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**The
Peacemaker
Tall Ship
Comes to
Wilmington, NC
April 3-19**

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Calendar of Events

April

**3-19 Tall Ship Peacemaker in
Wilmington, NC**

**10 One Day Boating Course -0800 -1800
Irving Park United Methodist Church**

12 Membership Meeting

**24 Belews Cruise - Belews Lake -
Time 0900 Sharp**

**30- May 2 Co-op charting -
Morehead, NC Area**

May

9 One Day Boating Course

10 Membership Meeting

**21 AP "Class" Cruise
-Carolina Beach**

April Birthdays

<p>4 Christie Elliott James M. Green Jr.</p>	<p>10 Sue Schultz</p>
<p>7 John Lanford Kathy Wrenn</p>	<p>13 Karen W. Nussman</p>
<p>9 Jim DeHaven Neal Sheffield</p>	<p>18 Mary B. Hamlin</p>
	<p>23 Elizabeth A. Dorrell Meghan L. Dorrell</p>
	<p>27 Justin C. Conrad</p>

Squadron Patrons

Chuck & Ann Freeman*Bluebird*
 Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....*Optional Necessity*
 Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....*Hattitude*
 John Lore.....*Sea Robin II*
 Wayne & Zaida Newkirk.....*Invictus*
 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*

John & Sally Oberholtzer.....*Sally O*
 Ron & Anna Pittman.....*Anna Bee*
 Betty Potter
 Jim & Frances Ward.....*Sea Star II*
 Larry & Madge Williams.....*C'est La Vie*
 Alec & Kathy Wrenn.....*Carolina Wrenn*

"Thank You" From *The Breeze*

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

On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

a special thanks to **Carolina Marina at Belews Lake** for their continued support.

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 Squadron, contact Lt/C Ken Fonville, JN 336-540-0610



From the Commander Woods McGinn, AP



Executive Officer Report



I've just returned from Wrightsville Beach and the D/27 Annual Council & Conference, more commonly referred to as the D/27 Change of Watch. We celebrated the culmination of a fine year with District Commander Jerry Hall, SN at the helm and we installed our new D/C Jamie McCurry, AP and his bridge.

The meetings rooms were packed all day, the programs moved at a comfortable pace, and the content was both informative and relevant. It really was a good conference. Yes, Jerry Hall worked hard this past year to make the meetings more comfortable and casual, and he did a good job.

In fact the Commander's emphasis on "casual" reached a new height at the banquet Saturday evening. During the "roast" the past district commanders presented Jerry with a custom-made "Class A" t-shirt bedecked with USPS shoulder boards, a sewn-on black bow tie, Senior Navigator breast patch, and Past District Commander sleeve insignia complete with merit marks.

We did enjoy the weekend. I wish more Greensboro squadron members could have attended. You can still take pride in our squadron's accomplishments from the past year. As your new commander I had the honor of accepting a number of awards for the squadron. We'll have presentations at future membership meetings but I want to list them here in *The Breeze* for everyone to see...

The **Honor Roll Certificate of Merit** was presented to the **membership** for attaining 100% participation in the USPS Education Fund.

The **National Website Award for Excellence** went to webmaster, **Mack Gordy**.

The **National Distinction in Journalism** went to *The Breeze* editor, **Tom Statham**.

Certificates of Educational Proficiency were awarded to three of our members: **Grant Dawson, AP, Hardy Spence, AP, and Tom Statham, AP**.

And saving the best for last, **Certificates of Educational Achievement** for having completed all of the USPS educational courses were presented to **P/C Karl Koebberling, SN** and **Lt/C Ken Fonville, SN**. Congratulations again to our two new **Senior Navigators!**

Well, this is your commander again. If you read *The Breeze* from cover to cover as I hope you do, you've just finished my Commander's column. I'm filling in for the Executive Officer this month and have several Executive Department topics to cover.

