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To All

Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron Members

The pleasure of your company

Is most sincerely requested

On Tuesday, 9 December 2008

At the Spring Street Grill

Springdale, Arkansas

Social Hour 1800 - Dinner 1900

For the Annual Squadron Christmas Party

And

Buffet supper.

Please RSVP promptly to your caller

wishes for a safe and joyful Thanksgiving day.

Since there will be NO January Bearings please do note the upcoming Times and Dates for the December and January meetings. Your callers will be able to answer any questions about times, places and what to bring. It is hoped that there will be a good turn out for the Christmas buffet as most restaurants now demand a guarantee of at least 30 place settings to prepare for. I am sure we can top that number.

At this printing there is not any information regarding a gift exchange though BLSPS has generally supported a local children's project. Call the XO for more information.

And last but certainly not least I wish you all, a Blessed and Very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Greetings from the Editor,

This issue of the Bearings is being sent electronically to squadron members who have the capability of receiving e-mail. Though our attendance at squadron functions was improved by snail mailing the three previous issues of the Bearings we are now sending you holiday greetings thru the air waves due to the pressure of time and other unexpected events.

Commander John Fairhead, Executive Officer
Nancy Gibson, Administrative Officer Susan Unger,
Educational Officer Byron Lake, Treasurer Mary Jean
Kippenbrock, Secretary Sally Bowen and the members
of the Executive Committee send their very best

Up coming Beaver Lake activities

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Please note: Reservations which need to be cancelled can be made by calling Susan Unger 643-2282 in order not to incur the dinner charge.

9 December Christmas Buffet: Spring Street Grill, 101 N Spring Street, Springdale.

1800 Social Hour. Cash bar (wine & beer).

Dinner 1900. The menu will consist of prim rib, chicken Florentine, salads, cheddar potato bake, vegetable medley, orange rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost \$22. all inclusive. They have a nice web site and map : [www:springstreetgrill.com](http://www.springstreetgrill.com).

The restaurant is located just North of Ryan's Clothing store on Emma Ave so if you go over the rail road tracks going east you have gone too far.

Parking is in the rear.

RSVP your caller.

6 January: Meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Rogers on the corner of **3rd and Elm streets**. Social hour: 6:15 Supper at 7 P.M. followed by meeting and program. This will be a soup, salad and dessert supper. Your caller will let you know what to bring. PLUS, bring your suggestions for future programs and meeting. The January program will be on cold water safety.

3 February: Kip Powers will tell about his trip to New Zealand with slides and comments. Time and Place to be announced. Check your e-mail for further details.

TELL US: what, where and when ? Do YOU have a suggestion for our monthly dinner meetings or a lake activity. Now is the time for all BLSPS members to make suggestions so that the 2009 calendar can be set up. E-mail your suggestions to Susan Unger. Thanks for your help.



Youth Poster Contest

The National Youth Poster Contest theme for the 2008-09 year is BOATING IS FUN!

It would be fun to have some entries from Beaver Lake, but this program does not have a chairperson, male or female.

Beaver Lake has had a winner almost every year since this contest started.

Forms and material are provided by the squadron. This limited assignment requires an announcement at most dinner meetings and harassing your fellow members to get the kids and grandkids or any other kids involved in a fun project.

December Boat Parade

The Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron has received notice of a lighted boat parade sponsored by Jason Harte of Prairie Creek Vessel Towing, a Limited Liability Company a.k.a Tow Boat U.S.

Their web site states that the Parade will take place Dec 5th and 6th at 1800 at the Prairie Creek Boat Ramp. There will be a safety meeting at 1800 and the boats will depart at 1900. They will travel south to the Rt 12 Bridge can continue Eastward to Coppermine Lodge boat dock area and then return to Prairie Creek about 2100.

Their web site has much more information: www.pcv.t.net

Members of BLSPS are advised that this is not a USPS Sponsored event but we have been asked to pass along the above information which was also printed in the local news media.

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Yes! It was a **chilly chilli cook off.**

But that didn't stop 29 or 30 of our members from gathering at the



The Colliers and Tom Kippenborck checking the chili.

day use pavilion of Rocky Branch Park. The Rolandellis thought they would be the only boaters there but along came an open pontoon loaded with well bundled up sailors. Jan and Dean Muetzel rounded up Tom and Mary Jean Kippenbrock, Barbara and John Conrad and Geri and Len Oswald. The Commander and Sally Bowen were first to arrive with Mary and Bob McAllister. Thank goodness they all gathered wood and started fires to keep the chili HOT and got the fire place going to ward off the chill in the air. Tom and Susan Unger drove down from their mountain cabin as it would have taken hours to beat against the wind. As you can see Ann and Jim Collier came well prepared as did Ann Easterly, Nancy Gibson, Gene and Kate Gravelle, Pat Lemmer, Mike and Maureen Musholt, Kip Powers, Anna Lee and Kas Taylor. Mark and Sharon Hawkins were among the earlier arrivals but the buzzing of their cell phone called them away while the chili was still in the warming pots. It is usually dangerous to start naming names and I hope no one was forgotten. Anyway it was a windy blustery day but the chili was hot and all the sides tasted like gourmet.

