

‘FILES AND PROFILES’ FROM THE DISTRICT

“The Dixie District”

District 17

2005 December

**LAST CALL!
OUR MEETING IN ORLANDO
IS DRAWING NIGH!**

4 – 8 JANUARY 2006

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

**ANNUAL MEETING AT THE
ROSEN CENTER, ORLANDO**

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Remember, this will be the final Annual Meeting to be held in Orlando. If you have been considering attending a national meeting, this is the time to get serious about it.

Some of the committee meetings and breakout sessions are excellent. One of the activities will be a lifesaving course. In conjunction with an American Heart Association-authorized provider, the USPS First Aid Support Team will offer an adult CPR and automated external defibrillator training during the meeting. The course is four-and-a-half-hours long and costs \$37.00. Instruction includes text, video, lecture and hands-on mannequin practice in clearing obstructed airways, rescue breathing, adult CPR and AED use. Pre-registration is required, so don't put off making the decision whether or not you need this information.

If you are unable to attend, commanders, please be sure that our District Commander has your proxy!



Christmas Greetings

Another great year has come and almost gone. And what a neat year it has been. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me all year long. It is a pleasure to be able to work with you.

I have strived to establish good communications as your advisor in Publications and be available to you whenever you felt the need to communicate. A couple of fresh newsletters have been started while others have completely vanished with some squadrons no longer publishing. It is my hope that these publications will begin anew soon.

One month last winter, I sent out a cartoon with snow. . .lots of snow!

And then you editors in Districts 8 and 15 sent me e-mails that said in so many words, “Yeah, right!” So to all my newsletter friends down along the Coast, here is your Santa Claus with his bag of toys (and boat full of boys!).

Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas holiday. All of us living in our great country have boundless blessings to which we are grateful.

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“Twenty Years from Now

you will be more disappointed
by the things you didn't do
than by the ones you did.
So throw off the bowlines,
sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.
Explore.

Dream.

Discover.”

- - Anon

SQUADRON CHANGES OF WATCH AND INCOMING COMMANDERS

It is the time of year again when new Watches, new Commanders, new Bridges, and fresh thoughts and ideas begin.

Again this year, it would be thoughtful if the newsletter editors published the information of all the Changes of Watch within the District 17. Some of the members of different squadrons enjoy being guests during their friends’ “Coronations”. Notice that no dates conflict with each other; I think this is a “first!” So if you wish to attend each other’s ceremony, go for it. The information below is being published so you may plan well in advance if you wish to attend any of the functions.

Squadron	Date	Incoming Commander
Asheville	January 25	John Smith, S
<u>D17 Representative: D/C Marshall Herron, SN</u>		
Atlanta	February 26	Margaret Sherrod, JN
<u>D17 Representative: D/Lt/C Janis Owen, JN</u>		
Chattanooga	January 21	John R. DiPrima, AP
<u>D17 Representative: P/D/C John Cook, SN</u>		
Huntsville	February 18	Harold D. DeHart, P
<u>D17 Representative: D/Lt/C Tom Carey, SN</u>		
Johnson City	January 28	Sean Herron, AP
<u>D17 Representative: D/C Marshall Herron, SN</u>		
Knoxville	February 25	*Robert S. Allen, P
<u>D 17 Representative: D/C Marshall Herron, SN</u>		
Memphis	February 2	Maggie Poston, S
<u>D17 Representative: D/Lt/C Becky Austin, P</u>		
Montgomery	January 20	*Willis A. Michaels, P
<u>D17 Representative: P/D/C Glenn Cowham, SN</u>		
Muscogee	January 29	Charles E. Hall, Sr., S
<u>D17 Representative: P/D/C Glenn Cowham, SN</u>		
Music City	February 12	Lyle Fuson, AP
<u>D17 Representative: P/D/C Glenn Cowham, SN</u>		
Oak Ridge	March 11	Norman Brandon, SN
<u>D17 Representative: D/C Marshall Herron, SN</u>		
Rome	March 4	TBA
<u>D17 Representative: D/Lt/C Danny Tompkins, JN</u>		
Vulcan	February 23	TBA
<u>D17 Representative: D/Lt/C Tom Carey, SN</u>		

(*denotes this commander will be serving a second consecutive Watch.)

