

Bos'n's Pipe



Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron
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Phoenix, Arizona
October-November 2014

Calendar

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

Mexico Fiesta slated for November

Our annual South of the Border Rendezvous is set for 2014. This event is coordinated by Paul Schoonover and is centered at his beautiful home in Cholla Bay, Rocky Point, Mexico.

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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Don't Miss the 12th Annual Turkey Fry

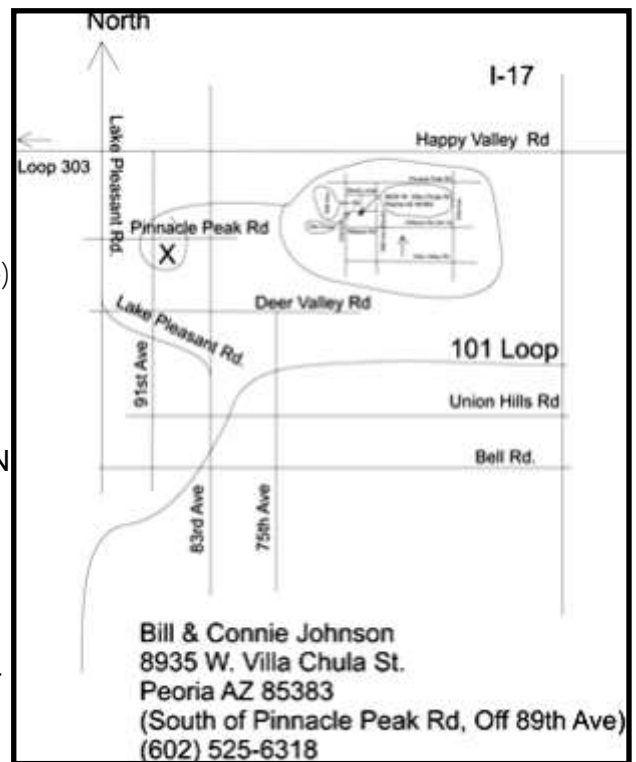
By P/D/C Bill Johnson, SN

WHO: All members of our Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron and family. **What:** The Annual Turkey Fry Potluck! **WHEN:** 15 November 1100 (11 am). Dinner will be 1400 (2PM) (if the turkeys cooperate). **WHERE:** NEW LOCATION: We will meet at the Connie & Bill Johnson's home located at 8935 W Villa Chula St, Peoria AZ 85383. **COST:** \$5.00 per adult, under 18 free. Bring your family, a Thanksgiving dish to share, a chair and eating utensils, and a thankful heart. There will be ample time for visiting with others and/or playing games. There is room for horseshoes.

Plans are to deep fry 3 turkeys again this year. Other dishes needed are mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, rolls, gra-

vy, stuffing, desserts, very large paper plates, plastic silverware, butter, ice, or anything else you would find at a Thanksgiving dinner table.

So that we have ample food and a good variety, please RSVP to Bill or Connie Johnson with your number of people attending as well as what food dish you intend to bring. In past years we consumed three twenty-pound turkeys, had no leftovers or hungry people! We hope to see you there and look forward to another great day with our boating family.



Special Note: This is a new location in north Peoria for the turkey fry. See the map for directions. Bill Johnson BILL-J6@GMAIL.COM, Cell: 623-525-6318 or Connie Johnson Connie.j.johnson@gmail.com Cell: 602-695-2147

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

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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

Commander's Report

By Cdr Dan Sheen, P

It has been a very busy summer. The big event in my life was the death of my father July 24. He had a long happy life and was struggling recently so it was time for him to go; but, it was still hard for our family and the people that were close to him. Luckily my mother is in great shape both physically and emotionally and is getting along well. Through late summer and into this fall the squadron survived despite my lack of attention. Thanks everyone for the help!

We had a few good events in the summer including a gathering at Willow Lake in Prescott (traditionally Lynx Lake) on August 8-10. The guest of honor was BJ Wojcik and everyone shared some fond memories of Ed Wojcik who passed away last December. Subsequent to the event at the executive meeting we strategized to try and get the group site at Lynx Lake for next year. The Prescott area is sure nice that time of year.

The signature event for September was the potluck at Lusson's. I was trapped in Moorestown, NJ doing a proposal, but Kim reported to me the event was very well attended and fun as always. Chuck Peterson ran the ExCom and general membership meetings in my absence and is really making the push to get more members. Please do what you can to promote the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron.

Phoenix was well represented at the D/28 Oct 4th meeting in Laughlin. Bill, Connie, Ron Werner, and Jackie are all in district leadership roles and attended

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along with the Lussons, Rose, Kim, and yours truly. While the Bureaucrats toiled, Barb Lusson and Kim went on the spouses' program led by Sharon Weller and Pat Deihl and toured Oatman, saw the burros, and visited the gift shops. The squadrons are all struggling with membership. Frank Fitzgerald's presence was felt at the meeting as Bob Gibson reminded us of how Frank always does a very detailed brief on his boat about how to deal with various things before casting off. This was of great help to the people on his boat when Frank suffered a heart attack and likely helped saved his life. A real message to me since I often just engage the throttle without telling everyone where the safety equipment is, how to work the radios etc. Happily, Frank is recovering.

Future activities:

- Oct 24-26 Halloween event at Lake Pleasant. Bill has some camp sites reserved and we already have a half dozen RVs planning to attend.
- Nov 7-9 South of the border event. We had a blast at this last year, and Kim and I and the Ashtons are definitely attending.
- Nov 14-16 Turkey Fry, Usually our best attended event.

