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Attention on Deck

Our entertainment for our 01 December Eggnog & Cookie Party/General Meeting will be Andrew Batten, a historian and frequent lecturer about early America. Along with his lovely wife Cindy, they will provide an evening of early nautical history, humor, and singing that you surely will enjoy. Please mark your calendars, so you don't miss this event and meeting. The eggnog & cookies part of the event starts at 7p. Don't be late!

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AT THE HELM

Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P



Our D23 conference was held at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn on October 2nd – 4th. The Oktoberfest on Friday night was a great success with the over 100 people in attendance. The two person band played German music, polkas and the food, beer and wine was enjoyed by all. Special awards were received by SEO Paul Ragusa P, for education training aids and Oscar Olin for 50 years of continuous membership to the USPS. Oscar was not able to attend. A special thanks to Jay Longway for his coordinating this event and all the people that contributed to the conference by donating their time, food and beverage.

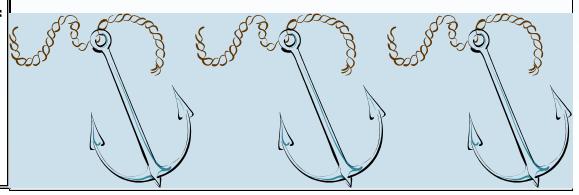
Our distinguished Executive officer P/C Kermit Forbes P, has received his 25 year status as a continued member of the USPS. Congratulations Kermit, on your continued dedication and achievement.

Lou Harlow was sworn in as a new member at the General meeting on October 6th. Lou is a retired Navy Captain living in Merritt Island with his wife Kathy. Welcome aboard.

Paul & Tammara Mycoskie have relocated to Merritt Island and plan to transfer their membership from the Seminole Power Squadron.

The BRS&PS is having its change of watch on October 24th at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. They are also hosting the King Neptune function on November 14th at Wickham Park in Melbourne. Go witness Neptune Rex and his court initiate new "Trusty Shellbacks and Pollywogs." Enjoy all you can eat and drink \$12 for Adults and \$6 for children under 14. Contact is Cdr Lucy Hixenbaugh, P, lhix-enbaugh@cfl.rr.com, 321-482-5671.

Merit Mark submittals are due by the end of October to Lt's Lea & Dave Collins, lachaloupe@aol.com. Please provide your input ASAP to your committee chairs.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER P/C Kermit Forbes, P



The summer is gone and the year is almost complete. We will have had a successful Frost-Bite cruise to Hiram's at Sebastian Inlet. To those that attended, I want to say thanks and to those that could not attend I want to say that you missed an enjoyable cruise and a good social time. Hopefully next year will be a better boating year.

If anyone has any suggestions on how to better promote our squadron, please contact me.

I hope each of you have a very enjoyable Thanksgiving. We in America and in Florida have a lot to be thankful for.

Susan and I will be gone the second half of November. If you need to get in touch with us please send an E-Mail and we will respond or you can call us on our cell phone at 910-520-9540.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



With this unusually hot weather, there has been a lot of boating activity on my Sykes Creek canal, unfortunately I have not spotted a single USPS flag or even a VSC (that's Vessel Safety Check) decal on those crafts. So, I can report that boating is alive and well in my Merritt Island neck of the woods.

Membership:

We had the pleasure to renew our USPS Pledge at our October 6th General meeting to welcome our newest member (see Secretary's report for details) which we had not done in a while. Let's make this a regular event. In the meantime, congratulations to our new member.

Presentations:

FRIDAY Nov 6th: Riverboat Discovery on the Missouri by our very own Stones with a movie about her finding and salvage.

Tuesday Jan. 1st: The Canadian section of the Great Loop by yours truly. Many pictures (too many?) of the Trent-Severn Canal, the Georgian Bay and the North Channel.

Boating activities:

Sat Oct 24th: Rendezvous/Lunch at Captain Hiram's in Sebastian.

Sat Nov 21st: Back on the Banana river. Let's all boaters meet at or near Ski Island for our last rendezvous of 2009.

SQUADRON EDUCATON OFFICER LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P



All of the members who worked on the D-23 Fall Conference are to be commended for their hard work. It was a huge success and we enjoyed listening the excellent speakers.

Congratulations to P/D/C Fred Adame SN. His sight reduction chart took first place in the advanced grades category at the conference. I also had the honor of accepting P/Lt/C Brian Grigsby's plaque for achieving the SN designation.

