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Happy Birthday Beaver Lake Squadron

Rogers Arkansas –**6 March, 1984**

A boating accident and rescue on Lake Taneycomo had such a profound effect on Al Honeywell that he worked tirelessly to provide Northwest Arkansas with a safe boating program. Communications with USPS headquarters led him to reinstate his USPS membership which was formerly with the Akron, Ohio squadron and become a member of the Tulsa Power Squadron. After much letter writing and coercion Tulsa Squadron agreed to assist in establishing a new USPS Squadron and so the journey began:

12 May, 1984 the first meeting of a boating club was held in Northwest Arkansas.

11 September, 1985 permission was granted to form a Division of the Tulsa Power Squadron in NWAR.

14 October 1985 Cdr/ David Griffith, TPS, installed officers for the new division.

3 March 1986—Cdr Jackson Dean, TPS, installed a full Bridge for the new division with Max Wiviott being installed as commander of the new division.

1 January 1987—the “squadron kit” arrives. Max and Lou Wiviott set to work almost 24/7 filling out forms, typing endless correspondence (no one owned a computer), making endless trips to the post office (in town), then making requested changes, more typing etc, etc, etc. The squadron burgee, designed by Reed A. Near, was accepted by the National Flag and Etiquette Com.

A delegation of members headed up by then Commander Read A. Near went to the Kansas City Governing Board to receive the official Charter of the newest USPS squadron. On **16 May 1987** just over three years after Al Honeywell had pulled two totally unprepared boaters out of cold lake waters, the Beaver Lake Power Squadron was recognized.

With a squadron membership of 35 dedicated and mostly retired members we all took on double and triple jobs, had fun, studied in groups (where-ever), boated, had fun, met and planed how to spoon feed boating safety to this area of the country.

The Beaver Lake Power Squadron grew but always seemed to have an identity problem with the Good Humor Man. “Sail” was added to our official incorporated title and indeed today we have some 30+ sailors in our group - and more on the way.

We still boat, teach, meet, have lots of fun and members still do double duty but always encouraging new members to try a job and become part of the squadron leadership.

**Happy Birthday!,
Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron**

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Up-coming Beaver Lake

Meetings and programs.

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May 5th. Mexican Pot Luck supper.

at the Charltons Brightwood Office, 1803 SW Regional Airport Blvd, in Bentonville. Just one mile West of Rainbow Curve. Get out your south of the boarder attire and expect to have a fun evening. Gather at 6-eat at 7. Speakers Leon and Martha Mullis of Tulsa will talk about cruising the canals of New York State and Canada

May 9th Past Cdrs "Thank You" Brunch

All Squadron Members are invited to come on out to Rocky Branch, Day Use Area (old area C) and join the Past Commanders in their annual sumptuous brunch. Pancakes-hot off the griddle, sausage, ham, fresh fruit, hot coffee and juice. Nothing to bring, just you and your mate. If the weather is really nice do come by boat, if not dig out your all weather gear and come for a morning of great camaraderie and an all you can eat brunch.

May 16 FREE VSCs at the Rt 12 Bridge.

Hot dogs and a coke while you get your boat checked out for a summer of fun on the lake.-There are at least two dozen members, if not more, that should be displaying the 2009 VSC sticker in a prominent place on their boats. What better way to advertise who we are and what we do. *P.S. Tell your boating friends to meet you at the bridge.*

29 May-TGIF at the Rolandellis' JuEl Point

925-2855 for directions.

19 June—TGIF- Kas and Anna Lee Taylors' on LaRue

4 July, Saturday meet at Point 10 at 1100 with your decorated boat for the 4th of July boat Parade. Picnic after at a place yet to be chosen.

11 July Paddle at Lake Fort Smith. Exit 34 off 540 to Old hwy 71. then 3 miles north to park entrance.

Meet at the Pavilion at 0930 and attend the Paddle Smart Seminar from 1000 to Noon. Lunch provided then an afternoon of Paddling on the lake. Bring your own boat or rent from the marina. Cost for members is \$10 each plus rental fee of \$15 for each, single/double kayak or canoe.

Non-members will be welcome on a space available basis at an additional charge. Make your reservation by calling. Call Susan @ 479-643-2282. Limit 25 people.

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Planned Educational Courses:

America's Boating Course: 18 May...

Let's start off Safe Boating Week with a large group of boaters that want to learn how to have fun on the lake and get back home safely.

This hands on course with an on the water final exam will be offered to the public at a cost of \$115 for a single or \$145 for a family of two or more persons. The course fee includes a one year membership, registration, course material and on the water experience.

The classroom instruction will begin on Monday, May 18 and continue into June. (No class on Memorial Day-25 May) at the Rogers Airport Administration Bldg. from 6:30—8:30 P.M.

As the EO has a full schedule this year he is **asking for a Class chairman** that will take the pre registrations and line up greeters and cookie makers as well as boats for the final class and exam. Please call Byron and sign up for your 2009 CEO bonus Merit mark. Need help. Just call.

A **Sail Class** is being planned for early June, depending on the instructors. Once again this will be offered with a one year USPS/BLSPS membership. Last year's class was 6-8 weeks long and held on the lake with hands on experience.



And in the summer

24 July TGIF at: _____

15 August—Steak O-Rama _____

28 August TGIF _____

Any volunteers? Call the AO and offer to host one of these events.

This and That:

Boating Smarter

Nancy Gibson, Tom Kippenbrock, Mark Hawkins, Harold Bemis, Mark Goldsmith, Rick and April Olson are not about to be caught out on the lake or any where else they might be boating with engine break down. They all started the NEW Engine Maintenance Course on 20 April which is being taught by task master P/C John Nelson. John has been fixing boats and motors so long he could probably teach the course blind folded.

