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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy Birthday *Land of Lincoln Power Squadron*

Hello Folks,

November is now upon us, most of us are getting our boats winterized and starting to tuck them away for the winter.

The Dinner meeting at Taylorville had a nice turn out. We had great weather for both cruises last month. The river at Alton was at its lowest that I had ever seen, but up river about 25 miles it was flooded, so sooner or later the river at Alton will be rising. We will have the D-20 Fall Conference at the end of this month and, I will let you know more about it at the next month's spring lines.

November 11, is the dinner meeting at Jacksonville for the build your own pasta dish. We have several new members this year, so just as a reminder, at the Jacksonville dinner meeting **CASH or CHECK ONLY NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS.**

The tug boat is in the process of just a little touch up before winter hits. Anyone interest in helping, please contact Jack Shook at 217-546-6216. There are some pictures of the new window stickers being made, so by the first of the year we can start displaying them. This is a new method of trying to get people to notice who we are.

Greg Kelso brought up the Lake Councils Chili Cook-off coming up in February; **WE NEED TO GET SOME COOKS** involved and come up with a theme for this event. This event is well attended and will be a great time to let people know who we are and what we do. So put on your thinking caps and come up with some great and catchy ideas to make people's head spin. You can contact me 217-528-1591 or Greg Kelso at 217-494-8455.

I will see you at the dinner meeting at Jacksonville. Also on the 11th for all the Veterans out there **HAPPY VETERANS DAY, and THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOM.**

And to all a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**

Cdr. Daryl Peek AP

WATCH FOR

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE AT
NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

With the end of boating season upon us, it's time to focus our energies on educational endeavors. To that end, we are starting an **Advanced Piloting (AP)** course very soon. So far, there are three students and I have one book left, so if you have the interest, now is the time to let me know.

Beginning the first week of November, we are also starting the second module of Marine Electronics, **Marine Communication Systems**. I've heard from several interested people and I need to order books soon, so, if you're considering enrolling, get with me ASAP.

Right after the first of the year, we plan to start the **Weather** course. We have a meteorologist lined up to assist in teaching the course and hope to complete the curriculum in time to start the **Junior Navigator (JN)** class around the beginning of March. If everything goes according to plan, the JN candidates should be enjoying warm spring weather while completing their required sights for the course's end.

With Spring, comes the annual effort to present basic boating classes. We began teaching the new **Boating ABC** course in spring, 2010 which was a return to the seven week course. The class covers 12 hours worth of material before final testing. Another new option is the ability to conduct on-the-water activities. Because of new insurance coverage we are now able to take students out on the water for a "behind the wheel" experience. If you have a small boat, pontoon, cruiser, sailboat or PWC and would like to help develop a new on-the-water experience, keep this in mind. My hope is we can put something together early next summer for our course graduates to enjoy a day on the water and the opportunity of operating several different types of watercraft under the helpful eye of experienced skippers.

For spring, 2011 we are planning **Boating ABC** classes in Taylorville, Jacksonville and Springfield. Frank Mathon has agreed to be a class facilitator for

the Taylorville class. The facilitator will work with community leaders to find a location and market the course. Additionally, they will determine a class dates & times, line up instructors & proctors and generally assist with whatever class procurement needs are.

I am looking for a class facilitator for the Jacksonville class and hoping to find a local J-ville person. *Anyone out there willing to volunteer?* In early summer, 2011 Rochester will once again host their annual Summer Learning Program. We've been asked to host a Boating ABC class and I'm hoping we'll be able to meet that request. While it's a bit late for those of us who think *boating* all year long, past experience produced a good group of students and members. There are other possibilities to present, maybe a seminar or two - something we haven't done a lot of, but other squadrons are reporting good results on several seminar topics.

The coming year will be a busy one like most years, but after all, our mission is "*Safer boating through camaraderie, education and civic contribution.*" We are always looking for a few good people who like to teach. If you have the interest and the knack, consider signing up for an **Instructor Development (ID)** course which is required to teach the public boating courses. Also, keep in mind, we're able to open any of our courses to non-members, however the course cost *will* be higher. *And...*, completion of basic boating is no longer required for membership. This might be the opportunity to finally get that "*experienced-boater*" introduced to the squadron and offer them something of interest.

Greg Kelso, AP
Squadron Education Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Membership Committee

Two current members (Greg Lovekamp and Lynn Kearney) have volunteered to discuss and work on membership issues. It certainly would be nice to have two (2) or three (30 additional volunteers.) Any others interested? Call or email Ken Crutcher (217)-415-2563 or ken.crutcher@cwlp.com.

October: 2010 General Meeting

The October 2010 General Meeting was held at the One East Restaurant, on the square in Taylorville, Illinois. There were approximately 32 members in attendance.

The speaker for the meeting was Todd Schiesser who spoke on the recent developments in boats (pleasure crafts), servicing issues, and purchasing and answered member questions.

October: Attitude Adjustment

The October Attitude Adjustment will be held on October 28, 2010 at the Crown Plaza Hotel 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois in the Mahogany Bar and Grill located on the second floor (up the escalator) level. We will have a reserved area. Food may be ordered off the restaurant menu. Promises to be fun – See you there!!! About 18:00 hours.

November: 2010 General Meeting

The November 2010 General Meeting will be held on November 11, 2010 at the Jacksonville Country Club, Jacksonville, Illinois. As is usual, arrive at approximately 18:00 for cocktails and ordering will begin at approximately 18:30.

November: Attitude Adjustment

There will not be an Attitude Adjustment for November 2010. The last Friday of the month falls

during Thanksgiving weekend and LLPS will not hold an Attitude Adjustment in November.

