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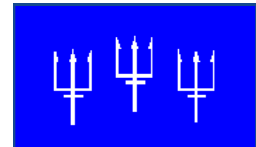
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Commander's Comments

Cdr Mike Scher, AP, P/D/C

I was a little late turning in my article for this month's *Now Hear This*. Actually, I had another article all prepared and written and was going to submit it, but pulled it back at the last minute. That first article was written to basically charge the membership with a growing sense of not caring. Our squadron is, and has been, one of the best in our District. In fact, when you look at our size and our accomplishments across the spectrum of the USPS over the last several years, we are among the top squadrons in the nation. This is a fact, not something I am just saying.



So why would I feel our membership is slowly falling down on our mission? Because we have had a very difficult time recruiting members to fill our expected vacancies on the Bridge. Those vacancies are the Commander, Executive Officer and Administrative Officer. The Nominating Committee under Janet Bray was able to identify a candidate for the Commander right away, with a candidate for the Executive Officer not long after. The Administrative Officer position, however, remained unfilled. Several calls were made, but no one stood up; that is, until about a week ago.

I talked to one of our newest members and although I was prepared to put my persuasive powers to the test, that individual stepped right up and said "Yes," he would take the position. I immediately sent his name to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Janet Bray, for her approval. Janet will announce the formal slate of officers in next month's newsletter. I am very pleased with the members that will make up the next Bridge if elected as I expect. But I am disappointed that with over 100 members in our squadron, we still have to work so hard to get members to volunteer to fill leadership positions.

Our squadron can only continue to exist and remain strong if new members replace those that leave. In addition to recruiting new members, we must continually (annually) cycle our leadership in order to plan events with new ideas. If we only did the same thing over and over again every year, members would soon become bored with the agenda. Would you enjoy going to the same restaurant every month and having the same menu? We need to continue to cycle new blood, new ideas through our leadership. Be ready when you are called to support our squadron. **It's up to YOU to keep our squadron strong.**

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2 Year: Larry Lanz, P
3 Year: Dave Ogrod, P

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CHAIR: Janet Bray, P
2 Year: Cindy Davis, S
3 Year: Maureen Hill

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CHAIR: P/C Margaret Edidin, P
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3 Year: Mike McCarthy, S

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District Conference

We just received notice of the upcoming Fall District Conference. It will be held October 30-November 1 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Columbus, Georgia. That is all the information we have at this point. But if you are planning to go, please send me an e-mail or give me a call so I can know who will be there. *(Note this is a different date than what we originally had when we prepared the calendar.)*

Annual Planning Meeting

The annual planning meeting will be held on October 12 at the Tellico Harbor Clubhouse (same place as our Ice Cream Social and our regular Bridge Meetings). All our meetings are open to our members (we are completely transparent), and we would strongly encourage those members who have been selected as nominees to our next Bridge attend. After all, the next Bridge will be responsible for following through on our plans--unless they are changed when the new Bridge takes over. If you have an idea for an event or a change that would make one of our events better, please call or e-mail me or one of our Bridge members if you can't make the meeting.

Thank you all !

Michael



GET READY FOR



OCTOBER 10PICNIC**PHOTOGRAPHIC SCAVENGER HUNT**RAFT-UP**

Hope everyone is planning to come to the last picnic and raft-up of the year, which will be held at Lenoir City Park Pavilion #1. Everyone is welcome for a Pot Luck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverages. Paper plates and flatware will be provided.

Following lunch we will have a photographic scavenger hunt, with prizes awarded to the team that finds the most items on the scavenger hunt list. Slower boats will be given 2-1/2 hours to find and photograph as many items as they can. Faster boats will have 2 hours for their hunt. We encourage members with boats to invite those without boats to ride along and help find and photograph as many articles as possible. When all the boats are back, we'll award the prizes to the teams that photographed the highest number of objects. Don't forget your digital camera which you'll need to document your findings!

For boaters wishing to spend the night, there will be a raft-up in the cove in front of the park. Dinner and breakfast for the rafters will be on your own.

