



# Beaver Lake BEARINGS

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## Large Crew Handles Ship in 2010

Merit Marks are the earned recognition which National USPS is able to bestow upon those members who have given of their time, effort and material to further the endeavors of their squadron in safe boating through education. **The following 35 Beaver Lake Members were awarded a Merit Mark.**

*Betty and P/C Robert Baureis,*

*Stephen Buckingham*

*P/Cs John and MaryLou Charlton*

*Anne and Jim Collier*

*Anne Easterly*

*Kathleen and P/C Eugene Gravelle*

*P/C Byron Lake*

*Patricia Anne Lemmer*

*Michael Mangione*

*Mary and Robert McAllister*

*Janice and Lyle Dean Muetzel*

*Maureen and P/C Mike Musholt*

*P/C John Nelson*

*Gerri and Len Oswald*

*P/C Lorene Patterson*

*William (Kip) Powers*

*Judith Rice*

*P/D/C Julian and P/C Elsie Rolandelli*

*Linda and P/C Larry Shade*

*Anna Lee and Kas Taylor*

*Cdr Susan and P/D/C Tom Unger*

*Editor's note:* With 80+BLSPS members listed in the Roster it is hoped that there will be an increased number of Merit Marks awarded in 2011. There are at least 55 positions which should be filled by individuals not already having committed themselves to BLSPS service. This year there appears to be an insufficient number of members to carry on the squadrons obligations of Service, Education and Fraternity. Many are new members but some have enjoyed membership for many years. When the squadron was chartered in 1987 with 35 boating enthusiasts all had to do double duty. As the squadron grew the burdens grew less because there were more members

willing to take on specific jobs. Those "assistant positions" gathered information, rounded up class chairmen, cookie makers, proctors, kept records of service preformed, taught a class, gave invocations, planned outings, became knowledgeable about USPS and passed it along. They inventoried supplies, contacted members and always encouraged participation by all.

The corrections to the Roster on page 4 should include: an assistant to the Chaplain to be Johnny-on-the Spot to pronounce our thanks for all things great and small.

Though MMs are filed electronically the information should be collected throughout the year by someone other than the Cdr who already has a full plate.

The Boat Show Ch -1Assistant - to assign booth watches and to do f/u calls for those who would like to take boating courses

Public Relations-3 -to cover Washing, Benton, Carroll Counties and the Little Rock/Hot Springs areas. We have members all over the State.

VSC Chair and at least 5 qualified checkers

Environmental Ch AnnaLee Taylor will be looking for helpers for the 24 Sept lake clean up.

The Education Dept needs Assistant Chairs for the ABC course, Advanced Grades and Elective Courses. Not hard jobs when broken up into small pieces.

Boating Activities thankfully is cover by two of our nonretired members, Thanks, MJ and Tom

The Port Captain knows where to go for good food or provisions for a lake cruise, who does great car repairs and what kind of entertainment can be found in NEA. Might get one or two calls a year from other USPSers who visit this area. A Good job!

The MembComCh has been grumbling in his sleep lately that surely someone else could take an interest in interesting new boaters in joining the squadron. The paper work in now simplified and on line. One more MM and he really will retire.

P/C Bob Baureis gets lots of the other P/Cs involved in Member Orientation, which is a very abbreviated overview of the USPS Ops Manual (also on line) and takes a mere 3 hours. Fifty (50) Beaver Lakers will be invited to this information session in May.

Ah! I seem to have run out of space and I didn't even get to the Calling Committee. More next time.

*P/C Elsie (D31 PRO)*

## Meetings & Boating Activities

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**Please note: Dinner meeting times:**

**1800 (6.P.M.) Social Time, Eat at 1830 (6:30 PM)  
Business/Speaker to follow**

**1 February:** Supper at **Fast Lanes Entertainment** 1117 N Dixieland St, Lowell. (Dixieland Rd now extends South to connect with Rt 264 W at Exit 78.) "Fast Lanes Entertainment Center" is just south of Pleasant Grove Rd which is Exit 80 from I 540. Gather at 1800 (6 PM) and Dinner at 1830.

