



Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association

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July 2003



3rd Annual Northeast Rendezvous

Parade of Tugs on the Connecticut River

Photo by Jack Blair

What a grand sight! Nordic Tugs everywhere! Red ones. Blue ones. Green ones. Ivory ones!

By Wednesday afternoon, the official start of the rendezvous, Essex harbor was crawling with Nordic Tugs and their crews. They came from Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and Connecticut.

There were thirteen tugs at Essex Island Marina and seven more a short distance away at local docks and moorings. Four crews came sans tugs, and six couples who will someday be tuggers also came to join our wildly successful rendezvous.

Executive Producer Jose Moniz and Camera-man Tom of *Boating Today TV* became a part of our lives, chronicling the entire rendezvous. With an interest in showcasing the boating lifestyle for their programming, they attended all our events, interviewed tuggers, sponsored and taped an onboard cooking contest, and captured the parade of tugs and raft-up. Our rendezvous will be aired sometime in August in the northeast on New England Sports Network



Jerry Husted, founder of Nordic Tugs, welcomed the tuggers with his warmth and wit.

and on Direct TV's channel 623.

We enjoyed cocktail parties, buffet breakfast, picnic-style lunch, potluck supper, and a lobster bake. Nordic Tugs and Cummins were there to answer our questions.

There were cruising presentations by owners, several roundtable discussions, navigation software demos, parade, raft-up, and more. It's all here in text and pic-

tures on the next few pages.

Hope to see you next year!

Rendezvous at a glance—July 23-26, 2003

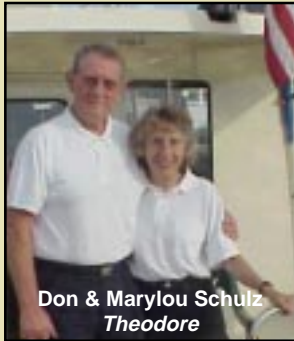
Day 1, Wednesday—Welcome and registration. Onboard Interviews with Boating Today TV. Cooking contest. Pusser's Rum Painkiller party & potluck supper on the upper deck.

Day 2, Thursday—Welcome from Jerry Husted. Cruising presentations. Boat-hopping. Lunch. Roundtable discussions. Nav software demos. Cocktail party and steak/lobsterfest.

Day 3, Friday—Buffet breakfast. Captains' parade meeting. Noon parade through Essex harbor. Raft-up, photo-op, and mooring in Hamburg Cove. Cocktail party on 42 host boat.

Day 4, Saturday—The formal rendezvous is over; 11 boats continue to Three Mile Harbor anchorage on Long Island, 26 miles away, for 2nd annual Les Petites Bateaux raft-up.

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Don & Marylou Schulz
Theodore

One by one the tugs arrived. *Scotia* came from Florida, logging the most miles, and *Thor* from Maryland. *Snorri* just returned from a cruise to Lake Champlain. *Eritad* came from Marblehead, MA.

After greeting others on the dock and washing down their boats, crews picked up their registration materials and gathered on the docks. The TV crew, meanwhile, was busy with onboard interviews. The rendezvous was off to a great start and excitement was in the air.



Dorothy & John Renehan
Owl

Photos by Ruth Jansson unless otherwise noted.



Mable & Dick Seymour
Sea Mischief



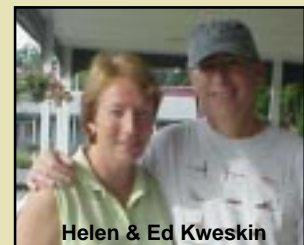
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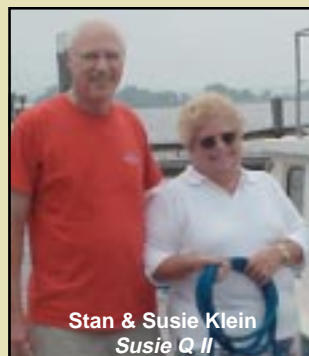
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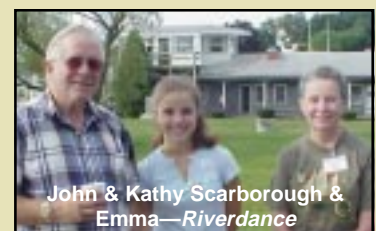
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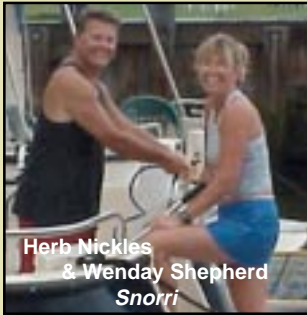
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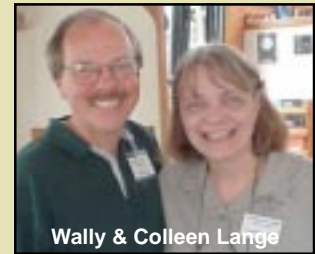
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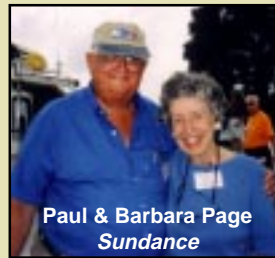
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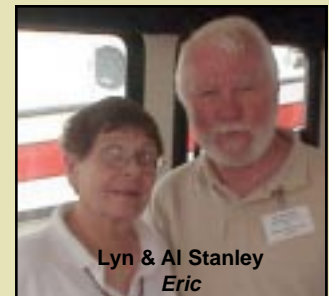


