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ON THE COVER: An aerial view from a Coast Guard HC-144 Ocean Sentry shows flooding and high water from New Madrid, Mo., to Chester, Ill., Jan. 1, 2016. The helicopter crew and Marine Safety Unit Paducah responders surveyed the flooding. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Timothy Tamargo

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The MIDWEST MARINER welcomes all articles on Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary customs, traditions, heritage, history and current events. The right to decline any submission will be based on content. Articles and photos may be sent via email to the editor, Barbara Rhoades at: bcrhoades@centurytel.net.



DIVISION COMMANDER - 3

Gary Smith

The spring floods have hit us hard at the beginning of May in Missouri, especially in the Four Rivers area of St Louis. The Mississippi is well above flood stage as is the Missouri and the Illinois rivers. The largest impacted river locally is the Meramec. As this is written, the Meramec is flooding the small towns of Pacific, Eureka and Valley Park. Many of the tributary rivers that feed the Meramec are also flooding and inundating business and residential areas with flood waters. Sandbagging has been happening for several days but in many cases, it is a lost cause. The sandbag walls just could not be built fast and high enough to prevent water entering the businesses and homes.



Valley Park Stop Lights

Photo Courtesy of KMOV



April 2017 Flood

I-44 in Fenton Missouri

Photo courtesy of Sky-Zoom 4

The USCG Sector Upper Mississippi River (SUMR) boat crew personnel deployed their Flood Punt Boats to the Meramec on 2 May 2017 to assist local government operations. Auxiliary personnel have not been requested to assist at this point. We would need to be Flood Punt Boat qualified or could assist in other areas.

Division 3's Flotilla's 7 and 10 have been assisting the Lake of the Ozarks flotilla (3-6) to gain qualification as Vessel Examiners and Marine Dealer Visitors. The Lake of the Ozarks is a target rich environment to improve the safety of recreational boating. The next event there is a Vessel Exam station at the state park on 20 May 2017. Division 3 conducted an Operations Workshop and a TCT Refresher on 29 April for all boat crew personnel.

The Division Quarterly meeting will be held on 6 May 2017 in Manchester MO at the West County Fire Department. The training event in association with the meeting will be a Paddlecraft Workshop and presentation on vessel exams of Paddlecraft. The next Quarterly Division meeting will be on 16 Sep 2017 sponsored by Flotilla 3-13.

As the flood waters recede, we need to get out on the water to refresh our procedures for Search and Rescue and assistance to the boating public. This will prepare us for the summer patrols on the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois rivers. Hope to see more of you out on the water to perform our RBS mission.



DIVISION VICE COMMANDER - 3

Bob Arisman

The Changing Role of the Auxiliary

As Bob Dylan put it in 1964, "For the times they are a changin'." It is the nature of all things to change and for those of you who recently passed the Weather Specialty Course, you are especially aware of that fact. So, it is with the Auxiliary. For years, you have been hearing that the role of the Auxiliary is changing, and indeed, we have all experienced many of the preparations for those changes already: additional training, changing procedures and more paperwork.



The Auxiliary is currently being asked not to just augment the Active Duty (AD) ranks occasionally or focus solely on our Recreational Boating Safety responsibilities but to become an integral part of Coast Guard Forces on a regular and more diverse basis. The entire Gap Analysis, which was conducted last year, was driven by the need to identify tasks where the AD needs assistance from the Auxiliary and where we can perform vital functions for them. Obviously, not everyone can assist at this level for a variety of valid reasons: work schedule, family situations, health issues or physical limitations, previous standing commitments, lack of training and/or skill sets, et al. However, for those who have the abilities needed and the time and willingness to serve, the opportunities are there. This is where our role is changing the most – we are being tasked to provide individuals who have the required skills and are willing to make a commitment to consistent, dedicated service in an area of need specified by the Active Duty. There have already been calls for Auxiliary Food Service personnel, ICS Section Chief certified personnel, Chaplains, Engineers, and Communications Watchstanders, as well as many calls for administrative assistance. Doubtless, there will be many other opportunities for additional service as further needs are identified and made known to the Auxiliary.



