don’t forget to come out to the Club and enjoy it. Remember, after you finish working on your boats, this spring, come over to the Club and have a cold one.

Mike DeAngelo

Yard Master

I think after the last couple of days, spring is right around the corner. I know there has been a lot of talk about how much work we have to accomplish in a short time. Now is the time to get busy working. We have a couple of major projects underway. The main hoist well pad is one and Scott Warnka's major dock repair is another. We have a lot of members that have already helped out. It would be great to see more. Work parties just aren't limited to Saturdays anymore. To get all the work finished, work parties will be on Sundays and also throughout the week. If you can't make it down on the weekend, Scott and I have people lined up during the week to head the work up. I realize it sounds like we are always asking for help, but just to stop down, take a look around and you'll understand why. Mother Nature really did a number on us this year. Please remember, as you start working on your boats – keep your ladder locked up and the gates closed when your leave. Until next month – THINK SUN!!!

Terry Trimmer

Dock Master

Signs of good weather have finally started showing up. Sometimes you wonder if winter was ever going to let go of us. Finally it did, and not a moment too soon. As I have said in my past articles we have some work to do on our docks. The weather has started to be a little more favorable, and work has started. I would like to thank the members who have been coming down for the work parties. Your work is helpful and I certainly do appreciate it. However, there is still more to do. I know together we can accomplish the repairs. Not only do our docks need repairs, so do a lot of the catwalks. There are a number of broken and loose boards on our catwalks. These need to be fixed. Keep in mind that it is the responsibility of the dock holders to make sure your catwalks are safe and secure. Also, the steel on your catwalks need to be painted, this too is the dock holders responsibility. I have the materials and painting supplies needed to do these jobs. If you need or want anything else done to your dock, contact me and together we'll see what we can do.

Another reminder to our dock holders is that one of the requirements for a dock is to show proof of insurance. If you have a dock and have provided me with your proof of insurance, thank you. If you have not, please see to it that I receive a copy of your boat insurance. If there are any questions on this, please refer to our by-laws under the dock rules and regulations section.

I'm proud of our club, I'm proud of our docks, and I'm very proud of our members. So thank all of you for making our club set the standards other clubs will want to follow. "Remember clean docks, organized docks, are safe docks." Thank you!

Scott Warnka

Vice-Editor of the Mud Hump

I am very glad to hold this position that my father has given to me. I take great pride in doing this not only for him, but for all of you that read this newsletter every month. I may not be perfect and I might misspell people's names and or events that go on and I am sorry. If you would just let me know I would be more than happy to fix any problems that there might be. Hopefully in the newsletters to come they will be flawless. This is really pointed to an individual that I missed spelled his name in the first two Mud Humps that I worked and completed. I am sorry **Bill Jankowski**, I never meant to call you Brain and I am still not sure why I did it. For further successfulness in these newsletters, I ask that if you want something in the Mud Hump and you do it on the computer that you please take the 10 seconds and put it on a disk for me. This is to make sure your article is accurate and so I don't have to second guess what you meant or wrote down. If you have any questions feel free to talk to me or my father. I hope I do this club justice and all the members that contribute each month. I thank you all again for this opportunity.

James Shearer

As the sun was setting on the isle of St. Lucia, March 6th, ORYC's burgee was being presented to Duncan Hartfield, an officer of the St. Lucia Yacht Club, BWI. Duncan then presented their club's burgee to our Vice Commodore Bill Jankowski and Lady Debi while John and Peggy stood by. As members of the St. Lucia Yacht Club looked on, Duncan assured all present that ORYC's burgee would be hung at the club by night's end. Add another club to the long list of where our burgee flies.



Historian The Curse

We left our brave soul flicking his feather duster over the wicked mummies sarcophagus and declaring that there was nothing to the old hags curse. The very next day his son was stricken with a rare illness and died.

A photographer took a picture of the mummies casket and when he developed the picture, at his studio, he was shocked to see an apparition emulating from the top of the sarcophagus that was so horrible as to be beyond belief. While staring at the picture in disbelief he became possessed by the mummies evil spirit and was reduced to a raving maniac and committed suicide.

Over the course of the next few years her evil held sway over the museum until the directors were forced to try and sell her for a fraction of her worth. However, do to the stories of her evil it soon became apparent that the mummy couldn't even be given away.

