

Cross-Port Inner View

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NEXT MEETING April 17 AT 7:30
Note New Time

Cross-Port Basics

The Fun Fashions Night was a big success in terms of turn out. 18 people came to see the items available. We welcomed Alice and Rebecca for the first time. A BIG THANKS for everyone that made it. The business was kept short in order to get the show on the road, so I'll bring up some of the information later under Girl Talk.

One Stop Bra and Swim Shop has extended their offer to possibly opening one night a month for us, but I have had very little feed back from any of you as to whether you wish to do this kind of thing, so for now I'll have to put it on hold. I won't ask them to open the shop for 1 or 2 people.

The meeting broke up about 10:30 and people headed down to the Subway. A special thanks to Bonnita and Zoe for their time and presentation.



Part 2 By Sherry S.

Last time I talked about some of the bad things about the law and cross-dressing, this time I'm going to address the Pro's of cross-dressing but before I do I wanted to say a couple more things about going out in public.

If you are walking on the street and a police officer spots you as a cross-dresser. They can inquire into the reason for your being dressed that way and request proper I. D. But if there are no other problems they can't arrest you in Ohio just for being cross-dressed.

If you should become involved in a scene with someone not so open to your dressing even if you are in the right, the chances are that you will be arrested. You will also have a hard time obtaining witnesses as they will not want to get involved with a cross-dresser. The best thing you can do is LEAVE QUIETLY. Get away before the police arrive.

Well now that I've popped your bubble, you've sold your car and hide in the closet to dress let me tell you the good news. As I've already said you can't be arrested just for cross-dressing, so before you go out make sure all your lights and turn signals are working and have your proper I. D. Use common sense when driving and don't draw attention to

yourself.

There have been two court cases and according to the outcome of both, it would appear that we do have a legal right to cross-dress in Ohio.

In 1975 Supreme Court of Ohio: Columbus Ohio vs Rogers, 41 Ohio St. 2D161324NE20563. It said a municipal ordinance prohibiting cross-dressing was un constitutional.

In 1974 Lower Appeals Court of Cincinnati Ohio, Cincinnati Ohio vs Adams, 42 Ohio Misc 48 330N32463. It said the same thing.

Write these down and keep them with you. If an officer should threaten to arrest you, advise him/her in a POLITE way of the 2 court cases and state that since he/she as been informed of the two cases if you are arrested he/she could become liable in a false arrest suit. Explain that you are aware of others feelings and attitudes toward your dressing but that the courts have upheld your right to do so. (Editors Note:) A recent case in St. Louis met the fate in court as being to vague. According to their law a woman dressed in jeans and a tee shirt would have had to prove that they were "Made for Women" or she could have been arrested.

AROUND TOWN

Indianapolis

21 Club - 2101 N. Talbott, 317-927-9000: Cross-Dressers are welcome but must show proper I. D. Shows on Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat nights starting around 10:00 pm



G I R L T A L K

Good things are happening with Cross-Port. I have been in contact with William Wester II, president of the Behavioral Science Center, Inc. He and some of his colleagues have agreed to let us use them as a referral service. Anyone who is interested in counselling can contact William C. Wester II - Ed. D, Richard L. Baum - Ed. D., Carolyn Kowatsch - Ph. D, Paul D. Bishop - Ph. D. or Joseph Wicker - Psy. D at (513) 221-8545 All of these people have a background in the field of human sexuality and related issues. Dr. Baum and Dr. Wicker are planning to attend the April meeting for observation and questions. They hope to make a more formal presentation at a future meeting.

We have a couple of cassette tapes in the library available for your use. The Male Transvestite, and The Way of the Transsexual parts 1 & 2. I have listened to the first one and recommend it for those unsure of what they are and for wives who know about your dressing but want more information.

One of the things you asked for the most in the letters I receive from you is help with make-up. Well, help is on the way. We currently have four people interested in coming to a meeting to teach you about make-up. Some of them would cost us and some of them would not, so one of the major things we will be discussing at the April meeting is what kind of presentation do YOU want. One of the people (named Ann) is coming to the April meeting just to meet us and see if she can tailor her demonstration to our needs. She will answer some basic questions but she will not be doing make-overs or doing a demonstration at this meeting.

I do feel I must make a comment about the show at the last meeting. I am very proud of all of you for the large turn out. I feel we all had a good time and saw some interesting things, however, I feel many of you may have been somewhat disappointed. I know I was. I had talked at length with the people involved and I felt they understood what kinds of things we wanted to see and the sizes needed. In the end I think she was just a little unprepared for us. She presented her standard show and it was good but it was not the types of things we were looking to buy. This is why I want us to discuss the make-up demo before we commit to someone.

Several of us are planning to attend the Spring Fling (May 1 - 4). A reminder that if you plan to attend you must have your money in by April 27, 1986. I have included price information for both the Spring Fling and Be All You Want To Be Weekend (June 5 - 8).

