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Calendar-at-a-Glance

DECEMBER, 2010

- 2 Hanukkah
- 11 Squadron Holiday Party
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day



JANUARY, 2011

- 1 New Year's Day
- 17 Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting
- 30 Change of Watch



FEBRUARY, 2011

- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting



Next year's calendar will be added to the Bell beginning with the February edition. I hope you have enjoyed and found useful the ability to glimpse at upcoming events.

Word Jumble

The object of this game is to unscramble the words and use the pointed out letters to solve the puzzle. Good Luck

INPPMUK _ _ _ [↑] _ _ _ [↑] _ _

EICSLTN _ _ [↑] _ _ _ _ _ [↑] _

AONSSE _ _ [↑] _ _ [↑] _ _ _

TMNEAORN [↑] _ _ _ _ _ [↑] _ _ [↑]

It's better to be the person getting stuffed because of this than to be the bird.

ANSWERS: Family, Treats, Dessert, Unknown "Turkey Dinner"



Commander's Message



December is a month of giving. The secular world is filled with messages about gifts and giving. Our major religious traditions have December holidays that emphasize God's gifts to humankind.

December is also a month to remember and reflect on gifts given to us, to think about truly sharing with others as well as perfunctory gift giving, and to think about how others have reached out and shared with us.

That also makes December a perfect time to reflect on gifts and sharing from our common love, the sea.

Go out to sea on a beautiful day and feel the wind and waves. Only the most callous would fail to be moved by their power and beauty. Whether scientist or theologian, the gifts of the sea are impressive and countless.

But sometimes the sea turns powerful and terrifying rather than gentle and beautiful. And sometimes people get into trouble on it. Then another great tradition of giving takes hold, the seafarer's tradition of caring for and helping others in distress. Those of us who have had the opportunity to give or receive help in a time of distress understand how deep a form of sharing it is.

Perhaps the ultimate gift is helping someone develop the skills to avoid trouble on the sea. That's the tradition of the Power Squadron. Through the gift of upgrading our own seafaring skills and through the gift of sharing our experiences and knowledge with others we help keep the sea a place of wonder and beauty rather than terror and trouble.

And so I am thankful for the gifts from Santa Clara Power Squadron and its members. Thankful for the score or more who have taken courses this past year; thankful for the dozens who have taught and organized and worked to make Santa Clara Power Squadron a vital, helping organization; thankful for all the members of SCPS who have shown their love and support for SCPS in the past year: Thank you for caring and giving and sharing of yourselves.

A very merry holiday and blessed and happy new year to all of you! Wherever you go in 2011, may the wind be abaft your beam always.

Lu

Executive Officer



WEIRD LAWS

In Kansas: It is illegal for a restaurant to sell cherry pie a la mode on Sunday.

I wonder if apple pie a la mode is okay.

As we all move towards the end of the year and start to look at what we will be doing in 2011, I for one will have some drastic changes. You see, after over thirty-two years of working at the Sheriff's Office I will be retiring at the end of this year. Now for most people this would be an exciting time, and trust me, it is for me as well, but I must also tell you that it is also a scary time. Scary you ask. How could retirement be scary? It certainly is when you leave a career you have had for so long and one that you have given your heart and soul to. But with that being said, I look forward to a new chapter in my life and the opportunities that lay ahead for me and my family.

Now on to squadron business. Our nomination committee has been hard at work trying to fill the key roles for the Bridge and Committees. Key word is "trying" to fill. Actually, I think we have done a pretty good job but there are still some holes that need to be filled. I know that either Don or I have called members and either spoken with them about taking a position or left a voice message asking for a call back. If you were one of the undecided or one that didn't return the call, please opt to help out our squadron. Most of the openings are in areas that don't require a lot of time, effort or even a strong knowledge of the working order of the squadron. As a matter of fact, some of the filled positions were filled by members who would love to have to opportunity to train another member on how to do the job. So even if a position is filled by somebody, don't be afraid to ask about taking it away. I have published a list of the proposed slate for 2011 and it shows where we have openings. I have also placed an asterisk next to those individuals who said they would be willing to train somebody else on the job.

As like many other things in life, if we want to keep moving forward there needs to be a succession plan in place and what better way than to have the person doing the job train another individual on the job. I would like to end this month's article with a quote I read;

"There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

Walter Reuther, labor movement leader (1907-1970)

Lindy Zink

From the Admin



NEXT SQUADRON EVENT

What: Squadron Holiday Party

When: Saturday, 11 December

Where: Fish Market, San Jose

See details in the Admin article & flyer.

