



Chum Line



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WHERE WERE YOU ON AUGUST 21 ?

If you were not at our special luau you missed a terrific party! This annual affair was at the beautiful home of Andy and Cyrene Weiner. On arriving, the guests were presented with Hawaiian leis and tickets for caricatures and computer personality read-outs.

The Weiner yard was set up with a huge tent and dance floor. Flowers and tiki torches created a very beautiful effect. There was dancing to live music and, believe it or not, the dance floor was being used. The highlight of the evening was the hula dancing of Lynda Brill. She did a number of Hawaiian hulas and then proceeded to teach the art to some of our more agile members.

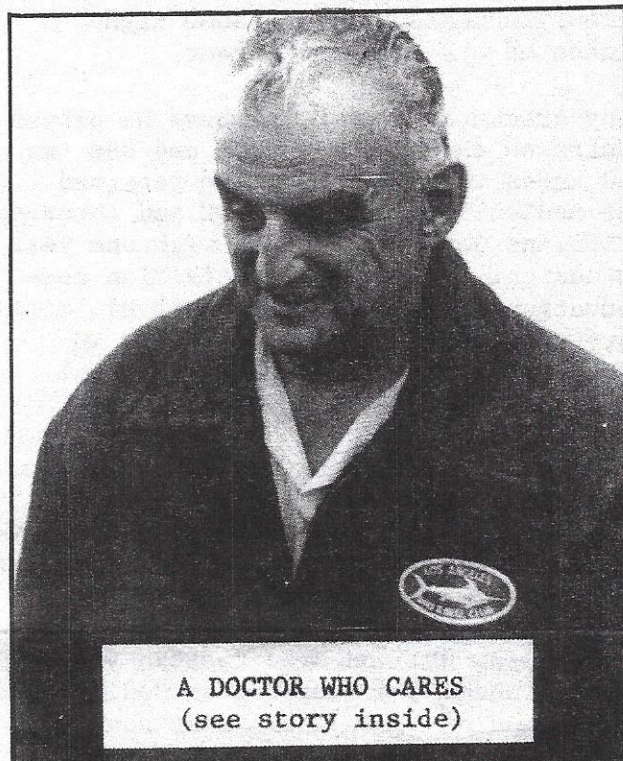
The food was delicious and plentiful. Three entrees and five salads were served and a large fruit bar with fresh fruit was also available. The party ended with full tummies and the pleasure of a good time with very good friends.

Special thanks to Andy Weiner and Cyrene for their personal gifts to the ladies and for the use of their beautiful home. Also, thanks to Dan Felger, Andy Weiner and Don Lee, the committee members who put this very delightful affair together.

Bill Vogel, Chairman

A FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

I pray that I may live to fish
 Until my dying day
 And when it comes to my last cast
 I then most humbly pray:
 When in the Lord's great landing net
 And peacefully asleep
 That in his mercy I be judged
 Big enough to keep



A DOCTOR WHO CARES
 (see story inside)

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Monday, September 26
 at
 Andre's Restaurant
 3634 Wilshire Blvd
 Beverly Hills

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:30

This will be Herman Epstein Night. Let's have a big turn-out to show our respect for his many years of devoted service.

You will hear fishing reports from the lucky members and the experts who landed the biggest and mostest. They will tell us about the yellow-fins, the big eyes and the dorados that El Nino has presented us with.

The program will also feature a guest speaker with a fishing film that will be of great interest.

THE CAREER OF A DOCTOR WHO CARES

Our dinner meeting of September 26 will honor Dr. Herman Epstein for his many years of devoted service to LAIRC. We are all aware of the time and effort that he contributes each year to conduct the fishing trip for the under-privileged children. But we are not aware about his many other talents and accomplishments. Here are some highlights of his eventful career.

Eppy graduated from UCLA where he played centre on the football team and has two bad knees to show for it. He received his medical education at USC and interned at Fresno General Hospital with one year as medical officer in the Civilian conservation Corps. In 1945, after his military service, he took a residency in orthopedics at USC-LA County Hospital which he completed in 1949.

