

NO WAKE ZONE



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



February, 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

Linda and I were fortunate to be able to attend the National Annual Meeting which was held in Anaheim, California on the 17th through the 21st of February. For me to say that my eyes were truly opened to the scope and depth of the USPS, would be an under statement. I have seldom had the opportunity to meet a more dedicated and hard working group of volunteers; some from a sense of duty and some for the mere pleasure they derive from fulfilling the mission of the USPS. Many of the members I met come from squadrons that are better funded, located in an area more a tune to the marine environment and manned with extremely knowledgeable and experienced boaters, but their problems, or should I say opportunities, parallel the obstacles we face here in the Mohave Valley.....financial factors, membership recruitment and retention to name a couple. I am calling on all our members to join in our efforts to increase our membership and donate, if at all possible, the time necessary to reach out to the boating public so that we can present all that the USPS has to offer. We have several opportunities coming up. Please join in and give support wherever and however you can to the committee chairpersons. I would love to have the chance to offer all our members merit marks this year.

One of the benefits of attending the "EXPO" while at the national meeting was to visit the NOAA booth. I found that their web site offers the best weather forecast that I have found for our region. If you haven't before, I suggest you check it out. www.weather.gov Enter Bullhead City and you get a page that shows Lake Mohave. You can actually select a particular area on the lake and get a very accurate forecast..... Andy Pensavalle

[From the Exec](#)

Hello everyone. When Cdr Pensavalle informed me that as XO, I now have a “*Byline*” for the *No Wake Zone* each month, I literally panicked. What do I say? What exactly is an “XO” and where do I fit into this organization? Obviously, my first task was to study the Officer’s Training Program (the OTP) which provided me “an orientation to the organizational structure and policies of USPS and to the programs and activities of the squadrons, . . .”. I found the OTP was not an instructional course, but rather a management tool designed to promote “excellence in the performance of service” and a “self-improvement program” by which I could gauge my own performance against the USPS criteria of excellence and policy.

OK, that said, now what? To quote an old friend of mine when I was overwhelmed by work, she would simply say, “Take it from the top, Jo Anne”, and so I have. If the following is “old hat” to some of you, please bear with me because it is all new to me.

The **squadron executive officer** (XO) is in charge of external functions and assists the commander in the discharge of the duties of commander, and, in the commander’s absence or short-term incapacity, acts as commander. Committees reporting to the XO are:

- Boat Show
- Cooperative Charting*
- Vessel Safety Check*
- Government Relations*
- Public Relations
- Radio – Technical*
- Recreational Boating Safety

*Details to follow at a later date.

There is much more to being an “XO” but the above will suffice for now. So, taking it “from the top”:

Boat Show(s): As reported at the February meeting, the Squadron is not participating in the Lake Havasu Marine Association Boat Show, March 13-16, nor the Tri-State Boating Safety Fair, May 16, both in Lake Havasu. On February 28, the first Big Block Legends Rally boat show is being held at Jack Smith Park in Needles from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, again no participation due to scheduling conflict.

Public Relations: The “COW” article was finally published in the Mohave Daily News (sans a few sentences). A revised listing for Clubs and Organizations will be submitted to the newspaper to replace our previous listing within the next few weeks. The Ensign has a report on the Squadron’s Colorado River Cleanup activities along with a few photos that may be used in a future edition. Further work needs to be done regarding contacting the Laughlin Tourism Committee and local radio stations (if anyone would like to volunteer for this, I will be more than happy to delegate, but if not, that’s OK too).

Recreational Boating Safety: Sharon Dack and Committee are planning a great event in May with a booth at the Home Show (to be held at the Crossings Event Center) as our Safe Boating Week activity. Al Trueman is continuing to work on marketing the Squadron and handing out information on boating safety. John Militello will be starting the ABC classes soon at the RE/Max offices. If you know of anyone who would like to take the ABC course, please refer them to John as soon as possible.

I plan to attend at least two of the boat shows (Big Block in Needles and Tri-State in LHC) and possibly the LHMA boat show on March 13th or 16th. If you wish to join me, please let me know.

