

NO WAKE ZONE



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



March, 2009

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

It was my honor to represent the squadron at the District 28 Spring Conference that was held in Irvine, California on March 6 and 7. The venue was fantastic and the Balboa Squadron who hosted the event did a superlative job of organizing a rewarding and enjoyable time.

One of the highlights of the two day conference was the tour of Newport Harbor that was conducted on Friday afternoon. We boarded a Duffy Electric Boat and were treated to a knowledgeable narration from Past Commander Wes Heusser of the Balboa squadron. The following day was filled with informative meetings concluded by the Change of Watch banquet.

Our new district commander Van Diehl took over the helm of District 28 from Katie Law for whom the members of the Lake Mohave squadron will always have a special place in their hearts. We welcome Commander Diehl and look forward to working with him to promote and succeed in the mission of the USPS.

I was especially proud to be presented with several awards on behalf of the Lake Mohave squadron and its members. The Casale perpetual trophy for engine maintenance was earned in no small way due to the dedication of our SEO John Militello. Due to the forethought, planning and guidance of our past commander, Pat Bramble, the squadron earned the One Star award for achievement during his watch. It was my pleasure to present Pat with the award at our March general meeting.....*(Don't let me down, guys. I want one too....only, how about a three star award.)*



Left: Receiving The Casale Award From The Chief Commander's Representative R/C Noel McKeown And The Star Award From D/C Katie Law. Above



The Casale Perpetual Award For Engine Maintenance Class

An award that holds a very special place in my heart is the **Website Award** that was presented to the squadron. Although we will gladly accept this honor, it is only because of the hard work, patience, understanding, council, and extensive knowledge of Bob Schloeman from the Phoenix squadron that we are able to even have a website. Besides all that, he is one heck of a nice guy and I feel honored to count him among the friends of the Lake Mohave squadron. A very special thank you, Bob.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Inland Rendezvous on April 3 and 4. Pat Bramble is hard at work coming up with a challenging poker run, and Sharon Dack is coordinating with Phoenix on the details of food and beverage. I hope all of the Lake Mohave members will do their best to take part and show our hospitality to our fellow members from District 28.

Speaking of District 28, through the guidance from Past Commander Law and the design expertise of P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald, of the Phoenix squadron, we now have a district flag which is pictured below.



The “Heraldry” (The design features) of the flag follows:

DISTRICT 28 OF USPS IS MADE UP OF SQUADRONS FROM ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA. THE D-28 FLAG DESIGN IS BASED ON COMBINING ELEMENTS AND SYMBOLISM FROM THE STATE FLAGS OF THOSE TWO STATES.

THE WHITE BACKGROUND ON THE TOP HALF OF THE D-28 FLAG WITH THE FIVE POINTED RED STAR ON THE TOP LEFT AREA COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE FLAG, HAVING THE SAME PROPORTION AND PLACEMENT. (Historically, The Lone Star Flag of California contained a single red star on a white background.)

THE COPPER STAR ON THE TOP RIGHT AREA COMES FROM THE CENTER OF THE ARIZONA STATE FLAG, BUT REDUCED IN SIZE TO MATCH THE RED STAR AND IS PLACED SYMMETRICALLY TO THE RED STAR. (The copper star of the flag identifies Arizona as the largest copper producing state in the union.)

THE RED HORIZONTAL STRIPE ON THE BOTTOM IS TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE CALIFORNIA FLAG. IT IS PLACED ON THE BLUE HORIZONTAL STRIPE TAKEN FROM THE ARIZONA FLAG. THE BLUE AND RED STRIPES ON THE BOTTOM ARE SEPARATED BY A WHITE LINE, SYMBOLIZING THE COLORADO RIVER BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.

THE GOLD TWENTY-EIGHT STARS IN AN ARRAY AROUND THE CENTER OF THE FLAG DESIGNATES THAT THIS IS THE FLAG OF DISTRICT TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE USPS.

