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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

We had our Change of Watch on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lost Creek Country Club in Lima. Penny Kogge did a great job on the decorations and planning for the evening. It was Valentine's Day and the special décor made it very nice. We had guests from Port Clinton, Ft Wayne, Toledo, Sandusky and Fostoria Power Squadrons. Awards for the night were given to P/Lt/C Thomas L. Wilkins, SN for 25 merit marks, Lt/C Penny J. Kogge for 10 Merit Marks and P/Lt/C James A. Bowers, S was awarded the Senior Member Plaque which is for 5 Merit Marks. Again I would like to thank my Bridge for the great work they did this last year. I would like to welcome aboard Mike Birt to the Lima Power Squadron Bridge. Mike is our Administrative Officer for 2009. If anyone has any ideas for entertainment for our Squadron dinner meetings, please let Mike know. I am sure he would appreciate any suggestions

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Indian Lake Boat Show. The Lima Squadron will have a booth again this year. Please give me a call if you would like to man the booth for a couple of hours during this boat show. My phone number is 419-233-0973.

We will also be having a Boat Smart Class at the Red Cross Building on Collett St. in Lima. The dates are March 12, 19 and 26, 2009. If you know anyone that would like to take the Boat Smart Class, they can call Dan at 419-331-1169 or Tom at 419-233-0973. We need to help educate the new generation of future boaters. So spread the word and let's get this class filled.

Remember spring is just around the corner and our boats will be in the water soon!! I can't wait.

Cdr. Tom Schmersal, AP

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

5 MARCH

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

6, 7, 8 MARCH

INDIAN LAKE BOAT SHOW

12, 19, 26 MARCH

BOAT SMART CLASS

TIME: 6-9 PM

PLACE: RED CROSS BLDG., LIMA

27-29 MARCH

SPRING CONFERENCE

PLACE: SAWMILL CREEK, HURON

2 APRIL

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

8 APRIL

DINNER MEETING

TIME:

PLACE: C J'S HIGHMARKS, CELINA



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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Well, our Change of Watch went wonderfully. We had a room set for romance since it was Valentine's Day. We want to thank Commander Tom Schmersal for becoming our beloved commander again this year. He is doing a great job and I look forward to working with him again this year.

We had a good crowd and many visitors from other squadrons. It was nice to see D/C Al Hess and his wife Gloria again. I think everyone enjoyed the evening.

Now that I am your Executive Officer, I will do my best to serve you to the best of my ability. I am enjoying being so involved with our squadron. I urge all of you, especially our new members, to become more involved because it does make being part of our squadron much more fun. The success of our squadron depends on all of us as a group.



### 2009 Fund Raisers.....

**We are once again raffling off an RC boat so please try to sell as many tickets as you can. If you need tickets let me know and I'll be happy to make sure you get some.**



Lt/C Penny Kogge, Executive Officer

## EDUCATION DEPT.

The Boat Smart Class will be starting on Thursday, 12 March. It will also meet on 19, and 26 March. The time is 6:00 to 9:00 PM. It will be held at the Red Cross building located at 610 S. Collett St, in Lima.

We are beginning to get a few people registering for this class. We need everyone to promote the class. This is one of the most important things that we do in USPS. If everyone could send one student – we would have a BIG class.

JN class has resumed with five students. We are now testing.

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

SEO P/C Dan Mullane, SN



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**Robert L. Prior, S**

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*~ Menu ~*

*Your Choice of:*

*Chicken Marsala with mushroom Slices, accompanied by Long Grain Rice and Fresh Green Beans*

*~ Or ~*

*Seared Flat Iron Steak with Dijon Mustard and Brandy Cream, Portobello Mushrooms,*

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ROG EDWARDS

**Commander, Tom Schmersal, AP** called the meeting to order at 1936. 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: P/C Armin Diller, SN reported we will be advertising the upcoming boating course.

**Educational Officer:** P/C Dan Mullane, SN reported the Boat Smart course will be March 12, 19, and 26, at the Red Cross Building, 610 S. Collett St. Dan discussed various advertising methods, such as posters with pull-off phone numbers for grocery store bulletin boards, with Rick proposing flyers to hand out at the boat show. P/C Kogge also offered that a boat show at the New Knoxville airport, a couple of weeks after Indian Lake, might be a profitable place for us to set up our booth. He'll be seeing to this.

