

Sigma Chi Lake Powell “Survivor Cruise” Scrapbook

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Page, Arizona was quiet, more like an Arizona ghost town than one of the West's most popular adventure destinations. When we picked up our two 50' houseboats, there were just a few staff members at the dock, plus a couple of other boats. Where was everybody? Well, almost everybody had cancelled their reservations because of the 9/11 attacks that had taken place weeks before. The good news was that we would have the beaches, side canyons, the lake and Rainbow Arch to ourselves.



“We” were a group of nine Sigma Chi fraternity brothers who had graduated from the University of Rhode Island between 1959 and 1961 . And of course, our spouses and partners were there to join in the fun and keep us under control. A total of 18 excited people, most of friends since college who had flown or driven to Page from all over the United States to be part of the adventure.

Two couples lived in the Phoenix area, so it was possible for everyone to chip in, create a meal plan and purchase all the necessary food, drink and supplies in advance. Importantly, several of the guys were experts at handling large boats. We also brought along two motorboats, which we towed and used for exploring side canyons and fishing. One of the couples brought “Survivor Cruise” tee shirts for everyone. We looked sharp.

The boat rentals were for a week, which gave us enough time to make it to Rainbow Arch and back with plenty of time for hiking, exploring, fishing, and catching up. We beached the boats in the late afternoon to swim, eat, party and rest. A hi-lite was a toga party when we donned sheets over our clothes for the best meal of cruise. Of course, we sang the “Sweetheart of Sigma Chi” to our wives and partners for dessert. Two couples were sweethearts while they were at the University of Rhode Island.

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Sweethearts left to right: Judie Scott, Hope Rawlings, Beth Dailey, Janice Trottier, Sue Roebuck, Lucy Almeida, Barbara Fagan, Sandra Archambault, Judy Conklin.



Sigs left to right: Jack Dailey, Orian Archambault, Al Cargill, Dave Scott, Tony Almeida, Dave Roebuck, Frank Fagan, Claude Trottier, Les Conklin.



Beached for the Night.



Rainbow Arch.

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