Hoping that your Thanksgiving feast was a great one! Sandy and I spent time with our daughter and her husband in Sacramento and we were there for the birth of our new granddaughter, Addison, the day before the holiday. And thinking of holidays, as boating activities slow a bit, our Squadron's social calendar begins to ramp up! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS...to ALL!**

On our immediate horizon, we will be enjoying a wonderful party at the Fish Market on Blossom Hill Road. The date for **Squadron Holiday Banquet** is Saturday, December 11th and the time is 6:00 PM for drinks and 7:00 PM for dinner. It is a fun time to dress-up, socialize with the Squad and raise a toast to the best of the past year and the great opportunities of the next one. We expect to be joined by several of our good friends from the Monterey Squadron too and it promises to be a fun evening. Look for my email reminders and I'll be pleased to take your reservation up to 3 days before the 11th.

As with prior years, we will be holding a "white elephant" gift exchange and you are asked to bring one wrapped gift from each member of your party to place under our tree at the restaurant. Please do not place your name on the gift as we select numbers randomly and take our choice of any gift we fancy. Should you find a good one, remember that a gift can be "stolen" twice by anyone who has chosen a gift before you. On the third "steal" the gift is considered to have found a final home. I am hoping that you will participate as we have had lots of fun with this over the years. And remember, the gift you bring can be something you have around the house or, should you wish, something you purchase for 10 dollars or less. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the party.

And as our Holiday Banquet is early in the month, there will be no Wednesday Night Dinner in December. Do mark your charts however for the **Change of Watch Banquet** on Sunday, January 30th, 2011. We'll be returning to the Three Flames on Meridian Avenue in San Jose because it was SO GOOD last year!

What's on Tap...

POWER SQUADRON HOLIDAY BANQUET - December 11th at 6:00 PM

Happy Holidays! We will again host our wonderful holiday party at the Fish Market, 1007 Blossom Hill Road, in San Jose. The date for this gala is Saturday, December 11th and the time is 6:00 PM for cocktails and 7:00 PM for dinner. It is our opportunity to dress-up and raise a glass to the best of the past year and the great opportunities of the next one. And do start looking for a good “white elephant” gift for our ever-popular exchange. PLEASE...mark your calendar for this one as we REALLY have a good time!

Please call Tim the Admin at 408-391-2430 to make your Holiday Banquet Reservation or, by email, at t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

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Santa Clara Power Squadron 2010 Activities Calendar

December 11th, Squadron Holiday Banquet

And most months, please watch your email for an invitation to the Squadron's First Wednesday Dinners. The cost is usually \$15 or less and we visit some of the favorite restaurants that our members recommend. Do you have a place that you've been going to for years and always enjoy? If so, consider hosting a dinner there. Just get in touch with Tim the Admin...t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net.

Ship's Store

SQUADRON LOGO CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE

The Embroidery Factory, which puts the squadron logo on the clothing we choose, has a new website. Members can view the website, without opening an account, and let the squadron Ship's Store place their orders with other orders. The squadron gets a 20% discount from the retail price.

THE EMBROIDERY FACTORY WEBSITE

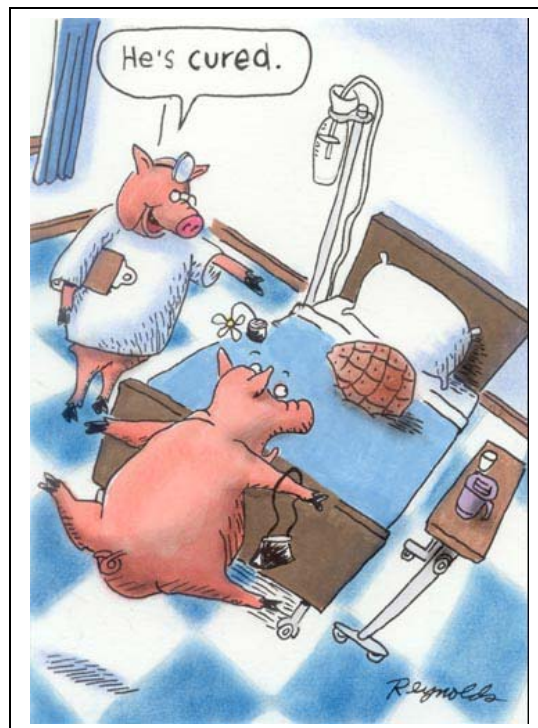
www.embroideryfactory.com

Order that special someone a gift that that they can wear with pride, an embroidered shirt or hat or perhaps a nice warm jacket. All of these items are available in different sizes and colors. Don't keep waiting, order now.

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Just For Laughs



From the Treasurer



USELESS KNOWLEDGE

Women blink nearly twice as
much as men.

