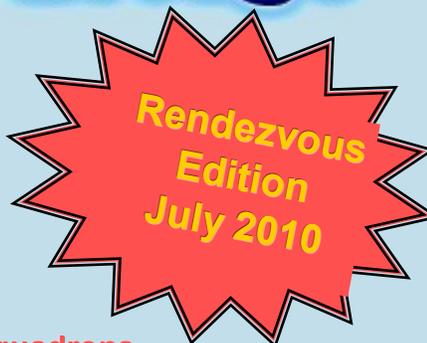


24th Bridge



United States Power Squadrons

District 24



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| Commander | D/C Donald R. Cloyd, AP |
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| Educational Officer | D/Lt/C Larry G. Samuels, SN |
| Administrative Officer | D/Lt/C Paul W. Durstock, N |
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Commander's Report Donald R. Cloyd, AP



I want to thank everyone in District 24 for the confidence you have placed in me to serve as your District Commander this year. I think we have the best of the best on the District Bridge and they, the Squadron Commanders and their Bridge are all dedicated to the betterment of D24 and USPS.

I am truly indebted to Joe and Pat Venhoff for their guidance and friendship the past four years, for their patience and for Joe agreeing to serve this coming year in order to keep me out of trouble.



We really hit the ground running- with the District Change of Watch and the Bluegrass COW occurring the weekend of January 31. The combined COW's went over well and even with the uninvited snow everyone had a great weekend. Our National rep, Greg Korstad and his wife Connie were an absolute delight to have attend our COWs. Greg was sworn in as National Law Officer at the national Spring Conference the following week. We felt privileged to have had them as our guests and they are great representatives for USPS.

We immediately packed up our show and went to Orlando three days later for the National Spring Conference. The entire Bridge attended and D24 was well represented with District members .

District 24's hospitality was a 'hoot'. We declared 'Derby Days' and it was complete with our guys dressed like racetrack 'touts' complete with red vests, arm garters and green eye-shades. They served everyone mint juleps in genuine Derby glasses, which the guests kept. Thanks to Ruth Lawton (Bluegrass) and a whole host of other members, the event was a rousing success.

The highlight of the National Spring Conference, for District 24, was the Chapman Award presentation to our late Tom Larimer, Dayton Sail & Power Squadron and past District Education Officer. No one is more deserving of this honor than Tom and his wife Jan. You will more hear

about this later from Dayton S&PS.

The Bridge has attended all the Squadron COW's in the last two months, relating items of interest to the Squadron from the National Conference. It's always fun to go to the Squadron events and see members we have not seen for a while.

My focus this year will be to promote 'FUN' in D24. I think if our members are enjoying each other and have fun boating, outsiders will notice and will want to join us. Once we have them 'hooked', then we can sell them on the benefits of the education we have to offer and the many other benefits of the U S Power Squadron.

In order for each Squadron to have more fun- we need to break-the-mold of going to a meeting, or attending a class and going home. The plan is to have inter-Squadron events, members attending other Squadron activities and meetings, and developing a "program bureau" that each can draw from and have different types of presentations at their meeting.

To this end, we had a Commander/District planning meeting on Saturday April 17. All Squadrons were represented and we had two past District Commanders attend (several other past D/C's could not make it, but have said they wanted to participate). You will see the results of this meeting almost immediately. Several Squadrons are already planning joint activities and several have plans that will be open to the District. We are preparing a District wide calendar of meetings and events that will be sent out to each Squadron for planning purposes.

If you have not attended a Summer Rendezvous, I would like to encourage you to attend. This is one event that is long on FUN and short on business. You will get to meet a lot of people in the District and have a good time.

The District Bridge will strive to keep you up-to-date on events so that all can plan to attend. All we need is you... and a couple of your friends to make 2010 a huge success. *D/C Donald R. Cloyd, AP*

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 Summer Council Meeting** will be held at SMUGGLER'S COVE MARINA, CRAIG'S CREEK, WARSAW, KY; Sunday, 25 JULY 2010 at 900.

