



Midwestern Pilot

District 30 Celebrating 35 years 1975-2010

Spring 2010

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Commander's Corner

We are in the midst of winter with spring soon on its way. Here in Des Moines, we saw record snow fall for the month of December and January has started out with very cold weather. The good news, Bettie and I will soon be heading south to the Annual Meeting in Florida. We will take a little extra time along the way and visit family and friends.

If you reviewed the Board of Directors meeting notes of December 2009 you noted that there were a number of significant items in the works. The first one is that Membership is JOB#1 and that the goal for 2010 is to recruit 6000 new members. Another is the drafting of an amendment to the by-laws allowing squadrons to offer more courses to the public. If you haven't read the BOD minutes, I suggest that you do, so that you have an understanding of the direction the organization is going. I am sure we will hear and see more on these and other items at the Annual Meeting.

In October, we had an exceptional Fall Conference in Osage Beach, Missouri. The Missouri Ozarks Power & Sail Squadron did a great job hosting. R/C Alan F. Wentworth attended representing the Chief Commander and brought us up to date National happenings.

I am currently scheduling my calendar so that Bettie and I may attend the upcoming Squadron Change of Watches. Only a few COWs have been scheduled and some will have taken place prior to you receiving this newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of you at these events.

In between the COWs we will be attending the Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. on February 2-7, 2010 with several members from our District. I am sure those

members attending will have lots to report on at the Spring Conference. Additionally, it will be a nice break from the Winter weather of the Midwest.

The next District event is the Spring Conference in Amana, Iowa on April 9-11 2010, hosted by the Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron. They will also be holding their Change of Watch, in addition to the District Change of Watch. The National representative for the Conference is the current National Secretary V/C David L. Hinders, SN and his wife Rose.

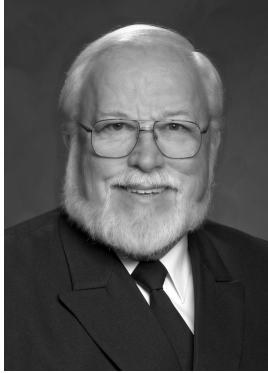
The Cruise and Rendezvous this summer will be hosted by the Omaha Sail and Power Squadron. I am sure we will hear more about this event at the Spring Conference. Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron will be hosting the Fall Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

Bettie and I look forward to seeing you at your Change of Watch meetings and at the District 30 Conference and Change of Watch in Amana, IA. Please look over the information in this issue and make your reservations as soon as possible.

On a final note, I want to express my appreciation to all District Officers and Committee Chairs/Members and general members for their support these last two years and for all of the hard work and dedication to the organization. Your efforts, in instructing public boating courses, seminars, Vessel Safety Checks, parades, displays at boat shows and all the other activities that you perform to promote safe boating, are greatly appreciated. The number of vessel accidents, death and injuries would surely be significantly higher than they are without your efforts. Thank you again for your dedication!

D/C Kenneth Danley, P

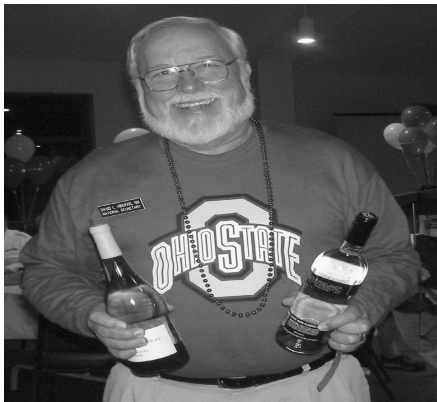
National Representative



V/C David Hinders, SN of Rio Vista, CA joined USPS in 1991. He started his involvement with the Santa Clara Power Squadron as chairman of the Planning Committee followed by service as a bridge member and commander. Along the way, he taught the public boating course and several member courses. He has also served as commander

of Carquinez Sail & Power Squadron, his current squadron. At the district level, he served as Assistant DEO, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and District 25 Commander. Subsequently, he has served on the Planning and Nominating committees. National service includes Assistant Chair of Public Boating, Chair of Curriculum Development and Coordination, Project Manager for America's Boating Course, member of the Planning Committee, Assistant National Secretary and National Secretary. 18 merit marks.