All this time I thought they
were flirting with me.

THE PASSENGER SHIP ARK,
AT SEA, NOVEMBER 26, 2349 B.C.

SATURDAY. COURSE—straight ahead. WEATHER—rain. WIND—shifted, sea—same as yesterday. SHIP'S RUN—2. WIRELESS REPORT—C.Q.D. Antioch. REMARKS: The rooster woke me up this morning—Oldest inhabitants can't remember when it has rained so hard.—There's not much fun standing on the bridge for four hours at a time. I thought all the captain of an Ark had to do was talk to the ladies. There's some responsibility connected with a vessel of this size, and such a mixed cargo. It might have a serious effect on posterity should we be wrecked—All indications point to unusually high water. We passed several mountains today. Mountains do look strange without their valleys.—I'm learning to read the charts.—Japheth complains that the triceratops prorus, the iguanodon bernissartenis, and the dinosaurs are not eating. We're having trouble with those- what-you-may call-its.—Mrs. Noah says the Ark is beginning to smell like a barn. I can't help that.—Took my bath.

--Noah, *From the Log of the Ark* by Noah, evacuated by I.L. Gordon and A.J. Frueh

December 17, 1577

Francis Drake got underway from Plymouth England, on secret mission from Queen Elizabeth I to explore the Pacific coast of North America.

From the Mariner's Book of Days by Peter H. Spectre

We remain solvent.

DeWayn Meek, Treasurer

From the SEO



The squadron Seamanship class that started on October 14 will be taking the course exam on Thursday, December 2. Our next squadron membership class in final planning states will be Junior Navigation. This class should start in mid-February to March 2011. We need to confirm classroom space at the Sheriff's Office facility before a start date can be set. Any interested students please contact CDR Lu Abel, SN or me.

Reminder: Our next ABC-3 class will start on January 25, 2011 at Wilcox High School in Santa Clara. Contact Lt Steve Fisher, P for class details.

Again, members, if you would like any Advanced or Elective course materials ordered for your needs, please contact me and I will get the request processed.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

Nautical humor for December

Cruising:

Waterborne pleasure journey embarked on by one or more people. A cruise may be considered successful if the same number of individuals who set out on it arrive, in roughly the same condition they set out in, at some piece of habitable dry land, with or without the boat.

http://www.yachting-life.net/new%20index/frames3/jokes_frame.htm

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Santa Clara Power Squadron

17 NOV 2010

- Meeting called to order at 1905 and quorum established
- Present: Lu Abel, Al Hughes, Dave Norris, DeWayn Meek, Don Hardy and Jim Sadler.
- Revised minutes of the September meeting and the minutes of the October meeting were moved to be approved by Dave Norris and seconded by DeWayn Meek. The motion carried.
- Commander Lu said we need to send the slate of nominations the next fiscal year must be sent to the membership by 28 December, 30 days in advance of our change of watch.
- Dave Norris said he was trying to get the December roster out early.
- Commander Lu said he was working with Dennis Parker about the on-line course registration. The contractor who built the web site put a code in that needs to be revised.
- We are solvent.
- DeWayn Meek questioned if we are short one check from the ABC or Seamanship course. He will ask Steve Fisher and look at check receipts.
- DeWayn believes revenues will match expenses by the end of the year, although we will still have a revenue under run.
- Commander Lu announced 5 new members joined from the ABC3 class.
- Dave Norris stated we need a new O.T. course in 2011 with many new members not exposed to the class. Dave will send a new member list to Don Hardy.
- Commander Lu announced the December activity will be the Holiday Dinner. January will be the COW.
- Tim Ellenberger or Jim Sadler will host the Dec First Wednesday Dinner. Lu Able will host January.
- Dave Norris announced the public boating course will begin 25 January and run through 22 February. 8 exams have been ordered for the Seamanship course. The final will be administered on 2 December.
- We may have 5 or 6 people for JN; four from Santa Clara and one or two from Peralta. Dates are not yet solidified.
- Commander Lu reported the January boat show will pull from the Delta so the District should encourage the Delta squadrons to be involved.
- Dave Norris reported 353 VSC's performed in the District. Santa Clara did 33 of them and Dave Norris did 21 of those.
- We do not have a nominee for new member of the year, but a candidate has been identified for member of the year.
- Jim Sadler asked if Santa Clara would be host for the District COW being held in Santa Clara.
- Jim will ask Norm if we can get a raffle donation from West Marine.

