

THE EXCITEMENT OF DISNEY IS GETTING USPS BUSINESS DONE AND HAVING FUN IN 2011—"JOIN THE MAGIC" AT DISNEY!

SCHEDULED EVENTS— What's On the Agenda?



First, I would like to say Merry Christmas from all of NMC. Next, I would like to say if you haven't registered for Disney, do it ASAP.

We have prepared an exciting Agenda for Disney this year. Yes, something for everyone.

Wednesday is highlighted by the Leadership training. These classes are for everyone. There is a social also set up for the

students in the evening.

Thursday is EXPO day from 0800 to 1600. Also, the Ship's Store is open at 0745 to 1600.

DEO and ADEO Meeting is on Thursday. Educational gurus, don't miss it!

Runway Fashion Show of Ship's Store clothing is at 1500 in Coronado H.

Commodore will also be there Thursday, selling uniform items and accessories.

On-The- Water Training is also on Thursday.

A Leadership Training class is also held on Thursday if you can't make one on Wednesday.

District and Squadron Officers

meeting is at 0900 on Thursday.

If this is your first time attend the "First-timers orientation at 1230 on Thursday or at 0800 on Friday.

Go to the House of Blues and Cirque Du Soleil on Thursday evening.

Friday is seminar day. "Making Squadrons the Go To....", "Weather Seminar", "Where we are in Space Seminar", "The Power of the Seas Seminar", "Sail Angle Seminar", "DB2000 Seminar", "Membership Seminar", "Co-op Charting Workshop", and the "Open Education Meeting" These are all great.

Of course, on Friday there is the D/C/XO meeting. And Saturday, Change of Watch.

EXPO—Visit All Booths

Now, if you think there is nothing to do on Thursdays at National Meetings, something is wrong.

EXPO runs all day on Thursday and is open to the public. Booths include the USPS Committees, USPS Partners and Vendors. This is also where old friends from across the country meet to just renew friendships and tell tall boating tales.

You could spent the whole day here just talking to the people who run the USPS Committees. You will find that they are people just like you. Each is also a squadron member from somewhere who has committed to work a little harder doing the jobs that have to be done at "National".

Visit every booth.



Trudy Brown, Pg 3

USPS National Meetings Committee

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the Airport
and the
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SHIPPING BULKY MATERIALS

The hotel does not have space to store packages or bulky items .

If you have materials to ship, ship them to arrive at a time when you or someone in your organization will be there to receive them. Go to the **Business Center** to retrieve your packages.

Use the Hotel address:

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort,

**1000 W. Buena Vista Drive,
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000**

Be sure to put your name and United States Power Squadrons, (Not USPS), and your return address somewhere on the outside of the box in, large writing, so it can be easily identified.

For shipments directly to the EXPO hall, ship with our Decorator, Freeman Convention Services. There will be a shipping and handling charge if you decide to go this route. They would store your shipment until the set-up date and bring it to the hotel with them and put the shipment in your booth. When EXPO is over, you would use your labels

from FEDEX or UPS or whoever to return your shipment home.

I will publish the address for Freeman soon.

If your shipments are relatively small, I recommend you ship directly to the hotel for ease and less expense.

You still would have to report to the Hotel Business Center to get your shipment delivered to your room or to the Expo Hall.

Call me if you need advice or assistance. 352 861 2176

DISNEY MAGGICAL EXPRESS

Go DME.

DME is Disney Magical Express.

How this works is, that when you make your room reservation, you should ask for DME or Disney Magical Express if you are coming by airplane...

I will repeat this many times.

Use DME!!!

DME gets you a free ride to the hotel and your baggage delivered to your room free. (A small tip is usually in order) Existing Airline Baggage Fee Policy will still apply.

If you don't use DME, you will have to use a taxi or limo which

could be \$55.00 to \$80.00 depending on which one you use. They are metered, so you might double up and save. But, use DME. It's free.

If you have already made your room reservations, go back and tell the hotel you want to use DME.

KEY PHONE NUMBERS



Emergency 911

FAST Team 920 621-1725

Front Desk 407 939-1000

Business Center - 407 939-

3883 or 7-3883 on your room phone for packaging, shipping and receiving, facsimilies, and photocopying.

