



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy Birthday October

10/02	Crowell, Ken
10/06	Marsella, Bill
10/13	Roeske, Susan
10/18	Calven, Virginia
10/27	Crowell, Maggie

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Notice the deadline of October 21st on page 5.

Commodore – Tom Williams * * * * *



Thankfully the hot days of summer are giving way to “slightly” cooler weather, which means MORE BOATING!

Last month’s hurricane created havoc all along the west coast of Florida. Naturally we wish all those negatively affected by the storm a full recovery and better days ahead. We did have some concerns about our October outing at the Plantation Resort in Crystal River. You should have received an earlier email about Mary Jo and my trip to Crystal River

to be certain there would be no problems or interruptions to our clubs’ plans. As reported, all is good to go, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Commodore Continued – Tom Williams - The nominating committee is working to find members willing to assume various positions on the Board of Directors. When approached please give serious consideration to serving. The club can't run itself; it takes everyone's assistance and a Board to guide the way forward.

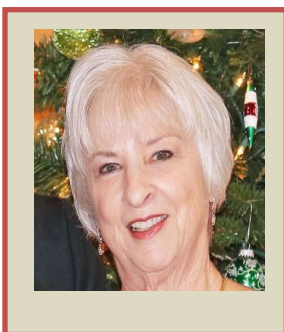
Jim and Carol Clarke are busy making two new signs for the PYC. A new one will be installed at the Waterfront Grill in Eustis and a replacement one for Hurricanes restaurant. Thanks to the both of you, it's much appreciated.

We have also ordered floating key chains with our PYC information on them. Inside we will place our new member application. The idea behind this is for you to have several of these on hand to pass out to other pontooners you encounter to hopefully encourage them to join us.

We just finished the 11th annual poker run on a perfect weather day. Thanks to our hosts for all their hard work. It was an exciting and adventurous event. One caveat though was brought to my attention that some of us, in the excitement of the moment, went a bit too fast in No Wake Zones. When we travel to Crystal River, we must be vigilant in observing these zones as the water levels are still high and can possibly cause damage to properties along the waterways. Safe travels, Tom

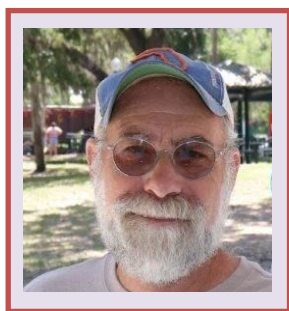
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Vice Commodore – Cheryl Rhoads



I've been talking with a couple of people who have expressed an interest in the PYC but they haven't joined yet stay tuned

The membership list has not changed since the last one sent out.



Rear Commodore – John Mest



On September 7th we met on Lake Harris for a sun sunset cruise! For a change the weather cooperated!!

We had 9 boats and 31 people. Our hosts Bob and Cathy Banta and Elaine and myself served sparkling grape juice and many toasts were made. Everyone

brought a dessert to share, and it was a little interesting passing them from boat to boat! Music was supplied by Bob as we watched the sunset.

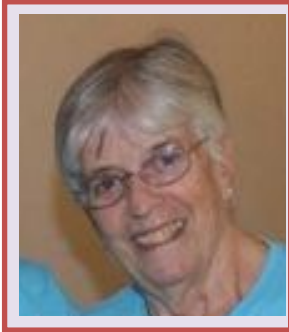
On September 23rd we had our 11th annual Poker Run! hosts Jim & Carol Clarke, Bob & Cathy Banta, Virginia Calven & Gary



Thanks to our Papucci for all their hard work and time and effort in planning and making this happen! We met on Lake Eustis at the Dead River to receive our maps and clues. We had 7 buckets to find all in different canals! After gathering the cards, we all met at The Eustis Waterfront Grill for a great meal and to sort the cards. Congratulations to Merrilyn Karrels for the winning hand with four fives!! Congratulations also to the other winners! Thank you to everyone for coming out. **We had 13 boats and 45 people!**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in October on our Crystal River trip for several days of boating and socializing! We will arrive on the tenth and stay until the thirteenth. Enjoy! Until next time safe travels and boating, John Mest

Treasurer Carol Clarke



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven



No cards were sent this last month. If anyone would like the PYC to send a get well card to an ill member, please contact: Virginia Calven at 906-484-3478.

