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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks,

May is almost gone and I still don't have our boat on the water yet!

The last dinner meeting at the American Legion turned out with a nice crowd for the last one until the September's meeting. Our guest speaker from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Lake Shelbyville talked about the flooding down South. And our own members provided some interesting stories and pictures of their night with a tornado while sleeping on their boat on Kentucky Lake.

Our big Vessel Safety Checks at Lindsay Bridge is coming up on June 4th. with a noon picnic. So if you have nothing going on come out for some FUN, FOOD and SUN and support our Vessel Examiners.

Our new banner for the squadron was designed and shipped off to be made, so we should have it by next month.

The Illumination is still looking for a crew to help with the planning for her well being, don't be shy if you are interested please let Jack Shook or myself know. July 4th is coming, so if you have helped out on Rock the Dock Greg will be contacting you, it's a fun evening and you get a great seat for the fireworks!

Also don't forget to mark your calendars for the summer C/R July 15/16 location is Clinton Iowa.

I'll have to say this month snuck up on me. So I'll be talking at ya's next month, so until then be safe and happy boating!!!!

Cdr. Daryl Peek AP

Please join us for the. . . .

June is Bustin' Out All Over Cruise

When: Sat., June 18th 3 p.m.; dinner at 5 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!



Directions to the picnic:

Via land: travel I 55 to the Chatham (East Lake Shore Drive) exit and turn east onto East Lake Shore Drive. Follow East Lake Shore Drive approx. 1 mile to the "Y" and follow the "Y" to the left. At the stop sign turn left, the access road to our house is on the curve, the first left after East Cotton Hill Park. I will have balloons to mark the road, our home is the green ranch on the right.

Via water: Our dock is located East of Lake Marker 21 across from the rail road bridge. We are in a small inlet. Our neighbor's boat dock has a bright blue roof, easily spotted from the lake and our dock is directly behind. Our address is posted on the dock.



Boating as a Staycation

As tough economic times hit, millions of Americans—5 million to be exact—found the perfect little getaway in 2010: a relaxing weekend boating.

While other industries sank as the recession took hold, recreational boating saw numbers hit a record in 2010, when 32.4 percent of American adults participated in the leisure activity—the highest percentage since 1999, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

Boaters also are forking out extra cash for aftermarket accessories--a 6 percent sales increase to \$2.4 billion in 2010, or about \$150 per boat.

Boaters also increased their spending on operating costs, including insurance, docking, fuel and maintenance.

One segment of boating, however, hasn't enjoyed increases: new boat sales. Nationwide, 188,230 new power and sailboats were sold last year, down about 10 percent from 2009.

Excerpted from USAToday

Executive Officer

The 2011 Vessel Safety Check and Picnic event will take place as follows:

- June 4, 2011 at the Lindsey Bridge boat launch on Lake Springfield;
- Set up begins at 8 a.m. Inspectors and volunteers are asked to help set up;
- Vessel Safety Checks will begin at approximately 9am/earlier if we are ready;
- Volunteers are requested to attend to assist with traffic control and good LOL spirit.

The picnic will begin at approximately noon. Squadron members are asked to bring a dish of their choice, which may be shared with other members in attendance. Look for nice weather and a good time advancing the mission of the USPS/LOL.

--Ken Crutcher

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Summer is upon us so that means we'll be outdoors, enjoying the weather and hopefully getting our fill of time 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 location preferences or speaker suggestions.

Kathy Wright, AO

Condolences

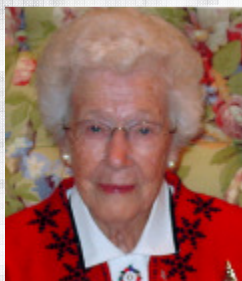
In memory of Jane Robertson Bruner, 97, who passed away Friday, May 20, 2011.

Please remember the Bruner family, including squadron members, Jim & Kaye Bruner in your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Bruner attended school in a one-room schoolhouse north of Alexander and later graduated from Jacksonville High School.

