

“FILES AND PROFILES” FROM THE DISTRICT

“The Dixie District: District 17
December 2006 Issue



Most of us have already heard about the District 17 Spring Conference. It is the aim of this issue of “Files and Profiles” to send a gentle nudge to you, our squadron commanders, squadron bridge members, editors and other leaders within our structure to help enhance attendance of our district conferences. You are the leaders, the decision makers, and the role models.

It is important that our squadrons understand the inner workings and responsibilities within our organization. Then it is just as important that you, our leaders, especially encourage newer members to pursue their educational knowledge, civic involvement and social functions to become a well-rounded enthusiastic member in USPS.

A district conference, held twice a year, strives to help all members realize their goals and in doing so, develop leadership abilities, create new friendships, and have a lot of fun while doing so.

The district newsletter will be published and distributed within a matter of days. Your district editor, Dick Raymont, is making a strong effort to reduce the amount of postal mailings of this document. It would be very good if each squadron commander appointed someone within the squadron to keep the electronic addresses up-to-date. Considering that the membership (as of last month’s count) of our district stands at 1080 and that mailing each copy costs thirty nine cents, that adds up to \$421.20. Oh, yes lest I forget. . . .the cost of the printing must be figured in, also.

True, the district budget allows sufficient funds for the newsletter publication and distribution. But would it not be nice if we could apply that amount to some other endeavor to promote safer boating? I am sure all of us can think of several other, more favored uses of these monies!

Your presence is needed at these district meetings, in fact it is essential you be present and participate because you are the district. The district commander and bridge are simply members you elect every year to assist and guide whenever you, the squadrons wish. The district functions by your wishes and represents you to the national level of our organization.

That is our job; demand that we do it well!

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DISTRICT CHANGE OF WATCH

20 January 2006

MainStay Suites

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee



District Commander Tom Carey and June

Another reason to drive to Pigeon Forge is to pay tribute to our retiring District Commander Tom Carey. Tom has served on the district bridge for seven years, beginning with three years as district education officer, then treasurer, administrative officer, executive officer and this Watch as our commander.

During these years Tom Carey has shown true leadership abilities in dealing with both internal and external functions of our organizations. He represented us well on a national level by being in the midst of breakout sessions, networking with other district commanders and their staffs.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude go to both Tom and to June for their model roles in guiding our district to a higher level of performance and growth.

WHY WE CAN'T STOP DOING OUR BOATING SAFETY JOBS!

Just when you think you've said everything you can about boating safety, you realize our job is never finished, as evidenced by this excerpt from *The Hardin County News*, Lumberton, Texas.

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports:

"Ellis, Kaufmann and Dallas County game wardens assisted in rescuing a family stranded on the Trinity River. A man had taken his three kids onto their flat bottom boat to make a trip downriver. The only problem was he launched at dusk in a boat full of holes and with no running lights on a river he had never been on. The family boat quickly took on water and someone called 911. They made it to a sandbar and waited for help. A DPS helicopter was able to land on the bank to rescue them. After speaking with the father about boating safety, one of the game wardens issued him a citation for the boat not having any lights after dark. The family was especially lucky because about 100 yards downriver was a waterfall".

And scarier still is this report published by the Associated Press, 21 November 2006, San Jose, Costa Rica.

"Tipped off by three PVC pipes mysteriously skimming the ocean's surface, authorities seized a homemade submarine packed with 3 metric tons (3.3 tons) of cocaine off Costa Rica's Pacific coast.

Four men were arrested after they were found traveling inside the 15-meter-long (49-foot) wood and fiberglass craft, breathing through the pipes.

The submarine was spotted Friday 166 kilometers (103 miles) off Costa Rica's coast near Cabo Blanco National Park on the Nicoya peninsula, Security Minister Fernando Berrocal said in a news release Sunday. It moved at about 12 kilometers (7 miles) per hour and was about 2 meters (6 feet) below the surface.

"This is the first time in the country's history that a craft with these characteristics has been caught near the national coasts," Berrocal said.

U.S. Coast Guard, U. S. Drug Enforcement Association agents, FBI and

Colombian officials aided Costa Rican authorities in the operation, Berrocal said.

