



# *THE BELL*



*MARCH 2011*

**Santa Clara Power Squadron**

*Safe Boating through Education & Service*

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## 2011 - Calendar-at-a-Glance

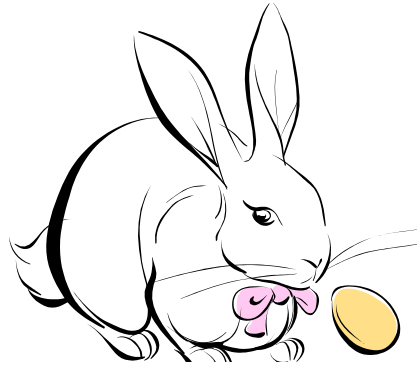
### MARCH

- 9 Ash Wednesday
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Tour the USS Hornet



### APRIL

- 15 Tax Day and PIZZA PARTY
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting
- 24 Easter



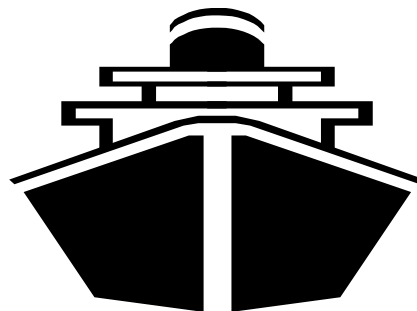
### MAY

- 1 Chardonnay Cruise – Santa Cruz
- 8 Mother's Day
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting
- 21 Armed Force Day
- 30 Memorial Day



### JUNE

- 11 Tour San Francisco Maritime Museum
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Father's Day



**You can also look for more details relating to events in the Admin article each month or in our announcements we send out.**

# Word Jumble

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

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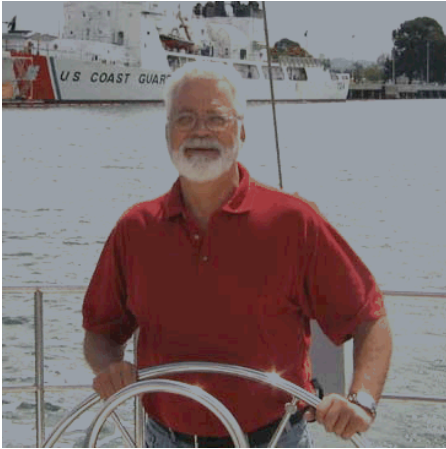
Catch one for his gold.

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ANSWERS: Roses, Lover, Friend, Attain    “Valentine”



## Commander's Message



Instead of my usual “single theme” message, I’d like to share a number of thoughts this month.

First, congratulations to one of our largest and best ABC classes in years. Perry Bell, Mary Rose, Diane and Jim Stein, Ann Thurman, Bill Walters, and Jackie Yee all took and passed the final exam last week. Three additional students took ABC but couldn’t take the final last week; Steve Fisher is working with them to arrange an alternate time, so I look forward to also congratulating them.

A couple of years ago, USPS national instituted a policy that people passing the on-line ABC course would receive six month’s membership in USPS’s cybersquadron. This has now been extended to ABC classroom graduates; our seven ABC graduates have all accepted membership in SCPS. So welcome to our seven new members, too!

By the way, free membership was pioneered by our cousins to the north. Canada now has a national requirement that all recreational boaters must take and pass a basic boating course. The Canadian Power Squadron decided to offer a free six month membership with their course. The real test is, of course, how many of these renew their CPS membership after the six months. Renewal rates have been far greater than expected. It’s the old dope dealer marketing plan – give ‘em free doses and hope they’ll become hooked.

These new members, along with our six new members from the Fall ABC class have all shown a strong desire to take advantage of USPS’s learning opportunities. This caused a dilemma – we had already planned a Spring course, Junior Navigation, and have seven students signed up to take it. Not a course that a new member can take.

Fortunately, we found an opportunity. JN is going to be taught at Squadron Secretary Bill Miner’s place of work, so we have access to our usual classroom in the Sheriff’s Building. A bit of thought, a request made to an expert member, and voila! we will have the new Marine Electrical Systems course taught by Bob “The Boatfixer” Coons, a SCPS member who is also a professional marine repairman and surveyor.

