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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I hope by now everyone had a safe launch of their boats. Mine went off without a hitch this year. But of course the weather did not cooperate with my fishing plans. So I left my boat at the dock without taking it out onto the lake. Diane and I have so many family obligations this spring, I'm afraid I won't get back to the Lake until May. Between three graduations, a 90th birthday party for my dad, wedding of a niece, and a school musical of my nephew, April and May weekends are history. So I hope to get a fishing trip or two in during the week. Well, enough venting!!! Let's get to the fun activities that the Lima Power Squadron will be having this year.

April's dinner meeting was a great hit with a great turn out with 34 people attending. The meeting was held at C J's HighMarks in Celina. Our guest speaker, Gary G. Chaddock, retired from AEP, gave a presentation on the dangers of high voltage electricity. We were educated on the proper procedures to escape from a dangerous situation. Great job from our new AO, Mike Birt.

Our last dinner meeting until this fall will be held at the Westgate Char Grill in Lima on Thursday, May 14, 2009. Please check our AO article in this month's L for details. I hope you will be able to join us. We have some great activities planned for the summer. June 14th will be the Lima Power Squadron Blessing of the Fleet/Poker Run at Indian Lake. This is a great time to meet area boaters. Please contact Rick Kogge for details or check the L. June 12th-14th will also be the combination rendezvous with Fostoria, Marion and Lima for our yearly Lake Trip. Rick Kogge will have details or check in the L. August 7th-9th will be our River Trip to Shawnee State Park. Carmen Mullane will be the contact person for this activity. So there are plenty of activities for the larger and smaller boats of our squadron. Please come out and join us this year.

Cdr. Tom Schmersal. AP

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

4 JUNE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

12-14 JUNE

LAKE CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

PLACE: HURON, OH

14 JUNE

BLESSING OF THE FLEET/POKER RUN

PLACE: INDIAN LAKE

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EDUCATION DEPT.

BIG congratulations to Cdr. Tom Schmersal and Lt/C Brad Barton as they are both new Junior Navigators!!! Three from the Ft. Wayne Squadron also passed JN. It was a long haul, but ask Tom or Brad if it was worth it.

22 students passed the Boating Safety class in March at the Red Cross. Thanks to Armin Diller and Tom Schmersal for teaching. Also a big thank you to all of the helpers and graders. It was a large class and took a big effort. We gained two new members.

Our current Boating class will be finished by the time you read this. We had 12 students at the St. Marys Boat Club. Thanks to Rick Kogge and Stan Maxson for teaching. There were also several helpers. Hopefully we gain some new members.

I have three members signed up for the Instructor Development course. It will take place in May. Call me ASAP if you are interested.

If you have an interest in any of our classes please contact me.

SEO P/C Dan Mullane, SN

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Our next dinner meeting is May 14, at Westgate Lanes Char Dining Room Lounge, 721 N. Cable Rd., Lima, Ohio, 6:00 cocktails, full menu. No dinner meetings June through Sept.

Lt/C David "Mike" Birt



ROSTER CHANGES

Please make these corrections in your rosters.

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If you know of any other changes, let the editor know and we will try and keep our rosters up-to-date all year long. Thank you.

Carmen



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DINNER MEETING

MAY 14, 2009

THURSDAY

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Time: 1800

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Commander, Tom Schmersal, AP called the meeting to order at 1930. Minutes from the last meeting were distributed to those attending, with the following corrections: Since Change of Watch, the Executive Officer is Lt/C Penny Kogge; The Legislative Officer's report should have said "the Treasurer will file it, and pay the \$25 renewal fee;" and, The Educational Officer's report should have begun, "P/C Dan Mullane, SN reported the "Squadron Boating Course" to be held March 12, 19... Otherwise, the minutes were approved as written.

Commander, Tom Schmersal, AP, Introduced a new member, Ms. Jan Lowe, who joined the Lima Power Squadron after having taken the March course, and attended the meeting.

Executive Officer, Lt/C Penny Kogge:

Coop charting: No report

Legislative Officer: No report

Public Relations Officer: P/C Armin Diller, SN was not in attendance, but had e-mailed the Commander with a message of spending \$220 for ads in several local newspapers for the upcoming class in St. Marys.

Educational Officer: P/C Dan Mullane, SN reported he had 24 take the March class, and tested 21. Ten reported learning of the class from a newspaper ad, 3 from the cable TV ad, and 6 from other Squadron members. Dan said he has ten signed up so far for the class beginning 16 April in St. Marys. He will use up old materials, if possible, and a quantity of new books have been ordered.

P/C Mullane asked Ms. Lowe her impression of the class, and she indicated, in addition to enjoying it, she thought it was rather brief. Other Squadrons going back to a longer introductory boating course was discussed.

Dan also said the JN tests have been sent to National and have been confirmed received.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mike Birt: Reported the next dinner meeting will be 9 April, 2009 at CJ's Highmarks in Celina, with social at 1830 and dinner at 1900. We will order off the menu and there is no charge for the room. The address is 1211 Irmscher Blvd, Celina, Ohio. Entertainment will be Mr. Gary Chaddock, a retired lineman for AEP in Akron, Ohio. He will deliver a presentation he takes on the road about electricity, and electricity and water.

