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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks,

Spring has sprung finally!

Before we kick off in April's calendar, I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the C.O.W. on the 5th of March. Special thanks to D/LT/C Caren Canfield JN for the installation of the new officers. And special guests Caren's husband D/P/C Robert Canfield with their grandson, Ben; also Jonathan & Linda Yoder of Illinois Valley Power Squadron joined us. We also signed up a new member that night Louise Knox and her daughter Victoria.

I gave away two awards that night. The first one was Member of the Year, it went to Julie Haehn and the other award was a special recognition that went to Lisa Kelso. Both women put in countless hours to the squadron and the District 20 C/R last summer. Great Job Ladies!!!

I would like to at this time to welcome our new Bridge members and appreciate their helping to support our Squadron. Thank You!!!

The Spring Conference will be at Northbrook II. on the 25-27 of March .I will report on it next month.

April 9th at the Aqua Sports Club will be our Trivia night; doors will open at 1730 games start at 1830. Be prepared for a fun filled evening, and don't forget your thinking caps.

April 14th will be our next Dinner meeting the location is at the Dublin Pub at 1830.

Well it's time to go for now! I'll see ya all soon
Thanks to all of you for a great year!!!

CDR. Daryl Peek A.P.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

To **TRAILER MASTERS** for donating the enclosed trainer to transport *Illumination* to the United States Power Squadrons annual meeting in Orlando, FL. It proved to be extra special not only in transporting but protection from the snow storms encountered on their travels.

Please remember Trailer Masters, 1560 Recreation Drive for your future trailer/transportation needs.





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Rick Wright	04/09
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DISTRICT 20 SPRING CONFERENCE

I'm attempting to find out who plans to attend Spring Conference this weekend. As you may know, we are co-hosting a Hospitality Room with Fox Valley, Kankakee and DuPage squadrons. Hospitality rooms are for two nights this year and Friday is the larger event. The theme is "Pub Crawl" and our focus is on a Sports Bar theme.

Consequently, if you could wear your favorite sports team shirt and bring your "cheesehead" or giant finger! Anyone with sports oriented decoration items?

As far as food & alcohol... Friday is "food" night and Saturday is "sweet" night (along with any leftovers) I'm planning to make either Sloppy Joes or Pulled Pork BBQ for small sandwiches. Does anyone have other specialty they would like to bring along? We'll be using squadron funds to purchase some food items and we'll be bringing a few items from our paper/plastic inventory for serving and consumption of the food.

Lisa and I are planning to bring ingredients and equipment to make "Jamaican Smiles" - a rum-based drink which tastes like a strawberry/banana milk shake. (with a little kick of course) Each squadron is bringing a case of beer and I have a few bottles of wine in my collection to bring along.

I'm looking for a volunteer to gather the case of beer. And... anyone with other liquor donations... If you have a favorite "sports" drink and would like to offer some variety to the mix, please feel free to do so.

Sweets are also needed... I'm thinking of bringing either my usual frosted banana bars or Texas cake. Cookies, cakes or other treats anyone? Remember this is more of a "grazing" event, so nothing need to be large.

As usual, let's have some fun! I don't think my Jamaican Smiles will measure up the Pina Coladas we had at the Annual Meeting in Orlando - but, they'll still be darn good.

D20/Sec Greg Kelso, AP

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Thanks to All ---

Many thanks to the faithful LLPSers (and DPSers) who stood watch at the recent boat show. A good time was had by all, and several prospective class members identified themselves. *Illumination*, as usual, attracted her full ration of attention.

P/C Dean Jones

Lake Springfield Council news

*****Sherel Nutt Memorial Scholarship**— The Springfield Lake Homeowners Association will award two \$1000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors going to college. Information on this program and past winning submissions can be found on the website www.lakespringfield.org.

All seniors attending public or private schools in the Springfield, Chatham or Rochester School Districts (schools that border Lake Springfield) are eligible to apply for these cash awards. The only requirement to awarding these scholarships funds is that students must continue their education this fall – be it a public or private community college, 4 year college or university.

Grades, extra curricular activities/community service, two letters of recommendation and written essay on “What you would do to improve Lake Springfield” are the key elements of the application. A senior does not have to live on Lake Springfield to apply.

Applications are available at each high school in Springfield, Chatham, and Rochester, from Association Board members, clubs on Lake Springfield or through the association web site www.lakespringfield.org.

Lake Springfield Clean-Up Day May 7.

