

Bos'n's Pipe



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Calendar

April

4-6 D/28 Inland
Rendezvous,
Katherine
Landing, Lake
Havasu
10 Executive
Committee
Meeting
11-13 Lake
Havasu Boat
Show
24 General
Membership
Meeting

May

8 Executive
Committee
Meeting
10 Lake Pleas-
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LAKE POWELL BECKONS ADVENTURERS

Forget boating on ponds and streams when Lake Powell is in our backyard. It is unique for boating, beauty, discovery and unfettered re-creation.

Imagine days of 80 degrees and nights in the 60's!

Hard to imagine when it's 113 degrees outside. But that's what you'll experience if you join us June 4-8. Mark it on your calendars and call Art Ashton or Lake Powell coordinator.

You'll travel over blue waters through endless canyons defined by beautiful red rock formations, see mountain sheep, beaver, petro glyphs and more. You may also discover wild horses and ancient Indian dwellings.

For those who haven't been before, we'll arrange for you to convoy (travel) with a Lake Powell veteran. Also, if you don't have a boat there may be an opportunity to join those with a boat. If folks are interested we will hold a planning meeting which is particularly useful if this is your first time boating at Powell.

The lake level about 3574 feet that's 16 feet lower than last September. There should be more beaches to visit with the

lower water level. Castle Rock cut is closed. Antelope Marina, Wahweap or Stateline ramps should be open in June.

It is important to contact Art who will distribute information about who plans to attend when they plan to arrive/leave the lake and contact information so all can be informed about the location our beach camp on the lake. Art.Ashton@gmail.com

or 480-313-3905 and leave a message.



Rainbow Bridge—One of the most beautiful subjects at Lake Powell is Rainbow Bridge, the tallest of its kind .

April meet- ing prom- ises nos- talgia

The April 24 General Membership meeting will be held at the Ironworks Restaurant, located at Bell Air Golf course, 17533 N. 45th Ave, Phoenix, AZ (North of Bell on 45th Ave, South of Grovers). This will be an enjoyable meeting to bring up memories.

A program will be shown of various photos taken from the last 54 years of our Squadron's history. We have taken the liberty of scanning selected photos and papers from the albums. We will need help to decide who some or many of the people are in the photos. Come enjoy the program.

May has several events planned that we would love for you to join in. All events are open to everyone and we need everyone to participate to achieve the most fun.

Squadron Happenings

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

2014

- April**
 4-6 **D/28 Inland Rendezvous, Katherine Landing, Lake Havasu**
 10 **Executive Committee Meeting**
 11-13 **Lake Havasu Boat Show**
 24 **General Membership Meeting**
- May**
 8 **Executive Committee Meeting**
 10 **Lake Pleasant Raftup**
 15 **General Membership Meeting**
 17 **Arizona Safe Boating Celebration**
- June**
 1-7 **Annual OFC Catalina Island cruise**
 4-8 **Lake Powell Summer Rendezvous**
 8-14 **Catalina/Channel Islands Cruise**
 12 **Executive Committee Meeting**
 21 **Lake Pleasant Raftup**
- July**
 10 **Executive Committee Meeting**
 19 **Lake Pleasant Raftup Soak and Sweat**
- August**
 8-10 **Lynx Lake Campout and Picnic**
 14 **Executive Committee Meeting**
 TBD **California Convergence-Two Harbors, Santa Catalina Island, CA**
- September**
 7-14 **USPS Fall Governing Board, Arlington, VA**
 11 **Executive Committee Meeting**
 20 **Potluck Dinner/General membership meeting**
 24-28 **Halloween Rendezvous/general membership meeting**
- October**
 2/3-4 **D/28 Fall Conference, Laughlin, NV**
 9 **Executive Committee 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 various 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

Report March 24, 2014



The Past Commander's BBQ was held last month at Cave Creek Regional Park. The weather was perfect and the desert setting was beautiful with the palo verde trees and ocotillos in full bloom. The awesome feast included BBQ chicken, brisket, coleslaw, potato salad, beans, ice cream and homemade meringue pie served by our fine past commanders. There are lots of photos elsewhere in this issue.

