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Lucky Lady is a "stroke of luck"

by donalee moulton

"Lucky Lady" is what critics categorize as a form of light entertainment - amusing and forgettable. Unlike its film mates, however, "Lucky Lady" surpasses this categorization. It is more than merely amusing; its foundation is humor, and, if it is not entirely remembered, neither is it entirely forgotten.

There are two components of the film that made "Lucky Lady" more than just the run of the mill comedy. One is the acting; the other is the "luck".

Gene Hackman, Bert Reynolds and Lisa Minnelli are the stars of the film. As always, Hackman is powerful; Reynolds and Minnelli captivating. In conjunction with their professional acting ability is the unusual personalities of the characters they portray. No one takes the spotlight. Minnelli alone is not remembered for any one scene - she is remembered juxtaposed to Hackman and Reynolds. The personalities of the characters are interwoven so that one is inseparable from another - Minnelli is sensual, only because Reynolds and Hackman crave her. Hackman is mysterious because Minnelli and Reynolds are suspicious, and the on connections continue.

The second reason for the success of the play centers around the

concept of luck. "Lucky Lady" is a sailing vessel that Reynolds comes to acquire, with the intention of using it to run rum (at that time prohibition was in full force). The maiden voyage is besought with troubles. However, they reach their destination safely and still carrying the rum. Their saviour was of course - luck. From this point on rum running becomes the fated trio's profession - and as luck would have it, they are mighty successful.

The Guzzling Gourmet

Last chance recipe in a pinch

by The Guzzling Gourmet

Hello faithful readers. This is what I call my last chance recipe.

Now I know, and you know that my recipes are absolutely fool proof. But occasionally something gets fouled up and my normally great booze comes out awful.

Now before you load up your shotgun and go hunting for Guzzling Gourmets you could try saving the alcohol.

Normally I would say to make a still out of an old kettle, some sheet metal and some copper tubing but we know that this is illegal and the "Boys in Blue" will slap a fine on us if we try something like this, right? So what can we do? Please

This success is, however, short-lived, and the money and luxury of the rum running days are gone. But the trio is happy - happy they're still alive. The Mafia had decided to take over the business and any private investors were rudely ousted.

Typically, the film ends with a comical revenge scene wherein the good guys win over the bad and everybody lives happily even after. However, the victory is due not to some deep-seated emotion, or some

driving force to win, but to "Lady Luck" once more. The preposterousness of the situations and the easy evasion of catastrophes blatantly point this out.

"Lucky Lady" is built upon an everyday superstition - the belief in luck. Obviously, the belief has paid off. "Lucky Lady" deserves credit as a well made, well acted, highly comical and extremely enjoyable piece of work - luckily.

remember that the freezing point of ethyl alcohol is far lower than that of water and as far as I know there is no law against leaving 5 gallons of cheap homemade wine out over night on the porch to freeze. (You can also use plastic jugs in the freezer if the cold lets up.)

Once you have this frozen mass of booze, get a long thin metal rod and poke a hole diagonally from the side to the middle of the pack.

Now simply pour out the unfrozen alcohol mix, which will be about 25% alcohol by volume and if you find the taste disagreeable, flavour it with instant coffee, lemon juice, etc.

Now call up your friends and throw a small bash. What the hell, you should have at least a gallon of the stuff. Do not be a booze hog. Get drunk and sing the praises of the Guzzling Gourmet.

In case any of you want my recipes just send \$1 (Cana-buck) and your address to the Guzzling Gourmet, 1471 South Park, Halifax. In a few days the whole collection will arrive at your door (I'll even autograph the thing). Is that value or is that value?

Well that's about all there is so, unless I find another fantastic booze recipe, I will say good day and happy drinking.