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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr Kathy A. Russell



Welcome back to reading the monthly newsletter! I hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed summer activities, especially on the lakes! I always get a little sad with the passing of summer as fall goes quickly and leads into winter months. However, no reason for sadness, quite yet, because I am going to reminisce on all of the summer activities.

Thanks to all the members who got involved as we had successful and memorable rendezvous activities. I thoroughly enjoyed our squadron's rendezvous at Sandusky Harbor Marina. The weather was fantastic! Blender drinks were a big success. Several people brought a blender drink of their choice and all was gone before the party was over. I could barely keep up with making Pina Colodas. Saturday's dinner of barbecue chicken and spare ribs was

the best. The Dunlaps opened up a small restaurant Saturday morning on the back of their boat serving a breakfast brunch. The set-up was very quaint and inviting. A vagrant kept walking by sniffing the delightful aromas of the food. They invited the vagrant, whose name was Jim Hoffee, to a plate of food. The weekend couldn't have been more perfect, thanks to the planning and energy Joanne and Tom Hancock exerted.

The District 7 rendezvous at Huron Marina was another big hit! We did experience some rain off and on, but not enough to ruin the weekend! One activity that was very popular was kayaking. I participated with many others maneuvering the kayaks on the lake. I will admit getting situated at the start was a little bit hairy for me. It took a couple of minutes to get the kayak to cooperate with me.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Karen R. Long



Welcome back to the Soundings! It's been a great boating summer for Cliff and I. Lake Erie warmed up quickly this year which provided us with many weekends of great swimming.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members to our joint September dinner meeting with the Akron Power Squadron on 01 September at 6:00. The meeting will take place at 93 Prime Restaurant on Manchester Rd. See flyer on page 3.

I would also encourage you to take advantage of Stark County Power Squadron's Nautical Queen Outing scheduled for 8 October at 6:30. The evening includes a buffet dinner, cruising, and entertainment. See flyer on page 4.

The fall provides some beautiful boating. I hope many of you get to enjoy it. Have a safe and fun fall!

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Many boats were lined-up on docks where we launched our kayaks into the water. I came so close to running into one of the docked boats. Thankfully, I reacted quickly and was able to push away with my paddle to prevent hitting the boat. It didn't take long to get in the swing of it all, as I kayaked one other time.

Food plays an important part of a rendezvous and the meals were outstanding. I chose steak and it was nice and tender. There was entertainment which consisted of a game called Wack the Wienie! The games were clever and enticed many people to participate. The event was a hit due to the people who did all the hard work. Our members, Linda Leque,

Ken Leque, Joanne Hancock, and Tom Hancock deserve a big applause for their involvement in the District 7 Rendezvous. I am done reliving the squadron events and moving on to other topics that need mentioned.

Ken Leque injured his back at work in May. He really has been trying to be a trooper dealing with the pain and obstacles that come with an injured back. Let's all keep him in our thoughts that soon his back will be better than ever!

The Kosmos have started their journey! They have stated that everything is going great and it sounds like they are thoroughly enjoying themselves. I think they have been gone a little over a month and neither one has thrown one another over the boat! We are going to miss seeing them at our meetings and activities, but wish them the best on this voyage.

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**4315 Manchester Road
Akron, OH 44319**

**Thursday, September 1, 2016
Cocktails with Cash Bar at 1800
Dinner Served at 1830 Hours**

Menu:

Entrée Choices:

- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
- Swiss Steak
- Eggplant Parmesan
- Broasted Chicken

Sides:

- Baked Potato (with Chicken or Swiss Steak)
- House Salad
- Sourdough Rolls
- Bean Salad
- Coffee/Iced Tea/Pop

Cash Bar

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Reservations: Number Attending and Entrée Choices [ASPS Website](#) or E-mail [P/C Jim Rudolph](#) or call 330-819-5726 (Cell # – Leave Message) By Thursday, August 25, 2015

After Dinner Speaker: Ryan Pepper—Ohio Director of the American Canoe Association

**This is a joint Dinner Meeting with Akron
Power Squadron**



Celebrate Stark County Power Squadron's 60th Anniversary on the Nautica Queen



Saturday, October 8, 2016

Address: 1153 Main Ave

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dinner buffet includes prime rib, chicken piccata, pork loin, shrimp cocktail, pasta alfredo, wild rice, salad, vegetable tray, pasta salads, potatoes, fruit tray, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, tea or iced tea. A cash bar with alcohol and sodas is available.

