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Monthly Membership Meeting

Tuesday, 03 March 2009 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy., Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Greg Pop, an officer with the Florida Crime Prevention Task Force will speak on home, personal, auto safety, and identity theft.

The Squadron's "Cardboard Boat Race Team", led by Captain Bob Schaefer, P has been formed and has held three planning and strategy meetings to date. Three conceptual designs have been identified. Materials have been donated and collected from various business establishments and staged at the designated assembly/production facility located at one of the garages located at Gene Millner's estate on Merritt Island. The team will continue to meet weekly at the Veterans Center as necessary, until a schedule is set to begin for assembly/production.

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boating stories and any
articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P



I'm looking forward to an exciting and fun year as your new Commander. Thanks to everyone for this opportunity!

Our first boating activity for this year turned out to be a beautiful day at Samson Island and we would have had a bigger turnout if Saturday wasn't so cold.

We will be doing our "Operations training" this month at P/R/C Dick Schnoor's, SN house. Six people have signed up for the class. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the USPS and our local organization.

A cardboard boat race will be held at the spring picnic May 9th in Titusville and should be a lot of fun. Lt Bob Schaefer, P is chairing the committee to build the winning boat. Several of the members are already meeting and planning for the big race. They have already gathered about a ton of cardboard and are storing it in Gene Millner's garage.

The District 23 Winter council was held in Daytona on January 24 and was well organized and very informative. The Spring Conference will be held on March 27th – 29th in Deland at the Holiday Inn. This year we will be working on our own stimulus package to promote new membership and increase boating activities. Please make note that the Holiday Inn reservation area code was transposed. The correct number should be 386-738-5200

The Harbortown Marina's annual marine flea market will be held on Apr. 4th&5th. (0800-1600) Our squadron will once again set-up a tent to promote squadron activities and boat safety. Member volunteers are needed to man the booth on both days. Please contact the event coordinator, Lt George Guerrero to volunteer @ 321-432-3707

Once again, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your contributions to the squadron. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

P/C J. P. Longway, III, P



Since I will have an opportunity to reflect on this past year at the Change of Watch, I would like to briefly, (if you can believe that), say a few words as to my appreciation for the effort put forth by so many members, as well as for the positive things to be accomplished by the new leadership. First, "Thanks" to all of those members who took responsibility for so many positions/tasks/actions/support of our courses/activities/events to make us successful in our endeavors and achieving our mission objectives. Throughout the year, I felt obligated to continually recognize many Squadron members/Coco-Nauts, on a monthly basis in the "At the Helm", who were constantly committed to keeping the organization operational and focused. A major focus was to obtain more visibility throughout the community, which I believe will continue to be so with the new leadership. Second, I sincerely wish, your new Commander, Lance VandeBerg, P and his excellent Bridge the very best in carrying out the duties/functions of the Squadron. They recognize their responsibilities and the challenges to keep us moving forward effectively in the right direction with respect to external/internal education, community involvement and fellowship. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and your support in making it a busy, but productive and enjoyable experience. Peace (V).

" The Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce facilitated a joint Ribbon Cutting ceremony of the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron and the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, which was attended by many members of all three organizations".



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P

Please support your new bridge officers as they do their best to direct the squadron toward a rewarding year for all members of the squadron. To have a successful year, we need participation, so please volunteer to help when asked.

We had a great rendezvous at Samson's Island with three boats attending. I took the Lazy Susan and had Cdr. Lance Vandeberg, P, my brother Tony, and my neighbor Lou on board. LTS Bob and Adriana Goldstein, AP's were there on a sail boat with LTS David and Nancy Keane, S and Lt Duane and Marge Balkema were there on their son's boat. Please try to attend the boating activities during 2009. If anyone does not have a boat and would like to attend one of the scheduled events via boat please contact myself, Lance, or Gerard and we will be happy to take you.

I want to thank all of the committee people that volunteered to help during the upcoming year. If something is not going the way you like, please let someone on the bridge know. Remember, all of us are volunteers and will be doing our best to serve the membership.

Have a safe boating season and those of you with a boat, please have one of the vessel safety examiners examine your boat. LT Charlie Dodds, SN and I would like to see all of our members have a 2009 sticker on their boat.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P

It is with a sense of excitement that I take the helm as Education Officer, but also a sadness as my friend and mentor P/D/C Fred Adame, SN steps down & gets to take a well deserved rest. Fred has taught me a lot and left me with a great team in place, and P/C John Mulkey P is going to be ASEO, whom I will rely on to keep me on course.

