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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Boating season is here. I guess fishing season is here! I hope to have my boat in by the first weekend of April. My plan was to have the boat waxed and ready to go. Guess what? I am going to wax and get the boat ready this weekend. Where does the time go?

There was no dinner meeting in March because of the Spring Conference on March 27-29. We did have our booth set up at the Indian Lake Boat Show the weekend of March 6th. I would like to thank everyone who was able to participate in this Squadron activity. It is a great way to let the boating public know we are out there. We started our Boat Smart Class on March 12. We had a great turnout. There were a total of 24 students.

By now everyone should have received their rosters. If you have not received the roster, let me know. Phone 419-233-0973.

Cdr. Tom Schmersal, AP

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 APRIL

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

9 APRIL

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1800

PLACE: C J'S HIGHMARKS, CELINA

16, 23, 30 APRIL

BOATING SAFETY CLASS

TIME: 6-9 PM

PLACE: ST. MARYS BOAT CLUB

7 MAY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

14 MAY

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1800

PLACE: WESTGATE CHAR GRILLE, LIMA

16-22 MAY

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK



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DINNER MEETING

APRIL 9, 2009

THURSDAY

At

CJ'S HIGHMARKS

1211 Irmscher Blvd.
Celina, OH

Time: 1800
Order from the menu

Guest Speaker: Gary G. Chaddock
Retired from AEP

EDUCATION DEPT.

The Boating Safety class finished on 26 March. There were 24 in the class. 21 passed and 3 still need to test. Our next Boating class will begin on 16 April. It will also meet on 23, and 30 April. The time is 6:00 to 9:00 PM. It will be held at the St. Marys Boat Club.

Our last class was a BIG success! We currently have several people registering for the April class, but we need everyone to promote the class. This is one of the most important things for our Squadron. If everyone could send one student – we would have a BIG class.

JN had five students test in March.

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

SEO P/C Dan Mullane, SN



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



2009 Fundraiser.....

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

At the Change of Watch Feb 14, I was sworn in as Administrative Officer. Thank you.

There was no dinner meeting in March. The Spring Conference was at Huron, Ohio on March 27-29.

April 9 is our next Dinner Meeting at CJ's HighMarks, 1211 Irmscher Blvd., Celina, Ohio at 6:00 p.m. A full menu is offered. Our Guest is Gary G. Chaddock, American Electric Power "retired". The drawing for the remote control boat is that night. More tickets are available.

On May 14, our dinner meeting is at Westgate Char Grille, 721 N. Cable Rd., Lima, at 6:00 p.m.

Lt/C David "Mike" Birt

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! OPERATIONS TRAINING

April 4th
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1130 E. Albert St., Lima

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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Commander, Tom Schmersal, AP called the meeting to order at 1937. Minutes from the last meeting were distributed to those attending, and approved as written.

Executive Officer, Lt/C Penny Kogge:

Coop charting: No report

Legislative Officer: P/C Ralph Albright, SN reported he received a renewal for our non-profit corporate charter and that the treasurer will file it and pay the \$25 renewal fee.

Public Relations Officer: P/C Armin Diller, SN deferred to P/C Mullane to report on our scheduled class.

Educational Officer: P/C Dan Mullane, SN reported the Boating Safety course to be held March 12, 19, and 26, at the Red Cross Building, 610 S. Collett St. has 20 students signed up so far. The success seems to be attributable to an advertisement ran by our Commander in the want ads section of the Lima News. It seems a discussion with a member of the Fostoria Squadron is what put the notion in Commander Schmersal's mind. Dan said he is putting together a power point slide show presentation for the class, and that he will use up the 25 old course books he has with this class.

P/C Mullane also mentioned a trip to the St. Marys Boat Club, scheduled for 8 March, 2009, by himself and P/C Jim Michael, SN, for the purpose of promoting a basic boating class, tentatively scheduled for 16, 23 and 30 April, as well as bringing some Squadron VSC'ers to St. Marys to inspect some sailboats.

Commander Tom brought up the Indian Lake Boat Show, where we plan to set up the usual booth 6, 7, and 8 March. A sign-up sheet went around, and who was to work when over the weekend was largely agreed upon.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mike Birt: There is no regular dinner meeting in March due to the Spring Conference to be held at the end of the month in Huron, Ohio. The April dinner meeting will be at CJ HighMarks in Celina on 9 April. Mike reports that Penny has entertainment arranged.

The cost that the squadron has borne lately for no-shows at the dinner meetings came up, and it was decided unanimously to approve a motion by P/C Michael, and seconded by P/D/C Bill Lewis, that members who do not show up for reserved meals will be billed. Members would be free to get others to take their seats at the table and pay for the meal.

Mike also mentioned that Operations Training will be offered 4 April, 2009, and that he, Brad Barton and Penny Kogge are scheduled to attend.

It was decided to leave the Poker Run/Blessing of the Fleet for 14 June, because the Indian Lake crowd likely wouldn't go to Lake Erie for the doings that same day with Fostoria even with no conflict.

For the River Cruise, Carmen Mullane has contacted the Best Western in Mt. Orab, where we get a 15% discount, putting-in is easy for a \$5.00 launch fee, free parking, and they have a pool and a hot tub. On the other end of the River Cruise, Bea Zuppardo spoke with the Shawnee State Park where she has 20 rooms reserved and they have plenty of docks.

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

Ways and Means: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo AP: Will have a raffle or a 50/50 drawing at the April dinner meeting in Celina.

Historian: P/Lt/C Stan Maxson, SN reported he is currently compiling the annual Historian's report. Stan solicited information from those attending.

Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP reported we have \$8,895.26 in our Fifth Third account and \$5,940.32 in the CD, for a total of \$14,835.58. She'll be sending Conference dues and Anniversary billing information to National very soon.

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

Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN reported the new officers and the latest L are on the website.

Unfinished Business: Commander Schmersal noted the passing of Vernon Rex, SN was in the recent Last Horizon section of The Ensign.

New Business: P/C Jim Michael, SN urged members to check the rosters for accuracy, and to notify Mike Lyons of changes as they occur.

Commander Schmersal invites all to the Spring Conference at the Sawmill Creek Resort on Lake Erie 27 – 29 March coming up.

Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility. Next E-Board meeting: 2 April, 2009.

Motion to adjourn by Bea Zuppardo, Seconded by Ralph Albright.

Commander Schmersal adjourned the meeting at 2114.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary



The Sandusky Power Squadron
Cordially invites you to the
2009 Commander's Ball
Honoring

Commander Kathleen Runner

Saturday the 25th of April 2009
Sandusky Yacht Club
Cocktails 1830 Dinner 1900

~ Menu ~

Your choice of

Baked Stuffed Boneless Pork Chop

~ Or ~

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Sauce Poulet

Served with

Mixed Salad Greens with SYC House Dressing

Herb Baked Redskin Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Sorbet



Dance following featuring "Midnight Groove"
\$28.00 per Person, prepayment preferred

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From the Editor:

Sorry this issue is so late this month. I was gone from 25 March till 1 April. I didn't get it done before I left and then had to work when I got home, so I was rushed. Next month I will have pictures and more info.

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