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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr James J. Kosmos, AP



Four months until launch time. Tic... Toc..

The January meeting at the North Canton Acme was well attended, and the presentation given, "AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME-NORWAY" by Ken and Lynda Leque on their 2015 trip was very intriguing. Thank you for a very memorable account of your adventure.

As the January Newsletter stated, the SCPS Nominating committee has made their recommendations for the 2016 – 2017 Bridge. A very nice selection of dedicated and consciences individuals. I feel the SCPS is in good hands for the coming year. Good luck and thanks to all.

The Spring Conference Committee has been meeting on a regular basis, and I am happy to say that all of the planning is progressing very nicely.

This month Glenn Swope will give his presentation on "Roger Upton" at the Founders Day Dinner scheduled for 6 February. Please plan to attend.

Congratulations to both of our publications for being awarded the Distinctive Communicator Award! This award is given to the outstanding Websites

and Newsletters in USPS. The hard work given by P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez [SN] for the Website and to P/C Clifton Long P for the *Soundings* has been rewarded by USPS with this honor. There is a long list of requirements to receive the award and not all squadrons receive it. I know that I am very proud of both publications and I hope that you are too.

I would like to announce at this time that Irene has redone the Website to bring it up to date with technology. The new site can not only be viewed on regular computers but also can be view on tablets and smart phones. The website has a new address and it is very easy to remember. <http://starkcountyps.org> Add this address to your favorites as the old website is discontinued. Please check out the new webpage and see all that it has to offer. The calendar is kept current with links to each event. You also have access to past and current newsletters and the new photos section can have pictures of any squadron events down loaded by SCPS members.



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


America's Boating Course

We are offering America's Boating Course at the Louisville YMCA at 7:30 pm beginning Tuesday, 23 February, 2016 on four consecutive Tuesday evenings. See the flyer for additional information.

Please help by spreading the word. Post the flyer on community boards where you visit.

Weather Class

Congratulations to the following who recently passed the final exam for the Weather Course taught by Rick Dunlap. Dave and Lori Guertal, Jim and Cindy Kosmos, and Ed Mali. I am sure they will find the weather information they learned helpful this boating season.

Open Education Committee Meetings in Orlando

Ten open educational committee meetings will be conducted Friday during the 2016 Annual Meeting between 0915 and 1700. Please check the agenda for time and location and join the committees of your choice to get the most current information on what is evolving within our educational courses.

I Hope to see you in Orlando!



Important Message

Please note that the upcoming Board of Directors/Membership meeting on 4 February is also The SCPS Annual Meeting. This meeting is open to all members and it is the time when we elect next years officers and other positions. Please be sure to support the incoming bridge and see your squadron at work. The meeting starts at 1930 and refreshments will be provided.

Send your articles and pictures to:

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
MARCH 2016 ISSUE
IS 20 FEBRUARY**

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Every month is a little closer to boating season. I worked at the USPS booth at the Boat Show. We had the simulator set-up at the booth this year. What a crowd drawer! Adults and many children wanted to experience driving a boat by sitting at the simulator. They had to drive the boat in and out of buoys. The children were great at it because to them it was a video game. I also had fun with the simulator. Driving in and out of the buoys was very easy only going 10 mph. I had to up the ante and drive 30 mph. It did make it more challenging. I notice docking a boat was on the menu and naturally had to give it a whirl. After one attempt, I docked the boat with no problem. Not saying, that I would be as good with a real boat, but want to try if someone would let me! Diagonally from our booth was a simulator for driving a jet ski. I didn't try it but heard it was awesome giving you an almost realistic experience driving a jet ski. This also drew people to our booth.



I thoroughly enjoyed working this year because I felt more confident with my knowledge of the organization. The excitement of getting four people to sign-up to be contacted regarding membership was an accomplishment for me. Many people took literature for upcoming education classes. The boat show was bigger this year which could be an indicator that boat sales are up!

The squadron has been busy planning our upcoming April Conference. More and more it is really starting to come together. Recently, Linda Leque introduced the line-up of meetings, topics, and speakers. I think we have an awesome itinerary! Everyone should try to attend the conference. The members who pay their dues, but are not active in the organization should not hesitate to attend the conference. You would really enjoy the experience and meet a lot of great boating companions! I also encourage you to attend a meeting and you may even be enticed to being more active in the organization.

