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LIMA POWER SQUADRON

Change of Watch

Saturday Feb. 14th

At the

**LOST CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
2409 Lost Creek Blvd. Lima, Oh.
(419) 228-8244**

Social: 1830 ♥ ♥ ♥ **Dinner: 1930**

*Menu: Grilled Sirloin Steak, Twice Baked Potato,
Asparagus,
Salad, Coffee, Tea & Cheesecake all for \$24.00
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For Reservations:

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BY 2-2-09**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

5 MARCH

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

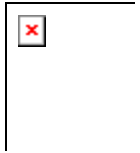
TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

27-29 MARCH

SPRING CONFERENCE

PLACE: SAWMILL CREEK, HURON



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Well, two months until launch time. I got the boating fever this weekend at the Cleveland Boat Show. My Junior Navigation class starts on January 20, which should keep me busy until spring.

We had a great dinner meeting January 10th at the Lost in the 50's. Bill Grunden from St. Marys told us all about the planets and stars. The food was great and we had a good crowd.

Our Change of Watch will be on February 14, 2009 at the Lost Creek Country Club in Lima. I hope to see you there. The deadline is not until February 6th so if you can still make it, call 419-394-4975. Penny will be glad to take your reservations.

I would like to thank Mike Birt for his willingness to take the AO position this year. I know that he will do a great job. He has already told me of some of the ideas he has.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my bridge for the past year. Carmen Mullane has done a great job the last two years on the bridge. We will miss her, but I know she will still be very active in our squadron.

You might have already guessed I will be the Lima Power Squadron Commander for 2009. I will try to do the best I can for the Squadron this year. As always, if you have any concerns or comments, you may e-mail me at Htomschme@bright.net or call me at 419-233-0973. I am always eager to have conversation with squadron members.

Cdr. Thomas J. Schmersal, AI

EDUCATION DEPT.

Please help the Squadron by getting the word out. We will soon be offering a Boat Smart Class. It will be held on three consecutive Thursdays, 12, 19, and 26 March. The time is 6:00 to 9:00. It will be at the Red Cross building located at 610 S. Collett St, in Lima.

We have had low participation in our Boating Safety class lately. We need everyone to promote this. This is one of the most important things that we do.

We have resumed our JN class with five students. We will test shortly.

If you have an interest in any class please contact me.

SEO P/C Dan Mullane, SN



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

We would like to thank Bill Grunden, an amateur astronomer from St. Marys for a very educational presentation on our solar system and beyond. I hope everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening as much as I did. The dinner at the Lost in the 50's was great again, as usual.

Our next dinner is our Change of Watch, so I hope everyone will be there for the grand evening. Since it falls on Valentine's Day, this is a wonderful opportunity to take your sweetheart out for dinner.

Mark your calendar...

March---No Dinner Meeting due to the 2009 Spring Conference at the Lodge at Sawmill Creek in Huron, Oh. I made reservations way back in November and I hope many of you plan to attend as well.

April 9, 2009 (Thursday)---Dinner Meeting at CJ's Highmarks in Celina.

May 14, 2009 (Thursday)---Dinner Meeting at Westgate Char Grille, Lima

Again, I want to remind everyone, if your calling captain has not called you by Jan. 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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ROG EDWARDS

Commander, Tom Schmersal, AP called the meeting to order at 1940. 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: P/C Ralph Albright, SN reported that Boat US has an article in a recent edition of its periodical regarding contacting or lobbying the new Obama administration about issues of importance to recreational boaters.

Public Relations Officer: P/C Armin Diller, SN reported that we need to get going on our classes for 2009, and try to recruit new members there.

Educational Officer: P/C Dan Mullane, SN will offer the basic boating course on three Thursdays in March, 3/12, 19 and 26. He is currently planning to use the Ford Training Center, though other places will be considered. Also, JN will resume in Van Wert on 20 January, 2009.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Penny Kogge: 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. Social hour starts at 1830, with dinner at 1930.

Penny reports some success with coordination of her calling captains, so if you are one, make sure you're in touch with Penny when needed.

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

On the Poker Run and Blessing of the Fleet, P/C Chamberlin asks for somebody else to chair the event. He will still help, so contact Jim or Commander Tom if you want to help with this. P/C Rick Kogge, JN said he will get some flyers on the Poker Run/Blessing event together for our booth at the boat show; also that he will report next month on door prizes for this year.

P/C Mike Lyons passed around the new roster for corrections. It will be 8 ½ x 11" rather than the smaller size this year because he can print it that way for about half the money. Any changes for the roster should be reported to Mike ASAP.

For the Lake Cruise in 2009, we will be getting together with Marion to go spend a couple of nights at the Huron, Ohio basin. There is an amphitheater there and a lot going on. It's a great place to sail to, and with our friends from the Marion Squadron this should be great fun.

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

Publications: Lt/C Carmen Mullane, P: Will go back to 14" paper for the newsletter, at least until she runs out of 14" paper. Nobody said anything either way on the change to smaller sheets.

Ways and Means: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo plans a drawing at the January dinner meeting. P/C Kogge said he has purchased an RC power boat for the raffle this year.

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

Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP: reported we have \$8876.36 in our Fifth Third account and \$5940.32 was put in a CD, for a total of \$14,816.68. The 2008 accounting records have been submitted to the audit committee.

Supply Officer, Commander Tom Schmersal, AP has the official USPS gear catalog, and can have the LPS logo put on anything you'd like. (Stand still.)

Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN reported the calendar of events has been updated on our website.

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

Graphics for the trailer were seen to by P/C Rick Kogge, JN. He passed around pictures of it and it is nice. Anyone having an inside spot where it can be stored, contact Rick or Commander Tom.

Concerning the trip to Detroit, Armin said we can still carpool there and Cleveland as well. Contact Armin if you want to go.

New Business: National notified our Commander that the DB2000 is not getting updated as it should. P/C Diller volunteered for the job.

Hosts for future E-Board meetings will be; Armin for March, Bea for April, Carmen for May and Penny for June.

Commander Tom Schmersal asked that anybody wanting to go to Change of Watch on 14 February to give him a holler, as well as the other Squadrons in D29. He wants to go to these and needs friends.

Penny Kogge asked all to keep an eye out for safe boating videos for young children. She, Rick and Erica will be putting on the Splish and Splash show at area schools this Spring, but she has no materials aimed at kids still in single digits.

Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility. Next E-Board meeting: 5 February 2009.

Motion to adjourn by Armin Diller, Seconded by Ralph Albright. Commander Schmersal adjourned the meeting at 2050.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Nine members and friends motor home pooled to the Cleveland boat show. I haven't heard if any boats were purchased. The Detroit boat show is February 14-26. We will go on 15 February. If you are interested in going, call or email me.

I have talked in the past about the Power of One campaign national introduced several years ago. If each member would get one friend to join, we would double our membership. I think we need to use this idea to fill our next public class. If each member gets one of their boating friends to attend our class we will have 78 people in our class. That would be the biggest class we have had in years. This lets us fulfill our objective of educating the boating public and gives us a chance to enlist some new members. Just one person from each member in our class.....Just one, that can't be too hard.

P/C Armin Diller, SN

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**April 4th
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

1130 E. Albert St.

Lima, OH

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P/C Judy Roettger, JN

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