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Calendar of Events

February

8 Membership Meeting

March

8 Membership Meeting

9, 11, 16, 18 Public Boating Course

19-21 **D/27 Annual Meeting & COW** -
Wrightsville Beach, NC

April

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

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

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

February Birthdays

4	Grant Dawson	12	James E. Compton
5	Bob Armfield	14	Julie Davis
	Wayne Nussman	19	Dan Kelly
7	Bobby Barrier	20	Marshall Conrad
8	Becky DeHaven		Connie Kammeyer
	Vinnie Gordy	27	Burton Kennedy
10	Virginia Karb		Ed Miller,
11	Chuck Kammeyer		

Squadron Patrons

Chuck & Ann Freeman	<i>Bluebird</i>	John & Sally Oberholtzer.....	<i>Sally O</i>
Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....	<i>Optional Necessity</i>	Ron & Anna Pittman.....	<i>Anna Bee</i>
Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....	<i>Hattitude</i>	Betty Potter	
John Lore.....	<i>Sea Robin II</i>	Jim & Frances Ward.....	<i>Sea Star II</i>
Wayne & Zaida Newkirk.....	<i>Invictus</i>	Larry & Madge Williams.....	<i>C'est La Vie</i>
Jerry Newton.....	<i>Petey</i>	Alec & Kathy Wrenn.....	<i>Carolina Wrenn</i>

“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
Lt/C Mike Hicks, P



“Are you ready? Are you excited about being the squadron commander?” I’ve heard those questions dozens of times in the past month. How do I answer them? The easy and honest answer is – Yes, and yes!

Yes, I am ready. I’ve been in the Greensboro Power Squadron over twenty years and I’ve had the good fortune to experience GPS and USPS activities and the leadership styles of many before me. I am as ready as I ever will be. Yes, I’m as ready as I can be for everything this year has to offer.

And yes, I am excited too. There is no doubt about that. The election and installation of officers has just occurred - but the planning and the preparation for this year has been building for quite some time. The squadron has assembled a great team. The Executive Committee and the chairs of our committees are already at work for you. Yes, I am excited to get the year underway.

So I’m ready and I’m excited, and of course I’m also nervous. I’m just as nervous as I was when we faced the wedding altar, when I reported for active Army duty at Fort Bliss Texas, and when our first child was born. I’m nervous the way I was with every move to another city and every new job I entered.

Yes, I’m ready and I’m excited and I’m nervous, but I know I can do this job and I can serve you well. I am not speaking out of arrogance but with confidence. And I’m confident because I have the support of the members of this squadron.

You have voiced your support on numerous occasions, and I know you’ll be with me throughout this year. I’m sure I can count on you, and there’s not a doubt in my mind that you’ll tell me when step out of line. And I’m counting on that too.

Long-time actor John Wayne had a special way with words and I think what he said about courage fits the situation pretty well. John Wayne said “Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway”.

So get onboard Greensboro, and lend me a hand. I’m ready and I need your help. I’ll be asking for your voice and your support. Together we are going to have a mighty nice year. Let’s get this journey underway.

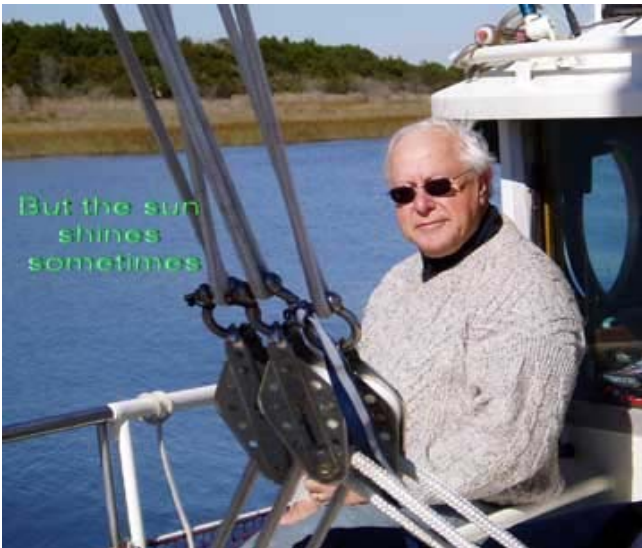
Well another Change of Watch has come and gone. I sure had a great time at the COW, and I hope you did, too. I am grateful once again for the opportunity to serve on the bridge in 2010; this time as your Executive Officer. I think we are going to have another exciting and productive year.

