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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We are still in need of military photos for the Fall Conference in November. Any Power Squadron member that was in any branch of the military may submit a photo. You can email the photo to me and I will forward or you can get the photo to any bridge member. From there we will mail to D/C William Hall. The photos will be returned to you when Bill is completed with them. They need to compile these photos into a power point presentation, so they would like them as soon as possible.

The Lima Power Squadron will be having a joint dinner meeting on October 20th, 2009 with the Marion and Columbus Squadrons. Please read the L for details. We have mentioned this meeting several times over the last few months. I believe it will be a very entertaining dinner meeting.

We had a cookout hosted by Corinne Hubbell and Rodney Blake on September 13th at Indian Lake. Everyone that attended had a great time. We even were treated to a pontoon ride to McDonald's for coffee. Thank you, Corinne and Buck, for a great time.

Cdr. Tom Schmersal, JN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 OCTOBER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

6, 13, 27 OCTOBER

SEAMANSHIP CLASS

TIME: 6-9 PM

PLACE: FORD UAW TRAINING CENTER

20 OCTOBER

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1800

PLACE: KAREN'S EVENT CENTER, MARYSVILLE

5 NOVEMBER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

13-15 NOVEMBER

D29 FALL CONFERENCE


PLACE: FINDLAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

21 NOVEMBER

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1800

PLACE: MILANO CAFÉ, LIMA



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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

TUESDAY, OCT. 20, 2009

KAREN'S EVENT CENTER

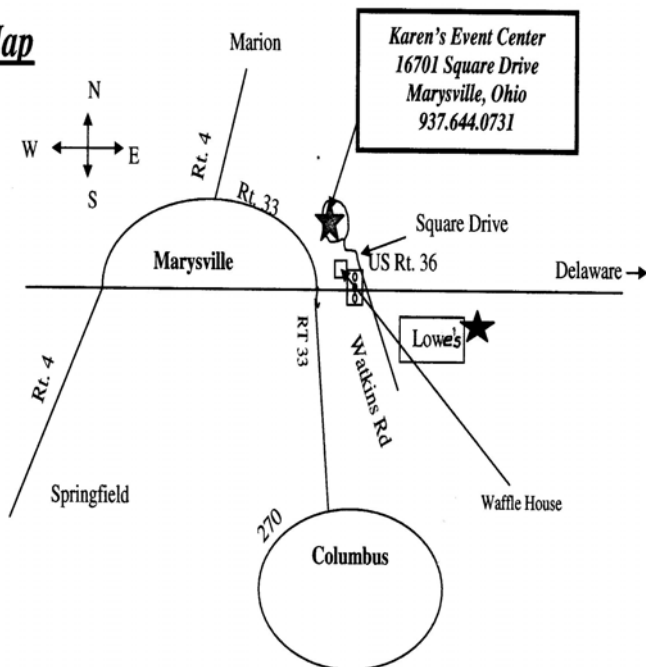
16701 Square Dr.
Marysville, OH 43042

Social Time: 1830
Dinner: 1900
Program: 2000
Speaker from the
Great Lakes Freighters Assoc.

Cost: \$22.75 per person

Menu:
Baked Swiss Steak & Honey Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Seven Layer Salad
Rolls/Butter
Coffee, Punch, Iced Tea, Soda
Cookies Cash Bar

Map



EDUCATION DEPT.

The Educational department is beginning to gear up for the non-boating season. Recently Lt/C Brad Barton, P/Lt/C Jim Bowers, and Cdr Tom Schmersal passed the Instructor Development class.

We just started Seamanship class with eight students under the leadership of P/Lt/C Jim Bowers. Call me to be included. We are planning to start Navigation in November with six students.

The NEW Boating Safety class will be offered later in the off-season.

If you have the desire to take any of our classes, please call me at 419-331-1169.

SEO P/C Dan Mullane, SN

MEMBERSHIP

I have been writing depressing articles for awhile about our squadron. I am encouraged now. This year we have four new members, and as I am writing this, three more possible members. If they join, that would be our largest membership increase in a decade. We had our largest public class this spring in a decade. I am not sure what has changed but..... This seems like a good time for all members to ask their boating friends to take a class and join. Even if you have asked before, try again. There is something is the wind now. This is a good start on our course of growing to the size squadron we were for many years. If you have a boating friend say yes to joining, get their names and contact number to me and I will get them an application.

As always, we need all members to help. Our 2010 bridge is starting to fill their committees. If you look at the roster, there are several names that appear again and again. Your name can be on one of the committees. There are jobs that take only a few minutes a month - making phone calls - to hours heading a committee. Please look at the roster and see if there is something you might be interested in doing to help our squadron. We could use your ideas and help planning. If you want to help, contact any bridge member.

Our squadron had a member volunteer to restart an event that had been a yearly tradition but had stopped. We had a summer picnic at Buck and Corinne's. Eighteen members were there for good food, weather, and company. Thanks.

I hope to be able to report more encouraging news in the next "L". It is a lot more fun to write about sunny skies than stormy weather.

