

NO WAKE ZONE



Lake Mohave Sail and Power Squadron A Unit of the United States Power Squadron® Bullhead City, AZ



December, 2011

General Membership Meetings Are Held The Second Wednesday Of Each Month At A Location To Be Announced. The Meetings Start At 1800. Executive Committee Meetings Will Be Held At 1700 At The Same Location And Date .



Commander's Corner

Ahoy Everyone!

I trust you had a wonderful and fun-filled Thanksgiving Day. My day was spent with family and friends in Covina, California, where we enjoyed a fun day full of more food and drink than we needed with babies laughing, children playing, and a general celebration of our being together at this special time. It was a beautiful day full of blessings and thankfulness (and, of course, enjoying the football).

It's December already! Christmas is literally days away and everyone is starting to wear their holiday garb, bells are ringing about town, poinsettias are on porches and entry ways, holly berries and mistletoe abound and lights are shining from rooftops and on lawns, all in celebration of the birth of Christ, in addition to reminding children of the arrival of Saint Nicholas and his eight tiny reindeer pulling a sleigh with a bag full of goodies. I wish to thank everyone for being so generous in donating to the "Toys for Tots" drive by bringing an unwrapped gift to our Christmas Party on the 14th of December and joining in the spirit of the season by making some children very happy.

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to David and Carol Holbert as family members of our squadron. David successfully completed the Fall ABC class taught by Mike Accardo and joined as a trial member for six months. The Holberts are in and out of town (as so many of our TriState friends and neighbors are) and we hope to see them joining us soon at our many upcoming squadron activities.

As many of you know (or may not) I am particularly interested in the education of everyone regarding the terrible effects of CO poisoning. While attending a Colorado River Law Enforcement Agency conference a couple of years ago, I had the exceptional opportunity to watch a program on CO poisoning and was amazed at how quickly one could be overcome and simply not realize what was happening. Recently in researching the Marketing and Media Releases area of the USPS website, I discovered a 2011 Media Release on the subject of CO poisoning. My thanks go to Lt. Bill Hempell, Senior Feature Writer for the USPS Marketing/Public Relations Committee, for writing this article, and to Greg Scotten of the Marketing Committee for making it available for squadron use in our newsletters. That article, in its entirety, is as follows:

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Cooler Weather And The CO Blues

While cooler weather in Southern areas and chilly boating nights in the north challenge the hearty boater, it also brings the deadly shadow of (CO) carbon monoxide poisoning. Boaters will close hatches and canvas: an act of folly that builds a natural gas chamber by which to poison themselves. Stories abound about unsuspecting boaters being overcome.

Carbon monoxide is an insidious killer. It is odorless and colorless. It strikes with deadly efficiency when we are sleeping, and when we are awake. Its symptoms are frequently mistaken as sea sickness or the effects of too much alcohol. It can make you sick in a matter of seconds and in its concentrated form can kill within a few breaths.

Carbon monoxide is created any time you burn a carbon based fuel. This can be fuels such as gasoline, diesel fuel, propane, charcoal, or oil burners. Common sources include engines, generators, cooking ranges, space heaters and water heaters. It is extremely important that we keep all equipment related to burning and exhausting carbon fuels in tip top running order.

Carbon monoxide detectors are inexpensive and effective. Buy and install good ones and test their operation on every cruise. Detectors should be installed near the potential sources (generators and engine compartments) as well as in the forward and aft portions of your boat, where the gas may collect.

When traveling, it is important to maintain a flow of air through the pilot area and the cabin. Slow speeds and a following wind are a sure fire recipe to blow exhaust

fumes forward into your boat. Incredibly, some boat hull designs are known to exhibit the

“station wagon effect” and actually create a vacuum type of air flow that draws the fumes forward along the hull and into the boat. Be sure to open side flaps, windshieldvents, forward port holes or any other openings to allow the air to flow through your inhabited areas.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide include a loss of color, dizziness, disorientation vomiting and extreme sleepiness. To treat carbon monoxide poisoning, get the person to some fresh air immediately. Also evacuate all other persons from the area to prevent more cases. Get fresh air to the effected person. Oxygen is even better. Call for help immediately, do not wait. In the case of this silent killer, you are better off to be safe and to apologize later. CO is extremely dangerous; it would be sheer folly to treat it lightly.

To learn more about safe boating, contact your local United States Power Squadrons® unit and ask for information about the many courses and seminars, or go to their national website, www.USPS.org. As its members remind us: “Boating is fun... We’ll Show you how”

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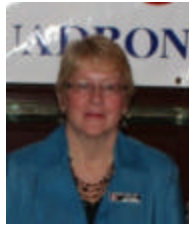
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As stated, this situation can arise anywhere - in your home, houseboat, camper, RV or wherever the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning exists. Good detectors are inexpensive and effective. Who knows, an investment of approximately \$25.00 could save a life and that life could be your own or a loved one’s!