Two Colombians, a Guatemalan and a Sri Lankan man were arrested and taken to the U. S., since they were captured in international water. The men are believed to have traveled from Colombia. Colombia's nearest Pacific coast town is some 750 miles away from where their makeshift vessel was seized, according to U. S. Embassy spokeswoman Elaine Samson.

The submarine, which was taken to a Costa Rican Coast Guard station, had several tanks of fuel and a bailer to keep out water.

In March, the Colombian navy seized a 60-foot long, fiberglass submarine that likely was used to haul tons of cocaine out to speedboats in the Pacific Ocean headed for Central America and on to the United States. Three people were arrested and two speedboats seized during the operation, but no narcotics were found.

Colombian authorities say smuggling cocaine by sea has become the top method of transport in recent years, as radar systems have made it extremely difficult to smuggle drugs in small airplanes without being detected.

So far this year, Costa Rica has seized 18 metric tons (20 tons) of cocaine, including the country's biggest seizure to date – 8 metric tons (9 ntons) found on a boat in October."

Then on the lighter side, but still within our teaching safe boating. . . .



**IN MEMORIAM
P/D/C Eddie Lazarus, JN**



Eddie and Sondra Lazarus

The Memphis Sail and Power Squadron has lost one of its most loved and dedicated leaders. We are sad to report that P/D/C Eddie Lazarus, JN, died 06December2006 of an apparent heart attack. Eddie, who was 70 years old, held 29 Merit Marks. He became a member of the Memphis Squadron 09September 1974, served as commander of the Memphis Squadron in the late 1970s and went on to serve as district commander, District 31 in 1986.

While district commander, he personally visited every squadron in his district; he chose not to send representatives in his place. He again served as squadron commander for three years in the late 1990s. In addition, he served many years as the squadron education officer and taught many classes through the years.

He was the driving force in getting Memphis transferred from District 31 into District 17.

Eddie leaves his wife of 48 years, Sondra and three children and four grandchildren. He was buried 08December2006 at Beth Sholom Cemetery in Memphis. Eddie Lazarus was a true friend to us all and we will sorely miss his presence. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to Sondra and the Lazarus family during this time of sadness.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the USPS Educational Fund, Beth Sholom Building Fund or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Sondra's address is:
291 Colegrove Street, Memphis, TN 38120.

"Last Horizon"

Haven't you watched a ship as she sailed out to sea until she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and cloud come together to mingle with each other? Then a landlubber says, "There, she is gone!" Gone? Gone where? We who have sailed know that she has just gone from our sight. She is just as large in hull and mast and rigging as she was when lying alongside us at anchor in the harbor, and just as able to bear her load of life. Her diminished size is in us, not in it. And just at the moment when the landlubber says, "There, she is gone," we who sail know that on the other side there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices taking up the cry, "Here she comes!" So it is with the living spirit of Eddie Lazarus as he sailed beyond our horizon.

"When I Sail Away"

Sometime at eve when the tide is low,
I shall slip my mooring and sail away
With no response to the friendly hail
Of kindred craft in the busy bay.

In the silent hush of the twilight pale
When the night stoops down to embrace the day
And the voices call o'er the water's flow
Sometime at eve when the tide is low
I shall slip my moorings and sail away.

Through the purple shadows that darkly trail
O'er the ebbing tide of the unknown sea
I shall drop away with a hoist of a sail
And ripple of water to tell the tale
Of a lonely voyager sailing away
To Mystic Isles where at anchor lay
The crafts of those who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unknown Shore.

A few who have watched me sail away
Will miss my craft from the busy bay,
Some loving hearts that my soul hold dear
In friendly ships that were anchored near
In silent sorrow shall drop a tear;
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from storm or gale
And greeted friends who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Well Known Shore.

- - -Submitted by the *Memphis Squadron*

District 17 2007 Spring Conference

United States Power Squadrons

Hosted by the Knoxville Squadron & the District Meetings Committee

The MainStay Suites, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Meals Reservation Form

Name (Print) _____

Other in Party (Print) _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Friday Night, 19 January 2007

Dinner - **Original Country Buffet**
Pit Cooked Pulled Pork
Charbroiled Chicken Breast
Fried Farm-Raised Catfish
Potato Salad Baked Beans
Corn-on-the-Cob Cole Slaw
Condiment Tray and Extra Sauces.
Hushpuppies and Rolls
Blackberry Cobbler with Ice Cream

