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## Calendar-at-a-Glance

### NOVEMBER, 2010

- 11 Veterans Day
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Thanksgiving



### 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



# 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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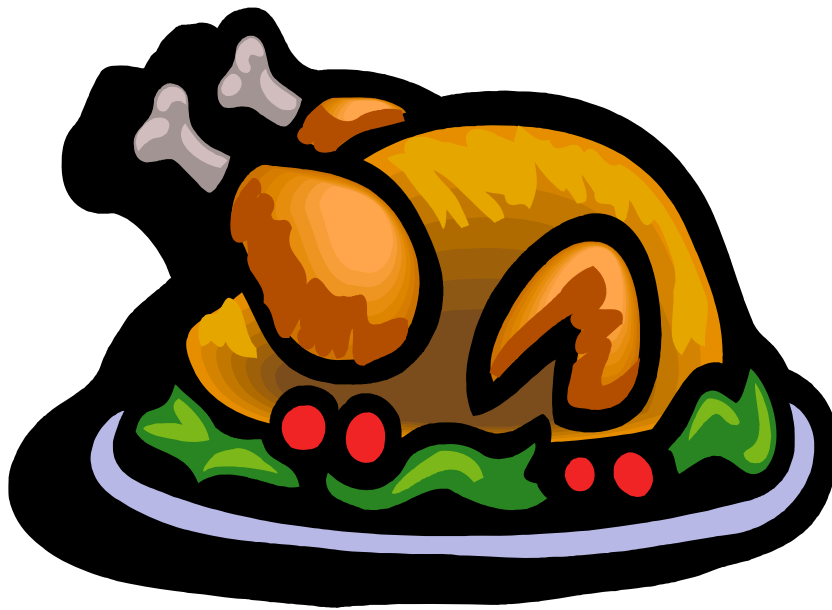
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NNNWOKU    ↑    ↑    ↑    \_ \_ \_    ↑

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

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ANSWERS: Paddle, Captain, Zebra, Catamaran    "Alcatraz"



## Commander's Message



If you listen to KQED Public Radio or watch KQED TV, you know they just completed a period of fund raising. Remember their message? “If you’re not a member, please join. If you’re already a member, please consider increasing your contribution.”

I’d love to issue the same plea, except for Santa Clara Power Squadron.

One of the analogies I use is that volunteer organizations are like multi-tier wedding cakes.

The bottom tier equates to the entire membership of the organization. The next tier up represents those who are active in the organization. The top – and smallest – tier symbolizes those who *lead* the organization.

I value each and every member of Santa Clara Power Squadron. Simply by being a member you demonstrate that you care about boating safety and boating education, that you want to be an above average boater. I – and every other member of SCPS – am grateful for your support.

If you’re in this bottom layer I urge you to consider being more active in the organization. I’ve been a member of SCPS for 15 years and there are still members who I haven’t met because they don’t attend SCPS activities. You’re missing out on some really good stuff! Interesting talks. Interesting people. Interesting adventures. Interesting classes.

For those in the middle layer, the “active” tier, thank you. Thank you for caring about SCPS. Thank you for caring about boating. Thank you for caring about becoming a better boater.

At this time of year, though, I also ask you to think about moving to the top tier and becoming one of the people who shape this organization. As the old saw goes, “life is like a sewer, you get out of it what you put into it.”

SCPS’s Nominating Committee will soon start its annual hunt for names to fill pages 24 and 25 of our Roster, the ones labeled “Squadron Organization.” Bridge members. Directors who represent the members and who with the Bridge form our Executive Committee, SCPS’s leadership. People to lead various sub-activities within SCPS. Once-a-year committees like Audit, Budget, or Rules.

There are jobs within SCPS that can be quite demanding, and there are others that take only a few hours of time once or twice a year. If you can't spare a dozen hours per month for SCPS, how about a few hours a year?? If the Nominating Committee calls you, I sincerely hope you will consider sparing a few hours a month (or even a few hours over the course of a year) as your contribution to SCPS's vitality and success as an organization.

I especially make my plea because the past two months have been among the best that I can recall in the 15 years I have been a member of Santa Clara Power Squadron. We just finished a really strong, thriving ABC class with six members. All six just passed the final exam. What's even more thrilling is that most are in the process of becoming USPS and SCPS members. So these folks are serious boaters and care about what we have to offer – ongoing education, skills building, and camaraderie with knowledgeable fellow boaters.

Under Roger Bradley's skilled leadership we also started a Seamanship class, with several of our ABC students starting Seamanship even before completing ABC.

Lastly, we had the best-attended Pizza Party ever – 26 people showed up for pizza, fellowship, and a presentation on the Nor'westing 2010 cruise enjoyed by eight SCPS members and two guests. The entire ABC class showed up for this event!

