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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

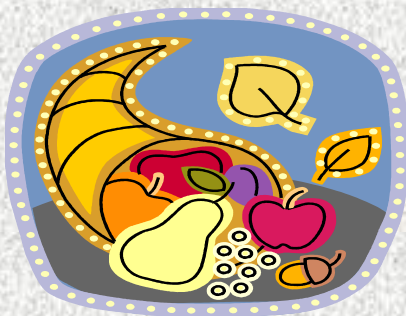
**Tuesday, November 14, 2006, @ 1900**

**Cocoa Civic Center**

**430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village**

## “NAVIGATION WITH GPS & RADAR ON YOUR COMPUTER”

**Lt. Jim O'Malley, AP will show you how radar is superimposed on his GPS chart with his lap top computer, combining everything in one image, thereby eliminating a helter skelter situation. The image on his screen shows: 1) exactly where you are on the chart; 2) your speed and direction, 3) buoys and navigation hazards, and 4) superimposed radar showing the location and recent direction, on the chart, of other boats. This helped Jim on his voyage to Cayo Costa (north of Captiva).**



## NOTICE!!!!!!

**THE SQUADRON'S NEXT BLOOD BANK DONATION IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8th, BEGINNING AT 0900, AT THE ROCKLEDGE BLOOD BANK CENTER ON RT.1.**

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**THE 10TH OF EACH  
MONTH**

We welcome comments,  
boating stories and any  
articles of interest you'd  
like to submit...

# AT THE HELM

**Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN**



**A look at the calendar for the up-coming months of November and December is ample evidence that there is something for everybody in the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. Check out the calendar inside this newsletter and fill in your date book!**

**The D23 Conference was held as scheduled 3-5 October at the Imperial Hotel in Melbourne. CBPS's Lester Tribout, AP, led the event as D23 Commander. Two of our members provided workshops on Saturday: 1/Lt. Robert Schaefer, P, discussed Coop Charting; Lt. Larry Carr, discussed Web Site Development. A total of 23 CBPS members attended throughout the weekend. CBPS received the following awards:**

- Claude Wilson Award for Cooperative Charting**
- Senior Navigators Award**
- Membership Growth Award**
- First Place for Elective Courses Teaching Aid**

**Numerous individual members also received awards ( see article following) but of special note was the Senior Navigator Award won by Bernard Burnett, SN, commemorating his successful completion of all the courses offered through the educational department. Congratulations, Bernie!!!**

**And if that was not impressive enough, CBPS's own Lt. Peter Schmidt,P, was chosen as D23's Chapman Award candidate for Excellence in Teaching. Peter's name will now be considered for one of the five National USPS Awards. Congratulations Peter!!!**

**The Nominating Committee and future Bridge Members have already begun to prepare for next year's events, so it is probably not too early to remind you that on 18 February 2007, 1600-1900, CBPS will hold its Fortieth Change of Watch! This will be a memorable occasion and we hope that you will all mark your calendars and attend. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Resort in Cocoa Beach, a site that has proven to be very accommodating to our needs, thanks to Hotel Manager, Richard Hutchinson. Details and sign-ups will be available at the 14 November membership meeting.**

**And no, the above date is not a typo. We will be meeting a week later this month since election night is on the first Tuesday, conflicting with our regularly scheduled date. We have asked the Civic Center to put out more chairs to accommodate the larger crowd so don't let the lack of seating affect your attendance. What a great problem for a Commander to face!**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**P/Lt/C Mike Stone, P**

The Fall season is upon us. Now is the time to prepare your boat for the long Fall and Winter seasons when you might not be using your boat as much as you did during the Summer months. A good overall cleaning and a wax job if necessary is a good place to start.

This is also a good time to change the oil (disposing of the used oil properly) and add stabilizer to the gas tank to preclude fuel problems in the spring.

Vessel examinations are winding down for the year but there is much to be done to increase the squadron numbers for inspections. Vessel examiners have done a great job so far this year, but there is still time to do more.