This integration process has already started with the Mandated Training Courses. As many of us experienced in our "real world" careers, these are typical workplace training courses which all employees must complete. Without having completed them, the activities we can perform within the Auxiliary and for the AD are non-existent.

This integration is what the "new normal" will look like for the Auxiliary in the years ahead. In other districts, and especially on the coasts, it is already well underway. Yes, we still have the Recreational Boating Safety mission and will have for the foreseeable future but there are many more opportunities to serve than just our traditional missions.

Just remember that part of Semper Paratus is Semper Gumby and that "the times they are a changin'."

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS



DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - CS

Mark Zoellner

Hello to all. The approach I have tried when I took this position was to be able to bring all the flotilla and division web pages beyond just a page.

I have tried to involve many new additions to the program, one of which is the remote access to a FSO-CS's computer. This was done in the hopes of being able to help guide them through the nuances of updating the web page.



There is nothing worse than a "stale web page". If the public looks at the page and sees two and three year-old information, it has a tendency to turn them away. The public is looking for a fresh "What's Happening" message.

We need to make a fervent effort to keep our calendars up to date. Let the public know about our classes, our VSC stations and public affair events. Randy Ernst, at ANSC, has tons of literature, please use it. Get current photos of your flotilla in action. Tag them with the names of the pictured, who took the photo and please get a signed release if you get any of the public in the pictures.

Good content comes from anybody and everybody. Get that information to your CS Officer and let's get it out there. Let's all try to be better about keeping our image in the public's view and in most cases our "FIRST" image should be smashing.

From the beginning, I have used this quote and it is always one you should keep in the back of your minds:

"A website without input is like a body without food, it dies of starvation"

Anyone who needs or wants the help, just ask.

Floodwater from the Meramec River covers some athletic fields at Eureka High School on Monday, May 1, 2017, in Eureka, MO. (Photo: David Carson, AP)





DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - IS

Barbara Rhoades



My article is the same old song: Turn in your hours. If you need help filling out the forms, don't know where to find them, don't know which one you should use or any other hours-related question, just ask.

Having said that, there are three people you can go to for help. Diana Arisman and Mark Zoellner have agreed to become my ASO-IS officers. Diana is taking on 37 and 3-10. Mark is covering 38 and 3-13. All other flotillas are under my care. This will be in effect until 36, 37, 38, 3-15 and 3-16 gets a qualified/certified IS officer. This arrangement was suggested by the DSO-IS.

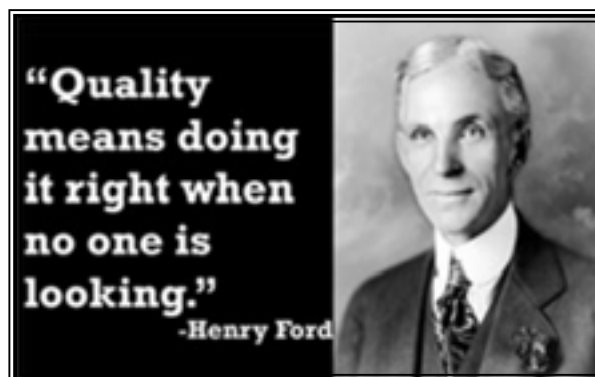
The awards for our Change of Watch were of a different type this year. They were gift cards to various restaurants. I have heard lots of good comments about this. They do not take up wall space, sit on a shelf and gather dust and can provide a snack/meal that you don't have to prepare.



I have been informed that a 7029 is meant for ONLY ONE PERSON and filling one out for members attending a flotilla meeting is not correct. This means that every person attending must complete their own 7029. Some members don't like the paperwork; therefore, my suggestion would be to have a blank 7029 available at meetings and these members can put the hours down at the meeting.