P/C Mullane mentioned a possible second class at the St. Marys Boat Club later in the spring. P/C Jim Michael discussed inspections for the sailing fleet in St. Marys again. SMBC will be contacted by Brad Barton to have the Squadron do a presentation at the March or April meeting there, in advance of the proposed class and VSC's.

**Administrative Officer, Lt/C Penny Kogge:** The next dinner meeting is Change of Watch at the Lost Creek Country Club. Penny said 38 have signed up so far.

**Membership Officer, P/C Armin Diller, SN:** Reported he has two new members in the works, to be announced soon. Armin urged every member to find one student for the upcoming classes. On the **Poker Run** and **Blessing of the Fleet** scheduled this year, Rick will be getting with P/Lt/C Stan Maxson. Also, Rick reports we'll be doing a raffle of a model boat, similar to what was done successfully last year. P/C Kogge reminded the membership that the **Lake Cruise** for 2009 will be a joint effort with the Fostoria and Marion squadrons, and he thinks there will be between 20 and 30 boats.

Lt/C Carmen Mullane mentioned that the **River Cruise** will start at Higginsport, east of Cincinnati, and go 63 miles on the river, with no locks to navigate. A motel will have to be found near Georgetown. The destination is Shawnee State Park. The lodge there will require early registration. Cost is approximately \$100 per night, plus \$32 for a boat dock, or \$16 for a jet ski. Transport from the marina to the lodge is free.

**Publications: Lt/C Carmen Mullane, P:** No report.

**Ways and Means: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo AP:** Just got the throw for the raffle at Change of Watch, and it's really nice.

Commander Tom interjected at this point that Operations Training will be offered April 4, from 0800 to 1200, for those of us who need it.

**Historian: P/Lt/C Stan Maxson, SN:** reported he has the new officer slate for the year, and will be getting his annual report to National in the near future.

**Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP:** reported we have \$8,909.21 in our Fifth Third account and \$5,940.32 in the CD, for a total of \$14,849.53. The 2008 accounting records have been returned to Bea from the audit committee, with no finding of error.

**Supply Officer, Commander Tom Schmersal, AP:** Says see Tom for your 2009 USPS gear.

**Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN** reported he got the three recent newsletters onto the website at last. Every month he will add a new one and delete the oldest, for the benefit of members wanting to stay abreast of events.

**Unfinished Business:** Commander Schmersal announced that Mike Birt has accepted the position of Administrative Officer, or A/O for 2009. All present congratulated Mr. Birt, and thanked him for his willingness to take on this demanding job.

Commander Schmersal mentioned the Summer Council will be July 24 – 26 at Catawba Island. More on this later.

**New Business:** P/C Kogge passed around the programs for Change of Watch and tickets for the model boat raffle for all to sell.

Commander Schmersal advised he has six going to Winter Council February 10, and anybody else wanting to go to contact him.

The new Rosters are finished, and will be going out to the membership in a few days.

Delegates for the Spring Council on March 27 – 29, at Sawmill Creek will be Penny Kogge, Mike Birt, Dan Mullane and Jim Michael, with Rick Kogge and Lea Lewis as alternates.

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

Next E-Board meeting: 5 March 2009

Motion to adjourn by Armin Diller, Seconded by Rick Kogge. Commander Schmersal adjourned the meeting at 2035.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary



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**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!  
OPERATIONS TRAINING**

April 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1130 E. Albert St.

Lima, OH

Anyone needing or wishing to take Operations Training this year, call P/C Dan Mullane, SN at 419-234-0991 or P/C Judy Roettger, JN at 937-726-4445. This is a fun class with no test to pass. If you are on the bridge and haven't had OT, or think you might like to be on the bridge someday, you need this class. This class will give you everything you need to know to handle or deal with any squadron event. You will also learn the proper way things are done and why they are done that way. Knowledge is the key to everything and with it you can go far. Come and have fun and remember the best part, NO homework. The cost can't be beat, since it is free while we have manuals left. They are going fast, so sign up now!

P/C Judy Roettger, JN

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