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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*"We Wish You
A Merry Christmas!"*



Christmas time is fast approaching. I hope you have your shopping done....or at least "started". I am thanking goodness for INTERNET shopping! It has sure helped me out this year.

Our last dinner meeting was very nice and enjoyed by all in attendance. Gene Schram was awarded his 25 year member pin. Erica Kogge received her Senior Member plaque, plus a few other achievement awards were handed out as well. Also wanted to note that at this past fall conference our very own P/C Tom Schmersal received his Senior Navigation. Congrats, Tom, we are very proud of you.

District wants us to do a survey as to whether you'd like to receive the Pier 29 by "snail mail" or via the "internet". When I asked at this past dinner meeting, the show of hands was about 50/50. I know some of the older members would rather have it by mail, so I will get this information to district.

Have a Merry Christmas!

*Remember: The more involved you are -
The more fun you have!*



COMMANDER PENNY KOGGE

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

1 DECEMBER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: PANGLE BUILDING

3 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARTY

TIME: 1800

PLACE: BIRCHAVEN RETIREMENT

VILLAGE, FINDLAY

3 JANUARY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

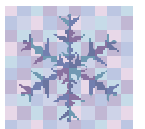
PLACE: PANGLE BUILDING

14 JANUARY

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1830

PLACE: OLD BARN OUT BACK, LIMA



Happy Holidays!

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BRIDGE OFFICERS

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DINNER MEETING

14 JANUARY 2012

OLD BARN OUT BACK

W. Elm St., Lima

1830 Social
1900 Dinner



TO COME TO A DINNER MEETING
BECAUSE...

**I have an important item
to present to you.**

P/D/C DENNIS ROETTGER
P/C STEVE McCLINTOCK
P/C PAUL BASINGER
PHIL TREGLIA
KEN STARR
ROLLAND ETTER
FRED EVERS
MICHAEL COFFMAN

Hope to see you soon.

Cdr. Penny Kogge



Gene Schram receives
his 25 year member
pin.



Erica Kogge receives
a Senior Member
Plaque.



DINNER MEETING
RSVP - card

Important Note....

We know everyone is busy and it's hard to make a decision on the spot when the dinner meeting callers call you, so.....

You will NOT be getting a call for your reservation.

You will instead receive a reminder card by either snail mail or email. Then it will be up to you to contact us to let us know if you can make the dinner meeting. We hope this change will make it more convenient for everyone.

Thank You
Hope to See You Soon!

Special Note:

Please make sure to call someone or call the restaurant when you can't make it to the dinner meeting. We sometimes get charged for no-show and we don't want to

"bust our budget"....

Thanks!!! Cdr. Penny Kogge

EDUCATION DEPT.

The six students in the Engine Maintenance class will be taking their test before Christmas.

We always have our ABC classes in the spring. We tried to see if there would be any interest in a fall class and we had to cancel the November class because of lack of interest. Not one person inquired.

We were planning to offer a Seamanship class after the first of the year. So far I only have one student that would take this class. Please let me know if anyone else would like to take Seamanship.

We do have interest in a Weather class, but no teacher. If anyone would be willing to teach Weather, please let me know.

If there is any class that anyone would like to take, please let me know.

SEO P/C Tom Schmersal, JN
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**LIMA POWER SQUADRON
3 NOVEMBER 2011**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
PANGLE BUILDING**

In the absence of Commander, Penny Kogge, Executive Officer, Mike Birt, P called the meeting to order at 1931, with the following members in attendance: Brad Barton, Mike Birt, Mike Lyons, Dan and Carmen Mullane, Stan Maxson, Armin Diller, Tom Wilkins, Ralph Albright, Jim Bowers, Wally and Jim Chamberlin, Lea and Bill Lewis, Joe and Bea Zuppardo, Erica Kogge, Rick Kogge and Tom Schmersal. The minutes from the last meeting were distributed to those attending, and were approved as written.

Executive Officer, Lt/C Mike Birt, P:

Public Relations Officer, Armin Diller, SN reported the ABC course for next Tuesday is advertized on our website, in the Lima News classified ads and in the Community Events on our local station. Tom Schmersal noted that he has received no calls yet for the class.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Jim Bowers, S reported the next dinner meeting will be 12 Nov at the American Legion Post 96 in Lima, with social at 1830 and dinner at 1900. The speaker will be Cdr Larry Baker, of the Moundwood Coast Guard Auxiliary. Also, our 2011 Christmas dinner will be 3 December, a Saturday, in Findlay, at the Birchhaven Retirement Village, in combination with the Findlay and Marion Squadrons. Jim says to see the recent L for more information.

