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THE “CENTENNIAL FOURTH” HERE WE GO

By Barbara Kullen

(Chapter 1)

For months we had heard more and more about the plans for the Shoreham Village Centennial, the special events, the House Tour, the History Night, the Veteran’s Recognition, the Regatta, and all the rest. But most of all, we had heard of plans for the Bigger and Better than Ever Fourth of July Parade. But nobody expected to have to contend also with the biggest and hottest heat wave in years, even the hottest in history per some oldtimers.

At the start of the morning, “Blue Max” valiantly tried to get out the traditional message, “All out for the Big Parade”, but after a bit, the heat was more than Max could take. A similar fate awaited Tom Spier’s ’49 vintage car. As the Parade started to shape up, and the overwhelming number of bicycles and other foot powered vehicles started to appear from all parts of the Village, a beautiful classic Mercedes and a stunning light blue convertible decided to withdraw to await a better day. We saw a 1971 black and white Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible and a 1994 red and white Corvette convertible “Kalinte” sitting in the lot. Even the old stalwart, “Bud’s Bug”, Buddy’s 1971 Red VW Convertible, had to sit forlornly motionless next to the Gazebo while a neighbor’s “Upscale VW” convertible, skillfully maneuvered by Dawn Madigan, transported Bud, Louise and John around the Parade course, to declare the official end of the Parade as Bud traditionally does.

Despite the heat-related casualties noted above, several wonderful cars did stay the course and performed admirably. Ben Merendino’s ’72 Corvette (driven by son Tony while Ben played drum in the Band) and Jim Pace’s Triumph were noteworthy.

But the big surprise arrival this year, just for the Centennial, was the pale yellow 1921 Packard Open Touring car used in prior years by Bob Oliver to announce the Parade (after he and daughter Judy gave up their Paul Revere Rides on horseback.) Bob’s son, Bing, now the car’s owner has had the car beautifully restored and trailered it up from his home in North Carolina in his Antique Automobile Club of America van (but no fireworks any more, kids.)

This year’s loyal “Minute Men”, Calvin and Wilson Schmaltze, made up in quality for the lack of numbers of this year’s Minute Men. Despite the extraordinary heat, they manned their posts well and gave honor to the Flag, which was carried by James Gordon leading the Parade.

As the crowd approached Village Hall, they saw it completely encircled with red, white and blue pennants, and the flag pole held flags representing various times of our Country’s history.

After the crowd assembled on the hillside, the Mayor asked the Co-Chairmen of the Village Centennial Committee, Mary Ann Oberdorf and Kay Spier to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and noted that Peter Spier would be representing his wife, Kay, today because she had had an injury earlier in the day.

The Mayor then, in accordance with custom, solemnly read out the names and a few words about our beloved Shorehamites who had passed away during the past year.

Nancy Vermilyen - who passed in February 2012 in New Jersey, wife of Paul Vermilyen Sr. for 66 years, Mother of seven adult children, Past President of the Board of Cerebral Palsy Center of Bergen County, a volunteer in the Valley Hospital Auxiliary and at The Forum School of Waldwick, NJ.

Jerry Lamantia - who passed in November 2012 in the Carolinas, husband of Ady, who had a long career as an educator and with BOCES, and was active in St. Mark’s Church as a Lector.

Katharine (“Pus”) Oliver – who passed in April 2013 in Connecticut, widow of Wes Oliver, with whom she was active in the New York Yacht Club Race Committee through several America's Cup campaigns. Her interests included gardening, sailing and painting.

Marie Jeanne Laurencot – who passed in December 2012 in Shoreham. She was a sister of Harry and Barbara Laurencot.

Charles Raynor -who passed in April 2013 in Shoreham. He was the husband of Patricia, was a Korean War Veteran, and a member of St. Anselm's Church.

Helen Schweyer – who passed in April 2013 in Florida. The Schweyers had been long time residents of Shoreham– Prior to her marriage, Helen had worked on Wall Street for the Bank of New York. Mrs. Schweyer’s son, Dale, has been for some time an employee of the Village.

Greg Efemetz then solemnly played TAPS in memory of the deceased as all observed a Moment of Silence.

"More to come shortly"

ROCK SKIPPING SHOREHAM VILLAGE STYLE

By Karen Blumer

Photos courtesy of Jessica & Janine Fiddes



Most of you got to experience the amazing walking tour of Shoreham's historic houses on Saturday, where we were spellbound by history, fun, and, for many, sore feet.

However many were not able to get to Shoreham's prestigious Rock Skipping Contest (RSC) on Sunday, a Contest that indubitably follows the Shoreham Country Club (SCC) Summer Brunch, as night follows day. Therefore, in a burst of reporting energy and

community spirit, I wanted to share the outcome of this venerable event with you.

For the event, Shoreham life-long resident Gilly Tastrom did a quick change from a straw hat as host at the Dove and Turtle (aka The Maples), the night before, into an RSC tee and the persona of Rock Skipping Master of Ceremonies. He was joined in the event by a semi-circle of onlookers and contestants.



He was also joined by a judging committee of four: Jessica Vermylen Fiddes and Ed Weiss both still standing and energetic after serving as tour hosts the day before; Len Emma, the same, as a walker of the tour; and James Lawrence of the Arnmark household, flown in especially from Australia specifically to judge the Rock Skipping Contest event (although James is also spending most of his time with his beautiful wife, Linda Arnmark, and their adorable son, Kasper, visiting with Vibeke and Lars).

Each contestant got a chance of three rounds at rock skipping. Contestants select and bring their own rocks-- the flatter the better-- and see how often and far they can skim them over the water.



Here is the outcome:

1st place: Johnny Weiss is Rock Skipping King.

2nd place: Tied -- Tommy Spier and Lee Frei

3rd place: Todd Weiss

4th place: Linda Arnmark.



former resident Elizabeth Cady Stanton's granddaughter, Coline Jenkins, and great granddaughter, Elizabeth Jenkins-Sahlin. Things are looking up!

*All in serious fun,
There are probably corrections needed.
Karen Blumer, reporting from Videoland*

THE GREAT CLAMBAKE 2013

By Kaye Spier



MANY MANY THANKS TO ALL THE "SHELLFISH SCRUBBERS"

Headed up again this year by Carol and Erich Willen. Included in the team effort were:

Nancy Delagi
Millie Guercia
Ruth Kogel
Barbara Laurencot
Lynn Morris
and

Lorraine (Laurencot) Schneider..

These faithful volunteers come with no reminding! It's so fantastic the spirit with which all the "Clambake" work gets done, and what an unsurpassed Clambake it always is.

AND MANY MANY THANKS TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

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It has been a very busy "Centennial" summer 2013! The ITEM staff anxiously awaits submissions from all it's members to keep an active and entertaining ITEM going.

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There were some whisperings, since we could not hear nor see the judges huddling, that Ed Weiss and James Lawrence recused themselves when it came time to vote if family members were involved; "good ethics and a model for good government" someone was heard to say!



And rumblings from Drew Tyler were reported that one of the near-winners pilfered a couple of rocks from his pile. Also grumblings that Drew had a caddy; "no fair". Someone else commented that there could be a new category for the most inventive rock thrower, which this year would have gone to Neil Baggett who refrained from throwing the brick he had lined up in his pile.



The statistics were good. Two out of the five winners were women, possibly to honor the weekend visit of

