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Where The Hell Is Lorain? We're Going To Show You!

Beautiful Lorain is located directly on Lake Erie on the northern coast of Ohio and is the site of the 11th Annual USS Rich Reunion. It is 17½ miles from the Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport.



According to the Lorain County Visitors Bureau, there is much to see and do there. On their website (www.lcvb.org) there is a link for "101 Things To See And Do In Lorain County. There are also major links for Birding, Fishing, Shopping, Dining, Lake Erie Circle Tour, and the Underground Railroad Tour to list a few.

Weather during the reunion should be ideal for any event with an average daily high of 70° and nighttime lows in the high 40's. Rainfall during May averages 3.6". While weather is important, it holds little significance to the plans of our reunion. Moncks Corner '98 and Rehoboth Beach '03 are testimony to what a sailor and his lady can do to entertain themselves during inclement weather.

Most sailors will agree "There's no such thing as a bad woman. It just that some are better than others." This ideology holds true for USS Rich reunions. It's unlikely you'll find a shipmate who will dispute this after attending a reunion. Interest and motivation to attend a reunion is certainly similar but not mutually exclusive.

Over the years many shipmates have forged

new friendships with shipmates who were aboard at a different time. These friendships extended beyond the times at the reunions into smaller events throughout the year. Such is the case of our Florida shipmates. There is an article elsewhere in this issue on the subject.

Many of you reading this have never attended a RICH reunion. You're missing a lot. Sure... the ravages of time have affected each of us in different way and perhaps we've become a bit self-conscious about that extra 30 pounds we're carrying or the hair that has migrated from your head to your ears. SO WHAT! Everyone else shares the same problem. There no longer are ranks and rates. We're all shipmates... tall, short, fat, thin... it makes no difference. As your life clock ticks away, you owe it to yourself to make the journey and return to the circle of men who touched your life in one way or another... to the ranks of the crews of the USS RICH. Yes, I'm talking to you! It's time to heave out, trice up and make your plans to find out exactly where the hell Lorain is.

See you in Lorain!



Speaking of Reunions

Many of us can't get enough of a good thing. For some of us it's going to reunions. It all started out with a simple invitation to visit. It evolved into the first-ever USS Rich state reunion! It was held on January 31st in Ocala, Florida and was a rousing success! Dubbed "Operation Sunshine", shipmates and spouses from Florida, South Carolina and Arkansas attended the one day event.



Threatening skies and passing showers did little to dampen the spirit of the guys and gals. Shipmates "Hutch" Hutchinson (BT1 48-55) and Charlie Wentway (FP2 54-57) co-hosted the event with the real work being

done by wives Marie Hutchinson and Pat Wentway. The Bill of Fare included hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans and fresh Ruskin tomatoes. Dessert include cake and cookies. ALL HOMEMADE stuff. Great job ladies!



Charlie Wentway checks the wind as Johnnie Skillen flips the burger while Hutch Hutchinson supervises.

The guys took care of arranging for a motel, the barbeque, the beverages and logistics of our meeting place, the recreation building of beautiful Spanish Oaks. Typical of a RICH reunion, we found good drink, food and lots of good conversation with shipmates and spouses alike.

The success of the event should certainly spawn some interest by other shipmates in other states to undertake such an effort. The arrangements are minimal as are the costs involved. While our Florida hosts chose to prepare the food, you could easily arrange for the use of a meeting room at a motel and have them provide lunch for the attendees. Most local laws will permit bringing alcohol on the premises for a private function or you could simply buy drinks from the bar.

On the opposing page is listed the past reunions and the shipmates who hosted them. If contacted, it's likely they would be willing share their experiences, good and bad, in making preparations. All you need is to be motivated to see some of your old shipboard pals.



Past Reunions

Different places, different faces... all provide a unique and pleasant experience. Here's where we've been and who hosted them. There's not a bad one in the bunch.

1994	Norfolk, Virginia	Don Oberdoester
1995	Moncks Corner, SC	Hoot Gibson
1996	Hagerstown, MD	Joe Saunders
1997	Nashville, TN	Gary Wilson
1998	Moncks Corner, SC	Hoot Gibson
1999	Pine Bluff, AR	Johnny Skillen
2000	Sarasota, FL	Marshall K DuBois
2001	Washington, VT	Hutch Hutchinson
2002	Buford, SC	Dave Dore
2003	Rehoboth Beach, DE	Harry Marker
2004	Lorain, OH	Jimmy Carroll
2005	Pensacola, FL	Chet Sanders
2006	Norfolk, VA (T)	Benton Rose
2007	Nashville, TN (T)	Gary Wilson

How do we select cities? It's a very simple process. The prospective host shipmate attends an annual reunion and makes a "pitch" to host the event in his city. The general membership cast votes to determine selections.