Taxi Service 407 422-2222

Groceries 407 828 3886

Lost and Found 407 939-3070

Dining 407 939 3463

Kids Night Out 407 828 0920

Golf 407 939-4653

Weather 407 824-4104

Hotel Room Reservations 407 939-1020

DME Disney Magical Express 407 939-1020

Trudy Brown Cell 425 753-3667

Meeting Activities Reservations 757 685 6319

Chaplain 561 512-1004

Don Clark Cell 352 875-7586

AWARDS CEREMONY ON FRIDAY LATEST USPS HIT

On Friday, February 4, in Fiesta 6 at 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. or until finished, be on hand for the Awards Ceremony.

Please attend the USPS National Awards Ceremony and Life Member Awards.

Life members are also treated to a reception.

The Awards Ceremony given on Friday of each National Meeting is where a large number of awards to District and Squadron

recipients are made.

Everyone is invited, and it is a great occasion complete with "photo Ops" and well wishing by all. Congrats to the winners.

Some awards are still given in the Saturday Annual Meeting. But due to the extended time required at the Annual meeting, a separate Awards Ceremony was instituted. This has been a great success.

Achievement is recognized for

Co-op Charting, Education, Information Technology, Member Involvement, Public Relations, Publications and Life Member Awards.

All squadrons and District Members should attend this Ceremony. This is the time to be recognized by your peers for your fine achievement in 2010.

The Awards Ceremony is organized by D/Lt/C Florence Smith, SN, Englishtown N.J. Staten Island Squadron, XO of District 4,

CO-OP CHARTING SEMINAR MAKES IT EASY FOR YOU

I make no bones about it. In my early days as a Squadron Commander, Co-op Charting was flat confusing. We had a new Squadron and no one seemed to know what to do or had any experience. We wanted to compete for the award, but we couldn't figure it out.

I finally got the answer, after

visiting the Annual Meeting and EXPD and talking to Committee Members. I even talked one of them into coming to my squadron to help us. Then it was easy to get credits because we could go and record Geodetic Markers. Can't do that anymore.

Now, you need to go to Horst Bottege's Co-Op Charting Semi-

nar to get the real training and to do the recording necessary in today's environment.

The seminar is: 0900 to 1200 on Friday in Fiesta 1.

Representatives from NOAA will be on hand to assist.

By golly this stuff is easy now!



"DOWNTOWN" TRUDY BROWN IS COMPLETING HER TOUR

If you ask who does the planning for Annual Meetings and Governing Boards, you get all kinds of answers.

Who makes all the contacts, internally and externally? Who coordinates the food that seems to just show up at the luncheons and dinners? Who counts the rooms and makes sure the tables are set? Who schedules the meeting rooms?

Who checks the contracts, deals for the Comp. rooms? Who negotiates the pricing, registers the members, sees that they are happy? Who plans the EXPD? Who hires the D.J., entertainment and the bands? Who plans the tours? Who circulates the information and promotes the meetings two or more years in advance? Who leads the team of

30 or more team members of the NMC? **Sound the trumpets— It's Trudy Brown.** Trudy leads the National Meetings Committee and has for the last two years. Yes, and she is loved by all.

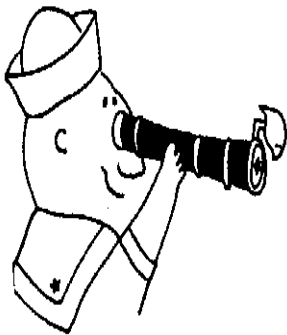
Trudy has saved USPS tens of thousands of dollars by renegotiating contracts and finding new less expensive quality venues. Trudy is stepping down at this meeting. She is turning the reins over to her Executive Staff Officer Don Clark.



**Want to eat out in Orlando?
Here are some of the best
places.**



**You can use
your key
card to
charge
many things
at Disney
stores and
resorts to
your room.**



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OUTSIDE RESTAURANTS

OK, lets try this one again.

The restaurants on the Disney property are excellent. They are found on the Disney Boardwalk and the Downtown Disney area.

Downtown Disney is just about 5 minutes away from the hotel. The best Restaurants there are: "Wolfgang Pucks", "Fulton's Crab House", and "House of Blues". Fulton's is more pricey and Puck's is more family oriented. Most of us are going to House of Blues on Thursday, anyway.