She attended Passavant School of Nursing and became a Licensed Practical Nurse, but delayed her career in order to stay home and raise her family. When she returned to nursing at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, it was in the role of a nurse's aide. By the time of her retirement, she was the Head Nurse of Rehabilitation Floor 3-B at the hospital.

Following retirement, Mrs. Bruner enjoyed spending the winter months in Carmel, California and traveling the world with her husband. She enjoyed tending her garden and was an expert bridge player.



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Well, the first of the ABC classes is complete and we have 12 graduates of the Springfield class. The Taylorville class has not yet taken their exam.

Greg Lovekamp's "Sail into the Sunset" adult sail class is under way at Lake Springfield. The students are busy learning the differences between jibs and jibes, running rigging and standing rigging, and are no doubt looking forward to the dreaded "vectors" lecture. The classroom instruction will be supplemented with on-the-water sessions. The "acid test" sessions should keep the students from becoming too overconfident with their newly found sailing knowledge.

On June 6, we will begin another Boating ABC course at the Rochester Christian Church for the Rochester Summer Learning Program. More ABC books are on order for this class.

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 class will begin in late June. Arrangements for time and place are still developing. If you are interested in this course and haven't signed up already, contact me as soon as you can.

See you on the water,

Bob Carson, AP
Squadron Education Officer

Illinois Conservation Police remind boaters to wear life jackets, stay sober and stay safe

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Safety on Illinois lakes, rivers and other waterways starts with wearing a life jacket and staying sober as the busy spring and summer boating season begins.

Illinois Department of Natural Resource Conservation Police are reminding boat operators and passengers to “Wear It!,” the theme of the national safe boating campaign encouraging the use of life jackets.

Statistics compiled by the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement show that there were 102 reportable boating accidents on Illinois waters in 2010 resulting in 73 injuries and 16 fatalities. Those totals compare with 102 reportable boating accidents on Illinois waters in 2009 resulting in 71 injuries and 25 fatalities.

Illinois law requires that personal floatation devices be available for each person aboard a boat or other watercraft. State law also requires that anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway, unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. Illinois law also requires persons of any age to wear a PFD while operating a personal watercraft or jet ski.

As part of the Illinois Conservation Police boating safety enforcement effort, officers also strictly enforce laws regarding operating under the influence for boat operators.

“Just as impaired driving puts you and others on the road at risk, boaters operating watercraft under the influence are also a danger to themselves, their passengers, and other boaters,” Gutierrez said. “Our CPOs make dozens of arrests for OUI each boating season. Stay sober and make sure you’re not one of them.”

Among the primary causes of boating accidents are operator inattention, alcohol use, careless/reckless operation, and operator inexperience. State law requires boating safety education for persons ages 12 to 17 and encourages boaters of all ages to take a safety course. Safety courses, which are taught by volunteer instructors, are available throughout Illinois and schedules are available by calling 1-800/832-2599 or by visiting www.dnr.illinois.gov/boating.

National Safe Boating Week is observed each year during the week leading up to the Memorial Day holiday. This year’s National Safe Boating Week observance is May 21-27 with the theme “Wear It!” to remind boaters of the importance of wearing life jackets. For more information on the national safe boating campaign, go to the website at www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

Illumination at Lake Shelbyville Ceremony

Commander Daryl Peek and P/C Jack Shook hitched up Illumination on May 6 and drove it to the dedication ceremony of the new (\$7.5 million) U. S. Army Corps of Engineers visitors center at Lake Shelbyville. The ceremony was a very nice presentation and celebration of this major accomplishment. During the Lake Superintendent's speech, he made mention of many groups that assisted with this project and other improvements to the lake. The Power Squadron was specifically mentioned as having helped contribute to a significant drop in fatalities from the early years of the lake. Decatur Power Squadron was listed as one of the groups that contributed to the building or support of the new center.

