



Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron

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A Unit of the United States Power Squadron – District 23



Lake County Florida – Everyone that attends one of our outings always notices one thing in common. When the food is served, the silence is deafening. This mystery once again overtook the picnic groves along the shores of Lake Dora, in the confines of Gilbert Park.

P/C Tim Henke, AP was on scene at just after dawn with the mega grill in tow. It was a good thing as the crowd that showed up, during that silent period, consumed the better part of 20 pounds of chicken wings. Many thanks to chef Tim for the cooking of all that fowl !

Not wanting to take away from the “spud” main dishes that ½ of the squadron was responsible to bring and of course the other ½ of the group brought calorie free, cholesterol free, fat free decadence for dessert.

We all do very well as a boating group – Except you ought to see our “second” best attribute ! *Hint:* it has to do with what happens during that aforementioned “quiet period”.

It was grand to see everyone come out in the different modes of transportation. Dave and Vic came by boat. The Commander had their boat at the ready and many others wetted their hulls during the day. The question is whether or not that 1935 Ford Hot Rod that the Rowe’s brought can really float? The motor sounds grand and the paint is just perfect. It really does not fit into the “duddy” class of hybrid auto-boats.....

After the fabulous meal, a grand crowd of members boarded the boats of every type and took a lazy cruise across the lakes of Lake Dora, Little Lake Dora, Lake Charlton and of course Lake Beau Claire. It was a good run and we all made it back just before the raindrops came. As the boats were secured back on the trailers the heavens opened up and gave the boats a fresh rainwater rinse.

For an August gathering, the attendance was very good. We know that there are a few more members out there that should become involved. It is your organization and the strength of it is through the strength of individuals. As everyone wonders back to their home in Florida, come on out and re-involve yourself with Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron – Lake County’s Boating Club.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 Lest we never forget, this generations Pearl Harbor

Commander's Message



Cdr Cathy Henke, P

We are nearing the end of the year, at which time we seem to do many civic duties to complete our triangle as a squadron. We will be working to obtain a list for the Santa for Senior, Food Drive and for Toys 4 Tots. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

Due to other obligations P/C Joe Murray, AP has requested to have another member replace him for the remainder of 2011. I want to thank P/C Joe Murray, AP for his many years of service coordinating the VSC program. He has done a spectacular job running this program for the Harris Chain. P/C Sid Pitcher, S will assume VSC coordinator for the rest of 2011. If you are interested in becoming a VSC examiner please contact Sid.

This past month 2 members have tested for Instructor Qualification, Raymond Ellison and Tom Molik. Congratulations and hope to see you teaching soon.

Also as a reminder, everyone should attend the Ponce de Leon Squadron sponsored conference at the end of September in Deland and see what it is all about. You don't need anything special other than your smile. Wear your Harris Chain shirts and Nametags and go and meet everyone. They are a great group. When you attend the conference please remember Harris Chain will be hosting the spring conference in 2013. See the details on page 10 and 11 for details.



Lt/C Don Stewart, S

Squadron Executive Officer (SXO)

As usual we are looking for help in the booth for First Friday. Please let me know what month you can help in the booth either 1st shift 5:00pm-7:00pm or 2nd shift 7:00pm-9:30pm.

Members that have personal information changes such as new phone numbers, new e-mail addresses and other personal data changes need to log on to the national site. Log on to USPS.org and log in using each members number and password. The password is on your dues renewal on the same line as each ones name. On the lower left side column there is an option titled "Manage your own profile". Please update your information and then hit the update button at the bottom of the page.

If you need rosters they are available at all General Membership meetings.

If you may have questions, please contact me.



Lt/C Ralph Shrivalle, AP **Squadron Education Officer (SEO)**

Our scheduled, final course for 2011 is the Piloting Course for Wednesday, October 5, 2011. This will be taught by one of the squadron master instructors, Bill Myers. This is a ten-week course so plan your time for it. If you do not have Seamanship grade, you can take the Piloting class first then the Seamanship class next when it's offered. Once both grade classes are successfully completed you will be able to jump up to the P – piloting grade.

The final ABC course for this year will be Saturday, October 8, 2011. The few members who expressed interest in completing the IQ course please email Phil Ponticello (pponticello@harrischain.org) to setup testing.

For the Piloting Class Students – Textbooks may be paid for and also be picked up at the September monthly meeting. Don't forget your checkbooks !



Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P **Squadron Secretary**

At the August 20th picnic on the Mount Dora lakefront, several requests were made for the recipe for Raspberry Pie. Following is the quick and easy recipe, as copied from the pages of a magazine. The source is unknown.

Raspberry Pie

Ingredients

1 small box of Jell-O fat-free, sugar-free raspberry gelatin
1/4 to 1/2 cup very hot water
1 low-fat or fat-free 8-ounce container of raspberry yogurt
1 8-ounce carton of fat-free or sugar-free Cool Whip
1 low-fat graham cracker crust (Chocolate is also good and only 10 calories higher).