Disney's fine dining best are "Don Shula's" in the Dolphin Hotel and Todd English's "Blue Zoo" also in the Dolphin. Over at Disney's Swan Hotel you will find "IL Mulino's" Traditional Italian and "Kimonos" Sushi.

If you come to this area, you should really see Orlando which is different from Disney. One of the all around best is "Season's 52". (There are several.)

Others are "FishBones", "Ming Court", "Houlahans", "Fiorella's",

"Johnnie's Hide-away", "Amura Sushi" on Sand Lake Road, "Passage to India" Indian cuisine, "Moonfish" Seafood, Steak, and Sushi, and "Pei Wei" Asian diner. There you can get Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese take out.

My favorite is "Bahama Breeze" located on Apopka-Vineland Road and Vineland Road. It features Jamaican and American dishes. But, don't forget your pocket-book. Great atmosphere!

THEME PARKS

Memorable magic beckons in all four Walt Disney Worlds Theme Parks. They're just bustling with color, music and laughter with attractions, shows, Disney Characters and delightful surprises for everyone. To help you along, go to the handy brochure racks at the Concierge. Look for the individual Park Guide maps and

Times and Information Guides.

MAGIC KINGDOM PARK

A world of fantasy with 7 enchanted lands of timeless fun.

EPCOT

Where the magic of Disney touches the real world and every day brings endless possibilities.

DISNEY'S HOLLIWOOD STUDIOS

The only place where big screen thrills, TV fun and Broadway's best come together with the coolest in music and animation.

DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM

Disney storytelling comes alive with creatures real, imaginary and abominable.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE RESORT

We were able to get the use of hotel golf carts to move us to and from the convention center from our rooms due to the distances from some of the rooms and facilities.

Really, we also have access to the hotel's four other golf carts that are used on a "first called first served basis" from the "bell stand" with all of the other hundreds of Resort guests.

Recognizing that sharing with

the other guests, would not be adequate for our large group, the boss was able to negotiate the use of four large golf carts for our private use for 6 hours out of three days of our stay.

The golf carts come equipped with a driver and eight (8) seats for passengers.

These will be available to help get our people from their rooms to the convention center for meetings and for some recep-

tions.

We will have to manage their use for the best efficiency.

Look for the schedule when you arrive. The carts will probably run in the A.M. in time for meetings and in the P.M. in time for getting back to the rooms and social needs.

WHERE TO GET INFORMATION

Please check USPS.ORG for more information on the National Meeting. Also use SailAngle.

When you check into your room you will find brochures and folders with all kinds of information to make your stay at the resort pleasant.

At the hotel in the lobby near the indoor water fountain, you will find the Concierge window. They are very helpful in finding your way. Renting Electric Carts, if needed, can be found there.

Fastpass Service

If there is a line, insert your valid theme park entrance ticket into the Fastpass stations at participating attractions and receive a Return Time Ticket so you can go elsewhere and return and go in the attraction with little or no wait.

Dining options are available at the concierge if you don't like my selections on page 4.

Dining inside the theme parks is

excellent. Ask for information on locations at the gate or from any Disney "Cast Member" inside the parks.

Check the concierge for information on Nightlife at Downtown Disney.

Also, check on the "Boardwalk" at the concierge for details on the many things to do and places to eat.

Also check the Information Desk at USPS Registration.



Use the Concierge for information

TRAVEL TIPS: MONORAIL, BUS OR WATER LAUNCH

The Walt Disney World transportation system is designed to get you to the world renowned Theme Parks with ease.

Buses stop every 20 minutes or so. When traveling during busy times be prepared for some crowding at the stops and stand-

ing room only buses.

There is Disney Magical Express (866) 599-0951, Airline Check-in, Other Airport Transportation (407) 423-5566, Automobile Rental (407) 824-3470, Car Care Center (407) 827-4777, Gasoline, Limousines, Town cars and Taxis.

(407) 888-5530. Mears Transportation is (407) 422-2222.

Take time to read all of the materials in your room and never hesitate to ask at the Concierge.

My cell phone number is (352) 861 2176.

Don't get landlocked in your hotel room. Use the transportation. Don't forget to ride the monorail.

DRIVING TO THE RESORT

A good GPS removes all of the anxiety of finding your way there, but: in case you don't have one, go to Map Quest and type in the hotel address.

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort is West of Orlando and East of Tampa/St. Petersburg at : 1000 West Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Some

GPS might work with Orlando, FL. Others with Lake Buena Vista, FL. Check both if you are having trouble getting it entered in your GPS.

