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January Dinner Meeting

Saturday Jan. 10th 2009

At the

Lost in the 50's

1533 Celina Rd. - St. Marys, Oh.

Across from Pizza Hut

Social: 1830 --- Dinner: 1930
Squadron Traveling "Cash" Bar

Dinner Buffet

Broasted Chicken - Pork Loin
Baked Potatoes - California Blend
Dinner Salad - Roll - Pepsi-Diet Pepsi
Iced Tea - Coffee & Cake...all for **\$13**

Bill Grunden from St. Marys
Will be speaking about Astronomy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8 JANUARY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

10 JANUARY

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1830

PLACE: LOST IN THE 50's, ST. MARYS

5 FEBRUARY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

8 FEBRUARY

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ONU, ADA

14 FEBRUARY

CHANGE OF WATCH

TIME: 1930

PLACE: LOST CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

17-22 FEBRUARY

NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

PLACE: ANAHEIM, CA



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Lima Power Squadron hosted the 2008 Christmas Party on December 13th. We had members from Fostoria, Marion, Columbus, Toledo, Sandusky and Port Clinton in attendance. There were 48 members total. The Elida Choir entertained us for the evening. It was a great program.

We discussed combining some of our rendezvous with Fostoria and Marion during our meeting. Fostoria will have a rendezvous on June 19-21 to Huron Basin, which is Father's Day weekend. All members will be welcomed. Since our attendance has been low on the lake trip we decided that the Huron trip will be our lake trip this year. Our river trip will be August 7-9 to Shawnee State Park. Let's not forget our combined Blessing of the Fleet/Poker Run on Indian Lake on June 14. There will be more details as summer approaches. We hope the Marion and Fostoria Squadrons will be attending these activities also. Marion is also planning a rendezvous or two, so we are looking forward to another fun filled summer again. Let's hope that the fuel prices will not dampen our yachting experiences. All the trips should be exciting. We need our members, as well as Marion and Fostoria members, to attend. Attendance is what makes all of these trips successful. It is disturbing and de-motivating to trip coordinators when the participation is low in contrast to the amount of effort put into these trips. So I hope this year with our joint effort we can support each other.

Cdr. Thomas J. Schmersal, AP



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
UNITED WAY BUILDING

Commander, Tom Schmersal, AP called the meeting to order at 1930. Minutes from the last meeting were distributed to those attending, and approved as written.

Executive Officer, Lt/C Carmen Mullane, P:

Coop charting: No report

Legislative Officer: No Report

Public Relations Officer: No Report

Educational Officer: No Report.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Penny Kogge: Was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an e-mail to Commander Tom Schmersal, saying 37 had signed up for the Christmas Party next Saturday, the 13th of December and that she has a choir scheduled for entertainment. The January 2009 dinner meeting will be at the Lost in the 50's diner in St. Marys, with Bill Grunden, a local amateur astronomer as speaker.

Change of Watch will be February 14 at the Lost Creek Country Club.

Penny has booked three locations for dinner meetings next year: April 9, 2009 will be at C J Highmarks in Celina (nice place), May 14 is scheduled at Westgate Char Grill in Lima. This is the bowling alley where we had such a good time last spring. Bella's Italian Grill on the west bank of Grand Lake St. Marys is the choice for our October 8, 2009 meeting.

Bea has contacted the Shawnee State Park for our River Cruise next August 7 & 8, 2009, and Tom spoke with Marion and Fostoria about combining our efforts for cruises next season. Now this sounds fun, so pay attention when more information is forthcoming.

Membership Officer, P/C Armin Diller, SN: No report

Publications: Lt/C Carmen Mullane, P: Says to e-mail or call her with feedback on the new 8 ½ by 11" size of the last newsletter.

Ways and Means: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo plans a raffle at the Christmas party.

Historian: P/Lt/C Stan Maxson, SN: No report.

Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP: reported we have \$8657.36 in our Fifth Third account and \$5940.32 was put in a CD, for a total of \$14,597.68.

Supply Officer, Commander Tom Schmersal, AP suggested folks consider USPS attire for Christmas presents this year.

Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN reported he has been having trouble getting the newsletter online, and some problem having things stay where he puts them, but we expect that, as always, Armin will get it figured out.

Unfinished Business: Commander Schmersal mentioned that we still need an A/O for next year.

Graphics for the trailer will be handled by P/C Rick Kogge, JN, with the trailer going to St. Marys December 5, this will be completed by press time.

P/C Armin Diller, SN noted that we lost \$80.00 on the Fall Conference, which is a testament to accurate forecasting by those involved.

With regard to the bus trip to Detroit, Armin said the bus company informed him they would not refund our money if we decide not to go. That and the financial condition of Greektown made all agree to forego the Detroit trip next year.

Commander Tom reports that the Summer Council will be July 17-19, 2009.

Certificates for those attending the Anchoring Seminar at the Fall Conference have been received and distributed.

Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility. Next E-Board meeting: 8 January 2009

Motion to adjourn by Armin Diller, seconded by Ralph Albright. Commander Schmersal adjourned the meeting at 2048.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Once again I must tell you we are in stormy seas. We have not recruited any new members since June. We need some new members to keep afloat. We don't have anyone interested in being Administrative Officer. Our squadron has helped keep the waterways safe for 55 years but that is in danger of changing very soon. All I can say is we need to fill our spring classes so we can recruit new members. Every member needs to tell all their boating friends about our classes and club. I don't like being the bad guy here but we have half the members we had 10 years ago and no one to serve on our bridge. You do the math!!!!!!

P/C Armin Diller, SN

BOAT SHOW BUS TRIP

We had decided not to do the Greektown - Detroit Boat Show bus trip since Greektown is in bankruptcy. They have also changed the refund policy.

We can car pool to the boat show if there is enough interest. The Cleveland boat show is January 16-25, 2009 and the Detroit show is February 14-22, 2009.

The first Sunday of the Cleveland show would be 18 January and the first Sunday of the Detroit show is 15 February. If you are interested in going to these boat shows let me know. Also if you have a van that you can transport several people to the show let me know. If there is enough interest we will go as a group.

P/C Armin Diller SN

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

A wonderful time had by all at our 2008 Lima/Fostoria Christmas Party. The Elida Jazz Choir did a great job. I was amazed that they were only in high school, as some of the harmonies they did sounded so very professional. It was nice to see our friends from Fostoria!

Mark your calendar...

CHANGE OF WATCH Dinner: Saturday, Feb. 14th at the Lost Creek Country Club in Lima, Oh. Menu: Grilled Sirloin Steak, Twice Baked Potato, Asparagus, Salad, Coffee, Tea & Cheesecake all for \$17.50. *Cash Bar*

*Again, I want to remind everyone, if your calling captain has not called you by Dec. 29th, **PLEASE CALL ME AT 419-394-4975. I MUST get a head count to the restaurant one week PRIOR to our dinner meetings so your help is greatly appreciated. We want ALL OF YOU there...as the saying goes...."The More, The Merrier"**.*

Lt/C Penny Kogge

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Have a Happy & Prosperous 2009!!

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