It's not very difficult to host a reunion. There are a number of details which must be attended to after formulating the "Plan of the Week". There is a basic budget to be established. This is done on a provided worksheet which also contains non-expense items in order that they are not overlooked.

There is a Reunion Manual under development to assist the Host Shipmate and answer the many questions which arise. Former Host Shipmates are always ready and willing to provide assistance with issues. They've been there before. They know the answers.

Interested? Email or write the webmaster.

Give Me A Sign

"WE WOULD RATHER DO BUSINESS WITH 1000 AL QAEDA TERRORISTS THAN WITH A SINGLE AMERICAN"

This sign was prominently displayed in the window of a business in Philadelphia. You are probably outraged at the thought of such an inflammatory statement. One would think that anti-hate groups from all across the country would be marching on this business.

And that the National Guard might have to be called to keep the angry crowds back. But, perhaps in these stressful times one might be tempted to let the proprietors simply make their statement . . .

We are a society who holds Freedom of Speech as perhaps our greatest liberty...

And after all, it is just a sign. You may ask what kind of business would dare post such a sign?

Answer: A Funeral Home
(Who said morticians had no sense of humor?)

Groaners

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull shit before

What do you call a fish with no eye? A fish

A dyslexic man walks into a bra...

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The barman says "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

Two peanuts walk into a bar. One was a salted.



A Day Out Of The Past

USS RICH (DD-820)
Fleet Post Office
New York 09501

SATURDAY

JULIAN DATE 2309
4 NOVEMBER 1972

PLAN OF THE DAY
NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SHIP

DUTY SECTION:	DEPT DUTY OFFICER	UNIFORM OF THE DAY
OFFICERS: II	OPS: RD1 SVAIB	OFFICERS AND CPO'S
ENLISTED: 2	ENG: EM1 HILL	Tropical White Long
DUTY MAA: STG2	REEDER WEP: FTG1 WILSON	OTHER ENLISTED
DUTY YN: PN3 LONG	SUP: SK1 ALLS	Tropical White Long
CDO: LT MC WILLIAM		

CARRY OUT THE NORMAL INPORT ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

0635 Sunrise
0600 Messgear
0615 Breakfast for cooks, messcooks, PO1's and the oncoming watch
0630 Breakfast for the crew
0700 Pier sweepers muster on quarterdeck
0730 Liberty expires on board for section II
0735 Officer's call
0735 Muster on station, submit muster reports to the ship's office
0800 Commence soap and fresh water scrubdown of weatherdecks
TBA Liberty commences for section I to expire on board at 0900, November 1972
0815 Muster in-port fire party
1000 CDO inspection of messing and berthing spaces
1115 Messgear
1130 Dinner for cooks, messcooks, PO1's and the oncoming watch
1145 Dinner for the crew
1630 Check setting of material condition YOKE, make reports to the Quarterdeck
1645 Messgear
1700 Dinner for cooks, messcooks, PO1's and the oncoming watch
1720 Supper for the crew
1756 Sunset

NOTES:

1. Watch Bill

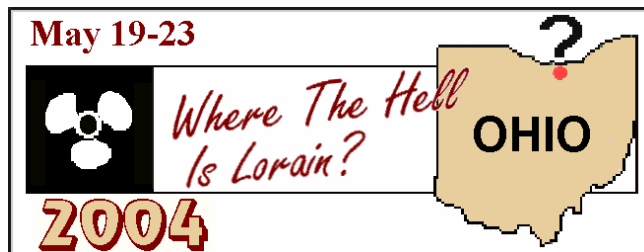
	QWO	POW	MSGR	Shore Patrol
08-12	FTG1 WILSON	PN3 LONG	RDSN PARSONS	PC3 THORTON
12-16	ENS ALTMAYER	BM2 RUDOLPH	SA COLON	Color Guard
16-20	RMC VINING	STG3 RAINEY	SN WHITE	TMSN SHAFFER
20-24	EM1 HILL	SH3 BOWEN	SA STEWART	RDSN PARSONS
00-04	RD1 SVAIB	FTGSN KINNE	SA NEWMAN	Duty Driver
04-08	SK1 ALLS	PN3 LONG	SN DELGADO	TMSN SHAFFER

2. OVERNIGHT LIBERTY

All hands are authorized overnight liberty in Pearl Harbor. However you will be required to the ship and leave a telephone number where you can be reached if you stay overnight. This is necessary in the event that RICH departs unexpectedly.


