

Bos'n's Pipe



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Happy new year

Change of Watch is 16 January

A very special Change of Watch will be returning to the Union Hills Country Club in Sun City. The club is located at 9860 W. Lindgren Avenue.

The event has twofold meaning. The squadron will formally welcome its new bridge officers, committee chairs, and thank the outgoing officers for work well done.

What makes this change of watch so special, however, is it will also mark the 50th anniversary of the squadron's existence. The squadron was founded in 1960, and has prospered over the half-century of its existence. A special program is planned.

The Change of Watch is the only formal occasion marked by the squadron. Those with A uniforms will likely wear them, however, appropriate attire is entirely fitting and welcome.

Dinner will feature a dinner salad, pot roast of beef *jardinière*, new potatoes with glazed carrots and a festive dessert of peppermint stick ice cream and pie.

There'll be a no-host cocktail period with members can greet old friends and exchange the latest news. Cocktails are scheduled for 1730, dinner at 1830 and the program to follow.

Contact Bill Johnson if transportation is needed.

Santa visits the desert

Once again, Santa Claus left the ice-covered tundra of the North Pole behind, dodging the uplifted arms of saguaro cactus, and firmly landed in Chandler for the Phoenix squadron's Christmas Party.

Again, Willie Burgeson graciously opened her home to the squadron for the fun times. The squadron furnished the turkey, and true to form, members provided the exquisite "fixings" through pot luck contributions.



Naughty or Nice?—Willie Burgeson visits with Santa, who didn't ask the question and Willie didn't tell. Who is Santa? You guess.

The Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron annual meeting will be combined with the Change of Watch.

Squadron Happenings

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

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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.

January

- 7 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Union Hills Country Club, Sun City
- 23 Raft Up Snow Cruise, Lake Pleasant

February

- 3-7 USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando
- 2 Founders Day
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- 13 Raft up, Lake Pleasant
- 18-21 Arizona National Boat Show

March

- 5-6 D/28 Spring Conference, Phoenix
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Past Commander's Barbecue and general membership meeting, Canyon Lake
- 27-28 AZ Game and Fish Expo

April

- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 9-10 Inland Rendezvous, Katherine Landing
- 22 General Membership Meeting
- 24 Lake Pleasant Raft Up
- 29-MY 9 Stink potters-Sailors Off Shore Cruise

May

- 6 Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 General Membership Meeting
- 22 Tri-State Safety Fair, Lake Havasu
- 22-28 AZ Safe Boating Celebration, Lake Pleasant

June

- 6-12 Catalina/Channel Islands Cruise
- 9-13 Lake Powell Rendezvous
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Lake Pleasant Rendezvous

July

- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 D/28-San Luis Rey raft up

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 and are announced.

Commander's Report

Cdr. David Allocco, SN

I have found that if I buy a calendar with photos of boats, it's not so difficult to turn the page to the next month. I don't like the idea that the days seem to be flying by so fast, but at least every month a new boat shows up on the wall. This time the calendar turned to a new month and a new year. January 2010 brings with it a new Squadron year and new Squadron leadership.

Before going too far forward it's appropriate to look back at the year we've just completed, and recognize some of the folks who helped make this a successful year. Each bridge officer and each committee chair worked diligently in service to the organization. And they did not work alone. Last month the *Bos'n's Pipe* listed all of the people who earned a merit mark in recognition of their efforts. It's impossible to individually address all of the wonderful accomplishments made by each of those 60 plus people.

I'd like to recognize the bridge officers and others who have worked closely with me in the past year. These folks have participated through general membership meetings, Executive Committee meetings, *Bos'n's Pipe* articles, event coordination, and through leadership of their respective departments. Bill Belt served as Executive Officer. He did an excellent job coordinating the various sections of his department. Bill's efforts in organizing the upcoming Change of Watch are especially commendable.

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

www.phoenix-usps.org

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 publication

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.

Jerry Anderson did a terrific job coordinating the venue and programs for the General Membership meetings. His work with the Katherine Landing activity, the Operations Training, and the Christmas party made them three of the most successful activities of the year.

