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## **UTICA POWER SQUADRON SUCCESSFULLY HOSTS FALL CONFERENCE**

### **GRUNEWALD AWARDED 50 YEAR PIN**

Over 175 members and guests from 18 western and central New York squadrons and Canada enjoyed your hospitality at the Hotel Utica on 4-6 November 2005. Regional Commander Darrell Allison, AP and his wife Patricia Allison, P represented the USPS



*P/C Frank Gruenewald, AP awarded his 50 year pin  
by D/C Gerald Zambroski, P*

Chief Commander. Several high ranking Canadian Power Squadron members brought greetings from the Canadian Power Squadrons. District Commander Gerald Zambroski, P of Rochester conducted the meetings with the help of his D/6 Bridge Officers. A D/6 Conference Planning Committee made hotel arrangements and relied on Utica Power Squadron to make it all work.

We owe special thanks to D/Lt/C Dave Schulz, AP for chairing the Utica squadron conference committee. Dave worked with many Utica members to contract a band for Saturday night and secure favors from local merchants to hand out at

the registration table. Lt/C George Peckingham, P not only arranged for and operated the Ship's Store but also edited and printed the conference program (trifold) and the table name cards for the VIP tables. P/C Rick Gassner, AP kept track of all meal reservations and ran the registration table at the conference. Lt/C Vicky Fry designed and organized the banquet table centerpieces in addition to helping organize the hospitality room party.

Many thanks also go out to several other members who helped in no less significant ways. Thanks to P/C Josephine Zogby, AP, Lt/C Linda LaDuc, P, P/C Harry Winberg, SN, P/C Ed Gaffney, AP, P/C Frank Gruenewald, AP, P/C Dave Kobernuss, SN, Betty Kobernuss, AP, P/C Ellen Webster, SN, Randy Webster, AP, Lt. Fred Dyer, JN, new member Dick Axt P/C Dean Woodard, P, Ann Schulz, Mary Winberg and Louise Peckingham.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**SQUADRON MEETING 7 DECEMBER 05**  
**TRIP TO LOCK 17 TBA**  
**12TH NIGHT PARTY 15 JANUARY 06**

Utica Power Squadron had the distinct honor and pleasure to host the District 6 Fall Conference 2005 at Hotel Utica over this last weekend. This event is highlighted in a separate article. I can't say thank you enough to adequately express my respect and appreciation for the many Utica Squadron members who are mentioned in the article as helpers in this event. You will also want to read about the Utica Power Squadron members who received awards at the Conference.

You will note that several of our members were recognized for their outstanding efforts in recruiting new members. Through the "Power of One" program, the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) is asking each and every one of us to help in identifying and recruiting new members. Every organism and organization wears down just like your pocket knife or paring knife. To keep our bodies sharp we exercise. To keep our organization sharp we must bring in new members and keep them involved.

I have the pleasure of team teaching the Piloting course with P/C Rick Gassner AP. We have fourteen members in that class and most of them are new members. This is a critical effort for our squadron that enhances the benefits realized by our members. All members need to realize some benefits from membership. We are all volunteer members and volunteers vote with their feet. We want all members to benefit so they don't walk away from USPS and the Utica squadron. Many people benefit from our educational programs. Many benefit through the self satisfaction they feel for volunteer efforts. To accomplish our USPS mission of public service, member education, and social interaction, we need many volunteer helpers. Those

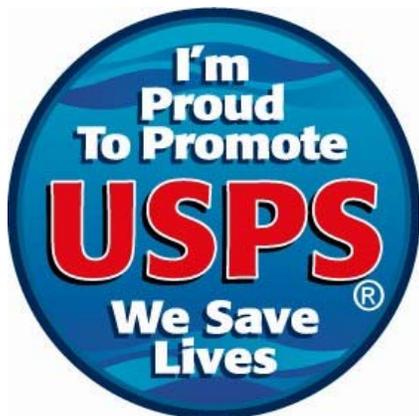
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## FUTURE EVENTS OF UTICA POWER SQUADRON

December Squadron Meeting will be held on 7 December 2005 at 1930 at the Sears Oil Company office building on Black River Boulevard in Rome.

The trip to the Chittenango Canal Boat Museum planned for 10 December is cancelled. This potential trip will be explored more thoroughly in the future. It is possible that we can schedule a visit to Lock 17 at Little Falls in late January. This lock has some very unique features. It will also be drained and under renovation so we can see the normally hidden features of the lock.

Our annual 12<sup>th</sup>. Night Party is planned for 15 January 2006 at 1230 in the Ramada Inn at New Hartford. This is always a fun event lacking only the beautiful scenery that we experienced at the Sea Shell Inn in Verona Beach. The Ramada Inn has provided us with excellent food and drink for many years. Spirits will be high, the program will be most interesting, and you should be there!



## HOW THE UTICA POWER SQUADRON BURGEE

### CAME TO BE

BY P/C FRANK GRUENEWALD, AP



The year was 1955. I was invited to join the Utica Power Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons. The squadron met regularly in those days in the old Hotel Hamilton on Bleeker Street in Utica, N.Y.

The subject of designing a burgee for the squadron came up at the fall general meeting that year. It was decided to have a design competition with the membership making the final choice.