Please help us extend a warm welcome to Dave and Rose Hinders from District 30.



Call To Spring Conference and Council 122

District Commander Kenneth Danley , P has issued the call to the District 30 Spring Conference and Council Meeting 122. The Council meeting will be held Saturday April 10, 2010. The purpose of this meeting will be as follows:

1. Receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. Fill any vacancies in accordance with D30 By-Laws.

3. Consider and/ or act upon properly presented business.

Reports of all Council Members should be submitted, in writing, to District Secretary Peggy Des Camps, AP prior to the Council Meeting. Council members unable to attend should mail their reports prior to the meeting. Business to be brought before the council is to be sent to D/C Kenneth Danley, P fourteen (14) days prior to the Council meeting

Friday – USPS polo or other appropriate attire.

Saturday – Council and Conference – Uniform F. Men: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt/four- in-hand tie/black trousers, black belt (if worn), black shoes or other appropriate attire. Ladies: Regulation long-sleeve white blouse, black skirt or slacks, black crossover tie, black shoes or other appropriate attire.

Saturday evening –. Men: USPS Blazer, w/gray slacks, w/white shirt, tie or other appropriate attire. Ladies: Dress or other appropriate at

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee submits the following slate for approval:

District Commander	Richard Des Camps
Executive	Millie Steffe
Administrative	Bettie Danley
Education	Richard McGaughy
Treasurer	Terry Elia
Secretary	Kirk Woltman

Auditing	Krista Woltman
Rules Committee	Kent Simpson
Planning	Richard Stablein
Nominating	Kent Simpson
	Ken Danley

Respectfully submitted

P/D/C Gus Elia
Nominating Chairman



Administrative Department:



50 MM

Congratulations to Vincent Bobenhouse on achieving 50 merit marks.



Upcoming Events:

Cruise and Rendezvous
Hosted By Omaha Sail and Power Squadron
July 16, 2010

Seattle Governing Board
September 1-5, 2010

Fall Conference
Hosted by Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron
TBA

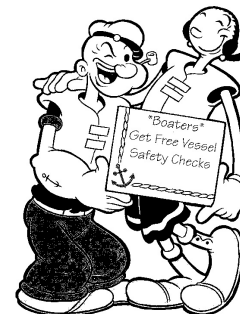
Executive Department:

VSC Chairman Don Campbell resigned at the Fall conference from his committee. We want to thank Don for all of his handwork and dedication. A note from a fellow Squadron member sums it up the best:

I don't remember who asked when Don Campbell started conducting marine inspections for USPS. It was a national program designed to include USPS in the program already being conducted by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. While there were a number of people who did the initial written training, Don and Greg Dostal were the first to complete the program with 5 inspections under Auxiliary trainers. He qualified on April 29, 2000. I was his first student and he qualified me in May of 2000. He, Greg and I have done inspections every year since then. I did all of mine at the Lake of the Ozarks. He did them there and in St. Louis.

He never did any "drive by" inspections as some others did to increase numbers. His were always complete, professional, and a worthwhile instructional experience for the recipient. Everyone always came away believing they had been helped. They and their families/passengers were safer for having undergone the inspection.

Bill Casey
St. Louis Power and Sail
Squadron



Education Department:

Upcoming seminar: Saturday April 10, 2010

Using GPS

GPS has become a common tool for navigation. However using GPS on the water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation which you will use. It then shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts which provide essential information about what is around you.

The seminar also shows you how to operate your GPS – what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. A handheld GPS is used as the demonstration model, but all GPS receivers function similarly. By the time you have completed the seminar, you will be able to store waypoints into your GPS, activate them for navigation, and use GPS to keep you on a safe, pre-qualified course of your choosing. You'll also get some tips for choosing GPS if you don't currently own one. You will get a copy of the *USPS GPS Guide* and a waterproof McGraw-Hill *Captain's Quick Guide Using GPS* to take aboard to remind you of the steps, or to show another of your crew how to use your GPS.