You should have already received an email about Marine Electrical Systems, but to summarize, the course starts 10 March at 7PM at our usual spot, the Santa Clara Sheriff’s building at 55 West Younger Street in San Jose. Feel free to contact either me or Dave Norris for more information.

Shifting gears yet again, I remind you that not too many weeks ago, we celebrated New Years Day. Other civilizations, other religions, other societies celebrate other new years. Jews celebrate Rosh Hashana; Muslims mark Ras-as-Sana al-Hijreya; Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi. Why note all these new years? Because for many of us, the Jack London Boat Show and Opening Day for both SF and the South Bay mark the beginning of a new boating year.

Like many other celebrations of a new year, the beginning of a new boating year is an opportunity for rebirth and a time to take stock. So please allow me to suggest some items to consider under the heading “taking stock.”

How are your boating skills? USPS has revised all but one of its courses over the past six years, updating them to reflect modern boats, modern technologies, and the way we boat in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. So think about upgrading your boating skills – learning more about GPS or weather or your boat’s electrical and electronic systems. Please let Dave Norris or I know what suits your fancy and we’ll try to make courses happen.

How’s your boat itself? Are your flares up to date? Have you done a thorough check of your engine? Changed the oil in it, topped off the fuel and added stabilizer? Is it time to finally trace down that pesky leak into your bilge? Is it time to thoroughly inspect the rigging on your sailboat? Is some of your gear getting a bit long in the tooth? The Boat Show is a great place to get deep discounts on new gear (I personally bought a new DSC VHF radio at last year’s show to replace my perfectly fine but technically outdated 25 year old VHF).

So take the time to take inventory of both yourself and your boat. And then look forward to the excitement of the Boat Show and to the start of a great 2011 season.

See you out there!

Lu



## Executive Officer



We are rapidly approaching this year's Change of Watch for the District and it is a great pleasure for me to see our own Jim Sadler becoming the District Commander. Jim, aside from being one of our past commanders, is also very dedicated to improving USPS and more specifically our squadron. He has some great ideas and I for one hope that he is given an opportunity to make some impact at that level. In any case, we should all support his efforts as well as honor his willingness to serve by attending the event.

In regards to our squadron, it was nice to see some new members and some class participants attending our more recent events. We have always struggled in getting participation at our events, but it looks like it might be coming around. There is no doubt in my mind this is because of the hard work done by some of our members. Members such as our Admin Officer, Tim and our Commander Lu. This isn't meant to say that others aren't also making this happen but Lu and Tim have both gone out of their way to get people involved and I for one appreciate it.

As we move into March and see some wonderful events calendared for not only this month but the months in the future, please make every effort to attend. Our Wednesday dinners are a great way to meet fellow members and chat in a relaxed environment. Attending some of our planned events is another good way to get to know fellow members and at the same time learn something new. A good example was the recent tour of the Vessel Traffic Safety Center. I think it is safe to say we all learned something there and then followed it up with a relaxing lunch in South San Francisco. If you didn't make that one, try to make one of the upcoming events, either the Change of Watch for the District or the tour of the USS Hornet.

Lastly, I have made another change to the Bell. The section dedicated to Letters to the Editor seemed not to go over well so that section has been changed to Recipe Exchange. Check it out.

Lindy

## From the Admin



### **NEXT SQUADRON EVENT**

**What: Tour – USS Hornet**

**When: Saturday, 19 March**

**Where: Alameda**

**Watch for the flyer.**

Thanks to all of you who joined us for the Vessel Traffic Safety Center tour on 26 February. We had a great time taking a close-up look at the Coast Guard's highly advanced radar control system for regulating commercial and pleasure boating traffic on the Bay. Hats off to the Coast Guard that is there for us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to prevent mistakes from becoming accidents. Do take a look at the Squadron's 2011 Activity Calendar and remember that the best way to enjoy the Squadron is to come out and join us in an activity and/or a class or two.

When you take a glance at the Activity Calendar you'll notice that the District 25 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be taking place in Santa Clara on 11 & 12 March. What you may not know is that our Squadron is hosting the Hospitality Suite at 6:00 PM on the evening of Friday 11 March and that you are invited to join in the fun. A \$10 donation is requested and the beer and wine will be flowing in abundance as we have the opportunity to meet members of other Squads and share plans and pleasures. On Saturday there will be a number of free seminars for Squadron members and the morning one, 10:00 AM, featuring Bob Sweet (the Master Navigator) will be quite a treat. That evening at 7:00 PM the District Change of Watch will be celebrated with a banquet and our own Jim Sadler will be recognized as the 2011 District Commander! The location of the District 25 Spring Conference is the Embassy Suites, 2885 Lakeside Drive in Santa Clara and we're encouraging everyone to join the party!

