

# The Jib

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## Commodore's Corner

Howard Marks



**October always brings us to the LISSA Halloween Party at the end of the month.** This year, with the pandemic restrictions in place, the likelihood of a Halloween Party is, if your thinking doesn't go beyond the surface, slim. Thinking more deeply we are currently looking into the Moose Lodge or the VFW to see if these entities might be able to host an event like this, for us. If anything comes to fruition, we will notify you via email. If you have any ideas call me. (631) 226-1575. The only bad idea is the one that has not been presented.

**The LISSA Christmas Party.** You must be creative in times like these. But it takes time and effort, my friends. The only real problem is the lack of willingness to engage the process. Here's my own thought process: Call it, Christmas Dinner.

I called the Milleridge Inn yesterday and got some preliminary details. We can get our own room and a price fixed dinner for about \$70.00 pp. It's possible a club subsidy could be applied to that, but we won't know that until next month. Date would be Thurs. December 17th. The Milleridge Inn is a great place during the Holidays. We could meet at 5 PM, spend some time walking the Village and then meet for dinner at 7:00 PM. It's going to be ablaze during Christmas. They've even upgraded the Village with an ice skating rink. Amazing. I like it. More details will follow. Watch for announcements in the next week or so.

**October Picnic at Sunken Meadow, Oct 8th:** Patricia Kaminski is hosting a picnic at Sunken Meadow, Parking Field 1. This is super! We couldn't have the picnic this summer, so we're having it in the Fall. The picnic area will be next to the playground so it should be easy to find. It will be a BYOE. Big thanks to Patricia for doing some extra legwork needed for this event. Details in Coming About.

**American Exceptionalism.** As the election draws near, I'm going to be light on political opinion this time. We will, however, offer this. At the risk of stating the obvious, the biggest problem we have in this country today is the inability for both sides to agree to a common solution that works best for the people. As a country, our strength has been the ability of our people to prosper as individuals without overbearing governmental regulations. It has been the power of the individual, the power of personal creativity, the ability of the individual to create personal wealth and the freedom to engage in these things, which has created the strongest, wealthiest, most powerful country in the world. It

is not the state that has the power. It is the people. And THIS is the exception to the way people throughout the history of the world have lived their lives, lives subjugated by a central tyranny. In this country, the people come first, not the state. This is our founding principle. We are the single. We are the only. We are the exception to the way it has always been throughout history. It is called American Exceptionalism. I am quite proud of it and so should all Americans be proud of it.

**And now we are engaged is a great lack of civil discourse** as our sides clash. Government tyranny and politics encroach more and more on our personal speech and liberty. Violent mobs riot, burn and loot personal property as local government entities do little to stop them. It has come to blood and is, sadly, historically predictable. But, this is not the first time this has happened. **Abraham Lincoln** dealt with the same threat of concept. He had a clear understanding of our founding and of the threat to the survival of our country, as founded. The threat was the same then as it is now. I offer his "**Gettysburg Address**" as the best, most eloquent, explanation of who and what we are as a nation and a people, so "conceived in liberty" and equality.

**"Four score and seven years** ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate -- we cannot consecrate -- we cannot hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth". - *Abraham Lincoln. November 19, 1863.*

See you all - Out There!

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## IN MEMORIAM



## CHARLIE MERRITT

LISSA mourns the loss of member Charlie Merritt after a long illness. Charlie has been an outstanding member of the Club for over 20 years and met Sue Campbell at the Club 19 years ago who was to become his wife. Charlie never hesitated to open up his home for LISSA parties and will always be remembered for his kindness, generosity and hospitality. To Sue, member Anne Marie Muir (Charlie's sister) and his children and grandchildren, our deepest condolences. We pray for your strength at this sad time. He was well loved and will be missed by all. May he rest in peace.

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

Eileen O'Shea	10/7	Henry Honigman	10/22
Rosemarie Madrose	10/9	Virginia Gibbons	10/29

**HAPPY EARLY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:**  
Skip Belli 11/3; Joanne LoPresto 11/8

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### NOTICE

Should you become aware that a member of our Club is ill or has lost a loved one, please let our Corresponding Secretary Kathy Peccia know so that she may send acknowledgements from the Club. Thank you.