As usual, I thank all of you for your support. I think we have a great year ahead of us.....Andy Pensavalle



[From the Exec](#)

Ahoy! Has it been windy enough for all of you? I suppose we cannot expect weather like we had last Wednesday every day, can we? Was that awesome or what! Sharon must be a very special person as she ordered up the greatest weather ever and was truly rewarded! That said, and “taking it from the top”:

Boat Show(s): There are no local boat shows scheduled as of this date; however, if any of you are going to be in Southern California sometime during the next month, please note that the Orange County Boat Show will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, April 2 through 5; and the Newport Boat Show will be held at the Lido Park Marina, Newport Beach, April 15 through 19. If you are visiting the area, stop by either show and say hello to our boating friends and invite them out to visit our great Lake Mohave!

Public Relations: An article, along with a photo, regarding the Squadron’s Dock Party was published in the Mohave Daily News. Quite a few of us, along with guests invited by Ken and Dawn, were present at the Dock Party which was held on Mike and Barb’s wonderful and very comfortable boat. We all had a great time, good food and beverages, fantastic company!

Please check out this new website: <http://www.thesinglewomansguide.com/bullheadcityfun> which covers the Bullhead City and surrounding areas (not, as I wrongly assumed, just single women) and what fun activities can be had both daily and ongoing in the Bullhead City area. Our Squadron’s monthly meetings are mentioned as a “Second Wednesday of the Month” happening. The Squadron’s ABC course will also be shown when the fall classes are arranged. This is a very useful, small website with bits and pieces of information about our local area and we were invited to be included as a part of it.

The Squadron still needs someone to contact the local radio stations. If anyone would like to volunteer for this duty, I will be more than happy to delegate. If not, I will give each of our local stations a call next month and arrange for an interview with someone from the Squadron. You, maybe?

Recreational Boating Safety: Sharon Dack and Committee are planning the promotional event for May with a booth at the Crossings Event Center (Home Show) as our Safe Boating Week activity (see Sharon’s report). Al Trueman is continuing to work on marketing the Squadron and handing out information on boating safety. John Militello, assisted by Mike Accardo, has started the ABC classes at the RE/Max offices and I understand the classes are going well.

Cooperative Charting, Vessel Safety Check, Government Relations, Radio – Technical will each be addressed in due time but the above is all for now. Thanks from your “still in training XO” – I wish you a very happy, fun-filled month on the Lake, or wherever you are – See you all at the Rendezvous!Jo Anne Waller



Administrative Officer's Report

BOATING SEASON IS UNDERWAY!!

As usual, the winds of March came early to welcome us to our first boat outing of the season in February! Since it was a 'dock party', we didn't have to fight the swells. We already had planned to have our party on Mike and Barb Accardo's pontoon, equipped with galley, and enclosed seating. As always, plenty of food and good company and a fun day.



Mike Accardo Working His Magic



A Happy Group



**Pat Bramble(L) And John Militello
Watching The Sunset**

March 18th was our annual Brunch on the Lake. Mother Nature apologized with a perfectly beautiful day. Warm weather, calm waters and no Spring Breakers yet. If we keep up this eating pace, we won't be able to 'float our boat!' But, it was oh, so good.



Sharing A Beautiful Day



**Barb Bramble Recruiting New
Members**



The Guys Talking Boats...I Bet!

Below is the information about the Rendezvous on April 3 & 4. More detailed info can be seen on the Phoenix site, found at the bottom of our web page. Scroll to Colorado River on menu and you will see what they have put together for the entire weekend.

District 28 Inland Rendezvous

3-4 April 2009

Katherine Landing, AZ.

Schedule of Events:

FRIDAY

1700-1900 Happy Hour on grassy knoll in front of motel. Bring a snack to share and BYOB.

SATURDAY A.M

For all members who have volunteered to help with the Poker Run, we will be in touch with you about cove assignment, times and duties.

'Beach Up' time and location will be announced at briefing. Bring lunch, snacks or?????

SATURDAY P.M.

1700 Happy Hour, covered picnic ramada, bring snacks to share and BYOB

1800 Dinner, do it yourself BBQ. Charcoal fires furnished. Bring your own meat, fish, poultry to grille, along with tools. A-M, bring dessert or rolls, N-Z bring veggie or salad.

