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*It's Pumpkin Boating Time!*

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## Coming Events



- **D/7 Fall Conference "Homecoming"** 3–5 November  
Akron, Ohio Crowne Point Plaza
- **November SHPS Meeting** 8 November 2006 - The Roxy Café  
South Hills Village
- **Inland Waterways Users Board** 17 November 2006 Open to the boating  
public Renaissance Hotel Pittsburgh 0830-1300
- **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

November Meeting

8 November 2006

**The Roxy Café**

**South Hills Village Mall**



**Program: On-Board Emergencies  
By Lt/C Christine Orie, S**

**1800 Dinner  
1930 Meeting and Program**

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The SouthWind welcomes your photographs and articles on items of boating interest. We also welcome advertisements on a nautical nature from both members and nonmembers. Contact the editor for costs and information.

**The deadline for the next  
SouthWind is 15 November.**



*Best Autumn Wishes to  
P/C T. Blake Parker,  
AP*



## Executive Department

Lt/C Christine T. Orié, S

The final tally of Vessel Safety Checks has been submitted. As of October 18, 2006, Ken Cambell and crew have completed 194, yes, you can believe your eyes, 194 safety checks! Here is a list of individual accomplishments:

Ken Campbell	136
Bill Macko	10
Hank Marzina	6
Dorothy Meloy	6
Tom Merritt	9
Don Stark	19 (17 passed)
Marjie Stark	8

Thank you so much to all of you for your hard work and dedication. You make the South Hills Power Squadron proud! Of course this accomplishment would not be possible without the "Skipper" of the Vessel Safety Program, Ken Campbell. Ken, you are an inspiration to all of us. You have certainly thrown your heart and soul into this project. Thank you!

As I am writing this article, it is pouring rain outside of my window. A small part of me enjoys the change of seasons. The other parts are longing to be on my boat waiting for a good breeze. To all of you who are anticipating the 2007 launching of your favorite vessel, there are 163 days left before boating season. Until then, I am looking forward to the South Hills Power Squadron carrying me through the fall and winter with "indoor" boating activities and camaraderie. Hope to see all of you over the coming months so we can share a laugh or learn some new boating info. I can promise you, it will take some gloom out of the cold months ahead!

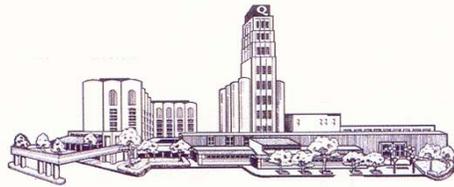


### Pumpkin Boats

Pumpkins are a popular fall symbol. Farmers have been competing for years as to who could grow the largest. The new record for the heaviest was set by a farmer in Rhode Island at one thousand, five hundred two pounds! Wow! But what do

you do with these things after the weigh-in is over? Why, turn it into a boat, of course! Throughout the northern states there have been competitions, races, etc. Some are paddled, some are powered. All is in good fun. They are not the most seaworthy craft, so wear your life jacket!





Sleep in a silo  
 Shop in a factory  
 Dine in a mill

Crowne Plaza in Historic Quaker Square  
 135 S. Broadway  
 Akron, Ohio 44308  
 330-253-5970

## Celebrate Homecoming Akron Power Squadron Hosts D7 Fall Conference

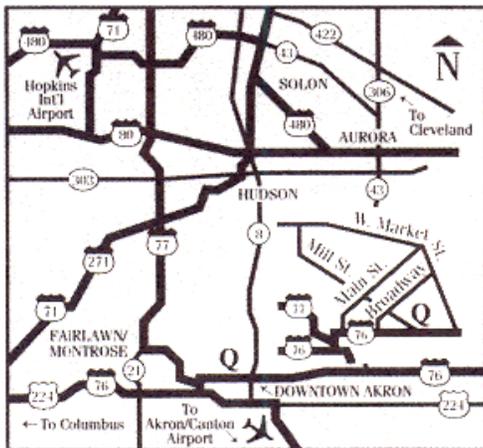
Don't be a **SQUARE!** If you weren't **BORN IN A BARN** this is your opportunity to sleep in a silo!

Attend the D7 USPS Fall Conference in the unique atmosphere of the Historic Quaker Oats Silos. Restored as the beautiful Crown Plaza hotel, Quaker Square is the perfect place to come and experience history in downtown Akron, Ohio.

Free admittance to the ice breaker, so wear your school colors & cheer on your squadron's team at the sock hop. While our DJ spins 50's & 60's tunes, cast your vote for Homecoming King & Queen.

Your registration fee also gives you a raffle chance at a big prize (a free hotel weekend, plus much more).

Saturday free "Muffin & Slipper" brunch in Akron's hospitality room for those not attending Bridge breakfasts.