Follow your map to I-4, which runs through Orlando, Florida. Get off of I-4 at the Exit 64 or 67, depending if you are coming north or south, which says "Osceola Parkway" "Downtown Disney" "Wide

World of Sports", slow down and read the Disney directional signs. Follow the signs which say Coronado Springs Resort. World Drive will take you to W. Buena Vista Drive.

Once in the Disney area, the signs are plentiful. Slow down and take time to read them.

Put the location in your GPS.



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GREENSBORO 2011

Do Greensboro in 2011



The 2011 Governing Board Meeting will be in Greensboro, NC, at the Sheraton. The dates are: September 11-18.

The contract is signed and the planning has already begun. Tours are being planned by Sarah McCurry. The general scenario will follow along our normal GB format.

Look for a golf tournament on the Sunday or Monday that we arrive.

Greensboro is a nice venue. We said that if many of the major basketball tournaments and sporting events are held here, somebody must know something.

The food is scrumptious, if you love Bar-B-Q.

The weather is great and the people are wonderful. We have visited the hotel and it is among the best we have been to. I have been there twice to check the facilities and it has everything

we need to hold a meeting. It has a small night club—disco setting which we plan to use for our Thursday night meal event. The Club has a small stage for entertainment and we hope to make it a light hors d'oeuvres event.

The other meals for the GB are already planned and in place. Trudy has already set that up and will be a big help to me in that area going forward.

You have plenty of time to plan to vacation with us at our next Annual or GB meetings.

JACKSONVILLE 2011

The Annual Meeting in 2011 will be in Jacksonville at the Hyatt Riverfront.

The contract has been signed and a lot of the planning has begun.

The Hyatt has an excellent place for EXPO and it is never too early to start getting that planning

done. I also have visited there twice this year and am located near by, so I already have roots there.

Someone said "There isn't anything to do in Jacksonville". Wrong! I provided a long list of things to do. I haven't heard from them since. You can count on us to come up with things to

do. We will probably do a lot of on-the-water stuff there. The dinner boat ride with enough space for everyone is one.

In our quest to include more guest speakers and make the meetings more "exciting", look for excitement here in Jacksonville. Y'all come!

DETROIT 2012

We go back to Detroit in 2012 to fulfill our obligation.

Detroit Marriott at Renaissance Center. Sep 4 to Sep 10, 2012.

The Marriott is outstanding and the water-front location is fine.

Again, we need more on-the-water events to make it go.



SEATING AT THE SATURDAY GOVERNING BOARD

On Saturday when you arrive in the Ballroom for the Governing Board, you will find some blue signs which designate where each District Bridge and members are seated.

The Districts are seated traditionally with the local host District up front and alternatively placed from front to rear after that and the remainder on the left and right wings of the seating up front.

The first two and possibly three

rows will seat VIP, officials, and invited guests.

The seat signs will be hung on the back of the last row of the



VIP seating. Therefore, the district should sit in the row behind the sign. There will be a white sign in the seat of the District Commander to end all confusion.

On the left side of the hall as you face the front, you will see the attending Past Chief Commanders.

Down the right side, as you face the front, are the HQ Staff and the Committee Chiefs and designated staffs.



Make sure you understand the seating at the GB on Saturday

HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS

Advancement in technology has helped us save money on wireless services.

Cell phones now carry a wireless "hotspot" "App" (application) that allows you to run your laptop connection to your internet provider, the web, and your E-mail. Also, as an option, you can purchase a wireless card (about

the size of your cell phone) and plug in to your laptop and pay only for the days or weeks that you want to use it. Cost about \$85. These devices work without us having to pay to use the hotel networks. You just pay your cellular phone bill contract.

I just bought a Sprint LG cell phone with "G 4" Technology. I

get on-line in a nanosecond. I get to my E-Mail just like that and can run my wireless connection for my laptop off of the phone. If I want to stay on-line for hours, I just plug in my phone, so I won't have to drain my batteries. Unbelievable. My phone cost \$149. with a \$100 mail-in rebate.

It works in the hotel too.

Use your own "Hot Spot" phone or card to get on line or do your e-mails

USING USPS PROJECTORS

We have a limited number of HQ projectors (4) available for use. Arrangements should be made one month ahead of time through Don Clark for scheduling.

