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Commander's Message

By Cdr. William C. Engman, SN

Since this is the first issue of the Bearings in the new year, let me briefly recap our activities in December and January:

We had a wonderful Christmas party at The Inn Of The Ozarks in Eureka Springs. Many thanks to those of you who contributed toys and money to the Arkansas Children's Center.

In January we had our first dinner meeting at The First Presbyterian Church in Rogers. This was a pot-luck dinner which featured a round table discussion concerning the recruiting of new Members. Julian Rolandelli coordinated the session. This is an issue which we must address in the coming months. Please see his comments and summary in this issue.

Now, for the immediate future. We have a full plate for the next two months, as follows:

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| 7 Feb | - | Arts & Hobbies dinner meeting |
| 17, 18 & 19 Feb | - | Boat Show in Tontitown |
| 25 & 27 Feb | - | GPS Course |
| 4 March | - | Newcomer's Expo. |
| 6,13,20 & 27 March | - | Boat Smart Course |
| 7 March | - | Change of Watch |
| 18 March | - | Operations Training |
| 24 & 25 March | - | District Conference |

Of course, we will hold our executive meeting on the last Tuesday of every month.

All of the above items are covered in more detail elsewhere. I urge everyone to participate and to help your bridge officers, chair persons and instructors with this daunting task.

See you next Tuesday,

Bill

Ps If you have not already done so, check out our new website at:

www.boatbeaverlake.com

Tom Unger has done a fantastic job as webmaster.

Executive Department

Lt/C John Nelson, S

Only one month left in this squadron year and it will be a busy one! Aside from our hobby and craft night on the 7th, there will be a calendar planning meeting on Saturday, the 11th, at 12:00 for the upcoming executive committee. The following week is the boat show from the 17th thru the 19th, and on 25th and 27th we will be having the GPS class. If you have not signed up yet to help with the boat show, please do so. This is a real opportunity for the public to learn about our Boat Smart class, who we are, what we do, and how they can further their boating experiences and seamanship thru the Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron and all of our classes.

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Treasurer's Report

by Susan Unger, N
as of 31 January, 2006

Total Checking	\$7195.82
Petty Cash	100.00
Grand Total	\$7295.82

Coming Events

FEBRUARY

7 Dinner Meeting, Charlton's Brightwood Office Park, Bentonville, 1800, BYOB...see separate article for details.

28 Executive Meeting, 1900, First United Methodist Church, Rogers

MARCH

7 C.O.W. (note date change) Clarion in Fayetteville. Social hour starts at 1800 (cash bar), followed with buffet dinner at 1900. Price is \$20 per person.

24-25 District C.O.W./ Conference, Ft. Smith

28 Executive Meeting, 1900, First United Methodist Church, Rogers

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

Plan to have fun and camaraderie at our annual **HOBBY AND CRAFTS NIGHT**. The February Dinner Meeting will be held on **February 7, 2006** at the Charlton's Brightwood Business Park Office in Bentonville. The address is 1803 SW Regional Airport Boulevard, Suite 13. The meeting will start with Happy Hour at 1800 (6:00 PM). Please bring your art, hobby or craft and plan to share your talents with the squadron. We will furnish the meat, place settings and ice tea and coffee. Callers will let you know what side dish to bring.

CHANGE OF WATCH

7 MARCH 2006

Education Officer's Report

P/D/C Tom Unger, SN

The Boat Smart class is scheduled to start on March 6, 2006. The class will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings from 7 - 9 pm at the Northwest Technical Institute in Springdale. Mark your calendars and start talking to your friends and neighbors, we need a large number of students to attend this class. We would also like for squadron members to attend to meet and welcome prospective new members. Hope to see you there!

The Weather course has just completed and course planning for the upcoming year is underway. If you have a course you are interested in taking, please contact me or Walter Kreeger.

We are planning an Instructor Development course to be taught this spring (date yet to be determined). Please plan to sign up. We need more instructors to help with our education program. Remember it is free of charge to all squadron members. Contact me at 643-2282 or Walter Kreeger at 636-6367 if you are interested in taking this course and helping your squadron instruct others.

And once we have the ID course completed, we will be starting a Junior Navigator course. Course information and schedules will be posted at our new website (www.boatbeaverlake.com). If you haven't visited it, do it. A lot of useful information can be found there.

Nominations for 2006 Bridge Year

In accordance with Squadron bylaws, the following have been nominated, have agreed to serve, and are proposed for the 2006 bridge year. Election and installation of officers to be held 7 March 2006.