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Update on the next page. ➡



First October Outing October 10 to 13, River Cruise, Itinerary Crystal River Plantation , 9301 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River FL. 352-795-4211

October 10, 2023: Leave for Crystal River, all attendees will be on their own to transport to Crystal River. If you want to travel together, please make arrangements within your own groups to travel together to the Plantation on the Crystal River. **Check in time at the Plantation is 4pm. At 5pm we will be traveling by boat to the Crab Plant for Dinner,** docking space is limited so we may have to tie up to each other. This restaurant is noted for being a fresh sea food store first, Dave said; he and Jay have traveled to Crystal River to eat here. I value Dave’s recommendation. **After dinner we will cruise the Crystal River Bay Area to check out the local sites.** We will head back to Plantation to enjoy the many games they have to play on their grounds.

October 11, 2023: Everyone is responsible for their own breakfast, Plantation has 2 breakfast restaurants. We will meet at **9:45am at Plantation’s tiki bar to review our cruise for the day.** We will cruise from Plantation to the Gulf via Crystal River. I hope we will be visited by dolphins as we were on the Homosassa River, no guarantees. **This is over an 11 mile cruise.** On the way back, we will stop at Crackers Bar & Grill for lunch. After Lunch we will cruise around Kings Bay making everyone familiar with all that Crystal River has to offer. After our Bay cruise, we will cruise back to Plantation and enjoy the many amenities the Plantation has to offer.

October 12, 2023: Everyone is responsible for their own breakfast, Plantation has 2 breakfast restaurants. “Search for the 3 sister springs” **Again, we will meet at 9:45am to review our cruise for the day at the tiki bar.** We will depart on an extensive cruise of the Kings Bay area. I mapped out an Argo cruise where we will be exploring many of the canals through the Kings Bay neighborhoods. **This cruise will be approximately 8 miles and will require all boats to maneuver narrow turn around areas.** This will be a slow cruise but will give us all an appreciation of the neighborhoods of Crystal River. After this cruise, we will make our way to Charlie’s Fish House. This restaurant is next door to Cracker’s Bar & Grill. They have added a new tiki bar to the restaurant. After we leave Charlie’s, we will again cruise the King’s Bay area to complete our search for more springs and make everyone familiar with the bay area. Bring your swim suit if you want to swim in any of the springs.

October 13,2023: Everyone is responsible for their own breakfast, Plantation has 2 breakfast restaurants. Ahh, It’s all over now. Today we will be trailering our boats and getting ready for the trip back home. We hope you all enjoyed the old Florida charm of Plantation on crystal River. If you want to convoy back with other members; please make your own arrangements.

- submitted by Butch Karrels—

Update

Plantation Event 10/10 – 10/13/2023 Update

I spoke with Starla Hayes, Sales Manager, of the Plantation expressing some concerns about some parts of the Plantation not being available to the Pontoon Yacht Club. She assured me that they are going to be fully operational by the time we arrive. The pool will be available, a new pump is being installed this week. The Tiki Bar has a bartender assigned to it, ice is being carted to the bar since the coolers were flooded and are on order. The restaurant is open, and meals are being served on the back patio and in the tiki bar area. The Pontoon Yacht Club is housed in the same wing of the hotel so that we may be able to mingle together between the hotel and the canal where our boats will be moored. Everyone will be assigned their room when we arrive. The 19 Hole restaurant is open at the Plantation also.

Our cruises each day are already on the Argo navigation application on my phone and I can share those with you providing you friend me on Argo. We have a couple springs which we have access to on our cruises so bring your swimsuits to take advantage of the springs. We will also be cruising to the gulf with hopes of seeing manatees or dolphins. We have at least 3 restaurants on our schedule that are in Crystal River Bay and are all open. **I look forward to seeing all of you at the Plantation on Tuesday 10/10/2023.**

Sincerely, Butch Karrels * * * * *



Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?

Great food, no atmosphere!

I bet the restaurants at Crystal River are going to have some atmosphere. Can't wait to check them out.

Thanksgiving



PYC Thanksgiving Luncheon
Saturday, November 4, 2023
Social Hour: 11:00-11:55;
Dinner at Noon
Where: Fox Run Clubhouse,
440 Fox Run Blvd.
Tavares 32778



Hosts: John Paul Dargo & Mary Bliss
Ernest & Nora Sixby

Mark Your Calendar – Save the Date! Note: This date is one week earlier than we have done in the past and at a new location.

