



# THE **BREEZE**

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There is still a need for canned food.

**Let's continue to help our local food banks.**

The GPS Executive Committee has authorized the following:  
On Monday nights at our regular meetings, GPS will be collecting canned food to help fill the empty food shelves. Please bring one, two or as many cans as you would like and let's show the community that GPS can also help out in non-water matters.

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## What are your New Year's Resolutions?

I'm an experienced boater: resolutions you ask? Remembering rules is really a task.  
To set the record straight and clear the confusion, Let me explain my New Year's resolutions.  
I'll turn on my blower, when cruising at slow 'Cause CO is odorless and deadly, you know.  
I'll check all my flares especially their date. In an emergency, there's no time to wait.  
I wear a life jacket when voyaging around, in most fatalities, the victim is drowned.  
I'll vow CPR to learn and more. When emergency's aboard, help's away on the shore  
When pumping my fuel I'll surely take care. Flying is fun, but not blown in the air.  
When setting my anchor, its 7 to 1. 'Cause drifting on shoals is really no fun.  
I'll monitor my fuel, the rule of thirds. Going to empty, is more than absurd.  
I'll check the forecast and watch the sky. With rain you get wet, but with lightning you die.  
I'll go into new waters; chart and GPS 'in hand. What looks tawny water, could actually be land.  
There's navigational hazards, pilings, shoals as you know. And local charts could save you a tow.  
With a man overboard, my engines I'll stop, And avoid lancing him with my razor sharp prop.  
And I'll never use alcohol when I'm the skipper. For under the influence we become Jack the Ripper  
I truly love cruising: avoid every mistake. But there's times I forget my vessel's big wake.  
In the spirit of the New Year I'll take time to pause. Remembering the injuries that those waves could cause  
These are my resolutions along with explanations, a safer boater is my expectation.  
I'll do things right and forget my remorse's. Everyone needs US Power Squadron courses.

**Happy and Safe New Year**

### December Birthdays

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| <b>2</b>  | <b>William O. Young, SN</b>        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Frances A. Ward, AP</b>         |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Betty S. (Betty) Burney</b>     |
| <b>30</b> | <b>Patricia K. (Pat) Byrne, AP</b> |

### Squadron Patrons

- Larry and Pat Freeze "Pelecanus" John and Sally Oberholtzer "Sally O"
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "Carolina Wrenn" Ron and Anna Pittman "Anna Bee"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "Hattitude" Steve and Chris Puckett "Simply Mahvelous"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordon "Optional Necessity"

If you would like to make a donation, please make the check payable to The Greensboro Power Squadron and send the check to Ron Pittman – 3402 Cottage Place – Greensboro, NC 27455.

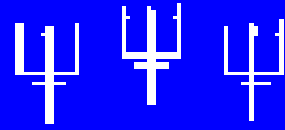
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## Commander's Log

Cdr Ron Pittman, P



### Gray Thursday - Black Friday - Cyber Monday

I cannot help but ask myself ***What Have We Become and What Happened to the Experiences of Christmas Past?***

Like most of us, I remember Christmas as the time when the Sears Wish Book (usually with a red cover) would finally arrive and officially usher in the Christmas Season. Countless hours were spent looking through that book, page by page and marking pages of items that looked so inviting. Anna and I wish that we had saved our Wish Books with all the toys and items circled that we would like to have received or that our two grown daughters (Marianna and Kathryn) wanted Santa to bring them. The Wish Book brings back such fond memories of Christmas Past/

I asked my father (Bob) once "Which Christmas did he remember most growing up during the Great Depression." Bob immediately talked about when he got a new heavy coat and also received a bunch of ripe bananas. Bob said he really didn't know what bananas were or what to do with them. Bob also said that shortly after Christmas, his mother (Granny) gave that new heavy coat to a needy boy in the mill village who didn't have a coat. Granny explained to Bob that he still had the old coat and it still fit him just fine. Bob understood that the new coat was needed more for the other boy and felt the joy of giving to someone else. By the way, Bob said his bananas tasted great once he found out that he needed to peel the bananas first before eating them.

Back in the early 1960's, I remember the excitement of shopping in downtown Greensboro. Stores like Ellis-Stone, Younts-DeBoe, Gene Lashley, Montaldo's, Contessa's; The Hub, Meyer's, Wrights Clothing Store, Vanstory, Thalhimer's, Acrobat Shoe Store, Cornatzer-Mock, etc. were the places to be! Parking your car was typically behind Thalhimers where someone actually parked your car in a parking deck and brought the car back to you later in the day. I have fond memories of sidewalks full of people with shopping bags and trying to dodge all the pigeons on the sidewalks. Of course you had to stop by and buy a bag of "treats" from the Mr. Peanut Store or from the candy and nut counter at Sears. There was a blind man who sold gum and pencils from a shoebox on the sidewalk in front of Meyer's Department Store. I would always stop there and leave some change instead of buying his products. I didn't need his items, but felt he needed my little bit of help especially during the Christmas Season.

