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Upcoming Events

Plan to attend a District 24 event and meet other D24 members.
You will enjoy the social interaction and gain a better understanding
of the work done by the United States Power Squadrons.

JULY 2001 DISTRICT 24 RENDEZVOUS AT CRAIGS CREEK
29 JULY 2001 DISTRICT 24 SUMMER COUNCIL AT CRAIGS CREEK

18 AUGUST 2001 DISTRICT 24 EDUCATION SEMINAR

9-10 NOVEMBER 2001 DISTRICT 24 COUNCIL & CONFERENCE
Host: Wabash Valley Power Squadron Place: Holiday Inn

9 FEBRUARY 2002 DISTRICT 24 WINTER COUNCIL
Host: Louisville Power Squadron

15-16 MARCH 2002 DISTRICT 24 SPRING COUNCIL & CONFERENCE
Host: Evansville Bend Power Squadron Place: Marriott Hotel

NOVEMBER 2002 DISTRICT 24 FALL COUNCIL & CONFERENCE
Host: Kentucky Lake Power Squadron Place: To Be Announced

Hoosier Power Squadron Membership and Executive meeting

As always, dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm

7 May, 2001

4 June, 2001

9 July, 2001

6 August, 2001

From the Commander

Cdr. Gwen Comer

As your new Commander, I would like to thank you for your encouragement and support during the past years. The Bridge Members are committed to doing the best we can to meet the challenge of completing the objectives of the Business Plan.

We will continue the Mentoring program. This has had very positive results in the past. Also, the Adopt-A-Marina program, initiated by P/C William McDonald, will continue. This program involves members volunteering their time to visit marinas and boat dealers to provide safe boating materials and boating class information for display in these businesses.

Spring Public Boating Classes began 20 & 21 March. Hopefully, from these classes we will welcome some new members. JN and N classes are also continuing.

Safe Boating Week is 19-26 May. This is a very important activity, which brings an awareness of Safe Boating and Hoosier Power Squadron to the public. Squadron members distribute safety materials at local ramps during that week. Be sure to sign up to volunteer for boat ramp duty. It's fun, you meet people, and it's a great day in the sun.

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Program completes its first year May 1. Please contact P/C Bill McDonald for information on required training.

All members are encouraged to attend monthly Executive Committee Meetings. We also invite you to all socials. I am certain you will enjoy being involved. Below is a listing of upcoming opportunities:

New Members - 16 June.

Steak Fry - 4 October (Thursday)

Christmas Party - 7 December (Friday)
Omni North

Founders' Day - 4 February

Change of Watch - 9 March 2002

BUCKPASSER'S CLUB

By Lt/C Charles Hamm, AP, Secretary

Donations to the Buck Passers Club are used to defray some costs of publishing and mailing the Cornfield Sailor. Each donor will be listed in each issue of the Sailor for the current calendar year. If you wish, your contribution may express a memorial, an appreciation, or other form of recognition

CDR Comer wishes to thank all the contributors to the Buck Passers Club for your support!

Hal Atherly
Elmer Blankenship
Gwen Comer
Damon Davis
Ron Gacsko
Mark & Cathy Genung* *(in Memory of P/C
Charles & Nedra Hamm Paul D. Parke)
Fred Hunn
Gil Koppin
Roy & Carol Romine
Bill Tull
Guy Waddy
Katherine Waddy

Please mail donations to our Treasurer:

Lt/C Fred Hunn, AP,
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7 MEMBERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE

AP TRAINING

Buddy Knight, AP

Seven of our members have successfully completed the Advanced Piloting Course requirements. These include:

Elmer Blankenship, AP
Damon Davis, AP
Ron Gacsko, AP
George Herrington, AP
Joe Marcum, AP
Bill Tull, AP
Mike Whitehouse

It should be noted that 2 of these members, George Herrington & Joe Marcum, joined the squadron in the spring of 2000. Since then, they have completed Seamanship, Piloting & Advanced Piloting. They currently are enrolled in Junior Navigation. Additionally, Mike Whitehouse also joined the squadron early in the summer, 2000. Advanced Piloting was the first course he attempted. After passing this course, he now will be completing the Seamanship and Piloting courses allowing his AP to be awarded.

Each of these members should be congratulated on a job well done!!

OPERATIONS TRAINING

OT2001 will be given in June. Participants will gain knowledge of what USPS is all about. Training includes sections on the organization, procedures and philosophy.

It is an asset to anyone considering becoming a member of the Bridge, or anyone interested in how the Power Squadron operates. Contact P/C Ralph Walsh at 317-888-6730 for additional information.

More Exec.Comm Meetings

Mark your Calendar

1 October, 2001
5 November, 2001
3 December, 2001
7 January, 2002
4 February, 2002
4 March, 2002

Executive Department Report

By Lt/C R.A. Lampi

Boating Safety Week is May 19-26. Pamphlets and brochures have been ordered from USPS National. We will need volunteers to pass out packets at Eagle Creek, Giest, and possibly, Cicero boat ramps.

If you are interested, please sign up for a time and destination. Contact me:

by phone at: 317-783-7595, via
email at: boblampi@aol.com

Power Squadrons Receive PS Award

Vice Admiral E. Shkor, Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District and Commander, U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic presented Chief Commander Lance J. Jensen of the United States Power Squadrons the Distinguished Public Service Award.

Admiral Shkor cited the Power Squadrons for its outstanding support of marine safety, boating safety, and the Coast Guard. Cited also was the recent agreement signed with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on the recreational vessel examination program, which Admiral Shkor saw as a valuable partnership designed to aid the Department of Transportation and the Coast Guard meet it's goals on maritime safety.



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Commander Report – 2 April 2001

Since the Change of Watch, I have attended District 24 Spring Conference and Change of Watch in Dayton, Ohio. Four other Hoosier members attended and, our P/C Damon Davis was sworn in as the District 24 Secretary.

I attended the Commanders' Breakfast where all squadrons shared various methods of Membership Retention and Involvement. I reported that we would continue our Mentoring Program, in addition to members calling no-renewals and that the Commender sends letters to these members. One suggestion given at the meeting is target members who might not renew, and start encouraging them ahead of time.

The conference was quite interesting. The Chief Commander's representative was R/C Daniel J. Stein, SN. He emphasized the necessity to improve income and reduce expenses to pffset the recent loss incurred at National. (Primarily due to significant loss in investment Income.) There was considerable discussion from the floor after he reported on the recommendation to be voted on during the Spring Governing Board in April. These include a \$6 increase from National ... reduction in reimbursed expenses for certain National committee members ... eliminate one issue of the "Ensign" ... and eliminate certain meal expenses at the USPS Annual Meeting.

Hoosier received an award for ten consecutive years of contribution to the Education Fund, and a certificate of appreciation for submitting a teaching aid. D24 had 100% participation at National.