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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 09, November 2010 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Guest Speaker

Wayne Ivey, who is a special agent with the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement, will be our guest speaker. He will be talking to us about identity theft. Please plan to attend!

Attention On Deck

If you are planning to attend the holiday party, please contact Lt Donna Longway, S. Her email address is boosterx2002@gmail.com and her address is 2049 Sykes Creek Dr. Merritt Island, FL 32952, if you wish to mail her a check for the event.

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AT THE HELM

Commander John F. Mulkey, P



If you didn't attend the Fall Conference put on by Banana River at the Hilton in Melbourne Beach, you missed a good one. The Friday night Beach Party was great... good food, good music, and a beautiful fall evening. The Meetings were well attended, informative and moved along at a good pace.

Dennis Peterson, SN, received a "Certificate of Educational Achievement" awarded to one who has completed all courses offered by USPS.

Lt/C Paul Ragusa, AP, and I received a "Certificate of Educational Proficiency" awarded to one with the grade of AP who has completed at least three elective courses.

Hopefully by now, all department heads have turned in their reports on who they are recommending for Merit Marks. If you want to make sure that you receive credit for all the squadron work you have done, you can send an e-mail to Lt's Dave, JN and Lea Collins, AP at lachaloupe@aol.com and let them know what you have done to earn a Merit Mark.

Due to the national elections on November 2nd, our membership meeting will be on November 9th at the Brevard Veterans Center at 7:00 P.M. Also, because our board meeting falls on Thanksgiving it has been changed to Monday, November 29, 6:00 P.M. at the Merritt Island Library.

P/C Duane Balkema, AP, has set up two boating events this month. On Sunday November 14 (for those of you with boats) a Rendezvous at Samson Island on the Grand Canal. Call Duane at 452-5892 and let him know if you will be attending. He has also arranged with Mark & Michele Anderson, AP, a trip on the Blue Dolphin on Wednesday November 17th, out of Kelly Park. The cost is \$20.00 without lunch and \$24.00 with a sandwich. Call Mark at 652-1052 to reserve your seat.

You don't want to miss our annual Harvest Party put on by our own Coco-Nauts, on Sunday November 21st, at the Veterans Center. We look forward to it every year.

Merri & I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Richard O'Toole, shark conservationist accepting an certificate of appreciation from Cmdr. John F. Mulkey, P



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Lt Robert Shaefer, P, is working on setting up a new seminar for Co-Op Charting, to be held at Cocoa Beach Library. Date to be determined.

P/C Lance Vandeberg, P, reports there have been 145 Vessel Safety Checks done so far this year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/C Joseph S. Auchter, JN



The District 23 Conference, hosted by the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron in Indian Harbour Beach was very successful. Yours truly was unable to attend, but the members that did attend spoke highly of the meeting.

Duane Balkema's report on his rebuilding of an old Sea Ray Cruiser was a topic of conversation, even among the ladies of the squadron. Keep up the good work Duane.

On the 30th of October, there will be a raft up with TSPS to watch the Cocoa Beach Air show. Contact Duane for particulars. The raft up at Samson Island on the Grand Canal, is scheduled for Sunday the 14th of November. Particulars concerning the raft up will be discussed at the November 9 General Meeting.

Our last speaker, Richard O'Toole (the Sharkman) gave us incites as to how sharks live, behave, hunt, and how to protect yourself from an attack. How to avoid confrontation by using his 5-9 and 9-5 avoidance plan. The 5-9 refers to the months of May thru September, and the 9-5 is the time sharks don't usually feed. He also pointed out if attacked by a shark, the shark's weak areas are the gills and eyes. If you really want to avoid sharks at all times, just sit on the shoreline.

SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Time is flying by fast, and the end of 2010 will be here soon. If you have any changes, phone#, email address change, etc., that you have not notified your secretary about, now is the time to do so. Either email me at bobmar2215@bellsouth.net, or call me at 452-4602.

The Flanigans' wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Squadron Education Officer LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, AP



The JN class began on September 20th with ten students being instructed by P/D/C Fred Adame, SN. On Friday, a group of four met on the beach to "shoot the sun ". Armed with our sextons, we learned how to spot the sun and lower it to the horizon, call out mark to our partner who would record the exact time and the readings off the sexton. On Saturday, another set of four met and did likewise. A lot of preparation went in to this prior to doing the actual sightings. P/D/C Fred did the heavy lifting checking us out, and giving advice on the proper way to get accurate readings. We will be going to the beach often as we progress from chapter to chapter.

