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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's September already. Where did the summer go? I hope everyone was able to enjoy their boating season. Diane and I went to Niagara Falls with the Mullanes and their granddaughter in July. We had a great time. The water was a little rough. I ran into some trouble with my boat on the trip home. I hit something submerged in the water. Having problems with your boat is one thing, but having problems with your insurance company even makes things worse. I thought buying insurance from a boating company (Boat US) was the way to go. I figured boating insurance companies knew boats. Since I joined the USPS I was told Boat US was a great company to be with. The Boat US adjuster told me my wearable part, which is the lower unit, was going to be depreciated 85%, so I read my policy again and it said "depreciation may apply." My boat is a 1995 Regal 272 which is in very good shape, but when you hit something that is submerged when on plane, things break. I call this an accident and insurance should pay all of it. Guess I was wrong. Boat US paid \$2,300 and I paid \$3,200. Boat US paid 15% on parts, 100% on labor, haul-out and storage plus they charged me \$270 for the deductible. I'm sure I will be looking for another company when this is settled. The reason why I'm writing this is to inform you maybe we all should ask questions and make better decisions. I have no complaints about Boat US towing. They paid \$740 to tow me 15 miles without a hassle.

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Well, let's talk about fall. We know fall means informative dinner meetings. We have a great meeting that Marion is setting up. The meeting will be October 20th in Marysville. The speaker with the Great Lakes Freighters Assoc. will be talking about life on the freighters. This promises to be interesting. More information in this issue of the L. Hope you will be able to join us.

Cdr. Tom Schmersal, JN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 SEPTEMBER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

13 SEPTEMBER

INDIAN LAKE COOKOUT

TIME: 1600

PLACE: 10339 Co. Rd. 286, HUNTSVILLE

1 OCTOBER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: UNITED WAY BUILDING

20 OCTOBER

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1830

PLACE: KAREN'S EVENT CENTER, MARYSVILLE

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COOKOUT!

All Lima Power Squadron members are invited to a cookout at the home of Buck Blake & Corinne Hubbell.

- **SUNDAY, 13 SEPT.**
- **16:00**
- **Meat & Drinks provided**
- **Bring table service & a covered dish**
- **10339 Co. Rd. 286, D1, Huntsville**

Directions:

Come in on 117 to 366 to 268 toward Lewis'. The Islander Complex, last unit before bridge to Tecumseh Island.

RSVP to 937-935-5519 or 937-638-0348

COME ONE AND ALL!!




D29 Request for Pictures

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 US Mail will be returned. Please contact Cdr. Schmersal if you would like to participate. They would like these pictures as soon as possible.

TREASURER


I want to thank all members of the Lima Power Squadron who renewed their membership in the Lima Power Squadron. We appreciate every member. This is our operating money, so we do appreciate your support. Thanks.

Bea Zuppardo



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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

As you may know, we're having a combined meeting with Columbus and Marion for our **20 October** meeting, and we're having it in Marysville to be more centralized for everyone. Because we are basing the cost on an estimated number of attendees, please let me know if you intend to come. This will not be a FIRM number, but will give me an indication of your plans. Thanks, folks! This will give each squadron a better idea of who intends to participate.

Oh, and the meeting will be a speaker with the Great Lakes Freighters talking about life on the freighters. Promises to be interesting!!

Location: Karen's Event Center
16701 Square Dr.
Marysville, OH 43040

Social Time: 18:30
Dinner: 19:00
Program: 20:00

Lt/C Mike Birt, Administrative Officer

Menu:

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

Cost: \$22.75 per person

Commander, Tom Schmerral, JN called the meeting to order at 1932, with the following members in attendance: Tom Schmerral, Brad Barton, Bea Zuppardo, Joe Zuppardo, Bill Lewis, Jim Bowers, Tom Wilkins, Ralph Albright, Jim And Carolyn Michael, Jan Lowe, Carmen and Dan Mullane, Stan Maxson, Armin Diller, Mike Birt, and Rick, Penny and Erica Kogge. Minutes from the last meeting were distributed to those attending, and with the exception of where Mike Birt referred to having spoken with Fostoria about the October meeting, it should have been Marion, were approved as written.

Executive Officer, Lt/C Penny Kogge:

Coop charting: No report

Legislative Officer: No report.

Public Relations Officer: No report

Educational Officer: P/C Dan Mullane, SN reported 3 currently have the texts for Instructor Development, and will be meeting and testing to pass that course in the following weeks. Dan brought up the Charles F. Chapman Excellence in Teaching award, given annually to one USPS instructor in the country, so is very competitive. A motion was made by Tom Wilkins and seconded by Bill Lewis, to nominate P/C Mullane for the award this year. Those of us who have recently completed JN with Dan will write letters on his behalf for the award.

