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Commanders Message

Hello one and all, its that time of year again when we all crank up the ac's and hope for cooler weather again. Its time for another Squadron event and this one is the Western Roundup, 11 August. It's this coming Saturday so make your reservations with Marv Nelson ASAP. All the information can be found on the flyer on the last page of this issue. Also coming up on the calendar, don't forget the D13 Isthmus cruise the 23-27 August, for those who have signed up. Hurry and register for the Cardboard Boat Regatta 15 September, camp sites go fast, and may already be gone. Remember its up at Lake Lopez this year (same as last year), for those planning on attending the days' festivities. If you want the contact info please email me and I will get in touch with the hosting squadron, (*or contact Sandi Boyd at (805) 934-4024, the D13 Newsletter Editor, ed*). Also on the calendar the Fall Conference is fast approaching, which means that our Spring Conference is not that far around the corner. Volunteer now for any positions you want to help out with at or before the conference. If you have an area you would like to help with, like registration or helping to get the tables ready with decorations, speak up now. It's always better to get a job you like than the one that we will find for you if we run out of people. Want to help make decisions about the conference? Join the conference committee and become a volunteer. Only those on the conference committee will have the opportunity to decide what will be going on at the conference. Conference committee is open to anyone with

ideas, a willingness to work or is other wise able to help out with storage and donations. Contact Marv Nelson today.

A few changes have been made at National and D13 regarding student sign ups and Boating Course information. In the past a contact person was posted on the USPS website and the Name, Number and (recently) email address of the contact person was listed there for any student interested in a course. This information was available to the public and was also available to any one using the internet. Should you happen to look for a person's name (like mine, since I was a contact) on Yahoo, Google or any other such search engine, the person's personal information would be found. What that means is that anyone could obtain your Name, Telephone number and Email address with out any problem. From there you can do a reverse lookup on the whitepages.com and get the address and so forth for that person. Having discovered that I was receiving telemarketing calls and spam emails on average of 10 per day, I contacted National. Their response was not optimal, and my answer to them was to pull the contact information San Fernando Valley off their website. As Commander of San Fernando Valley, I also informed them that the squadron would no longer support their website, as this was a gross breach of my privacy and an excellent way to have my identity stolen.

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Moving? Please notify P/Cdr Harold W. Hoadley, AP, 933 East Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91501-1427, (818) 843-4930 for mail continuity. The Post Office will not notify us that you moved.

Deadline: All items for publication are due at the combined Bridge and Membership meeting the first Thursday of the month.

Submittals are always welcome. These may be made as hand written notes, via FAX, Diskette, or even E-mail. Heck, you can even stand on a corner and Yell, on second thought, don't do that, one of the other editors may run the article first!

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We now have full color scanning and FAX capability, so don't hesitate to keep those stories coming!

Commander's Message (continued from front page)

The Response from National, via the D13 Commander was: "we will no longer use that system and will now have all such inquiries routed through national and use DB2000 to relay the students to the correct squadrons." Thanks must go out to our D13 Commander Ken Boyd, SN, for backing me 100% and adding to my complaint that the other commanders in the district would be making there own choices in this matter. Nonetheless there is an R/C who no longer holds my respect in the slightest. Now, for those of you who are deeply concerned over my actions, San Fernando is essentially dead but for the paper work and will finish dissolving in a few more months. I said nothing about what The Valley would do nor what Valley Ho's remaining members may decide to do. If the people at national had really been thinking they may have realized that it was a grand gesture full of hot air, but it sure kicked over the hornets nest. Anyone else have a valid grievance that needs to be addressed? I don't mind being the young rabble-rouser for you, provided it is a valid concern that needs to be handled immediately. If you have such a concern email me with the concern, reasons why it concerns you and what you want to see happen regarding the concern. Basically I need the Issue, facts surrounding the issue and ways to solve it before I can really break heads anywhere. Also, I may need to speak with other people to determine if your issue can reasonably be addressed. Such as if your issue was that the new courses being offered to the public do not reasonably teach them the basic knowledge need to be safe on the water, may I suggest you join the national committee and have your qualms be given weight in a place you can make changes?

Wow, well have a nice cool summer and we will see you at the upcoming events listed above and in the calendar section. Have fun!

2008 Spring Conference

Education Corner

We are putting together a Basic Boating Class, tentatively set for the September time frame. This class will be held up near Lake Castaic through the kind generosity of R/C Al Lakin, N, and his employer.

Details are being finalized, but so far they look like this: The class will be a two consecutive Saturday class with lunch provided at the end of the second class after the test. Student cost is set at \$45.00 (tax included) per student. This includes the text book and the final lunch.

The facility is excellent, is in-doors, and is air-conditioned. This will be a vast improvement over the Boat Dealer location, although it was nice having examples of stern drive equipped boats right there in the "class room", or was it the dealer show room?

We will be preparing and distributing Flyers for this class to the local Boat Dealers in the area. If you have any friends who would like to attend, please have them contact Lt/Cdr Steve Wolf, SN, our Education Officer, or they can contact P/C Harold W Hoadley, AP, who is the class instructor. Phone numbers are in the Masthead.

Vacations! Vacations!

Several of your Officers and key people have either been on Vacation, or are on their way. A couple of them are taking extended Motor Home trips. One is cruising in Alaska.

We wish all a safe and happy Vacation and look forward to their pictures and stories which we will share in future issues.

If you thought the above was a hint, you are right.

Since we have the space here, our own R/C Al Lakin, N, will be preparing an article on attending a National Meeting. Since he must go, we thought getting a perspective from him about visiting the host city and what goes on besides endless meetings will be interesting.

Your 2008 Spring Conference Committee met on 9 July 2007 at the home of P/C Marv & Barbara Nelson. The sample artwork for the Donation Tickets was discussed and essentially approved. Next step is to print the tickets which will then need to be cut and perforated. The next meeting will be held at the Nelson's on 13 August at 1930.

A discussion was held regarding what will be needed from the Squadron membership to help at the event, with the result that:

HELP WANTED

Your 2008 Spring Conference Committee needs your help. While we won't pay cash (darn it), however we will make a Merit Mark Recommendation. We will be passing around a sign up sheet for the Spring Conference. These are not difficult nor hugely time consuming jobs. For example, we have a Registration Chair, but he will need a couple more to sit at the actual table for a couple of hours on Friday Night and again on Saturday morning. This keeps the lines real short at the tables.

Calendar

OK, here is a list of the upcoming stuff that the Editor is aware of that affects the general membership of our Squadron. D13 Officer specific events are not included.

Date	Event
2 August 2007	Executive Board
13 August 2007	2008 Conference Committee
11 August 2007	Round Up
25 August 2007	Isthmus Cruise
15 September 2007	Cardboard Boat Race
15 September 2007	Boating Course Start (date tentative)
29 Sept 2007	Auxiliary Fall Party (combined Sea Gals and Squadronettes)
19 – 21 October 2007	Fall Conference, Ventura
1 December 2007	Holiday Party, location TBD

Western Roundup

Listen up one and all, its time for the western roundup! So put on your boots, grab your hat and come on down to the Nelson ranch for fun and good friends.

Here be the particulars:

Drinks and such: 1830 (6:30)

Food and such: 1930 (7:30)

**Local: Nelson Ranch
17034 Lassen St
Northridge, CA**

Cost: \$10.00 per head

Shindig will be held 11 August 2007, wear your western gear or anything casual and call Marv Nelson today to get your place at the table (818) 886-8725.

