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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr James J. Kosmos, AP



The weather here in Emerald Isle has been mixed, but it has given Cindy and I a chance to practice some of the skills we learned in our recent weather class taught by Rick Dunlap. (Thank you Rick) We have experienced different cloud types, contrails, wind directions and speeds. And while we were looking at Jupiter the other night, we even saw a halo around the moon. Knowledge is power.

When we return, we will be assisting with and finalizing preparations for the 2016 D7 Spring Conference. So mark your calendars to attend April 1,2,3 at the fabulous McKinley Grand Hotel.



According to Punxsutawney Phil in February, there will be an early spring this year. However according to Buckeye Chuck (Ohio's Version), there will be six more weeks of winter. I think I like the first forecast. Either way, this is a good time to check all of our safety gear, and be one step ahead during National Safe Boating Week in May.

*Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring...
'How to Build a Boat.'*

Steven Wright



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


We are always looking to find which courses will best meet the needs of our members. Please let me know which course interests you. We can always arrange for the course to be taught by our Squadron or by another Squadron.

Coast Guard APP

The Coast Guard has a great new app out that can make boating safer. The free app is available for both iPhones and Android phones in their respective stores.

The app contains a database of all the latest safety rules and regulations and a boating safety checklist. You can also use it to file a float plan with up to three friends. That way people know where you are going, what route you are taking and when you're expected back. If you don't get back on time, they can contact the Coast Guard with a pretty good idea of where to look for you.

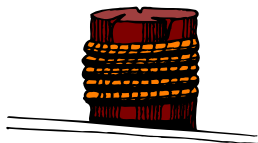
The app can also be used to report hazards, pollution, or any suspicious activity to the Coast Guard instantly. You can also get the weather conditions from the closest NOAA buoy to make sure weather the forecast is accurate for exactly where you are.

Where Did That Term Come From?
Over a barrel

In the days before CPR, a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

Barge In

Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".



Lynda and Ken Leque at the recent Founder's Day Dinner

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Yeah, Punxsutawney Phil did not cast a shadow, therefore an early spring is in the forecast. Those that are reluctant to believe Punxsutawney Phil, he has backup. Shubenacadie-Sam, Staten Island Chuck, and General Beau Lee concur with Phil. Take your jackets off, you're not going to need them soon! When the first signs of spring occur, suddenly you see your neighbors come out of hibernation from inside their homes. Spring seems like a new beginning just like our Change of Watch brings new officers, ideas, and always a hope for new members. With excitement and some nervousness, I am looking forward to represent our Squadron as Commander.



Our commander, Jim Kosmos, has been vacationing at Emerald Isle. As a result, I led the Annual Meeting – Board of Directors/General Membership meeting on 4 February, 2016. This certainly gave me a little taste of being a commander. Jim had given me a script to follow, but I was still flustered. Quickly, I learned there is a parliamentary procedure to follow in addressing all aspects of the meeting. Thankfully, my fellow members recognized my puzzled look of “**what do I do or say next.**” Everyone provided me guidance. A suggestion was made to read Robert’s Rules. After the meeting, I immediately got on the internet and found Robert’s Rules for Dummies. This is a wonderful guide to effectively achieve the business of a meeting. Certainly, I am going to study Robert’s Rules and preside over the next meeting like a pro! Robert’s Rules mentions using a gavel and I like that idea. You are only to rap it once but I would abuse the gavel and have too much fun with it. We accomplished everything required at the meeting. Most important, a motion to adopt the new bridge was unanimously favored.

D7 Spring Conference is so close (April 1-3) and our squadron has been working very hard on all the planning details. This is my first time planning this conference and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It has been a good experience because everyone interacts so nicely with each other in accomplishing all the details. Once again, I want to encourage members who are not active in attending meetings and events to come to the conference. I guarantee you will have a great time and will feel very welcomed!





Change of Watch



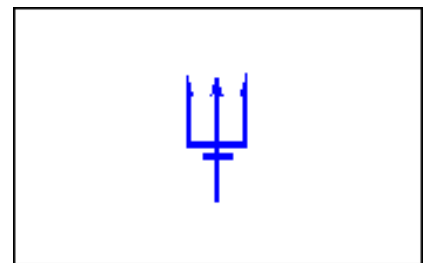
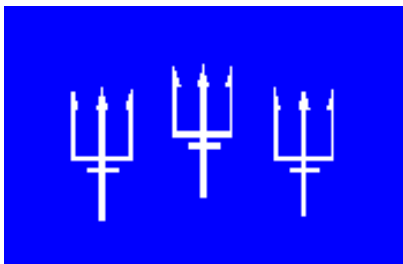
Saturday, 09 April, 2016
La Pizzaria
3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718

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, 04 April, 2016





THIS MONTH'S FEATURED USPS MEMBER BENEFITS!

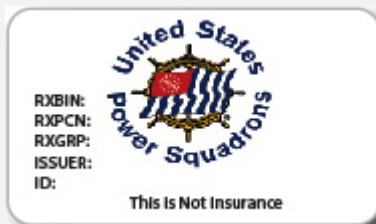
All GLCC on-line cruising-related webinars are available to USPS members at reduced USPS registration rates.

We're pleased to announce that the partnership arrangement with the Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) in which all GLCC on-line cruising-related webinars are available to USPS members at reduced USPS registration rates will continue this year. **Note that there is now a NEW discount code, so be sure to use this new discount code when signing up for a webinar. Any user can register with the GLCCSchool site by creating their own user ID and password.** This is done in the Guest Login box in the upper left of the GLCCSchool screen.

Everyone enrolling in a GLCCSchool webinar must have first registered with the GLCCSchool web site and then signed into the GLCCSchool web site—including GLCC members. Registration is free to all. Directions for registering for webinars can be found on the front page of the GLCCSchool web site.

