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Tanya, Richard, Rocket, The Turkey, Betty, Gail



Classy eateries! Above on Echo, below on Life of Riley



The seventh pig & John Hendrix, Pigmaster!

NEW WILDLIFE SPOTTED AT LIMI!

After a not-so-little bird whis-
pered in someone's ear,

TURKEYS! Two of them!

were observed this October 17th & 18th, complete with the 'gobble gobble that you'd normally expect from the bird. But in this case the only 'gobble gobble's came from our always hungry boaters!

Bird number one was roasted carefully for seven hours on the marina's barbeque before, with all the trimmings, it graced the table on 'Life of Riley II' and was gobbled by Gail & Gavin, Betty & Brian and Richard & Tanya.

Bird number two arrived all ready for gobblers Ross and his ten guests on 'Echo', complete with homemade pumpkin pie. Ross's 'appetizer' was a dip into the river to retrieve canvas that a 'landlubber' guest inadvertently dropped in the water. BBBrrrrr, that water was about fifty degrees! The weather co-operated to everyone's liking except Gail's! But cool as it was,

this author can assure you from fond experience that nothing ... absolutely nothing beats Thanksgiving dinner cooked in the wilds & consumed with all the trimmings in a cozy, candlelit cabin while the frogs and the birds chorus the dinnertime music!

PIGS, Seven of them!

All from Oink Oink Acres have arrived at our site over the past seven years, been roasted to perfection and, like the turkeys, have been gobbled by our ever hungry boaters. Our seventh annual Pig Roast saw more gobblers that ever before ... about one hundred & thirty of them!

Our local, 'on strike' lockmasters band, a little embarrassed but not to the point of wearing brown paper bags over their heads, (Gillian's suggestion) as usual provided the music.

Accolades to all our guests for the 'better than ever before' potluck contributions about which Gillian heard raving comments for weeks afterward!

THE SILVER SPOON

Boater Gerry Ingham left the Pig Roast without her favourite silver serving spoon! It's larger than a regular serving spoon, with a longer handle and a classic, simple design. It was part of a now incomplete set. Did it travel home in your empty dish? If so please give us a call so we can arrange to get it back to her.

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MORE WILDLIFE (!?)

ZEBRA MUSSELS



... are moving in again BIG TIME. Recognize the object on your left?

It's the thermometer, which was hanging off the swim ladder on the main dock! It was last checked, and free of mussels in August!

Many boats came out of the water this fall heavily encrusted with zebra mussels, while other hulls were mussel free.

Why the difference?

Because smart boaters apply anti-fouling paint or wax to their hulls in spring and use their boats regularly. These are the two ways to minimize these infestations, and you'd better do both to be sure!

1. Use antifouling paint on all the below-water surfaces of your hull. If you're one of those bucking this idea because you don't like the look (beats me ... it's underwater) then apply several coats of a top quality zebra wax on all your underwater surfaces. Wax application is much more time consuming than antifouling paint (so if the Marina is doing it it'll cost a lot more) and, in our experience is not quite as effective. In addition everyone should use 'outdrive spray' on your lower unit.
2. Run your boat at full operating temperature and hull speed for at least one half hour per week. That'll wash off the viligers (babies) before they grow to adults

Mussels cause you several problems: In escalating order:

- The drag they create slows your craft down and increases gas consumption
- They cost you more to remove in the fall than algae fouling.

- They will block your water intakes causing your engine to overheat, and likely cause huge, EXPENSIVE damage to your engine
- Ultimately damage your gelcoat to the point that your bottom must be peeled and re-coated. (For a 20' boat, about eight grand!)

Limi sells antifouling paints, zebra waxes and outdrive sprays in our Chandlery. Apply them yourself or have us do it for you ... It'll save you money ... guaranteed!

Most antifouling paints (especially the inexpensive ones we use here) must be applied no sooner than about two weeks before the boat is launched or they won't be effective. They are totally ineffective after winter storage, so must be re-applied every spring. Briefly this is because when the paint surface hardens the toxins can no longer escape to do their job on those pesky mussels!