Educational Officer: P/C Tom Schmersal, SN reported the ABC course is set to begin next Monday, 7 Nov 2011 at the Red Cross building. Carmen e-mailed flyers for all of us to handout or post on local bulletin boards. Tom reports nobody has signed up at present.

Regarding the **River Cruise** for next year, Mike Birt asked for 2 volunteers to help with planning the trips both to Louisville on the Ohio River, and to Dale Hollow at Cumberland Lake in Kentucky. He said he has spoken with the Columbus Squadron, and 14 September should be a good date, though at this point it is still tentative.

Publications, Lt/C Carmen Mullane, P and the attendees talked about getting Carmen more of the "L" letterhead printed.

Ways and Means, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP said we will have a 50/50 drawing at the next dinner meeting.

Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP reported we have \$6,223.96 in our CD, and \$5,837.95 in the Fifth Third account, for a total of \$12,061.91 as of 3 Oct 2011.

Webmaster, P/C Armin Diller, SN reported the "L" is on the webpage, and he updated some addresses in DB2000.

Old Business: Lt/C Mike Birt, P reported the Fall Conference was a blast. The theme at Toledo was pirates, and the costumes exceptional. Debbie Birt won the model boat decorating contest with her realistic painting of a very small two-masted brigantine, accurately adorned with the "L" pendant atop the foremast and the USPS ensign at the stern. Several of our members received educational achievement awards at the conference. Also, Mike said going around to all the Squadrons' hospitality rooms was quite fun.

New Business: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP spoke on the fact that yesterday was the end of the six months free membership for our ABC students from earlier this year. There was some discussion as to whether or not we should try to contact them again; however the consensus was to let it go, as several attempts have been made already. We did gain one couple, who reportedly do plan to join us.

P/C Mike Lyons, SN asked Tom Schmersal and Jim Bowers how they are coming with the nominating committee, noting that we have to publicize the slate of officer candidates for 2012 in the December "L".

Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility.

Next E-Board meeting: 1 Dec 2011

Motion to adjourn by Ralph Albright, seconded by Tom Schmersal.

Executive Office, Mike Birt adjourned the meeting at 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, JN, Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The dinner meeting at the American Legion on November 12, 2011 went very well. Had around 24 members show up out of 27 who said they were coming. Meals were hot and tasty. Our guest speaker, Commander Larry Baker from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and his wife, Ann, were there. Commander Baker talked on hypothermia, boating safety issues, and pinpointed statistics on drownings and boating accidents and their causes. Since the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Aux., and the power squadrons got involved in teaching boat safety and the wearing of PFD's, or life jackets, those accidents and fatalities have been cut in half. So everything we're doing is having a positive effect on the boating community. He had a question and answer session after he was done speaking which went very well also. Commander Baker and I had a conversation in regard to promoting better feelings and a more cooperative spirit between the two organizations. Since both work together harmoniously at the national level, there really is no reason the same can not be true at the local level. Everyone should be very proud of their own respective organization. That doesn't mean we can not work together or share some of our outdoor activities. Both sides would stand to learn things from the other.

In regard to the Christmas dinner party at the Findlay Birchaven Retirement Home (more like a huge castle inside and out) I passed around the three menus you had to choose from to those wishing to go. This is on Dec. 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The names of those going and the chosen menu they picked will be sent to the Findlay AO so the chef knows how many meals and which meals to prepare. The entertainment for that night will be the Van Buren High School Show Choir. I attended the one year before last. The food was wonderful; all drinks (alcohol and non-alcohol) were free. The entertainment was the Findlay High School Show Choir. They could not have been more professional. It was a delightful, extremely well-spent time. Should you not go, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to experience something you will talk about for weeks afterward.

Our next dinner meeting will be at the Old Barn Out Back in Lima on the 14th of January.

Lt/C Jim Bowers, S



LIMA ROSTER CHANGE(S) or CORRECTIONS

The roster is printed at the first of each year so if you have changes throughout the year turn them in and it will be corrected for the next roster printed.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work _____

Cell _____ Hailing Port _____

Boat Name _____ Email _____

If you have changes that need to be in the next
ROSTER

Please report them to:

P/C Mike Lyons at mlyons@wcoil.com

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Thanks! Cdr. Penny Kogge

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Try to get involved as much as you can so that **YOU** have more chances to get **YOUR** name drawn. Have **YOUR** membership **DUES** paid by the squadron!



