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**Awards at the Fall Conference  
 (See Inside).**

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## Coming Events

- **SHPS Christmas Party** 9 December 2006 - Bello Bistro Enoteca
- **Pittsburgh Boat Show** 26-28 January & 1-3 February 2007 David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- **USPS Annual Meeting** 20 - 25 February 2007 Jacksonville, Florida
- **D7 Spring Conference** 23—25 March 2007 Double Tree Inn Rockside Road, Cleveland, Ohio *Tales of the 7 Seas - A 70th Anniversary of D/7 Celebration*

## South Hills Power Squadron

### Christmas Party

**9 December 2006**  
**from 1200 to 1500**

### Bello Bistro Enoteca

1600 Painter's Run Road, Upper St. Clair



Send your reservations by 1 December to  
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The SouthWind staff wishes all of you a Happy Holiday Season. We hope that Santa brings you a new digital camera and word processor so that you can express yourself on the pages of the SouthWind. We welcome your contributions. We also welcome advertisements on a nautical nature from both members and nonmembers. Contact the editor for more information.

Thanks to Dick and Nancy Toler and to Jim Stark for this month's photos.



**The deadline for the next SouthWind is 20 December.**



**Best Wishes to  
P/C T. Blake Parker, AP  
P/C Tom Merritt, JN**



## Executive Department

Lt/C Christine T. Orie, S

Wow, it's hard to believe we were just discussing preparing our boats for the winter season and Thanksgiving is already a done deal. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and are "sea-worthy" for the big one coming up. It's hard to believe Christmas is less than a month away. I already know I am getting a new water pump from Santa. Is anyone else putting some needed boat gear on their list? Think ahead and itemize those nautical wishes in your letter to St. Nick. I am sure he is combing West Marine and Boat U.S. catalogues for all of the latest gadgets. You should give him enough time to order your special gifts for under the tree. There are approximately 120 days left until boating season. You don't want to be caught with your "sails down".

Speaking of time flying, January is around the corner and planning for the Boat Show will be in the works. It will take place during the last weekend in January and first weekend in February. Dick Toler skippers this big project, and he needs all of our help to make it a success. Please consider taking a two-hour watch at the Squadron's booth during the show. Dick constructs and dismantles our site and stays when no one else shows up to man the watches. He certainly carries more than his share of the load. Call him (412-279-1229) beginning in December to let him know you are willing to help. If you volunteer, you get free admission to the show!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Squadron's Christmas Party. It's a wonderful chance for all of us to celebrate such an important holiday together. Cheers!



SHPS really received a lot of recognition at the recent USPS District 7 Fall Conference in Akron, Ohio. Displaying the awards received were P/Lt/C Neil Cook, SN, Dorothy Cook, P/Stf/C Bob Colteryahn, AP, P/C Dick Toler, AP and P/R/C Mac McDonald, JN. Congratulation, SHPS, on a great job.

The South Hills Power Squadron  
**Nominating Committee Report**  
 2007-2008

First, we'd like to acknowledge the current officers who have done a magnificent job. We thank them. We are fortunate to have another group of excellent members who have graciously agreed to serve if elected. The term of office, except as noted, is for one year.

Commander	Lt/C Christine T. Orie, S
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Three Year	Lt/C Christine T. Orie, S
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Three Year	P/Stf/C Robert M. Colteryahn, AP
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One Year	Lt Julie C. Bonta, Chairman
Two Year	Lt /C J. Dan Marino, S
Three Year	Lt Morry J. Miller, P
Respectfully Submitted:	
	P/C Thomas O. Merritt, JN Chairman
	Lt Geraldine Marzzarella
	Lt/C Christine T. Orie, S

Our deepest sympathy to Jacqueline and Selden Campen on the death of Jacqueline's father, Frank Patsche of Herminie on 20 November 2006. Frank was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was employed as a lab technician, worked for Pennsylvania Railroad. He retired from Westinghouse Air Brake. He was a radio enthusiast and an avid photographer. He was active with his church and several fraternal groups.