The District 17 Change of Watch is scheduled 17-19 March in Huntsville, Alabama. Our District Executive Officer, Tom Carey will be sworn in as our District Commander at this event. Tom began his bridge work six years ago, serving as DEO before he

began “working the chairs” to reach the office of district commander.

5.5 MILLION POUNDS OF TRASH REMOVED

Mission accomplished. The Renew Our Rivers cleanup campaign has reached a milestone in collecting more than 5 million pounds of trash and debris from Alabama’s waterways and various other lakes and streams around the Southeast.

By the final fall cleanup November 5 at Mitchell Lake, more than 5.5 million pounds of trash and debris had been removed during the entire Renew our Rivers campaign, which began in 2000.

Earlier in 2005, Renew Our Rivers set a goal to reach a combined total of 5 million pounds of trash by year’s end. Renew Our Rivers is the Southeast’s largest organized river-system cleanup, thanks to the efforts of the more than 6,000 tireless volunteers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida, with support from television media partner FOX6 WBRC.

“I’m proud that Renew Our Rivers began at Alabama Power, but I’m most proud of the partnerships and community involvement that have come from it. The important issue is improving conditions we see around the lakes and the continued enthusiasm of those thousands of volunteers that make this happen,” said Charles McCrary, Alabama Power president and CEO.

Annually, Renew Our Rivers includes spring and fall cleanups on the Coosa, Tallapoosa, Black Warrior and Mobile rivers in Alabama and other rivers in Georgia, Florida and Mississippi.

The cleanup program was started in Gadsden by Alabama Power’s Gene Phifer and was known as Renew the Coosa.

During the Lake Wedowee cleanup September 26 to October 1, neighbors took to the lake and the streets. While many volunteers used their boats to clean hard-to-reach areas, for the first time the volunteers also focused on the roads leading to Harris Lake. They said they realized that a lot of what is ending up in the Harris watershed starts on the roadsides. So, they picked out some roads and subdivisions in the area for cleaning.

Renew Our Rivers and its partners have been nationally recognized by Keep America Beautiful with a Litter Prevention Award. The Alabama Wildlife Federation selected Alabama Power as Water Conservationist of the Year.

- - - Reprinted from *Shorelines*,

**START NOW MAKING PLANS
FOR "ON-THE-WATER" ACTIVITIES
DURING OUR 2006 SEASON!**

This message from Bob Allen, Commander of the Knoxville Squadron: "What has been previously known as the "Euchee Invitational" is now the "Watts Bar Invitational." The Watts Bar Invitational will be held at Terrace View Marina and Resort, 3367 Euchee Chapel Road, Spring City, TN 37382, telephone (423) 365-6060. It is located on the river at MM 545 on the west bank across from Half Moon Island and at the mouth of White's Creek. This is an old resort and marina that has been refurbished with new docks, a restaurant, a large swimming pool dry stack, and launch.

The motel (13 rooms) and cottage have one studio (\$75), one bedrooms (\$85 and \$95), two bedrooms (\$115) and three bedrooms (\$140). The rooms are nicely furnished and all have full kitchens. There is a separate parking lot for the motel and cottage. The restaurant is good and the docking fees \$20 regardless of length. I reserved all 8 one bedrooms including the studio and cottage and 20 slips for the **weekend of July 21-23**. I'll hold these for anyone who wants them on a first-come-first-serve basis. If anyone wants a two or three bedroom, a call should be made directly to the number above. At the time I reserved these rooms, I noticed that 2 of the two bedrooms had already been reserved.

I hope that all of you can work this event into your boating activities calendar for the upcoming year. The turnout the past couple of years has been awesome. I'm confident we'll enjoy Terrace View every bit as much as we have Euchee in the past.

