



THE BREEZE

GREENSBORO POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons®

District 27

America's Boating Club

Bridge Officers

Commander

Cdr Stewart Colson, JN
scolson830@aol.com

Executive Officer

Lt/C Chuck Kammeyer, P
kammeyc@mindspring.com

Educational Officer

Lt/C Tom Statham, P
tstat@aol.com

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P
thamlin123@bellsouth.net

Secretary

Lt/C Carolyn Hackett, P
carmikeh@aol.com

Treasurer

Lt/C Dan Chance, P
dchance@triad.rr.com

Immediate P/C

P/C Julia Davis, AP
jcdgps@aol.com

Newsletter Editor

Lt/C Tom Statham, P
tstat@aol.com

The BREEZE is the official publication of the Greensboro Power Squadron, a unit of District 27 of the United States Power Squadrons®, published eleven times a year. Membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month beginning at 1930 at the First Lutheran Church, 3600 W. Friendly Avenue. Opinions expressed in the BREEZE do not necessarily represent those of the Greensboro Power Squadron or USPS.



**In support of GPS ,
in support of Katrina
victims,
please help out at
our
Annual Blood Drive
Sept. 20 & 21**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page 2	Calendar of Events September Birthdays
Page 3	Commander's Report Executive Officer's Report
Page 4	GPS Blood Drive Thank you letter
Page 5	Educational Officer's Report Administrative Officer's Report
Page 6 & 7	Breeze Advisories Watagua River Cruise Pics, P/C Happening & Predicted Log

Calendar of Events

September

6-11 Fall Governing Board
12 Membership meeting
13 Advanced Grade Courses Start
14 Public Boating Class Starts
Be there to help!
15 Elective Courses start
23-24 D/27 Fall Council-
Rocky Mount

October

1 Big Sweep-Belews Lake
10 P/C Happening-in lieu of Member-
ship Meeting
21-23 Co-op charting & Ghost Walk
New Bern

November

14 Membership meeting
17 Ladies Luncheon

September Birthdays

9	Kenneth B. Fonville	19	Lee Ann Earles
	Dawn Long	22	Anna B. Pittman
10	Christine Puckett	25	John M. Andrew
	Robert A. Yokley	26	Joseph N. Deich
11	E. Walker Stevens		Charlene R. Green
14	Charles A. Collins	27	Karl O. Koebberling
17	Marshall Scott Eakes		

Patrons of the Breeze

Bob & Bev Armfield.....	<i>September Song</i>	Betty & Jeff McCain.....	<i>Adventure</i>
Keith & Kendra Bulla.....	<i>Whisper</i>	Woods & Julia McGinn.....	<i>Blue Moon</i>
Charles Collins.....	<i>Southern Life</i>	Jerry Newton	
Don & Paula Elliott.....	<i>Plastic Toy IV</i>	Bob & Betty Potter.....	<i>Sand Fiddler</i>
Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....	<i>Taterbug</i>	Steve & Chris Puckett.....	<i>Too-Tents</i>
Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....	<i>Islander</i>	Fred & Donna Schultz.....	<i>Titantic Too</i>
Richard & Judi Howle.....	<i>La Bella</i>	Tom & Jo-Anne Statham	<i>Allegra</i>
Clint & Jackie Jackson.....	<i>Blueline</i>	Mike & Geraldine Stokes.....	<i>Dad's Toy III</i>
John Lore.....	<i>Sea Robin</i>	Frances & Jim Ward.....	<i>Sea Star II</i>

“Thank You” From *The Breeze*

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

On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron, we thank the following sponsors:

David Carpenter, AP Sidney C. Mitchell, JN Delbert E. Foster, AP P/C Richard F. Howle, Jr., JN
 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 Dan Chance, P @665-9113 .



From the Commander
Stewart Colson, JN



Executive Officer
Lt/C Chuck Kammeyer, P



Several things come to mind at this date:

1. Calling all new members and old members who have not yet taken Seamanship! Your Bridge has undertaken the attempt to further your knowledge by team-teaching this course. Take advantage of this once-in-life-time event by signing up for this beginning course. Call SEO Lt/C Tom Statham, P at 852-8411 or email at Tstat@aol.com. We would like to know how many will be attending before the first meeting on Tuesday, September 13, but you may also enroll at the membership meeting on Monday September 12.

2. And speaking of membership meetings, the September meeting on Monday, Sept 12 will be one which you will not want to miss. Author Claiborne S. Young will be on hand to talk about some of the major changes which have occurred on the North Carolina coastline. From hurricane damages, to the ICW's lack of necessary maintenance funds, to the prevalence of GPS chart plotters onboard boats, all aspects of coastal cruising will be discussed. His Revised *Cruising Guide to Coastal North Carolina* will also be available.

