

# 24th Bridge



Rendezvous  
Edition  
July 2009

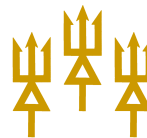
United States Power Squadrons

## District 24



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## Commander's Report Joseph A. Venhoff, AP



Congratulations to P/D/C Keith Williams for successfully leading D-24 through the 2008 watch year. Keith's dedication and hard work have been an example for the rest of the Bridge to follow.



The last three months have definitely been an educational period for me and our D-24 Bridge. You can be assured that all the members of the D-24 Bridge take their job seriously and are constantly coming up with new ideas.

We have attended eleven COW's in eleven weeks which included the USPS and D-24 COW's.

It has been exciting to learn the names and faces of all the movers and shakers that make each squadron a success for another year. Some squadrons are blessed with dynamic leadership and it is sad that they spend a year learning their job and then they are replaced. In our visits to all the COW's we have seen some squadrons that are very limited on membership and must spread the load amongst the few member that they have. Even our weakest squadron received two top honors by USPS for work done in Vessel Safety checks and Marina Visitations.

The D-24 nominating committee works hard to keep our Bridge balanced with representation from most all squadrons in the district and they have done a great job. This enables communications from the USPS to be spread to all squadrons and for the larger squadrons to work with the smaller squadrons in their area. Sometimes all it takes is an invite to enjoy the experience to such an extent that they one day organize their own rendezvous on their local river.

The USPS Chief Creighton Maynard at the annual meeting stated that the word was not getting down to our members. In an effort to help improve this issue I have addressed the squadron bridge members at each COW we have attended. Realizing that many members for some reason do not attend their squadron COW and therefore have no idea of the efforts that USPS is putting forth.

The following is a synopsis of many of the ideas introduced by members of the USPS Bridge:

1. The USPS has completed 20 seminars of which only 20% of the squadrons are participating. These ninety minute classes are more appealing to the average boater than the eight hour courses which we are noted for.
2. Two new electives are available, Electronic communication and Navigational electronics.
3. Ensign is now available on email.
4. Several of the National Committees will be reappointed to a USPS Bridge Officer.
5. Some districts will be restructured.
6. Changes will require rewriting of National by-laws.
7. Courses may be sold to the public.
8. Advanced instructors may be paid.
9. Seminars may be taught in college continuing-ed courses
10. Members can be signed up at boat shows and be educated later. The Canadian Power Squadron has signed up 5000 new members last year with this program.
11. District Commanders will approve merit marks.
12. Chief's Reps to be sent to district COW only.
13. Insurance is now available to do on the water training.
14. Many of these ideas are already approved and implemented by USPS.

Be sure to attend our 24-26 July Smugglers Cove Council meeting. See D/Lt/C Dick Remski's report and reservation sheet in this issue of the 24<sup>th</sup> Bridge.

Let's hear some ideas about on the water training, relating to engine maintenance, marine electronics, sailing, and boat operator's certification, all made possible by USPS insurance. This is the advantage we have over all web site courses and we must sell the fact that we have the best education available.

Keep up the good work.

*D/C Joe Venhoff, AP*

## **“THREE HOUR CRUISE”**

**ON THE OHIO RIVER  
PRESENTED BY  
D/24 POWER SQUADRONS**

**Smuggler’s Cove Marina  
Craig’s Creek, Warsaw Kentucky**



### **“ SS MINNOW”**

**1960 Wheeler Express Cruiser  
Restored 2008 - Vancouver, BC**

### **All Aboard!!!**

**Power your own vessel, with “ticketed” Guests  
“Ticketed” boarding - D/24 provided vessels Saturday  
Cruise on 25 July 2009  
1130 - 1500 Cruising the Ohio**

**Bring your boat and join us!!**

### **Boat Operator’s Certification**

We have arranged for a national representative to attend our Summer Rendezvous to train members to receive their Boat Operator’s Certification on Friday 24 July. These members can take the additional training to become an Advanced Certifier. These, in turn, can train other AC’s. The goal is to have one Advanced Certifier in each squadron to teach their members to become Inland Navigators.

The training for the BOC will be held on Friday starting at about 0900. Each training session lasts approximately 2 1/2 hours. An additional 4 hours of training is needed for those who want to become an Advanced Certifier.

For more information go to:

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm>

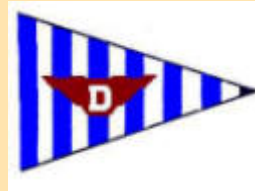
**SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING**

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, 26 JULY 2009 at 900.