P/C Armin Diller, SN

Commander, Tom Schmersal, JN called the meeting to order at 1931, with the following members in attendance: Tom Schmersal, Brad Barton, Armin Diller, Stan Maxson, Penny Kogge, Rick Kogge, Mike Birt, Dan Mullane, Tom Wilkins, Jan Lowe, Carmen Mullane, Jim Bowers, Joe Zuppardo, Bea Zuppardo, Bill Lewis and Lea Lewis.

The 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: No report. Armin said we have no public boating courses scheduled for Fall yet.

Educational Officer: P/C Dan Mullane, SN reported that Seamanship will begin later in September for any who need it, including those new members who started with the public course last Spring. Lt/C Jim Bowers will be instructing at the Red Cross building in Lima.

Dan said he had to send in dates for the public boating course offerings for publication by D29 and National. They are 11, 18 and 25 March, 2010 at the Red Cross building, and 8, 15 and 22 April at the St. Marys Boat Club on Grand Lake St. Marys. These dates may change as circumstances dictate.

Navigation (N) is scheduled to begin Tuesday, 10 November, 2009.

Dan also reported he has taken steps to get the LPS sextant repaired. It is a U.S. Navy unit from WWII, of high quality and historical significance, and the cost is reasonable.

There had been agreement to nominate P/C Mullane for the Chapman award, which is a national level honor for excellence in teaching and very competitive. The deadline, however, has passed.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mike Birt reported the next dinner meeting will be October 20, at Karen's Event Center, at 16701 Square Dr., in Marysville. A presentation by a representative of the Lake Carriers Association is the centerpiece of the event. Safety on the Great Lakes for recreational and commercial traffic is the topic.

Membership Chairman, P/C Armin Diller, SN reported he was contacted by a man, recently retired, who wants to take our courses as preparation for a Captain's License, and sent out an application.

Lake Cruise: P/C Rick Kogge, JN spoke on the possibility of a rendezvous next year at the Middle Bass Island YC. Carmen Mullane added that maybe houseboats on Lake Cumberland or another inland lake might be a thought worth pursuing.

The River Cruise, 7 – 9 August, 2009 went well. For next year there was discussion on different places to go on the Ohio River, as well as the possibility of combining our efforts with another squadron.

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

Ways and Means: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP reports she will have a drawing for the November meeting.

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

Treasurer: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP reported we have \$8,779.71 in our Fifth Third account and \$5,940.32 in the CD, for a total of \$14,720.03.

Commander Tom Schmersal, JN brought up an issue of paying for meals at the Summer and Winter Councils. Motion by Dan Mullane, Second by Penny Kogge, passed unanimously by voice vote – LPS will pay for delegates' meals at these events.

Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN reported the September L is on the webpage. He added some new photos of the bridge and from the conference party.

Unfinished Business: Commander Tom asked for photographs from veterans, in uniform, taken when they were in the U.S. military.

New Business: Due to a conflict with the Fall Conference in Findlay, 13 – 15 November, the November dinner meeting was moved to 21, November, 2009. Motion by Mike Birt, Second by Rick Kogge, approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Christmas party this year will be at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center, more details in the L.

Dan Mullane will distribute new Ohio Boat Operator's Guides to our VSC inspectors from a supply he recently obtained.

Hosts for upcoming E-Board meetings will be: October, Bea Zuppardo; November, Jim Michael; December, Jan Lowe; January '10, Penny Kogge; and February '10, Stan Maxson.

Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility. Next E-Board meeting: 1 October, 2009.

Motion to adjourn by Armin Diller, Seconded by Bea Zuppardo. Commander Schmersal adjourned the meeting at 2033.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary

Roster Information:

It is not too early to start checking last year' s roster and letting me know if any changes need to be made. I would like to keep the roster as up to date as possible. If you have any informational changes that you would like to see in next year' s roster, please let me know. The best way is to email me with your information. If you do not have email, then you can call or mail it to me. All of my contact information is in the roster and listed below. Thank You.

All Commanders have been asked to help with a Power Point presentation for the Fall Conference. They need pictures of those members from the squadrons that have served in the Armed Forces. The veteran's picture must show him/her in their uniform or other military attire. Each picture must be accompanied with Name, Branch of Service and Years Served. The member's picture can be sent via US Mail or e-mailed. All pictures sent by US Mail will be returned. Please contact one of the bridge members if you would like to participate. They would like these pictures as soon as possible.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK REPORT

The following members are Vessel Safety Check certified inspectors and have this year checked 130 boats with 96 passing the minimum safety standards needed to boat safely. A job well done by all the VSC inspectors.

The VSC program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly regarding the carriage of safety equipment. It also raises boaters' awareness of safety issues through one-on-one contact by these volunteer vessel examiners.

Name	Inspected	Passed
James A. Bowers	36	20
William H. Lewis	17	17
Richard Lyons	6	3
James R. Michael	51	37
Daniel Mullane	11	11
Thomas J. Schmersal	9	8
Total	130	96

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