



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy February Birthdays

- February 5th Carl Scott
- February 5th Ray Tallman
- February 6th Tom Williams
- February 11th Richard Lowell
- February 14th Lorraine Smith

Hope you a have terrific day, week, month & year!

Celebrate enough for all of us!



If I have accidently left off your birthday or it's wrong, please let me know so I can correct our list.
 Thank you, Debra Stewart
 (debraPYC@gmail.com)

Commodore's February Comments -Tom Williams



Here we are heading into the first of the events of February. Up next is the Valentines outing on February 15th at the Waterfront Grill in Eustis. I am looking forward to many of us arriving by pontoon dressed in red and pink! A little over a week later, we will be showing our "colors" in the George fest Pontoon Parade which is currently in the planning phase. We need a big turnout with our pontoons to show the public who we are. March brings about our first away trip to Paramore's Campground. Terry and Kay have a lot of exciting pontoon trips planned for us. And.... don't forget about the St Patrick's Day event. As a reminder, please remember to submit the official PYC Outing Information form which can be found and downloaded from our Pontoon Yacht Club of Lake County website. On January 22nd, Mary Jo and I attended a meeting in Astor put on by the Save Our Boating Rights organization. The topic was about the suspected restrictions or the closing of Silver Glen Springs due to the overuse and/or misuse by boaters. I was amazed at the large turnout. They are in the process of hiring lawyers and lobbyists to help fight for boaters' rights. The main thing I got from the meeting was that if the "powers that be" would just enforce the existing laws many of the issues would be solved. I hope to keep you informed as the process moves forward.

See you on, in, or around the water, Tom

Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhodes

Membership updates are included in this newsletter.



Welcome Our Newest
Members Steve & Sharon

Rear Commodore Report – John Mest



Happy New Year to all! On January 13th we had our first outing of the year at Puddle Jumpers. We had 44 people and 2 boats. We had good food and great service with a - fifty, fifty drawing and 3 winners. Thank you to our hosts Vik and Jon Kapor and Leo and Harriet Reuter. On January 25th we finally got to do the Geocaching outing! It was rain delayed the first two times. We were given latitude and longitude coordinates where 24 people and 6 boats met in Lake Dora. We were given papers with directions and coordinates. then We looked for 7 points on shore and took pictures of what we saw. After many issues with the Argo app, (some were operator errors, some were Argo issues) we met at Wooten Park and discussed our adventures. We had 3 winners, and we all were

happy to be on the water! And We also saw a nice sunset on the trip home! Thank you to our hosts, Scott and Lorraine Smith, and John and Elaine Mest, and thank you to Tom and Mary Jo Williams for their help planning this!

Safe travels and boating, John

Treasurer – Jay Asaibene



"Thanks for paying your dues in January. A big Thank You to Carol Clarke for volunteering as our Treasurer for seven (7) years. WOW



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

If anyone would like the PYC to send a get-well card to an ill member, please contact: Virginia Calven at 906-484-3478



FIRST FEBRUARY Outing
Thursday, February 15, 2024



Lake Eustis Waterfront Grille 350
Lakeshore Drive, Eustis, FL 32726

VALENTINE CRUISE



Host: Steve & Sue Roeske

Co-Host: Earl & Jane Wadewitz

Raft Up 9:45 -10:00AM – Lake Eustis side of Dead River

Social Hour and Meeting: 11:00 AM SHARP

Lunch at 12:00, Order off the Menu

Valentine Theme so wear your red or pink

2nd floor, scenery will be beautiful.

please ...

RSVP by Monday, February 12th to: Steve and Susan Roeske
352-459-6118 or email smroeske@gmail.com

SECOND FEBRUARY Outing

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Our Pontoon Parade



CALLING ALL PONTOONERS!