Dan also announced that the Navigation (N) course will begin in November with the group of Lima and Fort Wayne mariners who finished JN this year. All JN's in the LPS are invited to join the class.

Commander Schmerral, at this point, passed out certificates of completion for Operations Training to Penny Kogge, Mike Birt, Jan Lowe and Brad Barton.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mike Birt: Reported the next dinner meeting will be October 20 at Karen's Event Center in Marysville. This is a combination effort with the Marion and Columbus Squadrons, is a little pricey at about \$20 per person, and looks to be well attended with a good number already committed. A presentation by a representative of the Lake Carriers Association is the centerpiece of the event.

Mike said his calling captains can expect a call leading up to the October meeting, as he wants it to be well organized.

Membership Chairman, P/C Armin Diller, SN reported we have no new members since last month, when we gained four.

Lake Cruise, 12 – 14 June, 2009: P/C Rick Kogge said we will meet at the Huron boat basin Friday evening, June 12 for a dock party, then for Saturday a gathering will begin at 1600, with dinner at 1800 at the Huron Yacht Club. Bring hors d'oeuvres for the social hour. There is musical entertainment scheduled at the pavilion in the basin for Saturday.

River Cruise, 7 – 9 August, 2009: Bill and Lea Lewis made the trip down to the river to check out the facilities along the route, and Bill says they are fine all the way. So far 13 rooms have been reserved at the hotel. Bill learned some of the logistics needed in making the trip, so it's set to be a good one.

Publications: Lt/C Carmen Mullane, P: There will be no L for July or August.

Ways and Means: Lt/C Bea Zuppardo AP: No report.

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

Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP reported we have \$8,617.05 in our Fifth Third account and \$5,940.32 in the CD, for a total of \$14,557.37.

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

Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN reported the June "L" is on the webpage.

Unfinished Business: Mike Birt said he saw ads on Lima channel 35, WLIO by USPS National, encouraging people to boat safely and join their local Squadron.

New Business: A motion was made by Armin Diller and seconded by Rick Kogge to move the August meeting to 29 July, 2009, because it would have conflicted with the River Cruise. Approved unanimously by voice vote. It will be at the China Buffet in Lima, after the Captain's Meeting, which will serve dinner at 1800, meet at 1900, then at around 1930 we will conduct our E-Board meeting.

P/C Rick Kogge, JN announced that we are invited to a rendezvous in Vermillion, Ohio August 22, to join the Marion Squadron in their activities this summer. There will be music, and Rick says call asap to reserve a dock.

Call Bill at 440-967-7087 or 440-759-2977 and mention you're with USPS. Rick said he'll send an e-mail to the membership regarding this event.

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

Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility. Next E-Board meeting: 29 July, 2009

Motion to adjourn by Armin Diller, Seconded by Penny Kogge. Commander Schmersal adjourned the meeting at 2040.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, AP, Secretary

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LIMA POWER SQUADRON
29 JULY 2009

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
CHINA BUFFET

Commander, Tom Schmersal, JN: called the meeting to order at 1930. The August 2009 E-Board meeting for the Lima Power Squadron had been moved to this date by voice vote during the June meeting, due to a conflict with the River Cruise, and was held, in an abbreviated fashion following a meeting of the captains.

Notes from the meeting were taken by Commander Schmersal, in the absence of the Secretary:

No reports were given, save for an announcement by Educational Officer, P/C Dan Mullane, SN that the tests for the Instructor Development course are in, and they will have to be administered in the near future.

Unfinished Business: Commander Tom reminded everyone about the Vermillion Rendezvous, 22 August, 2009, with the Marion Sail and Power Squadron.

Pier 29 due date for submissions for the next issue is 1 Sept, 2009.

District 29 wants pictures of squadron members who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces for the Fall Conference.

The Agenda for Dock 29 has a 1 Oct, 2009 deadline. (Educational classes, public boating classes, Change of Watch, etc.)

Tom said he will hand out the DB2000 passwords next month.

A 20 year plaque was presented to Ken Starr, AP.

Next E-Board meeting: 3 September, 2009

Motion to adjourn by Ralph Albright, Seconded by Dan Mullane. Commander Schmersal adjourned the meeting at 2030.

CRUISES

There is still time for some cruising even though it's a little cooler!

Sept. 4-7 – Columbus Power Squadron's Leamington Cruise. Contact Ron Lavelly at Hronlavelly@yahoo.com

Sept. 4-7 – Toledo Power Squadron's Cedar Point Cruise. NO group reservations. Meet other TPS members there. \$50 per boat.