Directions

Dissolve Jell-O in hot water.
Stir yogurt in thoroughly.
Add Cool Whip.
Pour into crust.

You can use any flavor Jell-O and matching yogurts. Key lime and strawberry are both good. This recipe is almost totally fat-free and has little sugar.

Note: The raspberry pie that came to the picnic was comprised of a double batch of filling ingredients and a Keebler extra-large graham cracker crust. The pie was decorated with sliced Bing cherries. Additional Cool Whip was available as a topping.

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Vacant _Administrative Officer SAO

Lt/C Ralph Shrivalle, AP Education Officer SEO

Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P Secretary

Lt/C Roger Wilson, S Treasurer

COME ONE, COME ALL !



It's time to learn all about the Harris Chain AND the United States Power Squadrons.

Learn what those funny looking pitchfork thingies are meaning. What a Member at Large does, or even what a SEO is ?

Once a year we have a 4 hour class that brings everyone up to speed, on the organization structure and how things operate. Think of it as an orientation to the operations of our group.

We gather at the home of the commander and have a coffee and listen to the Past Commander Tim Henke, AP explain and hopefully make some sense of all the letters after peoples names and the goings on of the group.

It goes by the formal name of Operations Training. It will fulfill the requirement of bringing everyone an understanding on a book called the Operations Manual.

After listening to the explanation we will have a Bar B Que for everyone.

There is the reward of completion of one of the segments on your certificate – WITHOUT A TEST !

Tim will send out a E-mail to all of those that need to take this class.

It will be on October 29th, 2011 at 8 AM sharp.

Save that morning and get your orientation taken care of !

Last Month's Trivia Question

A Fathom is a unit of Measure
that equals 6 Feet !



SEPTEMBER'S MEETING PLACE

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Community Room

Lake Square Mall (next to Penney's in the mall)

7:00pm Business meeting

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "SEPTEMBER BABIES"

28th Brian Rivette

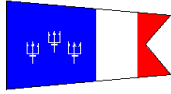
25th Charles Toifl

11th Julie Wilson



Help is needed on Oct 8th The next public boating (ABC) class. By using the Lake Square Mall Community room we obtain an indirect opportunity to also have a information booth. If you are not in the teaching mode, we need YOU to staff the information booth. Just answer a few questions and pass out information and solicit membership into the Harris Chain. Yes you can do it! It's EASY!





P/C Joe Murray, AP
Vessel Safety Check, Chairman



We have completed 81 vessel safety checks this year, with 72 boaters being awarded a decal. On Sunday, August 21, Bill Myers, Joe Rzewuski, Sid Pitcher, and I attended the ramps at Venetion Cove for our scheduled outing. We will expect more ramp activity as the weather cools. Thanks to Cathy and Tim for stopping by.

Sid Pitcher will be taking over the Vessel inspection duties, and I have turned over my information and literature to him. Please contact Sid for information, or to become a vessel examiner.

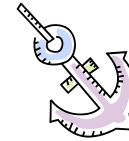
Many thanks, to all of the members that have involved themselves, in this program over the years.

My Best to all the inspectors and everyone in the squadron.

P/C Joe Murray, AP



Ship's Store



We have a stock of shirts in stock. With the return of the snowbirds, we will have to supply them on a first come first serve basis. Remember Christmas is just around the corner.

**All member shirts
are the same**

Member Shirts
\$ 33.08



**For those that have
a past rank, the
rank is added to
left sleeve.**
with rank \$ 36.35



Burgees are HERE! Fly your Burgee when you are out on the water. \$ 38.70 each



Decals \$3.00 each

All Items will be on sale at the Monthly meeting!

Outing Saturday, September 24th

Lake Griffin State Park
Event Theme - Sinful Desserts
12:00 NOON

Mission: Prepare a dessert, that will tickle the most fickle, tastebuds

When: After a picnic lunch at the main pavilion above the docks at Griffin State Park.
Then we will break out those tasty goodies to share with each other!

How to get there: By Boat or by car – it's not that Hard

Car: Lake Griffin State Park – Route 441 in Fruitland Park

Boat: Lake Griffin Enter off the west side of the lake and follow the river into the park. As you see the boundary sign for the park property. Tilt your outdrive upwards and avoid the stump that is right “on the line” of the park property, in the water in the canal. Continue up and tie up at the dock. The squadron will be just up the hill.

Lunch will be on your own.
The pavilion has electricity. Restrooms are nearby.

No Swimming is permitted as the alligators have first swimming rights.

Fishing supposed to be very good !

There is a hiking trail to work off those goodies !



We will have a few games and we have the pavilion for the day. Come on out a relax and enjoy the beauty of this hidden gem!



Galaxy 23

News from the Bridge of District 23

Your link to District and National

D/Lt/C Ernst G Hofmann, JN
District 23 Secretary

The job of communicating with members is vital to any organization and usually is the secretary's responsibility. While there are a number of ways of accomplishing this – newsletters, e-mail messages, telephone calls, smoke signals – the keystone is the database that we have at our fingertips. USPS has a first-class database that we can access to accomplish our aims – DB2000.