Co-op charting is a bit behind for the year and needs some additional support by squadron members. While you are out on the water, keep a lookout for missing or damaged markers, sunken vessels, and check bridges for damage to the fenders, missing or inoperative lights and depth markers that are either unreadable or missing. All these things are important safety considerations as well as reportable items for co-op charting.

## **SEO REPORT**

**P/D/C Fred Adame, SN**

The Boat Smart course held its final exam last Wednesday with 12 students taking the test. The number is small but this represents everyone who signed up for the course. That's a 100% retention rate! Something we haven't had for a long time. Thanks to P/C John Mulkey, P, and Lt Pete Schmidt, P, who did a fine job running the course. And thanks to all of those who helped out as proctors, instructors and administrators. And thanks to Lt Doris Valentine who recruited quite a few new members out of this small, but high quality class.

The Marine Electronics course has began at Wuesthoff Hospital with Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN, as instructor assisted by Gary Monai, P. We have eight students registered for the course and it promises to be a good one. Wuesthoff has been quite accommodating at the lobby desk and cafeteria and we have made a donation to the Wuesthoff Foundation to show our appreciation. A similar donation has also been made to Cape Canaveral Hospital, where the Boat Smart course was taught.

Next course on the horizon will be Seamanship, to be taught by P/R/C's Dick and Jane Schnoor, SN, who are veteran instructors in Seamanship. This will be a "beta" edition of a brand new and much improved course. This course will start at 1900 on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and will be presented at the Cocoa Library. This course covers the very basics of boat handling for power and sail and is friendly and interesting. Who should take the course? Definitely, our new members, but it's also the right course for our veteran members who may not have already taken Seamanship. Come on, now's your chance to get that "S" after your name. Class size is limited so call me now at 635-9455.

I'd still like to try and have a Junior Navigation course starting this fall. Why take it? I'd be the first to say you don't "need" it unless you plan on going offshore to the Bahamas or further. But, if you'd like to learn basic sun sights, this is the course for you. It's another brand new course. It's been shortened but also includes the fundamentals of ocean cruise planning, the Pilot Chart and ocean navigation with both and celestial. And it really is fun! To take it, you've got to be an Advanced Pilot and call me at 635-9455.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S

By the time this publication reaches you, we will have enjoyed another wonderful fun filled social and entertaining evening at the Planetarium. Thanks to Lt Doris Valentine and all those others who donated their time and goodies to make it a success.

Please check out our Calendar of Coming events. As you will see there are still many boating and social activities that will take place before the year ends, in addition to the ongoing educational courses. Most of these events require you to sign-up by a certain date, so please check out the particulars if you plan to attend.

Please make note that on 8 November, starting at 0900, the squadron will be scheduled to have its' membership donate blood at the Rockledge Blood Bank Center on Rt 1 in Rockledge. If you are able and available, please join in one of our civic duties. Contact Lt Edie Wonnell if you want to participate, or if another time is more convenient, feel free to stop by and let the center know you are a squadron member. Thanks in advance if you plan to donate or are at least considering same.

Kudos to Lt Ann McCandless, S for ensuring that the USPS Leadership Development Course was successfully presented in September. There were 10 members in attendance.

Once again, thanks to all the members who have donated their time and refreshments at the General Membership meetings.

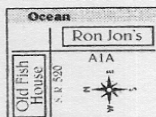
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# Coco-Naut's Corner

## Pam Johnson, President

Our October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the Holiday Inn was very enjoyable. Not only did we have an excellent meal but were able to have a very colorful and informative slide show presentation of Ed and Carolyn Bonnet's and Doris Valentine's August/September trip to Scotland and Ireland. The presentation was narrated by Doris Valentine and the overhead projector was manned by Rick Schnoonmaker. Kudos on this wonderful production.

Another topic of conversation was the upcoming October 28, 2006 Brevard County's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Buddy Walk sponsored by the National Down Syndrome Society. The affair will be held from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Cocoa Village Riverfront Park. Volunteers are always needed the day of the event to help set up, give directions, hand out information, and more. Brochures were passed out at the meeting and many members signed up to help out in this worthwhile cause. This is an especially good opportunity for all Coco-Nauts who work to come and help out at this event. Don't be afraid to donate your time.