At the D23 Conference Cmd John Mulkey, AP, accepted a plaque for Dennis Peterson on receiving his SN grade. John also accepted his own Certificate of Educational Proficiency, which was also awarded to Francesca Ragusa, AP as well as myself. Remember to get on board by signing up for a class.

Coco-Nauts Corner President Lt Debra Burleson, P

Our last meeting was held at St. David's by the Sea on Oct. 13th. The meeting was conducted by Lt Barb Millner, P, due to the absence of Doris and myself. At this meeting it was decided we would donate \$50 for Buddy Walk (Down's Syndrome) and to St. David's by the Sea for allowing us to use their meeting facility.

The Harvest Party will be Sun. 20 Nov. @2p at a cost of \$5 per person, as well as bringing a side dish to compliment the ham & turkey, which is being overseen by Susan Forbes. Since the card/game party was cancelled due to lack of ticket sales, there will be a silent auction for the door prizes/gift certificates that was earmarked for the card/game party.

Our next meeting will held at Susan Forbes home on Wed. 10 Nov. @1130a. She will be fixing barbecued pork, and would like for us to bring a side dish.

November Birthdays

02 - Susan Forbes
11 - Marge Balkema
16 - Tamarra Mycoskie
25 - Gloria DeFluiter
25 - Marcia McConkey





**D23 FALL CONFERENCE
OCT 1 - 3, 2010
D/LT/C Jim DePalma, SN
Executive Officer**

At the Fall Governing Board in Seattle, the proposal by D26 to give the DC's the authority for Merit Mark approval was defeated. This procedure will remain unchanged. Non members passing an ABC Course on line or as given by the Squadron, can become a USPS member free of charge for 6 months. The \$25 "administrative charge" has been dropped as of 1 December 2010.

HANG TEN TWENTY TEN, our Fall conference, was an outstanding success. Banana River S&PS did their usual outstanding job and we sincerely appreciate the work of D/A/O Lucy Hixenbaugh and the "PEELS". CDR Bill Fehr continues to make significant contributions to District functions and we all get the benefit.

The breakout Education Department meeting was very lively per P/D/C Abe Cahill and a lot of new info was exchanged. The group meeting was led by our own V/C Dick Peoples who presented the message from C/C Frank Dvorak. The Chief is driving our membership activities and some increases are starting to show. The Cybersquadron activity is responsible for some small gains, as well. V/C Peoples who is also the National Treasurer gave us an encouraging summary of the membership activities. The National Budget is also being brought into line.

Two new proposals were heard and referred to Ad Hoc committees for further study. A proposal to reduce the number of District meetings will be reviewed and submitted to our Bridge by December 1, 2010. The proposal to add precious metals to a District portfolio will be submitted by November 2, 2010.

All of the social activities and meal functions were a success. Additional tables were required at both the Luau and the Banquet! The Silent Auction saw several great items being admired by their new owners.

The Winter Council will be at the ARC Center in Daytona Beach on January 22, 2011. I know personally that it will be even better than last year!!

And last but certainly not least, don't forget to make your plans for the National meeting. It will be at Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel again, January 31 - February 5, 2011. Our own Stf/C Don Clark assures us that it too will be an even better meeting. We expect an even bigger turnout from D23 and that will mean we'll all get more out of it.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

October 2010

- 28 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 30 - Saturday, 1300 Raft-Up with TSPS to watch Cocoa Beach Air Show

November 2010

- 09 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 10 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Bring a dish to share & Mtg. - Susan Forbes home
- 13 - Saturday, D23 Dry Dock Buffet - Eau Gallie Yacht Club (tentative)
- 14 - Sunday, Rendezvous at Samson Island on the Grand Canal
- 21 - Sunday, 1400 Harvest Party - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 29 - Monday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

December 2010

- 04 - Saturday, 1700 Holiday Dinner Dance @ Rockledge Country Club
- 07 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 11 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon @ Brano's Italian Grille, Cocoa Beach
- 11 - Saturday, Evening Raft-up at Sunset Café to watch Cocoa Beach boat parade

January 2011

- 04 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 08 - Saturday, Rendezvous for lunch at Sunset Cafe

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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Boats & Boating Report P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

November 14th, Sunday, 1:00 PM is our arrival time for "Rendezvous at Samson Island on Grand Canal". The city of Satellite Beach (773-6458) offers a pontoon boat ride over to this very interesting "Nature" Island at 1:00 PM & return and there are docks as well for personal craft. P/C Bud Miller, JN and I organized many a trip to this beautiful island in our Brevard County. Call me at 321-452-5892 if interested in coming to this event.

