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Lake Mohave Power Squadron

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



December, 2008

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

Our Annual Meeting was held December 10 in conjunction with our Christmas party. There had not been any additional nominations over those presented by the committee in October and all nominees were elected unanimously by the general membership. I am pleased to announce your bridge for 2009 as follows:

Commander:	Lt. Andrew Pensavalle
Executive Officer:	Jo Anne Waller
Educational Officer:	Lt/C John S. Militello
Administrative Officer:	Sharon L. Dack
Secretary:	Lt/C Linda E. Pensavalle
Treasurer:	Lt/C Jean Militello

At large members: Lt/C Brenda J. Jameson, Kenneth Pierce, and Albert M. Trueman, Jr.

The new bridge will be sworn in at our Change of Watch ceremony on January 14.

SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM THE
COMMANDER

Since this is my last contribution to the newsletter as Commander, Andy thought I should do it without a ghost writer so here goes.

This is a great group to work with since we get nearly 100% turnouts for major projects like cocktail parties etc.

I won't bore you with a recitation of my many accomplishments as Commander since they would take up half a paragraph at least and those are just the ones I remember.

My special thanks go to Andy, Linda, Jean, John, Brenda, JoAnne and Sharon for always getting the job done without any input from me, also a big thank you to all of the members who put in their time and efforts to make the year a success.

The incoming bridge is outstanding and will do a great job. With the squadron goals in education, recruitment and safety, the new bridge will have plenty to keep them busy. Please volunteer to help out wherever you can.

In turning the helm over to Andy I know the squadron is in good hands.

Soon to be past Commander,

Pat

The 2009 Lake Mohave Power Squadron Bridge



Pictured from L to R, Back Row: John Militello, Jean Militello, Pat Bramble Linda Pensavalle, Al Trueman, Brenda Jameson, Ken Pierce. Front Row: Jo Anne Waller, Andy Pensavalle and Sharon Dack

Following are some thoughts from our District Commander. As you can see, District 28 has a full array of interesting and enjoyable events coming up. We look forward to members of the Lake Mohave Squadron becoming involved in our district activities.

2009-2010 District 28 Schedule Adopted
by D/C Katharine S. Law, SN

The District 28 Winter Council, which met on December 6th in Bullhead City, AZ, adopted the schedule for 2009-10. The calendar, as proposed by D/Lt/C Van Diehl of the San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron [scheduled to be inducted as District Commander at the Spring Conference] features meetings and Rendezvous in different locations around Southern California and Arizona. The Council also agreed to a budget for the next watch year, which will be presented to the Spring Conference for its consideration. Dues for D/28 members will remain the same for the next two years.

The Spring Conference hosted by Balboa Power Squadron, will be held at the Irvine/Hilton, near the Orange County Airport, Irvine, CA, takes place on the first weekend of March, with a reception on Friday night, March 6th, the business meeting on Saturday, the 7th, and the Change of Watch banquet that evening, with a reception for the newly installed D/C afterwards. All members of the five squadrons (Balboa, Lake Mohave, Phoenix, San Diego and San Luis Rey) and the South Bay Provisional Squadron are invited to attend this meeting, and commanders will be appointing delegates to represent their individual squadrons during the business meeting. Let your commander know if you plan to attend so you may be considered for a delegate appointment.

The Balboa host squadron has negotiated a price of only \$109 for a standard king or “double-double” room [two double beds], which is truly exceptional for a Hilton facility. The hotel has a pool, an exercise room, and other luxury amenities. Watch for publication in late January of the District 28 *Lead Line* to see details. But if you think you might be going, make a reservation ASAP by calling the reservation line at **800-Hiltons** [Code “USPS”], or call the hotel direct at **949-833-9999**. It’s much easier to make a reservation and cancel than to try to get a room at the last minute.