Dr. Epstein worked for Dr. Polesky while in medical school and later purchased Fred's industrial hospital. He was married in 1933 to Beatrice and they are now celebrating their 50th anniversary.

In 1962-63, Dr. and Mrs. Epstein visited Vietnam under the auspices of Medico-Care, a division of Care, Inc., that send volunteer doctors to undeveloped countries to teach modern medical procedures. Dr. Epstein was chairman of the Far East Group during that period. The first visit in 1962 lasted three months but the second visit in 1963 was cut short by the revolution. They scrambled to board the last plane that left the area.

The numerous surgeries that he performed in Vietnam included a patient named Hong Van, a 17-year old girl who was afflicted with polio of the hip and unable to walk prior to the surgery. The Epsteins "adopted" this girl and sent her through pharmacy school. Now married and living in Paris, she communicates with her "parents" regularly.

In 1965, Bea and Eppy spent three^{months} in Malaysia setting up orthopedic programs for Medico Care. The project included work in the provinces of Malaka, Ipoh, Panang and Ieper hospital in Kali Lampur. One wall of his study is covered with commendations, citations and awards from governments, institutions etc.

After 1973, when Dr. Epstein discontinued his orthopedic practice, he has been teaching at USC -LA County Medical Center and providing consultation at the Veteran Hospital. His articles about orthopedics have appeared in several medical journals and his book "Traumatic Dislocations of the Hip" now appears in medical libraries and universities through-out U.S & abroad.

Since 1945, Dr. Epstein and Mrs. Epstein, with the help of their children, have conducted the annual Xmas party for the children in the orthopedic wards of the USC-LA Medical Center. This will be the 37th year when food, clothes and toys will be distributed to the hundreds of needy children in the hospital and the clinics. In recent years, Dr. Epstein has delegated his Santa role to his sons and to Shelly Balzac. Many contributions for this annual event are received from his friends and former patients.

Bea and Eppy are the proud parents of six children and eight grandchildren. His sons are Elliot, Norman and John. His daughters are Martha, Elizabeth and Benita.

Dr. Epstein has established a branch office in the bow of the fishing boat which he occupies exclusively. Visitors are not welcome during any of the fishing hours without his prior consent.

WHY GRATUITOUSLY?

Does the lawyer write your will or give legal advice on the fishing boat for free?

Does the merchant bring gifts to the boat for all the players gratuitously?

Does the tackle rep give you tackle on the fishing boat gratuitously?

If the doctor of medicine pays his equal fare on the fishing boat, is he not entitled to enjoy the trip equally? Is he required to give up fishing time to treat other players gratuitously? Is he also required to dispense medication for free?

On the last albie trip he received three "thank yous" and in token of special appreciation for his services he was permitted to be last in line to get his cans of albacore. He treated 8 players on that trip gratuitously!

MORE ABOUT THE LARRC FOUNDATION

Many thousands of old auto tires and 100 tons of concrete were used to construct an artificial fishing reef one mile offshore from Huntington Beach in the spring of 1976. It was a joint effort with Caltech and Union Oil Co., sponsored by the LARRC Foundation. Many LARRC members were actively involved and Russ Izor gave freely of his time and use of his boat "Peace".

Past President Martin Dimand, the project director, planned and coordinated all of the activities with expert assistance from Dr. Wheeler North of Caltech and Dr. Bob Feldmuth of Claremont College.

Artificial fishing reefs are built to provide habitats for marine life in otherwise barren areas. Reefs have been built from old ships, old autos, old trolleys and other such material. However, old auto tires are proved to be the most suitable and most durable material for this purpose.

A test program, consisting of 1000 tires and approved by Calif. Fish and Game Dept, was conducted in 1975. This pilot project was monitored regularly and greatly expanded when thousands of baby fish and other forms of marine life began to appear. Now, eight years later, a large and varied fish population occupies this reef, providing additional sport fishing where an ocean desert formally existed.

