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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr Kathy A. Russell



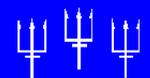
Another summer getting ready to go away. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer as much as me. I can remember the feeling of excitement first time out on the boat this summer. I am not looking forward to the feeling of the last time out. We did as much boating as time would allow, mostly on Berlin Lake.

Something new happened in the boating season this summer. LOOK OUT, Kathy Russell is now a power boat driver. Between bad eyesight and being blinded by the sunlight on the water, I was never able to drive the bright yellow boat, "Lets Go". A passenger, I always had to be while Jim had all the fun being the captain of the boat. Jim kept hounding me to get sunglasses and this summer I became the proud owner of prescription sunglasses! Should you happened to be on Berlin Lake and saw someone speeding along, cutting off other watercrafts or suddenly coming to a sudden stop realizing it is a no-wake zone – it wasn't me! Actually, I did well and had a great time. However, I don't resemble speed-demon Jim. Next summer I want to dock the boat, but the owner of the bright yellow boat probably won't let me. Maybe my squadron will let me teach an ABC class? Speaking of teaching, a big thank you to Chip Cassidy,

Tom, and Joanne Hancock for all their ideas, work, and time dedicated to make the classes taught at Atwood a big success.

One of my favorite events this summer was the District 7 Rendezvous. The weather Friday was freaky as the wind was unbelievable. It actually made you tired at one point of the day. I even had a little burning sensation on my ears like you experience on a cold winter day! Thankfully, Saturday was a complete turn-around and I even put on my swimsuit. The cocktail party Saturday, as usual, had really good appetizers. I helped with the preparation of the appetizers for the first time. I learned how much work is involved in getting the Cocktail Party setup. I am embarrassed to say, I always took the party for granted. Guess I thought the food magically appeared by a little fairy. What I did learn is the same few people make the party happen. It would be nice if more members offered to help and make it easier on the usual members who do the work.

I hope everyone is looking forward to all the upcoming meetings and various festivities.





FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Karen R. Long



Hello Everyone! I hope you had a great summer and if you are like me, you can't believe it is almost over. Hopefully we all have great boating and enough summer memories to get us through the winter.

I am going to jump from topic to topic a bit in this article. For all that didn't know, Cathy Dunlap had a heart attack on 20 August. Thankfully she paid attention to the warning signs and got to the hospital quickly. She had no heart damage and was able to come to their boat a week later for her R and R. May our prayers continue to go out to Rick and Cathy!



Next, Cindy and Jim Kosmos are home!! After 468 days., 6719 miles and completing America's Great Loop, Jim and Cindy are completing a yearlong chapter of their lives. I can't wait to hear a program they give at one of our upcoming meetings!

Finally, don't forget to make your reservations for our Haul-Out Party 7 September at Dogwood Park, 241 7th St NE North Canton. It begins at 1800 and the cost is \$10.00 a person to cover the cost of the room. The squadron is providing burgers, Italian sausage, and beverages. Please bring a dish to share and your table setting.

Please attend a get caught up with your SCPS friends! See you there.



A big THANK YOU goes to P/C Donald J. (Chip) Cassidy, JN for teaching our new class taught at Atwood Lake Yacht club this summer. He taught 2 sessions along with writing the course of study for the classes. See more on page 3. Thanks also to P/C Fritz Spring for making the contact for the classes along with Joanne and Tom Hancock for helping with the classes.

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WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION

D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN



Stark County Power Squadron had a unique opportunity this summer to offer our safe boating class to the public. Granted the course was reduced from its normal 8 hour requirement to 90 minutes and the students were too young to receive a safe boating card, but the class gave us exposure to Atwood Yacht Club. We have extended an invitation to the yacht club for us to return and teach a regular class to its interested members. Chip Cassidy did an outstanding job of educating the young adults attending our class so maybe their excitement will encourage their parents and grandparents to sign up for a class.

We are trying to partner with Stark Parks to offer our safe boating class to the public. Our anticipated class would not be scheduled until early next year, but the Stark Parks/SCPS partnership would certainly open up a wide audience available to take our class.