Projectors should be picked up at the registration desk well before the meeting time and signed for by the meeting presenter or the Aide for that Department. It is important to

return the projectors to the registration desk immediately after use.

Return times must be observed since others are scheduled to use the projectors after your class in another room.

Always know what happens to the projector next. Do not just walk off and leave a projector

unsecured. They are costly and easily stolen.

Do not leave the projector cables (blue connector plugs) on the tables. They go with the projector. Never leave a projector overnight.

If there is a problem, go to the Registration desk or call my cell phone.

Be sure you get credit for turning in your USPS projector.



The “Call for the Annual Meeting” has been issued by the National Secretary.

In accordance with Section 9.3.1 of the USPS Bylaws, the annual meeting of the Governing Board (to which all members are welcome and cordially invited to attend) has been called to meet at 0900 on Saturday, 5 February 2011, at Disney’s Coronado Springs, Lake Buena Vista Florida, for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below.

I To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.

II To elect a Board of Directors, national officers, the chairmen and members of the general and standing committees, the chairmen and assistant chairmen of the departmental committees, and general members of the Governing Board.

III To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

Report of the Committee on Nominations



The Committee on Nominations unanimously recommends the election of the following members to serve:

Call For Annual Meeting

Dress Code:

Sunday to Tuesday - USPS Casual or other appropriate attire.

Wednesday & Thursday - USPS Polo or other appropriate attire.

Friday - USPS Polo or dress shirt and tie with blazer or other appropriate attire.

Saturday daytime: Uniform F. **Men:** Regulation long-sleeve white shirt w/black four-in-hand tie w/black uniform trousers, black belt, (if worn), black socks, black shoes, or other appropriate attire. **Ladies:** Regulation long-sleeve white shirt, black skirt or slacks, black crossover tie, black shoes, black purse (if carried) or other appropriate attire.

Saturday evening: Uniform A. **Men:** Regulation black uniform coat and trousers without cuff, and white shirt with black bow tie, black belt (if worn), black socks, black shoes, or other formal attire. **Ladies:** Regulation black uniform jacket, black skirt or slacks, white shirt, black crossover tie (or small black bow tie), black shoes, black purse (if carried) or other formal attire.

For National Bridge Officers:

Chief Commander

V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN (Bellevue Sail/16)

National Executive Officer

V/C John T. Alter, SN (Raleigh Sail/27)

National Educational Officer

V/C Robert Sweet, SN (Buzzards Bay Sail/14)

National Administrative Officer

V/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN (Baton Rouge Sail/15)

National Secretary

V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN (Houston Sail/21)

National Treasurer

V/C Richard M. Peoples, SN (Banana River Sail/23)

For Members of the USPS Board of Directors:

The above officers and P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN (Fort Worth/21)



“GET EXCITED!!!-DO DISNEY IN 2011”

USPS Leadership Training: Transition from Warrior to Chieftain

USPS certified more than 300 students in the DAO/SAO Training which was introduced in Orlando in February, 2010. This class has been offered in more than 13 locations across the country from New York to Washington State and from Puerto Rico to California with many states in between. DAO/SAO, specifically designed for incoming and sitting Administrative Officers (District and Squadron,) will be offered in Orlando on 2 February. Registration is open and we can accommodate 100 students in two separate sections. Stf/C Susan Darcy, JN and D/Lt Elizabeth Dysart, AP will each conduct one section. Both successfully taught DAO/SAO in New York, Los Angeles or Chicago.

The new DXO/SXO course, designed for Executive Officers, will be offered on both Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 February, 2011. All candidates must complete DAO/SAO to attend. This class contains all new material that builds upon the DAO/SAO course. An Administrative Officer or Executive Officer can take the DAO/SAO class on Wednesday and follow-up with the DXO/SXO on Thursday. If either an AO or XO take both classes, both classes would be free. Registration is open for both Wednesday and Thursday. Each session can only accommodate 50 students. Stf/C Anita F. Walker, JN will teach both days.

