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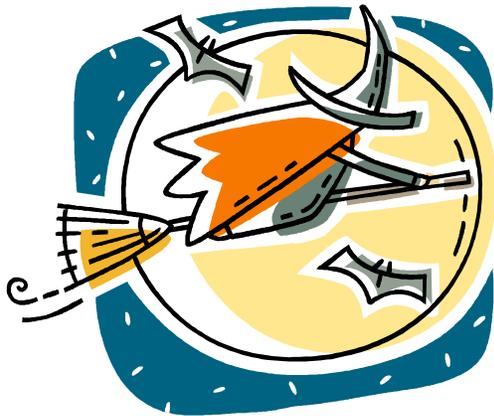
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District 6



Haul Out Party

The annual Squadron Haul Out Party was a great success due to the hard work of PC Harry Winberg, SN and his outstanding crew at the Lake Delta Yacht Club.

Following a very enjoyable cocktail (diet Coke) get together we enjoyed a fine meal served by a truly excellent serving staff.

One of the highlights of the evening was when Commander Peckingham called upon 50 year life member PC Frank Gruenewald, AP to tell a story.

Frank said,

“This guy was cleaning snow out of his drive and stuck the shovel into a snow bank. There was a loud cry and he saw that the cat was on the snow and he had cut his tail clean off.

He wife ran over and told him to rush the cat to WalMart as fast as he could.

He looked at her and said “The cat’s tail is cut off—why should I take him to WalMart?”

She said: ‘I am told that they are the largest retailers in the world’.

Now you know the rest of the story.



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr George Peckingham, AP



Hi, Folks. The leaves are rapidly accumulating on our lawns, the boat hauling season in "upstate" is drawing to a close and the financial markets are in turmoil. What can we do to avoid pre winter depression? Vote for the candidate of your choice (not likely to help), take a boating course (maybe), or look elsewhere in this Bilgewater for our list of parties and make plans to enjoy them (best chance).

The Haul Out Party was held at the Lake Delta Yacht Club on Karlen Road in Rome. The event didn't go off quite as planned, but a team effort saved the evening. The caterer showed up late with no wait staff and only the cooperative effort of many got the fine food served. Normally I'd mention all the names of those helping to publicly thank them, but because of the number involved I know I'd miss someone and I don't want to miff anyone. Thanks to all who helped. Harry and Mary Winberg won a framed print of sailboats beating to windward in heavy seas in the raffle. This was appropriate as they were major contributors to the arrangements and success of this party.

It has been brought to my attention that some members strongly feel that the squadron should do more to spread the word on health and passing over the bar events so that fellow members can provide help, encouragement or solace as appropriate. To further this end George Silverman (315-336-5557) and Colleen Welch (315-97-2009) volunteered to write a monthly column covering this area and to assist in getting the word out. If in the future you become aware of an event in this area please call either of them or me (315-831-2170) and we will take appropriate action.

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COMMANDER FROM PAGE 2

Your Squadron has authorized and purchased a new projector with funds from the Squadron's Boating Safety and Education Fund. Purchasing a second computer is under consideration and Gerry Fry and I will provide a recommendation at the next Squadron meeting. These purchases are necessary because most of our course material is augmented by very good Powerpoint slide presentations from USPS. At present Gerry Fry is using his own laptop and the new projector in the Seamanship class and I am using the Steven Smith fund provided computer and projector for the Advanced Piloting class. Please consider donating to the Boating Safety and Education Fund as the holiday season approaches, as the modern technology we have acquired is being put to good use.

USPS national is now providing insurance for on-water training of boaters. We will be planning to take advantage of this to provide instruction for operator certification program. Because the boating season has largely ended in this area it would seem that the earliest start would be May or June of 2009. As more details on the program become available we will get the word out.