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Annie O



Paul & Barbara Page
Sundance

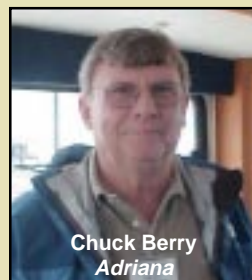
Photo by Bette Conner



Lyn & Al Stanley
Eric



Eileen Fitzgerald &
Barry Baskind



Chuck Berry
Adriana

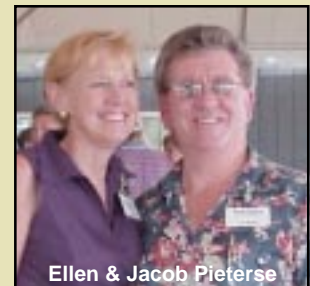


Bette Conner & Ruth Jansson
Annie B

Photo by Charlie Jacobs



Norma LaSalle &
Rich Tomlinson
Sea Wolf



Ellen & Jacob Pieterse

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Photo by Bette Connor

The Wilde Team Does It Again!

The Wilde Team has made Essex a Nordic Tug hub. Our tug family keeps growing, and our rendezvous are generating lots of interest among tug owners and enthusiasts.

The Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association salute you—and we thank you for all you are doing.

The Cooking Contest and Pusser's Rum Party

Cooking Contest Rules

- Entree or appetizer
- Prepared in 30 minutes or less from scratch
- Cooked on board
- Judged on
 - originality
 - complexity of preparation
 - presentation
 - taste

The cooks jumped into action promptly at 4 pm. Cameraman Tom raced from boat to boat, taping the ensuing frenzy. Onlookers peeked through galley windows, watching the whirl-wind activity.

At 4:30 sharp, the cooks collapsed and the judges began their rounds. Who would emerge the victor?



Cameraman Tom

And the winners are . . .

#1



Herb & Wendy



5:00 Pusser's Rum Party presents . . .



Producer & bartender Jose

With runner-up prizes awarded to . . .



Susie



Ruth



Mable



Check out the winning recipes on our website

Website News

www.ct-shoreline.com/ntnoa

The Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association website was launched on October 18 of last year. To date, we've had more than 2,400 hits.

The site provides a forum for exchanging ideas, information, and boat stuff related to Nordic Tugs and the cruising lifestyle.

Updated regularly, the site contains information on:

- upcoming events/past events
- custom changes and improvements (with pictures) that owners have made to their boats
- cruising destinations and logs
- tips to make maintenance easier
- links to anything related to Nordic Tugs, including vendors
- boat items for sale by owners (a captain's tag sale)

The pages have a wealth of information exclusively for Nordic Tug owners by Nordic Tug owners.

If you have any suggestions or additions, send email to our webmaster Ruth Jansson at:

ntnoa@aol.com

From Nordic Tugs in WA . . .

Day 2 began with a welcome by Jerry Husted, founder of Nordic Tugs. With his home-spun wit and delightful presence, he told about how the Nordic Tug came to be and answered many questions.



Jerry Husted

Bob Shamek welcomed everyone to our third rendezvous. He spoke of the latest changes to the Nordic Tugs line, talked about the new 52', and addressed individual concerns during his three-day stay.



Bob Shamek

Cummins Offers Maintenance Classes

As a result of the popularity of last year's diesel maintenance class, Cummins Territory Manager Rusty Graham and Cummins Instructor Jim Brown are offering two levels of classes this fall at their Rocky Hill facility. Fifteen of us took last year's introductory class and found it to be very worthwhile.



Rusty Graham

The Engine Familiarization Class is a half-day class and is directed toward new owners. The class will focus on engine systems, operation, and basic maintenance. There are a few slots left in the morning class on November 17.