A word to our Gay Friends. - Lesbian/Gay Pride week is May 31 to June 8, 1986. We have been invited to be a part of the activities. We, in Cross-Port, support you and want you to know that we are with you 100%. However, most of our people are not in a position to openly participate in these activities. I hope that those of our group who are gay or are able to openly support the Gay/Lesbian movement will do so and let them know that you are a part of Cross-Port as well.

Lastly, please use common sense when you come dressed for the meeting. While we do not have a dress code, I do have neighbors, and it is not common knowledge that I am a TV. If you feel you don't pass well or don't care if you pass please wear something to try to pass as best as you can until you get inside. (Like a jacket & sunglasses etc.) You don't have to live with my neighbors, I do.

Letters to Heather

Dear Heather,

Had a great time at the meeting but was too tired to go to the subway. I will get to the next meeting the day before to rest up for the exciting night. You really put on a good party. see you in April or sooner if I'm in Cincy. --- Love Delores

Dear Delores,

I am very glad you find the meetings so much fun. I know you drive a long way to get here and I just want to say thanks for the support (and the care package). As I have often said we need the support of the sisters as much as they need us.

Dear Heather,

The suggestion has been made to try to have a central Indiana meeting to see how many people would be interested in having a group in that area. This would be open to anyone who may wish to meet out of their home towns. It would remain an arm of Cross-Port and all communications would be through CP and the "InnerView". I can set up the first meeting but would not be in a position to run it on a regular basis. I would need someone able to head up the group with my assistance.

At this time I am planning on an evening around the 5th or 12th of June. Dress would be optional but I hope to find some place were you could easily come dressed, probably a hotel/motel. I would like to hear from those who would be willing and able to attend, and especially if they are in a position to run things.

"The qualities that make us all different are the qualities that make us all special".
--- Love Betty

Dear Betty,

Thank you! You have made the offer now it is up to the sister to make their feelings known. The 5th of June would be a great start since that is the One Year Anniversary of Cross-Port. We began with 6 very timid and frightened people and have already grown to about 60 people, many of whom are from the Indiana area.

Come on girls if you really want it, Go for it. Don't spend the rest of your lives looking back wishing you had done it when you had the chance. It may not come around again.

Dear Heather,

As I sit here dressed on a Tuesday afternoon, I don't know where to start. Since I last wrote I have broke up with my girlfriend and move in with my mom. This has allowed me to make many changes. She is a real hip lady, and I told her about my dressing, though I have not dressed in her presence. I finally shaved my mustache and have been glad ever since. I had forgotten how good it feels to get all made up and go to a place like the 21 Club. I felt at home and was able to relax.

It is the first time I've been out in 10 years or more. I have been feeling very womanly and have been dressing almost everyday (when mom is gone) and playing the merry housewife. I imagine my male friends think I've deserted them. If they only knew.

So thanks again for the support and encouragement. It's always good to hear from you. --- Sincerely Diane

Dear Diane,

It is your kind of letter that makes all the work, all the worry and all the frustration worth while. It is indeed unfortunate that for every one I get like yours I get 10 from people who are just not ready to let themselves enjoy that extra beautiful self that God has blessed them with. I understand their fears, but I fail to understand how they manage to live with that much fear and confusion. I know I almost didn't and I thank God everyday that he let me finally meet others like myself. People with whom I could REALLY BE ME.

The Twilight Zone I just finished watching ended with these lines "Once you've heard the music of life it is hard to imagine not hearing it again. The best thing that we can do for those we love is to help them to hear the music, so that we all can enjoy it". How true that is?

We in Cross-Port wish you the best in your new found freedom and hope that we will meet you very soon.

Heather

Bulletin Board

CROSS-PORT'S Meeting schedule for 1986 is Apr 17, May 15, Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18

The Paradise Club's Schedule - For 1986 - Apr 19, Jun 14 (Picnic - Rummage Sale), Aug 16 (Guest Speaker), Oct 18 (Meeting & Drag Show), Dec 13 (Christmas Dinner)
 Be All You Want To Be Weekend - Jun 5 to Jun 8

Write Paradise Club, PO Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129, Attn: Susan for Prices and Places

Transpitt's Meeting Schedule is the third Saturday of the month.

Write Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburg, PA 15211, Attn: Johnnie

Windy City Chapter's Meeting Schedule. They meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 8:30.

Spring Fling Weekend - May 1 to May 4

Write Windy City Chapter, PO BOX 2312, Chicago, IL 60690, Attn: Sharon Hart

Joyce Dewhurst's Spring Pocono Fantasy - May 16 to 18. Cost is \$189/person and \$355 Male/Female Couples. Save \$15 if \$50 Deposit is Received before Feb. 1.

Write Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 or call (718) 335-3048

TRI-ESS information Write Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA, 93275

Crossroads, Meetings April 5, May 3.

Write Crossroads, P. O. Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501

Genesis- meets the second Saturday of the month.

Write Genesis, P. O. Box 0954, Elyria, OH, 44036-0954

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