P/C John Mulkey P and I are currently working on setting up the Advanced Piloting class. Eight members signed up at the general meeting. Anyone not at the meeting wishing to take the class must call or e-mail their request to either myself or John. We are trying to work out a few scheduling problems and trying to coordinate the classroom instructors and students. As soon as this is ironed out we will announce the start date for the next class.

The weather course will have to wait since only two members expressed interest. If you have never taken the weather course, think about doing so. It will benefit you regardless if you are out on the water, planning outdoor activities, or exercising outdoors.

SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

Squadron, pictured to the right.



A special thanks to Lt Debra Burleson, S, and Lt Larry Burleson, S, and Lt Donna Longway, S, for working at the Ships Store, Friday and Saturday, at the Dist. 23 Conference. Also thanks to P/D/P Genevieve Link, AP, for selling raffle tickets for the Coco-Nauts "Antique Quilt".

Winner of the quilt was Barbara Estevez, of the Seminole

Welcome to new members. Please add them to your Roster.

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Thank you, thank you for all of your help at the Conference. We had a most successful time and the Holiday Inn did a wonderful job. The next Coco-Nauts meeting will be Nov. 11 at 1130 at the Merritt Island Moose. Our guest will be Cindy Flachmeier for the Brevard Community Social Services. You can buy your lunch there or brown bag it. Believe me, you do not want to miss this one, Cindy is a fabulous speaker, some of you may have heard her talk on the homeless but this time she will be letting you know the many services that are available to you free from Community Services, Meals on Wheels, and the new program Seniors at lunch. Please try to come.

Our Christmas party this year is at Brano's Italian Grill in Cocoa Beach on 12 December @ 1200 hours. We will be entertained by John Bourke, the oldest member of the Space Coast Jazz Society. He plays guitars and sings and he lights up the room. John is 95 years young. Please see flyer in this issue of The Soundings for more specific information.

The following businesses and individuals contributed items for door prizes and raffles! Thanks to them, in making our conference a success! Please support their businesses as they supported us with their many contributions!

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Door Prizes continued

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Raffle Prizes

Island Paint & Decorating Center
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Kennedy Space Center
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Fred Adame

2009 D23 Fall Conference Feedback

I have received continuous feedback from District officers, other Squadron's membership, and those Cocoa Beach members who were in attendance, indicating that the 2009 D23 Fall Conference was a "success". The D23 Commander specifically conveyed, "THANKS for an outstanding conference !!!!". This can be attributed to the hard work of many of our members; the Oktoberfest festivities; Saturday's Program, i.e., General Business Issues/ Speakers/ Conference format; "N" Club speaker; and oh yes, the fraternal camaraderie exhibited at the daily Hospitality Suite gatherings.

Sincere and special Kudos to the "core" team for preparing the initial game plan, and assuming the many actions to put it in effect. As a result, many members were directly responsible for staffing key and support activities, ranging from ensuring early advertising, coordinating with hotel & district personnel, encouraging/initiating early registration, creating lots of 'various & unique theme decorations', obtaining theme entertainment, soliciting business donations, securing speakers, producing Program schedule & dinner nameplates, stocking/staffing ships store, providing/selling door prize, raffle, 50-50 tickets and miscellaneous items, providing theme welcome steins, donating and serving the food and beverages at the Hospitality Suite, setting up the Squadron's booth, and finally taking down theme decorations, booth, cleaning the hospitality suite, and finally sending out 'Thank You' notes to the many Business Donors. Recognition of the donors will be found on pg. 5.

The "core" team will have a post conference review meeting to review our approach to hosting this conference, and the lessons learned derived from same. Also, once the monetary reconciliation process is finalized, we'll hopefully realize a positive financial position for our efforts.

Although, many members were involved in carrying out and supporting the many tasks required hosting the Conference, the members listed below are being recognized for being a part of the "Core" team, as well those that assumed support roles during the conduct of the Conference:

Fred& Carmen Adame, Joe Auchter, Marge & Duane Balkema, Suzanne Blanks, Clay Bernichon, Debra & Larry Burleson, Marilyn & Bob Flanigan, Kermit & Susan Forbes, George Guerrero, Maryann Infusion, Pam Johnson, Susan Kneeland, Genevieve Link, Jay & Donna Longway, Gerard Meunier, Bud Miller, Gene & Barb Millner, John Mulkey, Paul & Francesca Ragusa, Mike & Denise Stone, Marian Sweigart, Doris Valentine and Lance & Sheri VandeBerg It was a pleasure working with the many people representing the Squadron, District, Holiday Inn and Donors, to ensure that Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron was successful in their efforts. THANK YOU!!