Come to the Springfield Motor Boat Club around 10:00 a.m. Have a cup of coffee and a donut in preparation for cleaning up the parks, parking lots, and lanes around the lake. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided by CWLP and Lake Services crews will pick up the bags of debris that we collect. We will assign areas or you can choose one near your lane. The Motor Boat Club is always supportive of our events and we appreciate their efforts in our behalf. Thanks to Larry Michaud for coordinating this event again this year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

I am looking forward to the upcoming year, but enter knowing I have big shoes to fill after the program that Ken put together for us. He was very gracious and offered to make the April and May plans so my real work won't begin for a little longer.

As I start to lay out AA and meeting plans for the upcoming year I'd certainly like to know what locations you have enjoyed, or not, and any new sites you may have discovered. Also, if you know of a potential guest speaker, please give me a call or drop me an email.

The same goes if you have a topic that interests you--with ideas I can start doing some research for topic experts.

Kathy Wright

SECRETARY

I look forward to serving LLPS as secretary this year. Please don't hesitate to contact me this year if I can be of any help.

Rick Wright

Note: Dates & place for AA meetings dependent on my memory. Please check with Kay Caruso. Articles for the **May issue are due April 20** to Gail at gsavidge@xanadoo.com.. Thank you.

USPS

A Newsletter Is Born

The Marketing/PR Committee has a brand-new online newsletter, *Keeping UP*. Each issue will contain the tools to make your squadron the go-to organization you want it to be: "Bright Ideas" for free publicity; the latest programs from the Educational Department; and links to PR contests, more than 50 reusable boating safety articles, and the marketing/public relations online resources guidebook. — **Greg Scotten**

Check out USPS.org



Communications Afloat

By the title you've probably figured that I'm going to talk about the VHF Marine two way Radio you have aboard your boat. After all, no prudent skipper would venture into Lake Michigan or any coastal waters without their VHF Radio onboard and turned on to monitor Ch 16. But I want to talk about the other options available to the recreational boater to communicate.

Everyone is familiar with Walkie-talkies, those handy little hand held radios for personnel communications in and around the dock. The big problem with them is that they are limited to 0.5 watts and operate under FRS or Family Radio Service. Manufactures of these radios often make exaggerated range claims but usually actual ranges under normal line of sight blocked by a few buildings or trees is usually between 1/3 to 1 mile. To overcome these limitations there is the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS). It is a licensed (no test required) land-mobile HF UHF radio service available for short-distance two-way communications.

It is intended for use by an adult individual who possesses a valid GMRS license, as well as his or her immediate family members, covered under the same license. Family members include a spouse, children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and in-laws. (47 CRF 9517). Normally, as a GMRS system licensee, you and your family members would communicate among yourselves over the general area of your residence or during recreational group outings such as camping, hiking or in and around the dock. The FCC grants five-year renewable licenses for GMRS Systems (currently \$85.00) and the individual licensee is responsible for the proper operations of the licensed GMRS system at all times. As the licensee you receive a Call Sign / Lease ID (my radio station call signs is WQIR834).

You're probably asking yourself why go to all this trouble and expense? Because with a GMRS licensee you are permitted to transmit at up to 50 watts (although 1 to 5 watts is more common using GMRS hand held's) which means far greater range, from 15 to 35 miles (up to 50 miles using repeaters). At last count there were over 3500 repeaters for GMRS located throughout the country. GMRS transceivers operate on 22 channels and a quick check for a pair of handhelds from Cobra with AC plug-in chargers cost \$24.99 for a 16 miles range set,

up to \$69.99 for a 35 mile range, 142 privacy codes, and 10 NOAA Weather Channels. Almost all GMRS radios also support FRS frequencies (all FRS frequencies are limited to half a watt).

So you may want to consider a GMRS license for you and your family to use when you go ashore. It's a good way to be sure to keep in touch and you can be your own radio station complete with an FCC Call Sign, without having to take a test as you would for a HAM license.

See you on the water.

P/C James Daugherty, AP
(Calumet SPS Smoke Signals)

Don't let this happen to a Friend

According to the Coast Guard Statistics in 2009 there were 4730 accidents, counted among them 397 accidents, 165 deaths and 422 injuries; alcohol was involved and the leading contributing factor to the accident. Of all the accidents the death rate was 5.8 deaths per 100,000 registered boats, an increase of 3.6% over last year. Drowning occurred for three fourths of the victims and the report states that 84% of them were not wearing a life jacket.