I'll give you updates as time go on and will have a package for everyone at the Spring Conference. I'm captaining the event along with Ben Birdwell."

- - - Bob Allen, Knoxville

I am sure some of our other squadrons will also be sending out invitations by early spring. As soon as the event is made known, the message will be published in the current issue of "Files and Profiles" for your interest.

Last year, we saw more interest of squadrons coming together to host some great fun days on the water. This spring, let's do even better. Talk among yourselves at monthly meetings, at bridge meetings

and plan to have even a greater summer on the water having fun while boating safely.

- - -Janis Owen, Editor

BOATING LESSON FOR TODAY:



Rule #1: Don't drive the boat up a tree.

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EX-STUDENT STILL GETS A THRILL

About 45 years ago a young man was granted membership to this squadron. He wanted to learn more about boats and navigation so he could make voyages out of sight of land. This (not so) young man is still a member of the squadron and has indeed made many voyages out of sight of land and is still learning about boats and navigation and hopefully helping others learn more about boats and boating.

Without the many courses taken in the Squadron and the association with other men and women who were eager to share experiences, he might not have achieved his goal. I saw this young man in the mirror this morning. He is a little older and some people even call him "sir", but he still gets a thrill out of boats and talking about them and I see a sparkle in his eyes as he relives his experiences in the Squadron.

When you look in your mirror, and see the young man or woman you used to know, do you see a sparkle in your eyes when you think of your experiences in the Squadron? Maybe you no longer own a boat. It is not necessary to own a boat to love boating, help teach in Squadron courses, or to enjoy the fellowship as Squadron social functions. I have met members in the Bahamas and in this country and have always felt a little special because I too could fly the same ensign.

The Palm Beach Power Squadron means many things to its members. There is room for all of us if there is first a love of boating in your heart. I invite all of you to take part in our Squadron – make it the best! I invite all of you to enroll in Squadron courses to build your boating knowledge and to teach in the

Squadron to share your knowledge and experiences with others.

– Submitted by Lt. Bud Greene, SN
Palm Beach Power Squadron, District 8
Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP Squadron Editor

DISTRICT 17

SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE

17-19 MARCH 2006

FOUR POINTS SHERATON HOTEL

1000 GLENN HEARN BLVD.

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



The Four Points Hotel is located directly INSIDE the Huntsville International Airport. They feature 146 guest rooms, a full service restaurant, bar and room service. Also on site is a pool with cabana area, golf course, and fitness center.

The sales manager has worked extremely well with us in reaching the requirements set out by the Meetings Committee and the district membership. For example, we will enjoy free parking in the hotel's parking area. (The registration desk will validate your parking ticket, even if you live nearby and do not stay overnight at the hotel)



All rooms recently have been designed with new color schemes and complimentary high-speed Internet access, satellite, pay-per view movies and games, coffee makers, hairdryers, irons and ironing boards.

The price of the rooms has been negotiated at sixty-seven (\$67.00) dollars plus tax. When making reservations, contact the hotel at (256) 772-9661 and be sure to tell the reservation clerk that you are a member of the "United States Power Squadrons, District 17". This will ensure that the special rate will be given you.



The above photo will be the site of our Saturday night festivities. Looks nice, huh? Wait until we tell you the price of the meals! That will look even better! We'll tell you that little bit of information in next month's issue of *Files and Profiles*.

More information will be forthcoming in the January issue. Please mark your calendars now for the conference 17-19 March 2006.

We will have more breakout sessions (as you attended at the Fall Conference in Marietta) and will enjoy Joe and Karen Mesenburg as our national representatives. The Town Hall Meeting that was held with Ernie Marshburn was such a terrific

success; perhaps we should entertain having another such brainstorming session. Consider contacting your Conference Planning Committee to let them know what you would enjoy being included during the Conference.

Remember, these conferences are yours, and they will only be as enjoyable as your suggestions and comments make them. Your Committee will make every effort to keep the Conference full of fun, education, and camaraderie.

Until next month, stay well and happy and enjoy the holidays with those you love.

- - Janis Owen

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