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Calendar of Events

January

5-9 USPS Annual meeting– Orlando

10 GPS Annual Meeting-members only

17 Ex-Com Meeting

February

5 Change of Watch

14 Membership meeting

21 Ex-Com Meeting

25-27 Carolina Boat Show

January Birthdays

1	Lola Maxine B Myers	16	Janet	Sheffield
2	Philip W. Andrew	18	Gary B.	Barker
2	Carol Ann Kelly	19	Cindy L.	Tilton
5	Elizabeth S. Barrett	24	Anne I.	Broadway
6	Susan Elaine McAlexander	24	W. Stewart	Colson
10	Gregory W. Sawyer			

Patrons of the Breeze

Bob & Bev Armfield.....*September Song*
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 Woods & Julia McGinn.....*Blue Moon*
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 Steve & Chris Puckett.....*Too-Tents*
 Fred & Donna Schultz.....*Titantic Too*
 Tom & Jo-Anne Statham*Allegra*
 Mike & Geraldine Stokes.....*Dad's Toy III*
 Frances & Jim Ward.....*Sea Star II*

“Thank You” From *The Breeze*

The following individuals made substantial contributions in support of our newsletter this year.

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 Thanks to your support and that of our many Patrons of *The Breeze*, we have had an outstanding publication this year, and we encourage your continued support. If you would like to become a sponsor or Patron of *The Breeze*, contact Lt/C Bill Cloninger @ 323-7553.



From the Commander
Julia C. Davis, AP



Executive Officer
Lt/C Stewart Colson, JN



**“Do more than belong, participate.
Do more than care, help.
Do more than believe, practice.
Do more than be fair, be kind.
Do more than forgive, forget.
Do more than dream, work.”**

William Arthur Ward

This is my last article as your Commander, and they have been amazingly easy and fun to write. Sometimes things we dread turn out to be a joy. Your 2004 Bridge has served you well, and I thank them:

- Lt/C Stewart Colson, JN - Executive Officer
- Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P - Administrative Officer
- Lt/C Tom Statham, P - Education Officer
- Lt/C Bill Cloninger, S - Treasurer
- Lt/C Deborah Stephenson, AP – Secretary

My Flag Lieutenant, P/D/C Jim Ward, SN has offered wise advice and kind support. Our Breeze Editor, Tom Statham, has produced an award-winning newsletter!

Please read the Change of Watch notice later in this issue. Invitations will not be ready until 10 January. Directions to the Cardinal Golf and Country Club: From Bryan Boulevard, north on Fleming Road, left onto Cardinal Way. We hope to see a large and joyful group on Saturday, 5 February to greet your new Bridge.

At our annual meeting on 17 January 2005, we plan to install two new members, elect the 2005 Bridge, approve the 2005 budget, and hear annual reports of the Bridge. You will be pleased to know that we plan to make briefer reports than in the past. Also, several awards will be given at this meeting in order to shorten the Change of Watch. These include: Rookie of the Year, ABCD, Teacher of the Year and Merit Marks.

My husband, Bill, and I will leave for the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando on 4 January. Your delegates are: Lt Christine Puckett, P and Lt Bill Davis, AP. This has been a fascinating year, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the squadron. We thank the membership for your hard work. May this be a happy, healthy and productive new year for all of us!

Thanks to all of you who bought our fundraiser GPS Calendar. We hope you will find it useful in the coming year. There are 10 calendars left for sale, so if you have missed buying one, give me a call or an e-mail before they are gone.

The 2004 year is almost over with only several activities left. These include the upcoming Boat Show in February. There will be a reminder at the January membership meeting for those who signed up for one of the 2-hour shifts. This is our most productive contact event with people who may take the Boating Course and we need to take advantage of it to publicize the squadron.

A quick review of the Executive Department’s 2004 activities and a Thank You to the Chairmen and to all those who attended: February, the 2004 Boat Show chaired by Lt Jerry Newton; March, the D/27 COW where D/Cdr Steve Puckett was installed and our hospitality room was hosted by Cdr Julia Davis and Lt Bill Davis; April, the Blood Drive chaired by Lt Betty Colson and Lt Janet Sheffield; May, our contribution to Safe Boating Week – Vessel Safety Checks at our local lakes – chaired by D/Lt/C Mack Gordy; June, Co-Op Charting weekend chaired by Lt John Lanford, Lt Larry Freeze and Lt Chris Puckett, and Kid’s Day at the Lake chaired by Lt Carolyn Hackett and Lt Connie Kammeyer; July, D/27 Rendezvous with the Conchettes performing; and in October, Operation Big Sweep chaired by Lt Dan Chance. While the chairmen deserve a lot of thanks for planning the events, they know, as we all do, that no event will be successful unless it is well attended by our members. So, if you participated in any of these events, please accept our thanks and we hope you received some fun and enjoyment from them. For all the others who did not participate, a new year is coming and we need to see you!