All USPS members may take either class – space permitting, but those who are not Administrative or Executive Officers will be charged \$50 to defray material costs. Here is a brief summary of the topics of both courses:

Topic	DAO/SAO	DXO/SXO
Leadership Knowledge and Skills	Definition of Leadership, Leadership vs Management, Principles of Leadership, Cycle of Change	Leadership Styles, Finding Your Own Style, Implications of Different Styles in the USPS Setting
Teambuilding Techniques	Attitudes, Art of Delegation – RACI	Fundamentals of Problem Solving, Goal Oriented Leadership, Goal Development, Milestones, Measuring Performance, RACI Review
Problem Solving	Case Study – Diamond Mine (Wisconsin)	Case Study – Diamond Mine (Alabama)
USPS Structure	USPS Structure, Jobs Responsibilities and Traditions	The Executive Department – Resources, Structure, Looking Ahead to the Year as Commander
Planning and Executing Effective Meetings	Meeting Protocols, Qualities of a Good Meeting	Use Your Own Style, Active Listening, The Art of Questioning
Closing	Evaluations and Chinese Proverb	Evaluations and Native American Story

Our Leadership Development website www.usps.org/national/ot/ provides great information regarding these classes. You will find registration forms, full course outlines, faculty resumes, news on 2011 locations and logistics information. We plan to have meet and greet events for all students Tuesday and/or Wednesday evening. If you have questions, please call Stf/C Anita F. Walker, JN at 954 781 8061 or e-mail at anita5040@bellsouth.net

D 23 HOST DISTRICT AGAIN

D 23 Host District again



D 23 is the Host District for the Annual Meeting again this year.

The host district involvement has changed over the years. The role of the Host District is to support the Annual Meeting and the National Meetings Committee with members who are willing to work in certain areas such as assisting at the registration desk, helping to host the meal events with guides, and to have a presence as a welcoming committee for other members who

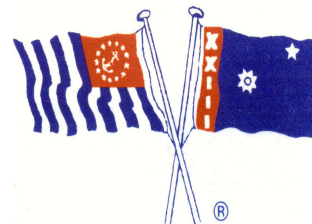
are attending the meeting. This time the district will have an information table near the registration desk to answer questions about the schedule, meeting locations and about local activities.

There are no unnecessary burdens placed on the district to plan events, to have a budget, or manage any aspect of the meeting.

The host district is primarily

requested to be good hosts and to make others feel comfortable in their city and surroundings.

D 23 is led by D/C Bob Becker, SN.



Use the Business Center, but you must not put your costs on the master account w/o permission.

USING BUSINESS CENTER

If you need copies made, need to have any type of business service, or to pick up a shipment, the hotel has a very extensive service right on the property located next to the Acapulco meeting room on the hallway leading to the guest rooms.

As you pass the restaurant and before you get to the Coronado Ball Room, take the hallway in

front of the Cancun meeting room and follow the hallway past Acapulco. The Business Center is on the right.

For those living in Casitas, as you come in to the hallway down the steps from your rooms, it is located down the steps near the elevator from the rooms into the long hallway.

Individuals must pay for their copies and services.

Need to send a fax, or use a computer? Need signs made or any of the usual last minute jobs? Use the in-house Business Center. No one may put fees for services on the master account except Trudy and Don or Authorized Representatives.

HOTEL ETIQUETTE AND FACILITIES

Remember, we have a contract with the Disney Coronado Springs Resort.

They are nice people and do everything to make our conference a success.

We often get more than we are contracted for just by also being nice to them. Funny, what a little bit of "sugar" will do.

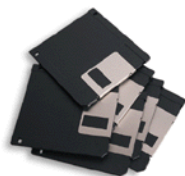
Don't give any of the Hotel staff a hard time.

Don't complain to them. Contact one of the NMC members if you have a complaint.

With our reduced budget, some things may not come as easy as it used to. Getting coffee refills for instance. Unless you have budgeted for more coffee, don't ask for more, just because it is

available. Coffee in these hotels is like purchasing wine on the outside. Only Trudy and Don can order more coffee.

Also, don't paste anything to the walls. That is a real No- No, unless you want to pay for the hotel getting the whole wall redone. It is in our contract not to paste things on the wall.