The Hands-On Advanced Class is a full-day class with a maximum of six participants. As of this writing there is one opening in the November 21 class. The following will be covered:

- how to remove and install pumps and injectors
- how to check timing, set valves, inspect turbochargers.
- basic electricity including how to use a digital multimeter
- battery maintenance, how to measure voltage drops, and check alternator output
- troubleshooting

If you would like to know more about either of these classes, email Cummins Instructor Jim Brown at



Jim Brown

James.A.Brown@Cummins.com

Cruising Presentations

30 Minutes on Long Island Sound

—Jim McCrea

Jim told of the very popular cruising grounds and harbors that lie between 30' of longitude on Long Island Sound covering the area from Housatonic River/Port Jefferson on the east and Stamford/Oyster Bay on the west.



Cruising the Coast of Maine —Wendy Shepherd & Herb Nickles



With picturesque settings in evergreen coves and harbors lined with wooden buildings and lobster boats, Wendy & Herb convinced us that Maine is a great place to cruise. The fog, the lobster buoys, and the majestic tides all add to the Down East adventure.

Destination: Milford, CT

—Ruth Jansson

Milford, CT, has two marinas within walking distance of a wonderful town with good restaurants and lots to do. Ruth highlighted the major features of this harbor dedicated to attracting transient boaters.



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Photo by Jack Blair

Parade of tugs on the Connecticut River . . .



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Sundance



Photo by Ruth Jansson

North Star



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Wilde 42



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Eritad



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Eric



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Thor



Photo by Jack Blair

West Wind



Photo by Jack Blair

Scotia



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Owl



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Wilde 32

At noon on Friday the tugs left their docks and moorings to assemble for the big parade in Essex Harbor. An impressive array of Nordic Tugs filed past the yacht clubs and marinas and continued north up the Connecticut River, then turned in to Hamburg Cove.

With meticulous planning by Jim McCrea, the 20-tug raft-up was accomplished in record time. After recording preferences of tie-up side from each skipper, Jim made a diagram of the sequence and distributed a copy to each crew.

The boats entered Hamburg Cove more or less in order, with lines and fenders readied in advance. The 42' stake

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Photo by Jack Blair

... and Raft-up in Hamburg Cove



Photo by Ruth Jansson

boat arrived first and was flanked by two 37's on each side. After that the 32's and 26' arrived. In short order and with relative ease, the raft-up was complete and the photo mavens took over.

It was quite an impressive sight.



Photo by Jack Blair

Annie O



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Snorri



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Rhumb Line



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SuReSa



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Annie B



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Sea Mischief



Photo by Jack Blair

Riverdance



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Theodore



Photo by Jack Blair

Susie Q II



Photo by Jack Blair

Elizabeth M

Roundtable Discussions

We thank our roundtable discussion group leaders:

- Fiberglass repair—Doug Domenie
- Rope-splicing & knot-tying—Vic Burt
- How to evaluate your insurance policy—Paul Fitzpatrick & Leslie Allaire
- Financing/refinancing options—Jim Desnoyers
- Cummins discussion—Rusty Graham, Jim Brown, Paul McCallister, Gene Bonati
- Nordic Tug discussion—Jerry Husted & Bob Shamek



Jim Desnoyers



Leslie Allaire

Nav Software Demos

Several of our owners use navigation software regularly. Interested skippers were asked to sign up if they'd like to learn more about particular programs.

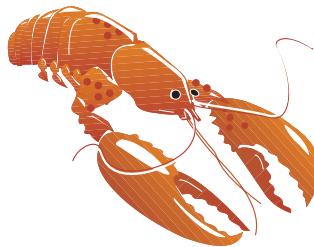
Four owners volunteered to give onboard demonstrations. We offered Garmin Map Source (Don Schulz), NobelTec (Herb Nickles), The Capn (Jim McCrea), and NavimaQ (Ruth Jansson). Seventeen owners signed up for these demos, indicating that there is a lot of interest in using the latest technology.

Next year we plan to allocate more time to electronic navigation to meet the needs of our group.



Picnic Lunch

Thursday



After enjoyable introductions by Jerry Husted and Bob Shamek of Nordic Tugs, we were treated to three cruising presentations. The projected pictures were spectacular; unfortunately they were difficult to see because of the ambient light. Next year that segment will be indoors or at night.

Our delightful picnic lunch, courtesy of Jim Desnoyers, Beacon Marine Credit, consisted of a variety of sandwiches on local-made breads, home-made cookies, refreshing seasonal fruit, and assorted bottled drinks.