Joe Warren served as secretary and kept very good records of the Executive Committee meetings and general membership meetings. As Treasurer, Jackie Wanta's work was flawless. She kept the financial business of the organization functioning smoothly. Each of four members of the Executive Committee: John Lussion, Bill Johnson, Lee Whitehead, and Danny Friend played a very important role. Their ideas, contributions, discussions, and votes kept the Executive Committee and the squadron progressing throughout the year. The Commander's Department included Jan Park whose recording and processing of merit marks resulted in the increase over previous years. Also, serving as the facilitator of educational events was Tim Harrington. Tim didn't seek the title of educational officer, but that did not prevent him from doing the job.

Finally the office of Commander was well served by Frank Fitzgerald who provided parliamentary procedure training.

To everyone in every department, who worked on a committee, taught a class, coordinated an activity, offered a suggestion, or gave a helpful hand, thank you.

Executive Officer's Report

By Lt/C Bill Belt, JN

As we come to a close of 2009 and get ready to cruise into 2010 we need to review what we accomplished in this past

year. During this period our Public Relations efforts were championed by **David Allocco** and **Bill Johnson** in coordination with the AZ Game and Fish Department



to encourage our Basic Boating Education efforts. We also coordinated our participation in the AZ Safe Boating Celebration

which was headed up by **Connie Johnson**. The result was a very successful event at Lake Pleasant which was augmented by a record number of 79 vessel safety checks accomplished by many squadron members under the leadership of **Ron Werner** together with **Terry Gray** and **Jean Gray as well as many others**.

During the year we were brought up to date on recent marine radio developments together with new technologies in various other fields of marine electronics by **Bob Schloeman**. This is always of interest and value to the boater as the state of the art in these technical fields is continually changing.

Roger Clark is also recognized for his efforts in reminding us of the need for safe boating practices. This was an extra effort on his part due to health problems which he encountered during the year.

Our Environmental Committee was also hard at work on several projects under the able coordination of **Rose Werner**. One of these efforts was the clean up activities at a small lake near Crown King, AZ. **Connie Johnson** and **Rose** also put together our clean up efforts on the beaches of Rocky Point, MX during the annual fish fry.

Another project led by **Connie** was the effort to obtain several distinctive and
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Happy Birthday

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



David Allocco, Art Ashton, Alexander Bellesia, Margaret Chrisman, Mark Howard, Connie Johnson, Katie Law, Susan Magaw, Michael Pavsek, Paul Schoonover, Tutsie Silapalikitporn, John Yount.

Many Happy Returns

Safety Officer's Report

By P/C Roger Clark, AP

The following quotes are from the pages 10



and 11 article, "Sailors teaching Power Boaters?" in the magazine *Small Craft Advisory* of September-October, 2009.

"Sailors often run powerboats, so...US SAILING recognized the need to teach power

boat operation....US Power boating™ was established as an affiliate of US SAILING to manage the certification series of courses, instructor training and print and digital support materials.

"The 16-hour introductory Safe Powerboat Handling™ course has ...approval by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Students are training in boat operation skills and tested on ...information covered in the accompany text, *Start Powerboating Right!*

"The interactive website, www.uspowerboating.com features text, video and animation including boat maneuvers, anchoring and knots. Navigation rules and aids to navigation are covered in the text at a depth not

possible in a two-day boat-handling course.

"Along with its collaboration with NASBLA and the US Coast Guard Office of Boating safety, US SAILING has a cooperative relationship with the United States Power Squadrons. Together they support each other's training and certification programs. The USPS now recognizes US SAILING's Safe Powerboat handling course for small boats as meeting the skill demonstration requirements for the *USPS Inland Navigation Certification* within its Boat Operator Certification program.

"US Power boating has offered the owners and operators of...bigger vessels the Cruising Powerboat course, which combines the practical skills of close quarter maneuvering, systems checks and emergency procedures with the essential knowledge areas of navigation, rules and regulations, and safe practices wither underway or moored.

"As of 2009, US Power boating has certified over 300 instructors who run courses at schools, colleges, clubs and commercial facilities around the U.S. and the Caribbean. The Powerboat Instructor Certification requires attendance in a three-day course where the instructor-candidates. Must demonstrate proficiency in vessel operations and seamanship skills, as well as an understanding of teaching techniques. They are evaluated on the professional and competent manner in which they present assigned topics and run practical on-the-water drills."

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colorful signs through both District 28 and USPS National. These signs can be used to signify our presence at various boating activities during the year.