Wednesday, November 17th at 11:30 we have arranged for Mark & Michelle Andersons, Blue Dolphin to take us for a "Nature Cruise" boat ride for \$20 plus \$4 additional if desired to have a Sub Sandwich & salad. Departure is from Kelly Park Dock just off Hwy 528 at North Banana River Drive, Merritt Island. A drink is provided, the boat is covered protecting you from the sun and there is a toilet. You must pre-book by calling Mark at 652-1052. Call soon as we have a minimum to meet to make this happen. We want our members to all get out on the water.

Saturday, December 11th, at 5:30 PM, Meet on Water Just South of Hwy 520 Bridge to View Cocoa Beach Boat Christmas Parade. We then Raft-Up and watch the boats go by.

Monday, December 20th, at 6:00 PM, the Blue Dolphin will depart the Merritt Island Kiwanis Park Dock for a "Viewing of Christmas Lights From The Water" boat ride. This is always a big hit with folks who want to enjoy a ride in comfort. Drinks are provided and bring a snack if desired. The fee is \$22 and you must call Mark at 652-1052 and book for the event. Again, there is a minimum and we need your participation. Happy Holidays.

Boat Report 2--My Sea Ray 31 Foot Sedan Bridge Economy Project Cost reduction is my project with a SRV 310 of 1982 Sea Ray Flybridge vintage. Last Month I outlined what I was doing, by taking out the V8s and installing 4 cylinder engines. Several questioned how I did this myself. To answer, I would call it half and half. I towed the boat to Banana River Marine with the engines unhooked and ready to lift out. They lifted each 1200# V8 and sat them on my utility trailer. I towed the boat back to my dock. At dock, I used a 2 x 12 x 12 foot slant board and slid each assembled with crankshaft and pistons 4-cylinder engine block weighing around 150 # down into its place. I wedged and pried them into position and bolted the mounts to the engine beds. Then I proceeded to build up the engines with cylinder heads, manifolds, etc. in place until complete and hooked up. With new piston rings and bearings the engines run well.

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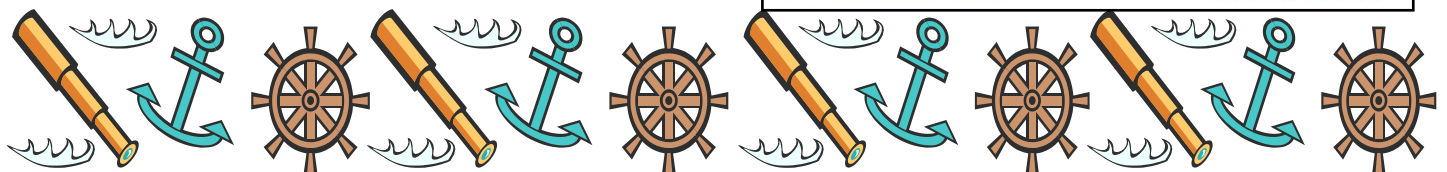
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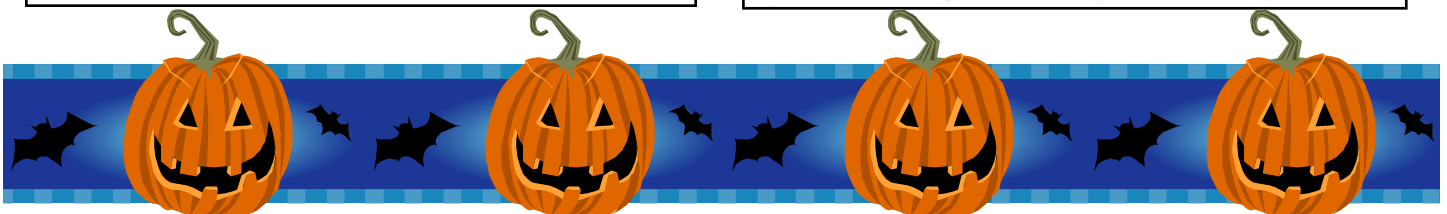
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