

Bos'n's Pipe



Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron
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Calendar September

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Membership year kicks off with fall potluck dinner

Our annual September meeting and potluck dinner will once again be hosted by John and Barb Lusson at their Paradise Valley home. It's an annual outdoor event to celebrate another sunset. It's also the time after the summer hiatus that members have the chance to exchange what has happened over the summer.

Here are the specifics.

When:	20 September 2014
Attitude adjustment	1730
Dinner:	1830
Meeting:	2000

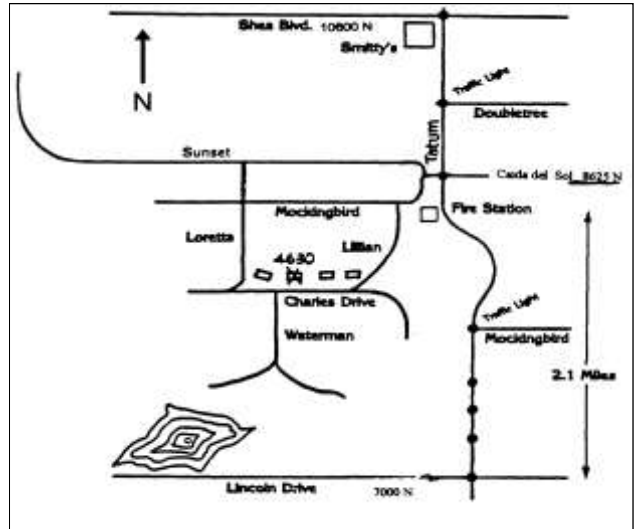
Where: 4630 E Charles Drive, Paradise Valley. The Lusson's home is west of Tatum Blvd, just north of the curve but south of Shea Blvd. Turn west at Sunset/Mockingbird about 8500 north.

If you park on the street, be sure to have two wheels off the road to enable trucks and others to use the street. 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: bring your own chair! If you have a favorite mixer, bring a two-liter bottle of it to share.

Don't bring: tables, ice, setups or coffee.

With a little bit of luck, the monsoon season will have ended, the air will be drier and there might be a welcome ration of autumn breezes.

The potluck will also serve as the squadron's **September General Membership Meeting**. It will be brief.



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

LAKE POWELL BECKONS ADVENTURERS -September 24-28, 2014

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 105 degrees outside. But that's what you'll experience if you join us. Mark 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
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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.

Squadron Happenings

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

2014

September

- 7-14 **USPS Fall Governing Board, Arcington, VA**
- 11 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 20 **Potluck Dinner/General membership meeting**
- 24-28 **Halloween Rendezvous/general membership meeting**

October

- 3-4 **D/28 Fall Council and Conference, Laughlin, NV**
- 9 **Executive Committee Meeting.**
- 24-26 **Halloween Rendezvous/General membership meeting**

November

- 7-9 **South of the Border Rendezvous, Rocky Point, Mexico**
- 13 **Executive Committee Meeting, TBD**
- 14-16 **Thanksgiving Turkey Fry, General Membership Meeting**

December

- 13 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 13 **Christmas Party and General Membership Meeting**
- 20 **Santa Cruise, Lake Pleasant**

2015

January

- 8 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 15 **Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron annual meeting**
- 24 **Snow Cruise, Lake Pleasant**
- 18-25 **USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville**

February

- 7 **Squadron Change of Watch**
- 12 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 22 **Lake Pleasant raft-up**

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

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LAKE POWELL BECKONS ADVENTURERS 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 3606 it was at 3590 last August. There should be more coves to visit with the higher water level. Castle Rock cut is open.

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.

Mexico Fiesta slated for November

South of the Border Rendezvous set our annual South of the Border Rendezvous. This event is coordinated by Paul Schoonover and is centered at his beautiful house in Cholla Bay.

It runs from the Friday evening, Nov. 7, thru breakfast on Sunday morning, Nov. 8. If you would like to join a caravan leaving Phoenix Friday morning, contact Paul.