Did you know that **Nancy Gibson, Harold Bemis and Mark Hawkins** can now add the grade of AP (Advanced Pilot) after their names. They all passed the recent Advanced Piloting Course with outstanding grades.

Congratulations to all.

Scuttle-butt has it that there will soon be more female Senior Navigators in the Beaver Lake Squadron than one might have guessed.

Way to go ladies.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

April Olson and Timmie Owens have been busy signing up small fry for the USPS 2009 Poster Contest. No easy task as April is already up to straining time limits with her 2nd grad class of youngsters and Tammie has been fighting the summer allergies and all the miseries that go with them. Both expect to have a number of entries to be judged before the District Summer Council.

If any squadron members have grandkids or know neighbor youngsters who like to draw let's see what they can produce for this National Contest. The contest is open to all children ages 7-14 years. Only 8 weeks left before the squadron judging on 26 June.

....And for those not able to make our Mexican Fiesta Supper

Susan Unger's Award winning Chili

2 lb ground chuck
1 large onion chopped
2-3 cloves garlic minced
1 can Rotelle tomatoes with peppers
1 can (28 oz) diced tomatoes
1 can pinto beans
1 Tbls (or more) cumin
1 tsp dried red pepper flakes
1 tsp oregano
1 tsp chili powder
1 tsp salt
ground black pepper

Brown the meat and pour off grease.

Add onion and garlic and cook until onion is clear.

Add seasonings and stir. Add tomatoes and beans.

Cook on low heat for an hour or so.

Taste and add more spices to taste.

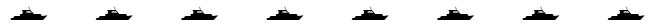
You may need to add a little water

or tomato sauce if it gets too thick.

Susan likes to cook this the day before it is to be eaten.



A look in the USPS Cook book "*by Land or by Sea*" can find more south of the boarder recipes such as: Tamale Bites , Red Pepper and Artichoke Tepenade, Black Bean (with or without Corn) Salsas, Gazpacho Grande, Taco casserole, Green Enchilada Casserole, Zesty Corn Muffins, Delicious Mexican Chili Cheese Casserole (try it for breakfast), Awesome White Chili and to top the meal off try Piña Colada Flan. Mmmm good!



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Membership

By P/D/C Julian Rolandelli, AP

INTRODUCING A NEW MEMBER

RAY BITTNER began his sailing days at 14 years of age when a neighbor invited him on his sailboat in Bay Shore, Long Island. The invitation became a regular occurrence sailing on Long Island Sound. Years later Ray finally bought his own sailboat, an 18' CAL manufactured by Pierson. He sailed out of Oriental, North Carolina, a small town located on the Inter-coastal Waterway. It also was a good jumping off point for Pamlico Sound, sailing in North Carolina's ocean coastline known as the Outer Banks. It was great fun exploring such places as Ocracoke Island where Black Beard once ruled! At one point Ray served as the Commodore of the Meuse Sailing Association.

Having attended the Admiral Farragut Military Academy (New Jersey) as a youngster and once enrolled as a student in a sailing school, Ray knew boating education had improved his safety on the water and increased his skills as a boater. It was obvious this would enable him to widen his boating experience- and do so more quickly- than he could otherwise. When the opportunity arose in the 1990's, he joined the Greensboro Squadron (North Carolina) to take advantage of the educational courses offered by USPS. The reduction in his boat insurance, he recalls, was another significant benefit. He successfully completed Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting, thereby advancing to the grade of Advanced Pilot. He then enrolled in the JN course. However, by 1999 he was doing so much traveling that he was forced to drop both JN and his membership in the Greensboro Squadron.

Ray was with Burlington Industries (and merged companies) for 36 years. Burlington was a major player in the thriving North Carolina textile industry. But the industry was to downsize as textiles began to be out-sourced overseas, then finally all but disappeared. Fortunately, he found work with Consumer Testing Corporation- one of whose customers was Walmart. That is how he came to live in Bella Vista. Ray's tenure with Consumer Testing included a two-year stint in Hong Cong. He eventually became a Vice President with the company. Ray has two daughters- one a schoolteacher and another with Bank of America in Chattanooga.

Although Ray no longer owns a boat, he is still interested in boating. He decided to visit the Rogers Boat Show where he met John Nelson and Mary Jean Kippenbrock. Mary invited him to our squadron dinner meeting. Impressed with our group, he decided to join our squadron and renew his USPS membership. He fully intends to become involved in our activities. Years ago a good neighbor welcomed Ray aboard. Now we too- his new neighbors- welcome him aboard our boats.

ABOUT CDR JOHN FAIRHEAD

By P/D/C Julian Rolandelli

All of us miss the fellowship and services of our Commander, John Fairhead, who has been unable to be with us in recent activities. Having weathered open-heart surgery some years back, John emerged from serious surgery last November/December in a remarkably good way. Now, however, he is in the midst of Chemotherapy, which can be difficult. Despite urging from friends and family, John is prone to perform even if he feels only half well. So when absent we know he is really under the weather. Do keep him in your prayers. Sally will keep us informed so it is not necessary to flood the family with inquires. Suddenly missing the services of a strong Commander like John, means the rest of the Bridge has to step up. Our Executive Officer, Nancy Gibson is doing just that and deserves our patience. You can help your Bridge by chipping in when asked. In this way, we can urge John not to rush to the fore until his strength really permits it and tell Sally to insist on it. That being said, we hope John is back as soon as possible.