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Coming Events

SHPS Picnic Meeting 8 June -Willow Tree Grove South Park (See Below)



- USPS Governing Board 1—5 June 2005, Charlotte, NC
- Sail Day 25 June Lake Arthur, Moraine State Park
- 11th Annual Blessing of the Fleet 26 June Pittsburgh Point at 1400
- · 2005 Bassmasters Classic Tournamment 29-31 July Pittsburgh
- Chautauqua Gathering 30 & 31 July Lake Chautauqua ,NY
- D/7 Cruise 5 7 August 2005 Huron Boat Basin

South Hills Power Squadron Picnic Meeting Willow Tree Grove, South Park



8 June **200**5

Arrive any time after 1600 (4 PM).

Bring something to share:

A-H Veggies, I-P Salads, and Q-Z Desserts Condiments, Meats, including World Reknown **Macko Sausage** are provided.

Directions: Main entrance on Corrigan Drive past the circle to the new traffic light. Turn Left onto Maple Springs Drive. First road to the right. Down road to soccer field.

Turn right to Willow Tree Grove. Look for the SHPS Burgee signs.

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The Boats are Afloat!

It is time to take some pictures of

YOU AND YOUR BOAT

For publication in *The SouthWind*.

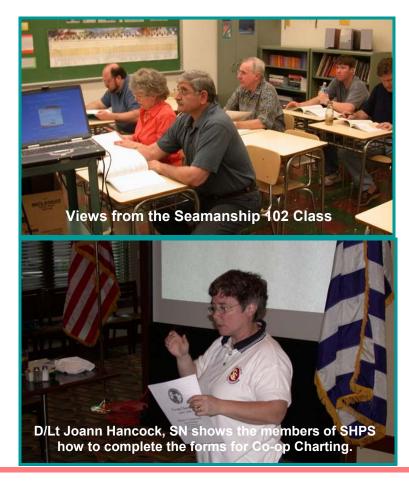
Boating adventures are ahead.

Be sure to take a camera with you so that you can share those summer photographs here in the pages of the SouthWind.



The deadline for the next SouthWind is 18 August.

The editors and staff of the SouthWind wish you a great summer!



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Please show your support by making a contribution in any amount. Thank you for your generosity!

Administrative Department

By Lt/C Christine Orie, S

It is time for fun on the water at Sail Day. We will meet on Saturday, 25 June, at Davis Hollow Marina at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. The time is 1000 to 1900 hours. Bring a boat if you can. If you don't have a boat, please come anyway. Everyone will have a chance to sail.

Please bring your grill and charcoal. Hot dogs, and hamburgers will be furnished by SHPS. Each family attending should bring a dish to share. The following suggests what you might contribute: A to H - vegetables, I to P - salads, Q to Z - desserts.

Call at 724-935-5087 or e-mail me at Mozart4192@aol.com by 8 June to let me know that you are planning to come. There is a \$5.00 per person charge, and the kids are free. Please pay at the June meeting.

Follow the SHPS burgees to a great day with friends and family.



2005 Saíl Day 25 June Lake Arthur Moraíne State Park See artícle above for detaíls.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Get Well Wishes go to:

Gerry Marzzarella P/D/C Bob Colteryahn, AP



It is Dues Renewal Time



Your USPS membership is such a great bargain. Paying dues is now easier than ever because you can use your credit card. Notice that the dues now go to USPS Head-quarters. We receive credit on our account. Your membership card will be mailed from headquarters.

Remember that since we are a 501C-3 non-profit organization, your dues are deductible on your taxes.

If you haven't done so yet, won't you renew today?

Last month we featured clothing embroidered with the squadron logo and your name. Here are the details:

Embroidery on your own clothing \$6.00 per item
Embroidered Caps are \$8.50 to \$12.50
Embroidered Polo shirts are \$17.50 to \$27.50
Embroidered Sweatshirts are \$17.50 to \$33.00
They have windbreakers, jackets, and coats etc.

We need 12 items to place an order. Contact Lt/C Warren Bell, AP.

Commander's Corner by Cdr Selden Campen, AP

Enthusiasm overtaking zeal; oozing from every corner, building to a crescendo – so describes our South Hills Squadron as Memorial Day approaches and boating activities commence. Adding fellowship to your boating season this year will be the 8 June Squadron Picnic at Willow Grove in South Park, 25 June Sail day at Moraine State Park, and a new event – the Chautauqua Gathering 30 - 31 July.

Many thanks to Joanne and Tom Hancock brought to us by Tom Merritt, who introduced us to Co-op Charting at our May membership meeting. Also, kudos (i.e. merit marks) to Mac McDonald, Dan Marino, and Jim Stark for organizing our Member Interest Survey. Depending on the responses, we may be finding resources to activate the Co-op Charting activity in our squadron, initiating summer Boating Classes, and would you believe — a winter Caribbean Cruise. And, we intend to focus like a laser, organizing our classroom efforts on the courses and seminars around the subjects you selected in the survey. Also, we will enable new activities and enhance existing ones utilizing the information collected.