Pot Luck Lunch:	Starts at 1200 Hours
Scavenger Hunt:	Captains meeting starts at 1300 Hours
Awards presentation:	Starts at 1600 Hours
	<i>(Light appetizers provided, but bring your own beverages)</i>
Raft-up	Starts around 1800 Hours

This free event is being Captained by Tom and Marbeth Dietrich. Please let them know via e-mail if you plan to attend (Tdietric1@aol.com).

NEXT DINNER MEETING



Date:	October 26, 2015
Location:	Concord Yacht Club 11600 S Northshore Drive Knoxville, TN 37922 (865-671-1210)
Social Hour:	1800
Dinner Hour:	1900
Presentation:	John Farmer will be our guest speaker (Topic: Use of Radar on the River)

We will be enjoying a catered buffet style meal from Buddy's BBQ consisting of Hickory-Smoked Pulled Pork BBQ; BBQ Ribs; Smoked Chicken Pieces (Breasts, Thighs and Legs); BBQ Sauce on the Side; Hamburger Buns & Rolls; Baked Beans; Cole Slaw; Potato Salad; Potato Chips; Chunky Chocolate Chip Cookies; and Iced Tea & Lemonade.

If you want something to drink other than Iced Tea or Lemonade, it will be necessary for you to bring your own drinks since there is no bar available. You will need to bring your own glasses as well (just to be on the safe side).

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The Concord Yacht Club has a locked security gate. When you pull up to the gate, enter Code 1510 and then the “pound” key (#). If the gate does not open, you should then (1) press the # key, (2) re-enter Code 1510, and (3) then re-enter the # key.

The cost per person will be \$16.00. We need to give an *exact headcount* so let me know either by e-mail or phone if you are planning on attending (Lsundstrom17@gmail.com or 716-937-6807). Then please mail your checks made payable to the Knoxville Power Squadron to Linda Sundstrom, 1410 Tomahawk Trail, Maryville, TN 37801 no later than October 20.

AND THEN GET READY FOR



BARLEY’S TAPROOM & PIZZERIA

Please be sure to mark your November calendar for our monthly meeting which will be the *third week of the month* – November 16 (rather than the 23rd). Since Thanksgiving falls on the fourth week, our meeting has been moved up. In my continuing effort to try out new venues, I have reserved Barley’s Taproom & Pizzeria in Maryville for our November meeting.



Date: November 16, 2015
Location: Barley’s Taproom & Pizzeria
128 W. Broadway Avenue
Maryville, TN 37801 (865-983-0808)
Social Hour: 1800
Dinner Hour: 1900
Presentation: Wayne Baker

Menu consists of: Appetizers (black bean hummus, garlic cheese bread and chips/salsa)
Green salad
Cheese and pepperoni pizza
Non-alcoholic beverages

The Pizzeria does not serve alcoholic beverages. However, there is a full bar in the upstairs room where alcohol may be purchased.

Cost will be \$15.00 apiece and includes gratuity. Checks should be made payable to the Knoxville Power Squadron. Please send your reservation and check to me no later than November 9 if you wish to attend.

Please note that there is an open parking lot (which includes two levels of underground parking) right next door to Barley’s. The elevator to be used for underground parking is located at Church and Cusick Streets.

Please help to make this yet another exciting evening for the squadron.

Hope to see you all there!



SPECIAL REPORT

Your Nominating Committee has been hard at work for several weeks now and has good news to report. The good news is that we have many fine nominees to lead our Knoxville Power Squadron into 2016. We have one position that will need help. The Administrative Officer (AO) is a very busy person. He or she has a big job finding venues for all our dinner meetings and speakers for all our programs.

Our current AO has done an exemplary job this year securing great dinner and party locations and coming up with fine programs. But this work is not done alone. Captains are needed for each of our events with the AO overseeing the Captains. Our 2016 Administrative Officer needs helpers. I'm sure that you are all aware of the old adage that states, "Many hands make short work." We need "many hands" to help the AO with his/her work. Please consider stepping up to be one of the "many hands" that make this job possible. Call or e-mail Janet Bray with your questions, suggestions and/or your presence (865-408-9229 or jbray@charter.net).