3. Three changes to our calendar of events:
- a. Our BLOOD DRIVE will be in September – see the memo later in this Breeze.
 - b. The P/C HAPPENING has been changed from Nov 12 to our normal Monday membership meeting night in October – see the memo later in this Breeze.
 - c. The LADIES LUNCHEON is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 17, at the O'Henry Hotel. Please make this change on your calendar. Betty will have details later.

4. Put Big Sweep at Belew's Lake on your schedule for Saturday October 1. Work, fun, food and fellowship will be had by all.

5. For those who might be interested in the *Fourth Annual Aids To Navigation Cruise* sponsored by Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron to be held Oct 15, 2005 out of Beaufort, NC, please go to their website: www.rtpnet.org/fmmps and look up the description and reservation information.

6. From the Kris Cranford, Commander of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron comes an invitation to Winston's "Commander's Picnic" to be held October 15 at Tanglewood Park from 5:00 to 10:00 (Shelter #3). \$15 (plus park admission) includes beverages (including beer and wine), barbeque - from a barbequed pig - and a genuine blue-grass band. If you are interested in attending, please let me know before October 1 so that I can let the Winston-Salem Squadron know. It will not be necessary to pre-pay.

September and October are two busy months for our squadron. Make sure you keep track of the important dates and make your reservations accordingly.

The National Governing Board will hold its fall meeting in Portland, OR on 6—11 September. We have a few members planning to attend and I am sure they will bring back some important information to share with the membership. If you are interested in attending, contact Commander Colson for registration information.

Following the Governing Board meeting in Portland is the D-27 Fall council/conference in Rocky Mount, NC, on 23-24 September. These district conferences are always very informative with a lot of sea stories thrown in for good measure. Meeting interesting people from other squadrons and learning about policy-making procedures are definitely worth the time. Contact Lt/C Chuck Kammeyer for registration information for Fall Council.

Soon after the district meeting is our own squadron sponsored event: Big Sweep at Belews Lake on October first. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a morning on the lake while performing a civic function for the community. This activity represents the ideals of the power squadron by helping the environment of the lake and enjoying the satisfaction of a job well done. After completing the work at hand, we will enjoy a cook-out of hamburgers and hot dogs while socializing with other squadron members. Lt Bill Young has lined up about fifteen people and five boats for this event. We will meet at Carolina Marina, Saturday, October 1 and depart by boat to our pick up locations. We still need two volunteers to cook and someone to bring the grill. Contact Lt. Bill Young if you can help. We can always use more boats, so consider this fun activity.

Last but not least on the calendar for October is Co-op charting – 21, 22, 23 October in New Bern, NC. This is another enjoyable activity on the water which serves to check navigational aids and report any changes. We need a few more boats to accomplish our task and to accommodate the many volunteers already signed up. If you haven't volunteered your boat, please reconsider. Paul Long will have a short training session for the data recorders with the time and place to be determined later. Because it will be held in conjunction with Ghost Walk you will need to make your reservations soon. Contact Larry Freeze or Dan Kelley to participate in this fun event.

Plan on participating this fall in squadron events....see you on the water.

GPS 3rd Annual Blood Drive
Tuesday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 21, 2005

GPS will be hosting our 3rd annual Blood Drive in a different format this year. By doing so, we hope to capture all of our willing and able membership as well as outside participation and, at the same time, promote GPS and support Hurricane Katrina victims.

Date: **Tuesday, September 20** 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 21 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: **Red Cross Greensboro Chapter House**
1501 Yanceyville Street Greensboro, NC

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE BLOOD TO HELP!

Special Needs: Bring Friends and Volunteers to Donate Blood
Volunteers to staff our drive (greeters, canteen workers, etc.)
· **Two hour time slots requested**
Sandwiches, Homemade Cookies
(The Red Cross will furnish soft drinks, juice, water, etc.)

How to Register: Simply call the Red Cross office for your appointment
Phone: 333-2111 - Call early in order to get the time you prefer.

Sign-up sheets will be at the September meeting for staffing, canteen items as well as donors, in order for us to have an idea of our participation level. The Red Cross will be allocating one-half of their donation slots to GPS during this time. In addition, GPS will receive credit for all blood donated during our sponsored time unless an individual specifies their blood be credited to another organization (i.e., their church, place of employment).

If you live or work in High Point, Asheboro or any of our surrounding areas or are one of our Associate Members in another city, please go to your local Red Cross Blood Center and donate on either of these two dates. Ask them to credit Greensboro Power Squadron and your donation will count as "one of us!"

Keep in mind that there is a 56-day timeframe between donations, so please hold on to your blood beginning NOW and save it for the Squadron's drive on September 20 & 21. Restrictions around international travel and the increasing regulations regarding health issues have made the need for eligible donors even more urgent.