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**Tim**



## **Santa Clara Power Squadron** *2011 Activities Calendar*

<i>March 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>
<i>March 11<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>District 25 Conference Opens – Santa Clara</i>
<i>March 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>FREE Seminars at the conference</i>
	<i>District Change of Watch with new</i>
	<i>Commander JIM SADLER</i>
<i>March 19<sup>TH</sup></i>	<i>USS Hornet Tour – Alameda</i>
<i>April 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Pizza Party – Los Gatos</i>
<i>May 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Chardonnay Cruise – Santa Cruz Harbor</i>
<i>May 11<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>
<i>June 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>
<i>June 11<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>San Francisco Maritime Museum</i>
<i>July 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Summer Picnic at the Zink's!</i>
<i>August 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>
<i>August 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Hornblower Sunday Brunch Cruise – SF</i>
<i>September 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>
<i>September 17<sup>h</sup></i>	<i>Sink or Swim Party (date tentative)</i>
<i>October 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>
<i>October 21<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Pizza Party!</i>
<i>November 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>
<i>November 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Bay Model Tour Sausalito</i>
<i>December 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Holiday Banquet – San Jose Fish Market</i>

***IT'S GOING TO BE A FUN YEAR!***

## 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](http://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

**During these budget times, even the Coast Guard is downsizing.**



## From the Treasurer



### USELESS KNOWLEDGE

A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle; a group of geese in the air is a skein.

Just be careful when you look up to see them. Might get an eye full.

THE CUTTER *ESCAPE*, CAIBBEAN SEA, MARCH 23, 1933

Under way at 13.0. Nominally for Nassau in the Bahamas, but ready to call on any island that took out fancy. Loaded up with a cargo of vegetables and fruit, a kind present from R. the planter. Sailed over to watch the ponies swimming out to a schooner, and being hoisted aboard, a most exciting operation. Ran out of the Sound through Flanagan's Pass. What a perfect cruising ground for a mall boat and what lovely names. Ding-a Dong Nook, Dead Man's Chest, Treasure Point, Careening Cove, Fallen Jerusalem! Stevenson must have looked at this chart when writing *Treasure Island*. Wind fresh E. outside, easing up in the afternoon. Ran W.S.W. for Frenchmen's Gap. Gybed over at 17.0 and W.N.W. to Sail Rock. Steamed log abreast same at 20.0. Course N.W.

D.W.Robertson

March 19, 1878

The Edison Corporation was awarded a patent for a newfangled diaphragm pump.

March 31, 1932

The United States signed the Whaling Convention; the Coast Guard was assigned the responsibility to enforcement of the treaty.

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

We remain solvent.

DeWayn Meek, Treasurer

## From the SEO



The first 2011 ABC-3 class at Wilcox High School ended on 22 February, 2011. There were ten students attending this class. Our next ABC-3 class will start 26 April. Please contact Lt Steve Fisher, P to lend a hand for this public class session.

The Junior Navigation class started on Thursday, 24 February. A whopping seven Student Manual kits sold and this group should have a very enjoyable learning experience since JN's sight folder requirements are much less taxing compared to the past JN-99/01 course I completed in 2004. Fun learning that is planned (we hope) to be completed by early June.

The new elective course in Marine Electrical Systems is in the early planning works. Bob Coons, 'BOATFIXERGUY', will be assisting our educational staff with the presentation of this new MES elective course which is one of three in the new ME series. The ME 101, 102 and 103 courses are being replaced by MCS (Marine Communications Systems), MES (Marine Electrical Systems) and a yet to be released MNS (Marine Navigation Systems). News shortly about our squadron course and we hope to see a few members attend.

Visit the USPS Educational Department –Electro-Mechanical Systems- web site here  
<http://www.usps.org/eddept/me/main.htm>

### **Nautical humor for March**

**Circuit Breaker: An electromechanical switching unit intended to prevent the flow of electricity under normal operating conditions and, in the case of a short circuit, to permit the electrification of all conductive metal fittings throughout the boat.  
Available at most novelty shops.**

[http://www.yachting-life.net/new%20index/frames3/jokes\\_frame.htm](http://www.yachting-life.net/new%20index/frames3/jokes_frame.htm)

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## Featured Article

### Rescue at Sea – Part 1

At the start of my last watch, I amused you (I hope) with my “Sailing with Serge” tales of my pre-boat-ownership crewing for Serge and learning what not to do at sea.