This database is much more than a static listing of names and addresses – it allows the user to obtain data such as birthdays or find out who is a candidate for Junior Navigation and has taken the requisite courses.

Because of its many features, DB2000 may appear daunting at first; however, it keeps amplifying its scope and now offers YouTube tutorials to better understand and use it.

Squadron Secretaries play a key role in making DB2000 an accurate and timely tool. They are responsible for updating the squadron and member information and uploading it to National. Similarly, members need to transmit to their secretaries any personal changes. A year ago, I listed some mid-July statistics, which I have updated. D23 has the same number of members (967) with essentially the same quantity of e-mail addresses (708) and telephones listed (918 landlines and business) but the number of listed cell phone numbers almost doubled to 166. How long did it take me to gather this information? Less than three minutes.

Another area where DB2000 can be a huge labor saving device is in the preparation of directories. Because they become outdated almost weekly they should be updated periodically and not of just after the Change of Watch.

Secretaries can also make their life easier at year's end with the dreaded task of submitting the Historian Report. Of course, the data should be compiled continuously as the year marches on; then, when the time comes to fill in the blanks, a click on the FORMS button gets you started.

A current and clean database is an essential management tool for your Bridge and your committees – feel free to contact me if there are questions or roadblocks.

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 First Friday Eustis 5-9 pm Volunteers Needed	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 Bridge Meeting Commanders Home 7pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Vessel Safety Checks	19	20 Monthly Meeting at Lake Square Mall Community Room	21	22	23	24 Outing Lake Griffin State Park—Sinfull Desserts
25	26	27	28	29	30 District Fall Conference in Deland, FL All Invited	

OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 District Fall Conference in Deland, FL
2 District Fall Conference Deland, FL	3	4 Bridge Meeting Commanders Home 7pm	5 Piloting Class 7pm	6	7 First Friday Eustis 5-9 pm Volunteers Needed	8 ABC Class 8-5 Lake Square Mall
9	10	11	12 Piloting Class 7pm	13	14	15
16 Vessel Safety Checks	17	18	19 Piloting Class 7pm	20	21	22 Outing Spooky Soup
23	24	25	26 Piloting Class 7pm	27	28	29 Operations Training 8am- Noon. Henke Residence
30	31 Happy Halloween					

***** LAST CALL FOR THE FALL CONFERENCE *****

Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail and Power Squadron

Invites D/23

To join them in Margaritaville



30 September 2011 to kick off the Fall Conference Weekend



*Relax, come casually dressed, enjoy the island food,
dance the evening away to your favorite Jimmy Buffet Tunes.*

Let yourself be whisked away to enjoy

*Pacific Rim delicacies with topical fruit on skewers marinated in rum and coconut,
roasted whole pig properly decorated,
grilled chicken breast with sweet and sour sauce, roasted red bliss potatoes,
baked sweet potato in pineapple butter sauce, steamed vegetables in Asian chili
sauce, with various salads*

Where can you find this special place?

Near the Home of Stetson University and Historic Deland

At the

Clarion Hotel

350 East International Speedway

Deland, Florida 32724





USPS DISTRICT 23 2011 FALL CONFERENCE

30 September & October 1 & 2 2011

Clarion Hotel - 350 East International Speedway Blvd Deland, Florida 32724

Room Reservations must be received no later than Thursday, 15 September 2011 to guarantee rate through hotel
Late reservations on a space available basis

LASTNAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

LASTNAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE () _____ E-MAIL _____ SQUADRON _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ DATE OF DEPARTURE _____ # Of Persons _____

The USPS rate for the event is \$69.00 + 12.5% tax per room per night.

If paid directly by check to Ponce by 9/10/2011, tax-exempt status will be in force, but no special requests will be taken except for Handicapped rooms - Check in time is 1500; checkout is 1100.

For individual reservations call the Clarion at 386 - 738 - 5200 Mon-Fri, 0900-1700 and ask for USPS Rate:

For tax exemption, mail with meal reservations and make checks payable to Ponce de Leon S & P Squadron to:

P/C Linda Allen, SN

438 Bouchelle Drive # 301 New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Telephone: 386 - 423 - 1945 email: chulin@ucnsb.net

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Meal reservations must be received no later than 10 September 2011

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____ SQUADRON _____

If a special diet is required for health reasons, please let us know

Number attending Cost

Friday Evening - Pacific Rim Festival Buffet @ \$32.00 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Plated - Trio Salad (Tuna, Chicken, Potato Salads) with fresh fruit, bread and dessert @ \$16 .00 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Banquet choice/choices:

Prime Rib _____ Mahi Mahi (with Macadamia nuts & Mango relish) _____ @ \$30 .00 _____ \$ _____

“N” Club Breakfast @ \$14.00 _____ \$ _____

Total for meals \$ _____

Total of room (through Ponce) \$ _____

Total amount of check \$ _____