Needless to say a good time was had by all.

(*Thanks to Susan Unger for the picture above*)

This and That:

from the Editors notes.

Did you know that Associate Beaver Lake member P/C **Jackson Dean** and his always cheerful wife, **Vivian** recently celebrated their **66th Wedding Anniversary** on October 29th. Jackson is a Life Member of USPS and has 28 Merit Marks. When asked for the rest of the story here's what Jackson told me. "(I) was married 10/29/42 in Tulsa and Enlisted in the U.S. Navy but the company president where I worked requested deferment since we were a defense contractor. I worked for the Defense Department at Norfolk Virginia where they were building the world's largest air test tunnel. I again enlisted in the US Navy in 1950 for the Korean War but when the Government found out that I was married and had children they put me in the USNR for 4 years. When I was at Kansas University in 1935 I was in the Army ROTC for two years but additional time was cancelled when I was required to do summer work for my degree in Architectural Engineering. Since I liked boating I do not know why I did not try for the Coast Guard. I guess I should have joined the Foreign Legion or some such unit but I didn't. Now you know the rest of the story. (*Ah, but Jackson, we still don't know how you met your child bride.*)

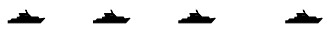
The Commander wishes to thank you for your many good wishes concerning his recent unexpected hospital stay. Seems the ole gall bladder was acting up with a little blockage and he was turning a pretty shade of yellow. That was quickly taken care of and he is consulting with specialists in St. Louis and will fill us in when all the facts are known. In the meantime he expects to have a very large family reunion with siblings and such for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanks to Jan Muetzel for scouting out a Rogers Art Teacher that is interested in getting her kids involved in the USPS Youth Poster Contest. Good job.

Your Editor would like to thank you for all your good wishes and remind everyone, especially those of us over 60, to get their regular check-ups and follow your doc's suggestions. My new PC (primary care) physician took his job seriously and found those little hidden nodes that, yes, proved to be the bad guys. A quick slice and dice and a little radiation to the right spots and it's "all gone". Ladies, a lumpectomy is a piece of cake - no strain and just a twinge of pain.

Tulsa Boat and Sports Show.

Feb 2-8, 2009



Yes, the Tulsa Boat Show will be at the usual place and it has been suggested that Beaver Lake stand watch at the District Booth on Friday, February 6th, from noon to 10 PM. The district has a generic flyer that describes the advantages of USPS membership with contact information for all D31 squadrons. A 3-4 hours watch with relief periods will get free admission to the show, which is the 5th largest inland boat show in the USA. Tom Unger is providing redesigned seminars to be presented through out the day. Please give the **Exec Officer** a call if you and your mate would like to see the show and promote Beaver Lake Squadron at the same time.

And since we are doing some end of the year house cleaning please remember that the Friendly Book Store at 401 North Second Street will gladly take your about to be discarded books. The store is run by volunteers and the money from their sales goes to support the Rogers Public Library special requests. They will take old magazines - of current interest up to 6 month, others up to 2 years old. There is a convenient drop off site in the front of the building.

Privacy, please!

Cell phone numbers went public Nov1. That means all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. You will be charged for these calls.

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: **888-382-1222**.

It is the national do not call list. It blocks your number for 5 years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked.

(Our Thanks to member Delight Reeves for sending this information. Fore warned is fore armed and peace at the dinner table)

WHY MAKE NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS?

Lt Bill Hempel, P

I'm an experienced boater, why make resolutions you ask? Just remembering all of those rules is really quite a task. And so to set the record straight and clear up the confusion, Let me explain the reason for my New Years resolutions.

I will turn on my blower, when I'm running rather slow
'Cause CO is odorless and deadly, as you know.
I'll check flares and extinguishers, especially the date.
Because in an emergency, there's little time to wait.

I wear a lightweight life jacket when voyaging around,
Because in most fatalities, you'll find the victim drowned.
I'll Vow to take a first aid class: learn CPR and more
When the emergency's on board, help's always on the shore

When pumping fuel into my boat I promise to take care
Flying may be fun, but not when blown into the air.
When setting my boat's anchor, the rode'll be 7 to 1
'Cause drifting on some muddy shoal is really not much fun.

I'll monitor my fuel, remembering the rule of thirds
Endangering on empty, is much more than absurd.
I'll check the weather forecast and always watch the sky
With rain you're wet and soggy, but with lightning you can die.

I'll go into new waters with GPS 'n chart in hand
What looks like tawny water, Mate, could actually be land.
There's navigational hazards, pilings and shoals you know.
And using local charts could save you an expensive Tow.

When a person is in the water, my engines I will stop
I wouldn't want to injure them with my razor sharp prop.
And I will never use alcohol when I am the skipper
For a Captain under the influence is as dangerous as Jack the Ripper

I truly love cruising my boat and don't want one mistake.
But there are times when I forget about my vessel's wake.
In the spirit of the New Year I will take time to pause.
Remembering the injuries and harm my wake could cause

These are my resolutions with appropriate explanations
To be a safer boater is high in my expectations.
I'll do things right and I'll forget past misdeeds and remorse.
Every boater needs United States Power Squadron courses.

Happy and Safe New Year

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