More on this in the spring newsletter.

AND THE WILDEST WILDLIFE OF ALL!

Limi's now annual staff cruise aboard the good ship Shel Cher was a gas again (sorry Robin) as we cruised south, ate copious amounts of food and drank totally moderate amounts of beer & wine ... it was a dark and stormy night!

Left to right are: Tony, Jason, Pam (with Tony), Dawn, Gillian, Garry (with Dawn), Admiral Barb, Mike, Skipper Robin and 'the man with the 'at (Real). on Shel Cher's upper deck.

Thank you Robin & Barb!

A SAD FAREWELL

Jonathon Watson, Marine Surveyor known by many of us passed away suddenly on October 31st. Condolences to his wife Carol and family were expressed on all of our behalves at the celebration of his life on November 6th Goodbye Jonathon ... and Thank You!



The Coast



WELCOME ABOARD

Richard and Tanya, who've practically lived on board their twenty-six foot Rinker, & whom we think have 'showered with a friend' more often than any other folk in Limi history!

Steve and Bridget very experienced boaters (ex- sailors) 'Movin on' their twenty-six-foot Thundercraft

Mike K who arrived holed (!) and late but still managed to get his houseboat 'U Funny 2' fixed and launched so he could practice his docking skills

Steve L who purchased 'Bear's Den' and is fixin' 'er up big-time in readiness for next year's season

Peggy & Dan returning after a two-year absence during which they decided that Limi is indeed 'God's country'

Dave P returning with his latest acquisition, a twenty-one foot Starcraft

Chris B with his twenty-foot Prowler
Bob S who finally purchased 'Westwind II (at a BARGAIN, we might add!) and is fixing up that neglected twenty-seven foot Bayliner in readiness for summer 2005

Carl & Kathy with 'Get 'in 'er Wet', their seventeen-foot Wellcraft

David D, who's twenty-two foot Fairline is for sale at an extraordinarily good price!

Jim O'S who, unluckily, had much of this season wiped out when another driver 'wiped out' his loaded trailer

James D, whom we haven't got to know yet, but Dawn thinks is a keen fisherman.

A hearty 'WELCOME' to all of you, and may all your boating days be sunny, bright and inexpensive!

Apologies if we missed you ... get you next time!

DID YOU MISS THE BOAT?



Loose Change' That's skipper Gary K on the dock

The Second annual Easter Seals Rideau River Run to raise money for our local Easter Seals kids happened on August 21 this year. Two intrepid crews from Limi decorated their boats & scavenged (typical Limi boaters) and answered questions to win GREAT prizes! Bill & Betty R won \$500.00 worth of gas and Gavin argued about the poker hand ... again!



Gail, Gavin, Betty & Billon 'Life of Riley'



Palm Trees on 'Loose Change'



Gavin B's company "Myers Chev Olds was a River Run sponsor

WHAT SUMMER?

Yes, it wasn't the greatest. The weather in August was awful and the lock strike didn't help. Nevertheless the diehards still managed to enjoy themselves.

Gary K donated a horseshoe set to Limi, and lots of boaters took advantage of the sunny and warm days to hone their aim. Yours Truly Gillian tried it ... but the point still eludes her!



Betty K & Brian C decided to weather out the strike in the Big Rideau rather than in the Long Reach, tied up at Beveridges Lock and commuted to & from work from there. Power-hogging caused a little grief, but Betty won't admit I told her so!



All our new boat shelters were booked for winter long before they were built, and we even had to offer one customer shelter in one of our tents ... alongside the honey wagon! If you want one next winter, reserve it early!

Trailer boaters, these shelters are also available to rent for the summer .at a cost of less than \$500.00 for the entire season for boats up to twenty feet.

Sun & wind can damage canvas and make gelcoat chalky, so park your rig in the shade & you don't need to worry about covering your craft...just haul her and park her!



Fishing at Limi was good as usual ... look at this magnificent pike caught in our travel lift slip!



Wishing every single one of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful summer 2005