Our squadron has not had any new members join us in recent years so offering our ABC classes in new locations may help recruit new members. If you think of a location that is unique and has a strong population of people needing safe boating classes, please let me know and we will get a class going.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER Lt/C David Guertal, P



Wow! What a summer! I hope you had as much fun boating as Lori and I did! Our boating adventures took us to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin on Green Bay/ Lake Michigan; to Bay City, Michigan on the Saginaw Bay/Lake Huron; and to Leamington, Canada and Pelee Island on Lake Erie. We also enjoyed our many trips on the western end of Lake Erie to the islands, Vermillion, and Cedar Point. We had fun, too, at the SCPS rendezvous in Sandusky and the District 7 rendezvous on Middle Bass Island. We have such a great group of people in the Power Squadron to spend time with, enjoying our favorite pastime together - BOATING!

This summer I had a situation with the Coast Guard that proved how important it is to have a vessel safety check done by the Power Squadron each year. Alone on my boat in 3 to 5 foot waves, the Coast Guard came along side of me and was going to board my boat for a safety inspection. When I informed them that I already had completed a safety inspection this year by the Stark County Power Squadron (done by Bill Wood P/C) and showed them the sticker in my window, they told me to have a good day and went on their way. I was so relieved that I had this inspection done earlier as it wouldn't have been "too much fun" to have this inspection done in 3-5 foot seas by myself on the boat. Thank you Stark County Power Squadron for offering this service!

We have a lot of great events coming up this fall and winter and I hope to see you there. Get involved - we have a great squadron with great people!



Haul Out Party

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

Thursday, 7 September 2017, 1800 (6:00 pm)

Dogwood Park Shelter: 241 7th St NE, North Canton

Burgers, Italian sausage, ice and beverage supplied

Bring a dish to share and your table service

Cost: \$10.00/person



Please have reservations into JUSTICE HALL by Monday, 4th September

Contact: lilboy@neo.rr.com or 330-499-3660 or Sail Angle



Geodetic Marker Recovery Day

Saturday, November 11, 2017

**Hunt: 1200 at Hancock house
426 Emerson, North Canton, 330-499-3660**

**Dinner: 1700 at Walthers Twins Tavern
440 Applegrove St NW., North Canton**

Join Stark County Power Squadron as we hunt for geodetic markers around the Stark County area! You don't need experience. We conduct a training session. You must bring your GPS/camera for the hunt. Additional helpful hunt items include small shovel, metal detector, wire brush, paper towels, grass clippers, socket set, tire jack, bottled water and trash bags to mention a few.

If you can't make it for the hunt, join us at Walthers and hear how your squadron friends' day turned out.

Menu: We will order from the menu.

Cost: menu price, individual checks

Reservations: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email jhancock@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle by Friday, November 10, 2017





We held our summer 2017 Lake Erie cruise in June. Our numbers were small, but our fun was huge. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves as the picture shows. We were based out of Sandusky Harbor Marina but the weather was not very cooperative for boating and swimming so we did a tour by land. We visited the Marblehead Lighthouse and went up to the top. One of the highlights was a ride on a new Sea Ray 2018 46' Sundancer at the Marine Max demo days on Catawba Island. We decided that if we all pooled our money, we might come up with the down payment. It was a very nice ride. The Saturday evening meal was at Dock's Beach House Bar and Grill in Port Clinton. Everyone enjoyed their meal.

October is Merit Mark Month

If you have done any work for the betterment of Stark County Power Squadron, please write down the job or jobs that you have performed along with the amount of time involved so it can be sent in to be considered for a merit mark nomination. If you chaired any events, please forward any nominations you may have. Please send your info to chairman Cliff Long by the 31 October deadline. His E-mail is: clifflong@neo.rr.com

We don't want to miss anyone so be sure to send in your report. The annual merit mark is the reward given by the United States Power Squadrons for good performance of a member's duty. It should be highly regarded and not lightly recommended.



Dave and Lori enjoying the D7 Rendezvous on Middle Bass Island



Refreshments at the SCPS Rendezvous



Congratulations to Cindy and Jim Kosmos for completing the Great Loop!!
Welcome Home.



All District 7 Power Squadron Members

On behalf of Pittsburgh Power Squadron Commander, Carolyn K Figure, S, we welcome this opportunity to personally invite you to attend the District 7 Fall Conference being held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel, 77 Aten Road, Coraopolis, Pa. 15108, November 3, 4, & 5, 2017. We are pleased to have many helpers from the Ten Mile Power Squadron on board.

