

Bos'n's Pipe

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Christmas Party is December 10

By Lt/C Dan Sheen, P

The squadron's annual Christmas party on December 10th is at Willie Burgeson's home in Chandler. Everything starts at 1500. (3:00 p.m.) and will merrily proceed at a reasonable pace afterwards. Willie is furnishing the wonderful setting and the squadron is furnishing the meat dish, soft drinks, and punch. Members are asked to provide holiday cheer and potluck dishes. Our December General Membership Meeting will be a brief interruption to the fun and games. There is a purely voluntary gift exchange. Don't participate in the gift exchange unless you bring a gift and the gift doesn't have to have a nautical flavor.

For the potluck, there is no formal schedule of who should bring what to share, but in the past, those with last names beginning with A-L have been asked to bring a side dish, and those whose last name starts with M-Z have been asked to bring a dessert to share. Also, bring your own adult beverages.

Willie's house is at the red dot with the letter A on it. Her home is in Chandler on the south side of the greater Phoenix area north of the 202 freeway. There are two entrances to her community. One is off Arizona Avenue (exit off the 202) and the other is off Frye road (parallel to the 202). **The gate code is #1432**, which will gain

entrance into the community. Be sure and press the # key first.



How to get there—The key to the map above is finding two roads, Chandler Blvd and Arizona Avenue. Arizona Avenue runs north-south and Chandler Blvd runs east-west. Routes 101 or 202 may be the fastest way to approach the party site. There are two gates: Boston Gate, which is off Arizona Ave., and Frye (or Fry) Road gate, which runs south of Chandler Blvd. The address is 600 W San Marcos Drive. Willie's phone number, in case you become hopelessly lost, is 480-963-3983.

General Membership Meeting

The general membership meeting will be part of the Christmas Party, 10 December at Willie Burgeson's home. See details above.

Squadron Happenings

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

2011

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.

December

- 3 D/28 Winter Council, San Diego
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 Christmas Party and General Membership Meeting
- 17 Santa Cruise, Lake Pleasant

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January

- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Squadron Annual Meeting
- 21 Snow Cruise, Lake Pleasant
- 23-28 USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville

February

- 4 Change of Watch
- 9 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 General Membership Meeting
- 13-20 Pocket Cruisers Convention, Lake Havasu City
- 18 Raft Up, Camping and BOC, Roosevelt Lake

The following calendar times are proposed by the Executive Committee and are subject to approval and change.

March

- 2-3 D/28 Spring Conference, Laughlin, NV
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 17 Past Commanders Barbecue and general membership meeting
- 31 AZ Game and Fish Expo

April

- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 D/28 Inland Rendezvous, Lake Mohave
- 18 General Membership Meeting
- 28 Lake Pleasant Raft-up

May

- 17 General Membership Meeting
- 19-20 Arizona Safe Boating Celebration

Note: Some dates are proposed and subject to change. All Executive Committee meetings begin at 1900 at 6433 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley. 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 Chris Lockyer-Bratton, P

What a great turnout for the annual Turkey Fry !!! I was told we had 58 people (and one dog!) who enjoyed the wonderful meal and spectacular views. The location could not have been better, the weather cooperated with bright sunshine and only an occasional breeze. I received so many positive comments about the location, that when I suggested that we hold the Past Commander's Barbeque there next March (the 17th), it was met with unanimous approval! You'll find a more complete report elsewhere in this issue of the *Pipe*, so for those of you who were not able to be there, you can see what you missed!

Our nominating committee has been striving to get a full state of volunteers for the various elected positions for next year, but are still short of many

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Three cooks three—Ron Werner, Doug Frazier and Bill Johnson, all squadron past commanders, provided the cooking expertise and muscle at the annual Turkey Fry at Bartlett Lake.

Educational Officer's Report

By Lt/C Joe Warren, JN

The year has flown by and the Holiday Season is here. I wish everyone in our Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron family best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous Holiday Season and New Year.



The Instructor Development class schedule has

changed to accommodate several students finishing the AP class. The ID class is now scheduled to begin January 10th at Courtesy Chevrolet. Class will begin at 6:30pm and run till 8:30pm. The class is free to members. Lee Whitehead will be the instructor. Currently



three members are planning to attend and there is room for one or two more. The class will be four or five Tuesdays depending on the number of students and their needs. Courtesy Chevrolet is centrally

located at 13th Street and Camelback Road. Enhancing your communication skills is how I would describe the class. If you would like to teach a Power Squadron course or if communication skills are important in your life, make the effort to take this course.

Students in the Advanced Piloting class are now working on their final exam. Ron Werner has done a great job as instructor. Chuck Peterson has been attending class sessions and actively assisting students with homework and plotting questions. Thank you Ron and

Chuck. Our plan to finish by Thanksgiving did not quite happen but the students are better Pilots for the extra class session.

I plan to attend the upcoming D/28 Winter Council in San Diego. It should be lots of fun as several of us plan to car-pool. The District Council meetings are less formal than the District Conferences and yet productive with lots of camaraderie. I am sure we'll find an opportunity in San Diego to get out on the water.