The Belews Lake Triathlon gets underway at 0800 Saturday 17 April 2010. Our squadron will be providing rescue boats again this year for the swimming leg of the race. Swimmers will follow a 750 meter triangular course that starts & returns to the boat launch area. Our boats will be positioned on the perimeter of the course. Kayaks may also be utilized to escort fatigued swimmers to the rescue boat, and yes, we have assisted a few over zealous racers. Contact P/C John Oberholtzer or Grant Dawson if you're interested.

Soon afterward we will depart for our annual Cooperative Charting event. We'll gather the weekend of April 30-May 2. As you've heard several times now, Co-Op will be located this year in Morehead City. P/Cs John Oberholtzer and Mike Hackett are co-chairing the event so I'll just cover the highlights: John booked a block of rooms at the same MHC Comfort Inn we've used in previous years, Hardy Spence will host a get-together at his home in Atlantic Beach, John made reservations for at dinner at Floyds 1921 Restaurant in MHC and arranged for boat slips at the Morehead City Yacht Basin, and Dan Kelly will be working his magic again on the Co-Op computers. Watch for more information at April membership meeting and contact John or Mike for details on how you can help.

At the D/27 Conference they asked all squadrons to promote the USPS Youth Poster Contest. We need someone to chair this event for our squadron and there isn't much time to get going. The theme is "Water Smarts: Boat Safe and Clean". There are three age groups: 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 years. We can submit three winners in each age group to the D/27 Rendezvous contest in June. The rules are online: <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/pictures/13thYPCcontest.pdf> Cdr Woods McGinn, AP

**Max Kern's
Mission Trip to
Guatemala
With Oak Ridge
United Methodist
Church**





Ed. Officer's Guest Report
P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



Life After Your Change of Watch – Changing Lives in Guatemala by P/C Max Kern, SN

Most of you know the journey to Commander of the Greensboro Power Squadron can be very time consuming. So what do you do with all the extra time you find yourself with after your Change of Watch? My career in the construction business might tell you that I enjoy building. The problem is that as my company grew I found myself dealing with all types of issues but not actually performing any hands on construction.

In 2000 I went on a mission trip with a building team and have been on numerous building teams to many different countries since. It has been a joy to use some of the skills I have learned to help others with so much less than we have here in the US. It is truly a blessing to become a team with a group of strangers and at the end of the trip have completed work and an experience that will change the lives of the team and those that we served. Most of my projects have been working on sanctuaries. That became my favorite mission project because the church is such a central part of the lives of people in communities where we serve.

The first time I went to Pabeya, Guatemala in 2006 I was scouting for a project to send teams to the next year. The construction site was in the middle of the jungle with no access to deliver construction materials. They had a church that needed replacing but could still be used. I chose a different church for the next year. Pabeya continued to tug on my heart so I visited it again in 2007 and decided to schedule teams for 2008. I served on two of the five teams we sent for one week each and completed the church. Every gravel, grain of sand, concrete block, bag of cement and piece of steel had to be hand carried a few hundred yards to the project site. We could not have done it without the help of the people in the community. It is amazing how grateful the people are. I am humbled by the love and appreciation they show us. Our church wanted to continue sending mission teams to Pabeya. As we investigated mission opportunities we found that the traditional method is to cook their meals using a wood fire with open flame inside the home, usually on a dirt floor. (Continued on page 7)

It's officially spring now and as many have expressed to me, we are all glad to see this winter over. I bought gas for the boat a month ago when it was \$2.55/gal. We can kiss that goodbye for a while. Then there was the spring maintenance exercise on the boat and trailer. Every year the boat and trailer get older the longer it takes to get everything ready for the season. Hopefully, by the end of April when we have the Belews Cruise April 24th, everything will be fully functional.

