

# Sailing Adventure Club

**April, 2008**

## Telltales



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Just a short note to remind everyone of the Board Meeting April 1st at 1730 and General meeting at 1900 hours.

And those that are going to the " Post Tax Sail" in San Diego should have their money in to Brian by Now.

Also there is a Horse Back ride March 30th 1730hrs (5:30) at the Ponderosa Stables just before the entry into South Mountain Park on the left side of the road. Riding apparel: Jeans and boots. Call Carol Sampson for info. 480-759-6763

Head Pirate: Charlie Fernwault

Belize Pre-Trip and 2008 International Trip Planning Party  
Saturday, April 26 at 6:30

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Belize Pre-Trip get-together and to help plan for future international trips. Food with an "island" theme along with soda and water will be provided.

This is a pre-trip party for the May Belize trip so crews can coordinate last minute trip items, schedules and food / provisioning.

Where to go next year and the year after? Suggestions include Croatia and Tahiti. Join in and give us your ideas and suggestions as to where, when, how long (one week or two) sail only or sail / sightseeing. The Trip Coordinator needs your input to plan a trip that meets your needs.

So join us on Saturday the 26th at 6:30 at 6702 East Oak. Sign up at the April meeting, call at 480-874-0349 or e-mail (Mhillma@aol.com) so we have a head count for food. See you there. Call if you need directions.

**SAN DIEGO POST TAX DAY SAIL:**

**Saturday - Sunday April 19 - 20, 2008**

**We have one (1) boat secured for this trip, and sleeping accommodations for seven (7) people.**

**Approximate cost will be \$225.00 per person due at April General meeting; payable to Sailing Adventure Club.**

**Board at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and sleep aboard Saturday night.**

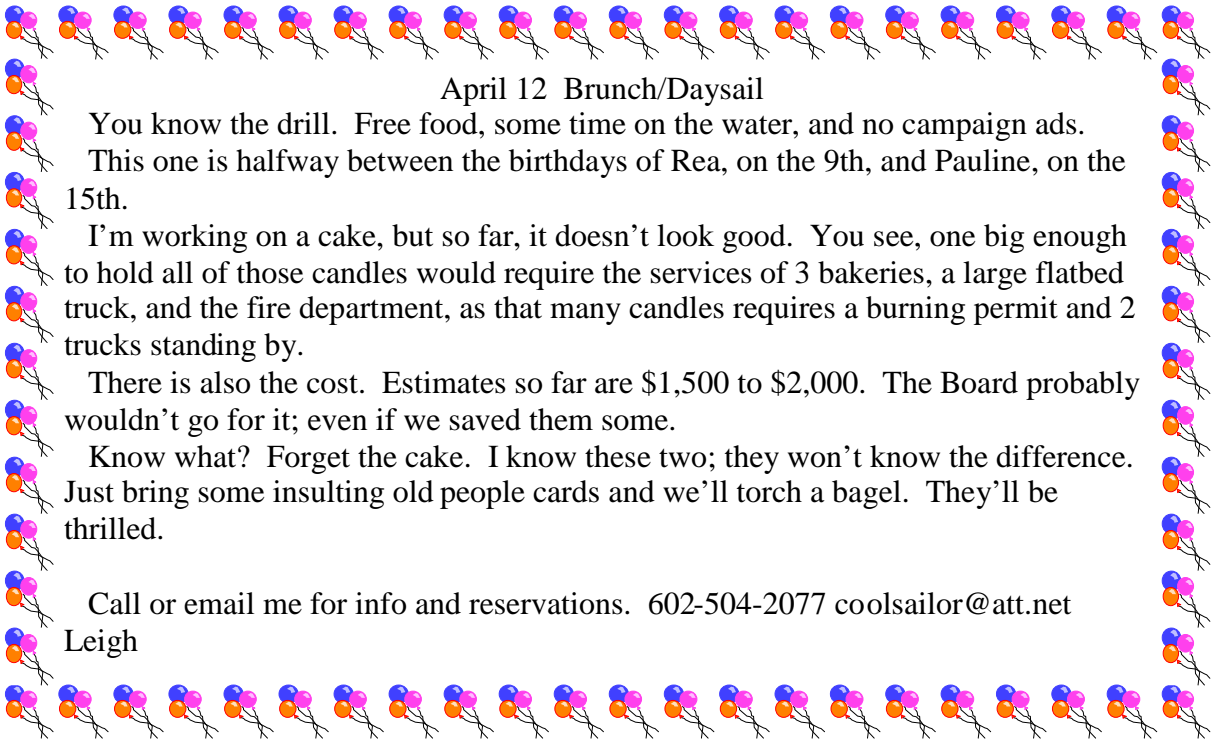
**Travel and Friday night accommodations are by the individual.**