This time, I’d like to share something else. Something I call a “never-in-a-lifetime” experience (because it happens less frequently than a “once-in-a-lifetime” event) – actually rescuing someone at sea. It happened in 1985 when I was still living in the Boston area.

My squadron was filled with a bunch of adventurous sailors. In 1985 we decided to hold a squadron rendezvous in Roque Island, Maine – a beautiful island well known to New England sailors. Roque is really “down east” – half way to Canada from Penobscot Bay and its fabled Bar Harbor.

If you look at a map of the northeast, the coastline isn’t a straight line north-south line like it is here on the west coast. Instead, it looks like a staircase. The coast runs almost dead north from the Chesapeake to New York City. It turns and runs east to Cape Cod. From Cape Cod it then runs north to Portland (the one in Maine) and then again eastward to Canada.

To get from Boston to Penobscot Bay (we planned to anchor there for a night and then press on to Roque Island) you have two choices. You can sail up the coastline, turning at Portland – it’s about 140 miles, or three very long days of almost fifty miles each. Alternatively you can “cut the diagonal” and sail directly for Penobscot Bay – a semi-offshore, 100 mile sail taking about 20 hours; at its peak, you’re about 50 miles offshore. If you do that, you leave Boston in the afternoon so you arrive the next day at about noon. Targeting arrival at noon assures plenty of daylight left if winds are light and you don’t average five knots and plenty of daylight before in case you make better-than-expected time.

I had two fellow Power Squadron members, John Lowe and Gerry Miller, as crew aboard my CS36 sloop, *Indulgence*. For our trip, we decided to leave a bit early since very light winds were predicted for the next 24 hours. Enough to keep us sailing, but far from hull speed.

We departed the Jubilee Yacht Club in Beverly, Massachusetts (a town north of Boston where we had moved my boat from its usual Rhode Island berth the previous weekend) at 1200. We cleared the sea buoy off Cape Ann (home of Gloucester and its fabled fishing fleet) at 1430 and set a waypoint in my Loran unit for Mantinicus Rock, a prominent offshore island marking the mouth of Penobscot Bay. The Loran confirmed for me it was 103 nautical miles away on a course of 085 Magnetic. It was a perfect sailing day – sunny yet cool with unlimited visibility. Winds were higher than expected; 15 knots of southerly wind gave us a booming 7 knot beam reach. A pod of dolphins raced with us

for a while. Spouts from blowing whales (fortunately, none close) surrounded us. Clear skies and a first quarter moon gave me a chance to practice my newly minted Navigator skills at sea, as well as giving Gerry and John a crack at handling a sextant.

When sailing on *Indulgence*, you eat well. Gerry prepared a superb boeuf bourginon for dinner. Washing it down with a bit of a fine Rioja, we watched a magnificent, fiery sunset from the cockpit. At 2130 the dishes were washed and I began breaking us down into watches (two hours on, two hours on-call, two hours off) and giving standing orders for the night (clipped-on safety harnesses to be worn at all times, no leaving the cockpit without waking the on-call man). I also re-estimated our ETA at Mantinicus Rock since the wind had now built to 20 knots instead of dying off as predicted.

Suddenly John cried “what’s that?” pointing off our starboard beam. All heads swiveled to see a ball of bright orange on the water, trailing a pall of black smoke into the deep twilight. “Looks like a fire!” said Gerry.

Fire? Out here? So suddenly? My mind searched for alternatives and found none. Fire it is – but what was on fire? Nothing on land – the nearest land in that direction was Africa! The distance to the fireball was impossible to estimate, but it was dead to windward. After a moment’s hesitation about embarking on what would definitely be a very wet, uncomfortable ride to windward my seaman’s conscience wrested control and left no choice. “Engine on, strike our sails, steer for the fire,” I ordered. Down below, I flipped on the VHF radio, and heard a conversation between a fishing trawler and the Coast Guard about a vessel on fire. I scanned the horizon and saw a vessel’s running lights about 45 degrees off our port bow. Waiting for a lull in the conversation, I finally called “Coast Guard Southwest Harbor, this is sloop *Indulgence*. We are northwest of the vessel on fire and are proceeding towards it. Cannot estimate the distance. I think I see the fishing vessel east of us.” “Roger, *Indulgence*.”

