

24th Bridge

Fall
Conference
October
2012



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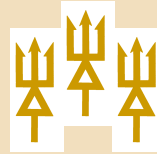
What's Inside:

This is your newsletter with **REVISED** information and registration form for the Fall Conference 26 — 27 October in Columbus, IN.

Commander	D/C Paul W. Durstock, N
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Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Larry G. Samuels, SN
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C David W. Robertson, JN
Secretary	D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN
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Assistant Education Officer	D/1st/Lt Kim Fisher, AP

United States Power Squadrons

Commander's Report Cdr. Paul Durstock, N



I hope everyone has had a great summer and you have been able to get out on your boats. Please excuse the lateness of this newsletter but Ron has been waiting on me to get the information to him.



We just returned from the National Governing Board a couple of weeks ago and District 24 was well represented. We had several members there, a great time in the hospitality room, some informative meetings and best of all we brought home with us two (out of three) "Carl C. Mahnken Commander's Awards". The Mahnken award is a National Public Relations Award for the best Power Point Presentation. Remember the collective moan at the Summer Rendezvous when Damon asked each squadron to have a presentation for the Fall Conference. Well it paid off. The Louisville Squadron won second place and Cincinnati won first place. Congratulations to everyone in the squadrons that made this happen. With that in mind don't forget to get your websites up to date and be prepared to make a presentation at the upcoming Fall Conference. It's not too late to start.

A couple of important things that came up at the Governing Board were that dues are going to go up \$4 in 2014 and National is working on a new website. They have hired a professional firm to do the development and expect to have it up and running in 12-18 months. I know everyone has had some frustration with the current site so this is indeed good news.

Susan and I just returned from a houseboat trip to Kentucky Lake that was sponsored by the Bluegrass Squadron. We had a great time and made some new friends. I learned how to pilot two different kinds of sailboats which was a brand new experience for me. There were three sailboats there so everyone that wanted to was able to go sailing. Cliff Hynniman was kind enough to take Susan and me on his boat and he let me do some piloting. I feel confident enough now that

I can take the helm on Kentucky Lake and I probably won't hit anything. I can't say that about the other sailboat I piloted. We got this boat from Green Turtle Bay but they didn't call it a sailboat they called it a houseboat. I can tell you without a doubt that it was easier to go straight in Cliff's sailboat than that 55 foot box with no keel. Did you know a flat bottom doesn't track? We knew a couple of people on the houseboat well and had met a few more but we were welcomed with open arms by everyone. If you want to join us next year you will be welcomed too. We are recruiting for next year because we want to move up to the 84 foot boat. Did I mention I made some new friends?

We are looking forward joining other squadrons at their events. You are welcome to join us.

There will be a couple of changes at this year's Fall Conference. First is we are doing away with the Commander's and SEO's breakfast meeting and moving it to after the conference is adjourned and we are inviting Executive Officers and Assistant SEO's. Another change is the Uniform of the Day. Friday night will stay casual but the Saturday morning council and conference will be USPS Casual (wear your squadron logo shirt) and the Saturday evening banquet will be Blue Blazer and Grey Slacks. That's the official uniform but as always please feel free to wear anything you want.

We are having fun in the Power Squadron and I hope you are too. If you're not please let me know what I can do to change that.

I look forward to seeing you on the water.

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Fall Council and Conference** will be held at the Holiday Inn, Columbus, Indiana, Saturday, 27 October 2012 at 0830.

D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN, Secretary

Chief Commander's Representative R/C Jeff C. Hamilton, AP

Jeff is "second-generation" United States Power Squadrons® having passed the Public Boating Course at the age of 11 alongside his dad who is nearly a 40-year member. Jeff himself joined in 1990. Both he and his wife Nancy are active members of the Minnetonka Power Squadron which, as part of District 10, is centered on Lake Minnetonka just west of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota.



At the squadron level, Jeff began as newsletter editor, has served terms as Safety Officer, Cooperative Charting Chair and member of the Endowment, Roster, Rules, Planning, Nominating and Executive committees. He served as Executive Officer before serving as Commander in 2002-2003. Jeff continues to teach portions of America's Boating Course and serve on the Squadron Endowment Committee.

At the district level, in addition to his terms as Administrative and Executive Officer before serving as Commander in 2005-2006, Jeff has held offices in the Commander, Secretary and Executive departments including Aide, Advisor, Assistant Secretary, Computer Systems Officer, Cooperative Charting Chair and Planning Committee Chair. He continues to serve as chair of the Committee on Nominations, as Cooperative Charting Chair and as Computer Systems Officer.

At the National level Jeff has served three years on the Planning Committee and was elected chair in 2010.