We have set the date for Americas' Boating Course to begin May 12 to end with the exam on June 9, hopefully with a few new members signing up. Our PRO staff will be getting the word out, along with the staff running the Harbor Town Flea market Apr. 4th&5th. It's going to be more difficult to get people this year due to the economy so we're going to need every member to get the word out. This is a new version that will delve into seamanship & piloting which may whet their appetites to join as members & take our courses.

Congratulations Bruce Wade Of Titusville S&P who was awarded his N having taken the course with CBS&P. Course was taught by P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, & the sight folder was checked by P/C George Hess SN. And our own Lt. Debra Burleson now has an S after her name having passed Seamanship. Way to go Debra we'll see you at the next Piloting class!

The New Marine Electronics course begins on February 25, at the Cocoa reference library and the Instructor is Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN, who taught the older version many times. The course consists of Electrical Systems, Marine Communications, Radar & GPS. The books cost \$27.50 and the course fee remains at \$10, so far we have 5 signed up & encourage anyone who is interested to call me at 745-2360.

Piloting is now in its fourth week, with 6 students being taught by Lt Jack Wurst, AP. Their skills are already being tested as they try to find the class room of the week! We look forward to an Advanced Piloting class later in the year. Please let us know if there is a class you would be interested in taking so we could put it out to the membership

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN

It will be a privilege to be your A.O. for 2009 and work with you toward the goals of your Squadron. I may be a new face to many, but I joined CBSPS in '06, and I have been cruising aboard the "Cat House" for 18 months, including "doing the Great Loop". I was a member of the Norwalk, CT Squadron back in the 80's when I concentrated on learning and boating for a few years between international assignments.

However, this will be my first Bridge position at a US Power Squadron and have much to learn. Consequently, I am very grateful to the members who renewed their involvement within the Administrative department, namely:

LT Doris Valentine - Membership

LT Pamela H. Johnson, P - Membership Involvement

LT Donna Longway, S and Doris Valentine - Entertainment

LT Joseph S. Auchter, JN - Blood Bank

P/R/C Richard H. Schnoor, SN - Operations Training (previously Leadership Training), and

LT Barbara M. Millner, S - Auxiliary Liaison.

The refreshment Committee will be in the good hands of 1/LT Susan Forbes, S , who will appreciate help from any and all.

We still need a Chairperson for two important committees: Programs and Boating activities. Come out Members, Your Squadron Needs You!! (call me at 1-267-304-7514). Both Kermit Forbes, P and I will help you.

Another function within the Administrative department is Youth Activities. This is not presently an existing position at CBSPS. However, it should be an important element toward our goal to grow membership. There are many guidelines at National ,and other D23 Squadrons are ready to help. Any Volunteers out there?



SECRETARY

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Received an email on 2/12/09 from D23, Stf/C Robert C. Flint, AP. He wrote:

“For the first time since I have been a member (over 20 years), maybe since the award started, every squadron newsletter in D23 has received the Distinction in Journalism for 2008. Congratulations to all.”

Thank you to Editor, Lt Debra Burleson, S, for her hard work in laying out the format of The Soundings. Everyone who sent in reports, and articles of interest, you helped make our newsletter what it is. A winner !!!!

If you have any changes for the Roster, please call 452-4602 or send to me by email to: bobmar2215@bellsouth.net

If we don't receive your changes they won't get changed at National in time for us to print the changes in our New 2009 - 2010 Roster.

Thanks for your help.

Here are some changes for now, for your 2008 Roster.

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COCO-NAUTS CORNER PRESIDENT - LT DORIS VALENTINE

Our annual "Friendship" meeting was held on Wednesday, February 11th at the Cocoa Village Marina. We had 18 attendees with a wonderful variety of salads. As usual, the ladies provided all their favorite recipes and surprisingly, there were no duplicates!!! We had a friendship cake which served a dual purpose as we were able to celebrate Helen Kydd's birthday.

We have lost another Coco-naut with the death of long time member, Ruth Kadenbach. That's three in the past couple of months..... no more, please!!!

For your information, the March meeting will be at the Moose on Merritt Island-----brown bag -----11:30 AM on March 11th !!

This is my last message as the new regime will be taking over at the COW on March 1st.



