



Root Beer Float

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President's Message

My Fellow Checkers

In this, our final letter as President, I thought about beginning with a warning about “dangerous factions and entangling alliances.” But then, those warnings have been given already by certainly more historic and esteemed presidents than we have been, so we will simply say that it has been a pleasure, especially because we can end on such a high note with all that is planned for the near future.

Let us begin with a perhaps sour note: annual dues are now due. You have already received an advisory about it from Sal DiFede, who has taken over from Richard Huff as the “ramrod” of our outfit. Soon you will be getting your bill from Ms. Tropinka. Please don’t set it aside as our club functions so much more smoothly when all of the dues are paid on time.

Next week we will have a speaker at our Tuesday luncheon, Nora DeVeau Rosen, the new managing artistic director at the Two River Theater Company will be giving what should prove to be an enjoyable talk about her work. We expect a larger than normal speaker crowd so it is particularly important that you let Bill Tice know if you intend to come when he sends his email around so that we can alert Bahr’s if a larger space will be needed. As usual, spouses and guests are invited.

On June 20, we will be having our monthly birthday cake. Those with a sweet tooth take note.

On June 27th, we will have our annual reorganization meeting, one which I have long awaited. Lunch will be FREE to all members! This will finally give the club a chance to clear out the rot that has set in at the top and to move on to a more stable future. Rich Vodhanel has promised a bloodless coup and we sincerely hope that he can keep that promise as Puddy and I should be safely out of the country by then and able to enjoy the funds we have accumulated during our presidential term. (*cont.*)



President's Message (cont.)

If that wasn't enough, that same day the club has been invited to the Nike missile site on Sandy Hook right after our lunch, all thanks to the efforts of Dusty Griffith. He says that the tour will be vastly improved over our last time there and that some of the restorers will be coming significant distances just to be there for us on that day. Dusty will be giving out information as to directions and parking during the lunch. He says that there will be no charge at the Park Service gate for those on the tour.

Speaking of tours, the Lakehurst Naval Air Station tour has been set for July 26. This, too, promises to be an exciting event for both members and spouses. Many have already signed up. If you do plan to join us, be sure to get your security information to Jim Powers as soon as possible.

Our Blue Claws game is only awaiting a date from Jim Powers. We will let you know. The same can be said of our Day at the Races. At the last lunch, some members indicated that they were interested in the event. Check out elsewhere in this Float for more details. If you are interested and let Bill Tice know. Speaking of racing, our member Bruce Rodman has offered to arrange a special trip and insiders tour of Saratoga Racetrack. It would have to be before Labor Day and would involve some travel but it might be worth considering, if not now, then next year.

Regarding Bill Tice, he will be having some eye surgery soon and could use some help on the Float for the coming month. If you can help our friend, please let him know. As to yet another friend, it was great to see Frank Haftl back at lunch after encountering serious heart problems down in Florida. He even won the Frank trophy again, but with a joke I cannot repeat here.

So that's it! I have honestly (and you know that I'm not often honest) appreciated the opportunity to serve as your president over this past year. With the support of so many of you, the ride has been a good one – but, for those who may not have enjoyed the ride so much – “You can't say I didn't warn you!”

Terry



Club News (cont.)

Our 200th Issue of the Float!

A Milestone Indeed.

From The Membership Committee

This month we're welcoming **Henry Nemser** as a new member.

Henry is a retired gentleman who lives In Fair Haven. In his spare time he enjoys walking, exercising and cooking.

On behalf of the executive officers of the Root Beer & Checker Club, I welcome Henry and look forward to seeing him at our meetings and social events.

Sal DiFede

Chairman, Membership Committee



May's Birthday Cake
via Jim Powers

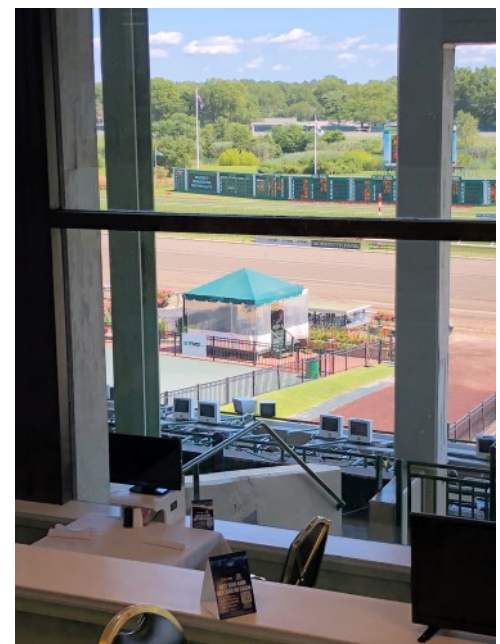
Day at the Races.