If you're a regular donor, PLEASE plan to give. If you've never given the gift of life before, this is the perfect opportunity to do so. Also, please talk with your neighbors, friends and work associates and encourage them to participate. Friends, family, neighbors and "walk-ins" are invited. It is effortless, painless and takes only about an hour - from paperwork to refreshments.

Our blood drive is an extension of our squadron's civic obligation. Let's make this our most successful drive to date. P/C Vinnie Gordy

Members of the Greensboro Power Squadron,

I have always thought of GPS as "family." No family could have been better to me during my illness. I want to thank each and every one of you for your concern and consideration. Those of you who visited me in the hospital have no idea how much your visits helped. Days get pretty long otherwise. The "get well" cards were and are much appreciated. There are some real comics out there. Your phone calls to the hospital and home have meant much to me. Also, they kept me on board with GPS activities.

I am touched by your kindness.

Thank you. Bob Armfield



Educational Officer
Lt/C Tom Statham, P



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P



Last call for the fall season! Our continuing education courses are pretty much on autopilot at this point. As noted below, *Weather* is still up in the air. Like the Army, we are still looking for a few good men (or women) that are interested in enrolling in this elective course. Several have mentioned an interest, but we need to know for sure by next week. Taking this course should be a breeze and I'm sure you will be well seasoned at its completion, if you are lucky enough to fall into this class.

UNDERWAY: New GPS and Electronic Chart Plotter Course Al Pike, Dan Kelly and Walker Stevens will teach on Thursdays.

2005 Seamanship will start Tuesday 13 September. Please sign up at this month's meeting or e-mail me at tstat@aol.com with your intentions. We will take a novel approach this time and have members of our current Bridge be the instructors. If you are new members (or current members that still haven't taken *Seamanship*) this is usually considered the introductory course to take, after the *Public Boating Course*. The current schedule calls for 8- 10 weeks of instruction, review and exam. If you are planning on taking *Piloting* or any of our other advanced grade courses it is recommended, but not required, to take *Seamanship* first.

2005 Piloting will start immediately after Seamanship. If you wish to take exams or re-exams for old JN, N you must act immediately or you will have to take the new courses. Old Piloting and/or Advanced Piloting exams are no longer available

2005 JN Junior Navigation (JN) classes started Thursday September 1, 2005. We currently have 7 members enrolled.

GPS: Back by popular demand, Sharon Hicks has agreed to instruct our course on *Global Positioning System* use. However, since she is currently taking piloting (aeronautical-not nautical) this course will not be offered until the first of the year.

WEATHER: We are still trying to decide whether to offer the course this fall or to just let it wither on the vine. To date, we have no one on the sign up list. Last chance will be September's meeting or e-mail me your desires at tstat@aol.com

Co-Op Charting and Ghost Walk will be in New Bern October 21-23. See the Executive Article on Co-Op Charting. This is one of our biggest and most important service projects of the year. Ghost Walk is another social opportunity where historical homes and historical cemetery are opened to the public with historical themes based on New Bern's history. Ghosts of the 1950's will haunt historic New Bern Homes and Cedar Grove Cemetery I recommend you make reservations at this time at Bridge Point Marina in New Bern at 252-636-3637 and be sure to ask for our Squadron special rate of \$65.00. Motel rooms are usually sold out for Ghost Walk months in advance.



Originally I was going to have a clever caption attached to the above photo such as "If you are going to drink and drive, then don't do drugs" or something to that effect. But then I reflected back on just how serious and devastating having fun can be.

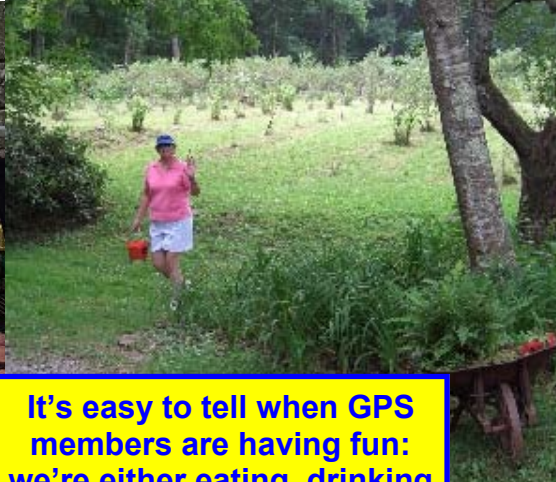
The picture is what's left of a 32' cabin cruiser after a 38' cigarette type boat ran up and over it's stern last month at Smith Mountain Lake. Tragically, the husband and wife on the cruiser were killed and the driver of the go-fast boat has been mentally scared for life and is facing several felony charges. Both vessels were out "having fun", the couple returning from a dinner around 10 PM. Mark, the speed boat driver, also returning home from a dinner, was rumored to be going in excess of 60 MPH.