Lodging can be attained with camping in the Sandy Beach area, local hotels, or any of the condo rentals available. Just Google Rocky Point for contacts. Any questions can be answered by contacting Paul. So grab your passports and enjoy a beautiful beach weekend South of the border.

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Need a Quick Refresher on Leadership Skills?

Try the Leadership Development Program—a short refresher with lots of ideas.

Learn your current leadership style, take the pulse of your squadron, and brainstorm with other members by using the Leadership Development Program—a short seminar-type program to assist squadrons with teaming and assisting leaders.

The LDP includes a presentation and student guide that can be downloaded from the LD/OT website.

You'll find lots more useful material to assist you and your squadron at <http://www.usps.org/national/ot>.

Remember to present the Operation Training Program at least annually. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact me.

*P/D/C Elaine Keller, AP
District 28 LD/Com Chairman*

Prescott Campout and Picnic

The 2014 version of the Summer Prescott Campout and Picnic was a success despite the need to change venues. We found that the camping reservation system had changed at Lynx Lake and all the camping spots were full for our weekend. Panic set in, rapid use of the internet resources was an invaluable resource to find an alternate location. Prerequisites included the need to be close to the Lynx area and have available spaces. Willow Lake RV Park and Willow Lake Park filled the requirements.

Chuck and Barb Davis joined Connie and I at camping out for the weekend. The Picnic was moved from Lynx to Willow Lake Park. The Picnic location change worked out very well. We had a quiet Ramada by ourselves overlooking a small lake area in the Granite Dells.

The attendance was good with 11 people braving the August Monsoons. The August event has had a history of being invaded by the afternoon

storms. This time we were able to enjoy our meal while watching the lightning storms over the Lynx Lake area. Lots of food and friendly conversation was had.

Administrative Officer's Report

By P/D/C Bill Johnson, SN

I hope everyone had a great summer. Many took trips, visited with family or even went boating. September brings to the Squadron the return of our group activities. We have a busy schedule coming within the next couple of months. First is the Potluck at Lussion's, then



the Fall Lake Powell Rendezvous in September. October brings the District 28 Conference in Laughlin and the Halloween/Lake Pleasant Rendezvous. November has the Annual Cholla Bay Fish Fry and of course the Turkey Fry. December has the Christmas party. Scattered through that time is several raft-ups. Separate articles about several of these events are in this month's *Bos'n's Pipe*. Please plan on attending.

These get-togethers are among the events to remember. Seeing friends again, meeting new people, sharing your experiences from the summer or even years past, getting ideas of what to plan to do in the future for the group or your family. Boating is a shared activity with all our members and provides a common ground, whether on the water or off.

October General Membership Meeting and Halloween Party

It's that time for boats ghosts, animals and RV's to circle the wagons and celebrate Halloween at Lake Pleasant. Event will be on the Pleasant Harbor side overlooking the Marina near a Ramada between the North ramp and South ramps. Exact location yet to be determined. Weather this time of year as good as

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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.

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



Diane Ashton, Tom Bles, Carolyn Bohannan, Arnold Bucksbaum, Fred Drawert, Terry Gray, Barbara Lussion, Lorraine Peoples, Jane Peterson, Carol Stam

Many Happy Returns

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it gets permits us to combine boating camping and whatever else we can get into trouble doing.. Many of us will be staying Friday Through Sunday so come early or late. Main event will be Pot luck dinner followed by short meeting and festivities and most likely outdoor movie.

Bring a mask or costume if you like and your items to BBQ and a dish to pass. BYOB as usual and chairs are always good. Thing. Bring a blanket cause it can get cooler than you like towards the witching hour. And can support protection from Hob Goblins. Rubber swords and pirate costumes always in fashion here. Saturday attitude adjustment 1730 dinner 1830 meeting 2000.

Sunday morning those managing to survive listed ordeals to be rewarded by Jerry Andersons famous French Toast. And bacon. Juice and coffee to be provide and bring an item to share if you like. Mid morning at this point if any or all desire we can do what we do best, hit the wind, waves and the water.