John Lusson was instrumental in the resurgence of a series of visits to local marine stores to broadcast our efforts in safe boating activities and membership in the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron. This work was well received and is of special note given the recent economic downturn and the pressure that this *(continued on next page)*

has placed on the marine industry.

These highlights are the result of a number of squadron members going that extra mile to insure that our organization is an active participant in all phases of marine activities. I have been remiss in not listing every ones participation but I can assure you that your efforts have not gone unrecognized.

In closing I must put in a pitch for the upcoming **Change of Watch and Annual Meeting** which will held on **January 16th** at the **Union Hills Country Club**. If you haven't sent in your acknowledgement and check there is still time to do so. See you there.

Administrative Officer's Report

By Lt/C Jerry Anderson, P

2009 was a busy year for the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron and for the Administrative Department. In keeping with recent tradition,

there was at least one on-the-water boating activity each month with the possible exception of February. In addition, the meetings and other Squadron activities



were planned and executed, and an Operations Training Class was conducted. Many of our members participated in District 28 and USPS National activities and meetings. There should probably be a law against having as much fun as we had this year!

Membership – This year the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron enrolled seven new members and had two additional members transfer in from other Squadrons. We also enlisted three new associate members. Thank you Connie Johnson for heading up the Membership Committee activities again this year.

Member Involvement – Many of our new members have become visibly active in the various functions of the Squadron this year. Of prime importance, however, is the fact that seven new or newer members were among the participants in the *Operations Training* class,

where they were trained to become leaders of the Squadron. Many thanks to Bob Schloeman, David Allocco, and Lee Whitehead for serving as instructors for that class.

Meetings – Meetings were held on a monthly basis at various venues across the Valley to accommodate as many members as possible. Programs were varied, but we leaned hard this year on Joe Warren who provided slide shows of his exciting offshore adventures. Thanks Joe! Every year a most special meeting is held at the Lussons' home to re-group after winter resident's return from their summer homes. This year's meeting was very special because it was "Talk Like a Pirate Day." Thanks, once again, John and Barbara Lusson for hosting this well-attended event.

Rendezvous – Both on-the-water and other rendezvous and parties were frequent through 2009. Many members participated in D/28 rendezvous in California, as well. Thanks to Bill Johnson for a very successful *Past Commander's BBQ* at Canyon Lake. We are indebted to the Lake Mohave Squadron for co-hosting the annual *Inland (Colorado River) Rendezvous at Katherine Landing* with us. Thanks, also to Kathy Anderson for helping me out with this always successful outing and to Art Ashton without whom we would have been in the dark. Thanks also to Tim Harrington and Frank Fitzgerald who headed up our blue water Squadron activities this year in California. Our *Lake Powell Rendezvous* are always an adventure many of us look forward to. Thanks to Chuck Peterson and Art Ashton for their able leadership for the spring event and to Terry Gray for the fall event. Our *Lynx Lake Rendezvous* is special because it gets us out of the heat and allows us to get the bottom of our kayaks and remote-control boats wet. Thanks to Ed and B.J. Wojcik for once again hosting this very successful event which drew record attendance this year. Our *South of the Border Rendezvous* was almost too much fun this year as it featured a Saturday evening clam

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Clambake and a hilarious Gilligan's Island play. Special thanks to Ron and Rose Werner, Paul Schoonover, Les and Mary Ormsby, and to our play Producer and Director, Rochelle Taylor. The *Thanksgiving Turkey Roast* at Bartlett Lake has become a tradition and was a very popular event this year thanks to the efforts of Bill and Connie Johnson, Terry Gray, and Doug Frazier. This year's annual *Christmas Party* was also a blast. Santa got up close and personal this year to find out just who was naughty and who was nice! Thanks to Willie Burgeson for again hosting this annual event and to all of those who helped out in making it a success. The frequent *Lake Pleasant Raftups* are always fun and we are indebted to Bill and Connie Johnson, David Allocco, Jackie Wanta, and many others for making these rendezvous successful.

Throughout all of our activities this year, we had strong leadership from our Commander, David Allocco. David, thank you for all of your leadership, your assistance, and your support. We couldn't have done all of these activities and had all this fun without you!