6:30 pm: Boarding begins

7:30 – 10:30 pm: Dinner cruise with DJ entertainment

Cost: \$44.00/person

Please contact Joanne Hancock for reservations by email

thancock@neo.rr.com or telephone 330-499-3660 or 330-418-9956. Mail payment to: 426 Emerson Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720

Reservations and payments must be received by Monday, October 3rd.

Make your reservation NOW, your check will not be cashed until the event.

Parking is available in the FirstEnergy Powerhouse Parking lot. Parking prices range from \$3.00 – \$10.00. The parking lot accepts cash only.





The following is a journal from Jim and Cindy Kosmos as they begin their trip on the Great Loop.

We have started the "Great Loop"; we are finally on our way on our 45' American Tug!!! For anyone who doesn't know, the Great Loop encompasses the eastern half of the USA and covers more than 6000 nautical miles. We will be living and traveling on our boat for at least 15 months; possibly longer. We will travel the Great Lakes, the river systems from Chicago to Alabama, across the Gulf to Florida, the ICW around Florida and up the East Coast, the river and canal systems up into Canada, and back into the Great Lakes. We will take our time and enjoy "The Journey" while traveling to places we have never been; enjoying the scenery, learning the history, and meeting new people along the way. We are very excited and want to share with family and friends who have expressed interest in hearing about our experiences. I plan on emailing periodically with our progress. If anyone would rather not receive these emails, please let me know via email. Thanks to everyone who has encouraged us, especially our children and grandchildren!

After all the planning and preparing we are finally on our way. We left Sandusky on July 19, have been traveling for about 11 days and are really enjoying ourselves. The seas have been very good to us until Port Austin, where we are spending at least 4 days. The seas here are rough and we are waiting for good weather to cross Saginaw Bay. We've heard there were 8 – 10' waves out on Lake Huron and we are rocking even in the marina, but it is a nice town to spend some time in and has a nice beach. This is our 7th port and the scenery has been beautiful. We rode bikes on Middle Bass Island and had drinks at "Walleyes". After crossing Lake Erie and heading up the Detroit river, we crossed Lake St. Clair which was very calm. Heading up the St. Clair river was beautiful and a peaceful ride; we felt like we were back in time. There were many small villages along the river; a few of them were on stilts above the water! We spent a night at the Algonac Harbor club which was right off of the river. We met a group traveling together from the Huron Yacht Club in Huron, Oh, and really enjoyed spending the evening with them. Our next stop was Port Huron where we spent several days. Our dock was on the Black River where we could watch the boat traffic and a couple of the lift bridges being opened. We walked around town and rode bikes down by the river several times. There is a beautiful park overlooking where the river meets Lake Huron and the current is very strong. Young people dive off the wall into the river to swim; seems a little crazy to me! We took a trolley tour of the town which was really fun, then stopped at "Coneys" for a coney dog and root beer float. Yum! We stopped at Port Sanilac and Harbor Beach before arriving in Port Austin. They were nice small towns; great for riding bikes and relaxing. Yesterday a 34' American Tug arrived in the marina, 1st one we've seen since they are not common around here. It turns out we had previously met them on the Delaware Bay while we were moving our boat to Sandusky and they were moving their boat to Toledo last year. We were both new owners! What a small world! We enjoyed spending the evening talking about our tugs and our travels. Today we went to a really nice farmer's market and bought some supplies. Hopefully the seas will be better by Monday so we can continue towards Mackinac, where Sarah, our daughter, will be meeting us. We are looking forward to her visit!