As coordinator of the Chautaugua Gathering, I will devote the rest of this column to introducing this event. The Chautauqua Gathering will replace the Erie Rendezvous this summer. Lake Chautaugua is 45 minutes east of Erie, 165 miles from Pittsburgh - all interstate miles, L 42° 21' 08" N, Lo 79° 46' 15" W. The Chautaugua Institution, on the western shore of Lake Chautaugua, is an adult Disneyland – although it also caters very successfully to families. The community increases to a summer population of 10,000 during its 9 week summer program from its base of less than 300 full-year residents. Its physical estate is large, and the activities diverse, so overcrowding is not an issue. People interacting in education, recreation and the arts, all on vacation, all having fun, makes Chautauqua a unique American institution. You will enjoy Chautaugua, rain or shine, whether you come for the boating events, to taste the offerings of Chautaugua, or just to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow South Hills Squadron members. Additional information can be obtained about Chautauqua Institution at www.chautuaqua-inst.org. A \$15 deposit per person is due by June 8th (at or before the picnic)

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Boppin At the Basin

D7 Cruise at Huron Boat Basin

Circle the weekend, 5, 6 & 7 of August on your calendar. It's the D7 cruise, and you won't want to miss the fun!

Arrive as early as you can on Friday! Explore the Basin. Walk to the beach. Later, join us for a light dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the accourrements. Partake in a unique activity (Surprise!) that is sure to please! Compete for prizes.

Decorate your boat, "Caribbean Theme" for judging on Saturday.

On Saturday, we've planned brunch (please bring a dish for 10 to pass). A not-to-be-missed cruise up the Huron River is planned for the afternoon. How far does it go? Does the Lake Erie Monster really exist? The Vikings Den will be waiting for our arrival on our trip back to the basin.

A social hour is planned in the pavilions with light finger food, refreshments, and entertainment. Be sure to dress for the occasion. Your very best Caribbean attire. The competition will be tough, but we know the judges will be fair. Great prizes will be awarded!

Dinner will be a buffet featuring roast pork, barbequed chicken, kielbasa with kraut, baked beans, roasted red skin potatoes, corn on the cob, cold salads, fresh fruit and a brownie for dessert. Entertainment in the USPS pavilions will follow for your participation and enjoyment.

Entertainment at the basin will feature Cajun and Swamp Pop performed by Zydeca Jones.

Sunday brings us a hearty breakfast and an all too early farewell to D/7 friends.

We've reserved (60+0 docks for the weekend and encourage you to register for them quickly. Deposits are needed to hold the dockage. (See the online reservation form.) You need separate checks for boat and activity reservations.

If coming by car, the deadline on our block of reserved rooms is up but other motels in Huron are listed on the website at www.usps.org/localusps/d7

If you have any questions, please give Twila Hauck a call at 440.899.0353 or email at: twilaboat@comcast.net.



Executive Department by Lt/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

Who's ready to go Co-Op Charting? After that very informative presentation at the May meeting by Joanne and Tom Hancock, I feel I want to take up the challenge. Will you join me?

The VSC packets have been distributed to the examiners. If you need re-certified, please call any one of the examiners listed in the front of your SHPS roster. I hope to see you on the docks.

Thank you to everyone who taught a class in the Seamanship class that I chaired. Thank you, also, to the students for attending so regularly. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Remember to come to the Picnic Meeting on 8 June in South Park.

Education Department by Lt/C James A. Stark, AP

The test has been given for Seamanship 102. Congratulations to all the instructors and students for a job well done. Special thanks to Course Chairman, Lt/C Dorothy Meloy, AP.

Tom and Teri Joseph are going to challenge Seamanship 101. They just bought a 50 foot houseboat for use on the Allegheny River. Congratulations.

Copies of the Member Survey will be mailed to members who did not complete them at the May meeting. We are trying to get everyone's opinion. It will help us meet the needs and desires of the members in education and other programs. We will plan our fall classes based on the results of this survey.

I join all the members of the SHPS bridge in wishing everyone a happy and safe summer.

if you choose to attend. The deposit, made payable to the South Hills Power Squadron, is being used as a headcount to plan activities. It will be refunded to those who attend. The remainder will be a donation to the squadron. Forward your deposit to me at 130 Radcliff Drive, Pgh, PA 15237. The fee for admission to Chautauqua on Saturdays is about \$25, Sundays are free.

