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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 06, April 2010 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Jerry Butz, of Boater's Exchange will be the featured speaker at our meeting. He will discuss solving engines problems that occur from using gasoline containing ethanol.

Attention On Deck

Please remember that our squadron will have an informational booth at the Habortown Marina Flea Market on 10th & 11th April . We will be trying to recruit students for the America's Boating Course that will be on 17th & 24th April from 0900-1300.

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articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander John F. Mulkey, P



“Soundings” articles must be sent to the editor by the 10th of the month. So, as I write my April article the “Meet the Bridge Picnic” hasn’t happened yet nor has the District 23 Spring Conference. Given the success these events have had in the past, I expect that both will be well attended again this year.

CFFW will hold their Annual Marine Flea Market on April 10 and 11 at Harbortown Marina. This is where we get the majority of our students for our public boating course. We will give the ABC Course on April 17 and 24 from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. rather than holding it on five consecutive Wednesdays. Hopefully, this will entice more people to sign up. We are looking for someone to be in charge of our public boating courses and attending this course would be a good learning experience.

The District 23 Annual Picnic will be on May 15 at Sandpoint in Titusville. They will again be having the “Cardboard Boat Race”. Our own Lt. Bob Schaefer, P, has agreed to be in charge of the committee to repair and improve last year’s boat. Lt. Gene Millner, AP, has graciously volunteered the use of his garage to do the needed repair work. Marc Montfort has also saved his boat from last year. The boats will race against each other, not the clock, and it will take place in front of the pavilion. Please plan to attend and cheer for our boats. I guarantee you will have fun!

P/C Edward Kydd, SN, and I met with Kevin Litt, Field Director of the Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America regarding what it would take to start a Sea Scout Ship (group). I will be contacting several of you to see if there is enough interest in sponsoring a Sea Scout Ship.



March Speaker, Honorary CBSPS Member, Dr. George Maul, Ph. D



Leonard T. Senibaldi presented with his SN award

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P/C Lance VanderBerg,P, has scheduled a Vessel Safety Check for April 17, 2010 at Kelly Park, Merritt Island at 0800. He has also scheduled one for May 22, 2010 at Kelly Park, Merritt Island at 0800, and one at Lee Werner Park, Cocoa for May 23, 2010 at 0800. Safe Boating Week is May 22 - 28, 2010.

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At our meeting on 2 March, Dr. George Maul described in detail the ocean observation system he is setting up. All the data reported to him, some from CBSPS, will be computerized and analyzed. Will Dr. Maul's system solve some of the so called Bermuda Triangle enigmas we hear about? We shall ask Dr. Maul to return in the future for an update.

Our next speaker for 6 April 10 meeting will be Mr. Jerry Butz of Boaters Exchange. Jerry will inform us on the current status of the Boating Industry and tell us of possible additives to solve engine problems from the use of gasoline containing ETHANOL. Jim Wonnell has some experience with the use of these products, so talk to Jim for more details.

Dr. Sam Bradfield and Tom Harmon of HYDROSAIL who spoke to us some months ago, now report the following on durable Hydrofoil Sail Boats.

1. The 41' boat which won races (Miami to Bimini) under inclement conditions is now in California for a Navy contract.
2. A new 18' boat is being constructed at Cape Canaveral, which like the 41' craft, in a 10 knot wind will lift at 6 knots and sail at 20 knots.

I am sorry to report that Doris Valentine, a valuable member of the Administration Staff will under go Heart surgery at Holmes Medical Center. We all miss you, and hope that you will have a speedy recovery.



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P**

Advanced Piloting reaches its final waypoint the week of March 14th.

At this time there are no classes scheduled for the spring or summer. ASEO Ken Charles and I are trying to get a Sail and Seamanship class organized, but the interest is not encouraging. The only class generating any real interest is Weather and JN, I'll keep you posted.

The Harbor Town flea market is April 10/11, hope to see you there, bring your friends and neighbors. The public boating course will be the following weekend so talk it up, mention it on the docks, the bait shops and marine supply stores. Or you can even tell it on the mountain. If you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to call or e-mail.

SECRETARY**LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**

“ Welcome” to the following transferees from Seminole Squadron. Please add to your roster.

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Coco-Nauts Corner
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The Coco-Nauts had their March luncheon meeting at Brano’s Italian Grille in Cocoa Beach on Wednesday, 10 March! We had around 13 ladies attend the meeting. The food was delicious! Didn’t hear anyone complain about the quality, only quantity, since a few asked for boxes for their uneaten Portions!

We certainly missed our VP, Doris Valentine, who was having a heart valve surgical procedure at HRMC. We wish her a speedy recovery, since she has planned another cruise on 17 April, to Bermuda, along with friends and other squadron members.

At this meeting, although a little early to make reservations, I asked the members present to put on their thinking caps, as to where they wanted to have our Christmas luncheon. Our card party will be held on a Sat. in October. We will announce the actual date soon, since this is an event both our squadron members and Coco-Nauts really enjoy attending.

The next luncheon meeting will be @1130 on April 14 at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge. You may bring a brown bag luncheon or order from the menu. Drinks and dessert will be furnished.