In 1912, an American archeologist heard of mummy and in spite of her reputation bought her. Declaring to all that it must be an unfortunate set of circumstances that surrounds her and not any evil that gives her, her reputation. He then purchased passage to America on the first available steamer. Of all the ships in which to end up on, no other than the maiden voyage of White Star Lines new, unsinkable, Supper Liner, "*Titanic*".

In an interview with layer Fredrick Seward, a Titanic survivor, related this first hand account to a reporter for the New York World, he describing as to how he witnessed the loading of the mummies shipping crate into the bowels of the Titanic. Did she waste time in beginning to work her evil on the passenger and crew of the ill-fated ship?

Lets take a look a one of the passenger on board the Titanic, a spiritualist by the name of W.T. Stead. He delighted in tell stories of the mummies curse to any of the dinner guests that would listen and one of these listeners happened to be none other than the ships captain, Captain Smith. Captain Smith was said to have been very uncomfortable knowing that the mummy was in the hold of his beloved Titanic.

All seamen are superstitious and Captain Smith was no exception to the rule. Beginning his career in the age of sail when little things out of the ordinary were said to jinx a ship. By having none other than the dreaded Princess Amen-Ra, stored in his hold, could have instilled in him a dread so great that it may have affected his judgment? How else can you explain his disregard for the ice warnings he received through out the day and on into the night? Surely a man of his vast experience and knowledge of the sea and the conditions that exit in the north Atlantic, at that time year, wouldn't sail along at over twenty knots unless some outside influence was involved? Oh, I know that he was ordered to make a fast trip, but the bottom line is he and he alone was responsible for maintaining a safe speed. Could some curse have caused him to loose his sense of judgment, thereby causing him to loose his responsibility to his passengers and crew?

Just in case you've forgot, there was a ship, the *Californian*, stopped and drifting not ten miles distance from the *Titanic* when she struck the iceberg. What had possessed her captain to decide to ignore the steamer that was shooting of rockets and roll over and go back to sleep? Not just on one occasion, but also several times during the night. Was it Amen-Ra? Next month: The Mummy Returns.

John H Achinger

FLOWER PERSON

In Hospital

**Dave Morris
Bill Gray
Nira Sherman**



**PAT CUNNINGHAM
419-726-1700**

At Home

**Tom Zank
Chris Larnhart
Ken Sabin
Rosemary Hepfinger
Ron Deeb
Mike Spittler
Scott Sanford
Bill Kasper**

With Sympathy For:

*Janice Weil on the death of her husband Randy,
13 Yr. ORYC Member.*

Edna Clayton on the death of her brother in Florida.

Chris & Bob Shivley on the death of her father.

Kim & Tony Wolf on the death of her brother.

Mark & Tina Castellani on the death of her father.

Sandy & Tom Mulford on the death of her mother.

Memorial Plaques & Memorial Bricks

These are still on-going projects at our Club.

In lieu of flowers, as an expression of sympathy, consider a \$50 donation to the Building Fund for the Memorial Plaque or a \$100 donation to the Building Fund for a Memorial Brick in the new walkway. Your loved one's name will be added and become a permanent legacy in the Ottawa River Yacht Club.

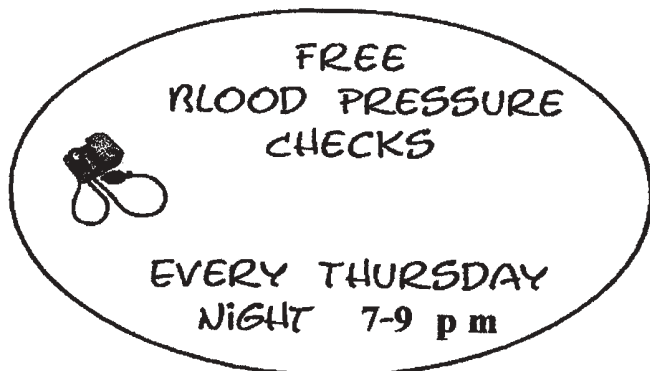
Please make checks payable to the ORYC Building Fund and specify whether for a Memorial Brick or the Memorial Plaque.

Dear Readers -

If you know or hear of someone in need of a word of cheer or comfort, please call me so that we can put it in the MudHump and send a card.

Usually, the family member is understandably too busy to call, so we would appreciate hearing from you.

Pat



Attention - Ladies!