The registration form is attached and will be on the D7 website. The Conference theme is Halloween, so put on your thinking caps for Hospitality Room décor. The room rate at the hotel is \$89.00 plus tax per night. There is no charge for the hospitality rooms, as they will be utilized for meetings on Saturday. The Commander's Cocktail party on Friday is open to all attendees and will include substantial food. The Ice Breaker will include the famous Banjo Band trio, a sing along and perhaps a competition and light refreshments and cash bar. Hospitality rooms will be judged by ballot of those attending the conference. Lunch and dinner menus are included on the registration form and look delicious. The popular D7 Raffle will be available and we will accept contributions of baskets from all squadrons and members. There will be no formal C/C's Representative at Fall Conferences this year, but Louie will be sending his message. We have provided both a package and single items for registration. Deadline for regular price is Oct 25 so register early. **Hotel registration can be done by calling the hotel at (1.877.739.9461) and direct them to ask for the group rate for the United States Power Squadrons.** Hotel room reservation **deadline is October 6, book early.** To reserve a hospitality room email Brittany Trees at btrees@marriottpittsburghairport.com or call the hotel At 412-490-6656.

We are looking forward to having you be part of a successful conference.

D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN

Registration for D7 Fall Conference - 3,4,5 November, 2017 - Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel



Rank/Name: _____ Grade _____ Guest _____ Grade _____
 Address/Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Squadron: _____ Phone _____ email _____

Is this your first conference? Yes No

Friday Evening Reception
1800 Hours, November 3, 2017
 The reception is open to all conference attendees at no charge and will be held prior to the musical entertainment provided at the ice breaker. Appetizers and D7 beverages will be available at the reception.

Friday Evening Ice Breaker
1900 Hours, November 3, 2017
 The ice breaker will feature lively banjo entertainment and exciting "sing-along" challenges so get those vocal chords tuned up. A cash bar and snacks of pretzels and chips will provide light refreshments after the reception.

Events	Number	Total
Reception	No Charge	_____
Ice Breaker	\$15	\$ _____
Lunch	\$25	\$ _____
Dinner	\$45	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

(Lunch and Dinner are \$28 and \$48 respectively for Conference reservations made after Wednesday, October 25, 2017)

Saturday Luncheon Buffet
 Wedding Soup
 Italian Hoagie with Provolone/Hoagie Roll
 Turkey and Swiss on a Croissant
 Buffalo Chicken Wrap
 House-made Chips/Dill Pickle Spears
 Selection of Desserts
 Coffee, Decaf, Hot and Iced Tea
Please advise of special dietary needs for luncheon and dinner!

Saturday Dinner Menu Selections
 Chicken Toscano (pan seared with lemon, white wine and fontina cheese, topped with spinach and diced tomato) **Number** _____
 Pan Seared Salmon with Honey Glaze **Number** _____
 Vegetable Napoleon on a Bed of Wild Rice **Number** _____
 (Includes: Field Green Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Dried Cranberries and Candied Nuts, Boursin Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Carrots with Olive Oil and Garlic, Chocolate Cake or Cheesecake, and Beverages)



Make checks payable to Pittsburgh Power Squadron and mail with this form by October 25 to:
 D/L/C Tom Hancock 428 Emerson Ave NW North Canton, Oh 44720-2308
 Questions to Tom Hancock at 1-330-499-3660 or lilboy@neo.rr.com
Hotel Reservations are Due by October 8 to get the Conference room rate
Call 1.877.739.9461 and ask for the group rate for the United States Power Squadron (don't delay)
Rates: Room \$89 (plus taxes)
Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel, 77 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Hospitality Rooms will be used as Conference meeting rooms and are available at no extra charge. To reserve a hospitality room please email Brittany Trees at btrees@marriottpittsburghairport.com or call the hotel 412-490-6656.





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SCPS 2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7 September	Bd of Directors/ General Membership Meeting/ Dogwood Park Haul Out Party 1800 See page 4	3-5 November	D7 Fall Conference Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Coraopolis, PA Hosted by Pittsburgh PS
10-17 September	National Governing Board Dallas, TX	11 November	Geodetic Marker Search 1200 Dinner at Walthers Twins Tavern 1700 See page 5
5 October	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	2 December	Annual Holiday Party Skyland Pines, Canton 1800
2 November	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	7 December	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme

