

Bos'n's Pipe



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April potluck dinner

By Cdr Dan Sheen, P

The April meeting and potluck dinner will be hosted by Dan and Kim Sheen at their home in North Glendale. Here are the specifics.

When: 27 April 2013

Attitude adjustment: 1730

Dinner: 1830

Meeting: 1930

Where: 6336 W. Hill Lane, Glendale AZ 85310 Phone: 623-760-8035

Bring: A covered dish to share, BYOB, chairs and your own dish and silverware. There are plenty of outlets for crock pots and chafing dishes. There should be plenty of tables, but remember: your own chair! If you have a favorite mixer, bring a bottle of it. Don't bring: tables, ice, setups or coffee.

This event will be a good time to meet with squadron members and discuss plans for the upcoming summer.

Directions to Sheen's House at 6336 W. Hill Lane in North Glendale

- Take I-101 West from junction of I-17 and SR-101
- Take exit 19 for 59th Ave
- Turn right onto N 59th Ave going north
- Go 1.0 mile, Turn left onto W Deer Valley Road going west
- Immediately turn right onto N 59th Ln
- Continue on 59th Lane & it becomes W Robin Ln
- W Robin Ln turns left and becomes N 63rd Ave
- 63rd Ave turns right and becomes W Hill Lane
- House is on the right at 6336 W. Hill Lane.

Rendezvous at Roosevelt Lake planned

*By David Allocco,
2013 Roosevelt Lake Event Coordinator*

Next weekend (April 5, 6 and 7) is the Roosevelt Lake Boating and Camping Rendezvous at Windy Hill Campground. If you have not yet purchased your Tonto National Forest Passes, you should put it on your calendar. For those of you who are keeping your boat at the marina, you may still need a pass to visit the campground for the evening activities.

The daytime temperature will be in the low to mid 80's and the over night low will be in the upper 40's to 50 degrees. Just about perfect.

Planned activities include a day time on-the-water Poker Run, and a night time fishing expedition.

Dan Sheen wrote on April 3: We just spent a long weekend at Lake Powell and the weather was **fantastic** which enabled us to swim in Warm Creek.

- Castle Rock Cut is closed, and currently being blasted to add an additional 30 feet to it's current depth
 - o We felt the vibrations from the explosions while on plane in Wahweap bay!.....
 - o It's worth considering launching from Antelope Marina if the Cut remains closed
 - o When exiting Wahweap Bay into the channel, the Red and Green buoys are very closely placed
 - o We took N20 on the ride home and it was a washboard, so would advise against using it until it's paved. The 160E to 98 Detour is at least scenic.....

Calendar

April

5-7 Roosevelt Lake Rendezvous
11 Executive Committee Meeting
19-21 Lake Havasu Boat Show—Lake Havasu City
27 Potluck, general membership meeting,

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Squadron Happenings

A quick look at what's coming up...

2013

- April**
- 5-7 **Roosevelt Lake Rendezvous**
- 11 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 19-21 **Lake Havasu Boat Show—Lake Havasu City**
- May**
- 9 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 11 **Lake Pleasant Raft-up**
- 16 **General Membership Meeting**
- 18 **Arizona Safe Boating Celebration**
- June**
- 1 **D/28 Summer Council, San Diego**
- 2-8 **Catalina Channel Island Cruise**
- 6 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 9-15 **OFC off shore cruise**
- 5-9 **Lake Powell Summer Cruise**
- 12 **Lake Powell Summer Cruise**
- 22 **Lake Pleasant Raft-up**
- July**
- 11 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 13 **D/28 San Luis Rey Raft-up**
- 20 **Lake Pleasant Soak and Sweat**
- August**
- 8 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 10 **Lynx Lake Campout and picnic**
- 22-26 **California Convergence, Two Harbors Catalina Island**
- September**
- 1-8 **USPS Fall Governing Board**
- 11 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 21 **Potluck-General Membership Meeting**
- 25-29 **Lake Powell Rendezvous**
- October**
- 4-8 **D/28 Fall Conference, San Diego**
- 10 **Executive committee Meeting**
- 25-27 **Halloween Rendezvous-General Membership meeting**

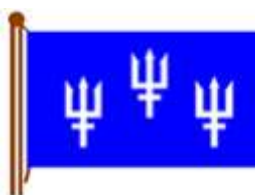
Note: Some dates are proposed and subject to change. All Executive Committee meetings begin at System-Aire Office, 7136 W. Frier Dr., Glendale. General Membership Meetings are at rious locations. Attitude adjustment, 1730; dinner, 1830; meeting and program, 1930. Locations are subject to change

The calendar has been updated with this issue. Be sure to check new entries and put them on your calendar. There have been several changes in dates for events and activities.

Commander's Report

By Cdr Dan Sheen, P

I've fattened up a bit over the winter and the past commanders' barbecue did not help Kim's goal of getting me to lose



some weight. There were several varieties of brisket and chicken available as well as all the sides. The food was a bit to good to

facilitate the diet. Thank goodness prime boating season is fast approach and I'm hopeful that this will get met a bit more active and out of the food.

The next big event is at Roosevelt Lake. David Allocco has planned a poker run to GPS coordinates that promises to be pretty fun. As always the boating events provide the excuse I need to buy toys. In the case of the poker run, one must go to pre-planned waypoints and photograph a GPS with the position coordinates displayed. I'm a bit ashamed to admit it, but this is a bit of a problem since I haven't had a working GPS for some time. Thus on the navigation front, I'm not much more advanced than the kids on jet skis at Lake Pleasant that just zoom toward whatever strikes their fancy. Of course, being part of a boating organization such as power squadron I can typically follow the other guy. That works well until people start waiting for you to lead or you have to run your own race. So with the pressure of needing to put in an adequate performance at the poker run, I have to buy a new GPS!

Since I last shopped for a GPS things have changed quite a bit. First of all, we have an automotive-style unit that I thought I could use it. Unfortunately, the lower end unit that I have doesn't

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See this month's **Bos'n's Pipe** in color on the Squadron's web site at

www.sailangle.com (That's all one word, no spaces.)

There's a year's worth of "Pipes" there in case you missed something earlier. Remember, there are two additional pages of photos in full color in the online edition of the publi-

Check the squadron's web site for the latest schedule of public boating classes. They are conveniently located on both the east and west sides of the metropolitan area. And volunteer to proctor. You'll sharpen your boating skills with some very nice

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appear to go to waypoints or offer navigation off-road.

Then there are the smart phone apps. I looked into using Kim's iPhone as my GPS. That could likely work but there is a vast assortment of software that I don't know much about and I had this nagging concern that if it was out of cell phone range it would stop working.

After playing around with some of the smart phone apps for a bit, I decided the iPhone might make a great back up GPS but if I relied on it and it failed I would look pretty foolish. In the end I decided to get a low-end Garmin eTrex handheld. With this model, I can load waypoints from the computer and it has a low-end base map with the ability to load better maps in the future.

We haven't taken the boat out in a couple of months and are looking forward to the lake. For any who haven't been, Roosevelt Lake is particularly pretty in the spring.

The last bald eagle I saw was at Roosevelt. Of course, with the poker run I will have my eyes glued to the GPS while Kim goes full throttle between waypoints. No scenery for me till we hit waypoint 19....

Kim has really enjoyed the cruise planning course. We need to start learning to ocean sail. Perhaps a charter or two are the next step to figure out if we like it. Any sailors should keep us in mind if you want to round out your crew with some rookies.

Hope to see you at the next GMM at our house on April 27.

Educational Officer's Report

By Lt/C Ron McNeil, AP

In my last report I stated how we were starting to work with Complete Marine as part of the Brunswick Dealer Advantage program, where boat dealers are encour-

aged to work with their local Power Squadron to offer ABC classes to their customers. Well we scheduled two separate

ABC classes to be help at Complete Marine over the past 6 weeks, but unfortunately we did not get the referrals we were hoping for. Our next ABC class is scheduled to start on Wednesday April 24th. This one will be held at the Sportsman's Warehouse near Rt. 101 and Rt.

17. You can find details and register for this class from our PS&PS web site. The weekend before, on Saturday April 20th we are going to be doing vessel safety inspections at Sportsman's Warehouse

from 9:00 until 1:00. This will be part of a safe boating event being hosted by Sportsman's Warehouse. If you want to get your boat inspected this would be a great opportunity. No appointment necessary, so come on down. If you do bring your boat, don't forget your boat registra-

tion. We are now starting to schedule GPS and VHF seminars to take place in May. These are each about 2 hours long and just packed with lots of information. At this time we do not have the logistics worked out, but once we do I will send out a Sailangle message.



Happy Birthday

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



Carlos Alvarez, William Bohannan, Sarah Corderman, Bonita Gibson, Bernie Lindgren, Chris Lockyer-Bratton, Graydon Peoples, Perry Peters, Rochelle Taylor

Many Happy Returns

Lake Powell Cruise dates revised

By Art Ashton, rendezvous coordinator

The revised dates for the June outing are June 5-9.

Preliminary planning is to venture farther up the Lake to the Escalante area and use Bullfrog for a fuel run. The current water level is 3599 feet which is lower than past recent years so there should be more beachfront property.

For Castle Rock cut to be open 3608 is needed. The water level should be rising by June.

Let me know if you are thinking about going to Powell this June.

Indian route 20 may be paved by ADOT loop for news reports otherwise the Tuba city option will be available. More on this later.

