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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks

May is here and so is the stormy weather. Well, the Spring Conference went well, Land of Lincoln received 5 awards. One for D.I.R.(doing it right) for Dedication to USPS. We also received one for 1% growth to the squadron, one for New member, we gained 5 new members last year. A communication award for the Springlines, Big thanks to Gail and her crew. Last award is a big one: the USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit Land of Lincoln received it's 39 Award. We lead all of the squadrons in District 20 on this award. We also want to Thank P/D/Cdr. Natty Witty for a \$500 donation from her Commanders Restricted Funds for upkeep and transportation of *Illumination*.

Want to hear more good news! If you didn't make it to the Trivia night on April 9th you missed a great time and after the final tally it looks like we made around \$900. Great job to everyone that helped and participated. We already have talk about making this a annual event. Looks like Tubby Tug is on a new adventure. May 7&8, she is heading for Lake Shelbyville for a ribbon cutting ceremony, the opening of a new facility. Past commander Jack Shook and I will be taking her down there on that Friday. Ken and Jerry will also be down over the weekend and will be bringing her back late Saturday or Sunday. Anyone interested in going, please let Jack or me know.

Greg Lovekamp will be having a Sail class in May and it also involves being on the water not just a classroom. The date is May 17th from 1830 to 2030. This is limited to 6 couples only, so please contact Greg Lovekamp for more information at (217-691-8386). We are also looking for members for the *Illumination* committee and someone to chair that committee, so please let me know.

We have one more award to give out, I should say Art Leefer has one to pass on to the next Burd Award recipient! Maybe at the next Dinner meeting if Art is out of the fields. So now at this time I'm going to let you go for now. I'll see you all at the next Dinner meeting which is at the American Legion on Sangamon Ave. on Thursday the 12th.

Until then keep a eye on the sky and take care.

Cdr.Daryl Peek AP

Please join us for the~~

June is Bustin' Out All Over Cruise ~

When: Saturday June 18th at 3:00 p.m.;
dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2849 East Lake Shore Drive

Phone: 585-1908

This picnic is on Lake Springfield at the home of Mark and Julie Haehn. Enjoy a beautiful view, great food, and wonderful friends. Bring a covered dish to share. Meat is provided. BYOB, swimsuit, towel....travel by land or by water!





May

Judy Dees 05/05
Dean Jones 05/15

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News Flash

Just received: Jessie and Dean's boat, *Tabasco* has sunk at Kuttawa Marina after the area was hit by a tornado. Jessie and Dean escaped without injury. So far – no word on the damage to the boat.

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

This is my second tour of duty as Squadron Education Officer for the Land of Lincoln Power Squadron and it is my favorite Squadron job. I think my first tour as SEO was in 2005 and 2006. My work and extracurricular schedules are busier now, so I won't be as available to attend the classes as I have been, but my goal is still to provide quality training for LOLPS. DSEC Greg Kelso and Michael Rhodes have agreed to take over management of the public boating courses so I can focus on member courses. I am grateful to Greg and Michael because I would not be the SEO without their acceptance of this responsibility.

The Weather class ended on March 22 with the final exam. I saw seven of these bright, eager students at the National Weather Service spotter class in Sherman on March 9. The spotter class included a lot of video, which was both instructive and entertaining. Some of these storm chasers got a little close to the tornadoes they were chasing and one drove into the tornado. Even our members who haven't taken the Weather class know that isn't a good idea.

Advanced Piloting is wrapping up now as well. I hope to see four new APs on the roster very shortly.

Land of Lincoln Power Squadron will offer three Boating ABC courses this spring. One class began Monday, March 28 at the Taylorville Fire Department, with four students. On Tuesday, March 29, 12 students appeared for the Springfield class at the CWLP Training Center. These classes will wrap up around the middle of May. On June 6, we will provide another Boating ABC course at the Rochester Christian Church for the Rochester Summer Learning Program. A previous class we conducted in Rochester under this program was quite successful and led us to some new members. It's always nice to be asked to bring a class to the public.

