

NO WAKE ZONE



Lake Mohave Power Squadron

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



September, 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 each month. The location of the meetings will be announced well in advance.

All meetings start at 7:00PM

Commander's Corner



Our squadron is coming back on line, so to speak. I have to admit it has been nice not having to be concerned with preparations for meetings and agendas. Our main agenda for the past two months was to just have fun and that we did.



Our Ski Pass Overnight

One way we had some fun was to have our overnight camping on the lake. It was great to spend the entire day on the water and not have to pack up early to beat the darkness to the

dock. Hours were spent talking boats and family. We each provided our own food and also did a little sharing. It is so nice to get away from it all just 20 minutes from your home.



Norm Dack Relaxing



Good Times With Good Friends



John Militello Approving The Good Food



The End Of Another Beautiful Day.....

Life Is Good!

In our last newsletter published in July, I mentioned that we would be celebrating our nation's birthday at the home of Ken and Dawn Pierce. Celebrate we did and a fun time was had by all. The firework show was put on by a "new kid on the block" and they pulled out all the stops.



Rockets Over The River

I am sure the city has already reserved them for next year. Below are some scenes from the evening.



**L to R Al Trueman, Dawn Pierce
and Eileen Trueman Await the Fireworks**



**L to R Ken Pierce, Pat Bramble and
Mike Accardo**



**L to R Sharon Dack, Jean Militello
And JoAnne Waller**



**L to R Amy Zebrowski, Barb Accardo
Linda Pensavalle and Sharon Dack**

On July 22nd I had the opportunity to address the Mohave Valley Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meeting. The audience was attentive, courteous and had some good follow up questions about the squadron and some of the statistical information I had presented. Several members of our squadron attended the luncheon meeting and we were prepared to sign up new members if the opportunity presented itself. As has been the case for over a year now, there just does not seem to be anyone interested in joining our group. At least it gave us the chance to make sure a few more people know who we are and what we do.

Our general membership meeting for the month of September will be held at the Cork 'n Bean restaurant, 1595 Mohave Drive, Ste. 4 in Bullhead City. The phone number is 928/758-2009.



The Cork 'n Bean

As mentioned in the past, until we are able to find a suitable ongoing meeting venue we are going to alternate locations. That should keep Sharon Dack busy. Remember, if any of you have suggestions; be sure to pass them on to Sharon.

Event cancellations and Changes:

We have found it necessary to cancel the Family Picnic that was scheduled for September 19 and change the date of the "Luau". Sharon will have more on this in her section of the newsletter.

One of the great things about being a senior citizen and retired is that when opportunity to travel comes along....you go! That is exactly what is happening during the month of September and October. So many of our members, including yours truly, are going to be gone on cruises, tours and just getting away. Yeah, I know, that was what we were supposed to do during July and August....so much for a good idea.

The Luau is tentatively set to be held at Bev Keith's home in Los Lagos. Her address is: 2070 E. Via Del Aqua Drive, Ft. Mohave. This is a gated community so you will have to search out Bev's name at the phone kiosk on entering and she will "buzz" you in.

Speaking of Bev Keith, we are happy to report that she is doing well after falling and suffering several fractures to her right leg and hand. Bev evidently zipped when she meant to zag. We are very happy to see her bounce back and I personally have to admire her tenacity and willingness to follow through with hosting the Luau. We are all hoping to see her back to 100%. Bev's attitude and ever present gracious manner did not falter during her ordeal.

While we are on recovery stories, we are happy to have seen Maurine Evans at several of our Wednesdays on the lake during the past month. As you may recall, Maurine is recovering from back injuries and ensuing surgery due to an automobile accident the last part of May.

JoAnne Waller has been at work getting the announcement for our planned ABC III course, which is to start in October, featured in the local paper. John Militello and Mike Accardo will be hoping for a good crowd to show off their educational talents to prospective membersAndy Pensavalle

Who We Are:

I feel honored that Bob Schloeman, one of our associate members, has submitted a biography and has honored me with permission to include it in this humble publication. I think I have mentioned many times before that without Bob's help our newsletter would not be in existence given the present editor's lack of computer knowledge. Bob has a long and distinguished history with the United States Power Squadron. I urge you to take a few moments and read Bob's story.....a truly unique and dedicated individual.