Bridge Officers

Commander: John Nelson, P
Executive Officer: Bob Baureis, AP
Administrative Officer: John Fairhead, AP
Education Officer: Walter Kreeger, AP
Assistant Education: Mike Musholt, JN
Secretary: Roy Duncum
Assistant Secretary: Mary Kippenbrock
Treasurer: Sally Bowen

Executive Committee

P/C Bill Engman, SN
P/C Elsie Rolandelli, AP
P/C Byron Lake, P

Nominating Committee

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P/C Byron Lake, P
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Rules Committee

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P/C Tom Unger, SN
P/C Walter Kreeger, AP

Law Officer

P/C Marcia Brinton, AP

Busy Months for PR

P/C Elsie Rolandelli – 925-2855

2006 has started off at the usual go, go pace for PR. We have been busy getting the word out about the GPS and Boat Smart courses, both open to the public.

News releases have been personally delivered to all the newspapers, radio and TV stations that serve Benton and Washington Counties. – Let us know if you hear or read about BLSPS so that we can thank our sponsors. Charlie Hult, course Chair for GPS, is doing a great job of informing all known marine dealers about our up coming courses. We have posters in banks, groceries and community service buildings. Did we miss a spot?

P/C Byron Lake, Boat Show Ch, is lining up our best squadron representatives to man our display booth at the February Boat Show in the old Hanna Candle building on 412 west of 540. Three-hour watches on Friday the 17th and Saturday the 18th just leaves Sunday the 19th from 12-3. Give Byron a call at **925-4036** if you are partial to a particular time slot .

On March 4th we will display our membership benefits at the Bentonville Business and Newcomers Expo in the Clarion Hotel on Rainbow Curve. Sally Bowen, John Fairhead, Kate and Gene Gravelle and Julian Rolandelli have already signed on to meet and greet newcomers and tell them about the Boat Smart course, which starts March 7th at NTL.

SEE HOW YOUR SQUADRON RUNS

If you are about to become a Bridge Member or would really like to know how USPS works, Ops training will take place March 18th from 9-12 noon at the Rogers Chamber of Commerce. This know all tell all course, is a prerequisite for all bridge members and a great way to increase your knowledge of how our organization works. The ExCom authorized the purchase of ten, 2005 Edition, Operations Manuals (@ \$25 each) so that the Ops Training Course can be given Free of charge to those members not having taken this course. There are 14 members -old and new-eligible for Ops training. We already have 4 people signed up and a waiting list of members who would like an update. If you do not have OT listed as a course taken give me a call and be prepared to be really enlightened for three hours on the 11th.

DISTRICT CHANGE OF WATCH

FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS

24-25 MARCH 2006

TO ALL SQUADRON MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS SURVEY

Help us develop the programs you want! Over 90% of members present at our January Dinner Meeting filled it out. Please check off what you think are the best of the ideas shown or list your own ideas. Print your name at the bottom of the sheet (or on your e-mail) and mail to Julian Rolandelli, 26 Bracebridge Rd, Rogers AR 72756. "Take5" and do it now! E-mail address is julianrolandelli@sbcglobal.net.

Results will be published in a later issue of The Bearings.

Lake Activities

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

Squadron Activities

- o Sponsor "Coffee & Donuts" at various churches throughout the year
- o Schedule "vacation trips" as a group event.
- o TGIF outings on the lake - have them where you must use a boat to get there
- o TGIF "Pet Day" - Have BLS&PS bandanas for the pets

Community Activities

- o Partner with someone like VFW to distribute U. S. Flags to veterans graves on 4th of July

- o Offer FREE Boat Smart Class— Increase annual dues by \$5-7.50 to cover cost of Boat Smart class

- o Provide "loaner" PFD's at lake marinas' for those who need

Squadron awareness

- o Print 2 paragraph "biography" of all Squadron Members in The Bearings.... 4-5 per month alphabetically

- o Publish list of "Self Taught" courses available through USPS... Publish list of Squadron Members who are "certified" and willing to be tutors for the self taught courses

- o Prepare PR press releases with photographs for major functions & participations. Check most important:

. COW . 4th of July Boat Parade . Beaver Lake Cleanup

. Occasional TGIF . Anything to do with the lake

PRINT YOUR NAME HERE _____

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US
DISTRICT 31 SPRING CONFERENCE

24-25 MARCH IN FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS

The *Aspen Hotel & Suites* has six major restaurants located within walking distance for your Friday night dinner choices. (if you're hungry after the elegant Cocktail Party)

The District Council will meet at 8pm Friday night.

