



# THE **BREEZE**

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*Boating is Fun... We'll Show You How!*

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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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## **NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS**

### **November Meeting Program**

Rain or Shine this will be an entertaining and informative program that you do not want to miss. Have you ever been far enough off-shore at night that you could only see the stars and maybe the moon and then a bright lonely light flashed far off on the horizon?

Then it flashed again from the same place. You likely experienced the feeling of an out-stretched hand, which would safely guide you and warn you of shoals and lead you to safe waters. Welcome to the lighthouse and its new meaning to you and your crew.

Bett Pagett, from Raleigh will share with us some stories, history and unusual facts about those tall giants of the North Carolina coast and their very important role in the history of our state.

Kendra & Keith  
2012 Program Co-Chairs

### **November Birthdays**

1	Kay Deaton	16	Zachary S. Eakes, P
1	John L. Lomax, AP	16	P/D/C L. Stephen (Steve) Puckett, SN
7	Annie Laurie K. (Lollie) Holland	17	Richard C. Young
9	Lt Shirley H. Kern, S	18	Elizabeth H. Crosby, P
10	Stephen J. (Steve) Chabon, AP	18	P/D/C James M. (Jim) Ward Jr., SN
15	Laura Stroupe Barrier, P	21	Berry T. Stout, AP
15	P/Lt/C W. Clinton (Clint) Jackson III, SN	30	Ralph D. Stout Jr., AP
16	William K. (Bill) Bates, JN		

### **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"

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.

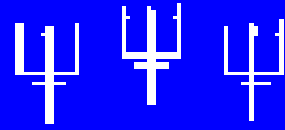
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## Commander's Log

Cdr Ron Pittman, P



My November message concerns being good stewards of our environment. Many of our Squadron members took most of their Saturday off to meet at Carolina Marina for this year's Big Sweep at Blews Lake. While we were gathering and waiting for our boat assignments, I took a few minutes to closely look around the boat ramp. Needless to say there were numerous cigarette butts, bottle caps, bolts and even some empty beer bottles that were neatly discarded at the base of a shrub. Such discarded trash is environmentally wrong and could have caused serious injuries.

The bottles near the ramps reminded me of a day back in the early 1960's when my father and I were launching our 22-foot cabin cruiser (BABU) on the ICW at Long Beach, NC. The ramp would launch two boats at one time. The other side of the ramp had just launched a boat when a young man jumped off the boat trailer into the water and landed squarely on a piece of broken glass. The young man let out a horrible scream and the water around his leg turned immediately red from the deep wound. He had a horrible cut in the bottom center of his foot. It was a terrifying site I will never forget! After watching that incident, I never step barefooted off a boat trailer into the water again.

As we divided up into two boat crews and headed out on Belews Lake, I thought to myself what a wonderful day and I hoped we could add some additional beauty to this lake. It didn't take us long when we spotted a hill near a highway bridge covered with trash. It looked like someone had taken a dump truck and tossed everything possible at one location. Charlie Boswell stayed with his boat and Karen Nussman, Wayne Nussman, Stewart Colson and I cautiously climbed slowly up the bank. Everything seemed to be fine until I my cell phone into the water...oh well it can be replaced. We split up and started filling our garbage bags. As I was picking up the discarded trash, I thought to myself who would treat this lake with so much disrespect? Dirty diapers, bottles, cans, plastic and stuff I couldn't identify were everywhere. It took us less than 30 minutes to fill up 7 large bags with trash. As we pulled away for another spot, I looked at that hill and felt great about what we accomplished. I also wondered how long it would take before it became another heap of trash too.

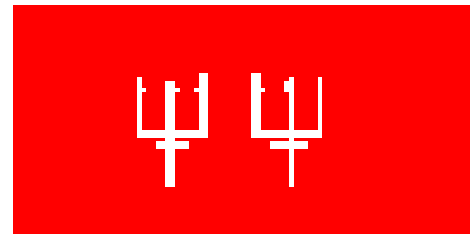
I know that all of us that day were proud of what was done to improve the environment of Belews Lake for all to enjoy. I even found a great throw net for Charlie's boat too. We should daily practice being good stewards of our environment. I have walked on many beaches and usually carried a five-gallon bucket to pick up trash that washed up or was left on the beach. It usually didn't take much walking before the bucket was full and I had to find a trash receptacle to empty the bucket. I make it a practice to carry a plastic garbage bag while walking in the Guilford Military Battleground Park too. As you drive through Greensboro you will notice trash thrown into the streets....I ask the question why? My oldest daughter lives in Cary and seldom do I see anything discarded on their streets. I don't believe they have 24 hour street cleaning but have a different mind-set to preserve and protect their environment.

I applaud the Greensboro Power Squadron for what we did at Belews Lake and challenge each of us to continue to preserve and protect our environment each and every day. Let us all continue to set a good example of being a Great Steward of the Environment!

PS. Tip of the Day - My submerged cell phone is working again thanks to being covered in rice for several days and a couple of trips to a warm oven.



Executive Officer  
Lt/C David Schultz, SN



I have finally gotten the calendar done for next year and now it's time again to write an article for the breeze. Last weekend we had the pleasure of having Karen and Wayne Nussman as our guests at the beach house. While there they also attended the district 27 fall conference in Wrightsville beach. The weather was perfect, it is such a great time to be at the coast. It was also great seeing all the squadron members who also went to this meeting. Hopefully Charlie Boswell had a less "adventurous" trip home.

