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Notice to Mariners

Annual Ladies' Luncheon

Saturday, November 14th

11:30 to 3:30

New Orleans Bar & Grill

4312 Big Tree Way

RSVP to Glenda Waite

549-6699 or waite755@aol.com



November Birthdays

1 John Lomax	17 Richard Young
7 Lollie Holland	18 Elizabeth Crosby
9 Shirley Kern	18 Jim Ward
16 Zachary Eakes	21 Berry Stout
16 Steve Puckett	30 Ralph Stout
17 Lauren Perks	

2015 Squadron Patrons

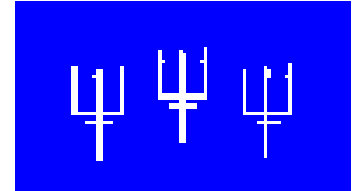
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "**Carolina Wren**"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "**EZ Living**"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "**Hattitude**"
- David and Sue Schultz "**Iron Jenny**"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "**Optional Necessity**"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "**Pelacanus**"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "**Sally O**"
- Steve and Chris Puckett "**Simply Mahvelous**"
- Phil and Barbara Thompson "**USS TBA**"
- Keith and Kendra Bulla "**Whisper**"

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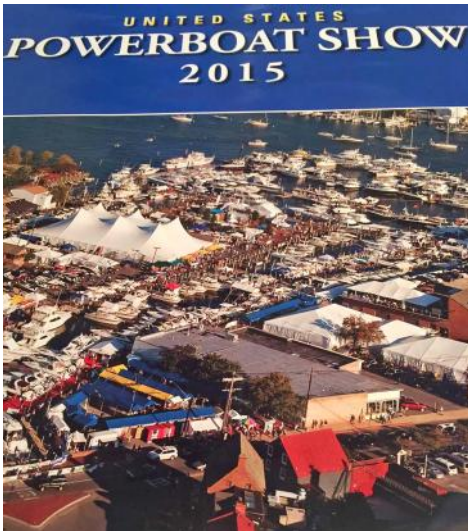
Lt/C Todd Ring, 6605 Stonecroft Dr., Oak Ridge, NC 27310.



Cdr Grant Dawson, AP



Hello everyone – well Halloween is now astern of us – I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday – onward to Thanksgiving – This last month of October I finally went to the Annapolis Power boat show – believe it or not, after all these years involved with boats – something always interferes with my attending the show – This year the stars finally aligned and I went - Glenda’s birthday was on October 1st, so, we decided to go to Maryland to visit with her long time friends Theresa and Ed to celebrate – then, as luck would have it, in conversation with Alec Wrenn, the boat show date came up - postponed the birthday trip till October 16 – this happened to be a week before Ed and Theresa’s trip to Antigua - so, as I said earlier, the stars aligned - so, off to the boat show on Saturday – a very quick drive through tour of the Naval Academy – best laid plans were to get free parking in the Academy parking lot – Ed drove his car, brought his ID (he is retired Air Force. Crew Chief on Air Force 1) – who knew they were having a parade and all parking lots were full! – so, \$30 later we were parked in the local parking deck! – Show was great - found a really nice 2015 48 Sabre – too bad already sold - I have a year to save up – yea right! Lunch with Glenda, Ed, Alec and Kathy Wrenn, Larry and Pat Freeze – where we enjoyed Ed’s stories of his travels on the “Jet” as he refers to Air Force 1 – Among other trips he was on Bush’s trip to Bagdad November of 2003 They were told “going to Crawford” Theresa found out where he was, on the evening news – all this, just to tell you how I acquired a box of M and M’s with the Presidential Seal with President Bush’s signature - oh, and went to the boat show too -

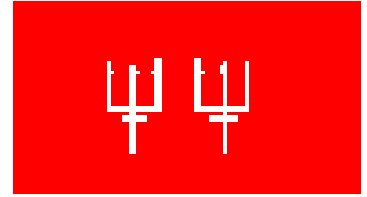


Annapolis Boat Show





Executive Officer
Lt/C Anneli Johansson, AP



On October 10th I went to the D/27 Fall Council/Conference in Charlotte. Here are a few things that were discussed during the Town Hall Meeting.