F. X. MUNGLER
LCDR USN
Executive Officer

USS RICH DD/DDE 820



OFFICIAL REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RATE/RANK WHILE ABOARD: _____ TOUR DATES: _____

CURRENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS (Please Print)

NAME _____ 1@\$65=_____

GUEST _____ 1@\$65=_____

GUEST _____ 1@\$65=_____

[Free Continental Breakfast - Lunch: On Your Own]

Sub Total "A" _____

NON-MEMBERS (Please Print) (*See note under Membership Renewal)

NAME _____ 1@\$85=_____

GUEST _____ 1@\$85=_____

GUEST _____ 1@\$85=_____

Sub Total "B" _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Membership Dues (4/1/04 to 3/30/05) 1@\$15=_____

Sub Total "C" _____

Save \$20! You may become an Instant Member by joining here and avoiding the Reunion non-member surcharge. Complete sections A and C (and B if applicable). Welcome Aboard!

>>> Mail your check and this form to: <<<

Don Hogg, Treasurer
USS Rich (DD/DDE820) Association
1801 N 9th St
DeQueen AR 71832

Sub Total "A" _____
Sub Total "B" _____
Sub Total "C" _____
Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please indicate if you are bringing an article for:

_____ Raffle: Describe: _____

_____ Auction: Describe: _____

(Back of Registration Form)

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What:	USS Rich Association 11th Annual Ship's Company Reunion
Dates:	Wednesday, May 19th through Sunday, May 23rd, 2004. There are no activities planned Wednesday or Sunday. These
Location:	  <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; margin-left: 10px;"> <p>LORAIN OHIO</p> <p>1825 Lorain Blvd. Elyria, OH 44035</p> <p>Tel: 800-321-7333 or 440-324-5411 Fax: 440-324-2785 Email: ejt0213@aol.com</p> <p>http://www.ihotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/elroh?irs=null</p> </div>
Room Cost:	All rooms \$60.00 per night Plus 12¾% state and local taxes
Reunion Cost:	<p>The cost to attend the Reunion is \$65.00 per person for members and their guests. For non-members the cost is \$85.00 per person. <i>You may become an "Instant Member" by filling out Sections A & C thus taking the immediate cost benefit plus enjoying a full year of membership in the association.</i></p> <p>These fees include dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings as well as Door Prizes and Open Bar during the entire Reunion! You are "On Your Own" for breakfast and lunch each day.</p> <p>Any updated information and forms will be available on the website. We look forward to seeing you as we "find Lorain"</p> <p>Driving instructions from all directions are on the reverse side.</p>



This Is The Way To Lorain

Our host hotel is the Holiday Inn at 1825 Lorain Blvd in Elyria, Ohio... a bedroom community of Lorain. It is nestled between two Interstate highways: I90 to the north and I80 to the south. You should have no difficulty finding it. The maps below should provide the necessary details.



Personnel Changes

DEC 2003 - Reported Aboard

Patterson EW (Pat) YN3 69-70 Macon GA
Krueger Douglas L HM3 72-73 Breckenridge MN
Wilkins Frank BM2 58-61 Evansville IN



Piped Ashore - Deceased

(None)

NOV 2003 - Reported Aboard

Love Frank F 67-68 Norfolk VA
Lang Robert LTjg 75-77 Hawthorn Woods IL



Piped Ashore - Deceased

Macon Glen LCDR 60 West Palm Beach FL
Hillier Karl F ETN3 71-73 Austin TX

OCT 2003 - Reported Aboard

Mamerow Ronald GMMSN Owosso MI
Snoberger Ron BT3 60-62 Lebanon PA
Wicks Jay RD3 58-60 Harleysville PA
Marlowe Charles FT2 57-59 Athens GA
Harding Rich FTG1 76-77 Deptford NJ
Carr Paul LT 75-77 Norfolk VA
Burke Don Ens 71-72 Virginia Beach VA



Piped Ashore - Deceased

Smith John H SH3 56-60 Severn MD

We appreciate our shipmates "passing the word" to other shipmates they may know. Send any details you may have should you locate shipmates who we haven't found or haven't found us. Additional information may be found on the website.

Comments Made in the Year 1957

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5,000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."

"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

"Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."

"I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

"Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."

"I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

"Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress."

"There is no sense going away for the weekend anymore. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."

"No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

"If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."

(Contributed by Larry Dixon RM3)



Dunnigan's Corner

“Where the old sailors come for a good laugh”



A tourist walks into a curio shop in San Francisco. Looking around at the exotica, he notices a very lifelike life-sized bronze statue of a rat. It has no price tag, but is so striking he decides he must have it.