Another recent event was the Arizona Game & Fish Expo held at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility last month. We had a booth there for this is a free event that offered loads of activities, presentations and exhibits for everyone.



Expr volunteers—Participating at the Arizona Game and Fish Expo were (from left) Dale and Rochelle Taylor, Candace Martin, Ron Werner, Chuck Peterson and Jim Hill.

Activities and attractions included:

- ◆ Live wildlife exhibits (hawks, reptiles, small mammals)
- Instruction on target archery and tips from experts

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- Firearms tryouts in a safe, controlled environment
- **Informative talks on Arizona's raptors, wildlife conservation, urban fishing, hunting tips, Arizona reptiles, wilderness survival**
- Off-highway vehicle exhibits, ATV simulator and rock crawler demonstrations.
- Fishing demos and get tips from pros
- Hunting/sporting dog demonstrations.
- Specialty shooting disciplines such as clay target, cowboy action, practical pistol, black powder, air gun and more

More than 150 exhibitors participated including outdoor organizations, government agencies and vendors of outdoor products and services.

Other events coming up the Lake Havasu Boat Show on April 11-13, 2014. Contact Bill Johnson for more information about these wonderful events.

Photos from the P/C Barbecue



Past Commanders on display—Pausing from their culinary duties were the past commanders responsible for the barbecue. (from left) John Yount, Bill Johnson, Les Ormsby, Paul Schoonover, Connie Johnson, Ron Werner, Chris Lockyer-Bratton, Lee Whitehead, Chuck Peterson, and past and current commander Dan Sheen. Also pictured are Chris' grandson, and Chuck and Jane's canine. The served up brisket, salad, chicken, cole slaw, bread, lemonade, and a variety of desserts. The site for this year's edition of the annual even was Maricopa County Regional park located in Cave Creek.



Relaxing on the picture-perfect day—(from left) Paul Schoonover, Ron Werner and Dan Sheen.



Time out—Enjoying the afternoon are Les Ormsby and Pat Yount.



Everyone—The entire collection of cooks and participants posed for this picture. (more pictures on page 7)

Happy Birthday

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-

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month and next.

May



Robert Aleksa, Dave Brickner, Willie Burgeson, Kaitlyn Joedicker, Douglas Lusko, John Schmelzeis, June Ventzos.

Many Happy Returns

District Commander's D/28 Speech

Editor's note: On March 1, Ken Smith was elected District Commander for District 28, which encompasses Southern California and Arizona. His acceptance speech was thought to be exceptional by those present. It is reprinted in its entirety because of the urgency and importance of its message.

By D/C Kenneth R. Smith, SN

The Last time I stood before you was 14 years ago and as honored as I am I wish that someone newer from one of our squadrons were the one before you tonight. The fact that I stand here at this lectern signals that there is a problem. Fourteen years ago I delivered a speech emphasizing fun and excitement. But not tonight – this is not 14 years ago. Tonight I have just a few thoughts to share from the heart. When I look out at all of us here tonight two thoughts come

to mind. First --- The number of faces that carry the deep lines of P/D/C outnumber all others. You have all stood here – You all know what it is like to be up here. There is little else I can say to you except -- thank you – I sincerely thank you for your years of service. My second thought is of what I do not see -What I do not see are many of the 18 members who should be here. We are a District with only six squadrons. As a district we are an assemblage of these six and nothing more. Our total purpose is to serve these six -- who are, in fact, US. Who are these 18? Six Commanders, Six Execs, and Six Educational officers Where are they? Why are they not here? Without them, their energy, their interests and their passions we are not a district. We do not exist.

The challenge for all of us, not just the six of us you have just elected to carry on for the next 12 months -- but for all of us -- is to "get these 18." Get these 18 to understand and embrace who we are. Get these 18 to believe that together they can learn from us and from themselves-- for we are them. Get these eighteen to realize that as squadron officers they are not alone. Then--and only then--will WE again become them.