For 2015, the leadership has started to draft a calendar so if you have strong opinions or want to help plan an event please let me know. Current plan is to follow the same general structure as 2014 with minor tweaks.

Mexico Fiesta

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Paul Schoonover writes:

"Puerto Penasco is being completely reconstructed to be the home port for two large cruise ships. The streets are being paved with sidewalks and parking places. There will also be new waterfront with merchant stalls, benches, park area, and walkways. They are building a breakwater out

over a half-mile.

For more information that we can't cover here, look up "Puerto Penasco home port" on Google or your favorite search engine.

"Condos can be enjoyed at low prices if you double up and rent a two-bedroom. check "Penasco Rentals." There are terrific RV locations available right on the water if you reserve them early enough.

"Friday eve we will have happy hour with snack and drinks. We'll follow that with Mary Ormsby' delicious clam chowder with Lester's special Tequila Sunrise, followed by games and fun.



Mexico Fiesta past — Here's a smiling crowd from a past Mexico Fiesta posing on Paul's patio at his Cholla Bay second home.

"Saturday we will have snacks and drinks and then:

- Shrimp Tempura a la Bahia la Cholla
- Cold Slaw with Lee Whitehead's secret family recipe for the dressing
- Pablo's old time pinto beans
- Garlic toast

"Come on down. If you are planning to join us, please let me know how many at paulngraces@yahoo.com

"Come join us for a happy time."

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 October and November.



October
 Kathy Anderson, Sidney Cordeman, John Friedman, Dustin Joedicker, Robin Levene, Winnie Meinert, Thomas Noss, David Staples

November
 Danny Friend, John Lusson, Ron McNeil, Joe Pallavicini, Chuck Peterson, Ben Picone, Moriah Trostler

Many Happy Returns

Lake Powell Trip Report

Story and photos by Terry Biagi

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.

Late October-November on Lake Powell usually brings warm daytime temperatures, cool nights, and good fishing. This year we had all the above mixed with some strong winds and rain from the remnants of hurricane Polo blowing up north from Baja California.

Only two boats were able to attend this year's USPS fall rendezvous and fishing was high on the agenda for both couples. Chuck and Jane Peterson, commanding "Another Adventure" and Terry and Rosa Biagi piloting the "Bella Rosa" put in at the Antelope Point launch ramp and proceeded to explore Navajo Canyon in search of the great sand dune shown on the charts. The current water level was close to the charted level and sure enough, a beautiful sand beach appeared at about nine miles into the canyon. Chuck found a spot for a tent and sig-

naled the *Bella Rosa* to come along side Another Adventure. After securing the boats and setting up camp, Terry decided to walk down the beach with a rod and reel. He came back with eight small mouth and one striper while the others were still setting up their tackle and getting ready. The fishing along that beach was very good at times during the trip.

It turned out that Chuck also found the best spot in Navajo Canyon for surface boils. The stripers and small mouth bass would faithfully erupt each morning and evening right off the back of our boats. The marauding predators would chase the abundant shad schools up into the shallows where they are easier to devour. The splashes of tails breaking the surface can wake you up at about 5:45 am in the morning but would be over by 6:30 am. Terry was quick to jump out of his bunk and throw a spoon in to feeding frenzy each morning while the others were still cutting Z's.



Bounty of the lake—Jane Peterson displays one of the samples she removed from Lake Powell.

The foursome combined fishing efforts on the second day and ventured farther back into Navajo Canyon on *Another Ad* (continued on next page)

venture. **Chuck's new live well contraption** worked well and proved that his engineering skills are still intact. Jane proceeded to fill it up with small mouth bass. Spotting some nice marks at about 40 feet on the fish finder, we stopped to try our luck with anchovies. The stripers below would have nothing to do with our stinking frozen anchovies. They apparently have better things to eat this time of year; like fresh live shad. Unlike previous trips, we **couldn't get a bite on an anchovy to save our lives.**



The Lake Powell Fleet—Another Adventure and Bella Rosa stop for a brief respite at a Lake Powell Beach. Lake Powell has a longer coast line than California.

The next day we all boarded the *Bella Rosa* for a quick trip to Antelope Point Marina for some fresh water and ice and ice cream cones. **It was a nice day in the low 90's but you could see the clouds brewing as the remnants of hurricane Polo approached.** We returned to camp as the wind started picking up. Near us were several other boats anchored bow out and stern tied to shore. This is not the best way to secure your boat at Lake Powell and certainly not advised when the weather gets dicey. Sure enough, one of the boats broke lose during the night and collided with another. It was a good thing that both boats involved were owned by the same person.

The rain approached us by Saturday morning as Chuck and Jane loaded their boat and

It doesn't bet much better than this—At the end of the day, the time comes to stop, look around, and wonder if there is a more tranquil, beautiful or more serene location anywhere else in the world. Probably not.

headed toward the launch ramp. They would continue this Lake Powell adventure in their motorhome over by Lone Rock Beach in Wahweap Bay. Terry and Rosa stayed put in Navaho Canyon and had a great Sunday morning fishing boils off the back of the boat before returning home later that day.



At the end of the day—(from left) Terry and Rosa Biagi, Jane and Chuck Peterson hoist one (or more) to celebrate another exciting time at Lake Powell



Halloween, PSPS style—
The photos on this page were supplied by Rose and Ron Werner of the recent Halloween raft up at Lake Pleasant. The pictures fairly well speak for themselves. (Clockwise from left) Early morning coffee for the group; their land “yachts”; Early morning hikers; and the marina, just in case we forget what boats look like.



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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 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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