Secretary's Report

By Lt/C Joe Warren, JN

Communication is critical to a successful, vibrant organization such as the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron. Our Secretary's Department facilitates communication services within our Squadron, within our District and with the National USPS organization and the outside world. To accomplish this, the Secretary's Department uses several Committees, including Information Technology, Historian, Website, Publications (including the *Ensign*, *Bos'n's Pipe* and the *Lead Line*), directory and photography. Often these Committees consist of one very dedicated, talented and generous member of our squadron who puts in many, many hours throughout the year, mostly without our thanks or gratitude, to perform the necessary tasks for

their Committee to be successful. The results of these committees' efforts help keep our squadron operating smoothly. So it is with gratitude and thankfulness I want to acknowledge the dedicated and tireless efforts of the Secretary's Department committee persons.

Lee Whitehead is editor and publisher of several publications, editing and publishing this very publication you are now reading, the *Bos'n's Pipe*. Under Lee's stewardship the "Pipe" continues to receive National recognition and awards for excellence in communication. Lee also serves as editor and publisher of the District 28 publication, the *Lead Line*, another award winning publication. Lee also serves as our Squadron liaison with the National Publication, The *Ensign*. If an article by or about our Squadron is published, it has likely gone through Lee's talented hands.

Bob Schloeman is a man of many talents who shares them generously with the Squadron, the District and with the National organization. For our Squadron Bob has served the Historian, Information Technology and Website Committees. The Squadron could not complete basic business operations without Bob's expertise and assistance. Under Bob's stewardship, our web site has received national recognition. He truly is a "Wizard, First Class".

This year Bill Johnson and Kathy Anderson have stepped up to perform with the Information Technology, Website and Historian Committees respectively.

Rose Werner continues to document Squadron activities with her photography skills and for that we are grateful.

This past year Jan Park has acted as Assistant Secretary and has been very helpful in that position.

I have continued to produce the Member Directory as well as perform Secretarial duties.

It is the efforts of dedicated members like these who have helped us to complete 50 successful years as an organization. As we begin

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On turning 50

There are many reasons members have joined and remained in the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron during its 50-year history, and for many, the primary reason is the excellent program of continuing education afforded members.

Most are introduced to USPS through the public boating class, successful completion of which was for many years a requirement for membership. With a taste for that, most have continued through Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation. There are many other courses including Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Cruise Planning, Sail, and Weather. There are supplemental courses and boating seminars—aimed at the general public—and taught as a public service by squadron members. As a means of increasing professionalism in educational endeavors, instructor certification is a new requirement. Currently the squadron has many certified instructors on its rolls.

How did this come about. The rich tapestry of educational opportunities offered by the Phoenix squadron and squadrons throughout the county did not come by accident. It was one of the founding principles of USPS from the beginning.

First, a glimpse back in time. In the early 1900s, there were two means of propulsion for boats—sail and steam. There was little enthusiasm for gasoline powered boats. Those clunky contraptions were left to the fledgling automobile industry.

U.S. laws governing navigation applied only to steam engines, and steamboat inspectors were “old, crusty sea-going men,” according to the official USPS history. They wanted to have the same rules for ocean liners and other steam-powered vessels to apply to recreational power boats. The need for professionally educated recreational boaters was clearly present. The first

requirement for a new member was to pass a fairly stiff examination in advanced piloting subjects. Only then was a member able to fly a distinguishing signal, which was regarded with high esteem. This requirement led to the birth of USPS some years later.

In 1917, three years after the founding of USPS the first official course was created: Junior Navigation. Shortly afterwards, a Navigator course was established.

With the outbreak of World War I, Charles Chapman (yes, that Charles Chapman of *Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling*) volunteered the entire USPS instructional program to then Assistant Navy Secretary Franklin Roosevelt, which he accepted with gratitude. More than 5,000 students were trained in New York, and others in Boston, Detroit, Newburgh, NY, New Haven and Washington DC. Many USPS members received commissions based on their nautical skills.

In 1931, Advanced Piloting was added to the educational menu for the 840 members of USPS. After bylaw changes in 1932, the number of members nearly doubled and there were now 12 squadrons.

With the beginning of World War II, USPS once again volunteered its educational program to the nation, and it was accepted by now President Roosevelt. The educational program now included night classes USPS instructors taught navigation and allied subjects, including Seamanship, which was added in 1942. Weather and Engine Maintenance were added in 1946 along with Instruction Techniques. Ironically, Sail was added in 1953 with Marine Electronics becoming part of the curriculum in 1961. Later, piloting, which had been part of the public boating course became a separate course, and Cruise Planning was eventually added.

