

24th Bridge



**Summer
Rendezvous
Edition
2008**

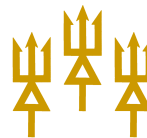
United States Power Squadrons

District 24



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Commander's Report Keith L. Williams, SN



It was a real treat for me to have my installation ceremony at my home squadron and to have one of my first official duties to be the swearing in of the Wabash Valley Commander and Bridge for the new watch year. I also felt a great sense of pride in how well our squadron members “produced” in staging the conference. Considering our size (small) I think they did a bang-up job and really showed what can be done if the motivation is there. I especially want to thank all the First Mates who went above and beyond



the call of duty to manufacture centerpieces and other objets d’art. Special thanks also to Gale Mehler for his craftsmanship in making the gift for the National Representative.

After my “performance” as King Kamea-mea on Friday night, I nearly choked when the oath I took the next day said something about conducting myself with “dignity.”

P/D/C Dick Mahrenholz will be a tough act to follow and I want to offer my congratulations to him and his Bridge for a very successful 2007-08 watch year. All of the goals he espoused last year continue to be valid and I expect to keep them in the forefront of my thinking for the coming year with particular emphasis on the issue of membership.

That was the basic theme at the Annual Meeting in Dallas. Since the year 2000, USPS has been losing an average of 4% of its membership through non-renewals and a reduction in the numbers of new members recruited.

In an effort to turn this trend around, several initiatives have been proposed to make an impact on this problem:

- Offer a one-year “complementary” membership with the basic boating course, incorporating the cost of membership into the charge for the course. Squadrons are free to try this approach since they may

price the course at whatever level seems appropriate. The higher quality of the USPS course in comparison with state or Internet offered courses makes it a product with added value for those who are seeking to improve their skills.

- Recruiting members through the Internet. Although not yet in effect, this proposal offers potential to attract members of the younger generations who have come to rely on the Internet for a wide variety of life's activities. In brief, a potential member could sign up on the Internet, pay his/her dues with a credit card and would be assigned to a squadron in the local area. If no local squadron existed, members would become "unattached" members and pay an average of local and district dues in addition to national dues. I expect this proposal to be a significant topic at the Fall Governing Board meeting in Detroit, in September.

USPS Seminars: Since these seminars can be offered to the general public, they provide a real opportunity to meet and lure potential members into the fold. In addition to the six seminars already available, four more were recently announced including Paddle Smart, Marine Radar, Anchoring and Trailering. A fifth, Knots, Bends and Hitches will soon be on the shelf at National.

The bottom line is that as a national membership and as local squadrons, we need to give greater emphasis on turning that 4% annual membership loss into a positive number.

By now most of you will have received your dues renewal bills from National and I urge you to make that your first priority in your bill paying process. It takes less than five minutes to process a credit card payment at the National website.

Make plans now to attend the D/24 Summer Rendezvous on 25-27 July 2008 at Smuggler's Cove. Don Cloyd and other members of Bluegrass Sail & Power Squadron promise an exciting time with a significant variation on the "Boat Race"

And by the way, the new USPS slogan is "Boating is Fun, We'll Show You How." We've added this slogan to our D/24 website and I encourage all squadrons to do the same.

Let's make it happen!

Anything That Floats “But A Boat” Competition



If it is not a boat but can float please bring it and enter it in this competition. Your squadron can use anything from a garbage can to a piece of plywood, as long as you can make it float. Come join your fellow D/24 members for another twist on our annual boat race.

Prizes will be given for longest float time, largest crew, most speed and best decorated craft. **IMPORTANT: THE CREW MUST STAY DRY.** Bring PFDs and canoe paddles for your whole crew.

Member Match

For our “**Match the Member**” event on Friday night contestants must match squadron members with the following information. Please list one thing in your life no one would suspect you have done or experienced. A valuable prize will be given for the most members matched up. This form will also be included with the registration form published in the D/24 Bridge. PLEASE send this information in with your registration.

Tee Shirt Contest

Our **Tee Shirt Contest** will be for men only. You can decorate your shirt any way you like or wear a commercially made shirt. Just make sure it will hold up if it gets wet. Prizes will be given for best shirt and best physique. A panel of select female members will judge the competition.