The Registration Desk is open from 4 to 8pm Friday and 7 to 8am Saturday. Your packet will include written reports, agenda items, tickets, etc. Please review contents prior to the first event of the Conference, and bring it with you.

The Hospitality Suite opens at 7pm Friday evening with a Cocktail Party. Come and greet your friends and associates from the other Squadrons in D-31.

Saturday morning enjoy the *Aspen's* Hot Breakfast Buffet prior to Conference that begins at 8am.

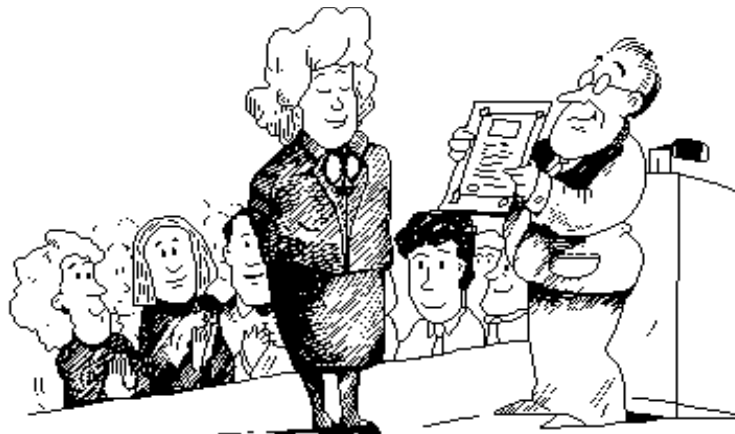
The Spousal Tour of historic Ft. Smith meets at 10am and Hostess Dorothy Fenwick has organized a special event that includes transportation and lunch for the attendees.

Saturday lunch for the Conference will be in the Hospitality Suite at Noon, furnished by Council.

Seminars and Programs begin at 1pm and include Robert Grantham, Project Director from Mercury Mercruiser Plant in Stillwater, OK, who will discuss I/O's, new equipment, etc. Next is Ken Ferrari, River Valley Sail & Power Squadron, who will describe various techniques to improve your boat both inside and out. Ken is a recent graduate of a comprehensive course in Florida on this topic. Bill Miller, Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron, will conclude the programs with tips on Squadron & District Web Site Technology. Bill is Webmaster for the Award-Winning D-31 Website and a member of the Computer Systems Committee specializing in website design for USPS.

The Conference will conclude with a banquet, Change of Watch at The Lighthouse Restaurant, on the Arkansas River, at 4:30pm.

Note: Ft. Smith has a large Air Show scheduled for the same week-end in March, so make your reservations at the *Aspen Hotel* **NOW!** You can do by e-mail, phone or snail mail.



USPS District 31 Spring Conference

24-25 March 2006

Ft. Smith, AR

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Address	City	State	Zip
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Squadron	Home Phone	Email
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Number of persons attending _____ @ \$30 each \$ _____

Registration includes:

Cocktail Party Friday evening, Saturday Lunch and Dinner

Dinner Entrée, indicate for each person attending:

___ Jumbo Shrimp ___ Marinated Chicken Breast

___ Fried Catfish Fillets ___ Lemon Sole

Spousal Activity:

Tour of Historic Ft. Smith; transportation & lunch, _____ @ \$20 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Checks Payable to River Valley Squadron.

Mail Reservations by 15 March to: Marti Ferrari, 106351 SH 64B, Muldrow, OK 74948

Questions? (918) 427-8034, Email: casadelferrari@juno.com

Make Hotel Reservations with ASPEN HOTEL & SUITES no later than 15 March.

2900 S. 68th, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

1-800-627-9417

Email: farahs@thesummitgroupinc.com

Mention "District 31 Spring Conference" or "USPS"

Room Rate, \$84.99 plus tax per night

The Aspen has a great complimentary hot breakfast buffet plus other amenities.

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BL&PS "PROPOSED" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2006

- FEB 7** Dinner Meeting, Hobby & Craft Night-Brightwood Office Park, B.Ville
- MAR 7** Change of Watch, Clarion, Fayetteville, AR
- MAR 24-25** District Council/Conference, Ft. Smith, AR
- APRIL 4** Dinner Meeting-TBA
- MAY 6** P/C Brunch, Rocky Branch
- MAY 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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