Another ‘thank you’ for some people working behind the scenes: Lt Woods McGinn as Safety Officer and writing several articles for the Breeze; Lt Jim Chandler and Lt Mike Hackett for working in Public Relations and P/C Fred Schultz and Lt David Schultz for working with Geodetic Markers.

May All of You Have A Happy New Year – and remember to support your squadron all year long!



A Merry Christmas was had by all!



Educational Officer
Lt/C Tom Statham, P



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P



Congratulations are due for several of our members. Tom Hamlin, Alan Heim, Sharon Hicks, Joe Johnson and David Schultz have all passed the new version of the *Piloting* course. As most of you know, this version emphasizes using the GPS as well as other electronic means as primary navigation tools, while also teaching the traditional charting techniques that have been used in the past. What most of you don't know is how much time and effort Lt Dan Kelly, JN put into the course as their instructor. Not only did he do an excellent job of instruction (100% passed a tough new exam), but he also kept National on their toes by sending in numerous corrections to the text as well as critiquing the new exams.

Congratulations are also in order for the following for passing *Engine Maintenance*: Bill Davis, Mike Hicks, Hardy Spence and Bill Young. Thanks to Lt Jerry Newton III, AP for instructing and also getting a 100% pass rate.

The following is an excerpt from a nautical log that a couple from Wilmington (formerly Raleigh) have been keeping as they complete the Great Loop and have posted on their website : <http://toomuchfun3.com>. Gary & Carol Borneman (mostly Carol) provide a detailed itinerary and log. There are a plethora of color photos documenting their boating voyage around the Eastern US. Hope you find it of interest. I certainly have. Gotta go.

Calendar year 2004 has come to a close and our Power Squadron year will end with the Change of Watch in February. It has been an active and fun year for the Administrative Department. Cindy Tilton did a wonderful job in organizing and choosing Chairpersons for the event.

Special recognition to the following Chair Persons for their events: Wayne Southern and Hardy Spence for the Oyster Roast; Sam Zealy and Sharon Hicks for the Hummer in the Summer combined with an auction fund raiser bringing in more than \$1500.00 to the Power Squadron to use for our programs; Mack Gordy, Chris and Steve Puckett and Pat and Dick Byrne for our annual Predicted Log that unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last minute due to threatening weather; Jim Friedrichs and Jim Chandler for the Fishing Rendezvous with Jim Friedrichs catching the biggest fish and Kevin Andrew the most fish; Julia McGinn, Betty Colson, and Dawn Long for our Annual Christmas Dinner Party with special thanks to Paul Long as Santa Claus and instilling in the children the spirit of Christmas.

Thanks to each of you who tirelessly worked behind the scenes to make each of these events a

I can't believe it's September already. This trip is going way too fast.

Sunday morning (Aug.28) we left Chicago bright and early, well early at least. I'm sure glad we didn't have to go back into Lake Michigan, because it had 7' waves that day. But we left DuSable Marina and entered the lock to start the Sanitary Canal trip without ever going outside the break wall. Even that part was rough, but an easy lock. There are four boats traveling together... us, GenASea, Felicity, Knotty Lady. The trip through downtown Chicago was beautiful. I saw Michigan Avenue, State Street (that great street where they do things they don't do on Broadway...can't you just hear Frank Sinatra?) We went under about a gazillion bridges, but only one that needed to be raised. After the city, it became real industrial, and those barges in that narrow canal was not fun. I was so stressed that I swore I would never do that again. But then it opened up a little and became easier.