Membership Chairman, P/C Armin Diller, SN sent an e-mail to Penny saying he has submitted the 2 new membership applications to National, and will follow-up on three more he distributed to students in the March class.

Operations Training: P/C Judy Roettger, JN will offer an Operations Training class Saturday, 4 April, 2009 at 0800 at 1130 Albert St. in Lima.

Poker Run/Blessing of the Fleet: P/D/C Bill Lewis, SN said he will have to get together with his committee to discuss and arrange the details of the event and its promotion. Bill would anticipate meeting at the Moose at Indian Lake on 14 June at 1130 for the Blessing of the Fleet, then maybe head out at 1230 for the Poker Run, back by 1600.

Lake and River Cruises: No new information on either.

Publications: Lt/C Carmen Mullane, P said she just got back from her trip to New Mexico and the L will be out shortly.

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 the Annual Historian's Report has been sent in.

Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP reported we have \$8529.72 in our Fifth Third account and \$5940.32 in the CD, for a total of \$14,470.04. The Conference dues and Anniversary billing information have been sent to National, so we'll be getting our bills for 2009 dues soon.

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

Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN reported via e-mail to Commander Tom Schmersal that the St. Marys class has been added to the web page.

Unfinished Business: Commander Schmersal noted that Toledo won the \$750 educational equipment grant for the membership challenge at the Spring Conference. Also that the Conference was well attended, with 140 or so making the trip to Huron.

P/C Jim Michael, SN mentioned the Fireside chat at the Spring Conference with the National Representative, P/V/C John Alter, SN, who said this conference was better attended than the past three he's been to. He also talked of National possibly not sending a representative of the Chief Commander to every conference in the future, to save on expenses, and that The Ensign may soon be a quarterly publication, or primarily online, for the same reason. Mr. Michael reminded the membership that the National Conference this year is 9-13 September, in Kansas City.

Commander Schmersal noted that the model boat will be awarded at the next dinner meeting in Celina, 9 April.

P/C's Michael and Mullane spoke on their appearance at the St. Marys Boat Club, 8 March, 2009 where they made presentations to the club about Vessel Safety Checks, the US Power Squadron and its benefits, and upcoming classes.

New Business: P/C Jim Michael, SN has been in touch with P/C Mike Lyons, SN, about getting our VSC examiners together to discuss the 2009 season.

Lt/C Mike Birt said he was e-mailed by the Fostoria AO about pooling our October, 2009 dinner meetings with several squadrons for a speaker from the Lake Carriers Association, probably in Marysville, Ohio on 20 October. All present agreed to the idea, and it will be discussed at the dinner meeting.

Commander Schmersal received an invitation for the Sandusky Squadron's Commander's Ball, 25 April, 2009, for all Lima members. E-mail Tom for the registration form.

Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility. Next E-Board meeting: 7 May, 2009.

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

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary



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2009 RIVER CRUISE

Are you all ready to go?? Here are the details as we have them at the present time:

8/6 (Thurs.) Hotel – Best Western in Mt. Orab, OH. 20 rooms have been reserved at a price of \$70-\$75. Reservations will need to be made by July 1st. I will give you the number via e-mail or in next month's L. Bill & Lea Lewis will take a "road trip" to check it out and this is subject to their approval.

8/7 (Fri.) Launch – We will launch at White Oak Creek Marina & Campground which is ¼ mile east of Higginsport on US 52. Cost is \$5 to launch and NO parking fees. We will probably collect this at the captain's meeting.

8/7 & 8/8 (Fri. & Sat.) Dock & Hotel – Shawnee State Park near Portsmouth, OH. Some docks have been reserved and we will update that number closer to our trip. There shouldn't be a problem with dockage. Boats will cost \$32 per night and PWC's \$16 per night. 20 rooms have been reserved at a cost of \$105 per night. You need to call in your **reservation** (rooms only) **by June 1st (740-858-6621)** and mention the Lima Power Squadron.

8/8 (Sat.) Dinner – Shawnee State Park Lodge. We will eat in the dining room and order off the menu. We will need to split up in smaller groups and stagger the time.

Right now there are 9 boats, 2 PWC's and approximately 30 people signed up. If you would like to be added to the list, please call me as soon as possible at 419-331-1169.

Carmen Mullane, Cruise Chairman

INDIAN LAKE BOAT SHOW



GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBER

Jan Lowe

I am thrilled to be a member of the Squadron! And I am really excited about furthering my education with a lot of the classes that are offered through the education part of the Squadron. Even though I don't own a boat at this point, I am seriously thinking about going out and looking at some. I even looked at the classified section of the Defiance Crescent News yesterday to see if any used boats were offered. At this point, there were no listings, but I'm sure that some will come up and I'll be checking them out! I'm also looking forward to earning my marks or whatever they are for the Squadron by volunteering wherever I'm needed. All anyone has to do is call me or email me and, if I'm free, I will be there!

