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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr James J. Kosmos, AP



It has been another active month. Cindy and I have finished hauling out our boat for the winter and already miss

being on board.

The October meeting at ACME was very interesting. We enjoyed a presentation from our own Ed and Sue Mali on their vacation to Australia and New Zealand earlier this year. What an exciting time they must have had.

Congratulations to the following SCPS members on receiving their 25 Year USPS/ SCPS pins:

P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN
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P/C Donald J. Cassidy, JN
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P/C Richard E. Dunlap, AP
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This is a very impressive accomplishment!

During October we had an opportunity to tour the Gervasi Winery, setup by our own Ken and Lynda Leque. This was interesting, informative and a nice way to spend time with fellow USPS members.

Thanksgiving is almost here. We all have something to be thankful for. Lets not forget those who are less fortunate. Make a difference where you can. In the current media environment of sensationalism, a kind word, a smile or a positive attitude can change a persons outlook for the day. Change the world for the good, a day at a time.



GOBBLE! GOBBLE!



WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION SEO STF/C KENNETH T. LEQUE, SN



On 28 October, we started the Weather Class. Rick Dunlap is the instructor and it will be held at his home. Thank you Rick!

On 5 November, before our meeting, we will be having an instructor recertification class as our certifications expire soon. Certification is required to teach a public boating class.

We hope to teach a public boating class in the spring.

Each year our squadron contributes to the Educational fund. I thought you might like to know more about what the fund is.

The Educational Fund (Ed Fund) is an endowment fund that is entirely separate from the national USPS budget. It was established to support the educational program of USPS by helping fund programs that might not otherwise be able to get underway or might wait a long time to acquire the necessary funds from the normal educational budget. In recent times the Ed Fund has helped with projects such as fire extinguisher training materials, optimization of search engine routines to enhance USPS results, web site redesign, and the ongoing project to work with Boat US to provide online courses and seminars. Over \$2.1 million has been made available for various projects over the years. The fund now has over \$3.5 million in investments.

There are several changes in the Navigation class you might not be aware of:

The major changes in N 2015 are: 1. OpenCPN has replaced the Capn software. 2. There is a brief clarification of the celestial coordinate system. 3. Latitude by Polaris

is back by popular demand. 4. Sight Data Averaging is taught. 5. The Equation of Time is defined and explained. 6. The optimum angles for a two-and three-body fix have been clarified. 7. The homework and practice cruise were replaced. 8. Weather GRIBs* and overlays were added to the navigation charts. 9. An optional section on tablets and on interfaces between navigational software and chart-plotters was added for N 2015. 9. The Meridian Transit sight requirement was moved to JN. *GRIBs are specially formatted binary weather data files.

Let me know if there is a course/class you would like to take.



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I was eagerly anticipating the District 7 Fall Conference hosted by Mansfield Power Squadron. The conference took place at Kalahari Resort. Prior to the conference, I heard many Kalahari advertisements on the radio. Naturally, I got on the internet and pulled up Kalahari to get an idea of what to expect. The first picture that showed up was a person riding a boogie board with a huge wave coming right behind them. It looked really adventurous and I quickly decided that was not for me. More pictures appeared and I noticed people in a raft lazily drifting around and immediately knew this was my speed.

The drive to Kalahari was beautiful as it was the height of fall colors. Every cluster of trees kept providing a more spectacular view! Fall is many colorful paintings everywhere! We arrived at Kalahari to a Safari adventure. The theme was artistically carried out throughout the hotel. We had a rhino stay with us in our room.

Saturday morning was filled with the usual meetings and guest speakers. The main topics of discussion were soliciting new members and membership trends over the years for District 7 squadrons. At the national level, they are brainstorming on ways to reach out to the younger generation. One way to get the 20 something and 30 something age group is to provide them the newest cell phone. The biggest problem we are all aware of is the youngest age of members on average is in the fifties. However, we need to remember, the 60s is the new 50s and the 50s is the new 40s. I attended the Executive Officer/Administrative meeting Saturday morning. One of the concerns was the declining attendance at conferences. A variety of suggestions were given to present to the national level. We even came up with an idea that would make planning of the conferences much easier for squadrons. Even though the meeting was at 8:00 am after a Friday night of drinking and eating in Hospitality rooms, we were energized and everyone participated in the meeting. I became aware at Saturday dinner; Stark County has an actor and actress amongst us! Joanne Hancock and Jim Kosmos performed a skit advertising the Spring Conference. It was really clever. Thanks for thinking of this idea.

The meetings, lunch and dinner were the main highlights, however this year the water park was just as important. Jim Hoffee and I checked it out. We got in line with a slew of kids to ride a slide, but declined because we did not have the patience to stand in line for about 30 minutes. We grabbed a tube and floated in the pool. All of a sudden, we were surprised by the pool suddenly turning into a wave pool. The waves created a little chaos as everyone was bumping in to each other.

Sadly, the conference came to an end. Mansfield really put on an entertaining conference. Our turn is next and Stark County is getting pumped up! I am going to say again and again "Let's all help out!" This would be a chance for those who are silent members to be involved, get to know members and have fun! I do want to say we do appreciate those who contribute by paying their renewal dues every year!



Members and Guests are Invited to
**STARK COUNTY POWER SQUADRON'S
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**



FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2015

at *PRIMAVERA'S*

5382 Fulton Road NW, Canton

1800 Cash Bar

1900 Buffet Style Dinner

Baked Italian Herbbed Chicken, Baked Salmon, or Baked Pork Chops

Entrees include house salad, bread, vegetable, rice pilaf,

coffee or tea

\$27 per person, gratuity included

Contact Lt/C Cindy Kosmos, for reservations by Mon., November 30th, at 330-854-2036
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Send checks made out to Stark County Power Squadron
to Treasurer Tom Hancock
426 Emerson Ave, NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720
or pay at the door.

*As a special SCPS tradition, we ask that you bring a small plate of your favorite
Christmas Cookies to share for dessert!*





SCPS members and guests enjoying wine tasting at the recent tour of Gervasi Vineyard

Save the Date

Date: 1 – 3 April 2016

Where: McKinley Grande Hotel, Canton, Ohio

Theme: Join Stark County Power Squadron in Celebrating Their 60th Anniversary with Television's Greatest Hits of the 60s





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SCPS 2015-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 November	Instructor Recertification Seminar North Canton Acme 1730 to 1930	7 January	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting North Canton Acme 1930 Chili Cook-off
5 November	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting North Canton Acme 1930	14-18 January	Mid-America Boat Show IX Center Cleveland, Ohio
3 December	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting North Canton Acme 1930 Spring Conference Planning	4 February	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting North Canton Acme 1930 Spring Conference Planning
4 December	Annual Holiday Party Primavera's Mark your calendars! 5382 Fulton Rd NW Canton. OH	6 February	Founder's Day Dinner TBA Speaker - Glenn Swope