We also had the pleasure this weekend of having my Dad and two sisters come visit us at the beach to celebrate their birthdays. Once again the weather was perfect and it made it that much harder to leave. We also spent the better part of the day on Sunday, getting our sailboat cleaned, in anticipation of our up and coming 2nd annual fall "cruise" down the ICW. This year, we are having three boats in our "flotilla". Pat and Larry Freeze along with Sue and myself, this year Ron Pittman and Paul Long will be joining us on Ron's boat the "Anna Bee". Last year we went north up the ICW and out to the cape in September and had some cold rainy weather, so this year we are headed south and we hope to have warmer and dryer conditions. Because everybody knows life is always better in the south. I hope this will continue to be an annual event that will grow into a larger flotilla each year. In other words, think and plan to bring your boat and join us for some fun next year.

I am excited about our up coming trip in November to the special forces museum in Fayetteville, being hosted by John Oberholtzer (Now this man knows his way around a museum). I hope that we will have a large turnout for this new and exciting event.

The December monthly membership meeting will, once again be held at Centenary Methodist Church, chaired by Tracy and Todd Ring. It is our annual Christmas party, so please plan to attend and let Tracy and Todd know as early as possible that you are coming. By letting them know early, will make their job in planning much easier.

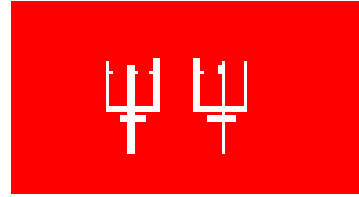
With the fall season upon us and the holidays baking season approaching fast, we know it's time to set back our clocks and to remember to change the batteries in your bread timers **A.K.A. smoke detectors**. We all







## Administrative Officer Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



The D27 Fall Council/Conference was held at Wrightsville Beach from October 12-14. Greensboro had an impressive turnout including:  
Ron and Anna Pittman, David and Sue Schultz, Karen and Wayne Nussman, Grant Dawson, Charlie Boswell, Dave Eberle, Steve and Chris Puckett, Mack and Vinnie Gordy and Kathy and Alec Wrenn.

We enjoyed a dinner cruise on Friday evening and on Saturday, the National Representative, Luis Ojeda, SN, spoke to us in a town hall style meeting.  
Later in the day, we had the traditional breakout sessions.

It does indeed take a significant amount of business meetings to fulfill the mission of USPS, D27, and also for our Greensboro Power Squadron. As it turned out, we did have some limited time just for the Greensboro attendees to get together and visit in a casual setting.

There will be more to come !



## Airborne Museum Trip

Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

We will meet at the First Lutheran Church parking lot at 0830 and depart for Fayetteville at 0900. Carpooling is encouraged. The route is 421 South through Sanford, then bear right onto 87 to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, 100 Bragg Blvd. (at the corner of Bragg Blvd. & Hay Street). It's 100 miles and will take two hours.

The Airborne & Spl Ops Museum and the N.C. Veterans Park are adjacent to one another. We will tour the North Carolina Veterans Park and then walk up the street to Huske Hardware for lunch. You may wish to sample their brewed on premises beers as well as the good food.

After lunch we will tour the Airborne & Spl Ops Museum. We plan to depart around 1500 to return to Greensboro and arrive around 1700 (5:00 PM to landlubbers).

There is no charge for either the Veterans Park or the Airborne Museum but donations are gladly accepted. Please sign up so we can tell the museum how many to expect and to arrange for discounted tickets for anyone wishing to attend the movie or motion simulator. Please e-mail John Oberholtzer at

[joberholtzer@triad.rr.com](mailto:joberholtzer@triad.rr.com).







**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"

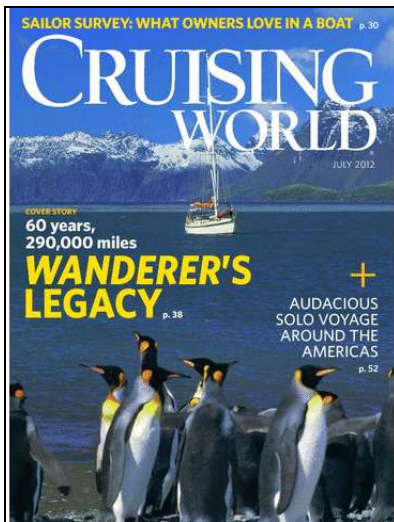
Dear fellow members of the Power Squadron,

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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**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!



**THE “BIG SWEEP” AT BELEWS LAKE  
A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED  
HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SO MUCH TRASH CAN GATHER IN OUR WATERWAYS.**



**THIS IS JUST A SMALL REMINDER TO US ALL THAT KEEPING OUR  
WATERWAYS CLEAN SHOULD BE A YEAR ROUND EFFORT.**



PAST COMMANDERS HAPPENING  
 GOOD FOOD, GREAT PEOPLE  
 And A CHANCE TO WATCH THE MEN CLEAN UP AFTER  
 THEMSELVES



**ANOTHER YEAR HAS  
 COME AND GONE. LET US  
 ALL TAKE A MOMENT TO  
 REMEMBER THE  
 BLESSINGS WE HAVE  
 BEEN GIVEN. HUG THOSE  
 CLOSE TO YOU AND LET  
 THEM KNOW THAT YOU  
 CARE...**



**THE GATHERING WAS  
 GREAT.  
 EVERYONE HAD A GOOD  
 TIME.  
 THE FOOD WAS  
 SOMETHING TO BRAG  
 ABOUT.**



**AND YOU CAN SEE THAT  
 THERE WAS A SMALL  
 CELEBRATION  
 AFTERWARDS**





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