My first mate, Dolores, and Stephen Purcell, the art director at WKTV, took up the challenge. They had a wide latitude of what to include in the design. Both designs were submitted for consideration in November of 1955.

There were nearly 100 members at the November meeting. After much discussion, the members unanimously selected the design created by Dolores Gruenewald. The thirteen blue and white stripes represented the thirteen original states of the Union. The Indian head was that of a Mohawk, for the Mohawk Valley, and the crescent moon symbolized celestial navigation, a hallmark for all sailors.

The golden edge was added in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Squadron.

### ***Conference from page 1***

Several Utica Power Squadron members received achievement awards at the Saturday meeting. P/C Ellen Webster, SN was awarded a D/6 Certificate of Teaching Excellence. P/C Frank Grunewald, AP received recognition for 50 years of membership with 47 merit marks for dedicated service to Utica Power Squadron. P/C Dean Woodard, P was awarded a special baseball cap for influencing 5 new members to join USPS. Your Commander must say that Ellen Webster also deserves a new cap for her efforts in displaying membership benefits and having fun while teaching the Boat Smart course with Dean. Ellen, Dave Schulz, Linda LaDuc, and Gerry Fry were also rewarded with a nice lapel pin for signing up new members. Harry Winberg also strongly influenced a couple of new members to join while they sat in on his Sail class.

Finally, we must note that D/C Zambroski returned the old Utica Cup (found at last) to Cdr. Fry and awarded the new Utica Cup to a member of another squadron who was judged to have the most hospitable boat at the Rendezvous last summer at Alexandria Bay. Now I must confess that by that time of the night, I obviously didn't write down the name of the "most hospitable" boat and owner. I must also confess that I don't know right now where I put the old Utica Cup. Oh God! We sure did have a good time. Thanks again to all who helped.

*Gerry*

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### ***Commander from page 2***

who attended and helped at the Fall Conference enjoyed great social interaction at the Friday night parties. Others assisted in promoting the educational program by displaying home built teaching aids for other teachers to emulate. Many of our members enjoyed the satisfaction gained by doing a great job in organizing and conducting the events of the conference.

Unfortunately, it appears that most of our volunteers are retired persons. We do need younger members to help and learn how we work to complete our missions. Many other squadrons appear to have several younger members who are active. I must admit that several other squadrons appear to have severe problems with membership. This appears to be the case with many organizations today. Competition for your time is keen.

We realize that younger people are busy with work, household maintenance, children's activities, PTA, church organizations, etc.. But older folks are also busy. I don't know how I had time to go to work before I retired. I'm not complaining but just telling you that I understand that life is complex. Just a long winded way to ask you for help with your ideas about what Utica Power Squadron can do to make your membership more beneficial to you and that one person that you can recruit.

Bill Reiter, P brought Dave Strobino to the Haul-Out Party and Dave is now our newest member. Every one of our members is capable and welcome to bring a likely candidate to our next event. Please take a look at our list of future events. I won't say "Have a good day", but rather "enjoy every day of the rest of your life".

# From The SEO

*Lt/C Victoria Fry, JN*

Since we are part way through the fall season and not yet near to the after holiday time when we start new courses, this report will be a buffet style report.



We recently helped Colleen Welch finish the Seamanship course and are awaiting the results of her final exam efforts. No doubt at all that she did well and we congratulate her with confidence. Tests are currently on order for eleven Piloting students to finish up that course in December. We are still waiting for membership numbers on two students and have one student who is doing the course over as a refresher. With the extensive revisions in the Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses, many of you experienced members may find “sitting in” to be quite interesting.

Five members are studying the Instructor Development course manuals and we expect to get them together to meet final requirements in December. These members are experienced teachers either in the Power Squadron courses or in the public schools. They are completing this course to qualify for United States Power Squadrons teacher certification or to add one more notch in their gun stock as they shoot for the top grade of Senior Navigator. This grade of “SN” that you see listed after the names of dedicated members at all levels of the USPS; indicates that the individual so honored has completed all power squadron electives and advanced grade courses. “SN” at one time was called “Full Certificate” because the member had filled in all of the paste on course sticker locations on his or her membership certificate. Several Utica Squadron members are now shooting for that goal.

Also at the December squadron meeting we will be discussing the spring 2006 course offerings. We need to establish dates for the public boating safety courses to be offered in addition to the safety course done during Boating Safety Week. Advanced Piloting will also be offered as will the Weather course. Hopefully we can solicit the help of the many highly qualified instructors who have taught these courses in the past.

We currently have eight members recorded as United States Power Squadrons Certified Instructors with three more in the works. A representative of the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation, Marine Safety Division, informed us that as long as our members are teaching the power squadron boating safety courses, but not the state course, they do not need state certification. She reassured me that the USPS boating safety courses, instructors, and resultant safety certificates are respected and honored by all law enforcement agencies. It is expected that all boaters will eventually be required to successfully complete a boating safety course, not just PWC operators. This is a United States Coast Guard goal. As Power Squadron members, we all meet these possible future requirements.

Keep learning and keep smiling.

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*Ellen*



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*P/C Dean A. Woodard*

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