Now, to answer some of your questions:

Children and other family info? Divorced 10 years, no kids. One 15 year old cat. Both my parents are deceased and I have one brother who lives in Hicksville, OH. I have one nephew who is 21 years old.

Work? Retired and loving it! I used to work at Defiance Precision Products in Defiance for 13 years, have been an office manager for a veterinary clinic, worked medical records in a major hospital in Chattanooga, TN for 2 years as well as lead Secretary/Receptionist at Hiwassee Mental Health in Cleveland, TN for 2 1/2 years before moving back home to Ohio where I live now. I moved back in 2003 and bought a place along the Auglaize River between Oakwood, OH and Defiance, OH.

Hobbies? Photography, scrapbooking, sailing and boating in general!!!, fishing, hunting, hiking, sewing/quilting, motorcycling, reading!!! I love to learn...anything and everything. I feel that a person can't learn too much in their lifetime!

Boat, size, type, where you boat, etc? I don't own a boat at this time. I have a couple of friends who both own 25' Catalina Sailboats and another couple who own a fishing boat that we take to Minnesota, and a small powerboat. My ex-husband and I owned a 14 ft. fishing boat and he also owned a 28 ft. Cabin Cruiser before we were married and we had it for the first 2 years that we were married. He took it to Lake Erie fishing.

Any other interests that might help us connect with you? I love the water although I am not a swimmer. A bad day on the water is better than no day at all on the water is my motto (ha!ha!ha!). I am very much a people person and love to talk and am a "doer" if something needs done. I love the outdoors. I think my dad took my brother and me fishing before we could walk and I have fished most of my life. I'm active in my church where I help with Kids Klub on Wed. afternoons from 3:30-5 pm. We minister to 96 kids from the ages of Pre-K through 6th grade. I am in charge of crafts for the kids, as well as helping to feed them, take them outside for fresh air and exercise and I go with our leader to the school, a block away, and help walk the kids back to the church.

I love mission trips and will be going on another one May 3-9 at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. I was Vice President of our United Methodist Women's Group for the past 4 out of 5 years, on the Mission Team, I was on our SPPRC committee at church for 3 years (Staff/Pastor/Parish/Relations Committee), I was co-chair 2 years ago of The Elf Project (which is a branch of Toys for Tots at Christmas) for Paulding County and this past year I was Chairman of The Elf Project, heading up Oakwood and Melrose communities in Paulding County.

I am an avid traveler. Numerous U.S. states, Mexico, and England, Scotland, and Ireland.

What squadron classes are you interested in taking?

Seamanship, Piloting, any and all navigation classes, sailing, weather, and possibly electronics and engine maintenance. (My senior year in High School I worked at a gas station and my sophomore year in High School I changed out a 454 motor in my Monte Carlo and put in a 350 to save on gas. I guess I've been mechanically inclined most of my life. When I worked in the factory, I worked with the Engineers and our Tool Room dept. and designed and built assembly machines and always did the run-offs once built and worked the bugs out before they were released for production.) I don't mean to sound like I'm bragging because I'm not...I'm just trying to let you know a part of who I am.

What is the Skipper Saver Class and how do you get to be a First Mate? (I'll bet you have to have a boat first!)

What squadron activities are you interested in?

I think going on the weekend trips would be interesting and exciting. I love to travel, anywhere! What is involved in the Summer Poker Run? That sounds interesting as well as the River Cruises, Lake Erie Cruise, etc.

I hope this helps you out. Let me know how I can help out the Squadron! Talk to you later. Email whenever! It was a pleasure meeting you at the class and I look forward to getting to know the other members and families of the squadron.

Jan See...I told you I like to "talk!" :)

SUMMER CRUISE

If anyone is interested in cruising to Niagara Falls this summer, just let P/C Dan Mullane know. A trip is planned for the week of **July 19-25**. Dan & Carmen have three grandchildren and each time one has turned 10 years old, they have been treated to a boat trip to Niagara Falls. P/C Mike Lyons & Charlotte took their granddaughter on the first trip in 2000, but the second trip in 2005 the Mullanes went alone. Now it's time for the third grandchild's trip and this time Cdr. Tom & Diane Schmersal will be going also.

On the previous trips, the boats have left Port Clinton on Sat. or Sun. (depending on the weather), taken two days to get to Port Colborne, spent two days at the Falls, and two days on the return trip. Once in Canada, we rent a car and it is approximately a half hour drive to Niagara Falls. There are a few extra days in case of bad weather. Both trips, we have spent an extra day at Erie, PA because of wind. But there are plenty of things to do and see in Erie. And on the way home we have stopped in Cleveland at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame or the Science & Industry Museum, which have free dockage.

The first trip was taken via the north shore of Lake Erie and returning along the south shore. The second trip was all along the American side. We will probably travel that route again this year because of fuel costs. And we found a really nice marina at Ashtabula. We know it will be expensive, but how can you say "no" to the third child?

So, if you are up for a really nice trip, contact Dan or Carmen. It's always fun to have traveling companions. And especially when you're boating, it's safer.



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