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New Commodores Web Site Published

Everett, WA — The new and improved Commodores web site is now on the Internet. As always, you can access the latest Commodores news online at www.seattlecommodores.com.

The new site maintains the traditional information provided by the site maintained by David Jessup at Innovative Publications, www.innovativepublications.com, but adds new features that will help to market the Commodores to the public and provide greater communication within the group. The Calendar of Events page is an interactive calendar that makes it easy for members to RSVP to events as they are published. Members may have already experienced this with the upcoming Bowlathon and the January Social.

An email with the event details is automatically sent to members with a one-click RSVP. In addition, the recipient may also easily forward the invitation to a prospective member or a friend whom they would like to



have attend the event. They in turn can click to RSVP. The event organizer then can review at any time the list of attendees and the comments provided by the respondent. In addition, contact information is

provided for the officers on the new web site with generic email addresses. For instance, Commandant Laurent Martin may be reached at commandant@seattlecommodores.com. Another new feature of the Commodores' site is video. Click on the Photo Gallery link and follow it to Video. Currently, only two videos are published, but more will follow. Web Master, Ken North employs all Commodores to provide content. If you have video or photos of Commodore activities that should be posted on the site, click Web Master on the site and send him your content!

Many thanks to David Jessup for his years of service to the Commodores!



Seattle Commodores Attend Northwest Festival Hosting Conference

Shelton, WA — The annual Northwest Festival Hosting Group (NFHG) conference took place on January 18th, 19th and 20th at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton, WA. This year, the festival was hosted and organized by the Olympia Lakefair Capilarians who did a tremendous job. The purpose of this organization is to promote Members Festivals via

information and resource sharing between group members and to enhance the quality and attendance level of festival events. The current membership includes:

- Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival
- Wenatchee Appalarians & Apple Blossom Festival
- Port Townsend Rhododendron Festival

- Spokane Liliac Festival
- New Westminster Hyack Festival
- Portland Royal Rosarians
- Tillamook Ambassadors
- Olympia Lakefair Capilarians
- Seattle Seafair Commodores
- Astoria Regetta

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Commodores Host John Andor Entertains at the January Social

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2001 Awards & Installation Banquet Photos on Commodore Web Site

Commodores Will Bowl You Over

Seattle, WA - The Seattle Seafair Commodores will host the annual Fundraiser Bowlingthon at West Seattle Bowl on



Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. The two game tournament is your chance to not only show of your bowling prowess, but a great way to introduce prospective Commodores

to the organization. Plan to gather your team of four or five bowlers for this year’s event and join the fun! This family event is designed to fit your budget and help you toward your quota. Adults are \$50.00 and those twelve and under are just \$20.00. The fee includes two games, shoe rental and a post tournament cook-out. In addition, the Commodores will be hosting a raffle with some great prizes. All proceeds of this event benefit the Seafair Scholarship Program for Women. Ray and Joy Brand will once again host the cookout at their motor home in the parking

lot following the raffle. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served. For more information, see the Calendar of Events



section of the new Commodores web site or contact Joe Gong at seattle-jcjoel@yahoo.com. Are you game?



Commodores Lee and Andor Host January Social

Edmonds, WA — The Commodores Social held January 26, 2008 at the Maplewood Manor Condominiums was a success. Hosts were Dee Lee and John Andor. The food was plentiful and delicious. Featured items were chicken, home made potato salad and different dishes brought by all in attendance. We also enjoyed a wonderful hot casserole fresh from the oven. Desserts included

four different types of cheese



cakes. Yummmm!

Several prospective new members attended and enjoyed the comradery we shared. I know we will receive applications from some of them. The evening was topped off by John Andor's magnificent and animated selling of raffle tickets with many laughs along the way. Good job John!

— article contributed by Dee Lee



Video Content Requested for New Commodores Web Site

Web Master Ken North has published the new Seattle Seafair Commodores web site and is now requesting your contributions for content. In addition to looking for your ideas on what you think would be great additions to the site, Ken is looking specifically for short video clips you may have of Commodore events.

There are a few methods available to add your clips to the

site: 1) Burn your video onto a DVD and give it to Ken, 2) Email short clips to Ken at ken@kennorth.com or 3) Upload your Commodores video to YouTube and email a link to the video to Ken. The video clips may then be added to the Seafair Commodores YouTube Video Channel and will appear on the Commodores' site.



Commandant's Corner

Officers,

It has been brought to my attention that some expenses you might have had are being sent directly to our Warrant officer to be counted towards your quota. The quota associated to each Commodore represents a major part of our fundraising effort. As such, any expense claimed towards your quota needs to be directly related to this fundraising effort. In other words, the only expenses that you can count towards your quota are the ones that would otherwise "cost" the Commodores money or the ones that are bringing money into our bank account (directly or indirectly). To clarify even further, here are a few

examples:

These CAN be counted towards quota:
 - Recruitment meals: recruiting a new member will ultimately bring money to the Commodores.
 - Postage, printing, supplies for social, etc...: these are expenses the Commodores would have to pay otherwise.
 - Expenses to represent the Commodores at a recruiting/promotional function: These events can potentially bring new members or promote the attendance to one of our fundraiser events.
 - Make a donation to the Commodores or collect somebody's donation: this goes straight to

our bank account.