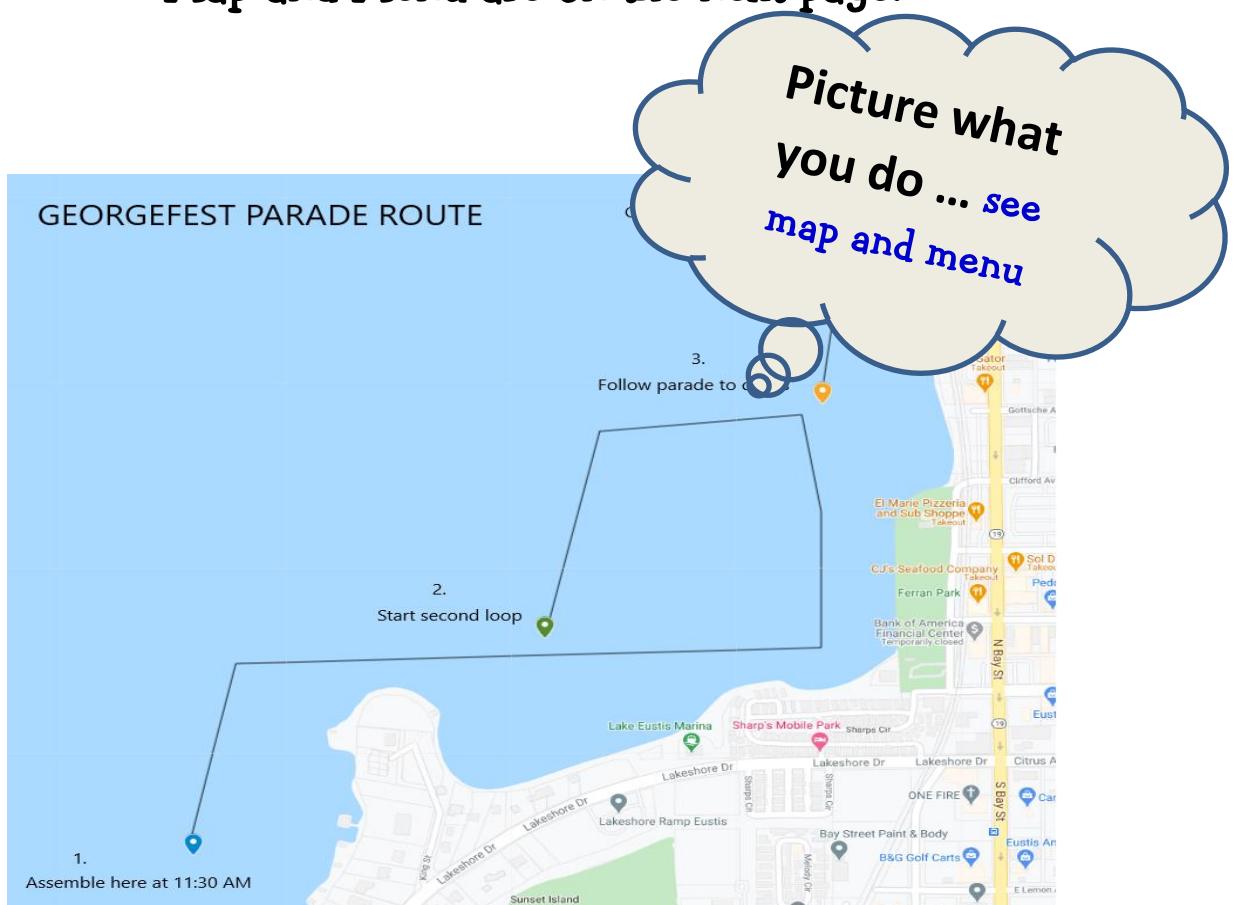
- ❖ Georgefest is the longest running celebration of George Washington’s Birthday in the State of Florida, and at 122 years, it is the second longest in the entire U.S. Fireworks, carnival rides, live music, vendors galore, and a big street parade drawing more than 30,000 attendees over the three-day extravaganza.
- ❖ Streaming into Eustis at 12:00 on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 our Pontoon Parade will circle the waterfront twice before docking. Jim will host the parade and introduce each boat to the crowds. Watch for advanced articles online and in the papers. Plan to join in the fun with your pontoon & decorate it as you wish.

WE NEED YOU!

- ❖ This will be our 6th Annual Georgefest parade. Last year we had 19 Boats with 60 people aboard. Pontoons will be decorated, some more, some less. It’s up to you. All we ask is that you display a flag and wave. Our first pontoon will host “George Washington Shrek” and “Little George” who will also wave at the crowds..
- ❖ Below is the Parade Route and you will “Raft up” with us as you see below.
- ❖ Assemble at the staging area by 11:30 and make any final adjustments to your decorations.
- ❖ We depart in parade formation promptly just before 12:00.
- ❖ This is NOT a race, Keep speed to a walking pace along the waterfront.
- ❖ MAINTAIN about 3 boat lengths between boats.
- ❖ Make two passes around the park and dock at the Community Center for lunch.

Cheryl reserved Crazy Gator’s private room. Due to heavy crowds, they need our meal choices in advance so they can purchase enough food ahead of time.

Map and Menu are on the next page.



CRAZY GATOR GEORGEFEST MENU - \$17 PER PERSON - SODA/TEA INCLUDED

- FISH SANDWICH (FRIED OR GRILLED) W/FRIES
- SHRIMP BASKET W/FRIES
- CHEESEBURGER W/FRIES
- LARGE CHICKEN SALAD (FRIED OR GRILLED)
- FISH BASKET W/FRIES
- CHICKEN TENDER BASKET W/FRIES

GEORGEFEST DRAWS HUGE HUNGRY CROWDS!

PLEASE NOTIFY CHERYL OF YOUR MEAL CHOICES SO THE RESTAURANT CAN ORDER ENOUGH FOOD TO INSURE YOU WILL BE SERVED.

DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ADVANCE!

RSVP TO BONNIE AT (352) 408-3091 BY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

EMAIL CHERYL: CHERYLROADS1@GMAIL.COM OR TEXT: 954-802-0250



GEO CACHING EVENT

FIRST MARCH Outing

Thursday March 14, 2024

St Patrick's

The Crazy Gator 402 N Bay Street Eustis, FL 32726

Host(s): Jerie & Ray Tallman

Co-Host: Sharon Vincent

In Celebration of **St. Patrick's Day** In keeping with important safety issues both on & off the water,

We present the following **Public Service Announcement:**

ROAD RAGE! Action Alert

The term "road rage" dates back to the 1990s when the media dubbed a new term for the growing trend of extreme, aggressive driving cases that seemed to be flooding the country. A study by the *American Automobile Association* found that drivers in the Northeast & Midwest tend to exhibit more aggressive driving behavior than other regions of the country. It is important to note that aggressive driving and road rage are not the same, although aggressive driving contributes to road rage. According to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, aggressive driving is when "an individual commits a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property." Road rage is legally defined as an angry or violent form of aggressive driving, with a willful disregard for driver safety and is often considered a criminal offense. Seventy-eight percent of drivers report committing at least one aggressive driving behavior in the past year, including tailgating, yelling or honking to show annoyance to another driver. (AAA) Based on research statistics, road rage incidents tend to mostly occur in the months of July, August and September, and more likely happen towards the end of the week. **Safety First:** If you are in a road rage situation, the best course of action is to remain calm & focus on getting to your destination safely. Do not engage with the other driver, avoid eye contact & do not return gestures or remarks made at you. Be sure to keep seat belts buckled in case of unexpected braking. If someone is following you as a result of a road rage situation, avoid going home. Instead, drive to a police station, fire station or to a heavily populated area. When you safely reach your destination, call 911. If possible, provide a time, location, license plate, vehicle description and driver description of the incident. Prepare to appear in court, if necessary.

Notice is hereby served: You, along with your highway driving skills, are summoned to appear at Crazy Gator's restaurant on Bay Street & the Lake Eustis waterfront, on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Selections from the usual lunch menu and a beverage of choice will be on your own. PYC social hour, a **Best Costume Contest** and the competitive ROAD RAGE! race game begins at 11:30 am.

Please note that your choice of attire on that day is totally optional. You may choose to arrive in typical Irish celebration fashion, wearing your best St. Patrick's Day garb and an impish grin to charm the lads & lassies in attendance. Or perhaps it's the rebel in you, who chooses to dress in keeping with a detestable highway driving action. Your chosen attire will reveal that hidden road rage attitude.

Play the ROAD RAGE! Race Game. Drivers will choose from a variety of vehicles in order to showcase their driving skills while maneuvering a 9-mile race course. Each driver will supply their own safety equipment consisting of a hat & sunglasses. A \$1 entry fee per race will be charged to each driver. A trophy will be awarded to the winner at the conclusion of each race. All funds collected during a round of racing will be divided according to individual driving skills along the 9-mile course.

Additional information will be forthcoming in the March issue of the PYC newsletter.

Questions? Please contact Sharon or Jerie.

SECOND MARCH OUTING

March 3/19-22 2024

1675 Camp South Moon Rd Astor, FL 32102

PYC TRIP TO PARRAMORE'S CAMPGROUND ON ST. JOHNS RIVER

Host Terry & Kay Weaver

Cohost: Tom & Mary Jo Williams

The PYC is going to Parramore's Campground on the St. Johns River, 1675 Camp South Moon Rd., Astor, FL (386) 749-2721. This is a 3-night trip for some and 7-night trip for others. The PYC club 3-night group will arrive on Tuesday, March 19th and the 7-night group will arrive the day before. After we get settled in on Tuesday, we will take the boats for a run to Lake George and Silver Glen Springs. Dinner will be on your own, meaning a cookout or out to a restaurant. On Wednesday, we travel by boat to Deleon Springs Pancake House. Let's plan to spend several hours at the Springs. Dinner on your own. Thursday will be our long run to Deland to the Whitehair Bridge and the St. Johns River Grill. Each night you have the choice of cooking out, ordering pizza or eating at a restaurant. Be sure to bring lawn chairs to gather around a campfire or sit on the waterfront enjoying the company of other PYC members. Since it will be March, be prepared for any type of weather by bringing a jacket, rain gear, bathing suit and pool towel! **Those PYC members bringing a boat must furnish proof of boat insurance as stated in Parramore's Campground *Policies & Rules*: All boat owners must fill out an agreement form and provide the office with proof of insurance with a minimum liability coverage of \$300,000 before a slip can be issued.**