1900 Award prizes

This schedule has been established by Phoenix Squadron. We would like to have everyone participate in all the activities, however if you can only come to one or two planned events, that will work also. Let me know what your plans are....Sharon Dack

April Birthdays



The Squadron wishes many happy returns to **John Gilbert** who is our lone birthday celebrant for the month of April. John will celebrate on April 18th. John, may you celebrate with friends in good weather with happiness in the forecast.

Who We Are

It has been a while since we were privileged to have one of our members submit a biography and we have been especially honored this month by a submission from our P/D/C and Associate Member Katie Law.

What runs through eight states and drains the other 42? The answer (as I was told by my father) is the Tennessee River, which was dammed up to make hydroelectric plants during the Tennessee Valley Authority's depression-era expansion. The result was numerous fresh water lakes.

I grew up in Nashville, TN, and spent much of my childhood on the water—rivers and lakes—where my mom, dad and I swam, fished and hunted. I do not remember not knowing how to swim. And I learned to row a boat, paddle a canoe and guide a skiff over a placid lake surface, powered by a Johnson Seahorse motor.

During high school, I went to summer camp in New York's Adirondack Mountains and was introduced to the love of my life—sailing! I continued sailing in college, skippering a Tech Dinghy on the Charles River in Boston and crewing for friends off Cape Cod and Cape Ann.

One doesn't ordinarily think of sailing in connection with New York City, where I spent 49 years of my adult life. But I found a way. I joined the Manhattan Yacht Club, which owned a fleet of Lightnings at the South St. Seaport. (If you're ever on New York's Upper Harbor, stay clear of Liberty Island and the channel between Governor's Island and Brooklyn.) And I owned a Bristol 39 on Long Island Sound for five years, which I raced and cruised along with my three children and a 50-lb dog.

I took my first green water voyage in the summer of 1974 (right after law school), when I sailed off-shore from Long Island to Nantucket Island off Massachusetts. On the way back, we were swinging on a hook in Cuttyhunk one evening when a kid in a small boat zipped by and yelled out, "Turn on the radio. The president is going to speak." That's how I heard Nixon was going to resign.

A college buddy knew I was a Senior Navigator and, in 1988, I sailed with him and his two teen sons from Honolulu to San Francisco in a 42-foot ketch. It took us 17 days in all, and during 15 of those days, we didn't see another soul—not an airplane overhead or a ship on the horizon. I was port-watch navigator and, being that the trip was before the days of GPS, I took meridian transit sun sights and morning and evening star sights. That was a blast! Spinner dolphins surfed in our bow wave and we saw whales aplenty.

When I got ready to retire, I was not ready just to sit around with my three daughters and four grandchildren. So I looked around for a likely place where I could continue to sail and landed in San Diego. Sailing on the Pacific coast is very different from what I had done before. The marine environment is mostly benign, with no sudden squalls like Long Island Sound and very few tiny harbors for the cruiser. My 21-ft. day-sailer is great for single-handing around San Diego Bay and short trips off Pt. Loma, but I also get invited to crew on OPB/s (other people's boats).

So I enjoy San Diego Sail & Power Squadron Sail Fleet races and getting to go co-op charting on a friend's power boat. Last fall, I sailed on a 32-ft. Island Packet for three weeks off the Pacific coast of Baja California with skipper Nancy Renzi (another SDSPS member), and Cida and D/C Van Diehl. Needless to say, a great time was had by all!

Of course, the nifty part of USPS membership is being invited to try boating with other members, and I love skimming along on Lake Mohave and Lake Powell in those sleek Phoenix and Bullhead City trailerables! Am I a lucky lady, or what?!!!

Thank you, Katie, and we at Lake Mohave are lucky and honored to have you as a friend.

In Closing

Remember. It is your squadron. Your bridge can only assist you in making it what you want it to be. Don't hesitate to communicate your feelings, ideas and, yes, constructive criticisms to them. Conversely, the Bridge also needs your help and support.