The 18th Day at the Races is planned for **Sunday, August 13th** in the Terrace Restaurant at Monmouth Park.

The park opens at 11:30 am with valet parking at the Club House entrance or self-parking near the main gate. The club will have a dedicated group of tables in the restaurant and lunch will be provided with buffet appetizers and ala carte entries.

Entrance will be \$6 and lunch will be \$32.95, plus tax and tip.

The event is a long-standing tradition (interrupted for three years by Covid) that has been well attended in the past.



Club News

Our Birthdays This Month

Bob Kelly	2	Herwig Kogelnik	2	Dick Bundy	4
Charlie Blatchley	6	Gary Casazza	6	Francis Seggio	8
Steve Buchanan	13	Paul Sperber	19	Al Zager	24
		Jim Palumbo	29		

Nora DeVeau Rosen - Two River Theater - June 13th (see page 8)

June's Birthdays Cake - Bahr's Tuesday, June 20th

RB&CC Annual Member Meeting & Elections will be held on June 27th

If planning to attend please let Bill Tice know. wrt2013@verison.net

PS: It's a free lunch.

Following lunch at Bahr's Landing on **June 27th**, Dusty Griffith will lead a guided tour of the Sandy Hook **Nike missile site** improvements he and others have made.

If interested please let Bill Tice know. wrt2013@verison.net

A Day at the Races - Sunday, August 18th (see page 3)

If interested please let Bill Tice know. wrt2013@verison.net

FYI - Fall Cocktail Party

Boat House at the Rumson Golf and Country Club

September 13th - \$68 p/p

Holiday Party, December - Date to be determined

Speaker in the works - Details to follow

Kim Guadagno - Sisters of Charity in Asbury Park

Note, the 8-Ball Award will be bestowed in the coming weeks. Stay alert to announcement of the date.

FYI - If anyone is having a problem with transportation to our lunches or special events, please let Jim Powers (seamuspowers@yahoo.com) know.

Note - Emails from Dona Topinka are your RB&CC invoices !

Club News (cont.)

Blue Claws Game (Date to be Determined)

Once again we are planning to attend a Blue Claws game with the date to be determined. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. The game tickets are \$16 each. On Sundays the game is a matinee usually starting at 1:05 or 2:00 pm. Let me know if you would prefer an afternoon game. Evening games start at 7:00. You would be responsible for getting there on your own. I will give you tickets at the gate.

Lakehurst Naval Air Station

Our tour of Lakehurst Naval Air Station will be held on **Wednesday, July 26**. We will meet at the Cathedral of the Air, 2494 S Hope Chapel Rd, Manchester Township, NJ 08759.. Since parking is limited, I suggest you car pool with your friends.

The tour will begin at 9:30 am and end at 1:00 pm. Only pre-approved persons can participate. If you would like to include a new person, please send me that person's first, last, and middle names, their birthdate including the year, and their driver's license state and number.. Thank you all for being responsive to the request for this info.

Jim Powers, seamuspowers@yahoo.com

* * * **Monmouth Park - Day at the Races - August 18th** * * *
Let us know if interested !

RB&CC Annual Membership dues and other payments

In order to clarify the process and maintain sound fiscal financial policy please note that the RB&CC Board of Directors has agreed to the following: **Annual membership dues are \$120 due July 1st with invoices being emailed in June.** Payments for luncheons are due monthly. Payments for special events such as Spring, Fall and Christmas/Holiday parties are due in advance of the dates involved.

The Board has agreed to monitor and send out reminders as needed.
Please use separate checks and note "Annual Dues, Party, etc."

CARE COMMITTEE

Note, that if anyone should know of a fellow member being ill, incapacitated or unfortunately deceased, please let one of the Board members know so that as a club we can get in touch by phone call, get well/sympathy card, or hospital/nursing home visit.

Club News (cont.)