The Italian Buffet Menu consists of Baked Mostaccioli, Cheese & Pepperoni pizza, Caesar Salad, garlic bread and beverage of tea or coffee. Cost is \$15 per person. A full service cash bar is available.

For those still able to heave a 15# sphere down a wooded alleyway Bowling will be available after the meeting. \$6 will get an hours worth of bowling, including shoes and ball. Callers are asking for reservations and the number planning on bowling.

**1 March 2011** Meet at the **Cat Fish Hole (521-7008) at 41227 W. Wedington Drive**, Fayetteville. Exit 64 West from I 540. Continue West about 1 mile to 127 W. Wedington Dr. Plenty of parking. Everyone will order from the Menu. Cost range from \$9 to \$14 plus tax and tip.

**Bob Hunt, JN**, of the Grand Lake Squadron will give a slide show tour of the Grand Loop which he and his first mate, Kathy, started to boat in 2008. They will have just completed the Loop in February.

Callers will be asking for a head count.

## 1-3 April D31 Spring Conference.

### Embassy Suites Hotel

3332 S 79th East Ave, Tulsa - \$89/night  
Special rate until 18 March. Call: 1-918-622-4000 to make your reservation.

## 12 April (*NOTE CHANGE OF DATE*)

Pot Luck Dinner at Lost Bridge Village Community Room. Catered meat. Members bring sides, desserts & appetizers. Cost will be approximately \$10 depending on participation.

## Education

**By P/C Byron Lake,  
(Bhlake1@cox.net) Cell Ph: 633-2121**

The Instructor Development (ID) course began **24 January** at the Elkins Library.

Illness, uncertain weather, and vacations seem to have claimed most of those signed up for the Instructor Development Course. Hopefully others will join Susan Unger and Deanne Mayer before this fun course ends.

**The GPS Seminar will be rescheduled for a Saturday in March.** A knowledgeable presenter is needed for this new two hour seminar. Cost as yet to be determined.

## About the Boat Show from the DPRO

Let's put our very best face forward at the John Q. Hammons Center Boat Expo - Feb 18-20 This will be a crucial time to attract new boaters and ole salts to the Beaver Lake Squadron. Unless there are small children involved, safety generally doesn't sell but fun boating, exploring the lake, gaining knowledge to use in far flung boating experiences paints a different picture. Enjoying the use of a pricey investment is a good selling point to taking both the USPS basic boating course (ABC) which will be scheduled for March and other USPS courses such as Sailing and Cruise Planning which will be given later this year. Because of the increased price of printing and shipping the ABC course is priced at \$35 and will be instructed in five sessions.

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Extra copies of the 2011 *calendar of events*. Are available by e-mail only, by request to the Editor.

## New Year's Muses from the D/C

By D/C Larry Stout, AP

The District serves as a liaison between National and the Squadrons. It is also important that we be there to help the squadrons as needed. One of my goals this year as your District Commander is to improve communication between the district and the squadrons so we can better meet these responsibilities to you, the district squadrons.

I attended a meeting of the Three Forks Provisional Squadron in Muskogee recently. It was great meeting the members and discussing ways the district could help them grow. They need to reach 25 members to become a chartered squadron. USPS allows three years and they have two years remaining. If any of your squadron certified instructors would be interested in teaching a public course for them, please contact Mark Russell at: [markrussell15@att.net](mailto:markrussell15@att.net)

The district will have its summer council meeting in Muskogee 11 June.2011

Congratulations to the new bridges at Grand Lake and Beaver Lake. I had the privilege of installing them. Next will be OKC and Norman at a later date. Don't forget to send in your OD-2 form by mail or the electronic version listing your new officers, etc. to National.

The District Winter Council to be held at **Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow on 26 February**. *All USPS* members are welcomed to attend. The Spring Conference will be in Tulsa, 1-2 April.

Please take the time to explore the USPS website. There is a tremendous amount of information to help squadrons. Officers and committee chairmen will find help to make their work easier. For those of you using DB 2000, there is a site that gives U-Tube video presentations to better understand this program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your suggestions or concerns. My email: [DRLSTOUT@YAHOO.COM](mailto:DRLSTOUT@YAHOO.COM)

Remember, winter is a great time to take another boating course. Contact your SEO for available classes or even consider self-studying one.