One activity the PSPS Educational Department supports is the USPS Boat Operator Certification program. The first certification level is Inland Navigator (IN). One of the requirements for IN certification is fire suppression experience. I was unable to attend the recent Turkey Fry but P/C David Allocco, SN reported the Fire Suppression Simulator was a big hit with members at the Turkey Fry. He reported: "At the Turkey Fry the fire suppression simulator served as the post meeting entertainment as well as providing a serious lesson in dealing with a boat fire. Ten members took advantage of the opportunity to become certified. The most common comment was that the fire extinguisher was very realistic. It simulated running out of CO₂ and it required a skillful hand to put out the fire with only one extinguisher. Most people now realize that having more than one extinguisher on board is a very good idea."

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

*With Thanks from the Editor
The photos in this issue were voluntarily taken and supplied by a talented group of digital photographers including Joe Warren, and Rose and Ron Werner*

Happy Birthday

Ana Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Terry Biagi, Kyle Bles, John Boyd, James Eling, Eugen Erkert, Sally Harrington, Jim Hill, Robert Hurley, Bill Jennings, Gayle Joedicker, Gobie Johnson, Bill Johnson, Randy La-Roche, Joel Lieberman, Don Myers, Andy Pensavalle, Douglas Stewart, and Neal Vandenburg.



Many Happy Returns

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Educational Officer's Report

Past Commander Allocco is the Boat Operator Certification Committee Chairman for our Squadron. Talk to him about enhancing your on the water skills. Thank you David for helping with the simulator. We have to return the simulator in early December but will have other opportunities to bring it back to Phoenix.

Planning for Squadron activities next year is underway and there is still opportunity to express your interest. I encourage you to contact me about class or seminar interests you would like to see the Squadron offer, let me know and we'll see if we can include them in the 2012 Education Department schedule. For 2012 so far we have good interest in a JN class for late winter or early Spring. We'll also plan to have the Marine Navigation Systems class when it becomes available.

It has been a busy year for the Education Department. I'll summarize our activities in the January SEO report. Until then, practice on the water safety have fun and stay in touch.

Safety Notes

By P/C Roger Clark, AP

Editor's note: The following was submitted from the November 6 edition of the East Valley Tribune) It was written by Anna Consie of the Cronkite News Service

Arizona boating fatalities are the highest in five years, and officials say the economy may be a factor.

With 10 deaths so far this year, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is reminding boaters to wear life jackets, take boater education classes and check that equipment is working properly.

Of the deaths, six were drownings, three of which involved people who weren't wearing life jackets, and four resulted from accidents. The last year with as many fatalities as 2006, when 14 people died on Arizona waterways

Kevin Bergersen, the department's boating law administrator, said that while recreational boating is down with the economy, more people are using canoes and kayaks that require paddling....

Ed Huntsman, boating safety education administrator for Game and Fish, said boating safety training can make a big difference.

Arizona is one of seven states that doesn't require boaters to complete safety training with fewer than one percent taking a course annually, Huntsman said. "Nationally, from 70-to-80 percent of people who have had a boating accident have not had a formal education class"

Bergersen said education is the key.

"Boaters should always take a boater education class and always wear a life jacket," he said. "An informed boater is a safer boater."

Commander's Report

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important positions. We all enjoy the benefits of being members of this great squadron, so PLEASE consider being a part of the management team for 2012. When I was first asked to take on the job as your Commander, I was concerned about being able to do the job justice ... I had only been a member for a short while, and my boating experience had been mainly in England some 30 years ago. What I didn't know was how supportive the rest of the Bridge and Committee members would be in helping me taking on the job and understanding what needed to be done. It wasn't too difficult. It wasn't too demanding of time. It has been one of the most rewarding assignments I have ever undertaken, and I am sure that any of you who are prepared to 'take the King's shilling' will find it as satisfying as I have. Go ahead and call Bill Johnson or David Allocco and find out where you can have a positive impact on your squadron .. they will be more than happy to receive your call!!!!

We have only a short while left until the Christmas Party at Willie Burgeson's fine home, and hopefully Santa will make his usual appearance this year to spread the season's joy far and wide! Don't forget to bring a side dish or desert ... the turkeys are already organized, so get ready for more festivities and merry-making on the 10th December!

The year is almost over, plans are being made for 2012 and in most of the country, boaters are waiting for a new boating season to start. We are so fortunate being here in the warm Southwest with out year-round boating. Lakes empty of the water-skiers and jet skis, bracing air and bountiful sunshine ... is there anything closer to nirvana??

Have a wonderful holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing a great turnout at Willie's for out Christmas Bash!!

Administrative Officer's Report

By Lt/C Dan Sheen, P

Merry Christmas everyone. Thanksgiving holiday is my traditional time to work on boat maintenance. For do-it-yourselfers, working on your boat is a great way to stay out from underfoot in the kitchen. The weather is typically perfect for the epic battle between man and machine. The long wait while the gear oil drains is usually perfect for a leisurely beer. The only part I dread is running the boat back to the storage yard after gorging on turkey. Definitely an interruption to my post-meal napping schedule.