D/Lt/C Charles W. Hamm, JN, Secretary

FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

D/Lt/C Dick Remski, JN District Executive Officer

The current Operations Manual outlines the DXO's duties as including general "supervision and coordination" of squadron activities within the district. For District 24, I believe the squadron commanders are the "supervisors" of their squadron activities and I will be happy to help coordinate those activities across squadrons. Our D/C, Don Cloyd, has stated that he would like to encourage more cross-squadron events. For example, Cincinnati and Dayton are discussing a joint Ohio River cruise aboard BB Riverboats in May or early June, and Bluegrass Commander Jeff Lagrew has already hosted a couple of charters that have included both Bluegrass and Louisville members. The District bridge would like to help coordinate activities that may be of interest to other squadrons by posting events on the District website and to encourage squadron sponsors to post their planned events on SailAngle in the D24 group, which we are all automatically enrolled in when we sign up for SailAngle.

Each of the District bridge members would also like to attend some of your squadron's events and activities to get to know all of you better. We won't be coming to "look over your shoulders" but to participate in your events and be available to answer any questions you may have about the district or possibly the national organization.

I will also be providing each squadron commander with the meeting CD from the Annual Meeting in Orlando in early February, if I have not already done so. This CD contains all the presentations made by the national organization, including reports of the various committees. It does NOT however contain minutes of the actions taken by the governing board at the annual meeting. I have earlier provided to each squadron commander a short summary report of the actions taken at the annual meeting, so if you have any questions check with your commander or get to me with your questions. If I don't have an answer for you, I will get one! You can reach me at rremski@woh.rr.com or by phone at 937-434-9263 at home or 937-239-5521 cellular.

For the summer rendezvous and for the fall and spring conferences, I will be asking each squadron commander for a short report on their activities and status since the last district meeting. I will do my best to provide you with a clear format for the report well in advance of the meeting.

If any of you are in the Aurora, Indiana area during the boating season, and find yourself near Lighthouse Point Yacht Club (really just a nice marina), call on my cell and if we're aboard, you are welcome to visit on *Y-Knot*? And perhaps we'll be able to go for a boat ride on the Ohio! So let's look forward to a great boating season, and in the words of Cdr. Lagrew of Bluegrass, let's sell the sizzle of fun in USPS membership!

FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

D/Lt/C Paul Durstock, N - District 24 Administrative Officer

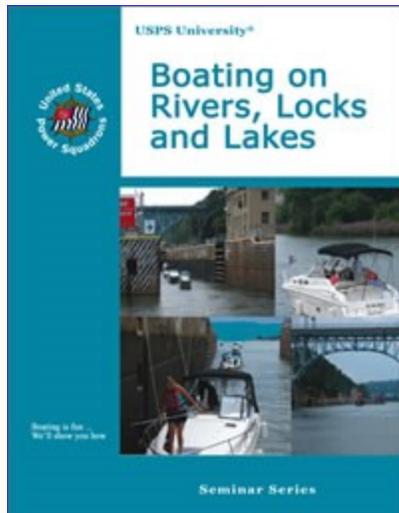
According to the operations manual the Administrative Officer has many duties but everyone knows the main duty of the Admin is to take care of the fraternal (fun) side of the USPS triangle. With Cdr. Cloyd's directive that we have fun this year I have a big job.

First on my agenda is the Summer Rendezvous. The theme of the rendezvous this year is "Boating is Fun". I won't go into the details of the rendezvous here but the centerpiece will be a boat ride and raft-up on Saturday. I know that if I'm on a boat I'm having fun and I know most of you feel the same way. I hope many of you will bring your boat to Smugler's Cove this year and I have asked for a rain-free weekend. If you've never been to a district event this is the one to start with. If it's been a while since you've been on a boat we can fix that.

Next on my agenda is organizing a district calendar. Cdr. Cloyd met with the squadron commanders a couple of weeks ago to get input on how we can make the squadron meetings and activities more fun. All of the commanders are in agreement that inviting other squadrons to their meetings and activities would be a good start. To that end, we will produce a calendar of squadron activities that everyone in the district is invited to attend. I have been to National meetings, Change of Watch's at every squadron in D24 and to a lot of meetings and activities and I can tell you that the people in the other squadrons are just like the people in your squadron and they are genuinely happy to see you at their event. Another benefit of going to another squadron's event is that you don't have to do the work, just enjoy yourself. I will start it off by inviting you to a joint Cincinnati/Dayton BB Riverboat Cruise on June 12.

In conjunction with the district calendar we are going to develop a speaker's list. If you have had a speaker at one of your meetings that would be willing to give their presentation to others please let me know. Just drop me an email with their name, contact information and a short summary of their presentation.

If you have any suggestions or questions or need my help in any way feel free to contact me. My email address is pdurstock@insightbb.com and my cell phone is 513-314-4732. If you're ever in the Cincinnati area let me know and maybe we can go on a boat ride. If you happen to see "Ugly Duckling" in your neck of the woods give me a shout.