We seem to finally be getting our message out: USPS has the best classes for improving your boating skills, USPS offers camaraderie with fellow boaters, and USPS offers the opportunity to give back by participating in our various public service activities.

Keep up the good work – and consider climbing up a level on the “wedding cake.”

Lu



## Executive Officer



### WEIRD LAWS

**In Colorado: In Pueblo, it is illegal to let dandelions grow within the city limits**

[Talk about weed control.](#)

Well here we are, rapidly approaching the holiday seasons. Of course if you are a shopper, you have probably noticed that the stores have moved right past Thanksgiving and are already into Christmas. In any case, you have to ask yourself, where has the time gone. I know for me it seems to be screaming by. In any case, we should all be thankful that at least we are still here to appreciate the time, no matter how fast it goes by.

Speaking of time, it's now time for our nomination committee to begin making calls in an effort to try filling the Bridge and Committee positions. As a member of the nominating committee, I think I am safe in saying this is the least favorite time of year for the committee. Not because of having to make a lot of calls, but having to place fellow members in a position of avoidance or denial. Avoidance of our calls asking you to agree to serve on a committee and denial because I know deep inside you really want to but are afraid you either won't have the time or won't know what to do. Well let me assure you all of us who have and are serving on the Bridge or on a committee have been in that place. We have all thought, "Oh not me, please ask somebody else", or "I don't know what to do" or "I don't have the time". But in reality, you probably do have time because it doesn't take a lot of time to fill most of the positions. And as far as not knowing what to do, don't worry about that, there are plenty of members that can help and guide you along the way.

So when the phone call comes in asking you to help, don't ignore it or try to come up with some reason you can't help. Instead, take that leap and offer to do whatever you can to help our squadron succeed and who knows, maybe along the way you will have more fun than you could ever imagine.

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.**

Winter, yes we do have winters in California...check for any leaks around the hatches and portholes and make sure those dock lines will hold tight in a strong wind. I encourage you to visit your boat next week to get her snug and raise a toast to the memory of a good summer while you are there!

For those of you who missed it, the Fleet Week trip aboard the SSS Steeves was quite a treat. With compliments to Jim Bosso, Past Commander of the Monterey Squadron, we enjoyed a wonderful cruise and a close-up view of the Blue Angels winging overhead. This trip, open to all the Bay Area Squadrons, was a great success with over 70 happy seafarers on-board! Be sure to watch for future trips aboard the Steeves as our friends in the Monterey Squad enjoy our company as much as we enjoy theirs!

And then there was the Pizza Party...wow, was that fun! We had a great turnout for the event, which includes our biennial membership meeting. 26 of us consumed 8 pizzas and countless glasses of our favorite beverage while Lu the Commander presented a slideshow on the Northwestin' Cruise. He, Diane, the Sadlers and the Fishers took a 34-foot trawler out to the San Juan Islands on a cruise that included 56 other boats representing Squads from across the country and they had a blast!

What's on Tap...

### **[FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER -Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM](#)**

*Please do join us for this month's First Wednesday Dinner at Yuki Sushi in Willow Glen. Member Keri Zink likes sushi and says that you'll enjoy it too...you'll find tempura, bento boxes and other delights on the expansive menu. We usually have 12 to 15 members joining for an informal and friendly dinner and we'd like you to join us for talk, laughs and one another's good company.*

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net)*



FLEET WEEK - BLUE ANGELS



FLEET WEEK - LU, STAN AND TIM



FLEET WEEK, SF SKYLINE AND "FAT ALBERT"



FLEET WEEK, LU AND SANDY

*Tim the Admin*  
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## ***Santa Clara Power Squadron 2010 Activities***

***November 13<sup>th</sup>, Alcatraz - CANCELLED***

***December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](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



## From the Treasurer



### USELESS KNOWLEDGE

Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula".

No wonder they call it L.A.

### LINES ON A DINGY

“for every force there is and equal and opposing force” Isaac Newton, Second Law

Any time you step in or out of one,  
thinking you're-footed,  
it will, have a mind of its own,  
step away from you, uprooted.

A dingy trails behind, a quite dog,  
to be at hand when you claim it.  
And when, in calm or gale or thick fog,  
it knocks the hull, and who can blame it?

When you go ashore it stays behind,  
like a horse outside a frontier saloon;  
And when you return, late and in a blind,  
it drifts away, waving “see ya soon”

In it, with any luck, you're in-between  
the drain and charge of amps,  
At ease; but this is precisely when,  
in a passing wake, it swamps.

And this says nothing of how to tow  
a dingy, or where, on the boat, to  
stow  
what, once out of the water, transforms  
from a Siamese cat to a water buffalo.

Though dangled, dragged, cast adrift,  
bailed,  
capsized, or just sitting pretty;  
though rowed, motored, paddled, sculled,  
or sailed.  
it never loses *its* dignity.

