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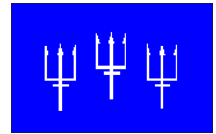
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The District 17 Fall Conference was held in Oak Ridge on 23 – 25 October. R/C R. Herman Green presented the District with the Bowsprit Award. D17 was one of three squadrons of all 450 squadrons in the USPS that earned the reward. The award is based on performance results for the preceding twelve months for six goals. These goals are: total active membership; total Boating/Boat Smart/ and ABC Course registrations; educational program graduates exceeding the prior year; total active membership retention; total vessel safety checks; and total cooperative charting credits. P/Cdr Danny Tompkins and Cdr. Mike Scher accepted the award for the District. My thanks go to all of you in KPS who made contributions to the achievement of this award.

The conference was well attended at the Double Tree Hotel. On Friday night many of the conferees dressed in their favorite college football team colors for cocktails and dinner. At the Saturday Council and Conference meetings a decision was reached to refund to the D17 squadrons the \$25.00 initiation/registration fee not only to members who had just completed the ABC Boating course but also to all new members. This was done in an effort to help stimulate new membership and to stem the trend of declining membership. This decision will be revisited at the D17 Spring Conference.

P/Cdr Danny Tompkins, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, asked for nominees for the District Bridge and committees. If you can contribute your time and talents, we need you! Please contact either myself or Mike Scher to be considered if you are interested in serving.

Saturday afternoon breakout sessions included a choice among seminars on “Boat Operators Certification” and sessions on presenting seminars (i.e. train the trainer) while Sunday breakouts included “Coastal Charting” and a GPS seminar.

The featured dinner speaker Saturday night was R/Cdr R. Herman Green who brought the Chief's, C/Cdr Creighton Maynard, message to the

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ELECTED NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

AUDIT:

CHAIR: H. Gary Rich, S
2 YR
3 YR Janine Johnson

NOMINATING:

CHAIR/2 YR P/C Sharon Birdwell, AP
2 YR
3 YR Ira Edidin, P

RULES:

CHAIR: D/C Michael P. Scher, AP
2 YR
3 YR Chuck Smith

PORT CAPTAINS

WATTS BAR LAKE D/1Lt David Druif, JN FT LOUDOUN LAKE P/C James C. Barkley, SN TELlico LAKE P/C Mike Scher, AP

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BOAT SHOWS:

Don Eatock, AP

RADIO:

P/V/C Franklin Wedge, SN

OPERATION BOAT SMART:

P/C Bob Bray, JN

SAFETY:

D/C Michael P. Scher, AP

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P/Lt/C Don Burgett

LAW OFFICER:

P/C James Barkley, SN

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P/C Sharon Birdwell, AP

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The LUBBER LINE*



KPS members from time to time need to have their information updated in the USPS National Membership Database (DBS2000). In addition, there are occasional issues of current importance that members might like to have communicated to their fellow members via the KPS website. Ken Bloomfield is currently serving as our IT (information tech) member, and would appreciate it if you would send those requests directly to him at webmaster@kps-site.org. He will then post or change the information as required.

Did you know that you could be reading your newsletter in eye-popping, vivid color if you receive it via email and print it on your very own color printer? If you aren't receiving your newsletter by email and would like to, contact Eva Stob at REStob@aol.com. Getting the newsletter by email instead of by regular mail, means you get it a few days earlier, you can print it in color which makes it more interesting to read and it saves the squadron printing and mailing costs. It also saves your newsletter editors' time as there are fewer newsletters to fold, tape, stamp, and mail. If you have an address or email change, let us know at REStob@aol.com or phone 865-856-7888. Thanks.

**A lubber line, also called a lubber's line, a lubber's mark, and a lubber's point, is a reference mark on a compass or other navigational instrument indicating the heading of a vessel. We've created this lubber line to serve as our newsletter bulletin board to post pieces of information that effect our squadron's mark and direction.*

KPS Fall Color Cruise That Wasn't

The fall color cruise turned out to be red (our noses), white (the whitecaps from the water) and blue (our hands). Since the weather was particularly uncooperative, we cruised down I-40 and had a nice lunch anyway. Those in attendance were rewarded with a sneak preview of the Watts Bar Invitational Cardboard Boat Race, videographed by our very own Jim Barkley. Thanks to Jim for a very nice job. Maybe next year will be better.



2 November Deadline for Holiday Gala Reservations

WE MUST LET THE CATERER KNOW OUR FINAL HEAD COUNT BY 2 NOVEMBER, which is the deadline for checks to reach Vickie Smith at 114 Cross Winds Cove Road, Ten Mile, TN 37880. See below for details on the Gala, set for 10 DECEMBER.

