

A SPECIAL DAY

From Will Garvey

Lydia raised the window shade just as the orange top of the sun peeked above the watery horizon. She watched as warm golden rays slowly spread up the Great Wicomico. A few dark spots appeared in the distance. At first she thought they were early morning fishermen or watermen tending their lines, but these boats were moving with speed. As they got closer, the sun reflected off their polished chrome and the sparkle from their bow waves made it clear they were headed straight for Reedville. Lydia smiled and said half-aloud, “This day will be special.”

Over on Main Street George pulled into the marine railway and heard a low rumble in the distance. Instantly he recognized the sound – old engines running on all cylinders, brought back to their prime by those crazy antique boat guys. As he walked towards his shop, George heard another sound. A caravan of vehicles approaching town. Each towed a trailer with an old – as in classic – boat. Most were wood with layer upon layer of varnish. Lovingly restored or preserved, together they comprised one of the largest groups of small antique boats on the planet. George quickened his step and smiled. “This town is going to ROCK.”



Not far behind the caravan, Ron Moody and his band were also headed for Reedville. There were a few groans from the musicians about the early hour. Hudson, the drummer, questioned why they were on the move so early in the morning. After all, their concert wasn't until that evening. Ron mentioned that they didn't want to miss the show. “We are the show”, replied Hudson. Ron patiently explained, “We are just *one* of the shows in Reedville today. There is the antique boat show; yachts from local builders on display; an open house at the marine railway; rides on the Museum's buy boat and skipjack; and, of course, some of the best food in the state at the local restaurants.”

It's Saturday, September 7th. *Save the date.*

GALA BENEFIT AUCTION—WRAP-UP

From Diane McGuire, Auction Committee Chair

On behalf of the “pearl of the Chesapeake” auction committee, i would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who made the auction a success by donating items or sponsoring the event thru monetary or in kind donations.

We greatly appreciated all the help and support we received in transforming Festival Halle into a beautiful pearl.

A special thanks to all who attended the gala making it a night of fun with friends, family, and neighbors.

All of your participation made the auction successful in raising about \$20,000 and the Fund-A-Cause raising approximately \$15,000 to redo the flooring in the Museum, putting the luster back on our “pearl”

Thanks again to everyone