The next Coco-Naut's Meeting will be a Brown Bag luncheon to be held at the Moose Lodge in Merritt Island on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be no guest speaker this month. Instead this will be an intensive hopefully pro-active meeting which will involve all Coco-Naut's available taking part in our ambitious fundraiser. We will be assigning committees for set up, luncheon recipes will be passed out, silent auction items need to be collected and door prizes need to be procured, etc.. The card party/silent auction fundraiser is our main money making activity for the year. In the past, with a lot of cooperation, this has always been very successful. The monies collected from this event help us support our Squadron and our community. All Coco-Naut members are encouraged to purchase a \$12.00 ticket. For more information see our brochure in this edition of the Soundings

In addition to working on the Card Party/Silent Auction Luncheon we will also be asking for volunteers to set up the Harvest Party which will be held on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. At the Kiwanis Park Pavilion. The Coco-Nauts will provide turkey and ham in other words the meat entrees and ask all attending to bring their favorite Holiday dish. For more information see our brochure in this edition of the Soundings

The Coco-Naut's will begin collecting food for the Salvation Army and toiletries for the Sharing Center. Please bring them to the Brown Bag Luncheon at the Moose, CBPS's General Meeting and the Harvest Party.

Coco-Nauts with November Birthdays include:

### NOVEMBER

11<sup>th</sup> Marge Balkema  
14<sup>th</sup> Joan Herrick  
24<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Grigsby  
25<sup>th</sup> Gloria De Fluiter  
25<sup>th</sup> Marcia McConkey  
30<sup>th</sup> Ruth Kadenbach



## **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

Check the web site and your email for updates!

### **October:**

- 21/22 - Saturday & Sunday, Melbourne Harbor Cruise**
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 28 - Saturday, D23 Fall Picnic, Cruise and Rendezvous, Hickory Point Park**
- 28 - Saturday, Ski Island Raft-up,, See Boating Schedule for contact**
- 28 - Saturday, 0800 - 1200, Brevard's 4th Annual Buddy Walk, C. V. Riverfront Park**

### **November:**

- 08 - Wednesday, 0900, Blood Bank Donation, Blood Bank Center, Rt 1, Rockledge**
- 08 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Brown Bag luncheon, Moose Lodge, Merritt Island**
- 12 - Sunday, 1400 - 1700, Coco - Nauts' Harvest Party, Kiwanis Park**
- 14 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 17 - Friday, 1000 - 1400, Coco - Nauts' Annual Fundraiser Silent Auction/Card/Game Luncheon, Cocoa Beach Community Church**
- 25 - Saturday, Ski Island Raft-up, See Boating Events Schedule for contact**
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

### **December:**

- 02 - Saturday, 1200, Luncheon Rendezvous at Sunset Café, Cocoa Beach**
- 05 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 10 - Sunday, 1600 - 1900, Christmas & Holiday Season Social, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn**
- 13 - Wednesday, Coco - Nauts' Luncheon**
- 16 - Saturday, Participate in Christmas Boat Parade**

CBPS 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.

Members are also invited to meet for a casual get together at Murdock's in Cocoa Village on Friday afternoons.

### MILE MARKER CREDIT REPORTS

<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Credits</u>
C027602	Al J. Pappas	50
D022814	Robert W. Schaefer	97
D029764	John H. Lynn	73
E133905	Sandra R. Schoonmaker	26

<u>Squadron Name</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<a href="#"><u>BANANA RIVER</u></a>	299
<a href="#"><u>COCOA BEACH</u></a>	246
<a href="#"><u>JACKSON-VILLE</u></a>	28
<a href="#"><u>OCALA</u></a>	496
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,069</b>



# **GALAXY 23**

## **From the District Bridge**

**D/Lt/C Donald C. Clark, JN**  
**Executive Officer**

At this time, I would like to cover several important topics: The August New York Governing Board, the D 23 Fall Conference, Co-Op Charting and VSC Statistics, Safety and PRO, our upcoming Jacksonville USPS Annual Meeting in February, and the District 23, January 20, 2007 Winter Council Meeting in Leesburg.