Of course lunch would be at the S&W with Howard Waynick playing that massive organ or having a wonderful meal at the Mayfair Cafeteria while hearing a funny story from Boyd Morris! Later in the evening you might even take in a movie at the Carolina, Center, or the National Movie Theatre eating Milk-Duds that always stuck to your teeth. During all of these activities, you always would stop and talk with good friends and neighbors that you saw during the day. There were even department store couriers who drove station wagons that would take to your purchases to your home as well! The streets were cold, it was always blustery, people were bundled up and there was a feeling that Christmas would arrive soon! Christmas sales were not before, but were actually after Christmas!

Continued;

Today people shop on-line, sometimes talk by phone with someone who may be in a foreign county or hear a recording of “Please wait, someone will be with you shortly and your call is very important to us, etc.” Friendly Shopping Center has attempted to bring the downtown excitement of shopping but the stores for the most are affiliated with national chain stores and not locally operated. Stores like Friendly Bakery, The Toy and Hobby Shop, Will’s Book Store, Guy Hills, Guilford Dairy, Clippard’s Barber Shop, etc. sadly closed or their lease was not renewed. Parking can be a chore with all the different traffic patterns, traffic lights, and speed bumps. Thank goodness Friendly Shopping has continued to have their big Santa Claus waving at the cars on Friendly Road. Back in my youth, several of us decided to put a large blow up Smirnoff Vodka Bottle on Santa’s left arm for fun. A photo of Santa holding that bottle made the afternoon edition of the Greensboro Record. All of us “*hooligans*” laughed about our harmless prank! Christmas was a season of lasting fond memories and not a time of being pushed by mobs of people and feeling stressed out.

Christmas was not complete without going to Pilot Life Insurance Company with my family (including Granny) and seeing the Nativity in front of their office buildings. Little did I know back in the 1950’s that I would later work for that same company for over 32 years! Our children went to see the Nativity when they were young and learned the real meaning of why Christmas is celebrated. The Nativity was later donated to Greensboro College and is still proudly displayed on their front lawn facing West Market Street for all to cherish. Both of our grandchildren will see it this year and that will mean that five generations of my family have all been a part of that tradition and experiencing the Christmas Spirit!

With this background, I would like to say that all of us should feel the real joy during the Christmas Season when we do something for others. Giving to others has always been a part of who we are. Every single one of us prospers when we learn to give to others first. My message to the Greensboro Power Squadron Members is that we always remember that giving to others is actually a gift to you too – Enjoy being with your family, friends and experience the real joy of giving!

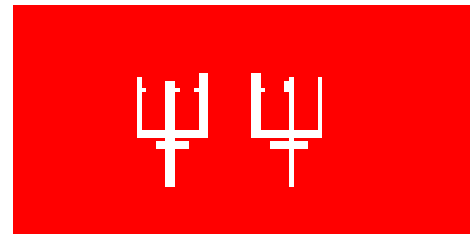
## MERRY CHRISTMAS!







Executive Officer  
Lt/C David Schultz, SN



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. It is the day after Thanksgiving and once again we are on the road, traffic is not as bad as I thought it would be. Sue planned a get away for our Anniversary, however, I still don't know our final destination. I thought I knew, but now I don't have a clue as to where we are going. All she has told me so far was to travel west on interstate 40. I assume it is probably somewhere in the mountains, but knowing my wife's sense of directions, I won't rule out the keys. But I'm sure wherever it turns out to be, it will be loads of fun.

Speaking of new and exciting adventures, Having just finished the proposed budget,( That should be included in these pages) I realize it is getting closer and closer to change of watch. I am both nervous and very excited about becoming your new commander. The 2013 squadron calendars have been sent to the printers, I would like to remind everyone that this is a major fund raiser for the year, so please help me balance the budget by buying a calendar or two. They will be available at the Christmas party, being hosted by Tracy and Todd Ring, so you can purchase one for you and one or more as Christmas gifts. I hope everyone is planning to come to the party, as it is the only event for the squadron left in this year. It is a great time to socialize with all your friends before the end of the year.

I would like to encourage everyone to come to the change of watch as well, It is another great time to socialize with friends. After the holidays, it is something to look forward too. Even though it is formal, I have found that dressing up once a year won't kill you and you will even have fun. It is a great way to start the new year and getting more involved with the squadron and our activities.