Chautauqua program and covered outdoor venues make it an ideal destination, rain or shine. However, the admission fee could be avoided if the participants collectively wish to hold Saturday's events at the nearby State Park and Marina. The tentative program will be (subject to change via a discussion with the participants):

Saturday

Arrival Meet at SWC's house, 34 Miller Avenue

- 1130 Picnic lunch (bring your own) at the Coyle Pavilion on the water front
- 1300 Water sports, swimming, boat rides on SWC's Macgregor 26X, or other member's boats
- 1500 Contemporary Issues Forum, David Kozak, Professor of Public Policy, Gannon University
- 1630 Sail/Boat Parade to Bemus Dinner at Fisherman's Wharf return via evening sail
- 2015 Concert Chautauqua Symphony / Rochester Oratorio Society Verdi Requiem (informal setting, you can enter and leave the outdoor amphitheater multiple times)
- 2102 Twilight Sextant training, those interested should bring one; see Jim Stark for the South Hills sextant.
- 2200 Social at Snug Harbor

Sunday

- 0900 Breakfast at the Chautauqua Diner
- 1045 Service Calvin O. Butts III, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of NYC
- 1215 Lunch (TBD) possibly box lunches from Andriochio's.
- 1300 Sailing, Skiing, Swimming, GPS Training, etc.
- 1700 Return to Pittsburgh

The Campen House can sleep four, rooms can be reserved in the Institution (see the accommodations referral service at the Institution's website), or at the Snow Ridge Hotel in Mayville. I'm looking forward to seeing a sizable group attend and starting a new annual event. SEE YOU THERE.

SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES 11 MAY 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1940. Cdr Selden Campen led the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary confirmed that a quorum was present. Twenty-seven people were in attendance. The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

The program for the evening was "USPS Cooperative Charting" presented by Joanne and Tom Hancock from Stark County Power Squadron (Ohio). They gave an interesting presentation about their squadron's work with geodetic marks and how our squadron can get involved in the program.

COMMANDER'S REPORT - Selden Campen AP

Cdr Campen mentioned the Tri-state meeting he attended. The Chautauqua Gathering will be 30 & 31 July 2005. This will replace the Rendezvous at Lake Erie. If you plan to attend, submit a \$25.00 deposit payable to SHPS to Cdr Campen. There are extra rosters if you would like another one.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

Pictures of the progress of the upgrading of the18th Street dock were passed around. The Vessel Safety Class will be held after the Seamanship Class.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - Lt/C Jim Stark, AP

The new projector works!

Cdr Selden Campen had his sights accepted for the JN course.

The Seamanship Class exam results were distributed. Passing the exam were; Sean Jack, Greg Whittenberger, Lew Doughton, Dan Marino, and Vira Doughton.

The February class of safe boating for the Boy Scouts will have a possible 60 member enrollment.

Contact Jim Stark if you would like a manual from the classes taught.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT - Lt/C Chris Orie, S

Directions for the 8 June squadron picnic in South Park will be in the Southwind. It will be held at Willow Tree Grove. Dan, Lew and Art will bring grills. Dan will get the pop. Information on what to bring is in the May SouthWind. Monday, 6 June at 1700 all helping hands will be welcomed at the Macko's house for sausage making.

There are plans beginning for a September squadron gathering at The Beach Club Marina in New Eagle. The Chautauqua trip replaces the Lake Erie Rendezvous. Sail Day at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park on 25 June is being planned by Chris Orie.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT - Lt/C Vira Doughton

SouthWind – Stf/C Don Stark and P/Lt/C Marjorie Stark

Next Wednesday (May 18) is the deadline for the SouthWind. Forms are available for donations for our newsletter. We need 12 articles of clothing from members to have embroidery done. These can be shirts, blouses, caps, jackets, etc. that the South Hills burgee and your name can be embroidered on. Contact Warren Bell.

Ch/Computer - Lt Mike Hollis

Our web site is being updated. Please send pictures of your boats and marinas that can be put on the web site. There are links for other areas.

Don Stark commented that our web site is being cited up as a model for other squadrons.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT - Lt/C Warren Bell, AP

The information for our audit has been turned in. Pennsylvania sales tax can now be paid electronically. Our dues can also be paid by credit card on the Internet directly to National. "Dog-Ate-the-Checks" episode is now over. Our current balance is \$603.43.

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion concerning where we should meet was followed by a vote to stay at Roxy's Cafe but to have individual tables.

NEW BUSINESS

We need a laptop computer to use Power Point for teaching courses. (Mike Hollis might have one.)

Don Stark suggested the possibility of accepting ads in the SouthWind. Also, we might have a "swap corner" in the SouthWind for items that we have to sell or swap.

Blake Parker suggested having a Boating Safety Course at New Eagle Marina. An Engine Maintenance class is also a possibility.

A Committee Boat is needed for the 4 July 2005 Flying Scot Sail Boat Race at the Point for the Three Rivers Regatta.

A big banner for Vessel Safety Checks is available free from USPS HQ.

The meeting adjourned at 2130.

Respectfully submitted,

Vira Doughton
Lt/C Vira Doughton
Secretary