Eighteen children under age thirteen lost their lives while boating, 50 percent of them from drowning and only 44 percent of them were wearing a life jacket. Only fourteen percent of the deaths involved an operator who has received boating safety education. These are some really grim figures and the tragedy is most of the accidents could have been avoided. The statistics show that education goes a long way in boating safety, and it is baffling why anyone would not seek out a better education for such a popular sport.

It is our obligation to spread the word to the public, inform them of the classes that we present. Encourage them to take the class if not for themselves then they should do it for their family. Education promotes no drinking and boat safety so remember “

Don't let this happen to your friends.”

(Calumet SPS Smoke Signals)

EPA Seeks Public Comments to Help Develop Management Practices for Recreational Vessels

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment from boaters and other stakeholders to help develop proposed regulations, as required by the 2008 Clean Boating Act, to reduce water pollution and the spread of invasive species in the nation's rivers, lakes and other water bodies. As an alternative to permits required for commercial vessels, the act directs EPA to develop and promulgate management practices for recreational vessels.

The important input received through this process will help guide the development of proposed regulations to mitigate adverse effects from recreational boat discharges, such as bilgewater, graywater and deck runoff, that may contain substances harmful to water quality or spread invasive species.

The Clean Boating Act directs EPA to take steps to limit the impact of pollution and the spread of invasive species associated with the discharge from boats. As part of the public input, EPA is also seeking information from states that already enact standards to limit the impacts of boat discharges on waterways.

Based on the important input received, EPA will seek to develop appropriate management practices and performance standards that protect waterways while also working with the U.S. Coast Guard, which will establish regulations governing the design, construction, installation and use of management practices.

Implementation of these management practices will allow boaters and other water enthusiasts to continue enjoying our nation's water bodies while protecting water quality.

EPA is holding listening sessions and conducting webinars to inform interested parties about the Clean Boating Act and receive public input. The listening sessions will be held in Annapolis, Md. on March 18 and April 29.

More information about the Clean Boating Act:
<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/vessel/CBA/about.cfm>

*New
Class &
Location*

Boating ABC

Begins Monday, 28 March, 2011 at the Taylorville Fire Department.

1800 – 2030

**Instructors and proctors are needed.
Treat volunteers are being sought.
Please contact Frank Mathon to volunteer for instructor/proctor duties.
Kathy Wright is coordinating treat volunteers.**

LLPS... Boaters Helping Boaters!

Boating ABC

Begins Tuesday, 29 March, 2011 at the CWLP Training Center – 200 East Lake Drive.

1800 – 2030

**Instructors and proctors are needed.
Treat volunteers are being sought.
Please contact Greg Kelso or Michael Rhodes to volunteer for instructor/proctor duties.
Kathy Wright is coordinating treat volunteers.**

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Boating ABC

2011 Rochester Summer Learning Program

Date, Time & Location: TBA
(mid-June to mid-July)

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Please print (colored paper preferred to get attention) and take to your local business for posting. Thank you.

America's Boating Course

Approved by NASBLA (North American State Boating Law Administrators) and accepted in all fifty states. Completion of this course earns the IL DNR Boat Operator's Certificate which is required for all unsupervised boat operators between 12 and 18 years old.

Taught by certified and experienced instructors - members of the Land of Lincoln Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons ®

Boaters of any age will benefit from completion of the *America's Boating Course*. Besides lowering the chances of being involved in a water-borne accident, course graduates will be eligible for insurance discounts offered by most insurance companies.

Classes will be held on Tuesday nights at the CWLP Training Center (east of the power plant) beginning March 29, 2011. Class times: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM for seven weeks. The 12-hour course exceeds state requirements and includes topics such as:

- Getting Started
- State & Local Regulations
- Adverse Conditions/Emergencies
- PWC Operations
- Required Safety Equipment
- Navigational Rules & Aids
- Anchoring & Communications
- Trailering
- Knots & Lines
- Charts & Navigation

Course Cost: \$35.00 for books & materials

Boating is Fun! We'll Show You How.

CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE for 2011

June 4-5: Vessel Safety Check – Lindsey Bridge, Lake Springfield, K. Crutcher, AP

June 12: Sangamon River Canoe Cruise & Picnic – Cruise Captain: Greg Kelso

This is a day trip on the beautiful, lazy, Sangamon River with a picnic planned for the end of the cruise. Canoes are available for rent.



