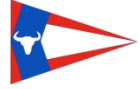


NO WAKE ZONE



Lake Mohave Power Squadron

A Unit of the United States Power Squadron®
Bullhead City, AZ



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General Membership Meetings Are Held The Second Wednesday Of Each Month At A Location To Be Announced. The Meetings Start At 1800. Executive Committee Meetings Will Be Held At 1700 At The Same Location And Date .



Commander's Corner

Ahoy Everyone!

Welcome to Fall Autumn leaves are showing their colors and here in the TriState area we are still able to go boating (well, when the wind allows us to that is).

As many of you know, Sharon and Joe Weller and I attended the D28 Fall Conference in Irvine, California, on 7-8 October. We had a great time, reconnected with friends, met new friends and experienced the inner workings of the USPS, specifically District 28. Look to Sharon's report for Conference details. My report will deal with a very pleasant surprise we had waiting for us.

PRINCE HENRY THE NAVIGATOR. In the early 15th century Prince Henry established a School of Navigation in Sagres, Portugal, to advance the science of navigation. Prince Henry, along with other mariners, wished to find an alternative to the passage to the Orient and proposed going south around Africa, uncharted territory at that time. In order for the Portuguese sailors to accomplish this, they were required to find their position through Celestial Navigation and so Prince Henry sent sailors south to chart the African coast. The sailors returned adding much needed charting information to the data available at the School of Navigation. Unfortunately, Prince Henry's dream of fully charting the African coast was not accomplished until 1488, 20 years after his death.

Prince Henry the Navigator Award. In the early 1960's the government of Portugal at its embassy in Washington D.C. discussed creating an award in honor of Prince Henry the Navigator commemorating the 500th year of his death. In 1965 P/R/C James D. Paris, SN, then commander of District 4, was approached by the Portuguese government. The ultimate outcome was each of the USPS districts being awarded an alabaster replica of Prince Henry by the Portuguese government. This deed of gift gives each District the authority to establish its own criteria for earning the award with emphasis on navigation.

In 1965, Jim Paris led an expedition of 65 members and their wives to the Prince Henry School of Navigation and while there the government made Jim a commander in the order of Prince Henry the Navigator. Jim was eventually presented with a swallow tailed Ensign for his meritorious service to the USPS.

Lake Mohave Power Squadron Receives the Award. The Prince Henry the Navigator Award, although not a National award, is presented annually by most Districts for educational performance by a squadron. I will not go into the details for the criteria of receiving this award because it is complicated. Suffice to say that because of our two new members, Bob and Bev Kelly, each of whom have taken and passed a number of qualifying classes for this Award, the Lake Mohave Power Squadron received the Prince Henry the Navigator Award at the 2011 Fall Conference.



The Prince Henry Award Is Presented To The Lake Mohave Squadron By, (L To R) D/C Connie Johnson V/C John Alter, D/Lt/C “Cida Diehl And D/Lt/C “Van” Diehl.

Commander’s Challenge to All of You. My Challenge to all of you is: Let us all work toward earning this Award as a squadron! Let this Award be an inspiration! Let us all get together and start educating ourselves beyond the ABC Classes! By our learning we will be more able to teach and by teaching, we will be promoting the goals of the USPS – Boating Safety through Education!

LAKE MOHAVE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BYLAWS: Yes, I said **LAKE MOHAVE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**. At the 12 October 2011 General Membership Meeting, the Amended Bylaws for our squadron was unanimously approved by the membership. The only step left is to obtain the signatures on the Certification by the National Rules Committee and that process is in the works. The final signed copy will then be sent off for publication on our webpage and elsewhere that the Powers That Be so deem. So, my fine-feathered squadron members and friends, when ordering your new shirts, etc., be sure to add “**SAIL AND**” and you will then be up-to-date and styling!

NEW MEETING TIMES: At the 12 October meeting it was also unanimously approved that we would start our meetings one hour earlier than previous. The new meeting times are:

- 1700 Executive Committee
- 1730 Social Time
- 1800 General Membership Meeting

If you have any questions or comments about the new meeting times, please let me know.

MEETING PLACE: As you all know, we are still searching for a permanent meeting place. In the meantime, we will endeavor to do our best in selecting establishments from one end of our beautiful valley to the other (from Laughlin to Needles, through BHC, Ft. Mohave and Mohave Valley). Please be sure to be on the lookout for the notice of our meeting places each month because those places will change on a monthly basis. If you have any suggestions that will be appropriate for all, please let either Sharon Weller or myself know. We are open to any suggestions you may have.

IN CLOSING, please, as I requested at our GMM, either email or call and talk to our 2012 Nominating Committee Chairperson, Barb Accardo, or her committee members, to discuss any Bridge position (or Committee position) that you feel you are qualified to fill, or to nominate another person for a position that you feel they may be qualified to fill. Thank you.....Jo Anne Waller



Education Officer's Report

Our squadron is very fortunate to have two new certified instructors as a result of the transfer of Bob and Bev Kelley. The Arrowhead Squadron's loss is our gain. Bob is going to be offering some very interesting courses in the near future for which we have heretofore not had any qualified instructors. Bob himself will tell you a little about the course in the following paragraphs.....Lt/C Mike Accardo

Seamanship is coming to the Mohave Squadron in January. Would you like to enhance your skills and knowledge in boat handling? Seamanship is for you.