The power squadron calendar this winter is shaping up as usual with the party at Willie Burgeson's home on December 10th and boating a week later at the Christmas cruise at Lake

Pleasant. *(editor's note: Check page two of this issue for tentative dates for activities in March and April. The calendar is a work in progress as this issue goes to press.)*



The late turkey and friends— June Ventzos and Raoul Jacques enjoy the company of what will become the guest of honor at the 2011 edition of the turkey fry.

hosting and the marina site had some nice shade and a view of the lake. The squadron made a significant dent in the three juicy turkeys, the great side dishes, and the desserts, but fell well short of finishing it all off despite a supreme effort by the AO.

Hope to see you all at Willie's or the winter Lake Pleasant cruises.

The Turkey Fry at Bartlett was a hit with perfect temperatures and the wind staying away. Bill and Connie did their usual great job

Turkey Fry Happens

By P/D/C Bill Johnson, SN

Photos by Rose Werner

If you have been waiting for the 9th Annual Turkey Fry, you missed it. This year rivaled any of the past Turkey Fry's for location, attendance, menu, and weather.



Awaiting their fate—These three birds gave their all for those attending the 9th annual turkey fry

The location was "new." South Bay Group Area at Bartlett Lake. This is a rustic area with trees, decomposed granite landscape all the way from the road to the lake. Several acres of

reserved space for just the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron, thanks to the Bartlett Lake Marina's generous discount of the normal rental fees. Our name is known within the boating community.

Attendance was great. We had over 60 people bringing wonderful food, great attitudes, and a willingness to enjoy themselves at one of the best events of the year.



The three cooks who have practiced the frying turkeys for at least three years are pictured at the bottom of the column to the left. They are all past squadron commanders and are Ron Werner, Doug Frazier and Bill Johnson.

They helped make the menu had to be the main event. We had 60+ pounds of three types of deep fried turkey, steak, deviled eggs, salads, potatoes of many varieties, vegetables, fruits and of course, cranberries, sweet potatoes and PIES. No one left hungry, but several were seen looking for the couch.

Weather: When the forecast for the weekend was for more rain, the planners were scrambling for other options and ideas. We should have known that Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron



Enjoying Bartlett Lake—Marilyn Prigge, John Lusson and Lori Greenstein pose for the camera.

events are NEVER affected negatively by weather thanks to our expert instructors teaching that Arizona doesn't have weather. just lots of sun shine. The temperature was in the lower 70's with sun-shine and

a slight breeze that has made Arizona winter worth the summer wait.

Plan on attending next year. Reserve November 17th, 2012 for the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron 10th Annual Turkey Fry.

Nominating Committee Report.

Commander – Rob Anderson
 Executive Officer – Dan Sheen
 Administrative Officer – Open
 Educational Officer – Open
 Assistant Educational Officer – Ron McNeil
(approval by the national educational officer's designee required).
 Assistant Educational Officer – Ron Werner
(approval by the national educational officer's designee required).
 Assistant Educational Officer – open
 Treasurer – Jackie Wanta
 Secretary – Jan Park

Executive Committee – Lee Whitehead
 Executive Committee – John Lusson
 Executive Committee - open
 Executive Committee - Open

Nominating Committee Chair – David Allocco
 Nominating Committee 2 Year – Open
 Nominating Committee 3 Year—Chris Lockyer-Bratton

Rules Committee Chair – Bob Schloeman
 Rules Committee 2 Year – Open
 Rules Committee 3 Year – Open

Auditing Committee Chair – Connie Johnson
 Auditing Committee 2 Year – Open
 Auditing Committee 3 Year – Open



Inspection or training session?—Bill Johnson carves one of the three turkeys at the annual Turkey Fry while Joel Lieberman watches



A toast for the cooks—Raoul Jacques offers a toast of thanks to the three cooks at the annual Turkey Fry. The location, the Bartlett Lake Marina campgrounds, was very popular.



Looking over the receipts—David Allocco and Jackie Wanta look over the very low Turkey Fry Expenses.



Shielded from the Sun—Willie Burgeson inspects one of the three turkeys provided to nearly 60 guests at the annual turkey fry.



Connie and Janet—They pause for a few minutes to note the camera recording the events of the turkey fry.



Commanders Confer—Cdr Chris and P/D/C Bill are deep in thought about something that should be thought about. Meanwhile, past commanders John and Doug work.



The smiles say it all—Pat Yount and Grace Schoonover apparently approve of the turkey fry and the new location. Note the shade provided by the abundant number of trees at the campgrounds.

Last month, the *Bos'n's Pipe* incorrectly identified new member John Boyd in a photo taken as he joined the squadron. We regret the error

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 accounts for 44¢ per copy. The November edition was typical, so it cost about 76¢ per copy. The number of mailed copies has been reduced by more than 50 households last year, saving postage and printing of about \$38 a month.

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 usually with one or two extra pages that the printed version does not contain.

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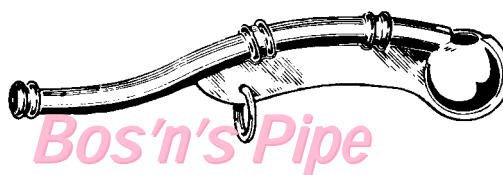
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