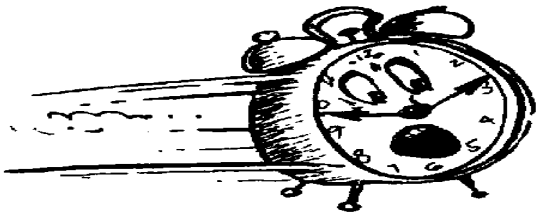
Secretary's Department:

Thank you to Millie Steffe for all her hard work as Midwest Pilot Editor and Roster Chairman for the last few years. She has done an outstanding job of juggling an extraordinary number of hats. We appreciate all your hard work!



Midwest Pilot Deadline Summer issue is May 5, 2010. I will need all articles and photos submitted by this date for the Cruise and Rendezvous Issue.

Stf/C Tracy Simpson, AP



National Meeting Seat Packets

What is a seat packet and why should I read my seat packet? Seat packets are the accumulation of key reports and other vital information that lets the membership better understand what is happening within USPS. Seat Packets include the Call to the Annual Meeting or Governing Board, the Chief's Report, Executive Officer's Report, Administrative Officer's Report, Educational Officer's Report, Treasurer's Report, Revenue & Expenses as of xx-xxx-xx (date), Finance Committee Report, Marketing/PR Committee Report, National Safe Boating Council Report, PlanCom Report, Committee on Nominations Report, Committee on Rules Report, Government and Partner Relations Report and Potential Life Members List. By reading these reports and proposed Bylaw changes ahead of time, you as a member can make a better informed choice. You have time to formulate questions to better understand why this change is proposed.

What do you as a member feel needs changed or clarified in the proposed change?

How can I get and read my Seat Packet? Seat Packets are placed on the chairs before the meeting by the National Secretary Department. They are also available online at <http://www.usps.org/national/natsec/seatpacket.html> In my opinion online is the way to go. I can read ahead of time, ask questions at my squadron meetings. You can even email your question to the District Bridge or even a National USPS officer. At the last Annual Meeting we had a problem every commander dreams of, way higher than expected attendance. The problem is that not everyone who attended was able to get a seat packet and was not as informed as they could have been. Sure glad I printed mine in advance!

P/R/C Kent Simpson, AP

News in General:

A German/UK consortium will supply the first operational spacecraft for Europe's Galileo satellite-navigation system.

The company will build 14 satellites in a contract valued at 566m euros. Galileo is intended as an EU Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS). Galileo will have significant improvements over GPS, the well known US GNSS. Galileo's more advanced technology should give users quicker, more reliable fixes, and enable them to locate their positions with greater accuracy. The Galileo System will have five services:

OPEN ACCESS NAVIGATION

This will be 'free to air' and for use by the mass market; Simple timing and positioning down to 1m

COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION

Enc High accuracy at the cm scale;
Guaranteed service for which service providers will charge fees.

SAFETY OF LIFE NAVIGATION

Open service; For applications where guaranteed accuracy is essential; Integrity messages will warn of errors

PUBLIC REGULATED NAVIGATION

Continuous availability even in time of crisis; Government agencies will be main users

SEARCH AND RESCUE

System will pick up distress beacon locations; Feasible to send feedback, confirming help is on its way

USPS Bulletin:

Time for Team Ready

It's time. It's time to turn things around. Squadron membership is down. Squadrons are having trouble filling leadership positions. We need to make membership Job One.

The environment has changed. Folks have less time for civic organizations. States are offering low cost or even free boating classes. Our traditional methods of recruitment just aren't as effective.

However, the market is huge and our market share is tiny. With over 70 million boaters and 13 million registered boats, our 40,000 members represent only 0.06% of the market.

We have the tools. Our educational program, with our classes, seminars, and operator certification, is second to none. We have marketing and public relations tools available for free or reduced cost. We have experts in recruitment, retention, leadership, activities, and member benefits. We have membership

opportunities for every type of boater.

What we lack is a way to help squadrons employ these tools. What we need is a team of experts ready to assist squadrons and districts; a resource available with tools and suggestions to help squadrons be all they can be; a Team Ready. This is where you come in.

We're recruiting a group of regional Team Ready Representatives. Technically, assistants to the National Administrative Officer, TRRs will receive special training in education, public relations, recruitment, squadron activities, and leadership development. TRRs will be a regional resource for squadrons and districts to lead local seminars and provide information as requested. TRRs will be the power users of all the tools USPS has available.