Attendees:

Terry & Kay Weaver – Boat Virginia Calvin & Gary Papucci Butch & Merrilyn Karrels - Boat Tom & Mary Jo Williams - Boat Richard Lowell & Debra Stewart Dave & Jay Asaibene - Boat Mike & Bonnie Wells Scott & Lorraine Smith – Boat

John & Elaine Mest Gary & Cheryl Rhoads – boat John & Cindy Kindinger

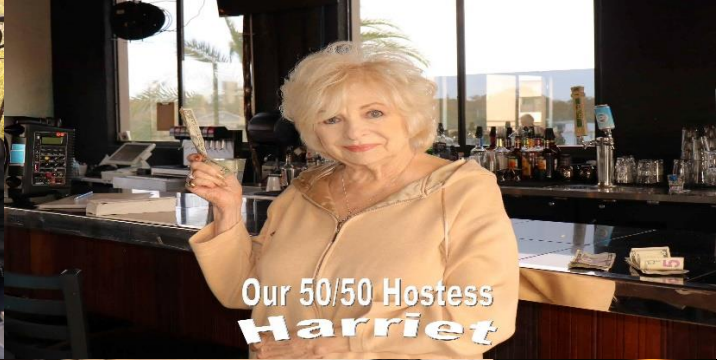
RSVP: Kay H. Weaver kayhweaver@outlook.com

A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian



December 10th, 2005 – Christmas Party @ Crazy Gator. Great event by our hosts; Terry & Kay Weaver, Bob & Terry Ryan and Tim & Suzy Hill. 46 members including 2 guests were in attendance. Drinks and dinner were followed by a short meeting in which the new bylaws were adopted, and the new officers and board were elected by unanimous acclamation. After the meeting, a Chinese gift exchange took place. You have never seen such action; forceful swapping of gifts,

eating of gifts prior to being taken by someone else (who ended up with an empty container of what was cookies). All in all, a super good time, ringing out the old leadership and welcoming in the new. Thanks Dale (and to your talented and able assistant Judy), for a great year on the water. Kay H. Weaver



Date	Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
January 9-14 2nd week	1/13 Sat		Puddle Jumpers	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
January 21-23 4th week	1/25 Thur		GeoCaching	Scott & Lorraine Smith	John & Elaine Mest
February 6-11 2nd week	2/15 Thur		Valentine Cruise Waterfront Grill in Eustis	Steve & Sue Roeske	Earl & Jane Wadewitz
February 20-25 4th week	2/24 Sat		George fest Parade - Eustis	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
March 6-11 2nd week	3/14 Thur		St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Ray & Jerie Tallman	Sharon Vincent
March 20-25 Thursday	3/19- 3/22		Parramore's Campground	Terry & Kay Weaver	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
April 10-15 2nd week			Nautical Flea Market	Dave & Jay Asaibene	
April 24-29 4th week	4/23 Tues		Hide Away/Sunset/Full Moon	Gary Papucci & Virginia Calven	
May 8-13 2nd week(T-R)	5/4 Sat		Paratroop Drop Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Steve & Sharon Jensenbech
May 22-27 4th week	5/18 Sat		Mt Dora Movie Night	Tom & May Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith
June 5-10 2nd week	6/11- 6/14		Palatka	Terry & Kay Weaver	Butch & Marilyn Karrels
June 19-24 4th week			Ski Beach Full Moon		
July 10-15 2nd week			Deer Island Fire Works		
July 24-29 4th week			Joe Comastra Memorial Moss Bluff Picnic/Cruise	Richard & Cookie Brown	
August 7-12 2nd week			Cookout At Our House	Bert & Karen Sofield	Wes & Amy Latham
August 21-26 4th week	21-23		Deer Island/Grilling Lunch)		
September 4-9 2nd week			Host Choice		
September 18-23 4th Saturday	9/28 Sat		Poker Run	Bob & Cathy Banta	Carl & Joan Scott
October 9-14 2nd week(T-R)	10/8- 10/11 Tue-Fri		Rainbow Springs	Butch & Merrillyn Karrels	Gary & Cheryl Rhodes
October 23-28 4th week			Lake Griffen State Park Picnic	Carl & Joan Scott	
November			Thanksgiving	John Paul	
November 9 th	11/9 Sat		Paratroopers Water Jump in Lake Eustis	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	
December 13 th	12/13 Fri		Christmas Dinner	John & Cindy Kindinger	

Any corrections to newsletter please email: debrapyc@gmail.com 