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YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF "THE L" BY MAKING A \$10 DONATION PER LISTING, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EVERY ISSUE. PLEASE NOTE: **DECEMBER** IS RENEWAL TIME. YOU MAY START A SPONSORSHIP AT ANY TIME, BUT THE RENEWAL MONTH WILL STILL BE DECEMBER. SEND YOUR MONEY TO CARMEN MULLANE.

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Do you have boating equipment or nautical items that you'd like to buy-sell-trade???

Email your info to me and we'll get it listed - penkogrocks@yahoo.com



NOMINATIONS FOR 2012-2013

Section 9.3

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees, including the chairmen thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron, shall be sent to each active member by the secretary, in such manner as determined by the Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Commander:	Lt/C Mike Birt, P
Executive Officer:	Lt/C Jim Bowers, S
Educational Officer:	P/C Tom Schmursal, SN
Asst. Educational Officer:	P/C Jim Michael, SN
Administrative Officer:	To Be Announced
Secretary:	Lt/C Brad Barton, N
Treasurer:	Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP
Membership Chairman:	P/Lt/C Tom Wilkins, SN
Nominating Committee:	1 yr. - P/C Jim Chamberlin, P
	2 yrs. - P/C Tom Schmursal, SN
	3 yrs. - P/C Penny Kogge

Audit Committee:	1 yr. - Lt/C Brad Barton, N
	2 yrs. - P/Lt/C Tom Wilkins, SN
	3 yrs. - P/C Armin Diller, SN

Rules Committee:	1 yr. - P/D/C Bill Lewis, SN
	2 yrs. - P/C Armin Diller, SN
	3 yrs. - P/C Jim Chamberlin, P

Executive Committee:	
Immediate P/C:	P/C Penny Kogge
Membership Chairman:	Lt/C Tom Wilkins, SN
(1) P/C:	P/C Mike Lyons, SN
(2) P/C:	P/D/C Bill Lewis, SN
(3) P/C:	P/C Ralph Albright, SN
(1) Active Member:	Lt Jan Lowe, P
(2) Active Member:	P/C Jim Chamberlin, P
(3) Active Member:	Lt Jim Vorst, P
(4) Active Member:	P/C Daniel Mullane, SN

Presented By Nominating Committee:

P/C Tom Schmursal, SN
P/C Jim Chamberlin, P
P/C Bud Poling, AP



Rick Kogge & Diane Schmursal completed the Emergency On Board Seminar.





2011 Christmas Dinner

Lima ~ Findlay ~ Marion  Combined Christmas Dinner
Hosted By: The Findlay Sail & Power Squadron

Saturday, December 3, 2011

At Birchaven Retirement Village on 15100 Birchaven Lane, Findlay, OH

The cost is \$30.00 per person

Open bar provided by the Findlay Sail & Power Squadron

We start the evening with social time in the Aldrich dining room from 6 - 7 PM. We will then move to the Hatfield dining room for dinner.

Appetizer:

Baby spinach tossed in an apple cider vinaigrette and topped w/crisp bacon, fresh apple, fresh pear, Bermuda onion and aged white cheddar cheese Or Classical French onion Au gratin



Entrée-choose one:

Top Hat filet: Grilled filet mignon topped with Boursin cheese stuffed mushrooms and finished w/sauce bordelaise
Or

Lemon sole stuffed w/Maryland crab and shrimp finished w/a citrus Buerr Blanc

Or

Stuffed Chicken Saltimbocca

All served w/horseradish Havarti duchess potatoes and Asparagus w/fresh carrot



Dessert-choose one:

White chocolate and mango martini w/toasted coconut and tulle crisp

Flourless chocolate torte with wild berry compote and fresh whipped cream



Entertainment for the evening: The Van Buren High School Association Show Choir

Directions from Lima:

Merge onto I-75 and go 30.6 miles. Take the OH-12 exit, Exit 157, Columbus Grove/Findlay. Turn right off the exit onto West Main Cross St/OH-12 and go 1.1 miles (Court House on right). Turn left onto OH-12/ Main Street and go 0.3 miles to Center Street (3rd right). Turn right on Center Street/US-224/OH-12 (Rite-Aid on corner) and go 4 miles to Eastern Woods Pkwy. (just past a par 3 golf course on your right). Turn left onto Eastern Woods Pkwy. and go 0.2 miles. Turn left onto Birchaven Lane and 15100 Birchaven Lane is on the right. This is Birchaven Retirement Home where the dinner is being held.

We would appreciate your RSVP and Entree Choice by November 14

TO LT/C JAMES BOWERS 1-937-747-3922 OR jbowers417@yahoo.com



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