To receive your USPS member-only discount for GLCCSchool webinars and webinar recordings, make sure to include the USPS member discount code on the course registration form where indicated. Note that the discount code is case sensitive, so be sure to copy the code EXACTLY as shown. Use the discount code "**Basic1516USPS**" (without the quotes).

Details are available on the USPS Educational Department's GLCC School web page.
<http://www.GLCCSchool.com>.



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D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, Membership Chair

D7 SPRING CONFERENCE...THE BEST EVER!!

Each SCPS member is urged to attend this great weekend event, 1-3 April. We are certain you will have a great time! Whether you come for all or part of the weekend; haven't attended a conference in years or just attended the 2015 Fall Conference; you still own a boat or haven't owned a boat in years... you're still a part of SCPS and we WANT you to attend! We have great speakers and seminars planned. We are also celebrating SCPS's 60th Anniversary! That's a big deal and we want everyone to help us celebrate! Come for the education, fun, and celebration!

See you 1-3 April 2016 at the McKinley Grand Hotel in downtown Canton!



P/C Glenn Swope with his presentation on Roger Upton



D/Lt Joanne Hancock giving the history of SCPS

Founder's Day Dinner 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.

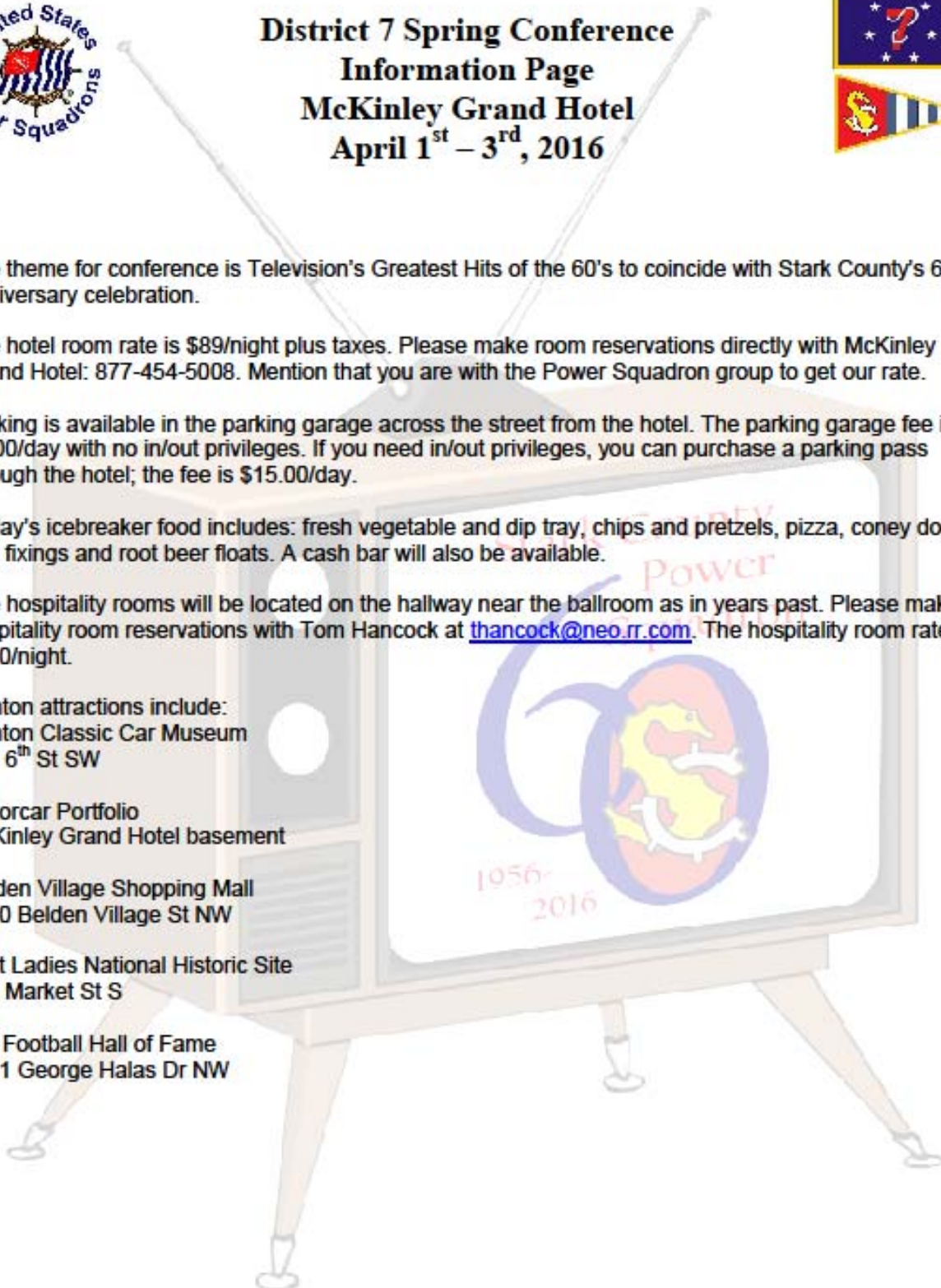
Canton attractions include:
Canton Classic Car Museum
123 6th St SW

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

3 March	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting North Canton Acme 1930 with Spring Conference Planning	5 May	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting / Launch Party 1800 Sippo Lake Shelter
1-3 April	D7 Spring Conference Canton McKinley Grand Hosted by Stark County	14-21 May	National Safe Boating Week
7 April	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	2 June	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting Annual Picnic Price Park, North Canton 1800
9 April	SCPS Change Of Watch La Pizzeria 1800 See Page 4	17-19 June	SCPS Rendezvous Maumee Bay State Park