I want to share a couple of interesting boating facts:

1. A man, who survived the fire and sinking of a ship in 1871, left him emotionally scarred. About 41 years later, he finally was able to overcome his fears and nightmares, deciding to sail again, only to die in the sinking of a new ship, the Titanic.
2. An intact steamboat from 1856 was excavated in 1988 under 45 feet of dirt in a farmer's field. Thousands of artifacts were excavated and preserved so well that some of the food was still edible.
3. In 2005, a tour bus driver for the Dave Matthews Band released the bus septic tank over a grate above the Chicago River. A boat full of sightseers was below at the time, and its passengers were covered with 800 lbs. of human waste.





Founder's Day Dinner

**Saturday, 6 February, 2016
Primavera's Ristorante
5382 Fulton Rd NW, Canton, OH**

Menu: Your choice of

- Seared salmon with Dijon horseradish
- Rigatoni with sausage and peppers
- Bourbon glazed pork chops
- 10 oz. grilled NY strip steak
- Italian herb chicken
(includes salad, bread and vegetable, coffee or tea)

As a special treat, please bring a small plate of cookies to share for dessert.

Time: 1800-social time (cash bar), 1900-dinner, 2000-featured speaker

Cost: \$25.00 per person (pay at the door)

Reservations and meal selections: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email jhancock@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle by Monday, 1 February, 2016

Speaker: Glenn Swope "Roger Upton"





More USPS Member Benefits to Take Advantage Of

SAVE BIG AT OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX

Whether you are purchasing supplies for your squadron courses, picnics or change of watch, use the Office Depot/Office Max discount card to save. Use the card for printing, and get a quality printout every time. No need to use your own printer and ink. Have posters/banners made cheap for your next boating class or event. The discount can be applied for personal items as well as USPS needs. This is our most popular benefit, and we earn money on each purchase. Check out the **Member Benefits website** for more details and specifications.

NEW BENEFIT: HEARTSINE AEDS AT A DISCOUNT

HeartSine provides a special unpublished, discounted price to USPS members for AED devices and accessories. If you are thinking of procuring equipment for when a member has an emergency, check out the great prices offered to USPS members on the **Member Benefits website**.

Soup Dinner & Norway Presentation Success

A big thank you to all who attended the Annual Chili (and Soup) dinner! Special thanks to our sous chefs, Jim Kosmos & Lori Guertal for the fabulous fare! And thanks to all who brought additional food items to share. We had over 20 members in attendance, including our two newest members Matt & Dorothy. Following the meal & a brief meeting, members viewed our presentation on our recent trip to NORWAY. It was a great pleasure to share our experience with SCPS. This presentation will also be available at our own Spring Conference, 1-3 April.

D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, SN

PLAN AHEAD FOR THESE EXCITING D7 EVENTS!

1-3 April-We are hosting the 2016 Spring Conference and we need all hand on deck for this big event! Plans are coming together, but we need YOU to help things run smoothly. Contact Joanne Hancock today & ask how you can help.

29-31 July -"SOUTH OF THE BORDER-DOWN HURON WAY"

The 2016 D7 Rendezvous will be held at the beautiful Huron Boat Basin. Make your reservations at 419-433-4848 today! The committee is planning an awesome "South of the Border" themed weekend. Mark your calendars!

24-28 August- The National Governing Board is coming to Pittsburgh, in our own District 7! This is an opportunity not to be missed...it will be held right in our own backyard! Our good friend, D/Lt/C Jane Brandenstein, SN, has been heading up much of the planning. You can look forward to a Riverboat ride, Banjo band, Big Band event following the Saturday night banquet and much much more! Again, mark your calendars & plan to attend.

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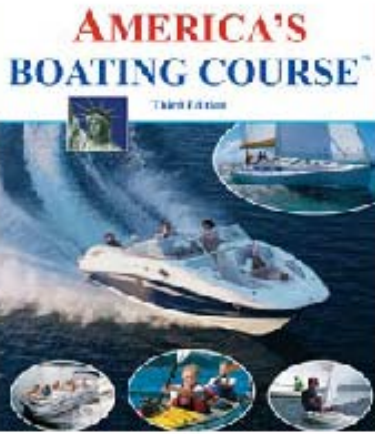
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**Classes start
Tuesday,
February 23,
2016**
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**4 consecutive
Tuesday evenings
7:30 pm—9:30 pm**



**Louisville
YMCA
1421 South
Nickelplate Ave.**
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**(YMCA membership
not required)**

The course is designed for skippers & crew of all types of watercraft. This unique boat & water safety course topics include:

- ★ Introduction to all types of boating
- ★ Understanding state & federal boating laws
- ★ Learn about all types of boat safety equipment & how to make your boating experience safer & more comfortable
- ★ Tips on navigation rules & aids
- ★ Trailing, storing & protecting your vessel
- ★ And more!