Well here we are! After going across many mountains and thru countless valleys, we are in Sapphire Valley NC. Don't know what's here, never been here before, however we just passed a real pretty lake, so who knows, boating may yet be an option for this weekend. So let me unpack the car, and let the adventure begin.

"See ya on the pond."



## PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET

| 2012 Budget            |                 | Proposed 2013 Budget   |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| income:                |                 | income:                |                 |
| 101 Dues               | 3,600.00        | 101 Dues               | 3,500.00        |
| 107 Breeze             | 250             | 107 Breeze             | 200.00          |
| 109 Interest CD        | 250             | 109 Interest CD        | 0.00            |
| 111 Education          | 575             | 111 Education          | 500.00          |
| 112 Calendar           | 800             | 112 Calendar           | 700.00          |
| Fund Raiser            | 1,000.00        | Fund Raiser            | 1,000.00        |
| 113 Miscellaneous      | 300             | 113 Miscellaneous      | 300.00          |
| 114 Socials            | 500             | 114 Socials            | 0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>   | <b>7,275.00</b> | <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>   | <b>6,200.00</b> |
| expenses:              |                 | expenses:              |                 |
| 201 Dues               | 150             | 201 Dues               | 0.00            |
| 202 USPS Edu. Fund     | 100             | 202 USPS Edu. Fund     | 100.00          |
| 203 church facilities  | 2,200.00        | 203 church facilities  | 1,175.00        |
| 204 National Meeting   | 1,000.00        | 204 National Meeting   | 750.00          |
| Commander:             | 50              | Cmdr Misc              | 50.00           |
| Programs               | 200             | Programs               | 250.00          |
| 206 Awards             | 500             | 206 Awards             | 750.00          |
| 207 Miscellaneous      | 25              | 207 Bridge Misc        | 0.00            |
| 208 Big Sweep          | 125             | 208 Big Sweep          | 150.00          |
| 210 Co-op Charting     | 25              | 210 Co-op Charting     | 25.00           |
| 211 Kid's Day At Lake  | 25              | 511 Kid's Day At Lake  | 150.00          |
| 214 Education          | 500             | 514 Education          | 400.00          |
| 217 New M'ber Mat'l    | 25              | 517 New M'ber Mat'l    | 25.00           |
| 218 New M'ber Soc.     | 25              | 218 New M'ber Soc.     | 0.00            |
| 220 Breeze             | 25              | 220 Breeze             | 125.00          |
| 221 Roster             | 125             | 221 Roster             | 100.00          |
| 222 Computer Misc.     | 50              | 222 Computer Misc.     | 150.00          |
| 224 Web Site Fee       | 75              | 224 Web Site Fee       | 165.00          |
| 227 calendar           | 200             | 227 calendar           | 175.00          |
| 228 Change Of Watch    | 600             | 228 Change Of Watch    | 250.00          |
| 229 Socials            | 400             | 229 Socials            | 50.00           |
| 230 Reinvest CD Int.   | 850             | 230 Reinvest CD Int.   | 0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b> | <b>7,275.00</b> | 525 D/27 Hospitality   | 250             |
|                        |                 | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b> | <b>5,090.00</b> |

The following is the list from our Nomination Committee.

Please look at the submitted names and if you have questions or concerns contact a member of the committee or bring this up at the next meeting.

### **Nomination Recommendations**

#### **Position**

#### **Name**

Commander

Lt/C David Schultz, SN

Executive Officer

Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN

Squadron Education Officer

Karen Nussman, AP

Administrative Officer

Grant Dawson, AP

Secretary

Lt/C Pat Freeze, JN

Treasurer

Todd Ring, AP

Elected Members at Large

Wayne Nussman, AP

Burton Kennedy, P

Larry Freeze, JN

Immediate Past Commander

Ronald Pittman, P

Rules Committee

P/C Woods McGinn, AP

Nominating Committee

Cdr Ron Pittman, P

Auditing Committee

Carol Kelly, AP

Submitted by the Nominating Committee

P/C John Oberholtzer, AP

P/C Woods McGinn, AP

P/C Tom Statham, AP



**STOP winterizing your boat...and let's have some fun!  
Join us for the Greensboro Power Squadron's Christmas Party**

**Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:00 pm.  
Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 Friendly Avenue**

**Please join us for a potluck dinner, music and a visit from Santa and his helpers.**

**Help us celebrate this special evening by bringing a large casserole to share and a wrapped children's gift labeled with the appropriate age and gender. All children in attendance will receive a present from Santa.**

**Gifts not distributed will be donated to the Children's Home Society.**

**The squadron will provide a chicken entre', coffee and tea.**

**To reserve your space, mail your check payable to  
Greensboro Power Squadron for \$5.00 per adult  
(Children under 12 are free!) to:**

**Todd Ring  
6605 Stonecroft Dr  
Oak Ridge NC 27310**

**Reservations are required by December 3, 2012  
Todd & Tracey Ring 643-0650**



Important Notice to All Committee  
Chairman

Merit Mark recommendations are due within two weeks after each event. Send to P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP at [mgordyjr@triad.rr.com](mailto:mgordyjr@triad.rr.com). Call Mack if you have questions.