To be continued ...

Submitted by: Lu

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Santa Clara Power Squadron**  
**16 February, 2011**  
**18:57 – 20:05**

- Need to revise our By Laws, due to the family membership changes in the rules. Family membership has been discontinued.
- Gerald Kosmala passed away on Saturday. He is a member of the San Joaquin Delta squadron, a resident of San Jose, and an associate member of the Santa Clara squadron.
- Jim Sadler sent out meeting minutes by email. Meeting minutes were approved as corrected.
- The SCPS web site, was redone 5-6 years ago. The “Mail To” command requires a client and does not work with web mail. A fix was supposedly implemented by Steve Fisher. Need to check if this is indeed fixed.
- Treasurer is on vacation, no report submitted.
- Lu Abel noted that the Business property statement is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Relayed a request from a member for communications for events to also have the basic information of the event in plain text so readers are not required to open up attachments.
- Tour of the Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Safety center, on Yerba Buena Island, is set for Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.
- March Activity is the Hornet.
- Next 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Dinner is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. The Sliders are the host. It will be at a Korean/Chinese restaurant.
- Venue for the Pizza party is reserved for April the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Looks like 7 persons for the JN class, had to order more Almanacs.
- Bob Coons would teach Marine Electronics.
- Need more instructors for public and member courses. Bill Miner and Bob Coons expressed some interest in this.
- Diane Nelson was not present but her proposal was distributed to the bridge for review. After some discussion all agreed to review the report and start a conversation on it by email with the intention to have a round table discussion with Diane at the next bridge meeting.
- Santa Clara Squadron is the host for District Business Conference and change of watch. We have the task of running the “hospitality suite”.
- New membership rules allow 6 month free membership for anyone completing the ABC course. Still need to figure out how to set this up with district and national. Dave Norris is looking into this.
- Opening day on the bay is to be May 1<sup>st</sup>. As it stands now, no activities are planned by the Santa Clara Squadron.
- Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Clara Squadron. Maybe we need to start planning for a big shin-dig now.

## Monthly Riddle

Two sheeps are in a filed. One is facing north, the other is facing south. They can see each other. There are no mirrors or special devices. How can it be?

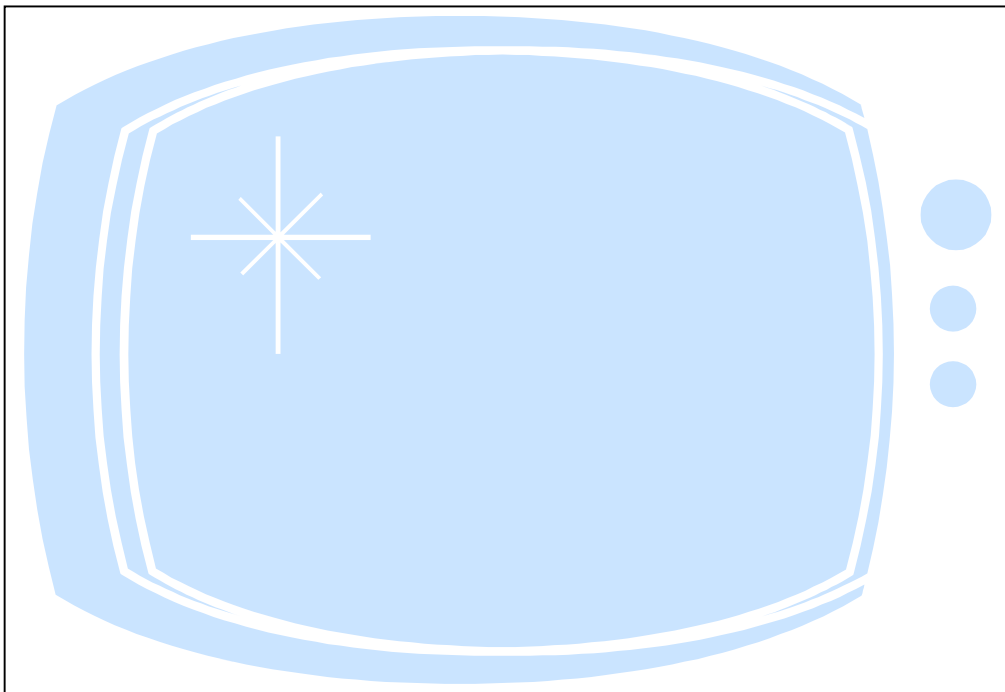
*Answer is located on Editor's page.*

## A Little Wifely Humor

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping though channels. She asked, "What's on the TV?"