Maryann Infinsino
being installed as a
Coco-Naut by
Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Galaxy 23

From the District Bridge
D/C Dick Leatherman, SN
Commander

This being my final Galaxy article, I'll get right to my point of interest. The topic is Membership Retention. I'm concerned about how we treat new members. Do we make them feel wanted by conversing with them and assigning them to a committee so they won't drop out after their first year? Upon joining do we send them a congratulatory letter containing info such as squadron meeting location, day of month and time? How about providing them with web addresses of the squadron, D23 and USPS National. How about including a calendar of squadron events with appropriate contact info. Is someone assigned to personally call them to attend the squadron meetings? At their first few meetings, do we introduce them to other members? Does the squadron provide them with a "New Member Orientation" within a few months of their joining? Also, it would be nice to give them a squadron roster along with the bylaws. I feel if some real, genuine attention were given to new members, the "membership retention problem" would quickly disappear.

As you know, the D23 Spring Conference will be Mar 27-28th at the Deland Holiday Inn. The host squadron is Harris Chain and the Fri night theme is Old River-Boat Days. This will be different from the ordinary socials, so don't miss out. On Sat R/C William Neef, SN will represent the Chief Cdr. Additionally, there will be presentations by Maryann Utegg of the St Johns River Water Management District and by Stephen Moon (D23's Law Officer) on maritime law.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the D23 Bridge, Squadron Cdrs, Committee Chairs and all others who have helped me guide D23 throughout the past 2008-2009 year. It has been an enjoyable experience.



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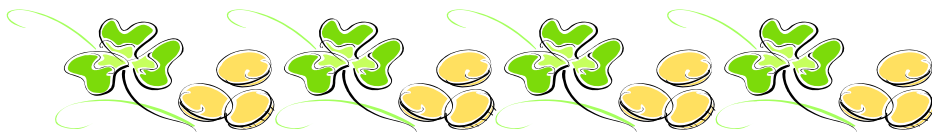
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FEBRUARY:

24 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

MARCH:

01 - Sunday, 1600 CBSPS COW Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn Resort

03 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS Membership Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center

11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Moose Club

14 - Meet the Bridge Picnic, Kiwanis Park in Merritt Island 1130-1530

24 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

27 - 29, Friday thru Sunday - D23 Conference , Holiday Inn - Deland, FL

April:

04 - Saturday, 0800-1600 Harbortown Marina's Annual Flea Market

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07 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS Membership Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center

08 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting (location TBD)

18 - Saturday, TBD D23 Training, Satellite Beach

28 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

May :

05 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center

09 - Saturday, 1100 D23 Spring Fling & Cardboard Boat Race, Titusville

13 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting (location TBD)

16 - Saturday, TBD Blessing of the Fleet - Dragon Point & Eau Galle Yacht Club

26 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

Note:

CBSPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available

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Boating Activities Report By LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN - Chairperson TBD

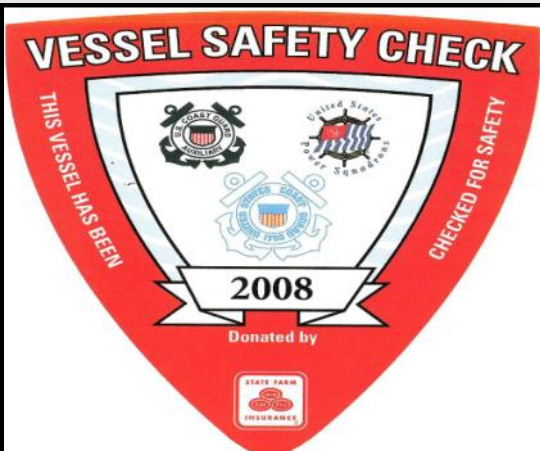
As reported by P/C Kermit Forbes, P, at the last General Meeting, three CBSPS vessels confronted the low temperature and the Indian River low water level for the Samson Island outing on February 1st. (see pictures of the event below)

The Boating Activities goal for 2009 is clear: We need increased participation. We Need your input and ideas for future boating activities, (ie rafting, overnight trips, PWC, canoes/kayak outings, racing, predicted log contest or a treasure hunt. Be creative with you ideas!

We would also like to develop a program to get members without boats out on the water. Any and all ideas are welcome !!