November Dinner Meeting — 16 November 2009

The November dinner meeting will be on 16 November at the Flatwater Grill, Melton Lake Drive in Oak Ridge. This restaurant affords a pretty view of Melton Hill Lake where the rowing venues occur. The dinner will be an order-off-the-menu event. On their menu are hot dinners that include dinner meat, salad or soup, and two side items for \$13.99. The restaurant also includes nice specialty salads for \$10.95. Our featured speaker for the evening will be a lock master from either Fort Loudoun Lock or Watts Bar Lock; their schedules will determine who will be able to attend. The lockmaster will speak to the perspective of commercial traffic vs. recreational boats and will include some stories of real life events that occur in the lock. This should be an interesting evening.



Lighted Boat Parade — 3 December

3 December, Bob Bray, will command the Tellico Lighted Christmas Parade. See more about this on page 4.

Holiday Gala — 10 December

The Gala has an incredible setting – an elegant, older southern home – the Plantation Springs Manor which will be beautifully decorated for the Holiday Season. The Manor House is located at the intersection of Ebenezer and Westland (near Cedar Bluff exit of I-40). Social hour will begin at 1800. This is a BYOB event with tea or lemonade to be served with the meal. Catering will be by Big Fatty's Catering Kitchen (her aunt and uncle were the original owners of this home and all the land adjoining it). Our menu for this evening is a buffet containing Greek Chicken, Crab Cakes, Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Red Velvet Cake, Rolls, Tea, and Lemonade. This event will be a BYOB. The cost for this event is \$25 per person. Checks need to be mailed to



Vickie Smith, 114 Cross Winds Cove Road, Ten Mile,

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During the month of September we started a Seamanship class with 10 students. Now we are half-way through the material with an exam scheduled for 18 November. The class started at the Boat Super-center on Lovell Road. Unfortunately that facility is closing on 30 October, but thanks to Gander Mountain, we will complete Seamanship at their location.

Ken and Brenda Bloomfield have signed up to take Advanced Piloting while on their Great Loop Trip. The SEO gave them the required material to take along with them. Deb and Gary Swindlehurst have agreed to be proctor and mentors to check homework and plotting assignments.

In January 2010 a Piloting class will be formed to move along the Seamanship students in advanced grade classes. Any other members who need to take this course may also join by contacting the SEO.

In February 2010 our public courses will start again. The education department hopes to have locations assigned by mid December 2009.

USPS will have 24 Seminars in place by June 2010. Each is approximately 2 hours long; therefore we need many more instructors to take ID (Instructor Development) to help with these classes. Anyone who teaches the public must be certified via ID.

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

On Thursday, 3 December 2009 at 1745 there will be a Lighted Boat Parade on Tellico Lake. This event is sponsored by the Tellico Cruising Club. Anyone who lives on Tellico Lake is invited to enter their boat in the parade by calling Bob/Janet Bray at 865-408-9229.

Public viewing will be available at the Clear Creek Boat Ramp and Tellico Village Yacht Club. The parade route will be from the Tellico Village Yacht Club heading south where the boats will divide into two groups with one group continuing into Clear Creek and the other group into Fork Creek. Home parties are ideal for great viewing along the route.

Join in on the fun with your boat or with your cheers!

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TN 37880 so that they will be received by 2 November.

We will also have a dirty Santa gift exchange. Attendees are asked to re-gift or find something at home to wrap and bring to the Gala. After dinner the gifts will be opened by others or, if you are lucky (or unlucky, depending upon your perspective), your gift may return home with you.

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District. In the message he continued to emphasize our change in strategy from being a dues-based organization to becoming a marketing-based organization. He announced that we will soon have 24 seminars and other courses to market to the public and other organizations such as the Coast Guard and Canadian Power Squadron. The Coast Guard has already provided grants for the development of several courses.

Saturday night also included a showing of the video of the 2009 Watts Bar Invitational cardboard boat race produced by James Barkley of KPS. Many of the attendees were afforded the opportunity to view themselves and their creations in action at Terrace View Marina. There were many comical and embarrassing scenes. The evening concluded with a raffle of great door prizes contributed by the Oak Ridge Power Squadron who were very gracious hosts of the conference and the hospitality room.

In summary, the Fall D17 Conference was informative, fun and provided opportunities to interact with other boaters and USPS members. If you have not ever attended a District meeting, I urge you to attend the D17 Conference in Atlanta this spring.

Nominations for 2010 KPS Bridge

Election of the new 2010 Knoxville Power Squadron Bridge will take place at the January meeting. Below is the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee: (Those listed as 1 year on each of the committees are the Committee Chairpersons.)

Commander: Margaret Edidin

Executive Officer: Rich Hawbaker

Administrative Officer: Vickie Smith

Education Officer: Tom Dietrich

Treasurer: Larry Lanz

Secretary: Rosemary Nicolaysen

Executive Committee: Larry Campbell (1 yr) & Jim Barkley (3 yr)

Nominating Committee: Polly Lanz (2 yr) and Don Eatock (3 yr)

Rules Committee: George Fulmer (1 yr) and Larry Nicolaysen (3 yr)

Audit Committee: Bob Huffman (1 yr) and Glenna Druif (3 yr)

The following committee members have been retained and are not up for election this year. They were elected previously and will finish out their terms according to the number of years listed.