- The plan is to have one Boating Skills Virtual Trainer simulator for each of the squadron districts.
- E-books will phase out hard copy books for Seamanship and Piloting.
- Discussed was also what best way to get people interested in joining the USPS which currently has around 31,000 members.

I would like to remind everybody about the USPS Leadership Conference on November 20-21 at the USPS Headquarters in Raleigh. On Friday November 20th is the Leadership Development Training (LD101) and Saturday November 21st is the Seminar with the BOD. It is \$90.00 for LD101, Seminar and dinner Friday Night. Registration form can be found on the USPS website.

October 16th Leif and I participated in the Greensboro Ghost/Historic Walk. We all met for an early dinner and then off to the Ghost Walk. This was a very informative and interesting event. Our guide was excellent and knew his history very well. Thank you Lt Sue Schultz for organizing this event.

November usually means the end of the boating season for us on Belews Lake. Our boat will be put in dry storage over the winter months. Hopefully we will have another couple of weekends left of nice weather.

Wishing all of you a nice and safe Thanksgiving!

Happy Boating !



Ghost Walk



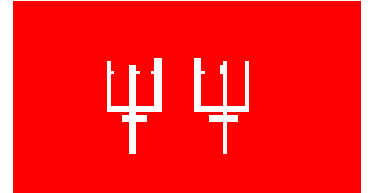
To begin our evening, on October 16th ten people met at the Oak Crest family restaurant for dinner. After an enjoyable meal and conversations, we had twelve people, including two grandchildren, who met in front of the Melvin Municipal Building at 6:45 for our **History and Haunts** tour in downtown Greensboro. We had an excellent tour guide dressed in period clothing. We learned history of Greensboro, especially about the Blandwood Mansion and its significance to our city. I do not want to divulge too much information, in case someone wants to do this tour, which I highly recommend! We listened to stories about the many ghosts who still hang out downtown. Even one of our members was well aware of the hauntings at the police station. We had a very enjoyable evening and learned something about our own hometown. This tour is done year round, so I recommend if you didn't get to go with us, go sometime and enjoy some facts and tales of your town: we live in a haunted town!

Lt Sue Schultz, S



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Phil Thompson, S



First, let me apologize for the canceling of our second attempt to host the GPS fishing tournament and picnic. The muddy conditions created by the September rain continued with more rain during the October 10 weekend and therefore we thought it best to try again next spring.

As winter approaches, our Squadron looks ahead to the activities planned for the change in season. We had originally planned an Oyster Roast for early November but the stars did not line up right for this either, so it also will be worked into our plans for next year.

The November 9th membership meeting will feature Alex Rosser of PTI airport as our speaker. His program will include the airport's mission, passenger particulars, and new developments that are being planned. This promises to be very interesting as changes are in the works.

Our last event and meeting of this calendar year will be the Christmas Party on December 14. We will have more details for this at the November meeting.

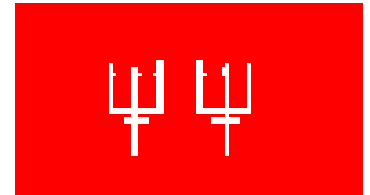
Preceding the monthly meeting, join other GPS folks for dinner at

**Tex & Shirleys
Friendly Center**

**Arrive between 6:00–6:15 PM for dinner and conversation before the Monthly Squadron Meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Look for familiar face and join the group. 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!**



Education Officer
P/C John Oberholtzer, AP



“Come for the Education; Stay for the Fun”

USPS National’s new motto clearly defines what we hope to accomplish with our various courses; sign up and take a course; they’re fun. Better yet join up and have a lot more fun. The courses themselves are a lot of fun; the asides, jokes, and confessions of past foul ups (no, I mean learning opportunities) add immeasurably to our classroom experiences. There is no comparison between what you get out of our classes and what you gain from taking the on-line course. Our instructors put in a lot of effort to be sure that they are up to date with their subject matter and their years of boating experience reinforce both the student’s potential for learning and the learning experience.