_____ tickets @ \$24.00 per person \$ _____

Saturday Noon, 20 January 2007

Lunch **Beef Taco Bar**
All the Fixin's to Create Your Own Beef Tacos or Taco Salad
Served with Tortilla Chips and Salsa
Chili
Assorted Cookies

_____ tickets @ \$13.00 per person \$ _____

Saturday Night, 20 January 2007

Dinner Tossed Salad with Dressings
Prime Rib of Beef
with Oven Roasted Potatoes
Asparagus
Horseradish Sauce

_____ tickets @ \$25.00 per person \$ _____

OR

Boneless Char-Grilled Chicken Breast
With Your Choice of BBQ, Pacific Coast or Herbed Seasoning
Served on a Bed of Rice Pilaf
Broccoli Casserole

Desserts – Choice of Carrot Cake or Banana Pudding
(Both will be available from dessert table)

_____ tickets @ \$23.00 per person \$ _____

TOTAL SUBMITTED \$ _____

NOTE: All meals include freshly brewed iced tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee and lemonade.

All meals are inclusive of tax and gratuity.

Dinner reservations must be received no later than 12 January 2007

Make checks payable to: District 17 Meetings Committee

Mail check and this completed form to:

Ben Owen, SN
P. O. Box 454
Pell City, AL 35125

DISTRICT 17 SPRING CONFERENCE 2007
HOTEL RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

Conference Date: 19-21 January 2007
Location: The MainStay Suites
410 Pine Mountain Road
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee 37863
Phone: (888) 428-8350

The above number is toll free. You must call the hotel to make your reservations. Advise the hotel when booking your room that you are with the USPS District 17 to get the discounted room rate.

Room Rate: **Double Queen Suite \$69.00 + tax.**

NOTE: If you book Wednesday and/or Thursday prior to the meeting, the rate for any extra nights is \$59.00 + tax.

Room rate includes a continental breakfast for each guest. The breakfast menu includes (besides the usual fare) Southern sausage and biscuits, and egg omelets.

Coffee is complimentary 24/7!

Amenities: All local calls are free
All rooms include coffee makers, data ports, hi speed internet, newspaper, microwave, iron and ironing board, full size refrigerator with freezer, electric range top, and toaster
Guest laundry facilities
Exercise rooms
Parking is complimentary
Public whirlpool/hot tub



View of the MainStay Suites setting, situated on twenty-five acres and within 0.46 miles to the main street in Pigeon Forge.



Example of one of the Suites.

Driving Directions: Travel I-40. Exit 407 to Highway 66 to Highway 441 to traffic light #6 in Pigeon Forge. Turn right off traffic light #6 onto Pine Mountain Road. Hotel is located 0.46 mile on the right.

**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS DISTRICT 17
 SPRING COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE 2007
 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
 PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE
 19-21 JANUARY 2007**

Friday, 19 January **Uniform: Casual dress.** No regulation uniforms necessary.

1400-1800 Registration *1st Floor, Main Area*

1600-1830 Hospitality Room Open *Pines Room, Second Floor*

1830-1930 Dinner *Country Buffet* (Present ticket at door) *1st Floor, Conference Room*

Dress for dinner will be Mountain Dress: overalls, plaid shirts, old felt hats, corncob pipes, plain long skirts/blouses and aprons and bonnets.

 Any apparel that you feel is authentic “Mountain”.
 (Award given to best authentic mountain dress.)

1945-2030 **District Conference** *1st Floor, Main Conference Area*
 (Commander’s Reports will follow dinner and before entertainment)
 D/Lt/C Janis Owen, JN

2045-‘till Theme: **She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain**
 Entertainment: *Hill and Hollows Mountain Music and Storytelling*
 Celebrating the Life and Heritage of the Smoky Mountains
 with Mike and Kathy Gwinn as our entertainers

Saturday, 20 January Complimentary breakfast served on 1st floor level in main lobby area..
 Uniform F for the District Bridge (white long-sleeve shirt with black tie and long dark slacks.)

All Others Members: Uniform F optional; comfortable casual.