**Classes are FREE
NO charge!**
**(one free course workbook
per family)**

A great course whether you are new to boating or an experienced boater in need of a refresher course.

**No pre-registration required,
just show up!**
★★★

For more information
330.284.4991
www.usps.org/localusps/stark

**A great way to have a fun boating
experience is to "know before you go".**



Change of Watch



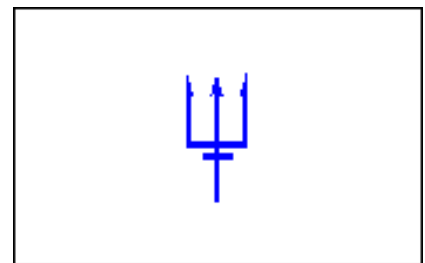
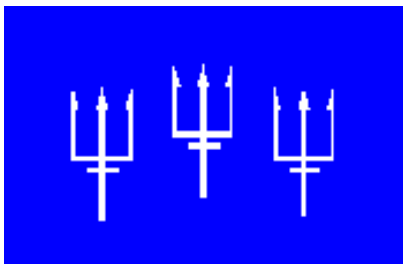
Saturday, April 09, 2016
La Pizzeria
3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718

Menu: Family Style consisting of roast beef, parmesan crusted chicken, lightly seasoned scrod, sausage & peppers, salad, fresh beans in oil & garlic, roasted potatoes in rosemary, penne pasta, chocolate kahlua cake and beverage.

Time: 1800-social time (cash bar), 1900-dinner

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Reservations: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email jhancock@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle by Monday, April 04, 2016





**District 7 Spring Conference
Information Page
McKinley Grand Hotel
April 1st – 3rd, 2016**



The theme for conference is Television's Greatest Hits of the 60's to coincide with Stark County's 60th anniversary celebration.

The hotel room rate is \$89/night plus taxes. Please make room reservations directly with McKinley Grand Hotel: 877-454-5008. Mention that you are with the Power Squadron group to get our rate.

Parking is available in the parking garage across the street from the hotel. The parking garage fee is \$8.00/day with no in/out privileges. If you need in/out privileges, you can purchase a parking pass through the hotel; the fee is \$15.00/day.

Friday's icebreaker food includes: fresh vegetable and dip tray, chips and pretzels, pizza, coney dogs and fixings and root beer floats. A cash bar will also be available.

The hospitality rooms will be located on the hallway near the ballroom as in years past. Please make hospitality room reservations with Tom Hancock at thancock@neo.rr.com. The hospitality room rate is \$150/night.