Finally, it has also been brought to my attention that a 7029 should be turned in ONLY ONCE A MONTH and should be done for every month. This means the IS officer can no longer "batch enter" the 7029 information. This makes it very important that the members do the paperwork monthly so the IS officer doesn't get hit with 11 months in November when we are trying to get hours updated for awards.

Bottom line: Complete your hours entry and get the paperwork to the appropriate IS officer.





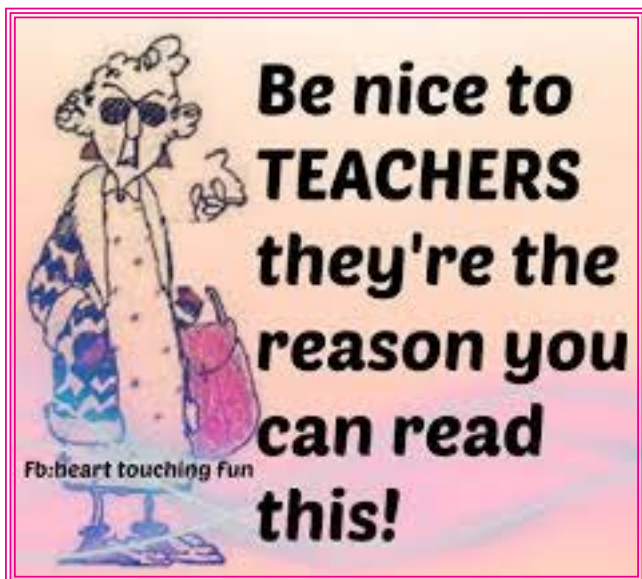
DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - MT

Marilyn Aten

Keeping Members Up To Speed

Are your members ready for summer CGAUX activities? Have flotilla staff officers been preparing members for Vessel Exam, Operations, Program Visits, Public Affairs Exhibits and other Recreational Boating Safety activities?

From the FSO-MT reports I've been receiving I'd say you are all doing a good job of getting your flotilla members "Up to Speed" and ready for action.



Training and getting members out of REYER is not always fun. But the big payoff comes when everyone is involved in their summer missions and interacting with the boating public. A gentleman I worked for one time had a motto saying, "More is caught than taught".

Just knowing that something you said or showed a boater how to do during a chance meeting at a Public Affairs exhibit, boat inspection or a change meeting while doing a safety patrol could saved a life. Just that little bit of knowledge you passed along somehow could became important one day.

Keep up the good work and praise everyone for keeping their training "UP to Speed".

I wish some network would play this video from 1982. Many need to take a deep breath and watch this by Robin Williams.

Robin Williams as only he could do! He was 31 when he did this!

Really creative!

Enjoy



**Double Click the Flag to View this Video or
copy and paste: https://www.youtube.com/embed/O_L1vLv84vs**



DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - PA

Betty Zoellner



The North American Safe Boating Campaign wants to get something off its chest and onto yours.

A LIFE JACKET!

Life jackets can be the determining factor between life and death in many boating safety accidents. Each year, on average, 700 people die in boating-related accidents, 8 out of every 10 victims were not wearing a life jacket. According to Virgil Chambers, Executive Director of the National Safe Boating Council, "Thousands of people would be alive today had they taken the simple precaution of wearing a life jacket when they went out on the water."

In an effort to combat these statistics, the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), will launch the annual North American Safe Boating Campaign during National Safe Boating Week. The Campaign is designed to reach more than 70 million boaters around North America and communicates this year's life saving message: **Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It.**

We will again stress the importance of wearing life jackets. The Coast Guard has a goal to eliminate deaths, injuries and property damage associated with recreational boating. The Coast Guard and its partners are committed to a Safe Boating Campaign that reaches from shore to shore across the North America Continent. Our neighbors to the north, the Canadian Safe Boating Council and the Canadian Coast Guard, will also observe Safe Boating Week on **May 20 - May 26, 2017**. Boating smart is an essential part of any day on the water regardless of where you boat.



Offloading a Boat

Coast Guardsmen prepare to search for stranded residents in a flooded area of Saint Amant, La., Aug. 16. 2016. The Coast Guardsmen are assigned to Coast Guard Sector Lower Mississippi River. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Melissa Leake.



2017 NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

• **May 20 - May 26, 2017** •

www.safeboatingcampaign.com





DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - PB

Barbara Rhoades

The Midwest Mariner is undergoing a change in the way it is presented to the members. It will still be available in the .pdf format but we are adding a flipbook format. Anyone who gets a Best Buy, Walmart or Heartland newsletter will be familiar with this.



[Western Rivers April 2017](#)

OR

[Western Rivers Flipbook Version](#)

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=085&category=western-rivers>

The flipbook is on a site outside of the USCG Auxiliary's web pages and that is not a problem. The best way to look at the flipbook is to tap on the "click to read" box that comes up in the middle of the screen. Then use the controls at the top of the page to adjust size, flip the pages and even to change the way you look at the newsletter. I and my staff hope you like this new version of the Midwest Mariner.

I'M A
FLIPBOOK
CLICK
ME!

There are still staff officers that are not sending in their articles to be included in the newsletter. No matter how little you think you can say about your AOR, it makes the newsletter better if all officers contribute. For example, the SO-IS says "send in your hours". Other than helping members complete forms, how much else can be said about this office? Unless there is a change in the policy on how to complete forms or what forms are to be used, there isn't much else. Still a short article was written. While it might be "so much the same" for you, it won't be for any new members we have and you just might answer a question a long-time member has.

There were only six officers out of 17 for this one. That is about 35% or, in other words, not even half of the officers. I send out three reminders each quarter to all the officers. Please, write the article for your AOR for the next issue. That deadline is 1 August 2017 and they go to Stella Francis for the first proof.

you mean me?





DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - VE

Dan Rhoades

The days are got longer, warmer and river restaurants are open so it must be spring. We need to start setting up VE Stations. Why not try new locations, clubs or something similar. Also, I need to put in a plug for checking paddle craft. This is a good way to help at smaller bodies of water and with people just getting started in water sports.

If you need more stickers or forms, call you flotilla materials officer and have him/her order them for you. I have more on hand but give me few days to mail them out.



This may of be of some interest from Tohatsu:

"Tohatsu America Corp. Announces New 2017 Model Year Innovations Coppell, TX, February 9, 2017 - Tohatsu America Corp. (TAC), distributor of Tohatsu Outboards, is proud to reveal several new innovations and exciting changes for the 2017 model year. In October at IBEX, TAC announced their new Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) outboard."

Also Boat Sales: Increases In Boat Sales During March. Last year, the recreational boating industry recorded its best March sales results since 2008, with a 21% increase in the main powerboat segments, and 20% across the industry.

During March of this year, the recreational boating industry saw similar sales results, with 14,572 boats sold in 25 early reporting states, representing 54% of the U.S. Market.

March sales in the main powerboat segments totaled 10,259. This is an increase of just 14 boats, while industry-wide, sales increased by 261 boats.



FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORTS



FLOTILLA COMMANDER - 34

Marilyn Aten

Flotilla 34 Prepares for Summer Activities

By Marilyn Aten FC

Flotilla 34 has started the momentum for another exciting year of Public Education and Vessel Exams. With the success we found in 2016, it's important for us to continue working with the boating public to promote Recreational Boating Safety.



Our first three meetings this year have been attended by 60% of our membership. Flotilla staff officers continue to diligently work to create productive events such as our successful ABS course at Holiday Shores in Illinois with 25 students passing the course.

We have one more ABS course scheduled for Lake Carlyle in May. Then we start our multiple Vessel Examinations Stations and Public Affairs exhibits for the summer which are set up by FSO-VE Dan Rhoades and FSO-PA Marilyn Aten.



Keeping up with the VE program and the need for Paddle Craft inspections, intertwined with safety information, was important for our examiners to learn at a recent flotilla meeting.

The flotilla is excited about expanding into the Auxiliary's Program Visitor program. Our new FSO-PV Larry Miller has already contacted 10 Marine Dealers to set up fresh brochure displays and promote our upcoming PE class in Illinois.