The USPS Seamanship course is a natural first step in building a foundation for confidence and competence for safe boating on the water. It extends the knowledge and skills of the boater in handling and maneuvering a vessel, either sail or power. The course gives a better understanding of how boats behave under various conditions including close quarters and open water operations. Knowledge and skills are increased in the areas of anchoring, emergencies, rules of the road and marlinspike/basic knots.

***Watch for more details and information in the following months
.....Bob Kelly, AP***



Administrative Officer's Report

RAINED OUT! Our September Member Choice outing was scheduled for September 13, 2011 and we were excited to "float" the Colorado from the Avi Casino to Willow Beach Marina and then have a pot luck picnic dinner meeting at Willow Beach. The floating members dwindled to three, then two, so we cancelled that portion of the outing on Monday. On Tuesday the monsoon drenched the area and we had to cancel the event all together. What a disappointing turn of events, maybe we can schedule a float in the spring!

Our General Squadron Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. At that meeting Cdr. Waller presented the proposed revised BYLAWS to the members.

Members were advised to review the document and submit any suggested changes to Jo Anne as soon as possible. Each member will need to sign a document that indicates they have reviewed the revisions. The revised BYLAWS will be presented to the membership for the second time during the October general meeting. Once the review process is complete, our new BYLAWS will be adopted and set in place.

The Ski Pass Cove clean up took place on September 28, 2011. As mentioned in prior editions of the *No Wake Zone*, Ski Pass is our squadron's adopted cove under the National Parks Service "Adopt a Cove" program. Six members, Mike and Barb Accardo, Pat and Barb Bramble, and Joe and Sharon Weller, participated in the clean up and then we enjoyed the rest of the day on the Lake.

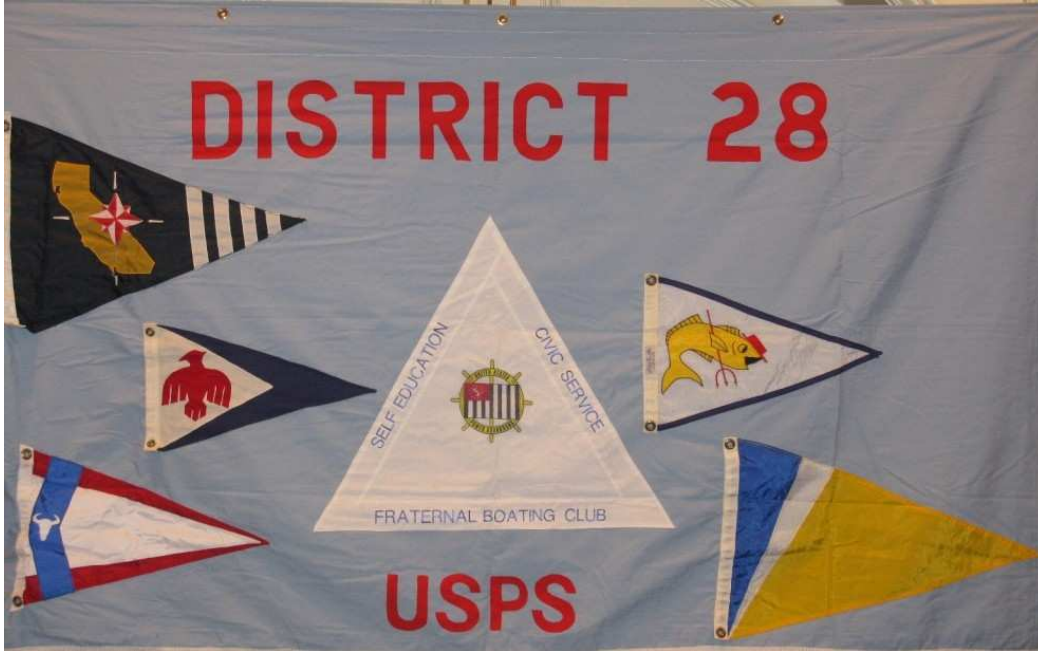


(L to R) Pat Bramble, Barb Accardo, Barb Bramble, Joe Waller And Mike Accardo Sweeping The Beach



(L to R) Barb Bramble, Mike Accardo, Pat Bramble And Joe Waller Display The NPS Adopt A Cove Flag

An old tennis shoe was the only "interesting" find and the cove was pretty clean. We were joined later in the morning by Dave and Maureen Evans. Good friends and the feeling of accomplishment made the day fun filled. The water was still warm so we spent a lot of our time in the water!