R/C Bob Schloeman, JN

R/C Bob Schloeman, JN joined the USPS in 1991 with the intentions of taking advantage of the educational courses available. He has kept to that objective completing all but the Navigation course. He has served in numerous capacities at the squadron level, including squadron commander. Likewise at the district level he has served on numerous committees, District 28 Bridge and as District 28 Commander. At the national level he has served on the Boating Activities Committee, Legislative Committee, Marine Electronics Committee, and Committee on Rules. He is currently the chairman of the Squadron Activities Committee.

He was raised in northwestern Iowa where some of the 10,000 lakes of Minnesota spilled over into Iowa. From this heritage came a love of boating and fishing. After an extended period at college, both at Iowa State College and the University of Iowa, he completed his advanced education with a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Science and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He put both to work during a thirty year engineering career with the Sperry Flight Systems Division in Phoenix, Arizona. There is nothing like the experience of being in the cockpit of a 100 – 200 ton aircraft while the crew stresses the flight control systems to prove that it does what it is supposed to do and nothing else. That is where the phrase “There is no such thing as a good surprise”, takes on full meaning.

His hobbies used to include boating, but having sold his last boat a few years ago, he is now limited to the occasional trips as a crew member. He and his wife, Norene, have taken cruises to Alaska, Hawaiian Islands, Baltic Sea and the Caribbean. He and his family have also enjoyed

numerous week long house boating trips on Lake Powell starting in 1986 and as recently as 2008. There is no deeper solitude than a cloudless night under the stars on Lake Powell.

He is a holder of Private Pilot's license since 1960 and has been an Amateur Radio Operator since 1954. He also holds two patents for automatic flight control systems used in commercial jet aircraft still in use today.



Administrative Officer's Report

Well friends, the "Dog Days of Summer" are coming to an end, so it's time to check our calendars for our fall season that's right around the corner.

Remember, the Executive meeting on September 2, at Re/Max. Our monthly meeting will be at Cork & Beans on 1595 Mohave Dr. (across from Wal-Mart.)

The September family picnic, scheduled for the 19th, at Willow Valley, has been cancelled. Just too many people that are not going to be here.

October's monthly dinner/meeting on the 14th TBA. Check your e-mail for location.

The Luau date has been changed to Saturday, October 10th. Bev Keith still looks forward to having it at her home in Los Lagos, and promises to be up and walking by then our love and support for her full rehab from her surgery is as strong as ever!

More information about the Luau will be sent in the future. Start thinking about your Luau appropriate food offering and unpack those grass skirts, leis and Hawaiian shirts for a fun night over the water. Anyone have Hawaiian music tapes/CDs?

We have a Dinner on the Lake scheduled for October 21st; however, we will have to see how our weather and members are holding out before we set those plans in motion.

Norm and I will be spending the month of September in Ventura, but will be online and can be contacted on our cell phones. If you have any questions or need to converse, give me a call anytime, or drop over for a visit!

Keep on enjoying those Wednesdays on the lake and good luck to our members who will be traveling in September.....Sharon Dack

Birthdays

A belated Happy Birthday to *Sharon Dack* who celebrated her special day on August 15.



Our September celebrants are:

Barb Bramble.....September 8
Brian Zebrowski.....September 24
George Ellis.....September 29

Dawn Pierce.....September 11
Bev KeithSeptember 25

In Closing

I can't promise that there will be a timely issue of the *No Wake Zone* for October. Yours truly, and his bride are taking a tour of Sicily and Southern Italy..... Of course there will be a little side trip to visit daughter, son-in-law and 15 month old grandson up North in Florence. Ken and Dawn Pierce, Pat and Barb Bramble, Norm and Sharon Dack, Dave and Maurine Evans are all planning get a ways. John Gilbert is on his usual summer trip to British Columbia, JoAnne Waller will be doing some telecommuting from California and Brian and Amy Zebrowskis are in the midst of preparing to relocate and have a baby.

Maybe some of these folks will care to share their experiences with us when they return.