I know only a few of us were privileged to make the trip to New York. Those of us, who were, enjoyed a number of interests including the enlightening meetings and energy of the various national committees. Meetings aside, we also had a rare treat of cruising the New York Harbor aboard the World Yacht's *Princess*. As promised, the island of Manhattan came to life as we cruised down the Historic Hudson River with views of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and many other New York landmarks. The dinner aboard was sumptuous to say the least. As far as the meetings were concerned, I could not begin to tell you here what they were all about. However, I did bring back a CD which I will pass out to all commanders at the District 23 Fall Conference. It covers the material presented by each committee. Have your commander copy the CD for you. The voting on various issues is not covered in the CD, but can be found on the USPS web site under the Secretary's Department.

As usual, it is now time to pick up the tempo on getting our Co-op Charting done and reported. Bob Schaefer and Ernst Hofmann are the District Co-chairmen in our Co-op Charting effort. Encouragement and detail on the new reporting process was given at the last two conferences. As a group, we need to get out and plan activities around getting our co-op charting done. Some individuals have already done a fine job, however, and have represented their squadrons well. We all can do more.

In addition to the Co-op charting presentation at the Fall Conference, we had Presentations on Web Site Development, Instructor Recertification, Power Point Use/Map Tech Digital Charts and PRO. In case you were under a rock, you also know that this conference also celebrated Banana River Sail and Power Squadron's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A great job was done by the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron Committee on the conference and the party. We all had a great time. Congratulations, Banana River Squadron!

At the end of September, we were 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation of the 33 districts in USPS in VSC Inspections. In addition to our boating classes, the VSC program is our next best opportunity to teach and meet the public. We have done 944 inspections and every boat has two or more passengers. So, we are reaching a lot of boaters.

The district has just up-dated our PRO program for 2006. Look for it. We need to get more members involved in this vital program which is the artery that feeds students into the safe boating classes. No squadron should be without a PRO. Enthusiasm is the main qualification. Our USPS manual the "PRO LOG" is your guide.

Looking ahead, our next council meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup> 2007, at the Silver Lake Community Church in Leesburg. The USPS Annual Meeting is again in our area in 2007. This time, it will be held at the Hyatt Riverfront in Jacksonville on 20-25 February 2007. We have been fortunate to have had the Annual Meeting in Orlando for many years making it easy for us to attend. I, for one, have been to every one since I joined the USPS. We then have the D23 Spring Conference 23-25 March, hosted by all squadrons. Also, plan to attend the D 23 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 5-7 October 2007. Ponce has planned a great show for that conference!

Remember, safe boating begins with us. Keep our waters safe. "Teach Safe Boating."

### INDIVIDUALS WIN D 23 AWARDS

At the 6-8 October Fall Conference Cdr. Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, was presented with several awards to be distributed to individual members of CBPS.

As mentioned in the Commander's Report, Lt. Peter Schmidt, P, received the D23 Chapman Award nomination and Bernard Burnett, SN, received his Senior Navigator Award. In addition, several members received individual awards.

CBPS led D23 in Coop Charting, thereby winning the D23 squadron award. The members who contributed to this success by being listed on the National Honor Roll were: 1/Lt Robert Schaefer, P; Lt Denise Stone, P; Lt/C Michael Stone, P; P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN; P/C Al Pappas, SN; Cdr. Sandy Schoonmaker, SN; P/C Duane Balkema, AP. Duane Balkema had a National Ranking of 45, for which he received special recognition.