J. P. Longway III, D23 Conference Chairman

CBSPS Photo Gallery

D23 Fall Conference 02-04 October-Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn (photos cont. on pg. 17)

































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October

- 22 1830 Executive Committee Meeting Merritt Island Library
- 24 Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

November

- · 06 Friday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting Brevard Veteran's Center
- 11 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting/Luncheon Merritt Island Moose Club (brown bag or order lunch at the Moose)
- 15 Sunday, Harvest Party Brevard Veteran's Center 1400 1700
- 23- 1830 Executive Committee Meeting Merritt Island Library
- 21 Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

December

- 01 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting/Eggnog & Cookie Party Brevard Veteran's Center
- 5 O5 Cocoa Beach Land Parade (Float)
- 05 CBSPS Christmas Dinner Dance Rockledge CC @1700
- 12 Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Christmas Luncheon -Brano's Italian Grill, Cocoa Beach
- 00 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library (date & time TBA)

January-2010

- ► 05 Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting Brevard Veteran's Center
- 13 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting (location TBA)

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Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon

Brano's Italian Grill 3680 N. Atlantic Ave. , Cocoa Beach

Saturday December 12th @ 1200

Cost is \$12 which includes meal, dessert, coffee-tea & gratuity

Order entrees from the menu

Chicken Marsala, Lasagna, Eggplant Farmesan, etc.

Dessert selections

Cheesecake, Spumoni, Chocolate Torte

Who Am I?

Born in the shadow of Ebbets Field (If you're from the right town, you know where that is.), I moved to the fictional neighborhood of Archie Bunker when I was two. Joined the Boy Scouts in the seventh grade and have been in one sort of uniform or another ever since. Marched on 5th Avenue in high school and went to college in the "heart of the commonwealth" of Massachusetts - Worcester. (It was a cold "heart" in winter.)

Away to training in the "Heart of Texas" for a year, I was then stationed back in, you guessed it, Massachusetts, this time near to the summer White House on Cape Cod. An interesting four years with many, long KC-97 flights to Greenland, Canada and England. I then used my cold weather flying experience with an assignment to Vietnam flying a unique aircraft called "The White Whale" - VC-123. In spite of my advice to Secretary McNamara and Teddy Kennedy, we still lost the war.

The Air Force thought I needed more education and sent me back to school - in Massachusetts again. This time, Cambridge, and still cold, but after two years I was lucky and got a four year assignment to San Antonio, Texas. Warm at last! Helped spec out training systems and aircraft (T-43) and gave annual "check rides" to others. This was followed by three years in the Florida Panhandle, still warm, where I kept giving those check rides and helped test armament systems - guns and bombs.

I forgot to cover up my name tag when talking to the assignments officer and found myself going to F-111's in England via Las Vegas - exciting job for a navigator used to sitting towards the back of the aircraft. (First time we did an Immelman, I almost had an accident!) But it was (is) a great aircraft, underappreciated in its time, and I got to work in the right seat! But, alas, I flew them for only two years and had to move up(?) and fly a desk for the last two years in the U.K.

From England it was back to the sun at Kennedy Space Center getting the Air Force ready to launch the Shuttle from Vandenberg AFB (it never happened) and sharing Air Force and NASA training capabilities. Oh, I also came upon my fourth USPS squadron in Cocoa Beach and have been enjoying it ever since.

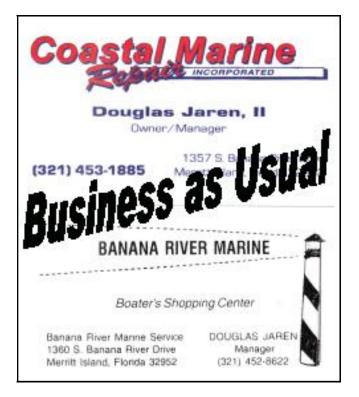


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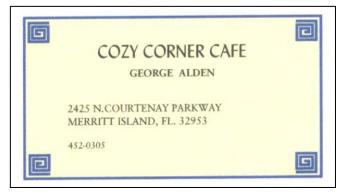




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