- Jim will also ask Dave Beyer about the last District COW conducted in Santa Clara.
- The date of the event in 2011 is 11-13 March. We will need to know what the hotel will and will not allow the squadron to bring in for the hospitality suite.
- Some suggestions for Spouse Day would be tours of The Hiller Center, The Tech Museum, The Computer Museum and the Quilt Museum.
- Ethel Ott will be contacted to see how many spouses attend the event.
- Dave Norris recommended West Marine in Watsonville be contacted for a donation. It was noted Lindy Zink may have a contact there.
- Jim Sadler also noted that District 25 is considering being the host for an All West Coast A/O and XO Leadership training event in the fall of 2011.
- The next ExCom meeting will be held Wednesday, 15 DEC at the Sheriff's Building.
- Meeting adjourned at 2102

A friendly reminder, the Executive Committee meeting takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 1900 hour. The meeting is held at the Sheriff's Office, in a small conference room on the first floor. All members are welcome to attend and if you have any thoughts of joining a committee, becoming a Bridge Officer or just want to get a little more involved, this is a great opportunity to find out what it is all about. The meeting usually last about an hour and a half to two hours but there is always cookies to munch on and you don't have to stay the entire time. Why not give it a try and drop by. Might be interesting.



Monthly Riddle

Six glasses are in a row. The first three glasses are filled with milk, and the last three glasses are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange them so that the full and the empty glasses alternate?

Answer is located on Editor's page.

Squadron Membership Update

Merit Marks Awarded to Fifteen Santa Clara Power Squadron Members

The only way USPS rewards its members for efforts on behalf of USPS is by awarding a Merit Mark. Only one per year, regardless of whether one contributes an hour a month or eight hours a day. As Commander of Santa Clara Power Squadron, I recommended 15 members for Merit Marks. All 15 have been approved. (This does not include yours truly, who receives his Merit Mark from District or National.). To each and every one of SCPS's "Gang of 15," thank you for your hard work in making SCPS a success!

Lu



US Power Squadron Holiday Dinner

Saturday, 11 December

6:00 PM Cocktails, 7:00 PM Dinner

THE FISH MARKET

1007 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose



To start, please enjoy a fresh tossed green salad

Tonight's Entree' Menu features your choice of:

Fresh Pacific Mahi Mahi	-\$29
Fresh Teriyaki Chicken	-\$27
Delicious Center Cut Top Sirloin	-\$27

Please choose two of the following with the above entrees:

au gratin potatoes, parsley potatoes, French fries, fishwife rice, steamed vegetables, coleslaw, cottage cheese, cucumber salad or cherry tomatoes

OR:

Fish & Chips with french fries and coleslaw	-\$27
Pasta Primavera (<i>vegetarian</i>)	-\$18

And coffee, tea or soda! All prices include tax and gratuity. Please make checks payable to the Santa Clara Power Squadron, collection on night of the banquet.

**OUR WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE WILL FOLLOW...
PLEASE BRING ONE WRAPPED, UNLABELED, GIFT FROM EACH
GUEST ATTENDING**

CALL TIM THE ADMIN BEFORE **8 December**, 391-2430, FOR YOUR RESERVATION or email at t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

2011 Proposed Slate

The following is the proposed Bridge positions for our Squadron in 2011. The nominating committee has been hard at work in trying to fill these positions. As you will see, at this point we still have a vacancy. If you are interested in helping out, volunteer for the vacant position. It's easy. Simply pick up the phone or send an email to Lindy Zink. Phone – 408-866-2660 Email – Lindyzink@hotmail.com

Let's make this upcoming year successful and have all the positions filled.

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	VACANT AT THIS TIME

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* = willing to train somebody else or give up the position should somebody else want it.

SHOP TIPS



An old gym sock secured with a rubber band makes a great cover for a machine handle that tends to get slippery with use. Here it's on a lathe collet closer, and another use is on a drill press quill handle.



An old CD makes a great temporary cover for an open can of paint. Just cut it so it can slip over your paint brush, and it will keep the brush suspended in the paint or solvent.



Don't forget those great Japanese saws when you're doing simple repairs around the shop or boat. You don't need to drag out that noisy circular saw or set up the table saw just to cut a shelf board!



If there's one tool you REALLY wouldn't want to be without, it's a pocket knife. If you don't carry one, give it a try - you might be surprised how often you use it.



Keep one of these inexpensive diamond "pocket" hones near where you store your knives. They're really good at quick touchups and will make it easy to keep a good edge on a variety of tools.

If you have a tip that works in your shop, home or boat please pass it on.

Send it to Lindy @ lindy@lindy.com

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From The Editors



If you have a suggestion or something that you would like to see in The Bell or if you have an article, please send it to us via our e-mail. Lindyzink@hotmail.com



RIDDLE ANSWER

Pick up the second glass and pour the milk into the fifth glass and then put it back in the second position.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

Confucius