**Greensboro Power Squadron  
2012 Schedule of Events**

**January**

- 1/7 D/27 Winter Officer Training  
NC State University Club, Raleigh
- 1/9 Annual Business Meeting
- 1/16 EX COM
- 1/21 GSO Change of Watch
- 1/25-1/29 USPS National Annual Meeting  
Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL

**February**

- 2/13 Membership Meeting
- 2/17 Multi Museum Tour-Lunch-AMTRAK  
Raleigh, NC
- 2/20 EX COM

**March**

- 3/12 Membership Meeting
- 3/19 EX COM

**3/23 – 3/25 D/27 Annual Meeting & COW, New Bern, NC**

**April**

- 4/9 Membership Meeting -
- 4/16 EX Com

**May**

- 5/4 – 5/5** D/27 Rendezvous - Little River, SC  
& **GPS Co-Op Charting**
- 5/14 Membership Meeting
- 5/19 – 5/25 National Safe Boating Week
- 5/18 – 5/20 Predicted Log South Harbour Village**
- 5/21 EX COM

**June**

- 6/11 Membership Meeting at Oak Hollow  
Fire and flare Training
- 6/18 EX COM

**July**

- 7/9 Hummer In the Summer (No Mtg)  
Bur-Mil Park, Greensboro
- 7/16 EX COM
- 7/21 Blue Berry Picking Foscoe, NC

**August**

- 8/13 Blue Berry Social (No Mtg)
- 8/18 Progressive Dinner– Date Change**
- 8/20 EX COM

**September**

- 9/2 – 9/9 USPS Governing Board Detroit, MI
- 9/10 Membership Meeting
- 9/17 EX COM
- 9/29 Smith Mountain Outing

**October**

- 10/06 Operation Big Sweep  
Belews Lake
- 10/08 PC Happening & Meeting
- 10/12 – 10/14 D/27 Fall Council/Conference
- 10/15 EX COM

**November**

- 11/10 Museum of Airborne & Special Ops  
Fayetteville, NC
- 11/12 Membership Meeting
- 11/19 EX COM

**December**

- 12/10 Christmas Party
- 12/17 EX COM

**January, 2013**

- 1/14 Annual Meeting
- 1/26 Greensboro Change of Watch**
- 1/21 EX COM





# 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 Michael 336-382-2390 or if possible "michaelgunter014@gmail.com"

Dear fellow members of the Power Squadron,

My two sons keep on wanting to borrow my boat to take their kids fishing at the Greensboro City Lakes. Last week it was brought back covered with Chicken livers that they had used to catch Catfish. I am looking to buy a used outboard motor of about ten H.P. that I can let them use on city owned boats. I need something fairly reliable at a reasonable price. I meant to place an ad in our last newsletter but forgot. Please keep your eyes and ears open and please let me know if you have any leads.

Jed Norris  
336-674-5347  
Pleasant Garden

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Covered Slip for Rent at Peltier Creek, NC. Contact Denny Brigadier of the WSSPS 816-3154 or e-mail at [brigadoons47@triad.rr.com](mailto:brigadoons47@triad.rr.com) (<mailto:brigadoons47@triad.rr.com>).

**For sale:** 20% share of Orion V. 38ft Catalina 380 – model year 2000. If you ever thought about a big sailboat, but it seemed unaffordable, check with Paul Long. 855-0519

**2003 Grady White 282 Sailfish**, 28' with cabin. Twin Yamaha 225 Four Stroke Engines with only 200 hours. Lots of extras. \$82,000. Call Pat Wright 336-317-0219 or e-mail [wrightpbjs@aol.com](mailto:wrightpbjs@aol.com)

## “Cooks Night Off”

Please join us at the Carolina Cafe at Friendly Shopping Center (next to Gate City Pharmacy) Monday between 6:00 – 6:30 P.M. for dinner and conversation before the Monthly Squadron Meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Look for familiar faces in the eastern front corner of the dining area. This is a terrific way to get to know your fellow squadron members on a more up-close and personal level. Lots of laughs, great conversation, and no one has to cook!! See you there!





MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE  
LT MICHAEL GUNTER



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