On Monday, Aug 1, we attempted to leave Port Austin but found the seas to be too rough for us, so we stayed. John & Kirsten on the 34' American Tug had taken drone pictures of our boat and sent them to us; very cool! We spent the evening visiting with Mark & Karen, a very nice couple from Buffalo doing the loop. The next two days turned out to be great travel days. Tuesday we cruised almost 90 miles to Presque Isle, walked a wooded path to the Presque Isle lighthouse, and had drinks with Troy & Jeannie who we had met previously at Put-In-Bay. Wednesday we traveled another 70 miles to Mackinaw City. We came around a point and saw the Mackinaw bridge in the distance; what a beautiful sight!! After being weathered in at Port Austin for 5 days it was great to get some distance behind us. Lake Huron waters have been so beautiful and clear! The water is very blue and you can see the bottom in the shallower areas. Even in the marinas you can see 10-15' deep clearly. We spent the next several days in Mackinaw City waiting for our daughter Sarah to arrive. A former coast guard ship, "The Mackinaw", which is now a museum, was docked right across from us. There were many quaint shops and restaurants arranged like a village with garden areas and a waterfall in the central area, and live music in the evenings; very cute! The bike trail was great, winding through some wooded areas. We also rode up to a park right under the bridge and toured the Mackinac Point lighthouse and a small museum with the history of the bridge and some local shipwrecks. The ferries run between the city, Mackinac island, and St Ignace continuously all day and create great wake which rocked us in the docks. The "Straits of Mackinaw" runs between lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula connecting Lake Huron and Lake Michigan; with the Mackinaw bridge crossing to the Upper Peninsula. On Saturday, our daughter Sarah, and son Mike (surprise!), arrived for a week long visit!! We were excited to see both of them! We explored the village shops and walked to the beaches by the bridge. The current is strong there but a few people were still swimming close to shore. We also sampled and bought ice cream and fudge which Mackinaw is famous for and the shops are everywhere! On Sunday we cruised over to Mackinac Island for a 2 night stay; we have been really looking forward to visiting the island. Mike and I toured the "Old Mackinac Fort" which was very interesting. Then all of us took a ride on the bike path circling the entire island; about 8 miles. 80% of the island is a state park so it is mostly wooded and natural with beautiful hillsides and rocky beach areas; the scenery was gorgeous. The town looks like the old west with old buildings and the horse and buggies everywhere; no vehicles allowed on the island, not even electric carts. Most of the houses are Victorian style with beautiful gardens; the year round population is only about 500. We took a buggy ride with horses, "Miss Mae" and "Nellie" and driver Austin. Nellie was very ornery and we very much enjoyed the horses' personalities. As we rode through some beautiful inner pathways of the island, Austin gave us some interesting local history and talked about growing up on the island. It seems like most of the residents are generations of families. We also rode to The Grande Hotel, which is famous for being the location of the movie "Somewhere in Time". The hotel and grounds are beautiful and sit on a bluff overlooking the straits and the Mackinaw bridge. Later we took the dingy out and cruised around the island enjoying the clear, blue waters. We pulled the dingy toward shore and went

