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Commander's Report

Commander John Nelson, P

We are now into a new year in the history of Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron. Thanks again to PC Engman for all he did for our squadron this past year. I'm afraid I'm just starting to find out how much he did!

I'm looking forward to this coming year, but want to remind you that your Bridge and Executive Committee need the whole squadron's support and involvement to make it a great year.

There are many of you who are already doing jobs to help with all that needs to be done on a weekly, monthly, and yearly basis, and many are doing several jobs. For this, I can't say thanks enough. If you have not already been asked to do a specific job, just ask if there is something you can do. The one thing we can all do is make an effort to participate in as many of the meetings and functions as you can.

National, District, and squadrons are all seeing a drop in membership. This is a challenge for the coming year. There are good reasons for loss of some members--death, moving out of the area, health, etc. We should be able to replace these members through Boat Smart classes and members moving in from other squadrons. What we don't want is members leaving because they feel there is nothing in it for them any more. Everyone in the squadron is important to me and we all need to make new members feel important and help them get involved and feel a part of our great group.

The USPS triangle is the strongest geometric form there is as long as it is intact. A break in any one side will cause it to fall apart. Our education program is the foundation of USPS, but many of our members and new members join for the social or fraternal aspect and the good times they can have with fellow boaters. We also need to show outside our organization that we are interested in them and our community through our civic activities. This can include shore line clean-up, etc.

Help me and help Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron make 2006 another great year!

Executive Officers Report

Lt/C Bob Baureis, AP

I am pleased to say that the Corp Of Engineers will have a representative at our April 4th Dinner Meeting. Since we all use Beaver Lake and the Corp is responsible for the management of the lake I think it is important that our organization maintain a good relationship with the Corp. The Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron will also partner with the Corp during the annual lake cleanup. If you have any issues that you want to bring up to the Corp, our April Dinner Meeting will be a good time to surface those issues. I hope every interested member will be at our November meeting.

I want to thank all those members involved with the Bentonville Chamber of Commerce Lifestyle and Business Expo for their hard work and dedication. The members involved include Elsie and Julian Rolandelli, John Fairhead, Sally Bowen, Gene and Kate Gravelle, and Byron Lake. They did a great job promoting our squadron to the public.

We have a new Squadron Safety Officer, Len Oswald. I am looking forward to his involvement in Vessel Safety Checks and other safety related issues. Have a **fun** and **safe** boating summer!

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Treasurer's Report

by Sally Bowen
as of 28 March, 2006

Total Checking	\$6,309.56
Petty Cash	100.00
Grand Total	\$6,409.56

Coming Events

APRIL

4 Dinner Meeting—Lost Bridge Community Hall. See article next page.

25 Executive meeting, 1900, First United Methodist Church, Rogers.

MAY

6 P/C Brunch, 10:30am, Rocky Branch area "C". NO CHARGE followed by District Rendezvous.

30 Executive meeting, 1900, First United Methodist Church, Rogers.

Past Commander Brunch &

District 31 Rendezvous

Annual Past Commander Brunch is scheduled for Saturday May 6th at Rocky Branch on Beaver Lake starting at 1030. Immediately following the brunch the BLS&PS will host a Distinct 31 Rendezvous at the same area. Come and enjoy an fine meal and fellowship with other Squadron members and friends from the District.

March Madness:

P/C Elsie Rolandelli, AP, PRO

Old Man Winter spoiled our Boat Show recruitment for the Boat Smart Course. Mother Nature provided a splendid day for the 4 March Bentonville Business and Life Style Expo where squadron go-getters extolled the values of the Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron. Members Sally Bowen and John Fairhead visited each of the 145 display booths to tell about boating camaraderie and educational courses available to Beaver Lake boaters. Gene and Kate Gravelle stood watch at the Beaver Lake display booth to hand out information on future courses. All were glad to see relief appear at the end of their watch.

Special Thanks to P/C Byron Lake for his congenial, one man, hauling and set up services—for both of the shows and to P/D/C Julian for the break down and continuous put it away storage.

I Lost It, I lost it, a little pointy tailed flag. During the last minute clean up at the 7 March Change of Watch, one of the hand made, red, white, and blue, swallow tail, table display flags was lost. Needed: a seamstress to sew up several replacement flags. Call the PRO—925-2855

Now They Know....