During the cocktail party at the Essex Yacht Club, also sponsored by Jim Desnoyers of Beacon

Marine Credit, Wendy Shepherd of *Snorri* sold raffle tickets to the many items people had brought for the occasion.

Boaters put half of ticket into a container adjacent to the item they wanted. That way, one was only entering the drawing on the prizes one wanted. Our prizes were really great and we raised exactly \$500 for our owners' association!

The lobster & steak fest, all cooked outside, consisted of clam chowder, steamed mussels and clams, salad, corn on the cob, potatoes, and lobster or steak, with watermelon for dessert.

It was a very busy day. We all slept well that night.



Wendy sold a zillion tickets



The raffle table

Great Raffle Prizes

Here's the grand list of what everyone brought for the raffle

- Cummins jacket
- Boat U.S. PFD
- Cruising Guide to Narragansett Bay*
- Short haul at Brewer Dauntless
- Candle, shell motif
- \$100 gift certificate from Arrigoni
- NobelTec digital chart, Reg. 2
- NobelTec digital chart, Reg. 3
- Large acrylic boat with goodies
- Wine & 2 glasses
- GPS Instant Navigation*
- 50' 30-amp power cord
- Canvas tote bag
- Origin of Sea Terms*
- Nautical playing cards
- 8 wine glasses
- 5 x 7 oil painting of your Nordic Tug
- 2 Nordic Tugs jacket
- Trekka Round the World*
- Candle, dragonfly motif
- Cummins collared shirt
- Braided dock line
- 1 night dockage at Norwalk Cove Marina
- Guide to Cruising Chesapeake Bay*
- Glasses & stone coasters
- Maptech LI Sound chartbook*
- Maptech South Shore of LI*
- Bottle of Pusser's Rum
- Serving tray, beach motif
- Weems & Plath radio-controlled brass ship's clock
- IntraCoastal Waterways Facilities Guide*
- Cape Horn: One Man's Dream, One Woman's Nightmare*
- Many Nordic Tugs T-shirts and hats

Tugs & Crews

**Boats in Essex*

Connecticut

- *Annie B—Ruth Jansson & Bette Conner.
JansCon@aol.com
- *Elizabeth M—Phil & Bette Clorite.
clorite@snet.net
- *Eric—Al & Lyn Stanley.
lynandal@earthlink.net
- *Felicity—Hans & Barbara Ullstein.
buhu1@aol.com
- *North Star—Jim & Mim McCrea.
mcc272@aol.com
- *Owl—John & Dorothy Renehan.
dorothyrenehan@yahoo.com
- *Riverdance—John & Kathy Scarborough.
kathykegan@juno.com
- *Sundance—Paul & Barbara Page.
pgpage@msn.com
- *SuReSa—Frank White & Susan Mansfield.
fwp@webquill.com
- *Susie Q II—Stan & Sue Klein.
sjklein@optonline.net
- *West Wind—Geoffrey Balshaw.
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Florida

- Adriana—Chuck Berry. CBerryFly@aol.com
- *Scotia—Jim & Seon Hendrie.

Maryland

- *Thor—Jim & Frankie Thorington.
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Massachusetts

- *Eritad—Ed & Rita Mackey (and Zekie & Beau). eds@gsinet.net

New York

- *Annie O—Gary & Anne Olson.
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- *Theodore—Don & MaryLou Schulz.
dmlschulz@yahoo.com
- *Sea Mischief—Dick & Mabel Seymour.
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Rhode Island

- Annie—Richard & Jane Goulston.
seascubal@cox.net
- *Rhumb Line—Bill & Judy Anderson.
williamander9@aol.com
- Sea Wolf—Richard Tomlinson & Norma LaSalle. RchTomlinson@aol.com
- *Snorri—Herb Nickles & Wendy Shepherd.
hnickles@smith.edu
- Van Der Aa—Hal & Karen Krider.
HalKrider@cox.net

Tug enthusiasts

- Barry Baskind & Eileen Fitzgerald.
- Peter & Jenny Holland.
- Walter & Colleen Lange.
- Steve & Kathy Paul.
- Jacob & Ellen Pieterse.
- Charlie & Linda Young. mspie21@msn.com
- ... and guests

2nd Annual Les Petites Bateaux Raft-Up in Three Mile Harbor



Photo by Jack Blair

Twenty-six people and 1 dog came to the raft-up in 9 dinghies and 2 kayaks.

Saturday morning: The formal rendezvous was over and most tugs left Hamburg Cove. Some were going home or starting their own cruise. Eleven tugs headed for Three Mile Harbor to continue the festivities.