SPECIAL SEMINAR: BOATING ON RIVERS, LOCKS, AND LAKES

D/24 is pleased to offer this USPS Seminar at the Rendezvous presented by P/C George Herrington, N. The seminar deals with such varied topics as special navigation rules for rivers, the Western Rivers System of buoys and marks, river currents, “reading” a river, jetties and wing dams, the intricacies of locking through, and communicating with lock masters and bridge tenders.

Date: Saturday, July 24th
Time: 3pm - 5pm

Register early. Spaces is limited. Please indicate on the registration page if you and any family members want to take this seminar.

D-24 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS LODGING INFORMATION

Smuggler’s Cove Marina - 859-567-7601

Boat slip rental - \$1/ft

Trailer (behind the restaurant with a view of the river) rental - \$90/night

There is space for your motor home/trailer – call Smuggler’s Cove for rates

Fairway Inn – Florence, IN (adjacent to Belterra) – 812-427-4100

Free Continental Breakfast

Friday - \$79 / Saturday - \$89

Mention US Power Squadron for rate

Approximately 6.5 miles from Smuggler’s Cove

Need to reserve room by Monday, June 21

Ramada @ the KY Speedway – Sparta, KY – 859-567-7223

Free Continental Breakfast

Friday - \$89 / Saturday - \$89

Mention US Power Squadron for rate

Approximately 8 miles from Smuggler’s Cove

Need to reserve room by Friday, July 9

**United States Power Squadrons
District 24**

**Schedule of Events for the 2010 Summer Rendezvous
and Council**

Friday – 23 July 2010

1800 - Social Hour

1900 - Dinner - Hosted by Bluegrass, Cincinnati and Hoosier

2030 - Games TBD

Saturday – 24 July 2010

1000 - Begin boarding boats for Ohio River Cruise
Lunch hosted by Anderson and Dayton

1400 - All boats have finished docking

1500 - Seminar (approximately 2 hours)
"Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes"

1800 - Social Hour – Bring your favorite wine to share

1900 - Dinner - Hosted by Evansville Bend, Louisville and
Wabash Valley

2030 - Games TBD

Sunday – 25 July 2010

0900 - D24 Summer Council
Uniform: USPS Casual (logo polo shirts)

1100 - Clean-up

**All meals will be catered by the Sunset Grill.
Hosting consists of serving if necessary and clean-up.**

USPS D/24 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS & COUNCIL
23-25 JULY 2010 – SMUGGLER’S COVE MARINA
CRAIG’S CREEK - WARSAW, KENTUCKY

Name _____ Squadron _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

FRIDAY DINNER

Hamburgers/Metts/Brats/Hot Dogs/Chips/Salad/Fruit
 A – M Please bring appetizers; N – Z Please bring desserts

Adults _____ @ \$10 # Children _____ @ \$5 **TOTAL \$ _____**

SATURDAY LUNCH - Sandwich/Chips/Salad/Fruit

Please put the number of sandwiches in the appropriate boxes.

| | Ham | Roast Beef | Turkey | Chicken Salad |
|-------------|-----|------------|--------|---------------|
| White Bread | | | | |
| Rye Bread | | | | |
| Wheat Bread | | | | |

Adults _____ @ \$10 # Children _____ @\$5 **TOTAL \$ _____**

SATURDAY CRUISE is free but we need a count of boats and passengers

Adults attending cruise _____ # Children attending cruise _____
 Will your boat be available for the cruise? Y/N ___ How many passengers can you carry? ___

SATURDAY SEMINAR - Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes

A second family member is free if they share a textbook.

Members _____ @ \$25 # Non-Members _____ @ \$35 **TOTAL \$ _____**

SATURDAY DINNER

Chicken/Pork Ribs/Potatoes/Corn/Salad
 A – M Please bring appetizers; N – Z Please bring desserts

Adults _____ @ \$20 # Children _____ @\$10 **TOTAL \$ _____**

REGISTRATION FEE: # Adults _____ @\$5 **TOTAL \$ _____**

FINAL TOTAL \$ _____

Pop, beer, wine and wine coolers will be available for purchase.

Please make checks payable to **D24 Rendezvous**: Mail check to: D/Lt/C Paul Durstock, N
Send your reservations in by 12 July 2010 122 Crystal Lake Drive
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