It's time. Are you ready to help? Are you Team Ready? If you're interested, please submit a resume' at

<http://www.usps.org/national/comnom/> and look for "Admin Dept – Team Ready Rep" in the National Assignment Section drop down box. We'll be starting with one TRR from each of the eight regions used by Operator Certification: Caribbean, Mid Atlantic, Midwest, Mid South, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest.

USPS is coming about and charting a new course. We are Team Ready!

V/C Robert Baldrige, SN





We welcome you to "The Historical Amana Colonies"

When: Friday April 9 - Sunday 11th, 2010

Hosted by: The Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron

**Accommodations: The "Guest House Motel"
4712 220th Trail Amana, Iowa 52203**

Phone number 877-331-0828 or 319-622-3599

The Guest House has 12 rooms (there are stairs in the house.) The Lodge has rooms and is handicapped accessible with a ramp. We will have a Hospitality Room @ the Lodge located next to the office! The rate for the rooms are \$52.90 for (1) person, \$58.90 for (2) person and (1) bed and \$64.90 for (2) person (2) beds. You can call and reserve your room under the Power Squadron reservation deadline~ March 9th, 2010

REGISTRATION/MEET AND GREET: Friday April 9, 2010 4:00pm-7:00pm

FRIDAY EVENING: Friday evening meals will be split into groups and dine out at the local restaurants in the Main Amana.

SATURDAY: The meetings for the Bridge will be at the Ronneburg restaurant just down the street from the Guest House. They have planned a real "German Brunch" for everyone and this will start at 8:30am. The cost is \$13.00 per person the crepes are wonderful! Lunch is on your own!!! You can find good things to eat....the Stone Bakery....the Chocolate Haus....or the Winery (ha...ha...ha...) we will help you find places for lunch, everything is within walking distance.

SATURDAY EVENING: Banquet and Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron COW

Dinner at the Ronnenburg Restaurant at 7:00pm. Prime Rib, Weiner Schnitzel, pickled ham, sliced potatoes, famous green beans, braised sauerkraut , Cole slaw, cottage cheese, homemade bread, fresh pie and drink this will be served” family style” all one can eat....

Breakfast/ Saturday _____ @ \$13.00 _____
Dinner/Saturday Evening _____ @ \$28.00 _____
Total _____ @ \$ _____

(Let us know of any dietary needs) _____.

Deadline for meal Reservations is April 4, 2010
Make checks payable to: Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron.
Send “meal reservations” with check to:
Krista Woltman, Admin. Officer
3037 Center Point Rd suite 200
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

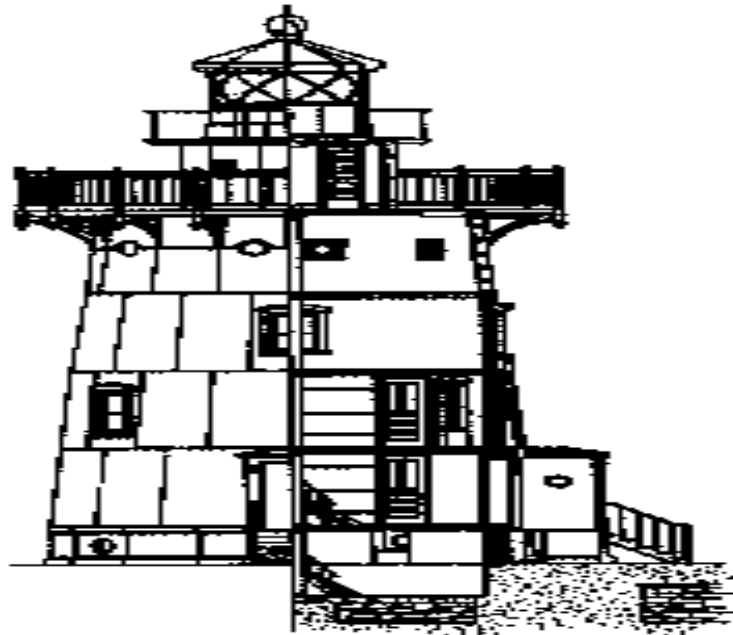
For more information about the Amana Colonies go to:
<http://www.amanacolonyes.org/>



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