FLOTILLA COMMANDER - 3-13

Betty Zoellner



Photo by Doug Edelman

What an amazing First Quarter of 2017

The first quarter of 2017 has been full of hard work and amazing activity on many levels. On the Program Visitor level, 3-13 has racked up 42 visits including the addition of one new PV site.

On the Public Affairs and VSC platforms, planning has been intense. With the upcoming National Safe Boating Week, 3-13 has again, for the 8th consecutive year, teamed up with Grafton Harbor to help organize the NSBW activities including an evening of Visual District Signal demonstrations and multiple days of Vessel Safety Checks for the slip holders.

This year we also added to our Vessel Safety Check activity with an open invitation to the "Trailing" public. This was done by advertising on River Bill's for the public to bring their boats to Grafton Harbor during our Vessel Safety Check activities. All they need to do is use the link posted on the advertisement to schedule an appointment.

The first quarter of 2017 has been a time used extensively for Member Training. Many subjects have been discussed and rehashed on subjects that will be useful in the coming months. Member Training culminated in the month of April with the completion of nine specialty courses, one RBS-PV completion and the final result of three new AUXOP's. BRAVO ZULU to these three new AUXOP's and all the members of 3-13. As just a side note, we at 3-13 are extremely proud that the flotilla now is 79% AUXOP.



In conclusion Flotilla 3-13 strives to be the best it can be in Public Affairs, VSC, Member Training and Advanced Flotilla planning. The members have the best Member Trainer, Mark Zoellner. BRAVO ZULU to Mark for all his hard work and dedication to his position and his members.

I am Proud to be the Flotilla Commander of the members of Flotilla 3-13. BRAVO ZULU to All!



MEMBER ARTICLES



Admiral Paul Zukunft at Scott AFB

By Marilyn Aten SO-MT

Charles and Marilyn Aten were invited as Coast Guard Auxiliaries to attend the second in a series of Distinguished Speakers at USTRANSCOM located at Scott Air Force Base.

We gathered with Coast Guard personnel in the lobby at USTRANSCOM waiting to be escorted to the Saey Auditorium. We were seated taking up the third and fourth rows, Coast Guard men and women of many ranks.

To celebrate USTRANSCOM 30th Anniversary, the command is hosting 30 four-star GO/FO military or equivalent government leaders. We were there to hear from Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.



As Admiral Zukunft was introduced his bio was read, saying, "He leads the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security, composed of 88,000 personnel including active duty, reserve and volunteer Auxiliaries." How proud we were, two Auxiliaries, to be present to represent all of you.

The Admiral talked about too many things to remember but he did say being the On-Scene Coordinator for the Deepwater Horizon Spill where he directed over 47,000 responders, 6,500 vessels and 120 aircraft helped prepare him for his role as Commandant of the Coast Guard.

He talked about the significant number of miles of water the Coast Guard patrols and the huge amount cargo that comes through the middle of the country. And, he talked about training his people to be proficient in a job that helps them make the Coast Guard a career.

The Admiral told a story of a rescue swimmer who under extreme circumstances saved four men crossing the ocean in a large rowboat. When the Coast Guard honored the swimmer, his few words were basically, "It was my shift rotation and I did my job."

HELP PLANT OUR GARDEN OF SUCCESS

Reprinted from The Scuttlebutt, January 1995.

Submitted by Gloria Tobin, FSO-HR & FSO-MA, Flotilla 3-8,8WR.

First, there are five rows of "P"s.

Presence
Promptness
Preparedness
Perseverance
Purity

Then plant four rows of squash.

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash prejudice and pettiness
Squash unjust criticism

Next, plant four rows of lettuce.

Let Us be faithful to duty
Let us be unselfish and loyal
Let Us be true to our obligations
Let us have good communications with each other

Finally, no garden is complete without turnips.