**Administrative Department**  
 Lt/C Dan Marino, S

At our November meeting, our program was an overview of one of the USPS Mini Courses, "Boating On-Board Emergencies." There is a brief, but thorough, laminated pamphlet for the course that can be kept on-board. It was an interesting presentation and a topic that's worth reviewing for all of us. We also heard some informative feedback by those in attendance at the D7 Conference in Akron.

Our December meeting will actually be the Christmas Party at the Bella Bistro, which was graciously set up by Bill and Shelia Macko. It will be on Saturday, 9 December and start at noon. We won't have a particular program except for everyone to get together and have a merry time at this enjoyable time of the year.

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P/Lt/C Neil Cook, SN accepts the District 7 Rodney M. Allen, SN Teaching Aids Award for SHPS from V/C Joe Mesenburg, SN. DEO Mike Siwek, SN looks on.



## Commander's Corner

by Cdr Selden Campen, JN



I am writing this message to you on Monday evening, 20 November 2006. Thanksgiving is just three days away. Thanksgiving is more than turkey and stuffing (until we are stuffed). It is a time to give thanks for the persons, circumstances and things that have meant most to our well being.

It is therefore fitting that I take stock in the major contribution that boating in general and the South Hills Power

Squadron in particular have contributed to my enjoyment of life.

- There is no feeling comparable to sensing the force of the wind against your sails, Mother Nature's energy harnessed to propel you forward, sometimes even capsize you, but whether fierce or tame, always quietly.
- The beauty of marine sunsets as seen overlooking English Harbor in Antigua, or framed between the spans of Chesapeake Bay Bridge, or eclipsed by the Perry Memorial at Put in Bay.
- The camaraderie of other boaters and the sharing adventures.
- The challenge and gratification from taking squadron courses and earning advanced grades.
- Enrichment from the programs presented at our general membership meetings.
- Honor of service through squadron leadership.

Many of you will recall that my father-in-law, Frank Patsche, attended the change of watch in March 2005. Although easily impressed, he was very impressed with our organization. He noticed the uniforms. He learned of our competence. He observed our selflessness. He enjoyed your company and our nautical stories. Frank Patsche passed away this evening within this hour.

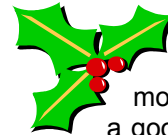
Frank Patsche has given me much to be thankful for. He was educated beyond measure, but not formally. I learned from him how to do all things mechanical. My children learned values and traditions as grandparents are uniquely able to communicate, and observed the value of a great sense of humor. Although not the focus of his life, as it is to us squadron members, he enjoyed boating – both sailing on Lake Arthur and jet skiing on Lake Chautauqua. He enjoyed life to the fullest.



As you read this issue, take a minute to think of those that have meant much to you in your life and give thanks. Take a minute to read about the forthcoming Power Squadron events (theater party, Christmas luncheon, instructor qualification course, boat show, safe boating class, etc., etc. We all have much to be thankful for, including each other. I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

## Education Department

Lt/C James Stark, AP



First of all, I would like to say thank you to Mary Jenkins for the great engine model. We took the model to the USPS District Seven teaching aid exposition. This was a great model for the Engine Maintenance course and has provided us a good understanding of the interconnection between crankshaft, connecting rods, and pistons.

We are setting up the boating schedule for next year. We are going to try to have the classes at Beach Club Marina in New Eagle. We will be setting dates to suit the participants' schedule. If possible I would like to have the class 3 weeks after the Pittsburgh Boat Show. I would like to have another class during National Safe Boating Week in May. If you have any other ideas for classes, I would appreciate hearing from you. You can call at 724-225-7605 or email me at [jstark84@verizon.net](mailto:jstark84@verizon.net).



Engine Maintenance students, Robert Jenkins, Mary Jenkins, Dan Marino, Jim Stark, and Lew Doughton study the parts of the engine model contributed by Mary Jenkins.