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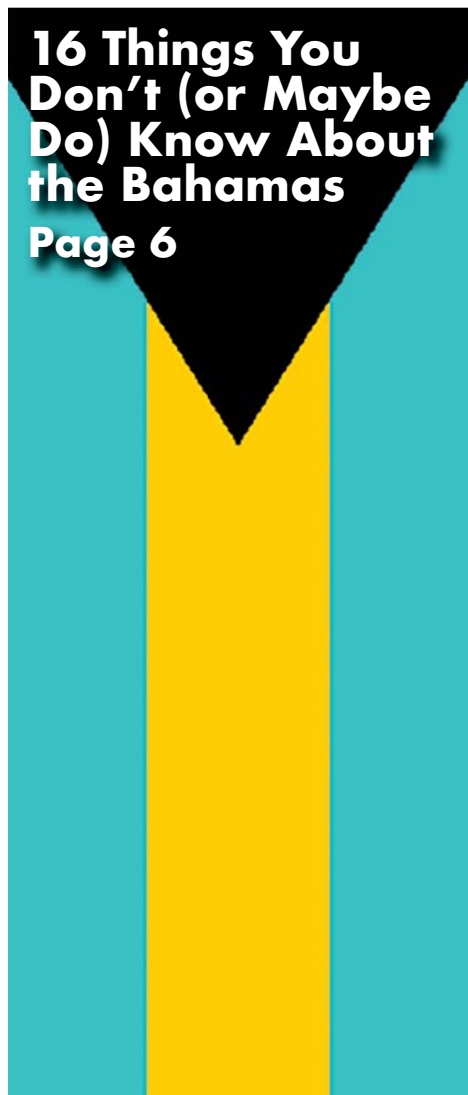
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**The Mackinaw City  
Summer Rendezvous  
Is Expected to be the  
Largest Event in Our  
Association's History.  
Watch for the Special  
Rendezvous Report  
in the October '17  
News!**

## To All Great Lakes Grand Banks Association Members & Friends...

# GLGBA President's Message



Rick & Barb Scime

The last “President’s Message”, published in the April Newsletter, was composed in mid-February just a few weeks after the start of a lengthy journey for Barb and me. No, we did not head south for the winter or off to some other exotic warm place. Instead we logged about 4000 miles driving back and forth from Valparaiso Indiana to medical centers in Chicago and finally to the Mayo Clinic. We were in a desperate search to find out why my standing/walking balance was degenerating back to the severely paralytic condition I was in after a spinal cord injury took me down in 2008.

In mid-December, last year, I noticed my kitchen floor felt more like the galley on Sally Ann in a moderate broadside seaway, and it’s been building ever since.

To make a long story short, we wandered through a seemingly endless maze of medical diagnoses, too wild to imagine and too lengthy to describe here. But, finally, the end appears in sight with the discovery of the presence of another spinal cord tumor. Soon I’ll be getting some work done on my internal electrical system (is it A/C or D/C?) by a Mayo Neurosurgeon to correct a short circuit.

With the possibility of a solution in sight, I found I could finally turn the page (sort-of) and get my mind off the omnipresent medical stuff. I can refocus some of my attention to other things such as this letter. Hopefully, by the time this shows up in the July Newsletter, I’ll be better, and able to kibitz about it at the Mackinaw City Rendezvous. We will soon see.

*(Editor’s note. I am happy to report that Rick was*

*operated on at Mayo Clinic. The operation was long in duration but went as planned. Rick is healing now and planning to attend the Rendezvous with Barb. Sally Ann is in the water in Sturgeon Bay.)*

Now, about the Rendezvous. The Trail Bosses, John Black and Jerry Cilibrise are working their butts off to give us another terrific event. Here are some highlights:

■ Wednesday 8/2 - The traditional “Foy Pork Loin Feast”. This is a Pot Luck dinner. Plan to bring a dish to share.

■ Thursday 8/3 - Event Registration and BBQ hosted by Grand Banks Yachts.

■ Friday 8/4 – Breakfast, and General Members Meeting, lunch under the tent; fun events the rest of the day and dinner.

■ Saturday 8/5 - Breakfast, Board Meeting, lunch under the tent; more fun rest of the day and a banquet dinner at Audie’s.

I want to highlight here a few items of business to be conducted in the formal meetings. At the General Meeting, we will be explaining proposals for some new or revised policies pertaining to Annual Dues payments, and clarification of Regular and Honorary Membership status. Your Board will subsequently consider implementation of these ideas.

After the General Meeting, we will hear from the President of the Chesapeake Bay Grand Banks Owners Association (CBGBOA), Ardell Hoveskeland, who has offered to travel from the East Coast to attend the Rendezvous. He will give us a presentation about the new Web Site which the CBGBOA have recently adopted and which the other GB Associations around North America are considering or have also adopted. We expect this will be of great interest to all and your feedback will help guide the Board of Directors when we potentially take the up matter for consideration at the Winter Meeting.

That’s all for now. Barb and I look forward to seeing many of you in Mackinaw City in August. Travel safely.

Rick and Barb