In addition to boating and Power Squadron activities, Jeff spends his time working with computers and technology, dabbling in photography, wrenching on custom cars and riding his motorcycle. Together, Jeff and Nancy enjoy traveling, working around their home, attending car shows and are just beginning to ride motorcycles independently together.

Friday Night Activity— 26 October –WEBSITE COMPETITION

As a continuation of our Fall Conference Squadron sharing activities we are planning a competition for the best Squadron WEBSITE.


This year each Squadron will present their website to others in attendance. Our members will vote on the best website. If your squadron needs more information go to the National Communications Department for more detail regarding Web Site design. District will not be submitting the District winner for the National award this year. Each Squadron is encouraged to make its own submission.

Each Squadron should bring their own presentation equipment to include a projection screen. You may present a static view of your web site or the hotel offers Wi-Fi if you prefer this real time method.

We will present a beautiful trophy at the Saturday night Banquet. Only first place will be awarded. We will be in the same meeting room as we were at the last Fall Conference. Again this year we will have a cash bar and light snacks of candy and popcorn for your nibbling pleasure.

Finally for those in attendance this year there will be a special gift for each person, given out at approximately 9:30 PM.

Looking forward to another great Fall Conference. — *your District Meetings Committee*



Non-Member, Guest Activity

District 24 Fall Council and Conference

27 October 2012

We will be traveling back in time and into a little of the Columbus, Indiana history.

Our Non-Member, Guest Luncheon will be at Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum. This Columbus institution opened in 1900 by three Greek Brothers with the last name "Zaharakos". The mahogany bar, with two marble and chrome soda fountains dates back to the early 1900s. There is a Tiffany-style lamp on the bar and the Welte Orchestrion. Zaharakos is a one-of-a-kind destination that is filled with the sights and sounds of a turn-of-the-century confectionary and soda "shoppe". All the ice cream is made on the premises. A favorite -- the Green River Float -- is a bright green soda with a lemon lime flavor. During the Super Bowl the Zaharakos Gorn Sandwich was selected as one of the Super 46 Sandwiches -- a must for Super Bowl visitors. Don't miss this 'must do' activity.

Following Lunch your day will be turned over to sightseeing, shopping, or rest and relaxation. To make your day flow as smoothly as possible we will be more than happy to provide transportation to any area of Columbus or the surrounding countryside.

See you at Zaharakos !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please indicate on the registration form if you are attending and send your meal cost - \$29.00

**District 24 Fall Council and Conference 2012 Schedule
26 – 27 October**

**Host: District 24 Meetings Committee and
All District 24 Squadrons**

*Schedule is Tentative - subject to change
(please see registration packet)*

Friday 26 October 2012

Website Presentations 1930

Saturday 27 October 2012

District Council Convenes 0830

District Conference Convenes 0900

Chief's Message 0930

Guest Activity - Zaharakos Ice Cream

Meet in Hotel Lobby 1130

Lunch 1200

Reconvene 1300

Adjourn Council 1430

Adjourn Conference 1445

Commanders/SEO's Meeting 1500

UNIFORM OF THE DAY:

Friday Evening Welcoming Program: Casual

Saturday Council & Conference: USPS Casual (Logo Shirt)

Saturday Non-Member/ Spouse/Guest Luncheon: Casual

Tour or Shopping: Walking shoes would be suitable

**Saturday Evening Banquet Blue Blazer/Grey Slacks or any other
suitable attire**

**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - 26 - 27 October 2012**

**D.D. = Designated Delegate; Put "S" in box for Squadron, "D" for District
(\$74.00 conference fee paid is by D/24 or your local Squadron—includes lunch and banquet)**

RANK: _____ NAME: _____ GR. _____ Cert. # _____ D.D.

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Meals	Saturday Member Lunch \$29.00	Saturday Guest Lunch \$29.00	Saturday Guest Lunch at Zaharakos \$29.00	Saturday Banquet \$45.00	Meal Totals
Number					
\$\$ Amount					\$

Be sure to include your Zaharakos Lunch meal cost with your reservation

Remember: DELEGATES MUST REGISTER WITH THIS FORM - include your certificate number on registration and complete the D.D. Designated Delegate Box above if applicable. Also, please include any special dietary requests)

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION AND FEE TO ARRIVE: 23 October 2012

Make check payable to: D/24 Fall Conference

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO: P/DC David R. Hufnagle, JN
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Centerville, Ohio 45458
Telephone: 937-433-3107
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**Hotel Reservations
REGISTRATON DEADLINE: 18 October 2012**

Clarion Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN;
(Indiana State Rd 46—just east of I-65) Phone: 812-372-1541; \$89.00 plus tax
per night, double occupancy. Block Code: DTF (District Twenty-Four)

Note: Conference fee includes not only the actual meal costs but all of the hotel costs for meeting room rentals, room set-ups, hospitality, etc.