For those who have not yet seen a GPS 2010 calendar (I’m sure we still have some in stock) I want to mention what is in store from the Executive Dept for this year. Our first major event kicks off with **Co-op Charting being held in Oriental, NC 30 April -2 May**. Co-op charting is conducted in close coordination with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. We work to supply information to the Marine Chart Division of NOS/NOAA leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, and Coast Pilot publications. We also supply data on depth surveys, range status, and formerly, geodetic marks and aeronautical charts. We have been told that the Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal Services.

Our co-op charting schedule features two main sides: the educational/data collection portion and the fellowship social function. Dan Kelly has volunteered to head up the data collection portion of our program, as he has for the past several years and of which we are entirely grateful. Our social portion, however, still needs a chairperson. If anyone can help with this event please let me know. We need to start making plans now to secure rooms and dock space. General participation sign up sheets will go around nearer the event date.

Gene Elzinga will host **Kids Day at the Lake on 24 June** this year. This is one of my favorite events and I hope to see lots of kids and boats participating.

These functions are always fun and educational. If you are a new member or an old salt this is a great way to get to know or renew your friendships with your fellow members. So please participate at any level. See you on the water. Mike.



But the sun
shines
sometimes



Melodeon



Frank and Chris



Which vessel is privileged ?



It's COLD out here



Paul and Dawn on the Bridge

Paul &
Dawn's
Great
Southern
Trip

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Educational Officer
P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



The Voyage of the Melodeon

Frank and Chris built a boat out in a farmer's field in Ontario, Canada. It took them 30 years to complete the Melodeon, a 47 foot, 22 ton, steel hulled, junk-rigged, motor sail boat. Frank is a skilled millwright and Chris became a skilled naval architect. This year they sold their home in Trenton and headed south on a 10 year voyage to somewhere. On October 3rd, the first day out, they went aground on a rock jetty in Lake Ontario and pounded on the rocks all night. The 14 inch deep, 8 inch wide steel keel sustained no damage and they slipped off the rocks the next morning. After striking a bridge in New Jersey and being towed off shoals three times southbound in the ICW, they reached Carolina Beach, NC. While attempting to raise the anchor, Frank caught his heel in the winch and sustained a serious wound to this foot.

As members of the Canadian Power Squadron, they were befriended by our Cape Fear Squadron as his foot mended. He asked if anyone would assist him in his southward journey. I have been interested in making that passage for some time and volunteered to help. Dawn said that we'd be apart for New Year's Eve for the first time in 56 years, so she volunteered as well.

On the Monday after Christmas we joined Frank and Christ for a 600 mile journey to Daytona Beach. The Melodeon has a diesel cook stove in the pilot house and a wood burning iron stove below decks so we did not suffer from temperatures as low as 19 degrees. The water in Ginger Bear's doggy dish out on the deck froze solid several nights. We had shore power at marinas in Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Beaufort, Jekyll Island, and Jacksonville and anchored out for 6 nights at various locations along the waterway. This was an unforgettable unique trip.

By P/Stf/C Paul Long, SN

Well I'm a little rusty on yapping since I had the good fortune of having a year's sabbatical. Of the six years I have been in the Greensboro Power Squadron, I spent five of them in the Education Department. Got it. For some strange reason there were folks in the squadron who thought I ought to try my hand at administrative work. I've got other folks at work to do that for me so I can concentrate on engineering stuff. But, since I'm the type that often pitches in to help a worthy cause, here I am.

Since it's early in the year I must say I don't have much to report. However I have to heap some praise on the membership who, for practically every position I asked for help, raised their hand (figuratively). Grant Dawson agreed to handle Membership and Judy, took on Membership Involvement. We appreciate their continued support in the squadron. They both got award recognition at the Change of Watch. Mike Hackett took the helm from John Lore to serve as a Port Captain. One of the toughest chairs I think is Meetings and Programs, and Carol Kelly stepped up without flinching. Mack Gordy, who can multi-task with the best of them, will handle Operations Training. Paul Long will again be our Medical Officer. We have the trio of David Schultz, Gene Elzinga and Michael Gunter to organize the Belews Cruise.

The pro's, Max and Shirley Kern, will handle the Bur-Mill Park July meeting. Karl and M. L. Koebberling will host the special delight, of picking your own blueberries in Watauga County. The newly retired and readily available Dan Chance will be planning lunch. We will do predicted log with a new twist this year by going south instead of north on the Cape Fear, I think. Alec Wrenn and Mack Gordy will be working on "The Plan". We want to organize the Smith Mountain Outing to be something special this year, as so many members frequent that lake. We have always had such a good time whenever we have an event there. Connie Kammeyer and Mary Hamlin will be heading that committee. And last but not least is the Christmas Party, which my lovely wife Julie will handle. Sounds good to me.

BREEZE ADVISORIES



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A few Pictures from our GPS Christmas Party
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