Today, USPS is known by its reputation for outstanding instruction, instructors, and informed and knowledgeable members.

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to celebrate our 50th Anniversary keep in mind it is the hard work of these dedicated members who have helped make it all happen.

Treasurer's Report

By Lt/C Jackie Wanta, P

The Treasurer for the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron is responsible for financial reports and records, for policy guidance and the solvent operation of the Squadron. The duties are what you would expect of a Treasurer, including the following activities:

- ◆ Collect and process membership dues
- ◆ Advise status of membership renewals
- ◆ Collect and account for all other monies
- ◆ Pay all bills that have been approved
- ◆ Deposit funds into the Squadron account
- ◆ Reconcile bank statements
- ◆ Keep accurate financial records
- ◆ Advise the Executive Committee of variances in the budget
- ◆ Report on the financial health of the Squadron at each meeting
- ◆ Prepare IRS Forms and Corporation Commission filings
- ◆ Maintain an inventory of Squadron Property
- ◆ Assist in soliciting grant monies

All of the above activities have been performed at various times during the past year.

The Ship's Store falls under the auspices of the Treasurer's Department and is ably steered by Jan Park, AP. From the Ship's Store, members are able to purchase shirts, burgees, hats, and various accessories offered by National. Jan oftentimes brings a "road show" supply of these items to membership meetings, for all the members to see the quality of the items offered firsthand. Items that are not the Squadron inventory, are ordered from National and made available to the members.

P/D/C Lee Whitehead has shyly offered to model the squadron polo and sweatshirts to the

delight of the membership. With Lee's invaluable connection to a seamstress, the shirts can be personalized by embroidering the member's name on the shirts.

In honor of the Squadron's 50th Anniversary in 2010, the Squadron's burgee has been updated and new shirts and burgees are now available. With many thanks to Jan's and Lee's efforts, Membership is able to proudly display the Squadron insignia on clothing items, as low key advertising to the public.

Rescue on Lake Pleasant

Each month the Bos'n's Pipe over the past several years, you've probably see Roger Clark's Safety Officer Report. The following is a true story that may serve to supplement Roger's reports.

Last fall, I was involved in a man overboard rescue at Lake Pleasant. As much as we might talk about what to expect in a recovery, it's just not the same in real life. There is not enough room in this edition of the *Bos'n's Pipe* to provide the details of the event but I can give you an overview.

After work on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, I drove up to Lake Pleasant to get in a couple of hours sailing before sundown. I sailed north and enjoyed the stiff breeze. After I jibed onto a port tack I discovered a capsized canoe in front of me. It was near the middle of the lake, about three-quarters of a mile from the nearest shore. There were no boats in the area.

I raced to the canoe and found a man firmly holding on to it in 70 degree water - not wearing

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With thanks from the editor—

Photos in this edition of the *Bos'n's Pipe* were supplied by a group of talented digital photographers. They are Ron and Rose Werner, Roger Clark and Chris Lockyer-Bratton

a life jacket. Given the wind and waves, he was not able to right the canoe. I got him on my boat and gave him a life jacket. Then I towed his



At the helm—David Allocco at the helm of Summer Nights. This photo was not taken at the time of the rescue. David was too busy at the time.

swamped canoe three-and-a-half miles back to the North Ramp.

I have written a more detailed story and sent it through Lee Whitehead to the *Ensign* Magazine. It has been accepted for publication.

You can read about the things that went well and things that went wrong. In the mean time, if you ever think about crossing

Lake Pleasant in a

canoe on a weekday afternoon in 18 mile per hour winds, call me first. I'll talk you out of it.

A Communications Crossroad

R/C Bob Schloeman, JN

The cornerstone for an organization that is geographically dispersed is the ability to communicate effectively. The Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron is such an organization and we have a number of ways to for keeping our members informed. Our award winning publication, the *Bos'n's Pipe*, is one way. Others are the website, the telephone, our meetings, our boating and social activities, and our electronic mailing list (phoenix@usps.org).

It is the electronic mailing list that is reaching a major crossroad. In September 2009 the USPS announced it would soon be ending its support of all electronic mailing lists on the USPS server. The reason given was because of economic circumstances. That will mean an end to lists we have for the Phoenix squadron and

District 28.