If you can help with the boating classes as an instructor or proctor, contact Greg or Michael. In order to teach the public boating classes, you must become a certified instructor through our Instructor Development course. If you are interested in instructor certification, let me know. If you have already completed the ID course and would be

willing to share your knowledge with new prospective instructors, let me know.

Our next member course will be Marine Communications, which we plan to cover in seven weeks of two-hour classes. The last time we taught this course, several of our members went on to earn their ham radio licenses. The Marine Communications class includes:

1. Radio history and communications; radio frequency spectrum; VHF communications
2. Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
3. Radio licenses and the radio frequency plan
4. Radiotelephone operating procedures
5. Long range radio communications
6. Other marine communications systems; radio maintenance
7. Exam

This is an enjoyable class. It looks as though the best time to start this course would be the latter half of June, and on a Tuesday or Thursday evening. I haven't ordered the books yet, so if you are interested, let me know. There is no prerequisite for this course, although they do recommend that you take Marine Electrical Systems first.

We are exploring a cooperative program with the Boy Scouts at Camp Bunn. We would certify the instructor through our Instructor Development program. The classes would be conducted at Camp Bunn. We need some Squadron help in order to make this happen.

Greg Lovekamp is organizing a Sail class for adults, in cooperation with the Sea Scouts. You may have seen an e-mail from Greg about this. I repeated a portion of it below:

"SAIL INTO THE SUNSET" COURSE

This summer, the Sea Scouts are teaming up with the Land of Lincoln Power Squadron to offer a "Sail into the Sunset" course for couples. LLPS will provide the classroom education which they excel at, and the Sea Scouts will be teaching the on-the-water sessions. Teaching others refines the skills the youth have learned. Each Catalina sailboat will have a capable adult, a Sea Scout (or two) and one of the couples. We have three boats to go out each of the Thursday nights. For the low cost of \$150, a couple gets six two-hour classroom sessions, three two-hour on-the-water sessions, and one textbook to

share. It is a great opportunity to experience sailing.

Bob Carson, AP
Squadron Education Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

We had a nice turnout for the April meeting at Dublin Pub, and an excellent presentation from Eastside Marina on fuel additives, propping and battery care. As I write this I'm anxiously awaiting the last AA until this fall, and from what I've heard Lime Street will be a great way to round out the AA entertainment Ken Crutcher has set up for us.

Don't forget to mark your calendar and join us on May 12 for the meeting at the American Legion on Sangamon Avenue. Our speaker will be from the Lake Shelbyville Corps of Engineers, and sure to provide valuable information as plans are finalized for outings on that lake.

No AA for May--enjoy the holiday weekend on the water!

I am working on meeting and AA plans for the fall and would love to hear from you if you have any preferences or speaker suggestions.

Kathy Wright, AO



Figure 1. 2009 Triangle Cruise organized by Pam & Frank Mathon



Figure 2. Norm & Gail manning the lines in the Chicago Lock leaving the Lake, on the Teacher's Pet



Figure 3. Little Bird in Chicago Lock

2010-11 PORTS OF CALL

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April
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Attitude Adjustment - Lime Street Café, 951 S. Durkin Drive

MAY

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12
22-28

6:00 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church
Dinner Meeting, American Legion
NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

JUNE

4 CHANGE

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Vessel Safety Checks, Lake Springfield, picnic at noon
Boating ABC, Rochester Summer Learning Program

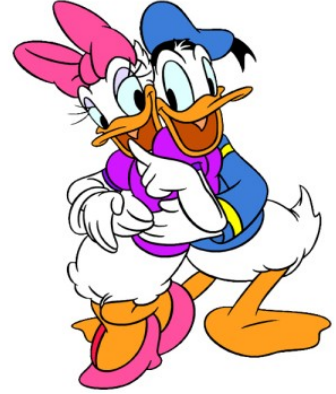


Figure 4. Going downstream on Chicago River through Loop



Figure 5. Boat gang at lunch stop along Cal Sag Channel

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