

NO WAKE ZONE



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



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Executive Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at Re/Max Realty, 3726 Highway 95, Bullhead City.

General Dinner Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at The Terrace Restaurant at the El Rio Country Club, 1 Paseo El Rio, Mohave Valley.

All meetings start at 7:00PM



Commander's Corner

I am happy to announce that our Vessel Safety Check program is once more on course with the recertification of Pat Bramble. The squadron appreciates the effort of Jackie Wanta from the Phoenix Squadron for taking the time while she was in town for the Inland Rendezvous to perform the required accompanied checks with Pat. Pat is very dedicated to see this program succeed and will be assisting any members willing to put forth the effort to become Vessel Safety Examiners. The VSC program is great for public exposure and fulfills a very worthy cause that is in direct keeping with the mission of the USPS. Thank you, Pat for your dedication to the squadron.

I'm sure Sharon will be fully covering the Inland Rendezvous in her section below, but I just wanted to say what a pleasure it was for us to host members from other squadrons in District 28. We all had a great time and are already looking forward to next year.

Although we have a Membership Committee Chairman in Al Trueman, I want to remind everyone that all squadron members are "recruiters" and in reality a member of Al's committee. Some of you excel at promoting the squadron to your friends and neighbors. We have had members join and students attend classes as a direct result of the efforts of individual members interacting with acquaintances. You know who you are and I thank you on behalf of the USPS. I ask that everyone just bring up your involvement in the Lake Mohave Squadron at the next social event you attend. You just may just recruit a new member.....Andy Pensavalle



From the Exec

Hello everyone! This will be short as I do not have a lot to report on this month.

Boat Show(s):

I did not find any local boat shows for the near future. However, if you are visiting the great northwest, the Seattle Boat Show will be held May 1 through May 3, where you can shop, compare and buy runabouts, cruisers, fish boats, PWC's and more. If that doesn't spark your interest, those visiting Queensland, Australia, are welcome to visit the 21st Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show and see dozens of world and national marine launches from Australian and international companies. Be sure to tell these folks hello from Arizona should you happen to be in the area!

Public Relations: An article, along with a photo, has been presented to the *Mohave Valley Daily News* for publishing which congratulates all of our graduates for completing the America's Boating Course and receiving their Certificates.

This is also a reminder of the new website:

<http://www.thesinglewomansguide.com/bullheadcityfun.html> covering Bullhead City and surrounding areas (not just single women) and activities that are being presented in the local area for everyone to enjoy. We were invited to be a part of this small but useful website which includes information regarding our local area.

The squadron is still looking for someone to contact the local radio stations. If anyone would like to volunteer for this duty, I will be more than happy to delegate. Unfortunately I have not had a chance to give the local stations a call yet to arrange for an interview so you still have a chance to get On Air! I do have a volunteer but, seriously folks, let's spread the wealth around!

Recreational Boating Safety: The squadron's booth at the "Home Design Expo and More" event at the Crossings Event Center (across the river from the Avi Casino), May 23 and 24, is fully in the planning stages. You will be hearing more about this via email in the near future from Sharon and me, along with Sharon's request for volunteers to sign up their times to work in the booth. This is an important event as it will be the squadron's Safe Boating Week activity. It is also going to be a lot of FUN!

Thanks from your "still in training XO" – I wish you all a very happy, fun-filled month on the Lake, the River, or wherever you are!

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers!



Education Officer's Report

I am pleased with the enthusiasm and effort that was displayed by the members of our recent Boating Course. We graduated five students; four of which were experienced boat owners. The lack of knowledge about boating regulations that people display even after spending many hours on the water never ceases to amaze me. It really points out how important our education program is. I was aided in this class by Mike Accardo who recently became a certified instructor. Mike's experience in education really lent a professional air to the class. I look forward to working with Mike on future educational endeavors.....John Militello



Administrative Officer's Report

Our District 28 Inland Rendezvous on April 3rd thru April 6th was a success despite Mother Nature's determination to blow us off the lake on Saturday morning.

Our fellow members from Phoenix and the California squadrons joined one another Friday evening for a get together on the lawn of the Lake Mohave Resort at Katherine Landing on Lake Mohave. Yummy appetizers were brought by everyone, along with libation of choice. There was lots of visiting between old and new acquaintances, and exchanging of ideas.



Sharon Dack and Jerry Anderson



David Allocco (L) from Phoenix and Lou Loth of Balboa



Great Company and Good Conversations

We felt honored that PDC Katy Law and current DC, Van Diehl joined in our fun weekend. Jerry Anderson, Phoenix Administrative Officer, and my counterpart, was a pleasure to work with. Keeping in mind that he retired the day before he had to prepare all the goodies that have to be sorted through and packed for an event like this, He deserves extra thanks for a job well done.



A Beautiful Day on the Beach



A Meat Lover's Dream



Onlookers Anxiously Await Barb Bramble to Announce the Winner

Despite the heavy winds during the Poker Run on Saturday morning, the hardest sailors prevailed, and the extra treat was the “beach up” in a delightful, sandy and CALM cove. Maybe we should have started there?

On Saturday night BBQs were lit, tables prepared and everyone brought their food offering. The dessert table was overflowing, by the way! Extra poker hands were sold and the game began!



Jean Militello of Lake Mohave Receiving First Prize From Andy Pensavalle and Katie Law



Second Place in the Poker Run went to Jan Park of the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron.

Special thanks go out to Barb Bramble who managed the submission of poker hands very orderly and accurately. Her and Pat were very instrumental in the success of the event.



Runner Up Prizes Went to Lou Loth of Balboa (above) and Kathy Anderson (left) from Phoenix

All in all, it was a good time. Thanks to all of you brave “cove sitters” and sailors. And a special thank you to all of our out of town attendees. We enjoyed our time together.

May Birthdays



As we mention every year when we announce the May birthday celebrants, the dates shown for Mike and Barbara Accardo are not “typos”. They do share the same birth date as well as the same wedding anniversary.

- Barbara Accardo.....May 7**
- Mike Accardo.....May 7**
- Jo Anne Waller.....May 23**

Member Tip

Barb Accardo has pointed out that BoatUS members can get a 10% discount off their Sprint bill. You might want to check this out if you are a BoatUS member and a Sprint user.

In Closing

The editor wishes to thank all the people that contribute to the newsletter. He can truly appreciate the time it takes to volunteer a little extra to assist in producing something that will be of interest to their fellow squadron members and, visitors to the website. This newsletter is open to all ideas and submissions. Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, an interesting anecdote, a boating experience, an interesting website, a good deal or, of course, an autobiography about yourself? They are all welcome.