2014 Soak and Sweat Short on Participants but Long on Fun

by PLC Joe Warren, J.N.

The weather was perfect and there were not many boaters to crowd Lake Pleasant

for our annual mid-summer event. Two boats participated in this year's Soak and Sweat and they were amply rewarded with warm water and plenty of sunshine and good times and laughter. As usual there was not enough food and drink to go around (not!). Jackie Wanta and Lynn and Joe Warren were on Jackie's boat and Dan and Kim Sheen were on Aquastar. Accompanying Dan and Kim were daughter Emily and friend Hector. Soaking and sweating were what we did in addition to eating and drinking and sharing stories and swapping tall tales. Before rafting up in Honeymoon Cove the water was a little choppy but that did not stop Jackie from water skiing for a while. It seemed that as soon as she got in the water with skis all sorts



Soak and Sweat Phoenix style.

Photo by Joe Warren

of inexperienced boaters showed up. We could have conducted a basic boating safety class on the water. We can confirm At there is still a need for boating education. At the end of the day everyone was tired and happy and looking forward to the next boating adventure.



Hite Marina launch ramp is high and dry.

Photo from Rose Werner.

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 people.

Paper or Online?

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 April 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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If at some later time you wish to reconsider and resume receiving a paper copy, just let us **know, and we'll restore your address to the mailing list.**



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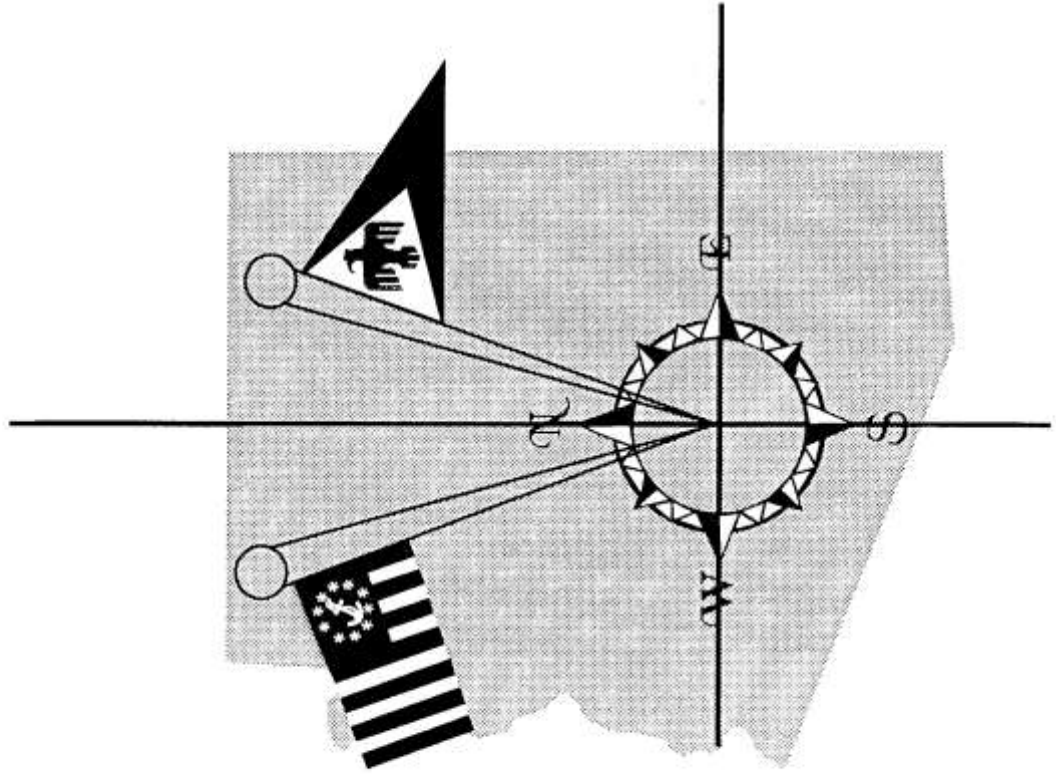
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