# COMING ABOUT NEWS

**Thursday, October 8th, 1 PM**  
**Sunken Meadow Picnic**  
(Rain Date, Friday October 9th)

**Parking Field 1** Hosted by Patricia Kaminski. **This is a BYOE Picnic.** Sounds fabulous, folks. **Directions to Parking Field 1:** GO ACROSS the bridge. Drive to end and make a right. Follow signs. Picnic will be next to the playground. Use mask if social distancing is not possible. One thing... Please call Patricia to let her know you're coming. (631) 423-7527. Open to All LISSA members and friends.

**Wednesday, October 21st, 6 PM**  
**October Birthday Babies**

**Black Forest Brew Haus**—2015 New Highway, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735 HOST: George Fuchs. **TO RESERVE:** Must please call George at: (631) 661-1847 by October 19th. Great locale. Hope to see you there.

**Friday, October 23rd, 1 PM**  
**Memorial for Charlie Merritt**

**Crab Meadow Beach Pavilion**—Family and friends will gather beneath the Pavilion at Crab Meadow. Those who wish, may say a few words. Please Note... The town has asked us not to light any wish lanterns and wear masks when social distancing is not possible. **\*\*Important Note:** BATHROOMS will be CLOSED.

**Thursday, December 17th, 7 PM**  
**Holiday Party Dinner at Milleridge Inn**

The Village and shops there are wonderful during the Holiday Season. They've even upgraded it. Believe it or not, they've added an ice skating rink. Cost info is being gathered at the time of this writing. We hope to confirm the details in the next week or so. Specific details to follow. Please watch for email announcements.

## **SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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<b>Treasurer</b>	- Billy Vassel	<b>Master At Arms</b>	- Skip Belli

There's still time to get your name on the ballot if you would like to run for a position on the Board.



# JIBBERISH & BILGE

## Birthday Babies dinner

The Birthday Babies dinner this month was the first one we've had since the Coronavirus shut us down March. What a great turn-out it was. Sixteen of us sat at two tables of 8, under the canopy at the front entrance to The Spare Rib, in Commack. Everybody was happy to see each other. My sense of the food there is that it's good, but not great. But there's nothing wrong with good. I had the ribs because that's their specialty and that's what they're known for. But the ribs did not fall off the bone. It was Skip's contention that, they should. Carol Sauer expected her riblets to be without the bone. They were not. They were, in effect, tiny little ribs. She took most of it home. But these complaints were minor. THE Most important thing was seeing each other. At the end of the night, we all came away with that warm fuzzy feeling you get after a very satisfying event. It's time to get back into the LISSA swing of things. By the way folks, for those of you who have not been going to restaurants, the protocol allows patrons to wear their mask entering the restaurant, like all other business establishments these days. When seated the mask is removed, of course. Seating capacity for Long Island restaurants is 50%, which gives ownership a reasonable chance of staying in business. This has proven to be safe. AND THAT is my point. As far as I know, there has not been a corona spike in Nassau and Suffolk county. Sadly, some restaurants have closed but most have not and I attribute this to the creativity of their ownership. They're on the edge, however, and it'll be interesting to see how they handle the winter. It'll be the same for us. Creativity will turn the LISSA wheel..... Howard

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Can we take off those glasses that we put on to see 2020? With a good part of the year behind us, we managed to have some good times along the way, with or without the masks. The year started off in the usual way with champagne and the ball drop. As the year progressed, it became increasingly clear that this would be a year like no other.

Who would think that a trip to the supermarket fending off the toilet paper and food hoarders would be an adventure and a novelty? Did we ever fear getting within a ten foot' pole distance of one of our fellow human beings before?