I said, "Dust".

And then the fight started...



# District 25 Conference – Change of Watch

11 – 13 March, 2011

Where: Embassy Suites Room Rate: \$99.00 per nite  
2885 Lakeside Drive (sgl. or dbl. occupancy)  
Santa Clara, CA. 95054 CALL: (408) 496-6400 for reservations

Details about Spouses Program coming soon

Deadline for hotel reservation 21 February

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Fri. March 11th. 1500 Check-in @ Hotel  
Fri. March 11th. 1800 Cocktails & Meet & Greet (\$10 donation at door)

Sat. March 12th. 0730-0900 Cdrs. & Exos Breakfast Mtg.  
Sat. March 12th. 0900-1000 Convene – Invocation – Introductions  
Sat. March 12th. 1000-1200 Seminars & NEO V/C “Bob” Sweet, SN  
Sat. March 12th. 1200-1330 No-Host Luncheon  
Sat. March 12th. 1330-1600 Convene – Awards – Business Sessions

Sat. March 12th 1900-1930 No-Host Cocktails  
Sat. March 12th. 1930-2100 Change of Watch Dinner  
Sat. March 12th. 2100-2230 Change of Watch Ceremonies

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CLIP & MAIL Registration Form MAIL TO: D/Lt Ethel L. Ott, AP  
691 Edgewood Drive Rio Vista, Ca. 94571

\_\_\_\_\_ Attending Conference  
\_\_\_\_\_ Attending No-Host Luncheon  
\_\_\_\_\_ Staying at Hotel

### Change of Watch Entrees:

\_\_\_\_\_ a. Mushroom Chicken with Champagne Lobster Sauce @ \$45.50 ea.  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. New York Steak with Twice Baked Potato @ \$47.50 ea.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make checks payable to D/25

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Classified Section**

This section will be dedicated to individuals who want to post a sale ad or services needed or provided ad. An example of some ads that might be in this section would be as follows;

No Postings

In any case, these ads will be posted each month in the Bell and will continue to run each month till we receive notice that the item is sold or services have been delivered. Keep in mind these ads should be for items you want to sell or services that you need or can deliver. We don't want to start advertising for other companies.

## **Recipe Exchange**

In place of the letters to the editor, it was suggested we include a recipe exchange. So let's give it a try. Each month I will post a recipe that either I have or that another member has sent me. Give them a try and then let us know your feedback. In the meantime, if you have a great recipe please forward it on. I will collect them and then post them, one or two each month.

This month we will feature brownies. These are two of my favorites

### **Apple Brownies**

#### **Ingredients**

1/2 cup butter, melted  
1 cup white sugar  
1 egg  
3 medium apples - peeled, cored and thinly sliced or small chunks  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

#### **Directions**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x9 inch baking dish. In a large bowl, beat together the melted butter, sugar, and egg until fluffy. Fold in the apples and walnuts. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, salt, baking powder, baking

soda, and cinnamon. Stir the flour mixture into the wet mixture until just blended. Spread the batter evenly in the prepared baking dish.

Bake 45 minutes in the preheated oven, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

I also made a topping for the brownies, which I think added in flavor.

#### TOPPING

3 tablespoons of soften butter

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/2/ teaspoon cinnamon

Mix all these together until crumbly and then spread over top of batter just before baking. These will be more cake-like than firm brownie style.

## Caramel Brownies

### Ingredients

14 ounces caramels

1/2 cup evaporated milk

1 (18.25 ounce) package German chocolate cake mix

1/3 cup evaporated milk

3/4 cup butter, melted

1/4 cup chopped pecans

2 cups milk chocolate chips

### Directions

Unwrap caramels and place in a microwave-safe bowl. Stir in 1/2 cup evaporated milk. Heat and stir until all caramels are melted.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) Grease a 9x13 inch pan.