Clifford D. Anderson
1931 - 2023

Clifford D. Anderson, 92 years old of Rumson and Bay Head, NJ, passed away peacefully at The Atrium, a retirement community, in Red Bank, NJ. He was married to his beloved wife of 62 years, Barbara (Bebe) until her untimely death in 2017.

Cliff was born in Cleveland, OH as the oldest son of Clifford O. and Myrtle S. Anderson. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard.

Cliff is survived by his two loving children; Geoffrey of Pittsburgh, PA and Mark of Evans, GA. He was a devoted grandfather to his five grandchildren in whom he took great pride and pleasure: David, Bennett, Timothy, Sarah and Victoria and two great-grandchildren, Violet and Calvin.

Cliff grew up in Glen Ridge, NJ. He graduated from Glen Ridge High School and went on to Amherst College, graduating in 1952. After serving in the Army during the Korean Conflict, Cliff had a 30 year career with the J.C. Penney Company at their then headquarters in New York City, rising to the position of Vice-President and Personal Assistant to Mr. James C. Penney.

Cliff's long standing memberships in the Rumson Country Club, Seabright Beach Club and Bay Head Yacht Club enabled him and Bebe to enjoy many lasting friendships. He was also a member of Tower Hill Presbyterian Church, Red Bank for 62 years.

He and Bebe traveled extensively throughout their marriage. It was one of his greatest treasures in life and felt these travels were the education of a lifetime.

Cliff will be remembered as a dedicated father, husband and world traveler.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, **July 18th 2023** at 10:30 am at the First Presbyterian Church (Tower Hill), 255 Harding Rd, Red Bank, NJ 07701. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Tower Hill Presbyterian Church, Attn: Red Bank Local Mission. Thompson Memorial Home of Red Bank, NJ has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Club News (cont.) —Report of the Nominating Committee

To Members of the Root Beer & Checker Club

The bylaws provide that **the President** appoint a 3 member Nominating Committee. The President appointed the following:

Martin Torbert, Chairman
Hunter Corbin, Member
Jeff Herring, Member

Charles Shay will be stepping down from the Board.

The outgoing president, **Terence Flynn**, shall appoint three members in good standing to serve on the Board for one year along with himself. The committee urges the retiring President to appoint the following to serve on the Board for one year: **Dr Timothy Sullivan, Charles Parr and James Weythman.**

Nominations of the Committee: There are two additional classes which will require additional Trustees to serve through 2024 and 2026. The Nominating Committee hereby nominates **James Powers, Salvatore Difede, and Richard Vodhanel** for a three-year term, **Albert Zager** for a two-year term and **Steven Draper** for a one-year term to replace Charles Shay. In addition, the committee recommends that **James Powers** be appointed to the position of Vice President.

Important Note to all Members: Nominations by petition (N/P) are also acceptable. Under the terms of our Bylaws any N/P must be in writing and accompanied by the endorsement of five other members who must be in good standing. All nominees must be in good standing. Any N/P must be submitted to the Secretary, Duncan Jay, on or before May 28, 2023. Upon receipt of any N/P's, the Secretary must post them by June 1, 2023. Thereafter, the Secretary must distribute ballots on or before June 10, 2023 and the President will arrange for a written ballot and the counting of the ballots cast by June 25, 2023 as further provided in the Bylaws. If there are no N/P's, then the members nominated by the Nominating Committee and the members appointed by the President shall take office at the **Annual meeting of the Board on June 27th.**

If the Nominees of the Nominating Committee are elected and the President appoints the members recommended by the Nominating Committee, the next Board will be structured according to the by-laws and in the following manner:

Class of 2024-2025:

Terence Flynn - Outgoing President
Dr Timothy Sullivan
Charles Parr
James Weythman

Class of 2024-2026:

Richard Vodhanel
Salvatore DiFede
James Powers

Class of 2021-2024:

Duncan Jay
William R. Tice, Jr.
Steven Draper

Class of 2023-2025:

Albert Zager
Richard Huff
Guy Albanese

Club News (cont.)

Nora DeVeu-Rosen

will give a talk to RB&CC on the Two River Theater
on **June 13th.**

Nora DeVeu-Rosen, originally from Brooklyn, NY, is a theatrical administrator and producer (theater and digital), with a deep passion for supporting new voices and new stories. Most recently, DeVeu-Rosen served as a key member of the development team at Pasadena Playhouse, where she garnered the largest general operating gift in the company's 105-year history.