Important!

We would like to get a head start on the Saturday, November 4, 2023 Thanksgiving luncheon. We want to **make sure you have your calendars marked to save the date.**

Traditionally, this has been a much anticipated and well attended event. The food is fantastic and the Annual Meeting is always informative.

Please **be thinking about the dish you will bring to share.** We have made it simple. We have three categories: side dish, dessert or other. The club will supply the turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing and rolls. We need to know how many in your party will attend and what you plan to bring. If you cannot make this event, we need to know that also.

Don't Delay, Call Today!

Information is needed by October 21st so we can make a timely confirmation order with the vendor.

You can call or text Nora Sixby at : 734-748-6951 or email:
noranernie001@yahool.com.

We want to hear from you!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

- submitted by John Paul Dargo -

**Second Outing in November - Details on next page.
Rescheduled Photo Geocache Search & Sunset Cruise—
THURSDAY, November 16th, 2023**

***Argo to Navigate using Coordinates**

Open App
Touch “Navigate”
Touch “Search”
Touch “Enter Coordinates”
Touch the blank space by N (North)
Type in north Coordinates
Touch blank space by W (West)
Type in coordinates
Touch the “✓” checkmark at the top right of the screen
Touch “Confirm Location”
Touch the coordinates that you typed (top of the results list)
Touch “Create Route”
Touch “Start Voyage”

Go, follow the track

Rescheduled Sunset Cruise Photo Geocache Search

When: November 16th, 2023

Raft Up Between: 3 – 3 :15pm

Raft-Up Location:

Lat 28.78922

Long 81.68688

PLEASE RSVP by November 14th, 2023

Tom & Mary Jo (TCWilliams99@hotmail.com) or

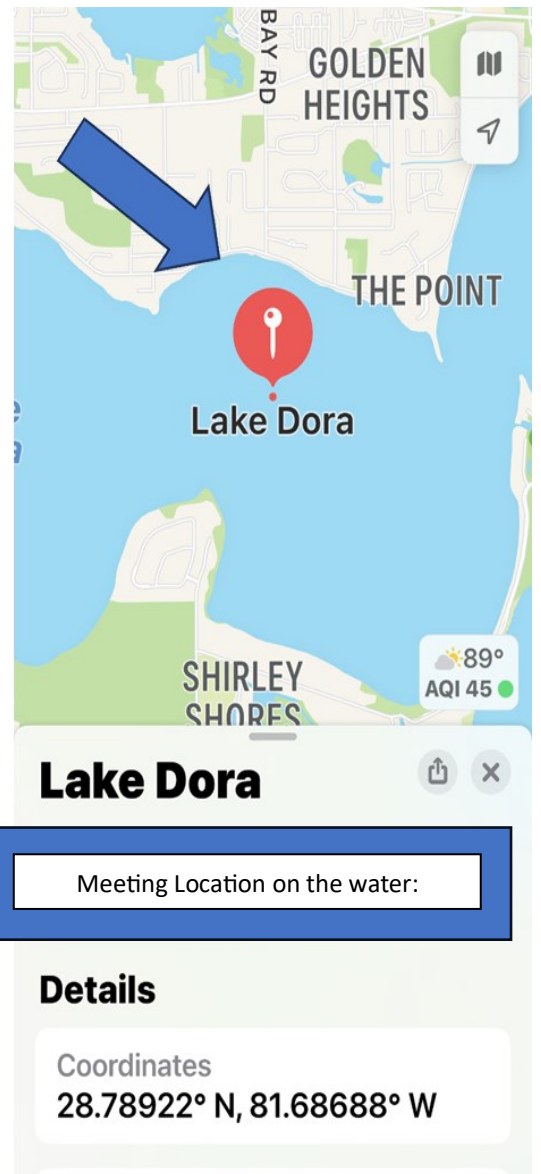
Scott & Lorraine

(Sjs0916@outlook.com)

or via the Facebook Event

To receive your clues. Then,

- Use your Argo to go to the Photo Geocache locations.
- Take a Picture of the Item you've found at the coordinates
- Return to Long Docks by Tavares Pavilion on the Lake, for winner prize awards (by Wooten Park Docks, Tavares)
- BYOP- Bring Your Own Picnic, or BBQ onboard your boat, Watch Sunset, and travel homeward when ready.