Appetizers and Desserts

If the initial of your last name is A-M please bring an appetizer for Happy Hour on Friday and Saturday night. If the initial of your last name is N-Z please bring a desert for Dinner on Friday and Saturday Night.

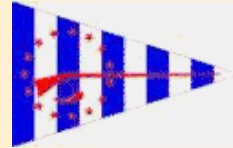
SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Summer Council Meeting** will be held at SMUGGLER'S COVE, CRAIG'S CREEK, WARSAW, KY; Sunday, 27 JULY 2008 at 1000.

D/Lt/C Richard L. Remski AP , Secretary

**D-24 SUMMER COUNCIL
RENDEZVOUS INFORMATION
25 – 27 JULY 2008**

Hosted by Bluegrass Power Squadron



Docking Information

Smuggler's Cove transient fee is \$1.25 per foot per day. D/24 will be together on uncovered dock 600. Smuggler's Cove will monitor channel 16 or call - 888-326-7386. For more information contact P/C Don Cloyd at 859-299-0137.

There is always a great demand for lodging in the area between activities at the Kentucky Speedway and Belterra.

Here is a list of lodging options in the area:

Fairway Inn: 800-864-4161--\$79 Friday night/\$89 Saturday night for 2 queen beds. Across the road from Belterra and is your best option.

Belterra: 888-235-8377--\$149 Friday night for a classic room or \$169 for a deluxe room/Saturday night \$199 for a classic room or \$249 for a deluxe room

Best Western/Ogle House: 812-427-2020 close by in Vevay IN --\$80. per night for a queen bed.

Ramada Inn: 859-567-7223 Speedway Exit 57 I-71 \$139 per night 2 queen beds.

Other options in Carrolton 13 miles away are:

Comfort Inn: 502-732-6661--\$74.99 per night for any room.

Best Western: 502-732-8444--\$65.99 per night for 2 double beds or 1 king bed.

Days Inn: 502-732-9301--\$44.99 per night for 2 full beds/\$64.99 per night for 1 king bed.

Hampton Inn: 502-732-0700--\$89 per night for 2 queen beds or 1 king bed.

Schedule of Events for D/24 Rendezvous

Friday 25 July

1800-1900 — Happy Hour and Social
Start of "Match the Member"

Rules and contest sheets available during Happy Hour
Be sure to fill in the last blank on your registration form

1900-2000 - Dinner

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs Baked, Beans and Cole Slaw

2000-2200 - "Match the Member" Continues
Match As Many Members As You Can

Saturday 26 July

0800 - Coffee

1200-1300 - Lunch

Deli Tray of Meats and Cheeses, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw

1400-1600

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1800-1900 - Happy Hour

1900-2000 - Dinner

Grilled Pork Chop, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Salad and Rolls
Artfully prepared by Capt Al & Rod

2000-2300

Prize Presentation

Hoot 'n' Nanny on the Ohio

Bring Your Musical Instruments

Sunday 27 July

1000-1200

Summer Council

Final Cleanup

WHO KNOWS YOU BEST - For one of our events contestants must
match squadron members with information about one thing in their life no
one would suspect they have done or experienced. Be sure to complete
the bottom of the reservation form with your information.

**D/24 SUMMER COUNCIL-RENDEZVOUS
25-27 JULY 2008
SMUGGLER'S COVE
CRAIG'S CREEK WARSAW KENTUCKY**

Name _____ Squadron _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Number of Adults (13 and Older) _____

Number of Children _____

Registration Fee (Adults Only) Adults _____ X \$2.00 = \$ _____

Levied by Smuggler's Cove

Friday Dinner - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans and Cole Slaw

Adults _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Children _____ X \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch-- Deli Tray of Meats and Cheeses, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw

Adults _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Children _____ X \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner - Grilled Pork Chop, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Salad and Rolls

Adults _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

Children _____ X \$ 6.00 = \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: D/24 RENDEZVOUS

Please send your reservation in **NO LATER THAN 11 JULY 2008**

A \$5.00 Late Fee will be assessed for late registration.

Mail your check to: P/C Ruth Lawton
308 Strathmore Road
Lexington KY 40505 -2113
email: ruth@rglawtoncpa.com

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - PLEASE COMPLETE

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