0800-1000 Registration

0800-0850 Breakout Sessions –
 Commanders, Executive Officers and Administrative Officers-
 Chaired by District Executive Officer Lt/C Janis Owen, JN
 1st Floor, Conference Room #1

 Secretaries and Treasurers -
 Co-Chaired by
 District Secretary Dale Hamilton, AP
 District Treasurer Mike Scher, AP
 1st Floor, Conference Room #2

 Educational Officers Chaired by P/D/C John Cook, SN
 Pines Room, Second Floor

* * Complimentary coffee will be available for all meetings during the Conference * *
 (Coffee bar is located on first floor, same area as that of breakfast)

0900-0950 **District Council Meeting** *1st Floor, Main Conference Room*

 - Call to Order D/C Tom Carey, SN

 -Roll Call D/Lt/C Dale Hamilton, AP

 -Approval of Minutes D/Lt/C Dale Hamilton, AP

 -Old Business D/C Tom Carey, SN

 -New Business D/C Tom Carey, SN

 -Announcements from the Council

 -Adjournment

* * Five Minute Break * *

0955-1200 **District Conference Meeting Convenes** *1st Floor, Main Conference Room*

- Call to Order D/C Tom Carey, SN
- Pledge of Allegiance P/D/C Ben Owen, SN
- USPS Pledge P/D/C Ben Owen, SN
- Opening and Introductions D/C Tom Carey, SN
- Welcome to Pigeon Forge Commander Bob Allen, AP
Knoxville Squadron
- Roll Call of Squadrons D/Lt/C Dale Hamilton, AP
- Minutes of Previous Meeting D/Lt/C Dale Hamilton, AP
- Chief Commander's Representative R/C Luis Ojeda, SN
- Treasurer's Report D/Lt/C Mike Scher, AP
- Secretary's Report D/Lt/C Dale Hamilton, AP
- Administrative Officer's Report D/Lt/C Danny Tompkins, JN
- Executive Officer's Report D/Lt/C Janis Owen, JN
- District Commander's Report D/C Tom Carey, SN
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

- 1200-1250 **"Town Meeting with Luis"** **R/C Luis Ojeda, SN**
- 1250-1345 Lunch in the same room as morning business session. (Present ticket at door)
The lunch bar will be set up immediately outside the room. This will give members a casual, relaxed lunch setting and hopefully enhance mingling with other members, networking and sharing information.

- 1400-1650 Breakout Sessions A response to your requests! See the breakout session schedule and a synopsis of each in your welcome bag for the meeting. Copies may also be found at the registration desk during the weekend.

CHANGE OF WATCH

Uniform for Saturday Evening - - District Bridge - - Uniform "A" with bow tie
Members: Uniform "A" optional
Blazer with tie or other appropriate attire.

- 1650-1900 Hospitality Suite Open *Pines Room, 2nd floor*
(This is "free time" until 1900)
- 1900-'till Dinner
Chief Commander's Message
Retiring D/C's Message
Change of Watch Ceremony
Incoming D/C's Remarks
Awards
Door Prizes

(Change of Watch programs will be found at each table setting.)

Sunday, 21 January

- 0900-1150 **Sunday Morning Seminars**
A few copies of the schedule and synopsis may still be found at the registration desk.

REMEMBER TO FILL OUT CRITIQUE SHEETS AND LEAVE THEM IN THE BOX AT THE COFFEE BAR ON FIRST FLOOR.

We read each one after the conference and take your comments and suggestions seriously when planning future meetings.

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
DISTRICT 17 SPRING CONFERENCE 2007
19-21 JANUARY 2007

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS

<i>Times</i>	<i>Room#1</i>	<i>Room#2</i>	<i>Pines Room</i>
1400-1450	“Let’s Have a Meeting on Board a Cruise Ship!” Presentation and Question-Answer Relating to Logistics and Practicality of Hosting a District Conference At Sea BRIAN FORRESTER Vice-President of Sales, Cruise Holidays	+ + + + + + +	
1450-1500	Break	Break	Break
1500-1550	“Member Recruitment and Retention in Knoxville” Commander Bob Allen, AP D/Lt. Janene Allen, AP	“Rowing the Green Heart of Holland” D/Lt/C Dale Hamilton, AP	Topic: TBA Tim Osborne NOAA Representative
550-1600	Break	Break	Break
1600-1650	“The Power of Fun in Atlanta” Cdr. Margaret Sherrod, JN Lt/C Frank Taylor, AP	“Bellingham, WA to Glacier Bay Cruise” Part II of II Parts Dr. Mike Schneider	“USPS University” (What is It and How Does It Apply to Us?) D/Lt/C Herman Green, AP District Education Officer