These CANNOT be counted towards quota:
 - Non-recruiting meals: "drinks" after a parade, dinners at the officers meetings, etc...
 - Personal expenses: Dry-cleaning of your uniform, buy a new jacket, etc...
 - Expenses to attend a function: Gas to get to a parade, hotel for an out-of-town festival, etc...

In any case, any expense claimed towards anybody's quota is subject to the Commandant's review and approval. There used to be a form available for that and I thought I had put a copy in each officers
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Laurent Martin
Commandant
2007-08

Have You Made Your Quota?

Seattle, WA — The January Executive Committee meeting included a review of the Articles of Organization and Operation of the Seattle Seafair Commodores. Specifically, the committee reviewed Article III, Section 2) 3a, which reads as follows: "Failure of a Commodore to meet the minimum fundraising requirement will forfeit his/her financial credit toward participation in the annual SEAFAIR Festival Package weekend that includes the Shrimp Boat Party and Grand Ball

and other events, prepaid Commodore events. This financial credit portion of a Commodores dues allocated for the festival weekend will be reapplied toward their fundraising quota. The Commodore may attend festival weekend events, but must pay individually the then ticket price for each event."

While the committee recognizes that this section of the Articles has not recently been enforced, we will be enforcing it beginning

this year. The Executive Committee's motivation behind this decision is to ensure the rightful and deserved recognition for the people who are active. So, if you would like to participate in the Torchlight Parade, please work toward achieving your quota prior to the event.

We would like all Commodores to be involved in this event, so get busy on that quota!



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Share Your Commodore Moments

The Commodores Webshare server is now available for all members to share their favorite photos of Commodores events. All registered users may now go to <https://north.homeserver.com/Webshare> and upload their photos to share with the rest of the members. The server allows you to download photos from other members and save these to your computer or print them for your enjoyment. Simply log into the server and follow the directions to create a new album, then share it with the Commodores. Or, you may load your photos into

an album previously created by someone else for the same event.



Photo Webshare

The Webshare server is different

from the Photo Gallery at the Commodores' web site where the photos are viewed by the general public. With the Webshare server, only registered users may enter and view photos.

If you have forgotten your password, just go to the web page for the server (listed above) and ask for the password to be emailed to you. Then, share your favorite shots with your fellow Commodores.



Coming in Next Month's Bridge: Seafair Pirates in Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition

Seattle Seafair Commodores

Officers

Laurent Martin, Commandant
Ken North, Vice-Commandant
John Andor, Operations Officer
Ray Brand, Warrant Officer
JB Webster, Personnel Officer
Chris Hooper, Special Services Officer
Joe Gong, Chief of Staff
Dee Lee, Deputy Chief of Staff
Kim Pierce, Deputy Chief of Staff
James Tisdell, Public Information Officer
Tom Warnke, Past Commandant

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Ken North, Vice Commandant



Upcoming Events from Seattle Seafair Commodores

Seattle Seafair Commodores Annual Bowl-A-Thon

Sat, Feb 23 11:15am
West Seattle Bowl

Commodores Officer Meeting

Wed, Mar 12 6:30pm
Uptown China Restaurant

Commodores Officer Meeting

Wed, Apr 9 6:30pm
Uptown China Restaurant

We're on the web!

www.seafaircommodores.com

Northwest Festivals Hosting Conference Report

- Leavenworth Royal Bavarians & Autumn Leaf Festival
- Issaquah Salmon Days Salm-bassadors

Marysville Strawberry Festival
The Commodores represented Seafair and Commandant Laurent, Operations Officer John, Special Services Chris and Deputy Chief of Staff Dee made the trip to Chelton on 1/19. The annual conference is an opportunity for all the festival representatives to give and receive feedback about the events they attended the previous year and present and promote their upcoming events. Overall, Seafair and our 2007 Seafair weekend package received some positive feedback. People loved our dinner

cruise even though the dressing code was not announced and created some confusion. Also, better signage and guidance could have been ready for our guests when they arrived at our hospitality hotel. Some of the critics we received are Seafair's responsibility and Commandant Laurent took the action item to escalate these issues and follow-up with the Seafair office. The four Commodores representatives made a point to collect all the information packets for the 2008 festivals that were handed out at the conference and they will be advertised in an upcoming edition of the Bridge. We also handed-out our own information packet for the 2008 Seafair Weekend. The second part of the day

was dedicated to a presentation about Non-Profit Insurance pool and a speech by John Darby, Thurston County Chamber of Commerce who provided a candid yet interesting way to approach fundraising and membership involvement for organizations like ours. The day ended by a raffle in which Special Services Chris won the grand prize donated by the Port Townsend Rhododendron Festival (including hotel accommodation and dinner!) and Commandant Laurent won the wine basket donated by the Royal Bavarians. It was a perfect ending to a studious day.

— Article contributed by Laurent Martin



Commandant's Corner

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folder at the beginning of the year. I will double-check and send a new copy of the form. Clearly, the intent is not to police or increase the need for paperwork for our organization but it is my opinion that as officers, we must lead by example and strictly apply any rules and guidelines to ourselves first if we are expecting the entire organization to follow.

Thanks,
-Laurent
Commandant 2008