Prior to her fundraising work, she was appointed by Cirque du Soleil to serve as the General Manager of The Works Entertainment, producer of the world's largest magic shows. In just six months, DeVeu-Rosen oversaw multiple concurrently running productions across the globe, while simultaneously integrating both corporations.

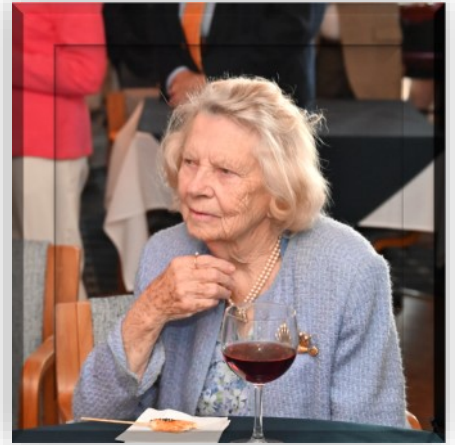
From 2016-2019, DeVeu-Rosen was the General Manager of East West Players, the country's longest running theater of color and the largest producer of Asian American Pacific Islander work. Under her leadership, the organization successfully navigated a monumental artistic leadership change, doubled the size of its operating budget, expanded the Board of Directors, and co-produced the Broadway production of *Allegiance* starring George Takei.

Before moving to California, she served as the Managing Director of the highly celebrated Clubbed Thumb company that produces "funny, strange and provocative new works by living American playwrights." There she orchestrated substantial revenue growth, championed emerging playwrights and brokered programs with community partners that ensured sustainable and long-term growth for the company.

She has also worked as a consultant and in various capacities at Imaginer, The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Heidi Duckler Dance, Manhattan Theatre Club, New York Theatre Workshop, and the Bushwick Starr, among others. DeVeu-Rosen has served as a grants panelist for Impact100, California Arts Council, Center Theatre Group, and ART/New York.

Club News (cont.) —Spring Cocktail Party

On Thursday May 10th The Root Beer and Checker Club held its annual Spring Cocktail Party. For the second year in a row, we were lucky enough to enjoy our event at The Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club. Many thanks to them and to Al Zager for making the connection to host the wonderful evening. Wine, hors d'oeuvres and delicious food along with lively conversation and camaraderie were enjoyed by all. Hopefully these photos give a glimpse of how much fun everyone had.



Club News (cont.) —Spring Cocktail Party



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Member Photos - Grand Marshall Bob Kelly

Bob, is a former Past Commadore (PC) of the SSYC and a former Marine and survivor of the Korea Chosen Reservoir battle.



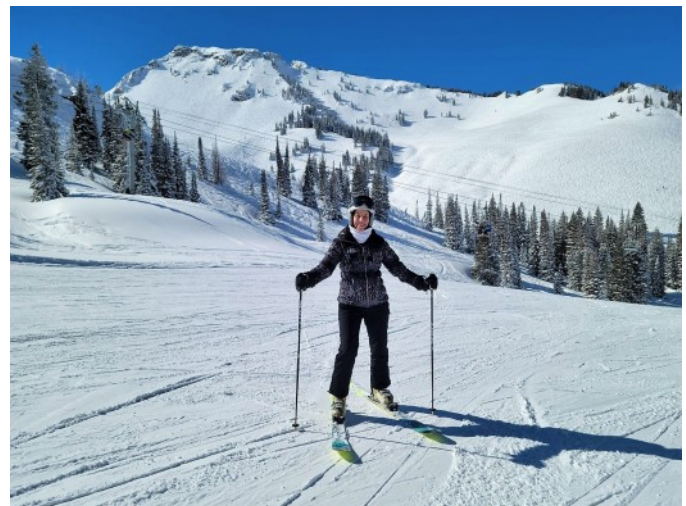
Thanks to Marty Torbert for letting us know and sharing the photo of Grand Marshall Bob Kelly leading the parade !

