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DECEMBER EVENTS

- 06 December – Flotilla Meeting
- 15 December – Holiday Pot Luck Dinner
Celebration at 4-2 Base
- 25 December – Christmas & My Birthday!
- 31 December – New Year's Eve

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01 January – New Year's Day
- 03 January – Flotilla Meeting
- 26 January – Change of Watch @ Jack's
Place
- 31 January – 3 February – Boat Show
- 14th-17th April - District 9 Symposium

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THE HOJACK BRIDGE



Taken during Air Patrols - Photo by: B. Brody

**COMMANDER'S
CORNER**

Greetings and Happy Holiday's:

“The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself. “

Benjamin Franklin

The New 2013 Flotilla 4-2 Bridge:

Bob and I are very pleased to announce the following members have accepted the position of a Flotilla Staff Officer for 2013. We are fortunate that we have a very active membership willing to volunteer their time to support these vital Flotilla positions. Thank you!

These Staff Officers need your help....to learn more about these positions go to this website:

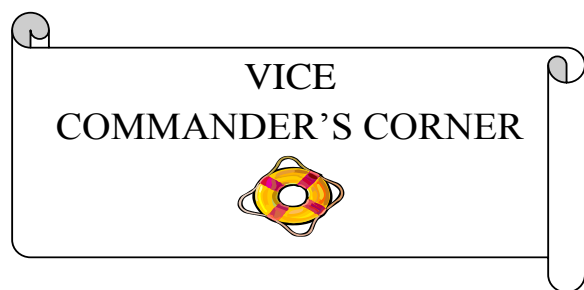
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=085&category=flotilla-unit>

If you see something that is of interest please reach out and get involved!

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Going, Going, Gone!

History is being made on the Genesee River. The railroad swing bridge that has been a part of the scenery near the Port of Rochester, since 1905 is being removed. The process began in August, with the removal of asbestos. The actual taking down of the bridge structure started in mid October.

The Hojack Swing Bridge, currently owned by CSX Transportation, was constructed by the King Bridge Company. It carried trains across the Genesee River on the Rome Watertown Ogdensburg Line during the early years of the 20th century. Known as the Hojack Line, it ran from Niagara Falls to Oswego. The line was abandoned in the 1970's and the bridge ceased operation sometime during the 1990s.

The Coast Guard, deeming the swing bridge a hazard to navigation, ordered that it be demolished. In 1999 there was a campaign to save the Hojack Bridge spearheaded by a group of concerned citizens that called themselves "The Bridge Project." Their goal was to have the bridge designated as a historical landmark. Their efforts stalled the

demolition of the bridge but now, more than a century after its construction, that battle has been lost. All that remains of the Hojack Bridge are the wooden pilings.

A part of Rochester history is gone but time marches on. New development is planned that will change the face of the Port of Rochester. A new marina, businesses, residential units and a public walkway connecting the River Trail to the Charlotte Pier are included in the plans for the city's Port of Rochester Marina Project. All of us in Flotilla 42 are witnesses to all that is happening at the mouth of the Genesee River. As we step out on the dock at the 42 Base it will be exciting to watch as the landscape changes, but I, for one will miss seeing that old Hojack Bridge standing guard in the river.



Image from a 1908 postcard - Hojack Bridge across the Genesee River



The final Days of the bridge - Photo by: B. Brody



Photo by: B. Drost



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More pictures of the bridge at these websites:
supplied by B. Drost:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/112357582463882966149/111912HojackBridgeDismantling?authkey=Gv1sRgCOvPnfWKupaVhQE>

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Bob Brody, 42 VFC



The waters are getting choppy, the waves and tides are getting bigger. Fogs are thicker. The currents are getting stronger and faster. There's more shoaling. The winds are blowing harder. The navigation aids that produce sounds are hard to hear, the visual aids are in pairs. The electronic navigational and communication systems in use, now a days are difficult and confusing to operate. Parts and pieces of the work boat "Frank J. Kloc" have been repaired, replaced or being attacked by drugs, forcing a slow down, and it's getting to harder and harder to judge distances and to keep work boat "Frank J. Kloc" on course with the Range markers.