SUNDAY MORNING SEMINARS

<i>Times</i>	<i>Room#1</i>	<i>Room#2</i>	<i>Pines Room</i>
0900-1020	“Honey, Let’s Get a Boat” Presentation of the Above Book Discussion of the Great Loop Association Book Signing Session RON AND EVA STOB Authors Founders of the Great Loop Association	+ + + + + +	
1020-1030	Break	Break	Break
1030-1130	“Anatomy of a Riverboat Past and Present” P/C John Farmer, SN Captain of <i>The Star of Knoxville</i> Riverboat	“Gaining and Retaining Members Through Education” D/Lt/C Herman Green, AP District Education Officer	“N” Club Meeting Business and Program Don Williams, President

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
DISTRICT 17 SPRING CONFERENCE 2007
SATURDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS
SUNDAY MORNING SEMINARS

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

Saturday

**“Let’s Have a Meeting
on Board a Cruise Ship!”**

Presented by Brian Forrester Time: 1400-1450
Vice-President of Sales, Cruise Holidays
Location: *Rooms One and Two*

Time and time again we have heard of other USPS squadrons and districts hosting functions at sea. Then your Meetings Committee began hearing, “Why don’t we do this?” or “Let’s try this, too!”

So we have invited Mr. Brian Forrester to speak with us during our conference in Pigeon Forge. Brian is very knowledgeable about the logistics of meetings at sea and will speak regarding costs, liability, ports, meeting space, entertainment and any other factor that we will have questions about. He will answer questions at the end of the session.

We have not yet scheduled conferences for 2008, so this will be an excellent time to take into consideration whether or not we wish to seriously host a conference in this manner.

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**“Member Recruitment/
Retention in Knoxville”**

Presented by Janene and Bob Allen Time: 1500-1550
Location: *Room One*

Membership (or the declining of) is certainly one of the most concerned topics within our organization. Squadrons try many different approaches to solving the issues of recruitment of members and the involvement of members within the squadron activities.

Commander Bob Allen and Membership Chair Janene Allen have led their Knoxville Squadron to an increase of 26.3% in membership this year. Come hear positive and exciting ways of increasing membership within your own squadron.

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**“Rowing the Green Heart
of Holland”**

Presented by Dale Hamilton Time: 1500-1550
District Secretary Location: *Room Two*

You heard him speak in Birmingham about wooden boat building. Many of you reported about the excellent quality of his presentation. Come now and hear about Dale and Gwendolyn forsaking the benefits of power and embrace the oar to propel them some 125 kilometers through the great heart of Holland.

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**NOAA: What the Organization Is
And What It Does for Us.**

Presented by Tim Osborne Time: 1500-1550
NOAA Representative Location: *Pines
Room, 2nd Floor*

What are the main functions and objectives of the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration? It has long been a strong ally and supporter of the USPS.

One recent top story is that NOAA awarded more than \$2.25 million to improve understanding of “Dead Zone” impacts on the northern Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem. The largest zone of oxygen-depleted coastal waters in the United States and the second largest for the world’s coastal ocean is in the northern Gulf of Mexico on the Louisiana continental shelf.

Plan to attend and listen to a very interesting discussion in the world of NOAA.

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**“The Power of Fun”
in Atlanta”**

Presented by Margaret Sherrod
and Frank Taylor Time: 1600-1650
Location: *Room One*

Everyone understands about *The Power of One*. But have you heard about *The Power of Fun*? The Atlanta Squadron members want to bring a fresh and exciting angle to the art of retaining members.

Come listen to Margaret and Frank relate some of the fun happenings in Atlanta. Their Power Point presentation, along with a running “fun” commentary will keep your attention and make you want to take the *Power of Fun* ideas back to your own squadron.

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**“Bellingham, WA to
Glacier Bay Cruise”
(Part 2 of 2 Parts)**

Presented by Time: 1600-1650
Mike Schneider Location: *Room Two*

After boating over 3000 miles along the Pacific coastline into Alaska, Edinboro University geosciences professor Dr. Mike Schneider shares the rest of his adventure with us. He will describe the two-year preparation of his 23-foot boat and the natural phenomena encountered along his six-week journey into the remote waters of the northern Pacific Coast. During that summer’s 3,361-mile trip, he visited remote glacial areas, temperate rain forests, and native villages. Along the trip he encountered whales, seals, and bears among the extensive wildlife common to the area.