BREEZE ADVISORIES



This section is to provide information to GPS members. **POST UPCOMING EVENTS HERE.** If you have a boating related item for sale, list it here. If you are looking for a partner to charter a boat, post it here. If you run across a new marina or restaurant on the coast that you think others might enjoy, let us know. Contact Tom 852-8411 or if possible TSTAT@AOL.COM

Greensboro Power Squadron's 31st Annual

Change of Watch Ceremony

Saturday, February 5, 2004

Cardinal Golf and Country Club
5700 Cardinal Way Greensboro, NC



Price per Person - \$35.00
(Salad, Prime Rib or Seafood Newberg,
Vegetable, Starch, Rolls, Tea/Coffee, Dessert)

Cash Bar
Your guests will be welcome

Uniform A or suitable Civilian Attire
Invitations will be mailed

Reply by check to
Cdr Julia Davis, AP
3709 Rock Haven Drive
Greensboro, NC 27410

USPS ANNUAL MEETING

The USPS Annual Meeting will be on January 5 to 8, 2005 at the Rosen Hotel in Orlando, FL. Room reservations may be made at the Rosen by calling (800) 204-7234 or the hotel direct at (407) 996-9840. Rooms are available at the USPS rate of double \$88.00.

They are going fast.

1984 MIRAGE 5.5 SAILBOAT 20' Club racer/Cruiser, trailer-GC. Lg. Cab-sleeps 4. 2 sets of sails, 2 gel batts, 3 hp Johnson OB, 1200 lb swing keel, \$2,900 [Lee Ann Earles@ 297-0353](#) or [260-1714](#)

1985 Grady White 19' open bow Tournament, 150 hp Evinrude, Long galvanized trailer. VHF, Fish & Depth finders. Guaranteed to catch fish. GC offers, [Contact Bernie Wall @299-9384](#)

SAIL BOAT PARTNERSHIP AVAILABLE- The Orion V, a like new (2000) 38' Catalina is docked at Whitaker Creek in Oriental, NC. [Contact Dan Kelly, JN @ 288-9552.](#)

Last Horizon
Edward L. Getchell, Jr., AP
16 January 1917 – 9 December 2004

Ted Getchell has been a beloved and valued member of Greensboro Power Squadron since 1984. He earned 14 merit marks. He continued to be a greeter at the Boating Course into his eighty-seventh year despite health issues.

He graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a BS in electrical engineering, and he served as an officer in the Army Air Corps during World War II. During his 33 years with Bell Labs, he managed the design and development of critical components for the Safeguard Antiballistic Missile testing program, followed by a two-year assignment to Kwajalein Island in the South Pacific to oversee the installation and testing of the equipment.

He and his wife of 61 years, Ella, sailed the coast of Maine, the Atlantic ocean and wherever the winds called him. He is survived by his wife, his son Edward Getchell, III and his wife Candace, his son Graham and his wife Dudley and their daughter Erin.

A memorial service was held 18 December at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with 40 members of GPS sitting with the family. May our friend have fair winds and calm seas as he reaches a peaceful harbor, and may his family know that his knowledge and companionship were highly esteemed by our membership.

The Gift of Life! GPS 3rd Annual Blood Drive
March 15, 2005

GPS will be hosting our 3rd annual Blood Drive on March 15th at Lewis Recreation Center. All “able” members are asked to please plan to donate. We need 45 donors as well as volunteers to staff the drive. Volunteers will also be needed to make home-baked goodies and sandwiches for our famous canteen.

If you're a regular donor, PLEASE plan to give. If you've never given the gift of life before, I urge you to start now and, if you have neighbors or friends who might be interested, please talk with them and encourage them to sign up also. We sponsor the drive, but friends, family, neighbors and “walk-ins” are invited to participate. It is effortless, painless and takes only about an hour - from paperwork to refreshments.

Do keep in mind that there is a 56-day timeframe between donations, **so please hold on to your blood beginning January 18th** and save it for the Squadron's drive on March 15th. Restrictions around international travel and the increasing regulations regarding health issues have made the need for eligible donors even more urgent.

A confirmed list of names must be presented in writing to the Red Cross in order to secure this date, so PLEASE respond by phone: 282-3870 or return email gordyv@leaders.ccl.org.

As Executive Officer in 2002, I initiated the annual blood drive as an extension of our squadron's civic obligation and it is very dear to my heart. I hope you will join me and help in making this one of our most successful drives.

Thank you,
P/C Vinnie Gordy

PS If you live or work in High Point or other surrounding towns or are one of our Associate Members in another city, please go to your local Red Cross Blood Center and donate on March 15th. Ask them to credit Greensboro Power Squadron and your donation will count as “one of us!” Thanks!

Lt/C Tom Statham, P
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