Over my years with USPS I have noticed a continuing and disturbing trend within our elected squadron officers. A lack of understanding of "what is USPS?" A true lack of understanding of the organization they have been elected to serve. A lack of understanding that their squadron is a "Unit of the United States Power Squadrons" and not just a local boating club with an education twist. A lack of understanding that membership comes with responsibilities - responsibilities to their squadron, to their district and to the

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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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national organization of which they are a member. They lack the understanding that being fully involved brings many benefits and rewards. I believe that there are five fundamental documents every officer should have read and embrace:

- The Operations Manual
- Their Squadron By-Laws
- Their Squadron Policies
- Their District By-Laws
- Their District Policies

Experience tells me that most officers have never read any of these. Many do not know they even exist.

The reasons why they vary but are relatively unimportant. What is important is that they have failed to take inspiration from and embrace what it truly is to be part of USPS, all of USPS. The failure for this lies with those of us who came before.. We have failed to convey the importance of Operations Training. We have failed to press the benefits of Leadership Development. We have failed to pass on our wisdom and let them profit from it and evolve.

Lacking adequate guidance they are doing “the best they can.” Many are relatively new members thrust into leadership positions. They are hard working, dedicated, loyal, but fundamentally acting on instinct.

So we, yes we, those of us who have stood before our squadrons and districts have failed. We have failed to properly connect with, inspire and guide these new leaders. We have failed to fully understand and appreciate how rapidly the world, society and these new leaders are changing. Without first fully embracing these changes we cannot hope to help bring forward youthful, knowledgeable, fully involved leaders. As an example of these changes I will paraphrase a recent *Wall Street Journal* article: A 14 year old girl

and her mother went shopping for a dress for the homecoming dance. Lying on her bed, the 9th-grader went online and, using her cellphone camera, took pictures and texted them to her mom on a computer downstairs.

Her mom replied with comments and other suggestions, and eventually they zeroed in on five dresses. The next day mom texted her teen one more time to make sure and then ordered all five. In their home, the teen tried on the dresses and, with input from her mom and a friend, decided on one dress and returned the others. This shopping relationship was embraced as a positive by the mother, daughter and the author.

This is not the future. This is today: today's reality. If WE fail to understand and embrace this reality we will never reach THOSE 18. We will fail to bring them into the district and fully embrace USPS.

It is the challenge for all of us to reach those leaders who are already in the present. It is our challenge to find ways to get them engaged in the full process. And It is our challenge to learn and embrace new ways from them.

I do not know where this will lead. We may have to totally rethink the way our district operates. We may have to bring them in through fully electronic conferences – I don't know. We may have to streamline the archaic and bureaucratic paperwork load with endless reports to satisfy the process. I am not sure exactly what we must do – but there is one thing I do know. The old way of asking leaders to invest several days of valuable time, spend \$500 plus dollars, and travel long distances - twice a year for a one hour presentation, a little information and some face time is dead—I mean totally dead!

In the age of Facebook, Snapchat and Twitter, huge cell phone bills and life's other commitments, time and money are more precious than ever. This generation has no time and even less money to waste.

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This they will not do. Their social lives do not (continued from p exist in the geographic areas of Newport, San Diego and Arizona. Their social lives are much broader – the entire world - through soaring technologies. Their social and business contacts number in the hundreds and thousands. They have never met many of their closest friends in person. Face time is Face Book and Skype Today's news is just as important as sending out a snap of their most recent meal. They absorb information in bits and snippets not in hour long lectures. Any thought or idea can be communicated in 140 characters – or less. This group does not shun the volunteerism that we embrace but want it on their terms. They want to participate and help society but in the their way – their modern way. They want to be personally, connected and involved but at the end of a wire. They want information in just seconds - not monthly in a newsletter.

Right now - tonight - I call on all of us – The long tired P/D/Cs, those who have served and continue to serve the district - and all others - to work together to find ways to embrace these new, energetic eager leaders, understand them and guide them into a better understanding USPS.

If we do this, If we succeed, Then they will become US and we will again have a vibrant, strong District 28. And yes--

We will become them.

Let us – those of us gathered here – in this room tonight - start this transformation. That is my wish, my hope and my dream for our tiny District 28.