Past Commanders barbecue

By P/D/C Bill Johnson, SN

The Past Commander's BBQ (PC BBQ) was held on March 23rd. This annual social event for all members of the squadron was held at Pleasant Harbor RV Park located at Lake Pleasant. We

had a beautiful view of the lake from the table with a huge expanse of grass in front. Over 32 members gathered for a fantastic meal provided by the Past Commanders of our squadron to the members.

Past Commander Rob Anderson had to do double duty of running the BBQ and the AZ Game & Fish Expo booth for the squadron. He accomplished his goal in style. The wind during the day Saturday made for some exciting tales coming from the Expo workers, but didn't deter the BBQ.

Nine members spent the weekend staying in trailers and RV's near the site. Otherwise, most made the short drive from the city to the lake to enjoy the meal and comradeship.

A couple members of our group, made a mad dash to an RV that had an awning catch the wind and saved the awning from permanent damage of wrapping around the trailer. Then, they quietly returned to their dinner.

If not helping on the water, we have people that do all they can to assist anyone in need.

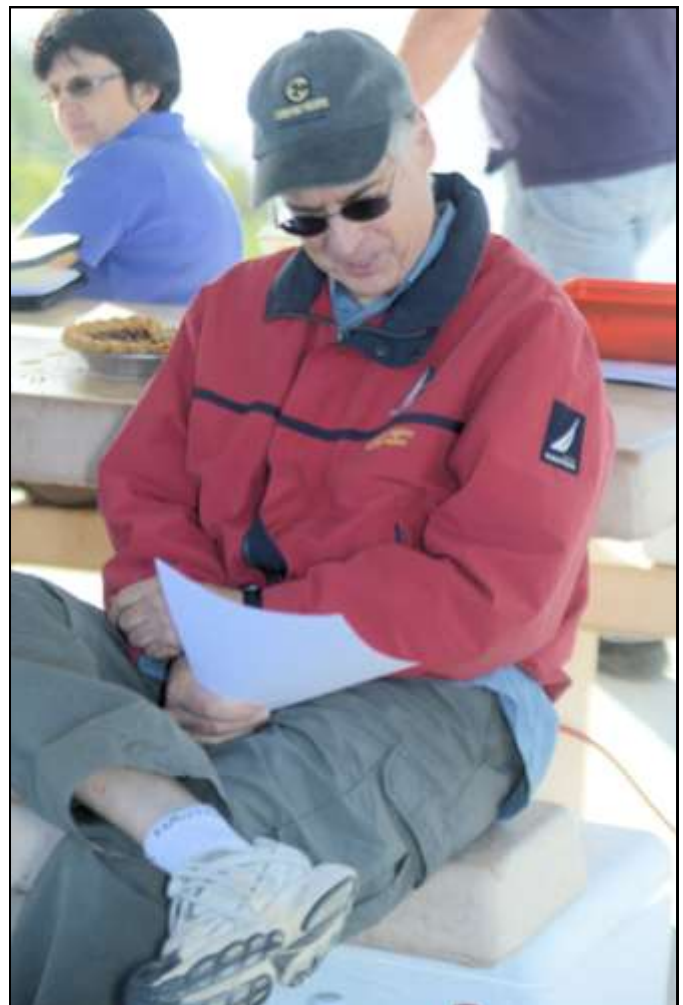
Plan on attending the next Potluck dinner at **Cdr Dan & Kim Sheen's home to be held on April 27th** or the Roosevelt Lake Rendezvous held April 5 – 7th.



Past Commanders—(from left) Les Ormsby, Joel Lieberman, David Allocco, Ron Werner, John Lusson, Bill and Connie Johnson, Rob Anderson, Tim Harrington, and Chris Lockyer-Bratton. More photos next page



Past Commanders' Barbecue—Photos on this page were taken by a talented group of photographer including John Marshall, Bill Johnson, and Ron and Rose Werner. Pictured clockwise from above are Les Ormsby, John Lusson, David Alocco, and Veronica Anderson and Danny Friend.





More Past Commanders' Barbecue photos—(Above) Several past commanders seem to be enjoying an impromptu shuffle by Les Ormsby. (from left) Les Ormsby, Joel Lieberman, Ron Werner, John Lusson, Bill Johnson, Tim Harrington, Chris Lockyer-Bratton, and Rob Anderson. (right) Bill Johnson and Dan Sheen making a presentation, and below, a self-explanatory of how to live on the lawn at Lake Pleasant



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Most, including the current editor of the publication, believe the *Bos'n's Pipe* is an easily justifiable expense. There are members, however, who would rather have the *Pipe* delivered each month exclusively online. Online distribution saves the squadron money, and the publication is available for use two or three days before it is delivered by mail. And, of course, the online edition is in full color usually with one or two extra pages that the printed version does not contain.

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