Anyone wishing to donate their time or a dish to serve at the funeral wakes of our members, please call Edna Clayton or any member of the Satin Gavel.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

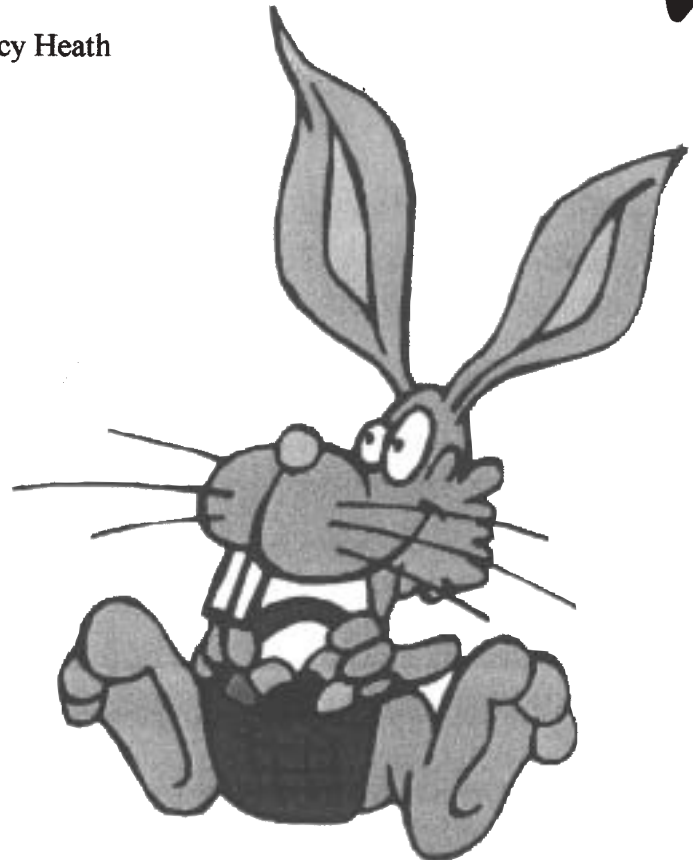
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Rose Clapper | 20. Howard Pinkley |
| 9. James Kessler
Tammy Martin
Steve Gale | 21. Tom Hamrick |
| 10. Margaret Meegan | 22. Roger Brannon |
| 12. Kimberly Kempf
Joyce Morris | 23. Larry Edinger |
| 13. Buzzy Achinger | 24. Carol Mack
JoAnn Bienyk |
| 15. Nora Sanford | 25. Shari Patterson
Richard Roznowski
Debbie Larnhart
Rob Vernon |
| 17. Ed Hepfinger
Sandra Mulford | 27. Raymond Roche |
| 18. Tom Zunk | 28. William Kasper
Lewis Hosbach |
| 19. Tim Crites | 29. Nancy Heath |

April Wedding Anniversaries

- 2. Fred & Debbie Tate
- 10. Audrey & William Born
- 12. Al & Pat Piotrowski
- 14. Gale & Bob Martin
- 16. Cel & Bill Berenchik
Jeff & Adrienne Storey
- 19. Trish & Bob Groth
Lolita & Lewis Hosbach
- 25. Gary & Janet Beilstein

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Birthday



Blue Gavel Fish Fry

Friday April 18th
From 4:30 pm till 8:00 pm

Fish – Potatoes – Coleslaw – Roll and Butter
All you can eat

Adults \$8.00 Children under 12 \$4.00



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The Ottawa Kleanup Association
Needs your Help



Volunteers needed to work at the Nature Trail on
Hoffman Road
Just off Matzinger and Benore Rds.

May 10th 2003

Cleanup Party

Coffee and Doughnuts at 8:30am

Clean Up Activities 9 – 12

Lunch immediately after provided by ORKA

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3	4 IYLA	5 IYLA EASTER BASH REVERSE RAFFLE DOCK WORK PARTY 8AM-12PM
6 BREAKFAST CLUB 9-11:30 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	7 REGULAR MEETING 8 P.M.	8	9	10	11	12 BOWLING BANQUET 6 P.M.
13 BREAKFAST CLUB PALM SUNDAY	14	15	16 BOARD MEETING 7 P.M.	17 VICE-EDITOR TURNS 18 YRS OLD!	18 BLUE GAVEL FISH FRY 4:30- 8:30 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 NO BREAKFAST EASTER SUNDAY	21 REGULAR MEETING 8 P.M.	22 EARTH DAY	23 SECRETARIES DAY	24	25 AYC BOWLING BANQUET ARBOR DAY	26
27 BREAKFAST CLUB 9-11:30	28 PRESS NIGHT 6 P.M.	29	30 BOARD MEETING			