Marty says the idea started with Russ Izor who approached LARRC "to enhance the marine environment" with building this artificial reef. "We're a club of active ocean conservationists" said Marty, "The artificial reef seems like an excellent way to do something for the marine ecology".

A construction site of 100 acres in Long Beach, where the tires were accumulated and processed, was provided by the L. B. Gas Dept. Manpower and equipment was provided by Mitch Lipsett to perforate the tires so they would not float. Trucks and drivers were supplied gratis by the American Trucking Association.

Union Oil supplied the barge, crane and tug boat with operators for same without any cost to the Foundation. Union also provided engineering know how to cope with the logistics of taking a half-million pounds of concrete and tires out to sea and placing them in the correct location..

The tires were tied in bundles with 500-lb test nylon cord by youthful volunteers from Avacado Heights 4-H club and by the Sea Group of L.B. Poly High. Several tires in each of the bundles were filled with concrete.

The Foundation spent \$5500 of its funds for this project. Additional funding of \$4000 came from L.A. County Fish & Game Commission, \$3000 from Calif Wildlife Board and \$2500 from Orange County F & G Commission. The total of \$15,000 was matched with Sea Grant funds to Caltech from U.S. Marine Fisheries Service.

Letters from Caltech and Calif F & G Dept appear herein with more details regarding this project.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Diary:

Saturday, I saw waves bigger than ships. Three out of four days were great fishing and great fishing weather. But BOY, were those waves gigantic on Saturday. For the first time, I had to cast up to get into the water!

I like the color green but not on the faces of people. Fortunately, Sunday calmed down and natural color returned to 18 faces. It was a lazy quiet ride home, disturbed by only one skipjack and two rat yellowfins.

We caught 272 fish in all and everyone arrived home happy, although I was only half right. Marv Scheinbaum is now the proud owner of my warehouse (and he is welcome to it) my wife and my kids..... I still have to learn how to play Gin. Fortunately, I fish better than I play cards. However, I did get even with Julian Wolf. I sold his house from under him while we were out fishing.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SCIENCE
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January 19, 1976

Mr. David Lippey
5909 W. Third St.
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, 1976 enclosing a check for \$4,000 made out to the California Institute of Technology. It's my intention to use these funds to help fund construction of an artificial reef made of discarded tires and located off the northwest end of Huntington Beach. I also propose to seek matching funds from the Office of Sea Grants to further assist construction of this reef.

On behalf of myself and my research group, we wish to thank you and the Foundation for the gift. You will probably also receive acknowledgment from the Caltech administration.

Sincerely,



Wheeler J. North
Professor of Environmental Science

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THE FELGER-GREENFIELD-STEELE CHARTERS

Fourteen stalwarts arrived at night to board the SEAHAWK in Santa Barbara, scheduled for 5 AM departure. The boat left at 6:30 with a small scoop of scrounged anchovies and no other bait. In the outer harbor, the skipper stayed in a tight circle because the generator was out. There was no water, no lights and the bait died.

All functions restarted after ten when the generator was restored but the bait remained dead. We were then given the choice of waiting two hours for the bait boat or going in. We chose to go in and the landing refunded the money. Two players lost a rod and reel each. One was recovered from the tackle of another member and the other was not recovered.

The next trip was cancelled due to the absence of bait. Then came the winner!

With charter masters Felger & Greenfield on albie trips, Dave Steele was Captain.

The boat left the dock with "Fat" Billy in charge of the SEAHAWK. The bait was pinhead but plentiful and we anchored off Goleta for the day. Hundreds of bass were caught and released. All on board had full limits of bull bass to 8 lbs.

