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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

While spring is here, so is the lawn work. This always interferes with my boating and fishing. I just can't understand why Diane wants a nice looking lawn when there are fish out there to catch. I will have to work on her next year.

Our May dinner meeting was held at the Westgate Char Grille in Lima. We had a great turn out and great guest speaker. Dan Howard from the Lima Drug Task Force educated us on the drug problems in the area.

Just a reminder, we have some great activities scheduled for the summer months. Please read the L for details.

I would like to welcome our new members, Anita Barton and Diane Schmersal.

Please be safe and enjoy the summer.

Cdr. Tom Schmersal, JN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 JUNE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

12-14 JUNE

LAKE CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

PLACE: HURON, OH

24-26 JULY

D29 SUMMER COUNCIL & RENDEZVOUS

PLACE: CATAWBA WEST HARBOR YACHT CLUB

6 AUGUST

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome:

Diane Schmersal
Address, etc. the same
as our Commander

Anita Barton
Address, etc. the same
as our Secretary,
except email address is
Hburtoa@sidney.k12.oh.usH

Don't forget to add their information to your roster.

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.

TREASURER

You only hear from the treasurer about once or twice a year and that is usually dues time. I hope all of you are renewing your dues. The squadron has been working very hard this past year to get classes going and to generate new members. However, we need all of you to renew your dues.

For all you life members, you need to send that \$1.00 for your dues to USPS as stated on your invoice. Last year it went to me. I was just on the phone with USPS and it goes to National, and they will automatically put it in the Education Fund. I know it costs \$.44 to send in \$1.00. Not what I would do, but that is what it is. Sorry.

Hope to see your name paid when I go online and check my paid membership.

Bea Zuppardo

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2009 RIVER CRUISE

This will be the last L before the trip, so here are the details:

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. The phone number is 937-444-6666.

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 and PWC's will cost \$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.

8/7 & 8/8 (Fri. & Sat.) Dinner – Shawnee State Park Lodge. We will eat in the restaurant and order off the menu. We will need to split up in smaller groups and stagger the time.

There is an indoor and outdoor pool and hiking trails at Shawnee State Park, or you can go back out on the river on Sat. Otherwise there is not much to do. It will be a relaxing weekend. I will let the people who have signed up know when we will have the captain's meeting. 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

Commander Tom Schmursal, JN called the meeting to order at 1939, with the following members in attendance: Tom Schmursal, Brad Barton, Bea Zuppardo, Joe Zuppardo, Bill Lewis, Lea Lewis, Jim Michael, Ralph Albright, Carmen Mullane, Dan Mullane, Tom Wilkins, Mike Birt, Armin Diller, Stan Maxson, Penny Kogge and Erica Kogge. Minutes from the last meeting were distributed to those attending, and were approved as written.

Executive Officer, Lt/C Penny Kogge:

Coop charting: No report

Legislative Officer: No report.

Public Relations Officer: P/C Armin Diller, SN discussed approaching WLIO TV about doing an interview on the Holly Gaeman show.

P/D/C Bill Lewis, SN said he had called several of the Indian Lake boaters he knows about the Poker Run/Blessing of the Fleet, with very few yeses. Bill recommended canceling the event for this year, and by a show of hands, it was decided to do so.

Educational Officer: P/C Dan Mullane, SN reported he tested and passed 12 students of the St. Marys boating course held in April. Of those, six had heard of the course through an ad in a local paper, reinforcing the success of that advertising method. Anita Barton and Diane Schmursal were among the students, and will be joining the LPS. P/C Mullane also mentioned an Instructor Training class will be forming later this year, with three so far committed. See Dan if you are interested.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mike Birt: Reported the next dinner meeting will be 14 May at the Westgate Lanes in Lima. We will be ordering off the menu. Dan Howard, of the Allen County SWAT unit will speak on drug abuse. Mike said he has been talking more with Fostoria about the October combining of D29 squadrons to see a presentation by a representative of the Lake Carriers Association. Columbus already has more than 30 going, so it will be a big event. Plan to spend about \$20 per plate at Karen's in Marysville, where it is to be held.

Membership Chairman, P/C Armin Diller, SN reported we have gained four new members from the last two classes, with a few more in the offing.

Lake and River Cruises: P/CD/C Bill Lewis said he and Lea will be going down to check out the facilities for the river cruise soon. We have 9 boats and 2 PWC's going so far. No news on the Lake Cruise.

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

Ways and Means: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo AP reported that because we will be drawing for a free membership at the next dinner meeting, there will not be a 50/50 drawing.

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

Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP reported we have \$9,039.08 in our Fifth Third account and \$5,940.32 in the CD, for a total of \$14,979.40.

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

Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN reported our two new JN completions have been sent to National, and that he corrected six things in the roster from information forwarded recently by members.

Unfinished Business: L/C Penny Kogge said the young man who won the model boat raffle came and picked it up. He bought his ticket at the Indian Lake Boat Show.

New Business: Commander Schmursal issued a reminder about the Past Commander's dinner with Cdr Gwen A. Smetzer, 16 May, RSVP with Tom by 11 May. Also that the PIN in your squadron dues envelope can be used to pay online, and there is information on how to change it.

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

Next E-Board meeting: 4 June, 2009

Motion to adjourn by Ralph Albright, Seconded by Penny Kogge.

Commander Schmursal adjourned the meeting at 2031.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

Anita Barton

Thank you for the email...as you know I am married to Brad "Capt. Blie" Barton. :) We just celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary yesterday. We have two children Abigail (Abby), our eldest, and Elizabeth. Abby is married with two children: Mary-Katherine (Katie) who is eight, and Scott is six. They live in St. Marys. Elizabeth is a senior at the University of Dayton and hoping to attend Medical school after next year.

I have been in Education for over 24 years, ten in St. Marys as a High School Govt., Sociology and Psychology teacher. After receiving my Masters at the University of Dayton I took a position as a School Counselor at Sidney High School and have been there 14 years.

Brad and I have lived in the country over 20 years ...actually my love and hobby is horses. I have two: an old, old - 29 to be exact, Thoroughbred, and Keri, a Hanoverian. I do some showing - English/Dressage...but we do intend to downsize in the near future. Brad and I are hoping to build a small cottage at Lake St. Marys since we both love the lake and sailing. I will board one horse....

We have sailed over ten years and our boat is a 25 foot Bayfield. She is a full keel cruising style sail boat...a really good "ol gal"... In fact, we purchased her at Cape Cod, so this was the first time she was in fresh water. It has done her good. :)

I do plan on taking more classes so I can become a better first mate. :) I appreciate the Power Squadron being so welcoming and friendly... Thank you for the inquiry... Have a nice day!

Anita



Last class on April 30

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