Executive Committee: Don Eatock (2 yr)

Nominating Committee: Ira Edidin (1 yr)

Rules Committee: Chuck Smith (2 yr)

Audit Committee: Janine Johnson (2 yr)

Where was the KPS burgee flying on 12 October?



Pictured above at Joe Wheeler State Park Marina are KPS members cruising southward, Bill and Nancy Rogers, Ken and Brenda Bloomfield, Ben and Sharon Birdwell, Ray West and Delila Calahan, Rich and Kathie Hawbaker. (Who's left to mind the "store"?)

USPS GOES TO DISNEY

The following was taken from the National Meetings Committee Newsletter dated October 1, 2009.

The Coronado Springs Resort

The 2010 Annual Meeting is being held in the Orlando, FL area at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World "Where Dreams Come True." The dates are 1 February until 7 February 2010. Peak days are Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The National Meetings Committee would like every member to attend. Knowing that can't be possible, they would like everyone that can to come and have a Disney Vacation. There will be meetings, but they have figured out how attendees can have the maximum time on their own to enjoy Disney.

The Coronado Springs Resort is built entirely in a Southwestern style or Mexican/Franciscan style like a big mission. It circles a beautiful lake, "Lago Dorado". The Power Squadron will be in the Casitas Area. This area has several detached buildings with outside entry to the rooms. The rooms are plush with great beds, wide screen TV's and beautiful theme style furniture. The views are gorgeous with palm trees overlooking large courts or lakes.

Bring your shorts and pretty sports attire and look Florida. Nights in February can get chilly so bring a jacket just in case. Bring comfortable walking shoes as there are many opportunities to walk.

Why You Need to Stay in the Hotel

The way the USPS National Meetings Committee is able to get all the hotel meeting room space, ballrooms and EXPO halls free is to guarantee a certain number of sleeping rooms. They negotiate with the hotel for group rates.

Part of the equation is the large number of meeting space needed. If they negotiate with the expectation that a certain number of sleeping rooms will be reserved, then members stay elsewhere, the USPS must pay more. They need participation to make the meetings financially successful.

For more information, go to the USPS website at www.usps.org.

The Convention Center

The Convention Center will be the hub of our activity while at Disney. It is removed from the sleeping rooms. This is not a high rise hotel situation like in other places. It is a resort.

Casitas, Ranchos, and Cabanas are the sleeping rooms. Each building is like a small stand alone hotel in itself. We will be primarily housed in Casitas, Buildings 1 through 5. Some will be in Cabanas and Ranchos. From Casitas you can walk through corridors and take elevators to get to the Convention Center.

BAGGAGE HANDLING "Disney Magical Express" (DME)

Go DME. When you make your room reservation, you should ask for DME or Disney Magical Express if you are coming by airplane. DME gets you a free ride to the hotel and your baggage delivered to your room free. (A small tip is usually in order.)

If you don't use DME, you will have to use a taxi or limo which could cost \$55 to \$80.

A Few Things to Do

Attend First Timers Meetings.

Attend meetings in your area of interest.

Vote.

Dance to "Cactus Jack and the Cadillacs" at the Change of Watch Ceremony

Go to the Theme Parks:

Magic Kingdom

EPCOT

Hollywood Studios

Disney's Animal Kingdom

"Downtown Disney"

Disney's Boardwalk Area

The Marketplace

Take a CPR class (see next page).



**2010 USPS NATIONAL MEETING
ORLANDO, FL**

ADULT CPR AND AED COURSE

REGISTRATION FORM



The USPS National First Aid Support Team (F.A.S.T.), in conjunction with an authorized provider for the American Heart Association is offering you (members and spouses) an opportunity to be trained in Adult CPR and AED.

The course will be offered on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Annual Meeting, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, starting at 1230. Plan to spend 4 ½ hours that afternoon learning something that could possibly save the life of someone you know – a relative, friend, co-worker, neighbor.

During the afternoon your will receive training via text, video, lecture, and hands-on practice in obstructed airway, rescue breathing, adult CPR and AED. You will practice using mannequins and AED training models. When you pass you will receive a certificate good for 2 years. The cost for all of this is \$40.00 per person. The course is open to all attending the USPS Annual Meeting.

Please note: Pre-registration is required so that sufficient materials, equipment and instructors will be available.

Persons interested are asked to register by sending a check in the amount of \$40.00 per person, payable to P/D/C/ W. Norman Franck, SN, F.A.S.T. member. Your check and the following information should be sent to the address below:

Name(s) printed as they are to appear on your CPR/AED certificate:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Thank you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS... (For details see inside or the next issue)

2 November		Deadline for Holiday Gala Notification
5 November	1900	Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
16 November	1800	November Dinner Meeting Flatwater Grill, Oak Ridge
3 December	1745	Tellico Cruising Club Lighted Boat Parade
10 December	1800	Annual Holiday Gala Plantation Springs Manor, Knoxville

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