Around the same time USPS announced an agreement with SailAngle.com that would involve hosting a number of functions on their system that includes an equivalent of an electronic mailing list. The SailAngle site is PRIVATE, just as the current list is, with one other distinction, it does not circulate the internet email traffic. It stores the message within the PRIVATE area and the recipients are sent an email that a message is available for viewing.

The SailAngle.com messaging system is also different in that our current mailing list because members must "opt-in" to join. Adding and deleting members for our current list is handled mainly by the list administrator (me). Hence, in order to maintain our communications link and your involvement we need your help by you taking the following steps to opt-in:

1. Visit and logon to <http://www.usps.org>.
2. In the upper left part of the opening page click on the "Access your SailAngle.com Account"
3. Go through the signup process to activate your account. Upload a photo so your friends and other Group members can identify you, add your boat's information and photo, talk a little about yourself. Your profile information is used to confirm you are indeed a member of the USPS and is not shared with any interests outside the USPS.
- 4 After activating your SailAngle.com account you will be **automatically** placed into the following Groups:
 - a. Your Squadron
 - b. Your correct District
 - c. Your current National Departments and Committees (if any)

As of 24 December 2009 36 of your friends have joined the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron SailAngle.com group. That leaves us about 46 who are on our current mailing list that have not

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joined. If you are one of them, please give it some serious thought as this is one communication link that we need especially for time sensitive information. We want you to know the latest and this may be one of our best ways of doing it in the near future and help us take the right turn at the upcoming communications cross-road.

Come on in the water is fine and keep talking, I am listening.

Phoenix to host district conference

By P/D/C Bill Johnson, N

The District 28 Spring Conference hosted by our Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron is fast approaching. The Dates are March 5th & 6th, 2010. The D28 Spring Conference is one of two conferences and two councils held each year.

The Councils (Summer and Winter) normally are held in San Diego and the Conferences (Spring and Fall) are held on a rotating basis at host squadrons in the District.

The Spring Conference is where the new officers of the District are elected during the meeting and sworn into office at a formal dinner on Saturday evening. This year is especially a Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron event due to the Phoenix squadron celebrating its 50th year as well as the possibility of the incoming District Commander being from the Phoenix Squadron.

If you plan on staying at the hotel, please make your reservation before the January 25th cut-off date. The price of the rooms will jump significantly from our group discount. Staying at the hotel would save on travel to and from the hotel.

Help is needed in all phases of the event. From setting up the host room, assisting in directing attendees for registration and locating event rooms for participants, transportation to the hotel & spouse event, setting up the dinner

arrangements, locating and obtaining raffle prizes, to just attending the conference.

Participating in this event and helping to make it one of the best in our squadron's 50th year will be an achievement for our squadron and new squadron commander.

Please contact Bill Johnson to find out what you can do to help. All jobs (big and small) are very important to a successful conference. Volunteer for what you want or just let us know you would like to help to the extent possible.

Bos'n's Pipe Awarded Distinction in Journalism Award

The Bos'n's Pipe was given the Distinction in Journalism Award by the Publications Committee of the United States Power Squadrons. The publication has received this award for a number of years.

R/C Bob Schloeman honored for web site designs and maintenance

For years, Bob Schloeman referred to himself as "wizard second class" for his maintenance of web sites for the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron and District 28. But several years ago, he

was given an official Harry Potter magic wand and was proclaimed a "Wizard First Class," an honor that many felt was overdue. This



year, he has been awarded multiple honors for distinction in web sites for the Phoenix squadron and the Lake Mohave Sail and Power Squadron. The District Award for was for excellence.

Online Bonus Page



A visit from Santa— photos captured with Santa visited both good and bad little boys and girls at the Christmas Party.

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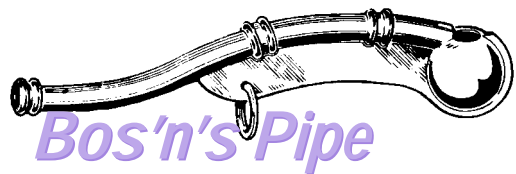
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Deadline for articles for the

February 2010 issue is

Monday, 25 January 2010

Over the past couple of 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 now accounts for 44¢ per copy. The December edition was typical, so it cost about 86¢ per copy. The number of mailed copies has been reduced by more than 50 households last year, saving postage and printing of about \$43 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 with one or two extra pages that the printed version does not contain. This issue online has photos of the of the Christmas party not included in the paper edition.

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