**COME TO JOIN THE  
 FUN.**

**TEN MILE AND SOUTH  
 HILLS SQUADRON HAVE  
 JOINED TOGETHER FOR A  
 HOMECOMING  
 HOSPITALITY ROOM .**

## Administrative Department Lt/C Dan Marino, S

If you missed the October meeting, you missed an interesting presentation about the Erie Excursion on the Brig *Niagara* in July. We had a nice film of the event and some slides of various tall ships, with input on the presentation from Jim Stark, Mac McDonald, and Dorothy Meloy.

Our program for this month's meeting will be a presentation by Chris Orie of one of the USPS Mini Courses, "On-Board Emergencies." She had a piece of literature from the course at the October meeting. Although somewhat brief for what you would consider a *course*, it appears to be very informative and interesting.

We should also have some information at this month's meeting about the D7 Conference in Akron. Just about as you read this, we should have some members there, and I'm sure they'll bring back some items of interest for us.

Lastly, Vi Doughton is checking the Nov./Dec. schedule for the Little Lake Theater at Donaldson's Crossroads. I understand we had a very nice evening there last year, and Vi will be providing us with some information on presentations and dates available this year.



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*Join the effort by contributing in any amount that you can.  
 Thank You!*

## Commander's Corner

by Cdr Selden Campen, JN



### Fall, Winter, Spring Activities Resume

For me the dinner meeting at Roxy's last Wednesday night drew the line between summer, when the majority of my boating activities are on the water, and the other three seasons. USPS keeps me involved in our sport when the water becomes hard (as in ice). It was good to see the usual monthly attendees and a few others. Over time good friendships have developed based upon our common interests in boating, shared passion to continue

learning, and desire to share knowledge and experiences with others. Thank you for participating.

### Marketing USPS

The weekend of October 6 thru 8 I was at the Annapolis Sailboat Show. The focus of my attention was the Island Packet fleet, although I climbed in and out of Tartans, Valiants, Pacific Seacrafts, and many other boats of fine workmanship and reputation. After browsing for most of the day, I returned to the Island Packets to feed my dreams, to sit down, and to overhear the queries of others interested in cruising yachts. One gentleman was just off the water from a week's vacation on an IP 380. He was comparing it to the IP 370 within which we were seated along with the dealer and manufacturer's rep. This sailor was so upbeat, it was contagious. You just wanted to get to know this guy better. He knew lots about nautical engines and electronics, but wanted to improve his sailing and navigation skills, and do it with his family. Of course, he was referred to the Maryland Sailing School, Steve Colgate's School and the like. I offered him the USPS alternative which he bought into immediately. The more he heard, the more interested he became. His home is in New Castle. I'm sure the New Castle Squadron now has a new member.

There was a purpose in relating the above story. There are many boaters out there, with a passion for boating, just as you and I have, that know nothing about USPS. Whenever you are around boaters, talk up USPS, hang up USPS posters at your launch site, wear your USPS monogrammed clothes. You never know which new contact would become our next squadron member. We need to enrich our squadron with new members. They are out there, ready to participate. All we need to do is get the word out. So let's do it.

### Leadership

A couple of sayings come to mind:

- "You can tell the difference between men and boys by the size of their toys." Since we are boaters, you know where we are on the man vs.

boy, adult vs. child scale. As adults, we are responsible not only to ourselves, but to our family, and beyond. We fulfill that responsibility by practicing safe boating.

- "The difference between a politician and a statesman, is that a statesman plants trees". We are statesman. I know this since we are not only enjoying our toys, but through our vessel safety checks, our educational efforts, and our community outreach efforts, we are planting the trees of safe and enjoyable boating for others.
- "You can judge a man by how he handles adversity." Our squadron faces adversity now. New membership is negligible, so there is little new blood to enter the ranks of leadership. Recent leaders are serving double terms just to keep the organization staffed. Support positions are filled in name only - cooperation when asked, but little independent initiative. So I challenge you (yes you, the one reading this article right now) to consider getting more involved. Think of the 2 or 3 things in the squadron that you would like to have seen done better or more often. Consider taking charge, proving to yourself that you are a leader. Doing so will make you proud, for you will know you rank high on the scale of how you handle adversity.

Perhaps the above may sound a little corny or contrived, but the South Hills Power Squadron needs your support. The Nominating Committee, composed of Tom Merritt, Geraldine Marzzarella, and Chis Orie, is beginning to look for next year's leaders. Enlist by letting the Nominating Committee know where you would like to serve. Please give this plea serious consideration. What you did 5 or 10 years ago is history. Your squadron needs you NOW.

## Education Department

Lt/C James Stark, AP

The Engine Maintenance class is running well. I believe most of the class members are firing questions at top dead center and learning about key terms that they might hear their mechanic talk about. Although some of the props are vintage in nature, the essence is still applicable. The setting of the class was moved from the Beach Club Marina to 339 E. Beau Street in Washington, PA. to decrease the mileage for the class members, to provide access to engines, and to facilitate nourishment to members of the classes. (You know that after a hard day at work it is easy to be exhausted.) The training facility at 339 E Beau street is equipped with a first class galley and the class members have been distributing the responsibility of providing refreshments.

If you are interested in learning what makes your motor purr, see you on Tuesday at 1930.