



# The Rendezvous

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Steak roast and  
basket auction
- Aug 25 John Kean Day
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## Reciprocal Privileges

 by Secretary Dave Schurr

An exciting benefit you get can take advantage of by belonging to the Saint Clair Yacht Club is an opportunity to visit use some of our neighboring clubs. Because of the efforts between clubs in our area, we maintain reciprocal agreements that permit SCYC members in good standing to have temporary access to these club's basic services.

When you consider that many of these yacht clubs have fine premises, restaurants, bars, launching and boat storage facilities (and membership dues that reflect all this luxury), it's clear that reciprocal privileges are a perk to be treasured, nurtured, and cultivated.

Abuse them and we could all lose them. To maintain goodwill between the SCYC and these reciprocating clubs, it's important to follow these guidelines:

\* Make sure you bring your SCYC membership card and be prepared to present it as soon as you arrive at the reciprocal club. Many clubs have barriers or security guards to prevent unauthorized access, so simply explain that you're visiting under their club's reciprocal agreement. Please do not try to enter without your card, and if access is denied for any reason, please do not argue. Disappointing as that may be, just plan to return later, and notify the SCYC

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## What is a Poker Run?

 by R/C Patrick Wilks [pwilks219@netscape.net](mailto:pwilks219@netscape.net)

A Poker Run is not a race. It's a game of chance and an assembly of some of the hottest, fastest and most exotic dinghies in North America, from the east side to the west. Even before the actual event begins, you can sense the burning fever of anticipation. One participant was overheard brimming with unbridled enthusiasm and eager to start. "Yea, right!" "The sooner we start the sooner we get it over with and get on to the steaks."

Like all true blue boaters, Poker Runners are itching to head out on the nearby water. Sure they love the attentions of wide-eyed performance fans fawning like love-struck children over their not-so-sleek, super-slow water warriors. Sure, they listen carefully to important details outlining proper conduct, safety and rules of the road at the driver's

meeting. But, like a pride of lions ready to prowl, Poker Runners are rarin' to unleash raw horsepower – at times up to 15 hp.

A Poker Run is fun on the water with micro amounts of power to burn. It's a few glorious hours of mini rubber performance boating at its finest, a chance to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Each participating boat navigates a carefully charted course, stopping at five checkpoints along the route to pick up a sealed envelope containing a single playing card. At the final checkpoint, the envelopes are opened and the crew holding the best poker hand is declared the winner!

There's an unquantifiable joy in feeling the wind whip your face at mind-bending speeds of up to ten miles per hour on the

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## Reciprocity

Secretary or other Board of Director Member of the problem. We will then work to arrange a more favorable welcome.

\* Once you're cleared to go in, ask the gate security guard or another member whether they have a guest book you should sign and track down the club secretary or other appropriate official and introduce yourself. Non-club members are likely to get the third degree if discovered wandering about, so introducing yourself and "checking in" should prevent any awkwardness.

## Poker Run

open water sometimes up to 100 feet off shore while experiencing a roller-coaster-like ride over wakes and waves of our inland seas.

But signing on for a Poker Run also means being part of a well-organized (maybe in your dreams), activity-oriented (hardly), fun-filled safe (hop so) event. Naturally, it helps to have a great body of water, but equally as important are the card stops and special hosts that cater to

\* Needless to say, be gracious and courteous. You are an envoy for the SCYC, and our entire club will be judged by your actions. Encourage their members to visit our club. Tell them about our great activities, and share our Web address.

For further information on which clubs participate in this reciprocal program, please refer to the display board near the kitchenette area. These agreements are in the process of being updated for the 2008 boating season.

*Dave Schurr, SCYC Secretary*

Poker Runners throughout the run. Poker Runs are events for the entire family (of two). At each of the five checkpoints, host communities provide unique and entertaining activities, sometimes linked with waterfront festivals. (that's code for they might have a restroom) So mark your calendars today, and be sure to capture the spine-tingling thrills of taking part in a Poker Run in your area.

## Club Crawl Nearly Sold Out

The March 15<sup>th</sup> Club Crawl is set and it's a near sellout as we go to "virtual press." However, we have 4 seats left but they won't last so call Patrick or Ken now and get in on the fun. It's one the eagerly anticipated events of the year. March

### Birthdays

Bob Abernathy-18th.

Don Brunelle-8th.

Walter McMurtry-21st.

Scott Noel-29th.

Please let us know if there are errors.

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