Member Photos - Skiing - Guy Albanese

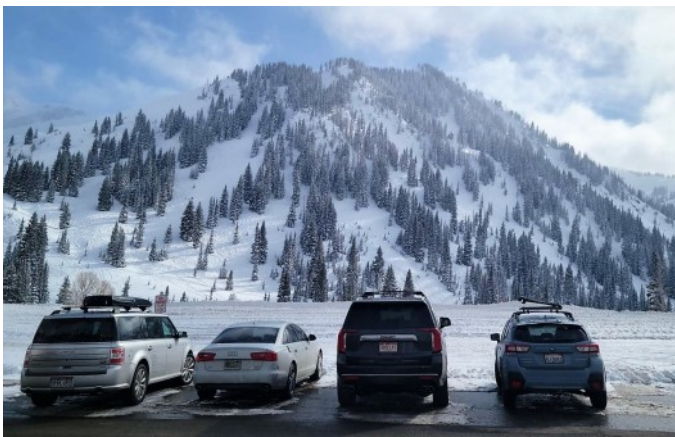
Guy and Carolyn at Alta Ski Resort, Utah Feb/March 2023

Now that 2023 Summer is almost here I wanted to remind everyone that the winter in the Salt Lake City mountains had a record snowfall this year. The mountain tops are still covered and work on the lifts and trails for next season has begun.

Here are some pictures taken at the top of the Supreme Chairlift at 10400 feet.



Member Photos - Skiing - Guy Albanese (cont.)



Member Photos - A/H on the Dyno - Guy Albanese

Guy Albanese Brings his 1967 Austin Healey 3000 Mk-III (BJ8) To Bodymotion 40th Anniversary Event – 4/16/23

The Bodymotion invitation flyer said all brand cars are welcomed so I thought that I would leave the 2116 Boxster at home and bring the restored-remanufactured 1967 Austin Healey 3000. My Healey restoration was featured in The Austin Healey Club of America's July 2019 Healey Marque magazine so why not? There also was a method to my madness of 'Healey at a Porsche Event'.

Since my "Big Healey Restoration Project" included the remanufacture of the engine, transmission, and overdrive unit I thought why not try to get the car onto the Dyno to see how the horsepower changed. The Healey factory horsepower is stated at 148HP. The documentation is not clear as to if the 148HP is at the flywheel or the tires (tyres in the UK) so I figured that the horsepower to the wheels would be about 30% less to the flywheel.

The Bodymotion guys guided me to the dyno line. I was behind a Shelby Mustang which was behind a relatively new Corvette and eventually behind me were several high horsepower track cars and a truck.

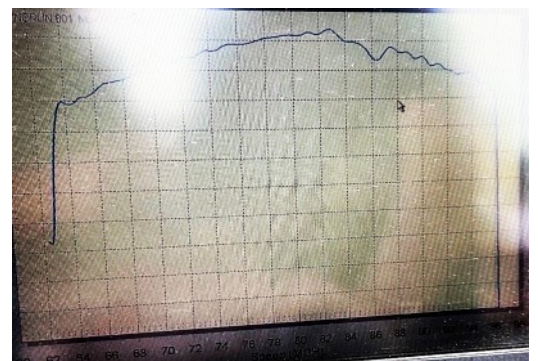
While I was waiting for my turn to go up on the dyno many of the event car fan visitors came up to me and praised the restoration job on the Healey, which made me very proud. The Corvette was up on the dyno and "pulled" a tad less than 500HP; next the Shelby Mustang was up, and it pulled over 600HP.

Now it was my turn and Troy the dyno technician from Dyno-Dynamics drove the Healey up the Dyno ramp. His assistant tied the car down with the heavy-duty lashing straps. Troy connected the data cable to the number-1 sparkplug and we were all set to go. I was concerned about reaching the red line on the engine's tach during the test, so I told Troy to keep the tach in the orange zone. I really didn't want to blow the engine and have to rebuild it again.

The Healey pulled 105 horsepower at the rear wheels at about 5000RPMs. After all the years of owning Austin Headleys I was delighted to learn the true horsepower to the wheels. I am assuming that since the remanufacture of my engine it tested out with a few more horsepower than it would have when it left the factory in 1967 due to the increase of the displacement of the engine getting larger during the honing of the cylinders.



Member Photos - A/H on the Dyno - Guy Albanese (cont.)



Member Photos - Jim Powers



Restaurant in NYC



West Branch of the Delaware River



China - Dan Levine



Budapest - Bill Tice

Lunch at Bahr's with RB&CC Cap - 5/9



**NY-56 Nike AJAX & Hercules (nuclear) Site
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