Sept. 18-20 – Columbus Power Squadron's Put-in-Bay Cruise. Once again, contact Ron Lavelly at Hronlavelly@yahoo.com

Let's get together with our D29 friends!

90TH BIRTHDAY

LIMA — Odos C. Craig will celebrate his 90th birthday Sept. 4, 2009. A family dinner will be held at Ho Hum Harbor, the family retreat, at Indian Lake.

He was born Sept. 4, 1919, to Chauncey and Frieda Craig. On July 3, 1940, he married Rosemary Frost, and they recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Craig has two daughters, Carol (John) Thomas, of Lima, and Connie (Robert) Houser, of Wapakoneta. He has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He graduated from Shawnee High School in 1938 and received Shawnee's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001. He also attended Miami University and Bliss



Craig

Business College in Columbus.

During World War II, he was an Army Air Corps flight instructor. After the war, he was a pilot with TWA. He spent 45 years as co-owner of Hume Farm Supply Inc., serving the farmers of the area and doing commercial construction.

He is a life-long member of Bethlehem Christian Union Church serving in many capacities, one of which was designing and overseeing the building of a new church facility. In addition to church activities, he has been a member of the Lima Barbershop Chorus for 35 years, the Lima Power Squadron for 47 years and the Fort Shawnee Lions Club for 50 years.

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EDUCATION DEPT.

☺ The summer boating season is quickly winding down ☺. ☺ That means that it is time for our Educational department to wind up ☺. Our Instructor Development class is currently in the process of testing.

We will be starting the Seamanship class in September under the leadership of P/Lt/C Jim Bowers. Call me to be included. Our students who passed Junior Navigation last year will be starting Navigation in November. Maybe we can get a certain Past Commander to join the class too!

The Boating Safety class is brand new and much improved. We will offer a couple sessions of that 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

2009 RIVER CRUISE



We had another great river cruise in August. This year we put in at Higginsport, OH and cruised to the Shawnee State Park. It was a 61 mile trip – with no locks!

It began with our rendezvous at the Piqua rest area on I-75. From there we caravanned to the Best Western in Mt. Orab. There was an afternoon of swimming followed by a great dinner.

Early the next morning we departed for the launch ramp. With everyone in the river, we began our upstream journey. We arrived at the marina around 3:00 where we transported to the lodge. It is a very nice lodge, like the other State lodges we have visited.

There was plenty to do there. We took advantage of both the indoor and outdoor pools. There were plenty of games to play and they had a good restaurant.

On Saturday several people headed back out on the river to enjoy boating and see the sights. Others went to Portsmouth to sightsee and shop. The annual Poker Run was won by Chris Cartwright, guest of Don Berlin and son of the late Chuck Cartwright, who was our Squadron Treasurer for many years. Tina Music won second place.

Sunday morning found us transporting back to the marina for departure back downstream. Carmen arranged for great weather the whole weekend. Except for a little mechanical issue, which Commander Tom helped with, things went very smooth as usual. If you were there I'm sure you had a great time. If you weren't – you should have been! Plan on joining us next year. We are open to suggestions on where to cruise.

P/C Dan Mullane, SN



ALASKA, HERE WE COME!!

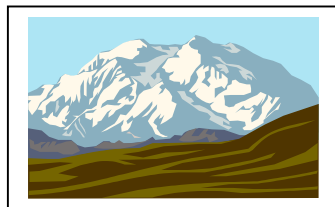
Incoming Commander Phil Osborne, JN wanted to take a D29 cruise to Alaska during his term of office, so, somehow I got put in charge of this. I think it had something to do with planning the Lima river trips that Phil & Ruth have gone on the last few years.

We couldn't get a group block, so we had to pick an itinerary and book it. Now Phil is inviting anyone in District 29, their friends and families to join us from **Sept. 6, 2010 to Sept. 17, 2010**. This date connects with the Governing Board meeting in Seattle in 2010.

Here are the details:

- **Princess Cruise/Tour BA4 – Island Princess ship**
- **Cruise for 7 days from Vancouver, BC to Anchorage** and then continue on land for **4 days** via train & motorcoach to **Denali National Park & Fairbanks**
- You can get all the info on **Princess.com**
- We are booking with **Vacations to Go at 800-514-9986**. Our cruise counselor is **Irv Berger at Ext. 7672**
- Prices right now are **\$2,387** per person for a balcony, **\$1,937** for oceanview, and **\$1,637** for an inside cabin, **plus shipboard credits** in each category
- Prices are subject to change at any time and availability of cruise/tours fills up fast

So, come on! Join us! Just call and tell Irv you want a cabin close to Osbornes, Critzers or Mullanes.



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