Ditlove had nothing smaller than 16" in his full sack. Steele was hoarse from screaming each time a luncker was landed. A 12# barracuda was Steele's prize. Ken Jones got two yellows out of 6 caught. Joe Decker was happy to be out again and Sid Jackman limited out very early. No rods or reels were stolen but a tackle box was left and forgotten on the boat.

Everyone sang all the way home.

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Mr. Martin Dimand
Office of the Director of Tire Reef Projects
Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club
546 South Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90013

Dear Mr. Dimand:

The California Department of Fish and Game is pleased to accept from the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club a manmade fishing reef located in about 40 feet of water at Lat. $33^{\circ}40'00''$ North and Long. $118^{\circ}03'00''$ West approximately one mile off the Orange County shoreline at Huntington Beach. The reef has been marked by an identification buoy.

I understand all costs for the 25,000-tire reef were borne by the Club and the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation except for contributions of \$4,000 from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission, \$2,500 from the Orange County Fish and Game Commission and \$3,000 from the Wildlife Conservation Board, an adjunct of the Department of Fish and Game.

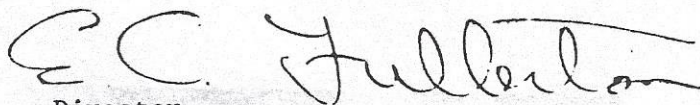
The Club is to be commended for providing volunteer labor for collection of the tires, preparation for sinking and the actual sinking itself, and for enlisting the services of Skipper Russ Izor and Dr. Robert Feldmeth. The Department of Fish and Game was happy to cooperate by obtaining the governmental permits necessary for the project.

Divers have reported the reef is being utilized by many fishes of several species and that it should provide very good fishing in an area which is generally barren sand bottom and unproductive.

By accepting this transfer the California Department of Fish and Game releases the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club from all future liability and responsibility for the reef.

The Club is commended for this effort to improve marine sport fishing for the people of California.

Sincerely,


Director



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Use in Artificial Reefs Lauded

Tires Benefiting Young Fish

Scrap auto tires are proving to be one of the most practical materials for building artificial reefs as shelters for young fish in coastal waters, marine scientists say.

Studies conducted since 1966 by the National Marine Fisheries Service have shown that tires tied together into stacks are often as effective and more economical than sinking concrete building rubble or scrap metal, such as discarded cars.

"Car bodies are expensive to handle and building rubble is difficult to handle, but tires are readily available at no cost and inexpensive to assemble," said Richard B. Stone a marine scientist said here.

Stone, a member of the Artificial Reef Task Group of the fisheries service, told 200 conservationists and marine

biologists at the Artificial Reefs Conference at the Astroworld Hotel Wednesday that tires last indefinitely in seawater and provide a good sanctuary.

Car bodies last only three to six years in the ocean, largely due to corrosion, he said.

Because of their size and weight, scuttled ships are quite effective as artificial reefs. But Stone said most of the surplus World War II Liberty ships recently available for reef building have already been assigned to states.

The Texas Coastal and Marine Council plans to sink 12 of these ships in clusters of three at sites 30 miles offshore Freeport, Matagorda Bay, Port Aransas and Port Mansfield.

Tires, on the other hand,

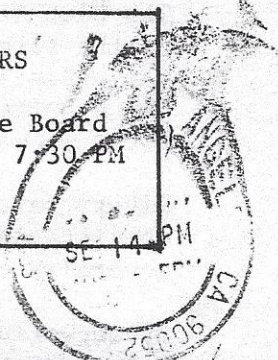
are lightweight and can be used for both small and large reefs, Stone said.

Two large reef projects off the Australian coast composed entirely of tires have pointed the way toward dealing with that country's increasing disposal problem for scrap tires, said E. Colin Davis, a spokesman for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. (Australia) Ltd.

Davis said the tires are undesirable waste on land because they don't decompose and cause objectionable smoke when burned. However, when converted into reefs, they attracted fish within three weeks, he said.

NOTICE TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, Sept 19, 7:30 PM at Canter's Restaurant.



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