Hosts: John & Cindy Kindinger and Richard & Cookie Brown



PYC Christmas Banquet

Holiday Attire is suggested.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

*Country Club of Mt. Dora
1900 Country Club Boulevard, Mt. Dora*

Social Hour 5:30 – 6:00 P.M. Cash Bar

*A sit-down dinner will be served which includes salad, entrée, vegetable,
starch, rolls and dessert.*

Beverages include coffee, tea, and water.

Christmas Card Raffle will be played.

2024 Officers will be installed.

Music by Lonnie Shriver for your listening and dancing pleasure.

*Reservations and Money must be received by Carol Clarke (3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778)
by Friday, December 1, 2023 along with your choice of entrée –Beef Tips with wild rice OR Velvet Chicken
(chicken stuffed with cream cheese and spinach).*

Cost for Members \$20.00 Cost for Guests \$30.00

- submitted by Cindy Kindinger -

Our first September outing "Sunset Cruise on Thursday, September 7, 2023



And yes there was some dancing.



Extremely windy!

Pics by Cathy— Missed you Sharon!!!

We watched the sunset {dip} right into the water.



Thank you hosts Elaine & John Mest and Cathy & Bob Banta!

Sunset Cruise 9/7/2023



Saturday September 23, 2023 11th Annual Poker Run - All "Canal"



John & Cindy



Wisdom from Cindy



The win or not, line



Gary Tom
Friendship



Steve Mary Jo
Friendship



Commodore Tom Terry
Catch up time



Bob Carol Virginia
Our Hard Working Team



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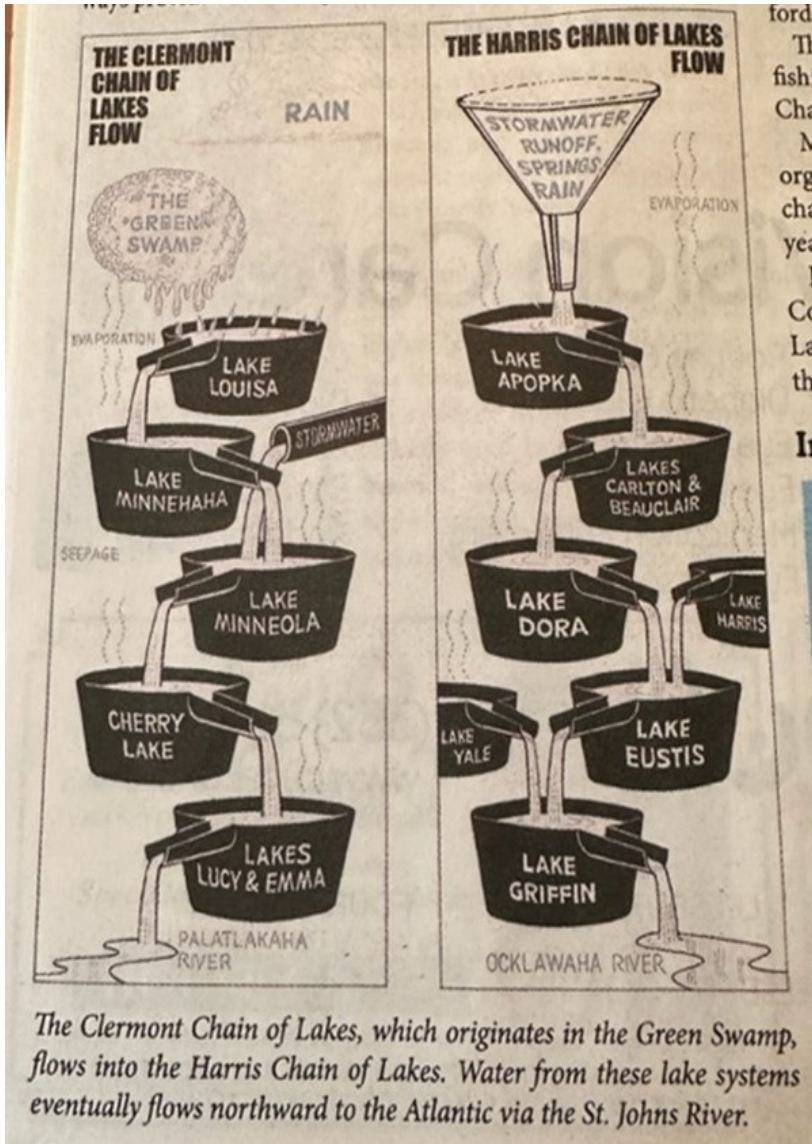
VIK John
Father & Son



Gary

I found this article in Lake Life Magazine that we are considering advertising in. Thought it might be an item of interest for our members.