In closing I would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas Holiday! I hope to see you at our Christmas Party on the 14th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!.....Cdr. Jo Anne Waller





Administrative Officer's Report

As I look back, I see the wonderful Halloween Party hosted by Al and Eileen Trueman.



Al and Eileen Trueman

Many squadron members attended as well as friends of the Truemans. Everyone donned a costume and all were judged in the various categories. Squadron member, Norm Dack, won the CREEPY category by impersonating a famous German Fuhrer. Friends of the Trueman's Charlotte Carr was the victor in the SCARY category sneaking in as a witch; Ron Coburn took the FUNNY category as a cow and Marlene Zappia took the most CREATIVE category strolling in as Bonnie of Bonnie and Clyde. We had a great time and wish to thank Al and Eileen Trueman for their hospitality.



Norm Dack



Marline Zappia



Ron Coburn



Charlotte Carr



Mike Accardo



Andy Pensavalle



Dave and Maureen Evans



Sharon Dack and Dave Evans

Our general squadron meeting was held at the China Buffet in Bullhead City on the 9th of November. Commander Waller announced that the “**Lake Mohave Sail and Power Squadron**” is now our official name. It may take me a few months to get my mind trained to remember to add “Sail” to the name!

The Happy Hour social at the Riverside Resort Casino was attended by many members. Thanks to our eager members, we were first in line and were able to snag several tables near the windows. The view of our Colorado River was beautiful and we had a great time chatting and enjoying our favorite beverages and appetizers.

Upcoming Events:

December 14, 2011 – Annual meeting and Christmas party. In the spirit of giving, those attending are asked to bring an unwrapped children’s toy so that we can make a donation to the local “Toys for Tots” drive. We will also have a “white elephant” gift exchange.

January 11, 2012 – Change of Watch at the Riverside Resort Casino. Watch for further details regarding this event.

March 2 – 3, 2012 - District 28 Spring Conference to be hosted by our Squadron. As the date approaches, we will need members to assist with the planning of this event. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Sharon Weller, Jo Anne Waller or Jean Militello

.....Lt/C Sharon Weller

December Birthdays

Our birthday celebrants for December are Al Trueman on the 30th and Andy Pensavalle on the 31st.



Where We've Been

Sharon Weller enjoyed a four day cruise to Catalina, California and Ensenada, Mexico during the last part of October. She travelled with her neighbors Murray and Tracy Bishop and Alice Bishop. There was plenty of entertainment and food. Sharon enjoyed the walking tour of Avalon, Catalina and the "Behind the Fun" tour of the ship! She says she did not know that her husband, Joe, had a sideline.....not really but she could not pass up the photo op below.



Sharon Weller On Catalina Island

Joe kept pretty busy while she was gone. He had their AC/furnace replaced, shampooed the carpets and cleaned the house himself! (Joe, if you are not busy next Wednesday.....) There was still plenty of time for him to "play" at the casinos and he did have one lucky hand to pay for half of the AC unit.

Real Estate Tycoons **Al and Eileen Truman** have been chasing around California checking out rental properties in Murrieta and Grover Beach; did a little scouting in the Pismo Beach area and spent Thanksgiving in Carmel with a group of 30 friends.

Mike and Barb Accardo made another trip to Southern California to visit family. They spent about 10 days entertaining their grand children.

Editor's Notes

Photos in this issue were provided by Eileen Trueman and Norm Dack



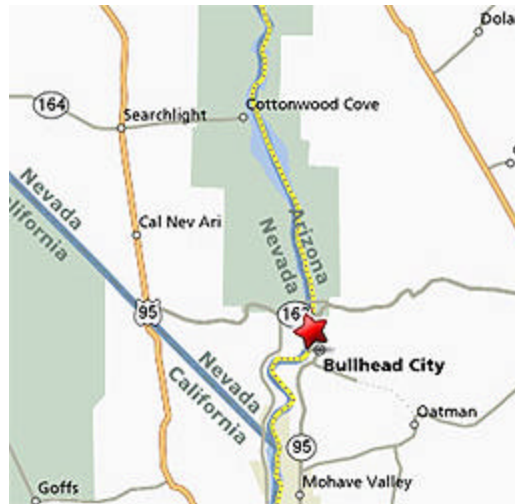
Sometimes I Wonder Why I Keep Doing This



Maybe This Is Why

The **No Wake Zone** is a publication of the Lake Mohave Sail And Power Squadron. P/C Andy Pensavalle, Editor.

Lake Mohave, located along the borders of Arizona and Nevada, is one of a series of reservoirs that control the Colorado River water flow between its head waters and the Gulf of California. Lake Mohave was formed with the completion of Davis Dam in 1951 and put into service in 1952 as part of a Colorado River water agreement between the United States and Mexico. The Lake Mohave Sail And Power Squadron was formed in 2006 in response to the needs of area boaters for boating safety education and to enhance their boating experience.



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