He takes it to the owner: "How much for the bronze rat?" "\$12 for the rat, \$100 for the story," says the owner.

The tourist gives the man \$12. "I'll just take the rat, you can keep the story."

As he walks down the street carrying his bronze rat, he notices that a few real rats have crawled out of the alleys and sewers and begun following him down the street. This is disconcerting, and he begins walking faster. But within a couple of blocks, the herd of rats behind him has grown to hundreds, and they begin squealing.

He begins to trot toward the bay, looking around to see that the rats now number in the MILLIONS, and are squealing and coming toward him faster and faster.

Concerned, even scared, he runs to the edge of the bay, and throws the bronze rat as far out into the water as he can. Amazingly, the millions of rats all jump into the bay after it, and are all drowned.

The man walks back to the curio shop. "Ah-ha!" says the owner, "you have come back for the story?"

"No," says the man, "I came back to see if you have a bronze Democrat."

Bubba died. So Ida Mae went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Ida Mae what she would like to say about Bubba. Ida Mae replied, "Just put 'Bubba died'.

The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it? Just 'Bubba died'? Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about Bubba. If it's money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. You should say something more."

So Ida Mae pondered for a minute and finally said, "Okay, put 'Bubba died. Bass boat for sale.'"

Signs Of The Times

Friends don't let friends take home ugly men
Women's restroom Starboard, Dewey Beach, DE

Beauty is only a light switch away.
Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC

Remember, it's not, "How high are you?" it's "Hi, how are you?"
Rest stop off Route 81, West Virginia

Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity.
The Bayou, Baton Rouge, LA

No matter how good she looks, some other guy is sick and tired of putting up with her shit.
Men's Room, Linda's Bar and Grill, Chapel Hill, NC

At the feast of ego everyone leaves hungry.
Bentley's House of Coffee and Tea, Tucson, AZ

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
Written in the dust on the back of a bus, Wickenburg, AZ

Make love, not war. -Hell, do both, GET MARRIED!
Women's restroom, The Filling Station, Bozeman, MT

If voting could really change things, it would be illegal.
Revolution Books, New York, New York.

If pro is opposite of con, then what is the opposite of progress? Congress!
Men's restroom, House of Representatives, Washington, DC

Express Lane: Five beers or less
Sign over one of the urinals, Ed Debevic's, Phoenix, AZ

You're too good for him.
Sign over mirror in Women's restroom, Ed Debevic's, Beverly Hills, CA.

No wonder you always go home alone.
Sign over mirror in Men's restroom, Ed Debevic's, Beverly Hills, CA

A Woman's Rule of Thumb: If it has tires or testicles, you're going to have trouble with it.
Women's restroom, Dick's Last Resort, Dallas, TX



Ship's Store

Genuine Simulated US Navy Ball Cap in 2 Styles and 2 Colors



Blue Solid Back

X \$15.00 =

Blue Mesh Back

X \$15.00 =

White Solid Back

X \$15.00 =

White Mesh Back

X \$15.00 =

\$10/ea + \$5/shipping

Official USS Rich Reunion Coffee Mug (Limited quantities)



2000 Mug

X \$10.00=

2001 Mug

X \$10.00=

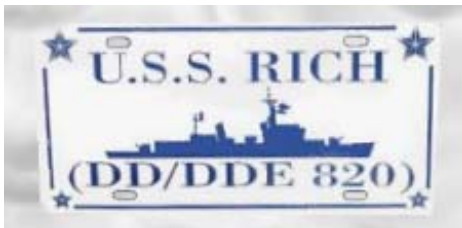
2002 Mug

X \$10.00=

2003 Mug

X \$10.00=

\$5/ea + \$5/shipping



Official USS Rich Auto Tag

White w/blue lettering

X \$13.00 =

\$10/ea + \$3/shipping



\$9/ea
+
\$1.50 shipping

3" DD 820 Patch

X \$15.50 =

3" DDE 820 Patch

X \$15.50 =



\$5.50/ea
+
\$1.50/shipping

4" DESRON 36 Patch

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1801 N 9th St
DeQueen AR 71832

Total Amt





H i s t o r y L e s s o n

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything was transported by ship. It was also before commercial fertilizer's invention, so large shipments of manure were common. In dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. after that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term "S.H.I.T" on them, which meant to the sailors to "Ship High In Transit." In other words, high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

You probably did not know this true history of the word SHIT. Neither did I. I always thought it was a golf term.



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