The District 28 Fall Conference was held on October 7-8 and was attended by Cdr. JoAnne Waller, myself and my husband Joe. The Friday night social activity was held at the bayside home of Balboa Squadron member Joan Williams and included a cruise of the Newport Harbor on Joan's electric Duffy Boat piloted by Wes Heusser and Boris Buzan of the Balboa Squadron. A sail around the Harbor on a forty foot *Yorktown* sail boat owned and piloted by a friend of Joan's was also available. Joe and I were excited to cruise on the sailboat with nine other members from the various Squadrons. The tour lasted more than an hour and we saw many interesting boats as we powered around the harbor. The pot luck dinner was great and we enjoyed meeting everyone.



The Beautiful Home of Joan Williams On Balboa Bay.

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The Boats Used To Give Attendees A Tour Of Newport Harbor



National Executive Officer, V/C John Alter Opens The Fall Conference. Seated Left To Right Are Lou Loth, Treasurer; Mark Keltner, Executive Officer; Commander Connie Johnson; Administrative Officer "Van" Diehl; Educational Officer "Cida" Diehl; Secretary, Edward Bowler (Off Camera)



Cdr. Waller Chatting With Ken Smith, District Merit Mark Chairperson From The Balboa Squadron



Cdr Waller, Sharon Weller and Joe Weller Attend A Conference Meeting

The general meeting on Saturday began early and first on the program was a presentation by Justin McChesney about how to use Sail Angle. Sail Angle is an “on line” method used to send and receive messages among the Squadron, District and National organizations. He provided a handout on the basics of using this method of communication and anyone interested in receiving a copy of this handout should contact Sharon Weller. Afternoon activities included recognition of National committee members in attendance and reports from Bridge Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

The Saturday evening banquet began with District Commander Connie Johnson hosting a hospitality event in her suite. Snacks, drinks and conversations were abundant. After dinner awards were presented and the Lake Mohave Power Squadron received the Prince Henry Award. We were treated to dance music and the dance floor was filled as members kicked up their heels to the “oldies” tunes. The raffle drawing was next on the agenda and there were many nice prizes. Jo Anne received a gift card for dinner at an Italian restaurant in Huntington Beach, CA and Joe received a “white elephant” Snowman. Dancing to the great music ended the evening.

Upcoming Events:

October 29 – [Halloween Party](#) at the home of Al and Eileen Trueman.

October Birthdays

Vic Kearns on the 8th



Pat Bramble on the 15th

Beverly Kelly on the 25th

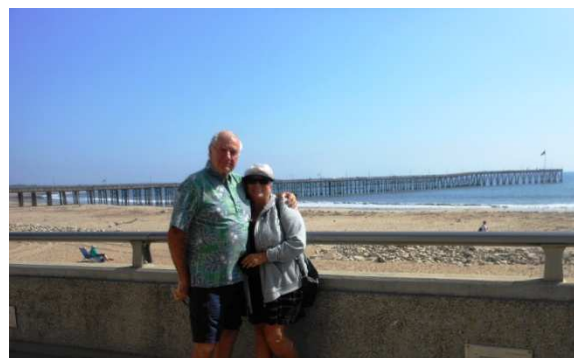
There are no members celebrating a birthday in November.

Member Travels

Norm and Sharon Dack ventured to the seashore in Ventura, CA for what has now become their annual sojourn to cooler weather and ocean views.



The Ventura Coastline



Norm And Sharon Enjoying The Mild Sunny Weather At Ventura

Andy and Linda Pensavalle did some camping via a “Fifth-Wheel” RV in the San Antonio, TX area. They visited the LBJ Ranch, The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX and, of course, The Alamo.



**Some Hungry South Texas White Tail Deer
Look For A Handout From Andy**



Andy and Linda Outside The Alamo



At The National Museum Of The Pacific War

They were very surprised to learn that Adm. Chester Nimitz was born in Fredericksburg, TX. The museum was fantastic and took two days to tour. They recommend the museum to any WWII buffs if you are in the area. The museum is familiarly referred to as the Nimitz Museum but Adm. Nimitz refused to have the site named after him and wanted it dedicated to all the brave servicemen who fought in the Pacific. <http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org/Index.asp>

Editor's Notes

We invite all members to submit interesting antidotes, pictures and stories about your travels. This is your newsletter and a great way to connect with squadron members throughout the world.

Thank you to **Jill Powell** from the San Luis Rey Squadron for allowing us to use the photographs taken at the D-28 Fall Conference and to **Sharon Weller** from Lake Mohave for her shots from the conference and the cove clean up.

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Lake Mohave, located along the borders of Arizona and Nevada, is one of a series of reservoirs that control the Colorado River water flow between its head waters and the Gulf of California. Lake Mohave was formed with the completion of Davis Dam in 1951 and put into service in 1952 as part of a Colorado River water agreement between the United States and Mexico. The Lake Mohave Power Squadron was formed in 2006 in response to the needs of area boaters for boating safety education and to enhance their boating experience.



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