

# Rio Villa

Community  
Newsletter



OCTOBER, 2008

Rio Villa Improvement Committee

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## Rio Villa Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes

President - Brad Malloy; Vice-President - Johnny Ballard; Secretary - Quentin Klaus.

The RVIC held its September meeting on Thursday, the 7th at the boat ramp. First on the meetings agenda was the issue of Texas Parks and Wildlife putting in a "bird-watching" park area at the dead-end of Rio Villa South (near Jubilo, not Wallisville). At the time of the meeting the officers did not have any exact details, only what the county "may" do, so it was decided to look into this issue further and present more information at the October meeting. The members present at the meeting decided to wait on any more discussion of the issue until that time.

Next on the agenda was for the President to nominate a committee to select the nominees to run for the 2009 RVIC Board. According to the By-Laws the committee should consist of one Board member and two non-Board members. Quentin Klaus was nominated as the board member. The two non-board members selected were Steve Benoit and Martha Lee. These three will contact persons of good standing who would like to run for a Board position for 2009. If you would like to run, please let one of them know. Nominees will be presented at the October meeting. Voting will take place in November and the decision will be announced at the December Christmas Party.

Third on the Agenda the Board asked for any ideas for Halloween this year in Rio Villa. Ideas were discussed such as having a Halloween Parade/hay ride on Sunday the 29th of October and afterward having a little party for the kids at one of our neighbors homes. Maybe having hot dogs, a little grab bag of candy, and a costume contest for the kids. Then on Tuesday, the kids can go as they please and do the usual "trick or treating!" More specifics will be decided upon and given out at the October meeting. If you have any ideas, contact a Board member!

Last on the agenda was New business. J.C. Kaiser, President of the Water Board, was present at the meeting and let everyone know there was not a need for water rationing at this time. The water plant is doing great! Next, the officers let everyone know there are still being bids taken to smooth out the boat ramp parking lot. Last issue was the children of the neighborhood tearing up the boat ramp and water plant driveways as well as other areas of the neighborhood. Some children have already been caught and warned. This needs to stop. There are plenty of woods and trails for the children to ride. Please do what you can as a parent, neighbor, & resident, to keep this under control. The meeting was then adjourned. Please make it to the October meeting. As you can see from these minutes, a lot of information will be discussed at that time.



## Yard Of The Month!!

September's Yard of the month goes to Paul DeCarrie @ 19703 Rio Villa. Congratulations!

For October's Yard of the Month, the committee will be looking for the best Halloween theme! The award will be given around the middle of the month so that everyone has plenty of time to get all those Halloween decorations out! Have fun and get spooky!



## **Wake Boarding Magazine's Editor's View**

The following is the Editor's View out of the October issue of Wake Boarding Magazine. I thought it had a good message and should be read by all Rio Villa Boaters and Skiers. This is dedicated in memory of our friend Shane Langston 1977-1998.

### **Zip It and Clip It**

So I'm out the other day visiting Pat Panakos at the Projects under the guise of "advertiser relationship maintenance," which in this case consisted of taking a couple pulls and working the WBM funbox floating out at his school's site. Something caught my eye while riding and I dropped the handle and waited for Pat to circle back around. The verbal description of what I'd seen wasn't getting the message across so I suggested that he and I trade positions, I'd drive while I pulled him by the spot I wanted him to see. He slipped out from behind the wheel



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## ***Wake Boarding Magazine's Editor's View*** (from page 2)

and pulled on the board while I assumed his former post as captain. As I got on the pepper and lifted him from the water, something became readily apparent: the switch happened so quickly that I'd forgotten to pass of my life vest to him.

I uneasily pointed to the area where I wanted him to look for the object I had so poorly described moments earlier. After his 30-second fruitless search I pulled back off the throttle and brought the boat back to where Pat was waiting in the water. Without my even mentioning how uncomfortable I was, having recognized his vestless attire, Pat expressed the same anxiety I'd felt. "Man, that was the first time I've ridden without a vest since the Corey incident. That didn't feel right. I wasn't comfortable at all out there."

Easy to understand why. Personally, I became uncomfortable a few years earlier after I'd brained myself while riding, stuffing the rail on a spin and smacking the water so hard I blacked out for a few seconds and then suffered a good half hour of complete amnesia. I couldn't remember the names of the people in the boat, where I was or where

my truck was parked. Hell, I didn't even remember I drove a truck! It was an awfully eerie feeling as I waited for my memory to start flowing back to me.

Luckily for me, I'd made a good decision that day. For months prior I'd been doing a fair amount of riding without a vest. I'd just scored a new one the day before my big fall, and I'd brought it with me to give it a try. If fit great and I was totally digging it. More importantly, I was stoked to find that it had done its job in keeping a compromised rider floating on the surface. That fall had knocked the wind out of me and without the assistance floating, well, I'd hate to think what worse would have come from it. From then on it's been my personal decision to wear a vest whenever I ride.

Now I'm staring down the barrel of making a professional decision about the use of flotation vests in WBM (wake boarding Magazine). It blows that it's coming as a reactionary measure after the passing of a son, a friend and a wakeboarder, but a change in policy is necessary. Without wanting to make a martyr of one individual, this

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action comes at the desire of not wanting to relieve the pain associated with losing someone, anyone, to drowning. As a leader in our sport, we're going to set a precedent for the future and we hope the industry members will follow suit as well.

Starting with our 2009 issue, Wake Boarding Magazine will no longer run shots of bare chested riders or riders not wearing some type of flotation enhancement device around their torso. The reality is that vests don't inhibit you from executing maneuvers and if you feel they do, then you're already out of your league. Riders who aspire to be among our pages and photographers who help get them there, consider yourselves informed of the change. In reality, this will affect very few of you. And as far as WBM is concerned, this will only help to strengthen the quality of our magazine.

This time frame has been instituted out of consideration of professionalism and fairness. We've contracted photographers for photos months ago that are being currently used in this issue that we can't discard, as they weren't informed of our change in policy. It will also allow others within the industry to see our decree and plan accordingly for their advertising. An undertaking of this magnitude will take a little time, but we feel it's for the betterment of our sport. We can't go in and change the past, but we certainly can have an impact on the future. We pride ourselves on bringing you the best action there is, but if our newest policy has an end effect of saving a life, then that's the best legacy WBM could ever give to the sport of wakeboarding.

Jeff Barton  
Editor Wake Boarding Magazine



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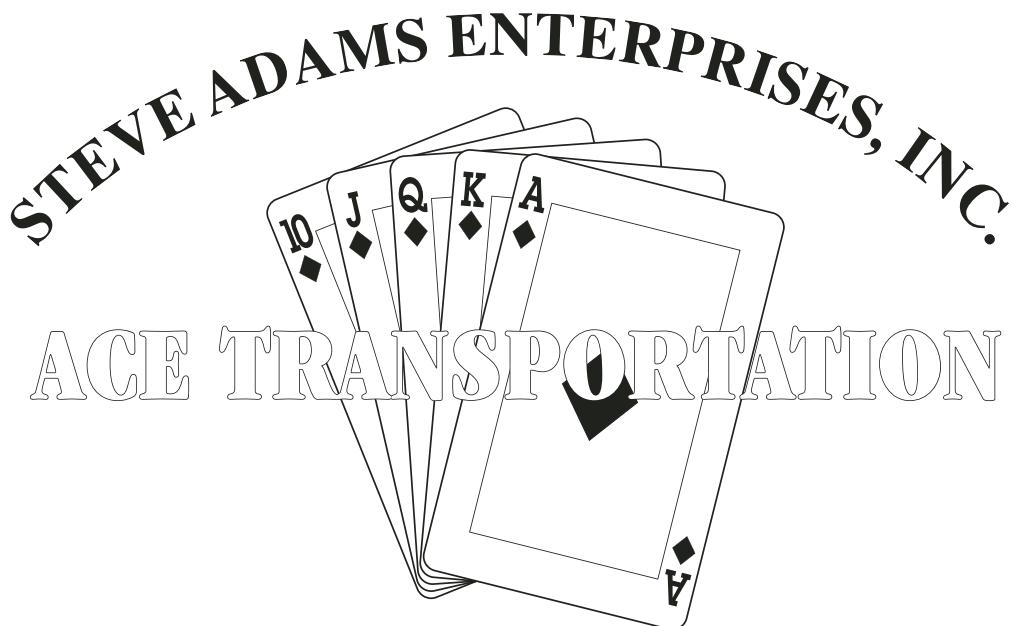
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1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened

3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

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1 pkg. (4-serving size) JELL-O Instant Pudding, any flavor

1 tsp. vanilla

2 eggs

2-1/4 cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1 pkg. (12 oz.) BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks

PREHEAT oven to 375°F. Beat butter, sugars, dry pudding mix and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add eggs; mix well. Gradually add flour and baking soda, beating until well blended. Stir in chocolate chunks. (Dough will be stiff.)

DROP teaspoonfuls of dough, 2 inches apart, onto ungreased baking sheets.

BAKE 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from baking sheets. Cool completely on wire racks.

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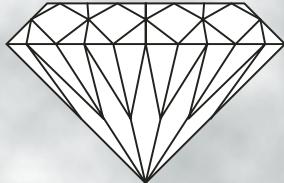
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## Send It In!!!

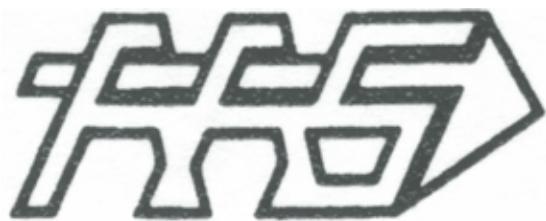
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## Joke Of The Month!

There were some backwoods ignorant hillbillies living across the river from each other, who feuded constantly. John hated Clarence with a passion and never passed up a chance to throw rocks across the river at Clarence. This went on for years until one day the Corps of Engineers came to build a bridge across that river. John was elated; he told his wife that finally he was going to get the chance to cross over and "whip Clarence's butt." He left the house and returned in a matter of minutes. His wife asked what was wrong, didn't he intend to go over the bridge and "whip Clarence's butt?" He replied that he never had really seen Clarence up close and didn't realize his size until he started over the bridge and saw the sign: "Clarence 8 FT 3 IN."



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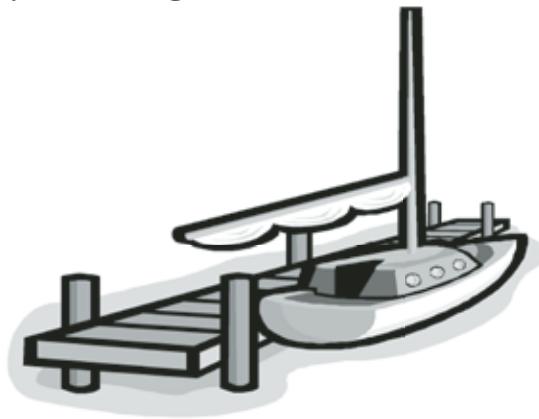


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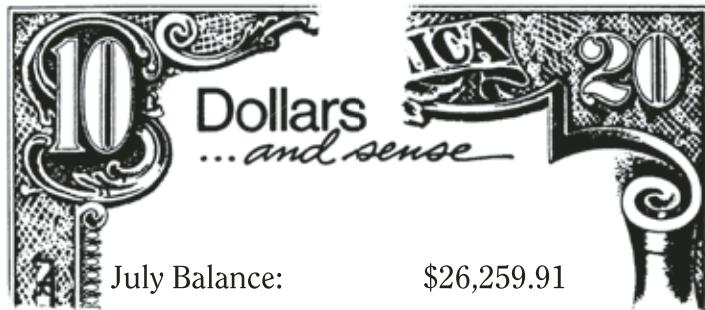
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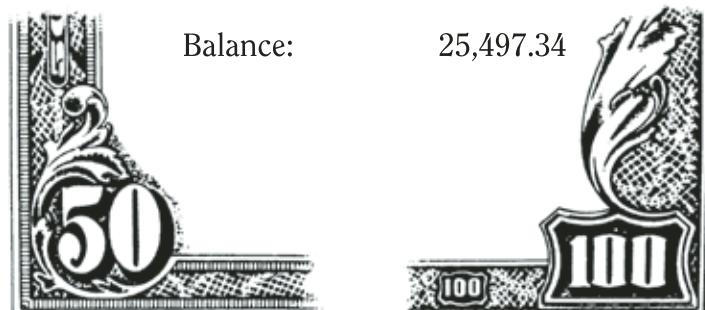
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# Rio Villa Scoop... .

## Guess Who Got Married!

Marriage must be in the air on Rio Villa South! Marshall Lee tied the knot with Martha Sutton. Mr. & Mrs. Lee @ 21506 Rio Villa were married in Las Vegas on September 1st!

Congratulations also goes out to David and Jennifer Culbreth @ 21514 Rio Villa, who were married in and became homeowners in Rio Villa last month!



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