That's it for now. I wish to thank each of you for your support, contributions and for understanding that your "XO" is actually an "XO-in-Training" and will need all of your assistance.....Jo Anne Waller



Education Officer's Report

An ABC class will begin on Tuesday, March 3 at Remax Realty. At the present time we have ten (10) people signed up for the class. Hopefully, we will be able to recruit some new members.

We have added two newly Certified Instructors. Mike Accardo and Beverly Keith will be assisting me on the education committee. They both have an extensive background in education and their expertise will be greatly welcomed.John Militello

Note from the Commander: Besides being our Squadron Educational Officer, John is a pretty darn good cook. You might want to try John's recipe for chili. John says it can be proportionally cut down successfully depending on the amount of people you are serving. John's chili is a staple at our functions.

CHILI (FOR APPROX. 100 PEOPLE)

15# LEAN CHOPPED ROUND

5# RED KIDNEY BEANS

5# PINTO BEANS

1 PT. OLIVE OIL

6 LARGE ONIONS (CHOPPED)

2 CLOVES OF GARLIC (CHOPPED)

5 BELL PEPPERS (CHOPPED)

1 GAL DICED CHILIES (GREEN)

2 GAL ORTEGA RED CHILI SAUCE

1 GAL WHOLE TOMATOES

5 BAY LEAVES

3 TSP GROUND CUMIN

1 TSP BLACK PEPPER

1/2 CUP FLOUR

5 TSP OREGANO

1/2 TSP CAYANNE PEPPER

3 TSP PAPRIKA

SOAK BEANS OVERNIGHT. COOK IN SALTED WATER ABOUT 1 HOUR OR UNTIL TENDER. HEAT OLIVE OIL OVER LOW HEAT IN HEAVY SKILLET OR DUTCH OVEN. ADD MEAT STIRRING CONSTANTLY UNTIL IT LOOSES ITS RED COLOR. ADD ONION, GARLIC, BELL PEPPER, PAPRIKA AND CHILIES. COVER PAN AND SAUTE ABOUT 5 MINUTES. STIR IN FLOUR, BLENDING WELL. ADD TOMATOES AND BRING TO A BOIL, REDUCE FLAME AND SIMMER 1 HOUR. DRAIN BEANS AND ADD TO MEAT MIXTURE. SIMMER 1 HOUR OR LONGER IF POSSIBLE.



[Administrative Officer's Report](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18 'Brunch on the Lake' Meet by the store at Katherine Landing for cove destination. WE WILL LEAVE THE DOCKS AT 10:00 A.M. SHARP!!!! Please give me a call with your choice of breakfast contribution. As usual, bring your own beverage. Don't forget your cell phone numbers. If you need a ride, let us know so we don't leave without you. Be sure to check your e-mails for last minute change or cancellation because of weather.

Tis that time of year!

April 3 & 4 Annual District 28 Inland Rendezvous. You will be receiving more information in the near future. Please keep in mind that we will need at least five boats for the poker run on Saturday. Our committee is busy setting up our part of this fun event, and we would like everyone to plan on getting involved.

May 23 & 24 Home Show at the Crossings Event Center across from the Avi Resort and Casino. We have secured a booth at this well attended show and feel it is a perfect opportunity for our Squadron to play "show and tell" about our organization. Since it is Memorial Day Weekend and the kick-off of busy water activity on our river, we should be able to touch a lot of boaters with recruitment and safety information. We would like everyone to pitch in on this effort, one way or another. Plans and schedules will be available at our April meeting.

See you all at the **Dock Party on Saturday February 28th, 3:00 p.m.** Bring your beverage of choice. Heavy snacks are on us. This is a good time to bring along anyone interested in looking over the USPS.

Remember, Katherine Landing, Marina 2, H dock (in front of store). Look for the Accardos' pontoon boat...we'll be there, will you?

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March Birthdays

Birthday wishes for March go out to: Jean Militello.....March 4th
Don Jameson.....March 17th



Dave Evans.....March 24th
Norm Dack.....March 29th

In Closing

The executive committee is always ready to listen to your suggestions and comments. If you have anything that you feel needs to be discussed, you are welcome to attend or contact one of your “Members At Large”, **Brenda, Ken or Al**, so that they can present your thoughts. They represent the members at these meetings. Remember, most of the Squadron business is conducted at the Executive meetings so that we can make our general meetings less formal and more enjoyable for all.