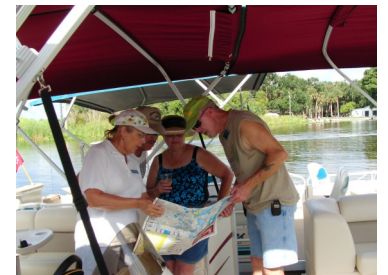
From Commodore Tom
Check it out.



A Look
Back
In
Time

By Kay Weaver, Historian

October 1st, 2005 – T-Bones in Eustis: Well, another beautiful day on the lakes. A bit rough on Lake Eustis, so we rafted up in the Dead River in front of the Triangle Boat Club, twelve boats and a whole bunch of hungry people, (40 in all). We were served hors d’oeuvres and a delicious drink. Eventually we cruised on over to the Eustis docks and strolled on down to T-Bones. After a delicious meal, future events were discussed, and the 50/50 drawings were held. Then it was off to Dick & Phyllis Nagel’s house for ice cream and cookies. Wonderful... There was a raffle for the women and then everyone spread to the wild blue waters. It was another fine outing enjoyed by everyone.



Terry showing fellow members different locations



PYC Event Signup Sheet 2023

Every member needs to sign up to host an event. Use the attached calendar to choose the exact date.

Date	Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
January 9-14 2nd week	14 th Sat.		Crazy Gator, Eustis	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
January 23-28 4th week	26 th Thurs.		Puddle Jumpers, Tavares	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma	Scott & Lorraine Smith
February 6-11 2nd week	9 th Thurs.		Waterfront Grille-Valentines, Eustis	Richard & Cookie Brown	James & Carolyn Smith
February 20-25 4th week	25 th Sat.		George fest Parade - Eustis	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Bob & Bettie Nebergall
March 6-11 2nd week	9 th Thurs.		Crazy Gator – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration "Irish Duckstakes Race"	Dan & Sharon Vincent	Ray & Jerie Tallman
March 20-25 Thursday	23 rd Thurs.		Old Fashioned Picnic – Gilbert Park	John & Elaine Mest	Scott & Lorraine Smith
April 10-15 2nd week	13 th Thurs.		Moss Bluff Picnic Posted to June 8th Change due to rain.	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
April 24-29 4th week	27 th Thurs.		Scavenger Hunt - Hurricanes	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
May 8-13 2nd week(T-R)	9-12 th Tue-Fri		St. John’s Tropical Resort & Marina Lake Beresford, FL – Road Trip to Deland	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
May 22-27 4th week	-	-	No event	-	-
June 5-10 2nd week	8 th Thurs.		Moss Bluff Picnic	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
June 19-24 4th week	22 nd Thur.		Ski Beach	Virginia Calven	Carol Clarke
July 17-22 3rd week	18 th Tues.		Pontoon Saloon (Note: ON TUESDAY)	Terry & Kay Weaver	
July 24-29 4th week	27 th Thurs.		Beach Party TBD	Dave & Jay Asibene	Cindy & John Kindinger
August 7-12 2nd week	13 th Sun.		Sunday, Informal Gathering off of Deer Island	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	
August 21-26 4th week	31 st		Geocache/Sunset Cruise Lake Dora (Is rescheduled for 11/16/23)	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith
September 4-9 2nd week	7 th Thurs.		Sunset Cruise (rain day Sept. 9)	Bob & Cathy Banta	John & Elaine Mest
September 18-23 4th Saturday	23 rd Sat.		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob /Cathy Banta Virginia Calven/ Gary Papucci
October 9-14 2nd week(T-R)	10-13 th Tue-Fri		River Cruise Crystal River	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Terry & Kay Weaver
November 4 th 1st Saturday	4 th Sat.		Thanksgiving	John Paul Dargo Mary Bliss	Ernest & Nora Sixby
November 16 ^h	16 th Thurs.		Geocache/Sunset Cruise Lake Dora (This is the rescheduled date.)	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith
December 9 th 2nd Saturday	9 th Sat.		Christmas	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown

Any corrections to newsletter, please email: mcathygreen@gmail.com Sent: 9/30/23