So, before the United States Coast Guard at Station Rochester has to respond to a MAY DAY call from the work boat "Frank J. Kloc", I have requested permission to resign as Flotilla Staff Officer of Aids to Navigation effective the end of this year December 31, 2012.

The Flotilla commander and vice have been informed. So this will be my last report as FSO-AN: for the Charlie Noble. I will continue to be a member of 4-2 and do watch standing duties as conditions permit. I'll just slide over to the co-pilot seat and let somebody else drive. It's been a fun ride, lots of Vessels checked, and Aids to Navigation verified and reports turned in

and the members of 4-2 I've met, some gone and others still in 4-2, that helped and made things easier and enjoyable, like George Webster, Bob O'Connell, Joe Grozek, Tom Mallory, George Moore, Jimmie Bement, and the people, especially Len McFadden and Lynn Hunt, that put up with the way I turned in my reports.

SO HERE GOES, WHO REMEMBERS?

- **Songs: "Ain't nothing but a hound dog", "Summer wind," "Yellow Submarine"**
- **No "Google" or World Wide Web, or DVD's. "AOL" free time disc, CD's Costing \$7.00 each.**
- **Black and white TV's, no 24 hour channels, the star spangle played and the station signed off, test patterns.**
- **Oklahoma Bombing. Where were when heard about 9/11. Gulf War, Princess "Di's" car accident.**
- **"Red Wing" Stadium on Norton St. No Keller Expressway, McCurdy's or Sibley's Stores**
- **The Rochester Riots in '64, No Toy Museum in Rochester, Genesee Hospital.**
- **How they took down the other Driving Park Bridge, Harbor fest in Rochester.**
- **Chalk boards were Black and chalk dust and chalk board erasers, teacher's smoking rooms.**
- **Singing along with "Mitch" Miller, Bob Hope's USO tours at Christmas time.**
- **New York State legal drinking age being 18, Governor Rockefeller, Mayor Duffy.**
- **Curb Feelers, dimmer switches on the floor, only the horn button was on the steering wheel.**
- **Stop signs being yellow, S&H Green Stamps. "Tiger" Coffee Mugs at Esso Gas Stations**
- **Sunday comics: "Calvin and Hobs", "Pogo", "Cathy", "Gasoline Alley".**
- **"Rochester General Hospital" being called "North Side Hospital", "Chase Pitkins".**
- **No turning bridge at the I-Bay Entrance, No**

fence between the driveway and station Rochester.

- **Yogi Berra Quotes, Burma Shave Signs, Dodgers being in Brooklyn, NY**
- **Eastern and Braniff Air Lines: Concorde supersonic jet.**
- **E.T. The Extra Terrestrial; Raising Arizona. Empire Strikes Back, Schindler's List.**
- **Your first car and the name you gave it, and how you got your first car, and Being "GROUNDED".**
- **Lady Gaga, Material Girl, The Monkeys, Chubby Checker.**
- **TV shows "Dragnet", "Batman", "Route 66", "Perry Mason," Jerry Lewis Telethon,**
- **Ash trays in diners and on tables in restaurants. Your favorite hang out in high school, your home room teacher, and leaving home for the first time. Senior Prom night, your first job, how much it paid, and waiting for the school bus.**

Now: From The Why I Had Problems Learning The English Language Department.

Take the word **"one"** put a **"z"** in front of it and you get **"zone"**

Or **"kit"** put an **"e"** on the end and you get **"kite."**

Or take **"real"** put an **"m"** on the end and you get **"realm."**

Frank Kloc – FSO – NS

Just want to thank you Frank for all your years of service helping both with Station Rochester and all you have done with the Auxiliary and future work which I know you will be involved with. It's been a pleasure working with you in all departments and all your articles in the Charlie Noble. – Lynn

HISTORY – Len Mcfadden

The Life and (Explosive) Death of Rochester's Driving Park Bridge



<http://www.rochestersubway.com/topics/2012/11/driving-park-bridge-and-lower-falls>

By: Bob Drost

Aux Chef Dinner for December:

Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Salad
Dessert

Aux Chef Dinner for January:

Because of so close to the New Year it will
be Pizza and Wings

Aux Chef – Lynn Hunt