## Do YOU Have a Plan?

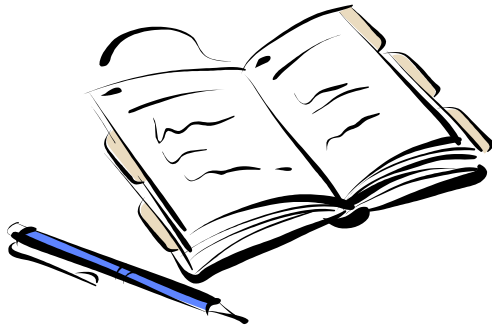
Cdr Laurie Hestand (OKC) has made a very good argument as to why all landlubbers should also have a **plan of survival**. *The Daymark* will print the full article for your thoughtful perusal but in the meantime give some thought as to just what you, your family, friends and neighbors would do in the event of a life threatening situation—like the ice storm of only two years back. We ask boaters to make a float plan when going out for a day on the water—how, who, what, when, and where would you go if there was a fire in your home ( it has already happened to one of our members), a tornado touched down and destroyed the area where you live ( just ask anyone from the OKC squadron), someone was injured and your car would not start? The best time to plan for emergencies is when you have the time to do so.

Do read the full article and give Lorie some feedback and perhaps some life saving suggestions.



*P/C Bill Engman wrote: "I'm stuck on the mountain for the time being. But not to worry. ...I just installed a 38 kw generator with a 1000 gal propane tank..."* Now that is really planning.

Don't wait for an emergency, put those unsolicited return address labels to good use—on your boat (both in sight and out-of-sight) on your pot luck dishes, portable chairs and tables that are loaned out, in the pocket of your exercise suite, inside of luggage and on those reusable shopping bags.



## Roster Corrections;

**Cheri** Burks is the 2011 Poster Chair

Brinton: Cell phone **841-7705** delete the 925 #

Buckingham: Cell Ph correction: **417-499-2405**

Charlton: cell Ph: **903-2332**

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Engman: e-mail: **billengman@aol.com**  
delete 30' Sea Ray *Shalimar*

Jones: e-mail: **ramonaj@cox.net**

Kippenbrock: Cell phone needs a prefix of 1-479

Mayer: Correct E-mail: **Klassi1@yahoo.com**  
add a small letter I after the s and then the #1

Meckley: E-mail: **mdmeckley@cox.net**

Muetzel, Jan email: **jmuettel8@cox.net** ( that is an 8 after  
the small letter L)

Myers: e-mail: **dmyers005@centurytel.net**

Osetek with an extra e, please.  
E-mail: **jtosetek@yahoo.com** -for Jim  
and for Mary: **mkosete@cox.net**.

Rolandelli: delete 26' Pontoon *JuEl Point III*

Taylor address is: **19791** Bittersweet

Please notify the **Secretary and Roster Ch** if there are  
any other Corrections for the 2011 BLSPS Roster.

## Spread the Word

By Cdr Susan Unger, N

The 6th Annual NWA Premier Boat & Sport Expo will once again be held at the Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, February 18-20. The promoter promises more to see and do than ever before. And the squadron will be there promoting our organization.

For me, visiting a boat show really does seem like the promise of a new beginning. All those shiny new boats, the smell of fiberglass, not a scratch or ding to be seen. It all seems so fun, easy and perfect. And then there's the first time out and reality kicks in.

The Power Squadron really is on the right track with the new motto – ***Boating is fun... we'll show you how.*** When you talk to folks at the boat show put yourself back in that first new boat. Remember how in love you were and how dumb. Talk about how much more fun boating is when you have the confidence and skills to make the right decisions to make boating fun. Our educational offerings are our strength. Spread the word.

Kip Powers is heading up our efforts at the show. He needs volunteers for all three hour shifts on Saturday beginning at 9:00, on Friday from 12:00-3:00 and Sunday from 12:30 -3:00. You can sign up at the next dinner meeting or by emailing Kip at **Kip055@cox.net**. Go to the show, fall in love with boating all over again and find some good people to help have more boating fun.