We are offering the One Day ABC Course on Saturday Nov. 7th at the Leonard Recreation Center on Ballinger Rd. and starting on November 12th we’re presenting the Seamanship course which will run 8 weeks on Thursday evenings. Unlike years past, our courses are now open to the general public so we’re hoping to get a good turnout for both. We plan to add a one evening secession on the benefits of Greensboro USPS membership to the seamanship course and are working on creating a Power Point presentation to show the advantages and the fun of membership. Please encourage your friends and family’s participation.

We are working with Great Outdoors, the canoe and kayak retailer on Gate City Blvd. (ex-High Point Rd.) to present the Paddlesmart Seminar and are scheduling the new Electronic Navigation course for the start of the new year. Take the electronics course, it’s the first time Greensboro has offered it or at least come out and sit in on the lessons that are of interest to you. We will publish the list of dates and subject matters for your edification.

Participate, add your considerable knowledge, and spread the joy of learning to the newer generations of boaters.

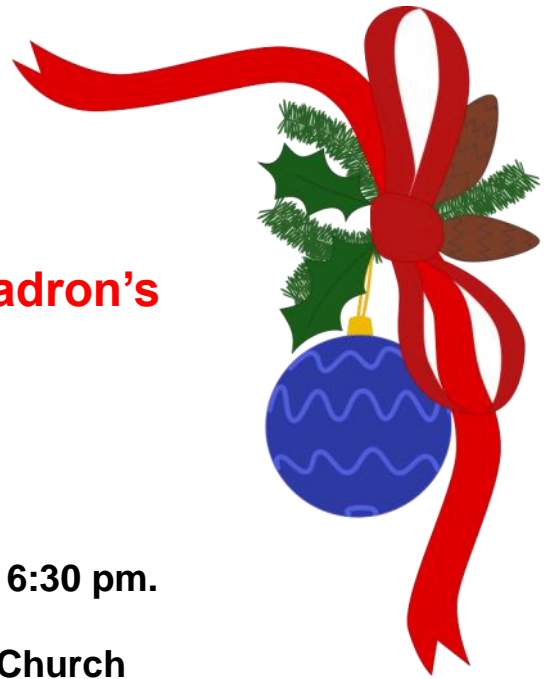
“Come for the Education; Stay for the Friends” Join with us to make this more than just a motto!

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.

Call Mack if you have questions.



**Join us for the
Greensboro Power Squadron's
Holiday Party**

Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 Friendly Avenue**

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

**Help us celebrate this special evening by bringing a large casserole or
dessert 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 Claus.**

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

The squadron will provide a meat 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 our treasurer**

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Todd Ring

6605 Stonecroft Dr.

Oak Ridge, NC 27310

Or call to RSVP 643-0650 (Todd & Tracey Ring)

Reservations are required by December 8, 2015

New Member

Chauncey Jackson has recently relocated to Greensboro in June, 2015, from Minneapolis, MN. He has two children: Valerie 13 and Max 11. In addition to having lived in Minnesota, he lived in Basel, Switzerland for 6 years (Basel is one hour outside of Zurich).

The son of a retired Air Force father, Chauncey was born on an Air Force base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He served in the Air Force from 1984-1988, at Beale A.F.B. in California. He describes himself as "a bit of a gypsy or a nomad", as he relates that he has also lived in Texas, Alabama, Colorado, Tennessee, Florida, and Massachusetts as well as having lived briefly in Greensboro from 2003-2004, where his son Max was born.

Currently, Chauncey is in phase two of a start up, a consulting firm, that focuses on Sales and Sales Management training, with a projected launch date of January, 1st, 2016. Sales Jet International LLC, will conduct training courses at Sedgefield Country Club.

Chauncey is a graduate of the University of Houston and reports previous positions in Sales and Marketing at:

- Smith Klein Beecham Pharmaceuticals.
- MCI. (Microwave Communications Inc.)
- Paetec Communications.
- Major League Soccer.
- PGA TOUR.
- DataMed Software.

Both of his parents were born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and he considers himself from there as well, despite the wanderlust. He has a sister in New York and another in Los Angeles.

Chauncey says he has had a life-long love of the sea, as his maternal grandfather is from Barbados, and growing up, Chauncey would summer, no matter where his family was stationed, at his beach house, in Onset, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod.