On 18 March, D/C Mary Lou Charlton, Cdr John Nelson, Executive Officer Bob Baureis, Administrative Officer John Fairhead, Treasurer Sally Bowen, Secretary Roy Duncum, Member Involvement Ch Bill Engman and Membership Chair, Julian Rolandelli gathered for the three hour Operations Training Course. Though a refresher for the majority present, the New 2005 hard copy manual with up-to-the-minute changes was a quick read and reference for the ins and outs of USPS, what it has to offer and how it works.

The format (of what used to be a two-day, by the book, read every word) was easy to follow with lots of questions and comments interspersed with presentations from the D/C and Mem-ComCh. If you, as a new or well-seasoned Beaver Lake Member, were not able to avail yourself of this opportunity to find out how USPS works for you, and what educational and life style offerings are available, think about joining this group of know-it-alls the next time Operations Training is offered. The purchase of the \$25 manuals was authorized by the Executive Committee so that the course could be offered free of charge to any interested member of the Beaver Lake Squadron.

As Promised, here is the final tally of our squadron-wide survey

By P/D/C Julian Rolandelli & LtCdr John Fairhead

picked Suggestion volunteered

Lake Activities

- o Organized treasure hunt and cookout..... 16
- o Vessel Safety Examinations available at lake Marinas..... 9

Squadron Activities

- o Sponsor" Coffee & Donuts" at various churches throughout the Yr..... 3
- o Schedule "vacation trips" as a group event..... 7..... (bus trip to nautical event)
- o TGIF outings on the lake '- have them where you must use a boat to get there (sandbar N or Hwy 12 Bridge) (visible to public-display banners) 19
- o TGIF "Pet Day" 6 Have BLS&PS bandanas for the pets

Community Activities

- o Partner with someone like VFW to distribute U. S. Flags to..... 3.... (at our July 4th boat parade) (veterans graves on 4th of July)
- o Offer FREE Boat Smart Class..... 19.....(tell new/old member who is mentor) Increase annual dues by \$5-7.50 to cover cost of Boat Smart class (BLSPS has plenty of \$ w/o ^dues) (Monitors: 1 on 1 exam night)
- o Provide "loaner" PFD's at lake marinas' for those who need them..... 11.....(Wiviott nixed this -reliability)

Squadron Awareness

- o Print 2 paragraph "biography" of all Squadron Members in The Bearings.... 4-5 per month alphabetically 10 (No!)
- o Publish list of "Self Taught" courses available through USPS..... 14
 - . Publish list of Squadron Members who are "certified" and willing to be tutors for the self taught courses 1
- o Prepare PR press releases with photographs for major functions & participations, especially for:
 - .Change of Watch 3
 - .4th of July Boat Parade 6
 - .Beaver Lake clean up 5
 - .Occasional TGIF 1
 - .Vessel Safety Exams 1
 - .Anything that will self indulge the Squadron 1

Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated. Your reward? We will respond to your Ideas and implement them into squadron activities! One result already is the appointment of our immediate Past Commander, Bill Engman, as Member Involvement Chairman. He wants Everyone involved!

Corp of Engineers to Speak at April Dinner Meeting

Our April Dinner Meeting will be on **Tuesday April 4th** at the Lost Bridge Village Community Hall. This meeting will be Pot Luck and callers will be letting you know what food items to bring, meat, side dishes or dessert. Also, please bring your own place settings and beverages. The social hour will start at 1800 (6:00PM) with dinner at 1900 (7:00PM). Our speaker will be Rick Hightower or Alan Bland with the Corp of Engineers. He will bring us up to date with Lake news and answer any questions you may have. To get to the Village Hall take Hwy 62 east to Hwy 127 (at Buss Stop) and turn right on Hwy 127. Go approximately 5 miles and turn right again to Lost Bridge Village. I hope everyone can attend this meeting. Bob Baureis, S

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BLS&PS "PROPOSED" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2006

- APRIL 4 Dinner Meeting–Pot Luck Dinner, Lost Bridge Community Building
MAY 6 P/C Brunch, Rocky Branch
6 District Rendezvous, Rocky Branch, following P/C's Brunch

Executive meetings are scheduled for the last Tuesday of the month and are held at First United Methodist Church, Rogers, AR at 1900



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