The Valley Sail and Power Squadron



The Full Deck

We Lost PDC Richard O. Gleason, SN

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our good friend and fellow member Richard O Gleason. Dick, has he was known to his fellow Squadron mates had earned 45 merit marks. Dick was a past District Commander, a past Squadron Commander, and a member of the Governing Board. His wit and wisdom will be sorely missed, he was 95 years old.

Dick and his wife Doris were active members of the San Fernando Valley Power Squadron before she passed away, and Dick continued his activities with that Squadron and upon the merger he continued as an active member of The Valley Sail & Power Squadron, attending our last Change of Watch.

Dick taught Operational Training (OT) for years, most recently at his home in Glendale. There had been a 95th birthday party planned in his honor just a few weeks ago, but Dick fell and as so often happens, he was unable to attend, so the party was canceled. Dick's health continued to

deteriorate and he passed away peacefully with his family at his side.

Services for Dick are not confirmed as this goes to press. Contact Lt/Cdr Harold W. Hoadley, AP, for details at (818) 843-4930. A full tribute to our fellow member will appear in the next issue of the Full Deck.

11 September 2010 Meeting

We are not having a Bridge meeting on 2 September as most of the Bridge will be in Washington at the Fall Governing Board. PRC Al Lakin, N has penned an excellent humorous look at the event which is included.

Rather than have a Bridge Meeting, we will all meet for Lunch at the DeBell Golf Clubhouse in Burbank, top of Walnut Drive, time High Noon. This will be an informal meeting, our Commander will report on anything vital from the Governing Board. Menu will either be off their menu, or a fixed selection. In either case, the food is great and the cost is more than reasonable. Call Lt/Cdr Harold W. Hoadley, AP, for details at (818) 843-4930.

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Publishers Message

We have combined three issues of the Full Deck. This was not done lightly, as your Publisher and acting Editor was ill for most of a month. We will resume our normal Monthly schedule of publication with the October issue From a Postage and Printing standpoint, the costs will be about a wash as the next issue is

planned to be huge!

Also, about the time you receive this via Snail Mail, an electronic version will be available on the Squadron Web Site. You will need the current version of Adobe to be able to fully enjoy the issue. We are also taking the issues from our archives of the Full Deck and be putting put them on the Web. Each issue is named with the four digit year first, then the Month of Publication. That should keep them in order for you. Not all issues exist in electronic form. Several were "cut and paste" on the printer, those will not be there.

We do need an Editor. The Editor's job is to gather the articles and photos for publication, and create a Word .DOC file for printing. The publisher will then print and mail them. The Publisher also supports the mailing list so that is not part of the Editor's job. This is a rewarding job, and a very necessary one. PC Mike Kabo did a great job while serving as Commander and is to be commended for a job well done.

LETTERMAN'S TOP TEN REASONS TO VISIT SEATTLE

(as interpreted by Al Lakin)

The squadron secretary handles the squadron's correspondence, which makes me a sort of "letter – man". Here's the countdown of the Top Ten Reasons to visit Seattle at the end of August.

10. Go to Pike Place Fish Co. to watch the flying fish...



9. See photos of the Kingdome implosion.



- 8. Zoom past the moon on the Space Needle
- 7. Charter a boat and cruise the San Juan Islands



6. Cheer for the Angels at Safeco Field (games on 30 and 31 August) - bring a Rally Monkey!



5. Sip at the Mother Ship – Starbucks' first store in downtown Seattle





4. See the Air Force One that isn't in Simi Valley (this one was in service from 1959-1962)



3. Tour Boeing's Everett plant, where Reagan's Air Force One was built.



2. Sample the fruit of the vine at one of the area's wineries



And the Number One reason to visit the Seattle area during the last week of August:

The semi-annual meeting of the USPS Governing Board in Bellevue from 30 August to 5 September!

Education Officer

Please look at the class schedule for the rest of this year, we have a couple of very good seminars schedules and two ABC 3rd Ed. Boating Safety Classes. You will find this list elsewhere in the Full Deck. We have not cancelled any classes or seminars this year.

For those who would like to have a Vessel Safety Exam performed on your vessel please contact me.

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Treasurer's Department

Due to changes in the IRS and California tax and reporting codes, we are still in the process of re-stating our Books for Fiscal 2008-2009 and 2009 – 2010. This has taken far longer than anybody expected and/or wanted.

We have opened a Squadron Savings Account, and are placing \$100 a month into it. By doing this, Wells Fargo is waving all service charges. Now before you call or write about Service Fee Free accounts at your favorite bank, keep in mind that we do not have Personnel bank accounts, we are considered a Business for banking purposes, thus the rules are a lot different.

It is Budget Time of the year again. If there is some activity you would like to see us fund, or changes to what we fund, now is the time to contact the Bridge Officer under whose department it belongs, or you can contact me. Why do we start the budget process so early in the year? We need time to put one together, submit it to the Bridge, and then recommend it to you for adoption in January. This is also when the Dues for the next year are set.

Lt/Cdr Harold W Hoadley, AP Treasurer. (818) 843-4930

Upcoming Squadron Events

The following calendar of events is for the Member Meetings and Events. The Educational Classes are shown in the Seminars and Classes section.

Saturday, 11 September DeBell Club House	Noon	Informal lunch and conversation from the Governing Board Meeting.
Thursday, 7 October, Horseless Carriage Restaurant, Galpin Ford	6:00 PM	Dinner and talk fest, from the menu.
Thursday, 7 October, Galpin Ford	7:30 PM	Executive Board Meeting.

Seminars and Classes

All classes are being held at the First United Methodist Church of Reseda, Room # 7, 18120 Saticoy Street, Reseda, CA 91335; intersection of Lindley Ave., otherwise stated. Parking entrance is off of Lindley Avenue unless otherwise stated. All classes are open to the public.

Boating ABC 3rd Ed. Tuesdays, 7 sessions, Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 (exam), 19, 26. 7-9 PM

Cost Public \$50, Membership \$100

Celestial Navigation (JN) Thursdays + Until Ready for EXAM. 1ST sessions is September 16. Cost is \$350 and includes 1 year membership in USPS. Instructor is Al Lakin, SN. Deadline to Register is September 2, 2010 Contact SEO Ray Paul to Register.

Boating Operator Certification Seminar Tuesday, November 2, 2010 cost is \$25.00 Instructor is Ray Paul, AP. Deadline to Register is October 19, 2010 with payment.

Seamanship Tuesdays 8 sessions and will meet Nov 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21, EXAM 28. 2010. Instructor is Ray Paul, AP Deadline to Register is Oct 26, 2010. Cost is \$70 for USPS Members

We will start the Second Celestial Navigation (N) immediately following the JN Class.

For all classes contact SEO Ray Paul via email cscout01@earthlink.net