Thank You for trusting me to be your Commander. And thank You for listening to my thoughts. And Thank you for attending this Conference.

More photos from the PCBBQ



(from left) Dale Taylor, Art Ashton and Bill Johnson.



The cooks—(from left) Les Ormsby, Chris Lockyer-Bratton, Joel Lieberman, Connie Johnson, Dan Sheen, John Yount, Jane Peterson, Ron Werner, Chuck Peterson, Bill Johnson, Lee Whitehead, and Paul Schoonover



The clean up— And finally, the end was near, and the chore of clean-up fell (in this photo) to John Yount, while Chris Lockyer-Bratton and Joel Lieberman discuss the nice location for the

Photos this issue by Kim Sheen, Rose Werner and Art Ashton

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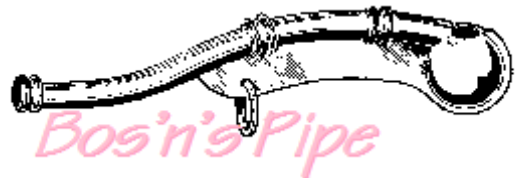
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Over the past few years, many members have opted to receive the publication by computer instead of "snail mail." Increasing the number of online-only readers has a significant influence on the squadron's budget. Postage has increased to 49¢ per copy. The February-March 2014 edition was typical, so it cost about 56¢ per copy. The number of mailed copies has been reduced by many households, saving postage and printing.

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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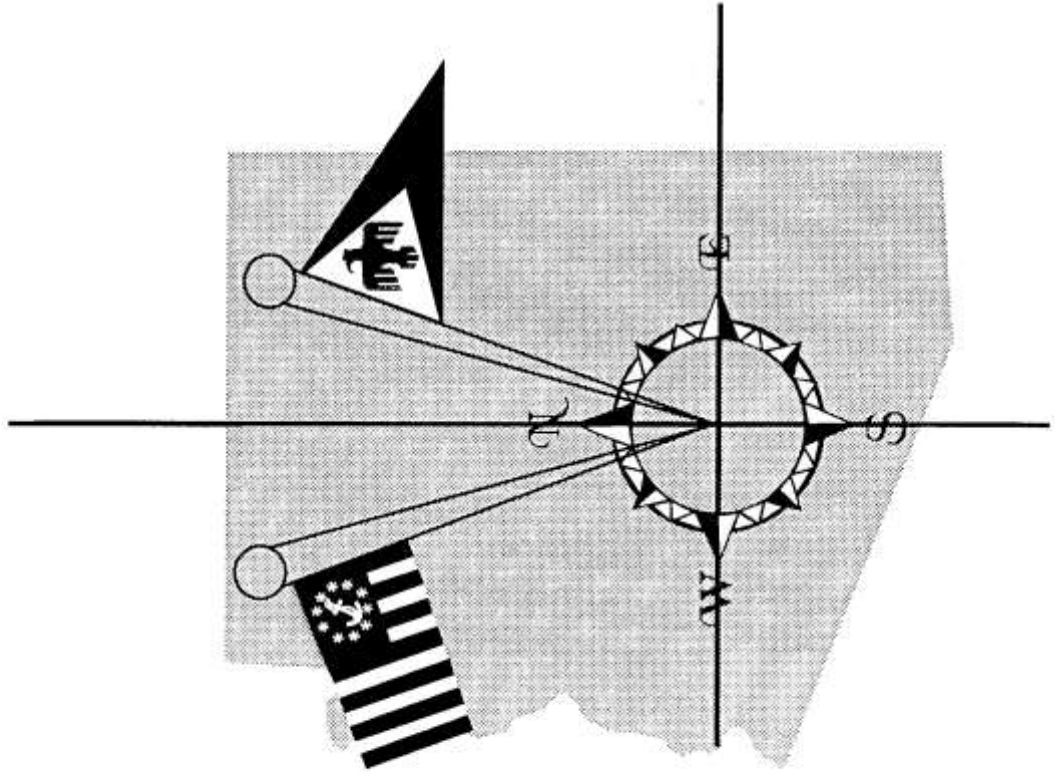
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