Turn Up for meetings
Turn Up with a smile and greet new members
Turn Up to volunteer your services when they are needed
Turn Up with the determination to make everything count for the good
of our Flotilla and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

To help the seeds in our garden germinate, it takes many hands to
cultivate. Let's all farm our Garden of Success.

WHAT MUST AN AUXILIARIST BE?

From The Mainstream

USCG AUX 9CR,1992

Submitted by Gloria Tobin, FSO-HR & FSO-MA 3-8. 8WR

- A. The Auxiliarist must be AVAILABLE. There must be time for the Auxiliarist to fulfill many of the obligations that will arise.
- U. The Auxiliarist must be UNDERSTANDING of his/her obligations and do the best he/she can, comfortably.
- X. The Auxiliarist must be 'XCITED about being in the Auxiliary and spend time with the manuals and classes.
- I. The Auxiliarist must be INTERESTED in learning and taking courses and examinations that will be beneficial to the person as well the flotilla and Auxiliary in general.
- L. The Auxiliarist must be a good LISTENER and learn by listening to knowledgeable speakers at conferences, seminars and workshops.
- I. The Auxiliarist must realize the IMPORTANCE of the Auxiliary and the jobs that are done for the Coast Guard. We are very important to the boating community and the Coast Guard.
- A. The Auxiiarist must be ABLE to do all of the things that are required. This takes study, hard work and the ability to pass courses that are very rewarding.
- R. The Auxiliarist must be willing to accept the RESPONSIBILITY that goes along with appointed or elected positions. The new member must also REGULATE his/her time so that there is a time for work, a time for play, a time for rest and a time for the Auxiliary.
- I. The Auxiliarist must be INTERESTED in learning the background and history of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary.
- S. The Auxiliarist must be SKILLED in the areas that he/she might want to specialize.
- T. And finally, the Auxiliarist must be TOTALLY committed and supportive of the aims and ideals of the U.S. Coast Guard and the C.G. Auxiliary as time allows.

**COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS**

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

1910 A Little History

Here are some statistics for the year 1910

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in **drug** stores only.

Only 14 of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 % of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Physicians had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heartdisease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. (but almost everyone had a gun!)

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

Old Words And Phrases Remind Us Of The Way We Word

<http://verbivore.com/wordpress/old-words-and-phrases-remind-us-of-the-way-we-word/>

Published January 3, 2015 | By Richard Lederer

About a month ago in this space, I illuminated old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included don't touch that dial, carbon copy, you sound like a broken record and hung out to dry. A bevy of readers have asked me to shine light on more faded words and expressions, and I am happy to oblige.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker and straighten up and fly right. Hubba-hubba! We'd cut a rug in some juke joint and then go necking and petting and smooching and spooning and billing and cooing and pitching woo in hot rods and jalopies in some passion pit or lovers' lane. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumpin' Jehoshaphat! Holy moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

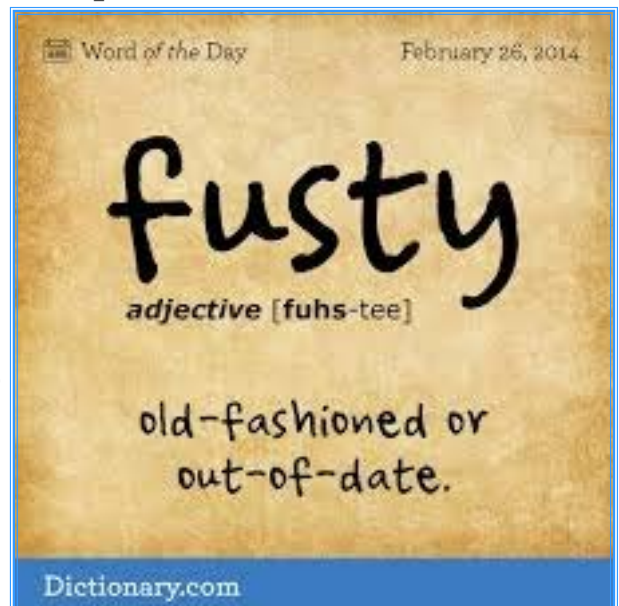


Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

Like Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle and Kurt Vonnegut's Billy Pilgrim, we have become unstuck in time. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or "This is a fine kettle of fish!" we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, poof, poof go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone, evanesced from the landscape and wordscape of our perception, like Mickey Mouse wristwatches, hula hoops, skate keys, candy cigarettes, little wax bottles of colored sugar water and an organ grinder's monkey.