David Diehl of the Decatur squadron graciously agreed to man the Illumination display on Saturday morning followed by XO Ken Crutcher in the afternoon. Jerry Naughton and Terry Johnson filled out the event on Sunday and brought Illumination home. The weather was great and many people attended the open house. We did not have large numbers come to our display, which was at the back overlooking the Lake, but those who did come by were very complimentary of our work building Illumination. They also appreciated receiving information on USPS.

The new visitors center is a beautiful two story brick building. The first floor has displays and information on the Lake and its environment. For example, the Illinois state record muskie is on display. Administrative offices are on the second floor. Families will enjoy stopping at the Center to learn about the lake, its surroundings and the work of the Army Corps of Engineers. The Center is a community project and is available for community use such as meetings and other events. I recommend you stop by next time you visit the Lake.



All Feathers on Deck! *All Feathers on Deck!*

For the first time ever, Land of Lincoln Power Squadron will host an On-The-Water classroom session and we need your help!

On June 11, 2011, we want to offer our America's Boating Course graduates an opportunity to pilot a range of different watercraft under the watchful and helpful eyes of squadron members. With recent changes in insurance coverage through National, we can now offer this type of activity to our newest members.

Working with Lake Springfield Security, we will establish a maneuvering area and set up a course with buoys to allow the students to practice helmsmanship skills. We'll be challenging students with docking techniques, knot tying, proper trim and balance and general navigation rules on the water.

We have some volunteers, but, we need a few more watercraft. If you would like to volunteer your boat (and your experience), please contact Mark Haehn at 585-1908. We need PWC's, pontoon boats, runabouts, and cruisers to round out the experience with class members. The on the water session will run from around 11 AM to 4:30 PM. Afterwards, we'll meet at the Aqua Club for their Summer AquaFest, which should already be underway. Food, drinks and live music are all available until 10 PM.

Of course, we'll need a volunteer skipper onboard most watercraft and we're also in need of a couple people to assist in the planning & setup. Please contact Mark to volunteer. Thank You.

LLPS Sponsors Rest Stop for ADA 100 Mile Bike Ride.

Despite the discouraging forecast for the first annual 100 mile bike ride to benefit diabetes research for the American Diabetes Association, over 35 riders stuck it out for the event. Land of Lincoln Power Squadron members turned out to support the riders by hosting a rest stop at the 76 mile mark. Riders were cheered on by members present and "refueled" with snacks, drinks and lunch. Fresh fruit, energy bars, sport drinks along with burgers, hot dogs and chili were available to the riders as they rolled in with 75% of the course behind them. *Illumination*, the education tugboat built by squadron members, was on hand to promote boating safety and advertise USPS goals & objectives. Norm Champion, JN and Jim Caruso, P assumed dual roles operating Ham radio gear maintaining communications with ride organizers and support teams.





United States Power Squadron
D20/D30 2011 Cruise and Rendezvous
Dress Code Casual
July 15 & 16, 2011

MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE June 30, 2011

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Meals Luncheon \$14 Dinner \$22

FRIDAY 15 JULY

1700-1830 Registration at Eagle Point Pavilion
1830 Meet & Greet Reception and wine tasting

SATURDAY 16 JULY

Continental breakfast at your hotel

0900-1000 D20 Dockside Mingle on the waterfront - coffee served
0900 D30 Meeting Location & Schedule will be communicated to D30 membership
1000-1130 D20 Executive Meeting & Council Meeting, Candlelight Inn
1140-1225 Combined D20 & D30 NOAA Weather Presentation, Candlelight Inn
1240-1340 Combined D20, D30 Luncheon - Candlelight Inn
1345 Afternoon activities

Guided tours [small groups] of Lock and Dam #13

Fulton: Windmill; Museum Cultural Center; Heritage Canyon; Eagle Point Park

Clinton: Smith's old Fashioned General Store; Wide River Winery; Wild Rose Casino; 1200 Sextant readings; Clinton
"A" league baseball; Clinton Show Boat Theater

Launch ramp and rentable slips available

1830-2200 Cocktail reception and dinner at Rastrelli's, 238 Main Ave, Clinton

City Room at Comfort Inn, Fulton Comfort Inn: Breakfast Room

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