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Blueberry Social-Next Meeting!



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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

14 GPS Membership Meeting
Blueberry Social

26 Predicted Log-Smith Mtn. Lake

SEPTEMBER

5 AP & N Classes Start

8-10 D27 Fall Council

11 GPS Membership Meeting-Off site-
Slane Marine in High Point

13 Public Boating Course

30 Operation Big Sweep-Site TBD

OCTOBER

7-8 Smith Mtn. Lake Home Tour/GPS Outing

August Birthdays

1	Leif A.	DuVall	16	Cheryl R.	Humphries
4	David R.	Batcheller	17	James E.	Nitka
	Paul D.	Long	21	Jacqueline	Jackson
	Donald Thomas	Muncy		Myra	Lee
	Sally	Oberholtzer	22	Julia W.	McGinn
7	H. Max	Kern	25	Lisa J.	Park
12	John R.	Lore	28	Jo-Anne	Statham
13	Roger A.	Tatum	29	Larry E.	Freeze
14	Garrick L.	Martin	30	Charles W.	Freeman

Patrons of the Breeze

Bob & Bev Armfield.....*September Song*
 Keith & Kendra Bulla.....*Whisper*
 Stewart & Betty Colson
 Charles Freeman
 Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....*Taterbug*
 Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....*Islander*
 Tom & Mary Hamlin
 Richard & Judi Howle.....*La Bella*
 Clint & Jackie Jackson.....*Blueline*
 John Lore.....*Sea Robin*

Betty & Jeff McCain.....*Adventure*
 Woods & Julia McGinn.....*Blue Moon*
 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*
 Al & Alexandra Pike
 Betty Potter.....*Sand Fiddler*
 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*

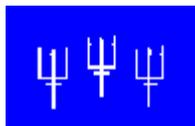
The following individuals made **substantial contributions** in support of our newsletter this year.
 On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron, we thank the following Sponsors:

Sidney C. Mitchell, JN Delbert E. Foster, AP Eddie D. Yost

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 Charles W. Freeman, AP 336-288-8180



From the Commander Chuck Kammeyer, P



Executive Officer Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P



It's hard to imagine that we are halfway through the year already. We just came back from the D-27 Rendezvous in Washington, NC and had a great time. Sometimes you just have to let your "hair" down and have a good time.

Even though we like to focus on the good things, we must also face the not so pleasant ones. I recently received the membership statistics from district. Greensboro Power Squadron shows a 7.4% decrease in membership for the current year. This means that for whatever reason, 30 of our members have decided not to renew their membership. I realize this is something that occurs in every organization, but we need to do all that we can to keep these numbers to an absolute minimum. There are some things we can do to minimize the non-renewals from our squadron. Help us by trying some of these strategies.

1. Invite a fellow member to an event, they might not have attended without the personal contact.
2. Introduce yourself to a new member at a membership meeting and make them feel welcome.
3. Call a member you know has not renewed his membership and find out if there is a problem.
4. Notify your executive committee if you hear of a member's dissatisfaction so that a solution can be found.

If we all work together on this matter perhaps we can bring that 7.4% down.

Make yourself necessary to somebody. Do not make life hard to any.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



I have just returned from Washington, NC where District 27 Rendezvous was held. This was a fun weekend of time on the water for many, social activities, some good information from a medical doctor on what causes sea sickness and how to avoid and treat it, and kayak races. Our Greensboro Squadron introduced "Conch Blowing" to the District many years ago. Mary Hamlin and Vinnie Gordy assisted by Kathy Wrenn and Connie Kammeyer, dressed in costumes representing banana boats, blew their conchs to "Banana Boat" song made famous by Harry Bellefonte many years ago. You would have been proud of our commander, Chuck Kammeyer, who appeared on stage in fishing hat with stringy hair, banana boat ear rings, and danced and drank to Banana Boat song. Greensboro did win the award for "best judge bribe". Ask Mary and Vinnie to tell you about "bra booty".

It was disappointing to see our squadron had a 7% drop in membership in the past year. This is a continuing trend, not only in our district, but on the national level. We need to find more creative ways to involve and maintain our new members so they can appreciate the benefits of this unique organization. Consider asking a new member or old member who has been less active to join you at one of our upcoming events.





HUMMER IN THE SUMMER 10-JULY-2006



OUR GRACIOUS HOSTS-K & ML



WATAUGA BLUEBERRY PICKIN' & RIVER CRUISE- 27 JULY 2006



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The following is from **Lt Neal Sheffield, AP ChLB Advanced Grades**: The Education Department has several offerings for August and September. **Advanced Piloting** will start **September 5** at the Church at 1900 (7:00 pm). Al Pike and Dan Kelly will instruct. If any recent Piloting students have any questions about your exam results, come to the first AP class. We will go over any questions you may have. This will not obligate you to take AP at this time. However, we will not teach another AP course for at least a year. AP class materials are \$37 without Weekend Navigator. Register for AP by sending a check as noted at end of this notice. It can take 3 or 4 weeks to receive materials.