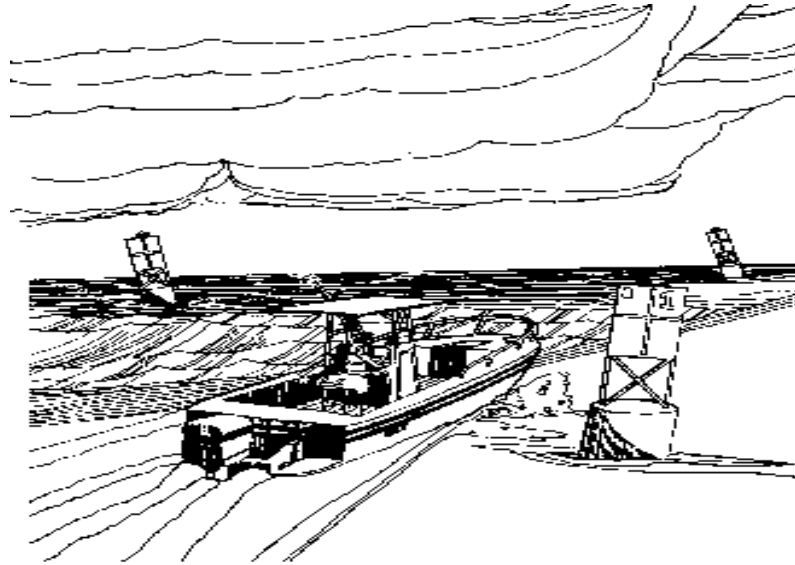
Don't hassle the hotel staff, Be liberal with your praise and thank you's.

ON-THE-WATER TRAINING

There is clearly a lot going on at this Annual Meeting.

On Thursday afternoon at 1500-1700 in Coronado A, if you are interested in "On-the-Water Training" or you are participating in the actual On-The-Water Training here in Florida on Monday being held close by Disney at Lake Harris, then you should be at Bob Brandenstein's Seminar.

The new program is developed under the Coast Guard Grant.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Leadership Training has had great participation. In fact members are banging down the door to get into the classes.

This time, we have several opportunities to get into the classes, but you must pre-register, for obvious reasons. The instructors need to know how many supplies to order, how

big a room to order, how much coffee and all of those logistical matters.

So, if you want to get in to one of these sessions, get busy and register now.

On Wednesday, there are three classes scheduled. You can attend any one of them. They

may carry the title of AD or XO, but anyone can attend.

Classes are in Monterey I, Monterey 3, and Fiesta. They start at 0800. They are not allowing "Walk-ons", so I emphasize that you must pre-register. See our full page instructions on registration on page 9. Call Anita at: (954)-781-8061.

You must pre-register for the Leadership Classes.

See the notice in this issue.

DEADLINE FOR CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Attention!!

The deadline for signing up for the House of Blues dinner and Cirque Du Soleil circus show is Sunday, **Dec. 26. Yes, Sunday.**

As of today, we already have 127 people signed up. That's two bus loads—plus. We might end up

with three bus loads if we continue at this rate.

OK Here is the scoop. —

The date is Thursday, February 3. We will meet the buses at 6 P.M. outside, opposite the Coronado Ball Room, in the Convention Center driveway. Everyone will have a bus Ticket and a show ticket. We will load the buses and

get dropped off at the "House of Blues Restaurant". We eat from the menu and pay for your own dinner. After dinner we go to the show, which is about 70 yards from the restaurant. Show starts at 9 P.M. and over at 10:30 P.M. After the show we meet the buses and go back to the hotel. There are no refunds for "no shows".

Cirque deadline 26, December



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THE NATIONAL MEETINGS COMMITTEE

The National Meetings Committee works under the National Executive Officer.

They are working 3 to 4 years ahead looking for viable meeting places to recommend to the BOD. This includes visits to several hotels to check in detail if they fit the USPS.

Once found, the NMC representatives negotiate prices and amenities, and a whole host of details in order for the hotel to come up with a proposal for that hotel. Several hotels could be in the works at one time.

Planning is on-going, and ever changing to meet the needs of the various departments and committees.

The NMC takes the lead in scheduling and logistical support to make the meetings happen.

The logistics include food selection, transportation, supplies, communication, coordination with partners, vendors, printers, bands and DJ and the total coordination of the logistical effort.

We manage the "Agenda" and coordinate with all of the R/C as a central clearing house of the

programs being scheduled and how they fit in space in the hotel. Our workers are planning tours, coordinating with local Chambers of Commerce and Visitors Bureaus.

We register members for participation in activities and the meeting itself. Accordingly we print the tickets, stuff the envelopes, design the layouts of meal events.

Above all, we keep a smile on our faces and have a positive "can do" approach to everything we do.