D/Lt/C Paul W. Durstock, JN, Secretary

**D-24 SUMMER COUNCIL  
RENDEZVOUS INFORMATION  
24 – 26 JULY 2009**

**Hosted by  
Dayton Power Squadron**



**Here is a list of lodging options in the area:**

- **Fairway Inn, Florence IN** (adjacent to Belterra). The block of rooms booked at \$80 Friday night and \$90 Saturday night and includes continental breakfast. Rooms are being held under District 24/ Remski 812-427-4100 **(Need to reserve rooms by June 23)**
- **Hampton Inn Carrollton KY** 502-732-0700 AARP Rate \$85.50 , AAA Rate \$90.25 plus tax. Breakfast. Exit 44 off I-71, (about 15 miles from Smuggler's) **(Need to reserve rooms by July 10, 2009).**
- **Best Western Ogle Haus, Vevay IN** 812-427-2020 \$99 plus tax Downriver from Markland Dam, (about 12 miles from Smuggler's) Rooms reserved for District 24. **(Need to reserve rooms by 23 June 2009).**

**Slips at Smuggler's Cove** are \$1/ft, call Larry at 859-567-7601

- For anyone with a motor home or trailer of their own, limited parking spaces are also available, call Smuggler's for prices and details. 859-567-7601

**Other options in Carrollton 13 miles away are:**

Comfort Inn: 502-732-6661

Days Inn: 502-732-9301

## *Schedule of Events for D/24 Rendezvous*

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### **Friday July 24, 2009:**

0900 to ? - Recreational Boat Operators Certification

1800 - Social Hour -- COD Beer and Wine

Carry - in: Appetizers – Attendees N through Z

1900 - Dinner Hosted by Dayton Sail and Power Squadron

Carry-in: Desserts - Attendees A through M

2030 - Program/Games - TBD

### **Saturday July 25, 2009**

1000 -1100 - Pack your own Box Lunch

1115 - All Aboard!!! Power your own vessel, with “ticketed” Guests

“Ticketed” boarding - D/24 provided vessels

1130 - 1500: Cruising the Ohio

1300 - Lunch – Raft-up

1600 - Return to Dock and Clean up Cruise Vessels

1800 - Social Hour: COD Beer and Wine

Carry-in Appetizers - Attendees N through Z

1900 - Dinner: Bluegrass Sail and Power Squadron

Carry-in: Desserts - Attendees A through M

2030 - Program/Games TBD

### **Sunday July 26, 2009**

0900 – 1100 D/24 Summer Council

*(Uniform: Casual logo'd polos, USPS, District or Squadron)*

1100-1230 - Clean-up

**D/24 SUMMER COUNCIL-RENDEZVOUS  
24-26 JULY 2009 - SMUGGLER'S COVE  
CRAIG'S CREEK, WARSAW KENTUCKY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children ( under 12) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee (Adults Only) **ADULTS** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Levied by Smuggler's Cove*

**FRIDAY DINNER**

Carry- in Appetizers – N through Z  
Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Coles  
Carry in Desserts - A through M  
COD: Pop, Beer and Wine

**ADULTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHILDREN:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY BOX LUNCH and CRUISE:**

MAKE YOUR OWN SANDWICH: **ADULTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Roast Beef, Ham, Turkey, Cheeses  
Lettuce, Onion, Tomato **CHILDREN:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Condiments, Carrots and Celery Sticks,  
Chips, Brownie  
Beverage: Select: Coke \_\_\_\_\_ Pepsi \_\_\_\_\_ Sprite \_\_\_\_\_ 7-UP \_\_\_\_\_ Iced Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Lemonade \_\_\_\_\_  
Diet \_\_\_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY DINNER:**

Carry-in Appetizers -- N through Z  
Smoked Beef Brisket **ADULTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Caramelized Cabbage and Onion Casserole  
Baked Potato, Rolls **CHILDREN:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Carry in Desserts -- A through M  
COD: Pop, Beer and Wine

**Check here if you are willing to have passengers on board your boat for the cruise on Saturday afternoon. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ How many maximum? \_\_\_\_\_**

**LATE FEE:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: D/24 RENDEZVOUS**  
Please send your reservation in **NO LATER THAN 4pm 10 JULY 2009**

Mail your check to: D/Lt/C Dick Remski, JN  
5341 Red Coach Rd  
Dayton, Ohio 45429

Any questions: Contact - Julie Remski, P (937) 434-9263  
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