Although thorough planning reduced many of the risks involved, dangers such as weather conditions and difficult navigation were still major concerns. Because of the isolated locations, communication with the outside was almost impossible and the only way to reach safety was by plane or boat. Despite the risks, successfully exploring the remote areas of British Columbia and the Alaskan Alexander Archipelago Islands was worth the years of extensive planning for Mike.

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“USPS University: What Is It and How Does It Apply to US?”

Presented by
Herman Green

Time: 1600-1650
Location: *Pines Room,
2nd Floor*

- Our DEO will discuss
1. What is the USPS University?
 2. How does it help further our involvement in USPS
 3. Why this concept?
 4. Description of various courses and aspects.
 5. WII-FM (“What’s in it for me?”)

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Sunday

“Honey, Let’s Get a Boat”

Presented by
Eva and Ron Stob

Time: 0900-1020
Location: *Rooms #1 and #2*

Eva and Ron Stob, authors of “Honey, Let’s Get a Boat” and founders of the Great Loop Association will be present to discuss their book and the Great Loop Association.

Book Description: “Have you ever wanted to chuck it all -- bills, meetings, deadlines, traffic -- and try a more rewarding lifestyle? One California couple, Eva and Ron Stob, had the courage to do just that, and they've written a guidebook for other dreamers who want to follow in their wake. **Honey, Let's Get a Boat . . .** explains how the Stobs managed to quit their jobs, put their house up for rent, buy a boat and take off on a year-long cruise through America's Intracoastal Waterway. "Many people talk about following their dreams, and don't," the Stobs write. "We were intent on putting our Nikes on and doing it." With almost no boating experience between them, the couple spent more than a year learning everything they would need to know to purchase and pilot a suitable boat. When they found a 40-foot trawler (which they christened Dream O' Genie), they borrowed money, cashed in their savings accounts, sold their truck and were off on a great adventure. Their 6,300-mile route on the Great Loop took them from Florida to New York, Canada, the Great Lakes, the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and finally through the Gulf of Mexico back to Florida. The Stobs' entertaining and honest account of this remarkable trip will leave you laughing, doubting, cheering -- and perhaps inspired to try such a journey yourself.” - - Lynn Green

“This is the story of one couple’s escape on a forty-foot trawler cruising 6300 miles and 147 locks around the eastern part of North America known as America’s Great Loop. Their nautical ineptitude is evident from the beginning, but pulling from their personal and collective strengths, the authors overcome doubt, a lack of experience, and real and imagined horrors. Astute and attentive to detail, they chronicled every event, kept an accounting of expenses, equipment and charting. As a result, the appendix is worth the price of the book for anyone interested in learning what charts are needed, information on locks and their fees, details of equipment and the best place to be educated about boating. Both authors are excellent photographers and the book is eye-catching with color inserts and black and white photographs throughout.” Amazon Books

They have consented to bring some copies of the book with them so afterwards we can have a book signing session. Eva and Ron are members of the Knoxville Squadron and it is an honor to host a book signing session with them.

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**“Anatomy of a Riverboat,
Past and Present”**

Presented by
John Farmer

Time: 1030-1130
Location: *Room One*

Captain John Farmer is captain of the *Star of Knoxville* riverboat. Before moving to Knoxville, he was captain of the *Tunica Queen* in Mississippi. During his career he has had many interesting experiences and when relating some of those happenings, his quick wit only adds to the stories!

You heard him speak in Birmingham at the Fall Conference about “*A Day in the Life of a River Boat Captain*”. Because his presentation was so well received, we asked John if he would consider speaking with us again.

It will be interesting to learn what he has in store for his audience in Pigeon Forge!

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**“Gaining and Retaining
Members through Education”**

Presented by
Herman Green
District Education Officer

Time: 1030-1130
Location: *Room Two*

Always a delight to hear in presenting his love of teaching. Segments of the topic to be discussed will include:

1. **Priority One!!** Why we need to improve.
2. Teacher education and qualification.
3. Relating education material to practical use.
4. Five rules for teaching!
5. Involvement of members in “pushing” the program.

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**“N” Club Meeting:
Business Session and
Program**

Topic: TBA
President: Don Williams

Time: 1030-1130
Location: *Pines Room*