The Power of One Program was introduced several years ago to encourage members to enroll at least one new member to the squadron each year. For this to be recorded nationally, the new members must designate the individual who encouraged them to join. During the past year, four of our members have been identified and were awarded a lapel pin. The members are: Lt John Lynn, P; Lt Doris Valentine; Lt Larry Burleson; Joseph Derrico, AP. The enthusiasm of these and all the other members who helped enlist new members resulted in the receipt of the National USPS Membership Growth Award.

At the Leadership Training Course in September, the moderator emphasized the need to recognize members for their accomplishments. Although the tokens of appreciation are seldom ostentatious or of any monetary value, the presentation of the awards gives everyone the opportunity to acknowledge the importance that each small contribution makes to the success of the whole.

Join us at the 14 November meeting where these awards will be presented.



Cdr. Sandy Schoonmaker, SN receiving the Co-op Charting Award from the National Educational Officer, D/Lt/C Spencer Anderson, SN. At right, D/Lt/C Don Clark, JN



### Twenty-five Year Member Pin Awarded

On 2 October 2006, Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, awarded the gold leaf Twenty-five Year Pin to Arthur Hansen, P, at his home on Merritt Island. Unable to attend the October meeting, Art and his wife, Margit, graciously invited Sandy and Rick to their home where they shared many fond memories of their active days in the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron.

Art joined CBPS on 11 July 1983. In addition to achieving his grade of Pilot he also took elective courses and earned 8 Merit Marks. The squadron membership extends its thanks to Art for his 25 years of membership and involvement in CBPS.



**Bernard "Bernie" Burnett, SN, left, receives his Educational Achievement Award plaque from National Educational Officer P/V/C Spencer Anderson, SN, center, and District Educational Officer D/Lt/C Erv Dunn, SN, right, as District Commander Les Tribut, AP, looks on from the podium. Bernie completed all five Advanced Grades and six Elective Courses of the United States Power Squadrons. The award was presented at the District 23 Fall Conference held on 7 October at the Imperial Hotel in Viera.**

## OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2006

Event	Date	Day	Contact	Notes
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	10/28	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	11/25	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Casual-Call contact
Sunset Café Cruise	12/2	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Boaters & land bound can enjoy lunch
Participate in a Christmas Parade	12/16	Sat	Balkema 452-5892 Millner 452-0500	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	12/23	Sat	Charlie Dodds 7957882	Casual-Call contact
Samson Island Park off Grand Canal-Satellite Beach	1/20/07	Sat	Gene Millner 452-0500	Park has trails, tables dock & Portolets
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	1/27/07	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup	2/24/07	Sat	Duane Balkema	Casual-Call contact

**\*Note: Ski & Sailboat Island every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday are casual & expected to be great fun talking boats & having events. Call & advise if coming, and the contact will inform you of any others planning on attending. Locations can be changed to satisfy those attending. The contact will have the information on changes. D. Balkema Chairman 452-5892**

### Sunset Cafe Cruise, December 2nd

Here is a chance to enjoy a very nice lunch and watch the boating scene as you have conversations with your friends. Come by boat or by car and enjoy at 1130 AM. There are 21 slips available for us and tables by the water already reserved. We will order off the standard lunch menu, but please sign up at the Nov meeting. It is a good way to kick off the holiday season. Contact Charlie Dodds for info. 757-7787.