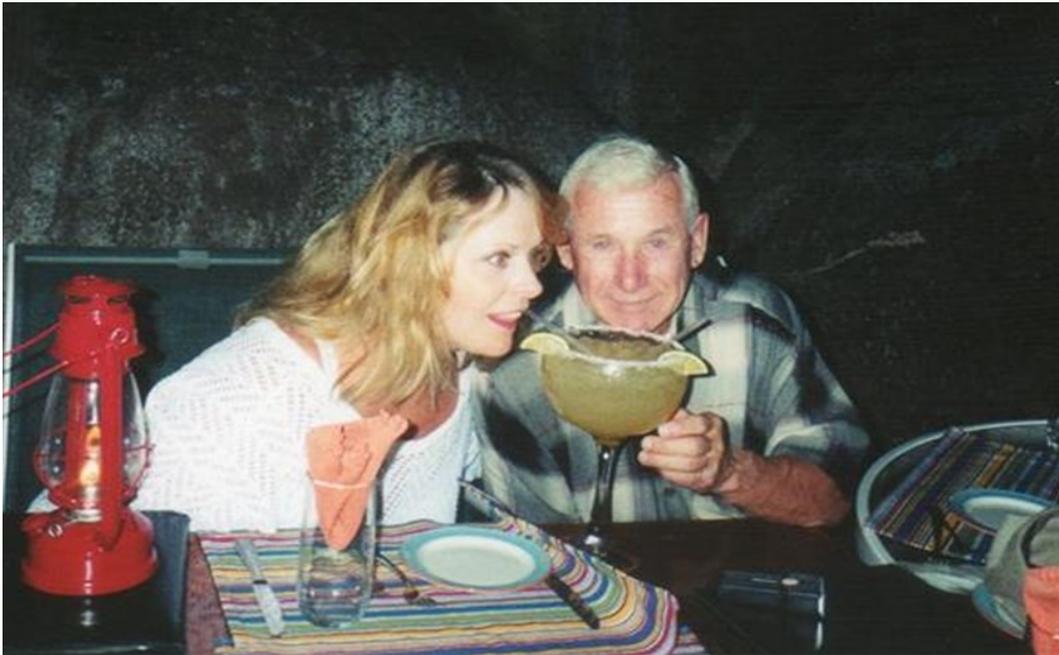
Good times were had along the way, most recently at The Spare Rib in Commack with 16 LIS-SA members. I feasted on the special a one and a 1/2 pound lobster with riblets. It was well worth the 10 napkin mess that was created, as well as the lobster bib shame.

It was good to see the LISSA members out in force and I can't name all of them. Masked or not, we' felt a sense of camaraderie punctuated by the 90 mile an hour cars passing by close to our outdoor tables.

Carbon monoxide chasers, anyone?

Let's hope the year ends with a whimper and not a bang; but hang on to those 2020 glasses for the rest of the ride-we might need them!.....Eileen O'Shea

## MEMORIES OF CHARLIE



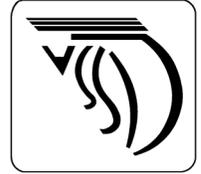
Charlie Merritt passed away early last week, just weeks short of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was a member of LISSA for several years and was married to Sue Campbell. He led a good life. Although he was a quiet fellow, never underestimate a man of few words. While my personal association with Charlie was small, I know his accomplishments were large. He was a sailor and a pilot and had many of the things that a successful life brings. He was the founder of Merritt Engineering Consultants, in Bayside, where he treated his employees as family. He was a very generous man, something to which family and friends will attest. I remember his great backyard BBQ pool parties in Oakdale at his home on the canal. Lots of good people, good food and great times. Charlie was a good egg with a kind and generous heart. He lived life well, had a good run of it and leaves his mark on the bright side of humanity. We send our deepest condolences to Sue, his 5 children Chuck, Steven, Jim, Billy and Jennifer as well as his grandchildren, C.J., Zack, Jimmy and Miles and his sister Anne Marie. Charlie will be missed by many. .... Howard

I have so many great memories of Charlie. He was the kindest, most generous gentleman that I have ever met. He was also the quietest. One time, I think it was in Vermont, I asked him how often he talked. He responded that unlike other people (I think he was referring to me who would be good in a filibuster), he only speaks when he has something to say. I thought that was funny because it was so typical Charlie.

I spent two BVI sail boating trips with Sue and Charlie. Usually, happy hour was before we went ashore for dinner. At dinner, we usually either had or did not have one drink depending on how long the happy hour on the boat lasted. One night Charlie said he and Sue were just going to share one drink. Above is a picture of the drink.

With great sadness,

Holly Schiller



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# The Tip

## LISSA EVENTS OCTOBER 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8 <b>Sunken Meadow Picnic</b> 	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <b>Birthday Babies Dinner</b> 	22	23 <b>Memorial For Charlie</b>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>Happy Halloween</b> 