After a lazy afternoon of swimming, dinghying, kayaking, or going into town, we gathered for the 2nd Annual Les Petites Bateaux Raft-Up, each little craft carefully carting its cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Nine dinghies and 2 kayaks transported 26 people and 1 dog to a mooring ball close to shore where we tied ourselves together every which way.

The munchies were passed around nonstop. When the last glass was emptied and the food gone, we disentangled ourselves somehow, said good-night, and headed back to our anchored boats.

Sunday brought winds and seas much earlier than predicted. Jack Blair, who took many pictures for this newsletter, shot this photo of *Theodore* and *North Star* (below) as they traveled the relatively protected waters around Shelter Island and Peconic Bay. Those who ventured out to Block Island Sound or Long Island Sound really had a wild day. These tugs are tough!

Be sure to join us next year!



Photo by Jack Blair

Sunday travel in protected waters.

Bookmarks for all



Each person who attended received a laminated "Rendezvous 2003, Essex, CT" bookmark from the crew of *Annie B.* Of the three color choices, blue was the most popular color selected; red was a close second.

Thank you to these business for donating raffle prizes

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Arrigoni Design | Nordic Tugs |
| BoatU.S. | Norwalk Cove |
| Brewers Dauntless | Marina |
| Cummins | Norwalk Cove |
| Metropower | Ship's Store |
| Cummins Northwest | Pusser's |
| Fine Edge | The Peddler |
| MapTech | Weems & Plath |
| NobelTec | Wilde Yachts |

2003 Rendezvous

About Our Association

In July 2001, Ben Wilde and his team hosted the first Nordic Tug northeast rendezvous. Eleven crews attended and the Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association was formed.

The 2nd Annual Rendezvous brought thirteen crews. Following up on a request from owners, Cummins arranged a diesel class. The NTNOA website was launched in

October of 2002 and is posted courtesy of www.ct-shoreline.com.

This year there were 23 crews at the rendezvous. Cummins is offering two levels of diesel maintenance classes this fall.

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Ben and his team—especially Connie—have worked tirelessly to put our rendezvous together. Bette and Ruth, the rendez-

vous coordinators, assist Connie during the year and help her pull all the loose ends together as the time draws near.

Jim McCrea, the NTNOA president, does a great job of planning the parade, the raft-up, and the cruise to Long Island.

Thanks to the many people who contributed items, this year's raffle was a huge success. Herb and Wendy outdid themselves by collecting more than \$900 worth!

Special thanks to Jack Blair for the many pictures he took during our rendezvous.

—SENTOA—

a new Nordic Tug online resource

The SENTOA list is a web-based resource intended to facilitate communication among Nordic Tug owners and prospective owners. Questions are posted by members—and other members respond. Postings are immediate and are received via email. There are no commercial postings other than 'For Sale by Owner' notices.

SENTOA is sponsored by the SouthEast Nordic Tug Owners' Association through the courtesy of Jim and Stephanie Cress.

To subscribe to the SENTOA list, visit <http://lists.samurai.com/mailman/listinfo/sentoa> and follow the on-screen directions.

Our association extends a big congratulations to Al Casanova for starting the SouthEast Nordic Tug Owners' Association and the SENTOA list.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Next year's rendezvous will be held at Essex Island Marina during the same time slot—Wednesday-Saturday, July 21, 22, 23, & 24, 2004.

Cummins is offering two classes this fall: a half-day introductory class and a full-day hands-on advanced class. See p. 5 for details.

Bette Conner was appointed treasurer of The Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association. There are no membership dues. The only requirement for membership in the NTNOA is that one either a) own a Nordic Tug, or b) plan to own a Nordic Tug some day.

There are two Nordic Tug newslines you might like to join:

— Nordic Tug Newsletter • Bill Owel, Editor • 844 Main Sail Lane, Gig Harbor, WA 98335-5102 • (253) 858-6164 • ldybump@juno.com • Cost: \$10

— SENTOA • See information at left.

Boat shows this fall: Newport, September 11-14. Norwalk, September 18-21. TrawlerFest this year will be held in Solomons, MD, on September 24-27. Exclusively trawlers with lots of workshops and people who love our kind of boat and boating. Go by land or sea. For more information, visit www.trawlerfest.com

If you cannot print these pages and would like a hard copy, please email Ruth & Bette at JansCon@aol.com

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Ruth Jansson & Bette Conner, Rendezvous
Coordinators & Newsletter Editors

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Mark
your
calendar!

Your input is invaluable. Please email Jim at mcc272@aol.com with any rendezvous suggestions. Send all newsletter contributions to Ruth & Bette at JansCon@aol.com.