The Coco-Nauts  
Present  
Thanksgiving Harvest Party



Where: 951 Kiwanis  
Park Road,

Island



When: Sunday, November 12, 2006

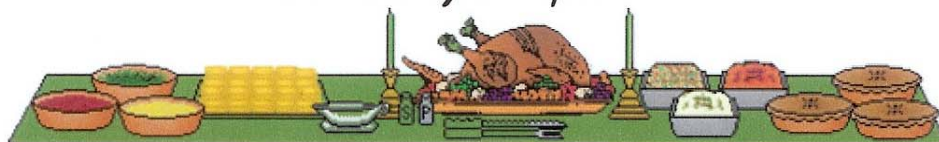
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$5.00 per person  
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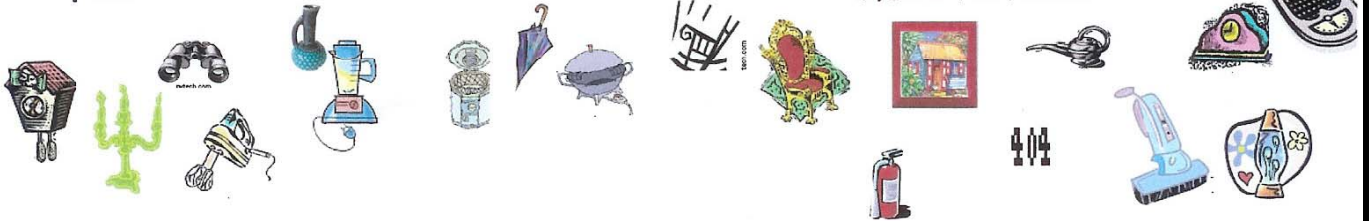
*Where: Cocoa Beach  
Community Church*

*When: Friday, November 17th*

*Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (Lunch (11:30))*

*Fee:*

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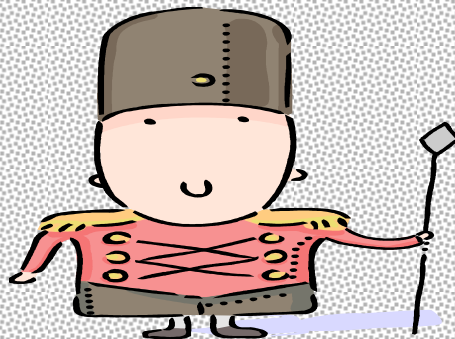
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## Greetings From the Mountains of North Georgia

Judy and I are still hibernating up here and really enjoy the area. We came up in late July and were not real sure what it would be like. It is a real change from condo living in Cocoa, and after getting used to how quiet it is, other than the many bird species chirping away, the mountain lifestyle, deer and wild turkeys feeding on our property, it has been a wonderful experience. Believe me; everything that Past Cdr. Dick Fille has told you about this area is true!

Our home is carved out of the side of a mountain and located about seven miles south of Hiawassee ( population 800). We sold our boat before leaving Cocoa. I'm pleased to say that the Miller's are back in boating as we just took delivery of a new 21' pontoon boat with a 115 Yamaha 4 stroke. We keep it a local marina on Lake Chatuge where the Fille's keep their pontoon boat. It is a 15 minute drive from our home and we will leave it up here. This is another new experience as this is about the only type of boat we have never owned in the past. Lake boating is mostly pontoon boats, especially for some of us senior citizens.

We keep real busy. Judy is still working for the Child Care Association out of our home. She keeps in contact with her staff by internet, FAX, and telecoms. I have gotten involved with the local Rotary Club and we attend a Methodist church in Hiawassee. We do a lot of exploring and take short trips to places like Ashville NC, Brasstown Bald( the highest point in Georgia at 4800'), Helen, GA, and a nearby winery. October is a beautiful time of the year in the mountains. The leaves are changing colors, people are decorating for Fall like it's Christmas, and many of the communities are having Fall festivals.

The Millers plan to return to Cocoa the first week in November.

P/C Bud Miller and Judy

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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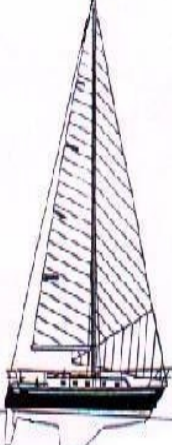
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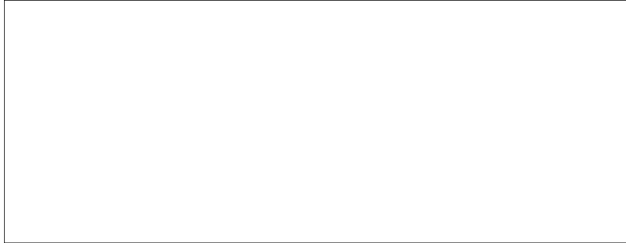
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