Utica Sail and Power Squadron Planned Activities List For 2008

October

1 October Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

November

5 November Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

7-9 November Fall Conference Comfort Inn Syracuse

December

3 December Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

11 December Christmas Party To be Determined

January

7 January Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

11 January 12th Night Party 1200 Ramada Inn New Hartford

February

4 February Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

13 February Founders Day 1800 Verona VFW

March

4 March Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

22 March COW 1200 The Beeches Rome

April

1 April Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

May

6 May Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

29 May Launch Party 1700 Lock 20 - Marcy

30 May Boating Course 1200 Lock 20 – Marcy

June

3 June Squadron Meeting 1930 Sears Oil Co. – Rome

SEO REPORT

By P/C Gerry Fry, N



Fall courses are off and running. Several members are now finishing the Piloting course and will move right into Advanced Piloting with Commander George. This should make a very enjoyable class with seven or eight students. They should all be ready to move on with Junior Navigation in the spring. Both the Junior Navigation and Navigation courses have now been revised to include electronic navigation aids along with the celestial navigation techniques and procedures.

Our Seamanship class includes five students with lots of enthusiasm. We purchased a second digital projector with Educational Benefactors Fund money so that these students can have the benefits of the excellent Power Point presentation provided by our national organization. As you may remember, Seamanship is the first of our member only courses. It was revised three years ago with many positive changes. It is a broad course similar to the public boating course but in much more depth. It strongly emphasizes the need for planning ahead before and during your boating excursions. It also helps students with knot tying skills and many boat handling skills. The student kit now comes with a second book that nicely illustrates the rules of the road, both inland and international. This course could be a good refresher for some of you who took the course many years ago. I find that being refreshed in my boating knowledge base is one of the advantages of being a volunteer instructor.

Speaking of instructors, I couldn't find anyone to fill in for Fred Dyer in the Engine Maintenance course. So I had to cancel that course for this fall. Hopefully we will have better luck at a later time.

This cancellation just points out that we need more people who would like to help out fellow squadron members by teaching a course or being part of a teaching team. You do not have to be an experienced teacher to volunteer to help your squadron in this educational program. All it takes is a willingness to study the course material before each class and lead a discussion of the major topics covered in the student manual. The Instructors Manual for each course gives many helpful tips. Adding your own anecdotes regarding your experiences with the subject matter spices up the presentation and encourages the students to talk about their relevant and sometimes not so relevant experiences. Leading these courses can be a lot of fun especially when you get to know the students. Please don't hesitate to mention your interest to me or any other member of the squadron bridge.

On a similar note, it is time again for the Nominating Committee consisting of recent past commanders, to prepare a slate of Bridge officers for next year. I must say again that we are always looking for members to express their interest in becoming an officer. Please see the list of officers in the front of the Bilgewater and contact any one of them to ask about an officer's role in our club. You may even want to follow in the footsteps of many of our members by becoming active at the district level of the United States Power Squadrons. Four of our past commanders have gone on to become District Commanders like our current D/C Dave Schulz.

Enjoy the nice October weather while it lasts.

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CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard, P

*We are often told the only thing in the
BILGEWATER that folks read are the jokes
and that we have not been doing a very good
job of late. Sorry about that. You keep e-
mailing them and we will print them.
daw*



Joe picks up a case of beer and puts it in the shopping cart.

What do you think you are doing asks the wife.

"There on sale, only \$20.00 for 24 cans", Joe says.

"Put it back. With the price of gas today, we can't afford it," says the wife and they carry on shopping.

A few aisles later the hockey mom picks up a \$20.00 jar of face cream and sticks it in the cart.

"Whoa, what do you think you're doing?" asks Joe.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," she says.

And Joe replies.....

"So does 24 cans of beer, and it's half the price."

Dog-gone-it! Joe six-pack got that one right, here on main street, That's for sure.



If you had purchased \$1,000 of Lehman Bros. stock one year ago, you would have \$49 left. With Wachovia, you would have \$16.50 left. With AIG, you would have less than \$5 left. But if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all of the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminum recycling REFUND, you would have had \$214. Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

It's called the 401-Keg plan.



While walking down the street one day a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies.

His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.'

'No problem, just let me in,' says the man.

'Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.'

'Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the senator.

'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.' And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress.

They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly & nice guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to visit heaven.' The 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity.'

The senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: 'Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell.'

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. 'I don't understand,' stammers the senator. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable.

What happened?'

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, 'Yesterday we were campaigning.. .. Today you voted.'

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