Other significant dates include an Inland Rendezvous at Katherine Landing [AZ] on April 3 & 4 (hosted by the Lake Mohave squadron); a Summer Council meeting at Chula Vista [CA] on June 6th (hosted by the South Bay squadron); and a Fall Conference (hosted by San Diego) on the weekend of September 25-26.

District meetings are fun! Log onto the District website www.usps.org/localusps/d28 to view photos of past district events and to get a full version of the 2009-2010 calendar.

And, while you’re on the national website, check out the plans for the USPS Annual Meeting to be held on February 17-22, at the Hyatt Regency, Orange County in Anaheim [CA] or read about it in your copy of *The Ensign* magazine. Although District 13 is the host squadron, the Anaheim location is in D/28’s neighborhood, and this may be your best chance to attend a USPS meeting. You can check out the educational seminars and meet the national USPS Bridge Officers. If you can’t come for the whole event, consider attending on Friday and Saturday. It’s within driving distant and will be a real treat!



Squadron Activities

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



Our Holiday Party at the Riverside Resort was a great evening. The Bridgeview room was “dressed” and ready for our decorations, white elephant gifts and prizes to finish off the festive look. The food was in abundance, along with the chocolate fountain appetizer table. Yum!



Nice Spread!!!



Dawn Pierce, Linda Pensavalle and Brenda Jameson frolic with Brian Zebrowski



Al and Eileen Trueman

Our Master of Ceremonies, Andy Pensavalle, looked very debonair in his tux, as he smoothly persuaded the members to bid a few more dollars for their white elephant

gift. He did such a good job, that we raised \$320 towards more boating education and safety promotions. Great job Andy.....and to our members also!!



SOLD!..to Pat Bramble: C'mon, Pat. Reach Into that wallet!



Dave Evans Appears To Be Happy With His Door Prize Win



Sue, Peggy and Bonnie. Our Servers From The Riverside



Ken and Dawn Pierce



L to R Maureen and Dave Evans

Mike and Barb Accardo



John Gilbert and Nancy Tye

CHANGE OF WATCH

On January 14, 2009, our annual Change of Watch dinner will be held at the Riverside's Bridgeview room. You have your invitations with further information on it. Please remember to RSVP with food selection and money by JANUARY 5, 2009.

This is a very special occasion for many reasons. We will be paying tribute to Commander Pat Bramble for his many contributions to our Squadron and swearing in Commander Elect Andy Pensavalle and the 2009 Bridge Officers. What makes it even more special is the prospect that District Commander Katherine Law and Phoenix Commander Bill Johnson and his wife Connie are planning to be in attendance. We hope you all will be too!!

CALENDAR UPDATE

We are in the midst of setting up our upcoming boating season. We would be pleased to have your input and involvement. Remember, we are a small, but hopefully soon to grow, organization. Right now we sometimes need to wear several “hats” in order to complete and plan our many activities. Won't you be one of our “hat wearers”???? It doesn't necessarily mean being in charge, but your support will go a long way in helping us have a memorable year. Sharon Dack

January Birthdays



Like fine wine, our two January birthday celebrants just get better with time. Happy Birthday to:

Brenda Jameson.....January 16

And

Amy Zebrowski.....January 21

Who We Are (Member Bios)

I was born in 2004 as an idea. Through a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of a few people that would not give up, I quickly grew into a self sustaining individual and am dedicated to a full rich existence through service to others and my own self enjoyment. I am the sum of many parts and it is those parts that give me the inspiration to continue on my mission. One way I am inspired is by getting to know the parts that make me a healthy and fruitful individual. From where did they come? What made them become a part of me? I am the **Lake Mohave Power Squadron** and I need your input to make me successful and healthy. My thanks to those that have contributed already. I find all your stories interesting. I am looking forward to hearing from the rest of you.

In Closing

The members of the Lake Mohave Power Squadron extend their best wishes to all their fellow members of District 28 and the entire membership of the USPS. May the blessings and joys of this happy season remain with all of you throughout the coming year. May we learn from the past and look to the future.