For those that finished JN some time ago; up to four **Navigation Catch Up Classes**, taught by Bill Davis and Jerry Newton, will start August 15 and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1900. The schedule and content of these catch-up classes will be determined at this first class. If you can't be there let the instructors know your wishes.

Navigation classes will start **September 5** and will be on Tuesdays at the Church and will start at 1900 (7:00 pm). After that you can decide the time. Paul Long and Max Kern expect a large class. If you miss this one don't expect the next N class for 5 years. We invite USPS members from nearby squadrons to take this course. Let me hear from you soon to be included. Homework assignment for the first class 9/5/06: Do Chapter 1 and read over chapter 2.

Let me know if you think you will be able to take the N or AP course. Send your name, e-number, telephone number and e-mail address to nshef@bellsouth.net or phone 336-373-0510. Please don't wait until the last moment to be registered. This class will start promptly at 7pm.

We will be using the most recent version (2002) of N. I will order the materials when you send a \$71 check made payable to Greensboro Power Squadron. Send to Neal Sheffield, 108 Elmwood Terrace, Greensboro, NC 27408. Or bring to a Squadron meeting. Call if you need more information 336-373-0510. nshef@bellsouth.net

I trust everyone is having a safe summer. We all had a great time at the **Hummer in the Summer** out at Bur-Mil park at our last meeting. Many thanks to Paula and Don Elliott and Kevin Andrew for planning a well run event. Also thanks to the many people who helped with set up and clean up. It was nice to see everyone and at least get to talk about boating even though we couldn't be on the water.

Those who were able to make the **Chesapeake Cruise** learned a few things about inshore cruising. Don't be lulled to sleep thinking it will be like a lake. Sounds and bays can get your attention really quick, so make plans accordingly. Everyone had a good trip and all was done with safety in mind. Well, maybe not the race back to the bridge!! Anyway, you better get ready next time Walker says " Let's go cruising". Many thanks to Walker and Blanch for hosting and planning this cruise.

We held the **Watauga River Blueberry Picking** on July 29th at the home of ML and Karl Koeberling. Those that attended had a wonderful day in the mountains of North Carolina, a fantastic cook-out and you can't beat the blueberries either. I hope those of you who did not have your reservations made this year, will mark your calendar for next year. Remember, our next meeting is the Blueberry Social at the church. We will have a short business meeting followed by blueberry desserts made by all our members, and we will talk about our great boating stories of the summer

Also, mark you calendars for the **Predicted Log at Smith Mountain Lake**. Chris and Steve Puckett have again invited us to their lake house for this fun event. Pat and Dick Byrne and Vinnie and Mack Gordy will again help to make this a day you don't want to miss. Check out Mack's article in this Breeze; there are a few spots left so you should call Mack if you want to attend. See you there.

A reminder for September! Our regular meeting for September 11, 2006 **will be at Slane Marine in High Point**. Mark your calendars and look for more info in the next Breeze.

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



Predicted Log – August 26, 2006 Smith Mountain Lake

P/D/C Steve & Chris Puckett are once again opening their home on Smith Mountain Lake for the Predicted Log contest. Here is a chance to hone your plotting skills as you compete against other squadron members. Winning does not depend on how fast or slow you go, but on how close you come to your predicted time to run the course. This year's course will test your skills as it includes some new challenges. Bring your trailer boat (sail, power or jet ski), folding chairs, sunscreen and bathing suit to enjoy a day that includes fun and fellowship. Lunch and dinner with beer and wine will be furnished for **\$17.50 per person**. Chris, Pat & Dick Byrne will again be preparing the two meals for the day. Directions will be emailed to those that have never attended. The Puckett's have a free launch ramp in their neighborhood. The sign up sheet will be available at the Hummer-in-the-Summer.

This year the course will be handed out to the boat captains two weeks prior to the event. All plotting should be completed prior to arriving on Saturday morning. When you arrive at the Puckett's you will take your boat and crew out for a tachometer/speed run and return to complete your predicted log.



Make your reservation by mailing your check, **payable to Greensboro Power Squadron**, to D/Lt/C Mack Gordy, 1804 Regal Lane, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Reservation cut off date is August 18, 2006.

Youth Poster Contest Winners Recognized

Congratulations to our children!!! This year GPS had 10 entries.

1st Place Winners: Taylor Gordy - GPS and Nichole Simak - Guilford Middle School

2nd Place Winners: Sarah Ragab - Colfax Middle School and Katie Michaux - Colfax Middle School

3rd Place Winners: Michael Foster - GPS and Corbin Radcliffe - Colfax Middle School.