April Birthdays

- 22- Rhoda Bernbaum**
- 25- Maryann Infusino**





Galaxy 23

From The District Bridge

D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN

Commander

Once again I am both humbled and honored to have been selected to steer the good ship D23 on its voyage during 2010.

As mentioned in my last Galaxy article, D23 had a good year, but not a great year primarily due to the economy. The good year was due to wonderful, dedicated D23 bridge members, D 23 committee people and of course you, the squadrons which make up D 23. Kudos go to our DXO Kim Fruda, to DEO Walt Fields, to DAO Jim DePalma, to D/Secretary Roberta Corsones, and last but not least our D/Treasurer, Dave Hixenbaugh. It was a pleasure to work with them.

But it's a new voyage we are about to embark on. Many of the tried and proven D23 events will be repeated. From the spring conference to the wonderful picnic with its cardboard boat event to the fall conference and hopefully we can bring back the very successful Dry Dock Buffet. These and our council meetings make up the majority of our events. They cannot be successful without your assistance. Spend some time at your general membership meeting promoting the D23 events. It's a great way to meet with and enjoy your fellow USPS D23 members.

Our congratulations go out to our new squadron, Central Florida Sail & Power Squadron under the capable leadership of Cdr Kathy Feder, P, and her bridge. We all look forward to officially welcoming Kathy and her members aboard the good ship D23 at our various events.

Some of the items I would like to see our 10 squadrons accomplish this year are:

- More Vessel inspections
- Increased squadron membership
- More on water activities
- Greater attendance at district meetings/functions
- More members taking USPS courses
- All 10 squadrons participating in the "Cardboard Boat Event" at the D 23 picnic

I look forward to seeing many of you at the spring D23 Conference hosted by our Jacksonville Sqdn. They have put a great deal of time and effort into the event. It is a great way to not only meet your fellow D 23 members, but a great way to exchange ideas.

Again I thank all of you for allowing me to steer D23 again in 2010. I'll do my best to keep our course straight, off the rocks and with the wind to our backs.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

March 2010

- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library
- 26 - 28, Friday - Sunday, D23 Spring Conference, Jacksonville FL
- 31 - Wednesday 0900 Blood Donors Day at the Blood Center on US 1 Hwy, Rockledge

April 2010

- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 10 - 11 , Saturday & Sunday 0800, Harbortown Marina's Flea Market
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts, Luncheon Meeting, Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

May 2010

- 02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 06 - Thursday, 1800 Meet Us At The BCC Planetarium
- 12 - Wednesday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Library
- 15 - Saturday, 1100 D23 Picnic And Cardboard Race, Sand Pointe Park, Titusville
- 27 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

June 2010

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 09 - Wednesday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Library

Note:

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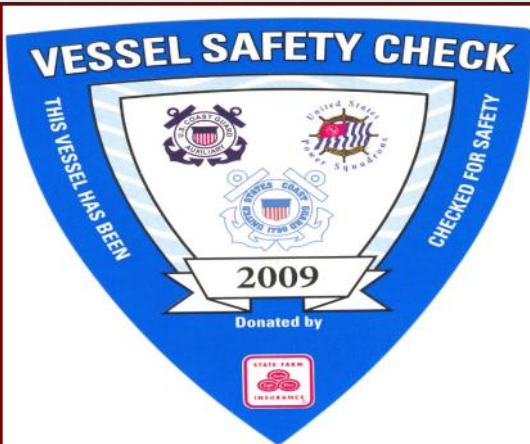
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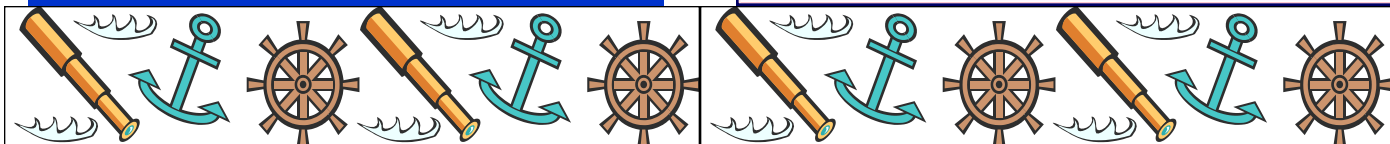
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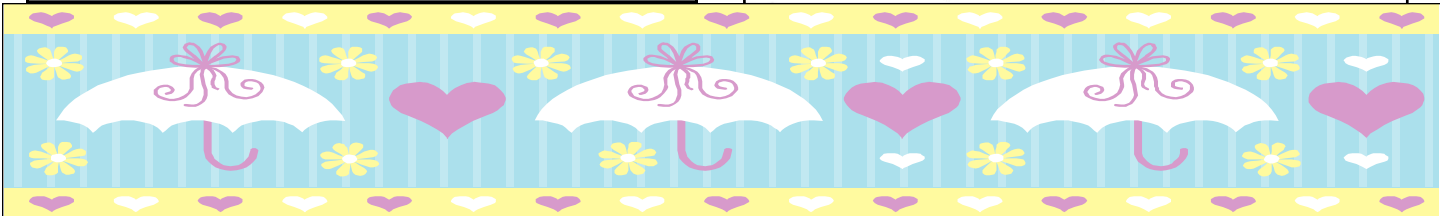
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