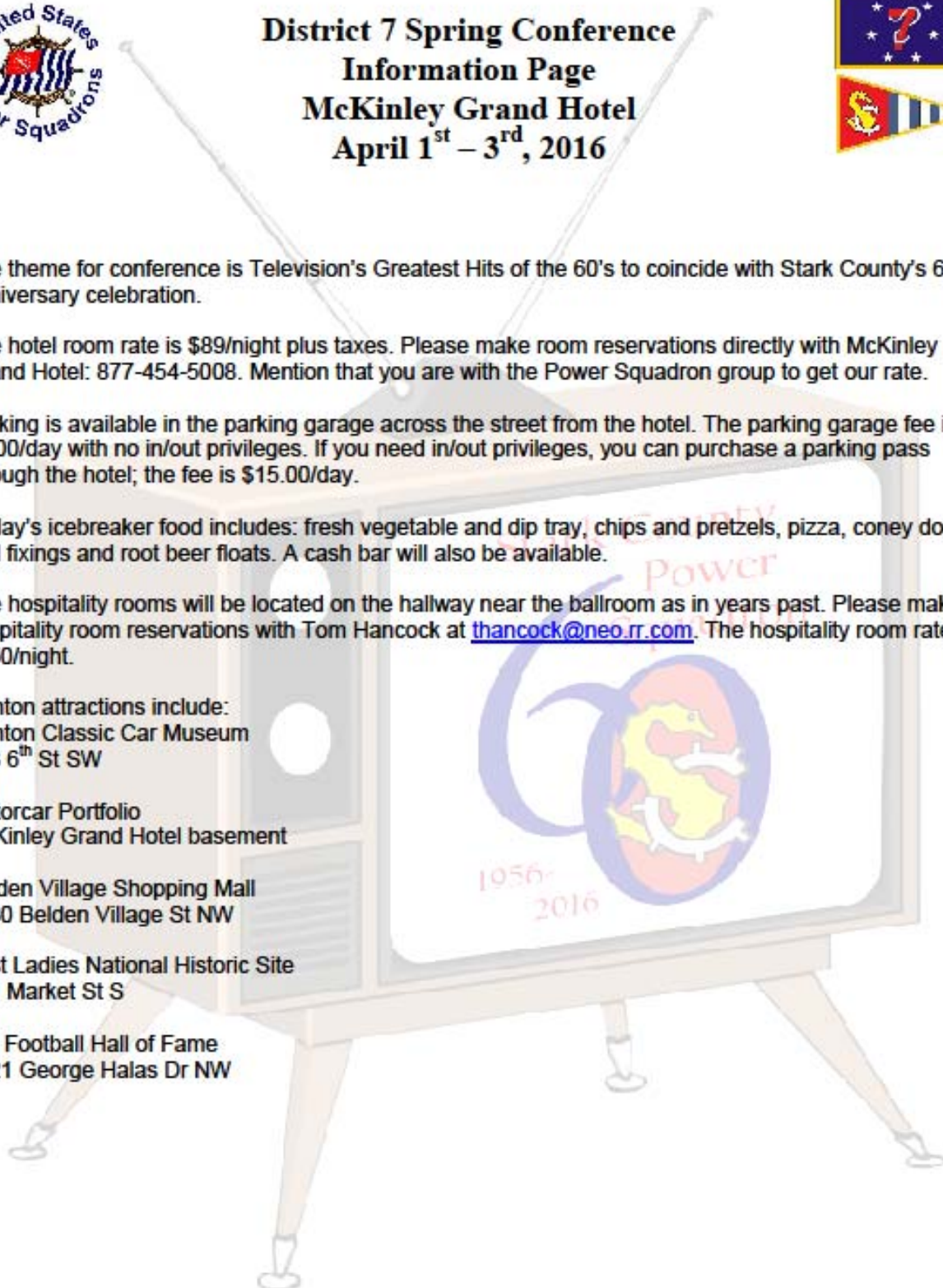
Canton attractions include:
Canton Classic Car Museum
123 6th St SW

Motorcar Portfolio
McKinley Grand Hotel basement

Belden Village Shopping Mall
4230 Belden Village St NW

First Ladies National Historic Site
331 Market St S

Pro Football Hall of Fame
2121 George Halas Dr NW





McKinley Grand Hotel
320 Market Street S
Canton, Ohio 44702
877-454-5008

Registration for D7 Spring Conference, April 1 - 3, 2016

Important Dates:

Registration form and payment must be received by **March 20, 2016**.

Hotel reservation must be made by **March 18, 2016** to secure this rate.

Certificate Number	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Grade	Squadron

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Is this your first conference? Yes No

Complete package discount price: \$95

	Price	Number	Cost
Ice Breaker	\$20	x	=
Lunch Selections:			
BLT SANDWICH macaroni salad, apple, bottled water	\$35	x	=
CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH pasta salad, chips, apple, bottled water	\$35	x	=
TUNA SALAD SANDWICH pasta salad, chips, apple, bottled water	\$35	x	=
Dinner Selections:			
ORANGE ROUGHY	\$60	x	=
MEDITERREAN CHICKEN	\$60	x	=
HERB CRUSTED PORK LOIN	\$60	x	=
VEGETARIAN garlic mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, tossed salad w/ ranch or Italian dressing, cake	\$60	x	=

Coffee and tea will be served with both lunch and dinner.

A la carte total: \$ _____

Number of complete packages _____ **x \$95 = \$** _____

Total Amount Due: \$

Make your check payable to Stark County Power Squadron and mail with this form to Tom Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave., North Canton, OH 44720-2308.

Questions: contact thancock@neo.rr.com or 330-499-3660

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the McKinley Grand at 877-454-5008.

Room rate: \$89 + taxes + breakfast buffet for 2 per night



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SCPS-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 February	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting / Annual Meeting 1930 Meeting open to all. Please support SCPS and vote in the new bridge	3 March	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting North Canton Acme 1930 with Spring Conference Planning
6 February	Founder's Day Dinner Primavera's Ristorante See page 4 Speaker - Glenn Swope "Roger Upton"	1-3 April	D7 Spring Conference Canton McKinley Grand Hosted by Stark County
17-21 February	USPS Annual Meeting Orlando, FL	7 April	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme
23 February 1,8,15 March	America's Boating Course Louisville YMCA See page 6	9 April	SCPS Change Of Watch La Pizzeria 1800 See Page 7