**Samson Island
Rendezvous**



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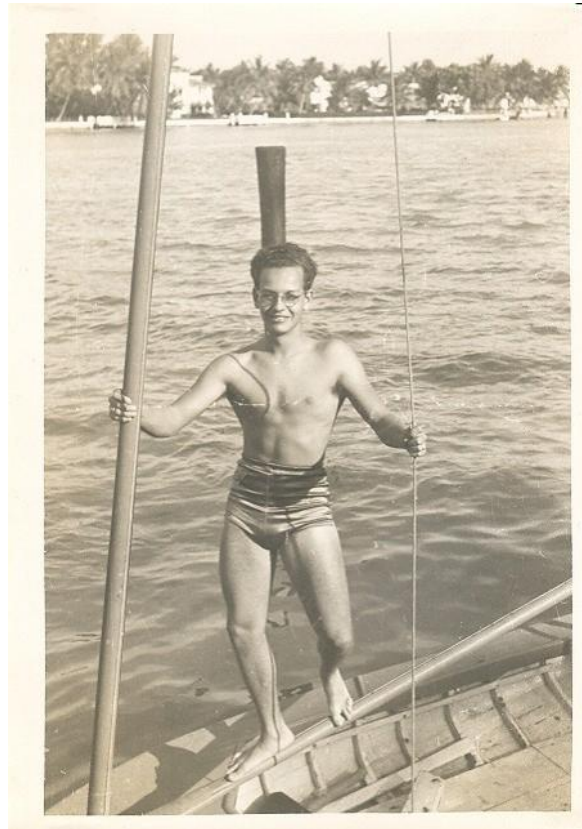
The next blood donation will be on 4 March 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!

Who Am I?

This is a picture of a you boy standing on the boom of his Abaco dinghy. He grew up in the midst of the depression, however he managed to own and sail small boats throughout. He has continued sailing into his dotage and would have given it up if he could of thought of a reason to do so.

This “boy” now holds the rank of Senior Navigator and recently became a life member of USPS in D23’s CBSPS. He encourages his fellow members to work on those merit marks as well as improving their boating knowledge through the courses that are offered by the USPS

Some of his most memorable life experiences includes getting past the 6th grade alive, ultimately getting an education, marriage, children, a career, his first sail to the Abacos where he rode out Hurricane Josephine, and sailing to Bermuda with two friends a few years ago. He is ready to do Bermuda again if one of those friends wants to give it another shot. You are only as old as you are willing to admit.



**Answer from Last Month's
Who Am I?
Richard Finn**

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March 27, 2009 thru March 29, 2009, Holiday Inn, Deland, FL
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Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Squadron: _____

Friday, March 27, 2009

1900-2300 **"Let's Get Acquainted"** Dinner Buffet--Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, etc. # ___ @ \$32.00 = _____

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Noon Box Lunch—Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef # ___ @ \$14.00= _____

Evening / District Change of Watch - Choose: _____ Blackened Ribeye Steak, _____ Grilled Ribeye Steak,

_____ Stuffed Pork Chop, _____ Chicken and Shrimp. # ___ @ \$35.00= _____

Sunday, March 29, 2009

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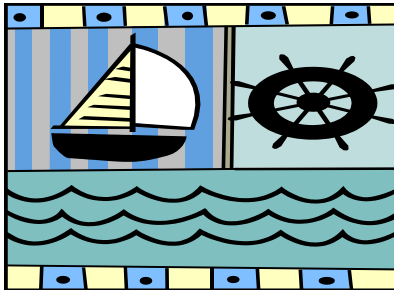
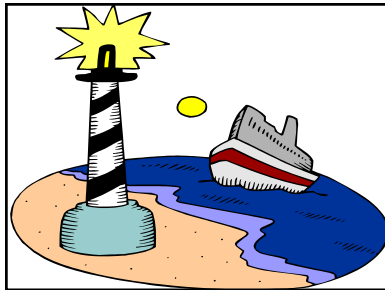
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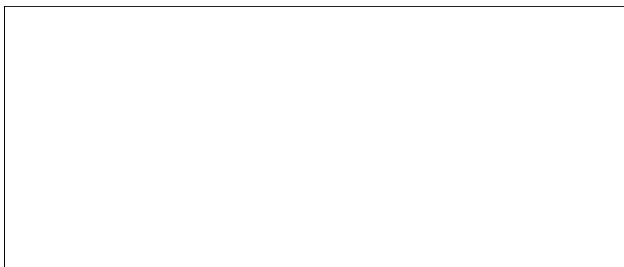
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