

Later Years with Captain Wacker by Roger Faultersack DC3

Years have gone by since we were aboard the Anna Boat I had moved out to the east coast to PA. One day I was looking through my Anna Boat book recalling great memories of my stay aboard her.

A question crossed my mind reading the bio of Captain Wacker and wondered if I could still call and talk to him. The last known address was in his bio, so I called information in Virginia for his phone number. I did get the number still active, so I called it, the person on the other end was his X wife, the one that was aboard the Anna boat with their daughter the one time. She informed me they devoiced not long after he retired from the Navy, I did not know this and felt sad for this, however she gave me his number in Fort Meyers FL, she told me to give him a call, he would be very happy to talk with you.

I called the number, a woman answered the phone, "Oh this is his wife Nance." I told her who I was and would like to speak to Captain Wacker, "Oh!" she said "He will be happy to talk with you, he is in his Anna room, I will call him to the phone" he came to the phone said "Hello" this is Roger DC3 from the Anna Boat Sir. There was a pause at the other end. "Just a moment I want to get the ships book." A few minutes later, he asked, "Where are you Roger?" "Engineering, Sir. Damage Control section, under Chief Suthers," I replied. "I do not see your picture, Roger." I informed him I was not relieved from watch that day to have it taken." I asked him if he remembered that hot day off Nam when the Anna Banana Ice-cream ran

out. "Yes I do," he replied. "Was that you who offered me one of your cups of Anna Banana?" "Yes Sir, it was!" We talked for some time about our times aboard the Anna Boat, he said he has a special room just for the Anna Boat.

"Great bunch of men you guys were. Come on down to Fort Meyers. I just bought a new boat, we can take it out on the Gulf." I never went down to see him. I know we would have had a great time if I had.

The sad thing about this is that Captain Wacker told me that myself and one other officer were the only two that took the time to call him. He held all of us in great trust and love for his fellow Navy personal. Now Captain Wacker is gone and I feel sad I did not take him up on his kind offer.

Rest In Peace, Captain... your watch is done.

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