In a large mixing bowl, mix together cake mix, 1/3 cup evaporated milk, melted butter, and chopped pecans. Place 1/2 of the batter in prepared baking pan.

Bake for 8 minutes.

Place the remaining batter into the fridge. Remove brownies from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips on top. Drizzle caramel sauce over chocolate chips. Remove brownie mix from refrigerator. Using a teaspoon, make small balls with the batter and smash flat. Very carefully, place on top of the caramel sauce until the top is completely covered. Bake for an additional 20 minutes. Remove and let cool.



Use Them

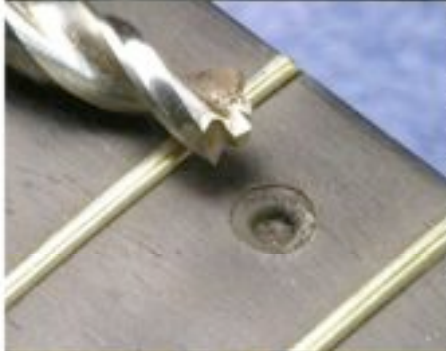
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Wear Them



Forget about the steel "file card" brush - use any scrap of hardwood to clean a clogged file. Just press a corner down into the teeth, and push straight ahead in line with them. As you repeat the process, you'll be cutting teeth into the wood and the file will come clean with ease. Does not work on double cut files



If you **REALLY** want to drill that hole with **NO** tear out, use a brad point bit, or one like this "Bullet" drill. Then, carefully locate the hole and run the drill at high speed **BACKWARDS**, until it scuffs down through the first layers of surface wood fibers and burnishes a shallow hole like this one. Then, you can proceed to drill in the usual manner without risk of tear out.



An old wine cork makes a fine protector for those really delicate pointy knife edges. The X-Acto #11 blade has such a thin point it can easily get broken against a wooden drawer divider.

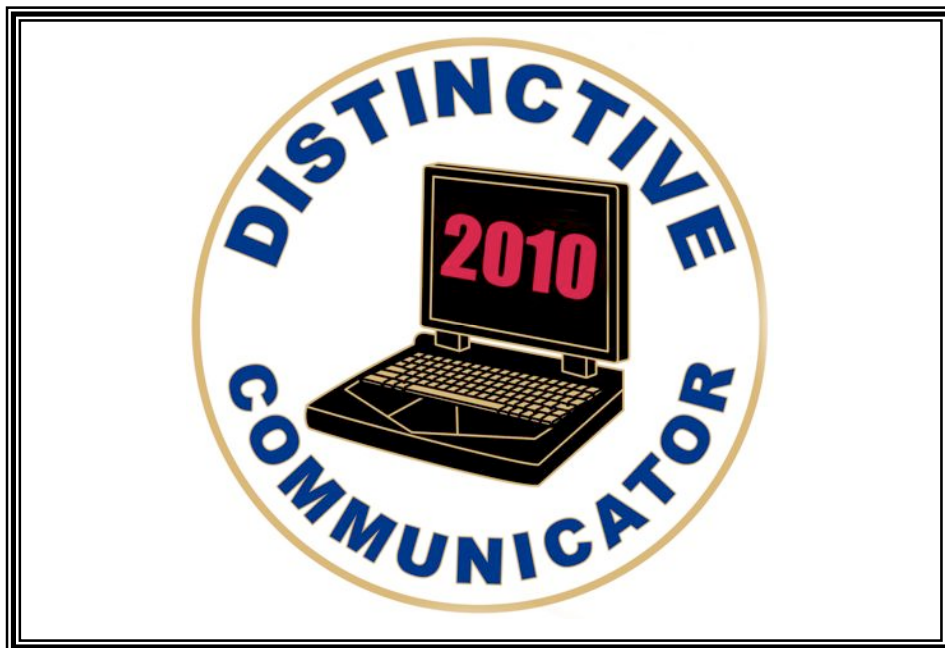


If you use those cheap imported swing arm lamps, I'm sure you've noticed what short lives their switches and sockets have. Switch over to these twisty fluorescent replacement bulbs and you'll extend the life of the lamp many times over. A 100-watt replacement draws only 23 watts, so you get a bit more light, and none of the destructive heat.

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### RIDDLE ANSWER

They are looking straight at each other instead of opposite. You probably thought they were like this < > but they were actually like this > <.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.

Walt Disney