Other Entries: Caroline Poe, Kevin Beugger, Brooke Mitchell, and Joel Siew (all students at Colfax Middle School).

Each child participating in the contest was awarded a certificate of appreciation and winners received ribbons. The Executive Committee voted back in March to present monetary awards to our winners. These children will be invited to the August membership meeting at which time these awards will be presented.

First & second place winners from our Squadron were taken to the District 27 Rendezvous in Washington, NC and judged along with entries from across the District. We are happy to report that Taylor Gordy placed 3rd in her age category at District this year.

We hope the enthusiasm will carry forward to next year and even more children (and their parents) will become more aware of safety on our waters, the USPS Youth Poster Contest and Greensboro Power Squadron.

93 Bayliner Jazz 14 ft, 2-seat 90 HP, with trailer & cover. Hasn't been in regular use in 10 years. Low hours, clean. \$2500. Small enough for inexperienced boaters, strong enough to pull a skier. Great alternative to jet skis. Mark Gibson: day 383-3693, eve 510-0975, gibsonlj@triad.rr.com

25' sloop, '74 Helms, main & 3 headsails, Suzuki 9.9 hp electric start. Long HD dual-axle trailer. Boat needs painting. Good fixer-upper. Now is the time to start. Dry storage area at Carolina Marina, Belews Lake. 336-586-0450 Bob Armfield \$1800.



Past Commander's Happening P/C's Chili Cook-Off

Member's Dessert Bake-off

Monday, Oct 9, 2006

The Past Commander's Happening will be held at the October 9 membership meeting. A number of P/C's will bring their own special Chili to serve to the membership. A select panel of non-P/C judges will decide the winner. Members who think they would like to compete are invited to bring their own small pot of chili to be entered into the competition judging only – not for the meal - but please let us know.

Members are encouraged to bring their own special dessert to be enjoyed by the other squadron members and to be entered into the Dessert Bake-off - which will be judged by a panel of P/C's. The cost for the meal will be **\$7.00 per person** – bread and ice tea will be provided.

This membership meeting/event will be held at the Centenary United Methodist Church on West Friendly Ave at 6:00 pm. Food will be served at 6:30. Make your plans to attend and enjoy a delicious Chili meal with Special Desserts.

Sign up sheets will be available at the August meeting, or you may make your reservation by mailing your check, payable to **Greensboro Past Commanders**, to P/C Stewart Colson, 112 West Avondale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27403. **Cut off date to make meal reservations is Monday, October 2, 2006.** The membership meeting will begin after the meal – approximately 7:30 pm.

District 27 Fall Council and Conference - 8, 9 September 2006

Hilton Riverside Hotel, 301 N. Water St. Wilmington, NC

Room rates: \$119.00 plus tax - Reservations: call 1-888-324-8170

Be sure to ask for District 27, USPS block of rooms – Cutoff date for rate is August 8, 2006

Friday, 8 September: Uniform – Casual Attire

1530 – 1800 Member & Voter Registration

1830 – 2100 Dinner Cruise

Saturday, 9 September: Uniform – Team Casual with Boat Shoes

0730 – 0830 Member & Voter Registration

0830 – 1050 Meeting Convenes

1100 – 1150 Breakout Sessions/Cooperative Charting/Planning

1200 – 1250 Breakout Sessions/Geodetic Markers/Nominating

1300 – 1400 Members Luncheon

ADJOURN

1400 – 1600 Meet on Boats for On Water Cooperative Charting Training (At Hilton Docks)

1400 – 1600 Meet With D/Lt/C Mack Gordy, AP for Geodetic Marker Tour/Training

Detach -----Council/Conference Reservation Form-----Detach

Squadron	Dinner Cruise	Member Lunch	Spousal Coffee/Tea	Coop Charting Boat training	Geodetic Markr tng	Total Amount
Name, Rank, Grade	(\$35.00 Per Person)	(\$15.00 Per Person)	(No charge)	(No Charge)	(No Charge)	

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Cape Fear Power Squadron Mail Check with Completed Form to: Lt. Mary Ellen Simmons, 3103 Joy Place, Wilmington, NC 28409-2071. Reservations Must Be Received By August 25th. Any reservations received after that time will be honored if there is cancellation space available. Thank you for being prompt

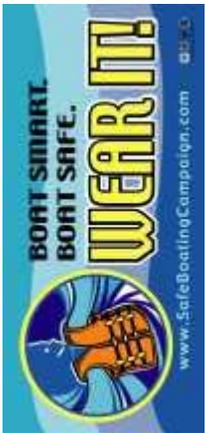
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