The take-away of this horrific event is we always have to be vigilant and aware of our surroundings when we are on the water. Even more so in times of reduced visibility. Be safe, keep a sharp lookout. See you next week. Gotta go. Tom S.

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



It's easy to tell when GPS members are having fun: we're either eating, drinking or swapping tales. As you can tell from our annual *Watagua River Cruise and Blueberry Pickin' Event*, a good time was had by all. See what you miss by not attending our squadron's social functions. A special thanks to Karl & M.L. Koeberling for hosting our event at their farm outside of Boone.



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](mailto:LeeAnnEarles@297-0353) or [260-1714](tel:260-1714)

Remember to go ahead and make your reservations soon

For Co-Op Charting/Ghost Walk Weekend **October 21 – 22**

Bridge Point Hotel & Marina, 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC (252) 636-3637

Be sure to mention the Greensboro Power Squadron for a rate of \$65.00 per night.

We are excited to be able to combine these two squadron events this year and hope to get a large crowd for a weekend of fun, fellowship, entertainment, and navigational endeavors.

Friday evening, October 21	Arrival/ hospitality room	Dinner on your own
Saturday, October 22	Co-Op Charting activities	
Saturday evening, October 22	Spaghetti Dinner & Ghost Walk Tour	

Call the hotel directly to book your room.

Call Larry Freeze (996-5370) or Dan Kelly (288-9552) for information and boat registration.

NOTE TO NEWER MEMBERS:

Co-Op Charting is an annual squadron event where by crews on members' boats survey assigned areas of the water using NOAA charts, verifying and gathering current information about depths, navigational aids, marinas, etc. These findings are then sent in to NOAA so that charts can be up-dated. **You do not have to have a boat to participate.** Those without boats will be organized into crews and will serve on the available boats.

Ghost Walk is an annual weekend event sponsored by the New Bern Historical society. It includes a candlelit homes tour in the historic district where actors portray characters from the past and visitors relive ghost tales and history at its best. (Not too scary for kids.) Ghosts of the 1950's will haunt historic New Bern Homes and Cedar Grove Cemetery. In addition, one of the local churches sponsors a community spaghetti dinner. Information about paying for tickets to the Ghost Walk and/or the Spaghetti Dinner will come later.

P/C Happening (better known as the "Cluckin Pluckin")

Monday, October 10, 2005

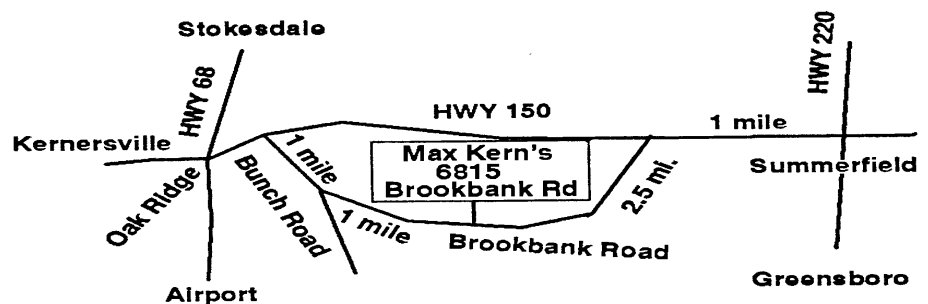
Our October Membership Meeting will be held in P/C Max Kern's barn with a host of Past Commanders slaving over a hot grill. You will find them barbequing chicken, baking potatoes, and stirring up a big pot of pinto beans. Other menu items include coleslaw, garlic bread, iced tea and lemonade. To top off this culinary event of the year, you won't want to miss out on an array of fabulous desserts baked by the spouses of this astute group

Plan to arrive around 1800 for socializing - there will be a cash bar (beer & wine)! Dinner will be served at 1830. The cost for this fabulous evening hosted by your P/C's is \$10.00 per person - \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. A minimal amount of business will be conducted immediately following dinner (around 8:00 p.m.) Members opting not to have dinner may still attend the meeting.

Please bring folding chairs and a healthy appetite! Entertainment for the evening...your Past Commanders at hard work!!!! Priceless!

Reservations by receipt of check, deadline – Monday, October 3rd.

**Checks to: P/C Al Pike, AP
526 Woodvale Drive,
Greensboro, NC 27410
294-1661**



Lt/C Tom Statham, P
218 Kemp Rd. East
Greensboro, NC 27410



FIRST CLASS

Please deliver to:

Boats featured here, come from our WEB site. Is yours listed ?



Wave Runner