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swimming in the surprisingly warm waters. We really enjoyed our trip back in time on Mackinac island! On Tuesday we cruised over to St. Ignace, Upper Peninsula and spent a couple of nights. There wasn't much to see but enjoyed visiting the Museum of Ojibwa Culture and participating in a walking tour about their culture and history. Later we took a ghost tour out to the lighthouse where they talked about haunted light houses and sunken ships in the area. It was fun and entertaining. On Thursday we cruised to Petoskey. It was exciting to pass under the Mackinaw Bridge, through the straits, and into Lake Michigan; it was a scenic ride. Petoskey is on Little Traverse Bay and is a scenic touristy town with lots of downtown shops and restaurants right near the marina. The 16 mile bike trail goes around the bay to the town of Harbor Springs which is also a quaint boater town. We enjoyed a scenic bike ride on the trail, walked around the downtown area, and visited a small museum focused on the history of local Indian tribes. "Petoskey Stones" are found along the rocky shores of this area and they are fossilized coral from millions of years ago when this area was salt water. They are a very popular find; everyone looks for them. I actually found a few small ones when we traveled to Leland. On Saturday we went to "El Ranchero" for Mexican and margaritas, Yum! On Sunday morning we went to an outside church service right on the bay and watched a seaplane take off. In the evening, we were invited to "Docktails" with a group of Loopers out on the docks. We all enjoyed drinks, conversation, and stories of our travels. They were a great group of people that we knew we would meet again along the way, since we all are going in the same direction. Early Monday morning Mike and Sarah had to leave for home and we were very sad to see them go. We had a great time traveling with them and experiencing new places. The weather was mostly beautiful and we enjoyed sitting up on the top deck at night with Mike's margaritas watching the sunsets. Lots of good memories!!! We cruised to Charlevoix for the night, then on to Leland. In Leland, we rode bikes, enjoyed ice cream and smoked white fish, and walked around the small fishing village where all the buildings have been preserved in their original form. I went swimming at the beach and found some Petoskey stones. Thursday we cruised to Frankfort where we have been the last 4 days. Frankfort is a really nice town on Betsie lake with lots of shops and restaurants, a great beach, and a very nice bike trail. We rode 10 miles on the trail around the lake and through some wooded areas. We also walked through the town and sat out on the beach overlooking Lake Michigan. Friday night we set up "Docktails" at the marina pavilion with a large group of boaters, sharing drinks, snacks and stories. Some of the loopers we had met previously. One of the best parts of this trip is all the boaters we meet. We see many of the loopers over and over and develop friendships. They are all a great group of people from all areas of the country including Canada, and we learn a lot from each other. Saturday and Sunday we had storms and gale force winds so we added extra lines to reinforce the boat, but we still did a lot of rocking. We had a scare when a very large sailboat broke from its anchorage with no one aboard and was heading straight for our boat in very high winds. We were saved by 3 of our neighbors who quickly reacted and took a dingy out there in rough waters and managed to get the boat secured and re-anchored. Whew! We expect to remain in Frankfort for the next few days due to high winds, but we are enjoying our time here. Soon we will continue south, hoping to enter the Chicago river system by mid September. Hope everyone is doing well. We miss our kids and grandkids (Love you all!!) but are really enjoying our journey!!!...

Jim and Cindy Kosmos





**REGISTRATION for D7 FALL CONFERENCE
4,5,6 NOVEMBER 2016**



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HURON, OH 44839**

Rank/ Name _____ Grade _____ Guest's Rank/Name _____ Grade _____

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Is this your first conference? Yes No

Luncheon Menu

Swiss Steak: Cubed steak simmered slowly in our chef's signature gravy. Served with whipped potatoes & chef's fresh vegetable selection.

Number _____

Caesar Salad: Romaine lettuce tossed with creamy Caesar dressing, parmesan cheese, garlic herbed croutons with grilled chicken breast.

Number _____

Dinner Menu

Roast Sirloin of Beef Au Jus served with mashed potatoes and asparagus Au Buerre. **Number** _____

Cranberry Almond Chicken Chicken breast with dressing loaded with cranberries and almonds with sauce veloute. Served with rice & California blend vegetables. _____

Stuffed Pork Chop Center cut pork chop stuffed with savory sage dressing and laced with gravy. Served with whipped potatoes, peas & glazed carrots. _____

Special Meal _____ *Special Meal* _____

EVENTS	Number	Total Cost
Ice Breaker \$17	_____	_____
Lunch \$23	_____	_____
Dinner \$44	_____	_____
All Meals \$84	_____	Total Amount _____

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SCPS-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 September	Joint Dinner Meeting with Akron Power Squadron Prime 93 See Page 3	4-6 November	D7 Fall Conference Sawmill Creek. Huron Hosted by Vermilion PS See Page 7
6 October	Board of Directors/ General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	12 November	Geodetic Marker Search 1200 Dinner at Geisen Haus North Canton 1700
8 October	60th Anniversary Celebration Nautica Queen Dinner Cruise See Page 4	1 December	Board of Directors/ General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme
3 November	Board of Directors/ General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	3 December	Annual Holiday Party Skyland Pines, Canton