**Your Captain will be Ralph Morgan.**

**See Brian at meeting or, e-mail me at [briansolarik@msn.com](mailto:briansolarik@msn.com)**

**Details:**

General Meetings are held at the Rolling Hills Golf Course, which is on the east side of Mill Ave. about a mile north of downtown Tempe, on the first Tuesday of each month, except Dec. Meeting starts at 7. Come a little earlier for dinner and social. There's a map on our website. Board meetings are also held there, starting at 5:30. Members are welcome; but, if you come early and we don't acknowledge you it's not that we're being rude, it's that we're intentionally ignoring you.



April 12 Brunch/Daysail

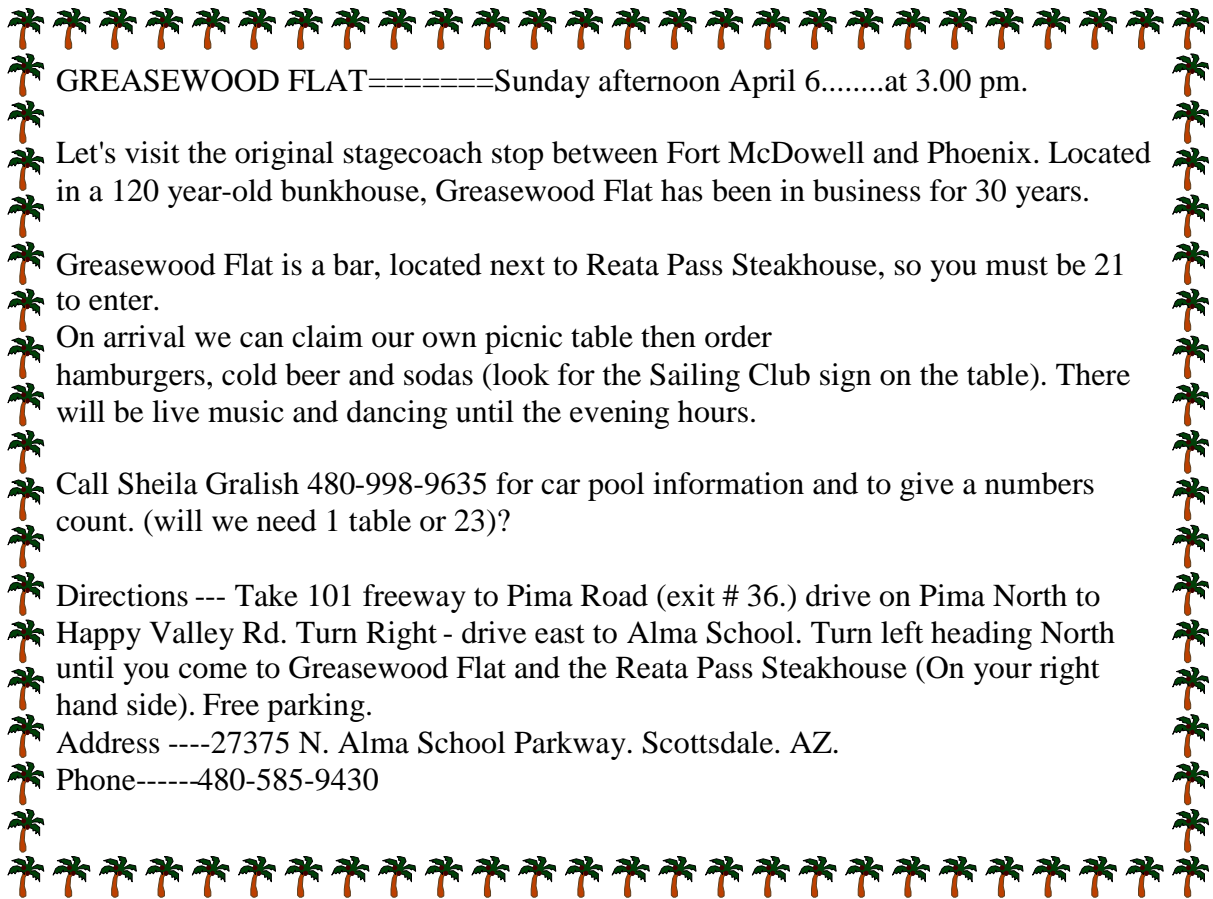
You know the drill. Free food, some time on the water, and no campaign ads. This one is halfway between the birthdays of Rea, on the 9th, and Pauline, on the 15th.