By the way, if you want to practice your Global Positioning System skills at Belews Cruise the team of David Schultz, Gene Elzinga, and Michael Gunter plan to have us start around 0900 at the Carolina Marina. Even if you aren't bringing a boat, come anyway because I need help on my boat spotting markers. I suspect others would welcome some extra eyes on their boat as well. After the event the team is planning for us to eat lunch together at the marina on their deck. That worked out nicely last year and we want to do it again. More detail will be announced at the April meeting.

As the year progresses we'll get into details of other events the Administrative chair people have planned. Just for your calendar, in case you didn't buy the official Greensboro Power Squadron calendar, the Blast in the Summer is July 12th, the Watauga River Blueberry Picking is July 24th, Predicted Log in Wilmington is the weekend of September 10-12, the Smith Mountain Outing is October 1-3, and the Christmas party is December 13th. If you keep your own calendar of events like we do, this would be a good time to pencil in these dates. Ink would be better.

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

Co-Op Charting Weekend Social Activity Program April 30-May 2

Friday evening starting at 1700 we will meet at the pool area of the Comfort Inn for an informal cocktail party. The squadron will supply soda, mixers, beer and snacks. BYOB for anything else.

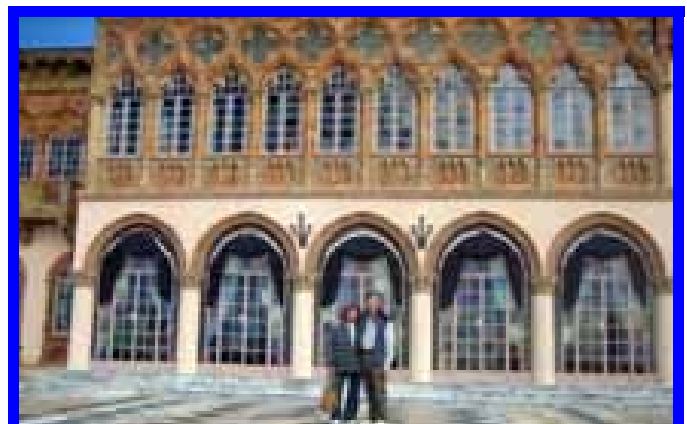
After the cocktail hour we have reservations at 1900 for dinner at Floyd's. We have reserved the second floor which holds 20 some diners. Please let John Oberholtzer know if you are going to dinner; he will give Floyd's the head count. You do not have to contact Floyd's.

Saturday morning at 0800 there will be a Captain's breakfast at the New Dawn Restaurant across the drive from the Comfort Inn. All are welcome and reservations are not required but we would like to get an idea of the numbers to advise the restaurant so please let us know if you plan to attend.

Saturday evening starting at 1800 we will have a cocktail party at Hardy Spence's beach home which is at 107 Swindell, Atlantic Beach. The food will be heavy hors-d-oeuvres. The squadron will provide soda, mixers and beer; again it's BYOB for anything else. Please let John O know what you plan to bring. We have not made plans to dine out as the hors-d-oeuvres' seemed to be all we needed the last few years. P/C John Oberholtzer 931-1204 joberholtzer@triad.rr.com



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Where in the world are Tom & Jo-Anne?
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This method of cooking is the cause of many medical and environmental problems. When children are playing or learning to walk they sometimes fall into the fire and get facial and or hand burns. The smoke inhalation is a leading cause of death for the children and the fire produces a dangerous level of carbon monoxide gas. Women and children must gather huge amounts of wood because the wood fire is so inefficient. We found a wood stove that burns the fire efficiently and is vented outside, reduces smoke and deadly carbon monoxide. It sits off the floor and minimizes the risk of burns to children. The stove gives them a longer life expectancy, safer child development, more time for families and reduces wood consumption

Another mission opportunity we identified is that they do not have a source for safe drinking water. Children are especially vulnerable; infants suffer from water-borne diseases and parasites. The contaminated water is another key factor to the high infant mortality rate. We found a water filter that will provide a supply of safe drinking water. It will provide up to ten gallons of safe drinking water every four hours.