Often times his grandfather would drop him off at the pier at 6 AM, pay the \$13.00 for him to spend the full day on the finest sailing vessel, the "Onset Chief," a Viking, by himself, on a deep sea fishing charter, with all the grisly old salts! Chauncey says one of his finest memories happened when after putting in an additional \$5.00, he won the fishing pool, by landing the biggest fish, a blue and \$80, which in 1976 as a 10 year old was the equivalent of winning a multi-million dollar power ball lottery! And he still remembers that in that day, there were still penny candy stores!

Chauncey says he looks forward to serving and learning in the Power Squadron and to meeting everyone. Already he feels indebted to the two fine members he has met so far, and who have already helped him: David Schultz and Wayne Nussman.

Let us all welcome Chauncey to our group!

The Past Commanders Happening

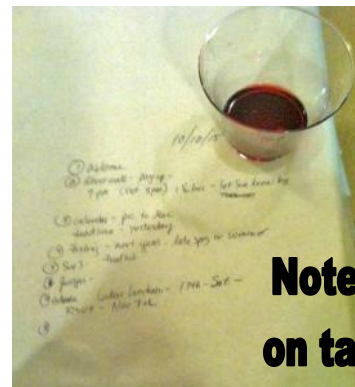
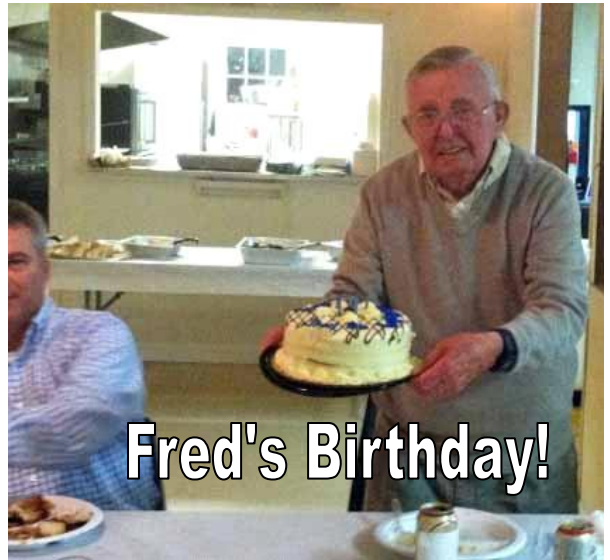
The Past Commanders would like to say “thank you” to everyone who attended the PC Happening last month.

In order to provide a bit of history, the Past Commanders group was formed many years ago with the sole purpose of keeping our PC’s connected and to support the incoming leadership. All too often, people who have given so much of their time and energy in these volunteer roles often tend to burn out, becoming less active or finding other interests. The Past Commanders of Greensboro Power Squadron have provided an avenue to keep our outgoing officers involved and provide support for the organization. In the early years, the Greensboro Power Squadron depended on the financial support of the Past Commanders and others to keep things running. It was not unusual to have individual Past Commanders pitch in to underwrite events.

In more recent times, the Past Commanders have hosted, “The Past Commanders Happening”, as a fundraiser. The purpose of the Happening is to get the Squadron membership together for fellowship and fun and, at the same time, to provide a means by which the Past Commanders are able to help offset the cost of squadron events. By doing so, we have been able to lower the charge to members which hopefully encourages participation. Many events have been supported over the years; both our 30th and 40th Anniversary Celebrations, many Change of Watch celebrations, several District Changes of Watch, as well as hosting District meetings held in Greensboro. All have been supported both financially and otherwise by the Past Commanders.

We want to extend our appreciation to all who attended last month to make our efforts successful and to acknowledge your support. We received many compliments about the food and those desserts were outstanding as usual, but the most important part of the night was the gathering of our organization for fellowship.

We also send out a hearty “Thank you” to the current Bridge for cleaning up after the event. Well done!



Schedule of Events 2015



11/9/15	GPS membership meeting
11/14/15	Ladies Luncheon
11/16/15	ExCom
12/14/15	GPS membership meeting – Christmas Party
12/21/15	ExCom
1/11/16	GPS Business Meeting
1/19/16	ExCom
1/23/16	GPS Change of Watch

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