I'm working on a cake, but so far, it doesn't look good. You see, one big enough to hold all of those candles would require the services of 3 bakeries, a large flatbed truck, and the fire department, as that many candles requires a burning permit and 2 trucks standing by.

There is also the cost. Estimates so far are \$1,500 to \$2,000. The Board probably wouldn't go for it; even if we saved them some.

Know what? Forget the cake. I know these two; they won't know the difference. Just bring some insulting old people cards and we'll torch a bagel. They'll be thrilled.

Call or email me for info and reservations. 602-504-2077 [coolsailor@att.net](mailto:coolsailor@att.net)  
Leigh



GREASEWOOD FLAT=====Sunday afternoon April 6.....at 3.00 pm.

Let's visit the original stagecoach stop between Fort McDowell and Phoenix. Located in a 120 year-old bunkhouse, Greasewood Flat has been in business for 30 years.

Greasewood Flat is a bar, located next to Reata Pass Steakhouse, so you must be 21 to enter.

On arrival we can claim our own picnic table then order hamburgers, cold beer and sodas (look for the Sailing Club sign on the table). There will be live music and dancing until the evening hours.

Call Sheila Galish 480-998-9635 for car pool information and to give a numbers count. (will we need 1 table or 23)?

Directions --- Take 101 freeway to Pima Road (exit # 36.) drive on Pima North to Happy Valley Rd. Turn Right - drive east to Alma School. Turn left heading North until you come to Greasewood Flat and the Reata Pass Steakhouse (On your right hand side). Free parking.

Address ----27375 N. Alma School Parkway. Scottsdale. AZ.

Phone-----480-585-9430

March 15, 2008

SAC Planning Party

Location: Home of Brian Solarik

April – October Board meetings at 5:30pm and General Meeting

At 7:00pm on first Tuesday of each month, EXCEPT  
in July there are no meetings.

March 30 5:30pm Horseback Ride and Dinner

April 6 3:00pm Greasewood Flats Dinner and Music

April 12 9:30 am Lake Pleasant Brunch & Sail

April 18-20 San Diego - Annual After Tax Sail

April 26 6:30pm 2008 International Sail Planning

Al and Melita's Home

May 5 Cinco de Mayo (location TBD)

May 10-18 Sailing in Belize ( 3 SAC Boats)

June 7 6:30pm Post Belize Party

June 14 Dinner and Movie (Indiana Jones)

July 4-5 San Diego for 4<sup>th</sup> and sail Ron's boat on 5

July 26 Dinner and Movie

August 22-24 Sailing with Tall Ships in San Diego

September 20 Planning Party at home of Charlie and Karla

September 27 Dinner at Greek Restaurant

October 11-13 Sailing during Fleet Week in San Francisco

October 24 Dinner at Papadeaux's Seafood Restaurant

From our Department of Nautical Lore:

Cannons on old war ships were very heavy (duh), but they were mounted on carts that would allow them to move back when fired to absorb the recoil energy. Occasionally, a cannon would come loose from it's mounting. Such a heavy object out of control on a moving boat would be dangerous. Hence the expression, "As dangerous as a loose cannon".

Cannon Balls

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.

And all this time, you thought that was a vulgar expression, didn't you?

## April 2008

| Sunday                       | Monday | Tuesday                                               | Wednesday        | Thursday           | Friday | Saturday                       |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Horseback ride               |        | 1<br>Board Mtg 5:30<br>General Meeting 7:00<br>Pete's | 2                | 3                  | 4      | 5                              |
| 6<br><i>Greasewood Flats</i> | 7      | 8                                                     | 9<br>Rea Kienast | 10                 | 11     | 12<br>Brunch/Sail              |
| 13                           | 14     | 15<br>Pauline Bonet                                   | 16               | 17<br>Elva Fimbres | 18     | 19<br>San Diego Sail           |
| 20                           | 21     | 22                                                    | 23               | 24<br>Jay Graves   | 25     | 26<br>Intl trip planning party |
| 27                           | 28     | 29                                                    | 30               |                    |        |                                |

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| 2      | 3                       | 4<br>Board Mtg 5:30<br>General Mtg 7:00<br>Pete's<br>Diane Steele-Smith | 5<br>Cinco de Mayo | 6                   | 7                  | 8        |
| 9      | 10<br>Belize Trip       | 11                                                                      | 12                 | 13<br>Jerri Daniels | 14<br>Ralph Morgan | 15       |
| 16     | 17                      | 18<br>Belize return                                                     | 19                 | 20<br>Robert Gander | 21                 | 22       |
| 23/30  | 24<br>31<br>Cindy Leigh | 25                                                                      | 26                 | 27<br>Linda Ems     | 28                 | 29       |