Where have all those phrases gone? Long time



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passing. Where have all those phrases gone? Long time ago: Pshaw.

The milkman did it. Think about the starving Armenians. Bigger than a bread box. Banned in Boston. The very idea! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Turn-of-the-century. Iron curtain. Domino theory. Fail safe. Civil defense. Fiddlesticks! You look like the wreck of the Hesperus. Cooties. Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Heavens to Murgatroyd! And awa-a-ay we go!



Oh, my stars and garters! It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter had liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff, this winking out of the words of our youth, these words that lodge in our heart's deep core. But just as one never steps into the same river twice, one cannot step into the same language twice. Even as one enters, words are swept downstream into the past, forever making a different river.

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging. We can have archaic and eat it, too.

The **Creed of the United States Coast Guardsman** was written in 1938 by Vice Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, who served as Commandant of the Coast Guard from 1932 to 1936. According to former Commandant Robert Papp, the Creed described the duties and responsibilities that binds the group of Coast Guardsmen together as "shipmates".

The Creed of the United States Coast Guardsman

I am proud to be a United States Coast Guardsman.

I revere that long line of expert seamen who by their devotion to duty and sacrifice of self have made it possible for me to be a member of a service honored and respected, in peace and in war, throughout the world.

I never, by word or deed, will bring reproach upon the fair name of my service, nor permit others to do so unchallenged.

I will cheerfully and willingly obey all lawful orders.

I will always be on time to relieve, and shall endeavor to do more, rather than less, than my share.

I will always be at my station, alert and attending to my duties.

I shall, so far as I am able, bring to my seniors solutions, not problems.

I shall live joyously, but always with due regard for the rights and privileges of others.

I shall endeavor to be a model citizen in the community in which I live.

I shall sell life dearly to an enemy of my country, but give it freely to rescue those in peril.

With God's help, I shall endeavor to be one of His noblest Works...

A UNITED STATES COAST GUARDSMAN.







EDITOR'S NOTE: This was a fun site.

Click on the link and enter your birth date to find out just how old you really are!

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VENUS 	102.2	110.5	Fri, Aug 18, 2017
EARTH 	24838.5	68	Sun, May 6, 2018
MARS 	24115	36.1	Sat, Dec 8, 2018
JUPITER 	60581.7	5.73	Wed, Jul 8, 2020
SATURN 	55196.6	2.3	Sat, Sep 19, 2037

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TRIVIA FOR SENIORS

DON'T LOOK FOR THE ANSWERS UNTIL YOU HAVE TRIED TO FIGURE IT OUT.

Answers are at the bottom.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask: Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? _____.
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on: The _____ Show.
3. Get your kicks, _____.'
4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____.'
5. In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'
6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '_____.'
7. Nestle's makes the very best.... _____.'
8. Satchmo was America 's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.
10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and '_____'
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? ___ & _____.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to _____.

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14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.
16. Remember LS/MFT _____/_____?
17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The _____ Knows!
19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". Its name was the _____!
20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as its Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name? _____

ANSWERS

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| 1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet. | 8. Louis Armstrong | 14. Sputnik |
| 2. The Ed Sullivan Show | 9. The Timex watch | 15. Hoola-hoop |
| 3. On Route 66 | 10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.' | 16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco |
| 4. To protect the innocent. | 11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed) | 17. Howdy Doody Time |
| 5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight | 12. Beetle or Bug | 18. Shadow |
| 6. The limbo | 13. Buddy Holly | 19. Monster Mash |
| 7. Chocolate | | 20. Speedy |