Initially we designed the mission project to include a concrete slab in the kitchen, a stove, a water filter and white washed walls in the kitchen. We have since added de-wormer and a thirty day supply of multivitamins.

In 2009 two teams went back to Guatemala and served 125 families in Pabeya. This year another team went to the village of Paquila and served 70 families. We also provided de-wormer and multivitamins to these 70 families as well as the first 125 families served in Pabeya. In October we have two more teams going back to Paquila and could serve as many as 200 more families.

It is impossible to express the joy and blessing of serving on one of these mission teams. One of the team members was installing a stove in a home and observed the Mom cooking and the room filled with smoke. There was an infant on the bed and a small child fanning the smoke from the infant's face. At the end of week she was back in same home and was brought to tears when she saw the Mom cooking on the new stove and there was clean air and no smoke! It was great to witness the small effort on our part and the huge impact on health and quality of life for the entire family.

It is a wonderful experience to work with the people in their homes and in their community. We have good interaction with many people during our trip. The children are adorable and love to spend time with us. It rips our hearts to see the difficult conditions they deal with every day.

Our team members pay \$1100 - \$1200 (depending on airfare) to go on the mission trip. In addition, we need \$300 per Guatemalan family we serve to provide a concrete floor for their kitchen, a stove, a water filter and white washed walls. We hire the locals to pour the concrete slabs before we arrive. By doing so we are now able to serve five Guatemalan families per team member during the week we are in the community.

We raise money for the Guatemalan families by asking people back home to sponsor a family. Our goal is to make a connection with sponsors in the US and the Guatemalan families by presenting a picture of the sponsor to the family. We also make a picture of the family with their new stove to bring back to the sponsor. They make very little money in the areas we serve and would not be able to purchase the stove and filter themselves. A relatively small amount to us will be life changing for them and does save lives.

I hope this story has sparked an interest. If you would like to join a team please contact me. Please consider sponsoring one or more Guatemalan families. You can learn more about the project at this website: www.oakridgeumc.org/outreach/ministries/120-changing-lives-in-guatemala.html. Make checks payable to Oak Ridge UMC, memo Guatemala project and mail checks to Max Kern 6815 Brookbank Road, Summerfield, NC 27358. Please include your email address and contact information so we can keep you updated.

For more information contact Max Kern at 336-643-7297 or hmkern@triad.rr.com. You may also want to check out these websites: Guatemala Volunteers in Mission is the organization we work with in Guatemala: www.guatemalavim.org HELPS International is the supplier for stoves and purifiers: www.helpsinternational.com ONIL Stove: <http://www.onilstove.com>

A Trip to the Lake

I went to High Rock Lake this past weekend to spend some time relaxing and maybe even doing a little work on the lake house. While on the trip I had been thinking about the Power Squadron and how I was asked to be the Safety Officer. David, I am not sure if I want to thank you or curse you.

On I-85 south, I was passed by a new pickup and a beautiful bass boat. Now I am moving at 70 mph and this guy zips by so fast my car rocked from the turbulence. In about 10 seconds I saw a lot of Wrong here. No safety chains on the trailer, one tire was low and caused the trailer to weave behind the truck and why was this guy running 80 MPH? 5 miles down the highway I passed the same truck on the side shoulder cussing a flat tire and digging for a jack. This is when the Truck Driver in me came out.

Pre Trip Inspection

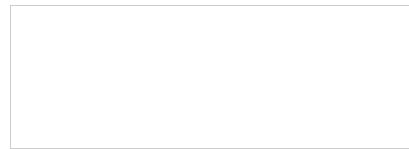
Knowing your equipment is the key to a safe trip and good weekend on the water. A good inspection takes less than 10 minutes and can save hours of anger and lots of money. Anyone that wants help learning how to make a proper trip inspection can contact me and I will be happy to assist you in making a list for your equipment. Not everyone has the same things to look at so making yours personal to your rig can save a lot and make a bad day into a great time at the water. Michael Gunter, Safety Officer

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