General Meeting (Christmas Party Meeting) 2010

The Christmas Party and Meeting (General Meeting) for December 2010 will be held on Friday December 3, 2010 at the Springfield Motor Boat Club. More information to come!

December: Attitude Adjustment

The LLPS will not hold an Attitude Adjustment for December 2010.

TREASURERS REPORT

Welcome to our new member Carl Johnson! We are 67 members strong, thank you to all who have paid their dues. We are glad to see so many members at the October meeting and hope to see all of you in November.

Julie Haehn
Treasurer

ALTON COLOR CRUISE

The Alton Color Cruise was a big success with beautiful weather for the weekend. I don't know how the Bruners and Rawlings manage the weather but I sure wish they would have done a better job during the summer of 90's.

The Rawlings houseboat provided all the creature comforts for the trip up the Mississippi. Diane presented a lovely lite lunch with lots of healthy selections with the help of goodies from the attendees. New member Carl Johnson and son traveled along side to do some exploring and fishing. The group drove to Pere Marquette State Park for dinner in the evening.

On Sunday the Bruners invited all to join a trip on their beautiful trawler up the Illinois River to the Harden Restaurant that was packed to the ceiling with patrons. They didn't dampen our spirits, however, on such a lovely day.

You are cordially invited to

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2006

Cocktails 1800 – Dinner 1830

JACKSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

MENU: Build your own pasta dish.

DIRECTIONS: Take exit 68 (1st Jacksonville exit). From I72 right onto Morton Avenue, Country Club Road (Standard green sign on right) is 1st left turn after the Jess Spradlin Time and Temp sign.

RSVP: Kay Caruso 629-8667

WINTERIZING CHECKLIST

HO! HO! HO!!
WHO WOULDN'T GO...TO THE

LAND OF LINCOLN POWER SQUADRON

Friday, December 3, 2010
Cocktails 1800 – Dinner 1900
Cash Bar
Horsd'oeuvres

SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB
TBA per person (Tax and Gratuity Included)
Cash/checks only

ENTERTAINMENT
TBA

RESERVATIONS: (Make or cancel by November 28.) Please RSVP Kaye Caruso – 629-8667 or jake72@casscomm.com . **Minimum of 30 required.** **'No shows' are responsible for reservation.**

DIRECTIONS: From Stevenson take a left at West Lake Drive (Tai Pan/Mobil/CVS corner). South one mile to left turn. Follow West Lake Drive around curve to posted sign Motor Boat Club. Turn left to end of road.

Please bring canned/dry food items for the Kumler Food Panty in lieu of gift exchange.

Engine and Drivetrain

- **Add fuel stabilizer to fuel and run engine for a few minutes to circulate stabilizer fuel.**
- **Spray fogging oil into intake while engine is running.**
- **Top up fuel tanks to reduce condensation.**
- **Drain water from inboard and I/O engines and risers.**
- **Replace water with engine antifreeze.**
- **Drain crankcase oil and replace. Add oil stabilizer.**
- **Replace fuel and oil filter.**
- **Remove and inspect spark plugs. Spray fogging oil into engine cylinders. Turn engine using flywheel.**
- **Inspect ignition wires and system components. Replace as necessary. Inspect all hoses for signs of softening, cracking or bulges.**
- **Use an engine flusher to remove salt, silt and sediment from engine's lower unit.**
- **Replace lower unit gear lubricant.**
- **Lubricate all grease points: tilt/trim, steering, control cables, etc.**
- **Clean and degrease engine.**
- **Apply touchup paint, as needed.**
- **Spray corrosion inhibitor on engine exterior.**
- **Remove prop and inspect for damage. Grease prop shaft. Store prop indoors.**

Interior

- **Clean and drain bilge completely.**
- **Inspect and lubricate all seacocks.**

- **Clean out refrigerator, ice box, and freezer. Block door open and leave an open box of baking soda insight to absorb odors.**
- **Remove cushions and curtains and store ashore.**
- **Check and clean all storage compartments.**
- **Secure all hatches and parts.**
- **Place an appropriate number of dehumidifying devices or a thermostatically-controlled heater in safe areas away from combustible materials.**
- **Check to make sure ventilators are operating properly.**

Neptune Log

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Has the Nominating Committee contacted you to serve on the squadron bridge? Please consider a positive response to their request. The squadron needs your ideas, efforts, skills and leadership.

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2010-11 PORTS OF CALL

OCTOBER

27 Attitude Adjustment, Crown Plaza, Mahogany Bar

NOVEMBER

4 6:00 p.m. Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church

6 **National/D-20 AO Seminar, Hilton Chicago/Northbrook Hotel at
2855 North Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062.**

11 6:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting, Jacksonville Country Club—**Pasta Night!!!**

DECEMBER

2 6:00 p.m. Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church

3 FRIDAY, Christmas Party, Springfield Motor Boat Club

25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

2011

JANUARY

1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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

13 Dinner Meeting – TBA

28 Attitude Adjustment - TBA

FEBRUARY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY USPS

1-5 **USPS National Meeting, Orlando, Florida**

3 6:00 p.m. Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church

10 Dinner Meeting – TBA

25 Attitude Adjustment

MARCH

3 6:00 p.m. Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church

12 **CHANGE OF WATCH**, Springfield Motor Boat Club

25 Attitude Adjustment - TBA

APRIL

7 6:00 p.m. Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church

14 Dinner Meeting – TBA

We meet at 1800 for all events. An RSVP is necessary for all dinner meetings and helpful for the Attitude Adjustment.

RSVP to Kay Caruso – (217) 629-8667 or e-mail – jake72@casscomm.com

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