June 18: June is Bustin' Out All Over Cruise – Cruise Captains: Mark & Julie Haehn

This picnic is on Lake Springfield at the home of Mark and Julie. Enjoy a beautiful view, great food, and wonderful friends. Bring a covered dish to share. Meat is provided. (This is in lieu of our Lundquist picnic.)

June 21 – July 3: Trent-Severn Waterway – Cruise Captains: Bill & Linda Chastain

The boat trip is about 210 miles starting at Cambellford, Ontario and ending at Port Severn on Georgian Bay. The boats will pass through about 31 locks. Travel to Cambellford will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Trucks/Trailers will be moved to the take-out location on Georgian Bay on Thursday. Boating will start on Friday. Vehicles will return to Illinois on July 3rd.

July 1: Lake Springfield Marina – Cruise Captain: Greg Kelso

Bring your boat and provide lake security for the fireworks. This includes a front row view of the fireworks!

July 4: Motor Boat Club – Cruise Captain: Greg Kelso

Bring your boat and provide lake security for the fireworks on Lake Springfield. Another grand view of the fireworks from your boat! Squadron members generally gather for dinner at the Motor Boat Club prior to the fireworks, whether or not you bring a boat.

July 15 – 16: Dist 20 & 30 Cruise and Rendezvous @ Clinton Marina, Clinton Iowa – Cruise Captains: Two Rivers Sail and Power Squadron – *This promises to be a good one!*

July 29 – Aug 11: Wisconsin Wine Tour (West Shoreline of Lake Michigan) – Cruise Captains: Ruth & Rich Burd

This trip will start either at Racine or Port Washington, Wisconsin with a destination of Sturgeon Bay or another Door County marina. This is planned as leisurely day trips with short boat mileage along the western shoreline of Lake Michigan. On the return trip, boats will overnight at marinas skipped on the northbound leg. We will be enjoying the sights, taking pictures, sampling the food and wine along the way and watching out for the weather that can change quickly.

August 13 – 14: Groovin' in Grafton at Grafton Harbor Marina – Cruise Captains: Nancy & Art Leefers

Transient boat slips are available at the Grafton Marina on the Mississippi River and room accommodations are available at the Pere Marquette State Park, Tara Point Inn, Ruebel Cottages on Bluff or Ruebell Hotel on Main Street, Super 8 Hotel in Jerseyville or several area bed and breakfasts. This is a weekend of cruising and eating. *No better view of the "mighty-Mississippi" than from here!*

August 29 – Sept 7: Lake Erie / Put-in-Bay, Ohio – Cruise Captains: Lynn Kearney & Dave Moore

Put-In-Bay is on the north side of South Bass Island in Lake Erie. It has become known for its party crowd on weekends during the summer. The group will spend at least 3 days at Put-in-Bay and may charter a fishing boat. There are several islands about 10 miles off shore from the Port Clinton, Cedar Point and Sandusky areas. The Ensign 2011 winter issue features an article about Put-in-Bay.

Sept 10 – 11: East Peoria to Henry on the Illinois River – Cruise Captain: Dave Moore

The weekend cruise is based at the East Peoria Marina. A Saturday morning trip will begin at East Peoria and travel north on the Illinois River to Henry for lunch. Sunday breakfast will either be at an area restaurant or prepared by the Squadron on the dock.

Oct 8 – 9: Alton Fall Color Cruise – Cruise Captains: Dick/Diane Rawlings & Jim/Kaye Bruner

The cruising season will end with a weekend at the Alton Marina. The trip will probably include dinner on Friday night at Fast Eddie's, Saturday lunch at an area restaurant on the water, and Saturday night dinner at a nearby restaurant. Many in our squadron extend this cruise by arriving on Friday and staying until Monday-Columbus Day.

Note: The above dates and cruise details are subject to change by the Cruise Captains. If you would like to organize a cruise for the 2011 season, let me know so that it can be added to the list.

Ruth Burd, Cruise Chairman 787-3740h 414-9456c; rr.burd@comcast.net

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D-20 Spring Conference

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Reservations by 3/17, \$18.31, to Kay Caruso, 629-8667:

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Marine Communication

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6:00 p.m. Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist

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Dublin Pub, located in the Vinegar Hill M

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Attitude Adjustment - Lime Street

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6:00 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church

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Dinner Meeting, American Legion

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Attitude Adjustment TBA

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NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

JUNE

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Vessel Safety Checks, Lake Springfield, picnic at noon

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Boating ABC, Rochester Summer Learning Program



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