And, a dingy, no matter what you do,  
gets the final word---you know;  
“Like, without me, where would you  
have gone, be now or hope to go”?

Richard Dey

We are solvent.  
DeWayn Meek, Treasurer

## From the SEO



Our public ABC class ended on 26 October with eight students earning their completion certificates. Six students attended the Wilcox High School classes with two taking the exam earlier because of their self-study after their previous course purchase. Our next ABC-3 class will start on 25 January, 2011.

Our squadron Seamanship class started on October 14. Four of the attending students are from our most recent ABC-3 class. They are applying for USPS membership. P/Lt/C Roger Bradley, AP is chairing this class with Cdr Lu Abel, SN assisting with the instruction.

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.

Nautical humor for November

### Rapture of the Deep:

Also known as nautical narcosis. Its symptoms include an inability to use common words, such as up, down, left, right, front, and back, and their substitution with a variety of gibberish which the sufferer believes to make sense; a love of small, dark, wet places; an obsessive desire to be surrounded by possessions of a nautical nature, such as lamps made from running lights and tiny ship's wheels; and a conviction that objects are moving when they are in fact standing still. This condition is incurable.

[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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# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Santa Clara Power Squadron

20 OCT 2010

- Meeting called to order at 1900 and quorum established
- Present: Lu Abel, Al Hughes, Dave Norris, DeWayn Meek, Lindy Zink, Steve Fisher and Jim Sadler.
- Minutes of the September meeting could not be approved as they had not yet been revised.
- Lindy Zink reported Nominations Committee will get started by end of October or first part of November.
- Dave Norris passed out a new Roster for Q3 and corrections were cited.
- Commander Lu reported that the online registration does not work with some web email.
- We are solvent.
- DeWayn Meek reported there is a delta of \$500 between Revenue and Expenses. He said we have a lot of asset in inventory, i.e. course books.
- Tim Ellenberger was out of town. Commander Lu has not heard any chatter about the Alcatraz visit and thinks we will probably have to call it off. \$50 may be off-putting, which is the cost of the ferry and parking, not to mention grabbing a bite.
- Lu said we need to get the flyer out for the holiday dinner. Lindy said the first flyer will be in the November Bell.
- The pizza party is on and we may have two new members attend.
- The First Wednesday dinner will be 3 Nov. Lou will host.
- Dave Norris reported the ABC class has 6 students and they will have their final exam next week.
- Dave reported the second week of Seamanship will be tomorrow night.
- Lindy Zink read John Cassidy's report. The theme for November will be "What we do" and What is Vessel Safety Check" These will be sent to members on or about Nov 1, 2010. Committee members should have received these.
- The listings for our boating class at the Mercury News and Peninsula web sites have been removed.
- A brochure was sent to members about stepping in a boat without a life jacket on or about 12 October asking to print and post.
- Comments: "Interesting report in the Ensign, page 7, left bottom column. Boating deaths rose by 3.81 percent in 2009.
- Commander Lu said we need phone and email addresses on all forms produced for the public boating course.
- The Pleasanton Boat Show is the end of January, part of the RV show. Lu asks Lindy if we should have a different message as most of the boaters at this show would be more inclined to boat in The Delta.

- Steve Fisher said he has visited West Marine stores and some of the ABC tear-offs are leaving the stores.
- VSC's are planned for next spring.
- Dave Norris reported that the Coast Guard Auxillary was present for opening day at Alviso. Lindy reported that there have been about 30 calls for service for the Sheriff's Office. The Coast Guard has had approx 65 calls. The Coast Guard has no boats that can get in the slough. They are looking to bring down a small cutter and launch a zodiac from it. The Sheriff's Office does have small boats that can get in there. Half of the calls are "stuck in the mud" calls.
- Commander Lu suggests we brain on how we can be plugged into this. Try to get more active. The slough is 3 miles long.
- Merit Mark recommendations are in. Thanks to Dave Norris for a job well done.
- Marlene Meek is receiving her 5<sup>th</sup> merit mark and denotes her as a Senior Member.
- On 09/25/10 Al Hughes reports he sent the annual squadron safety report to Hal Morris at District.
- Lindy Zink moved that we bring to a vote at the General Meeting that we hold the COW on 29 January. Steve Fisher seconded. The motion carried.
- Commander Lu suggests the person that suggests the restaurant for the First Wednesday also be the host of the event.
- Lindy Zink said that at the next ExCom meeting we need to discuss member and new member of the year.
- The next ExCom meeting will be held Wednesday, 17 Nov at the Sheriff's Building.
- Meeting adjourned at 2014

**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.**

**NANCY, KERI AND LINDY ZINK  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM  
AT OUR**

***FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER***

***3 November, 6:00 PM***

***YUKI SUSHI IN WILLOW GLEN***

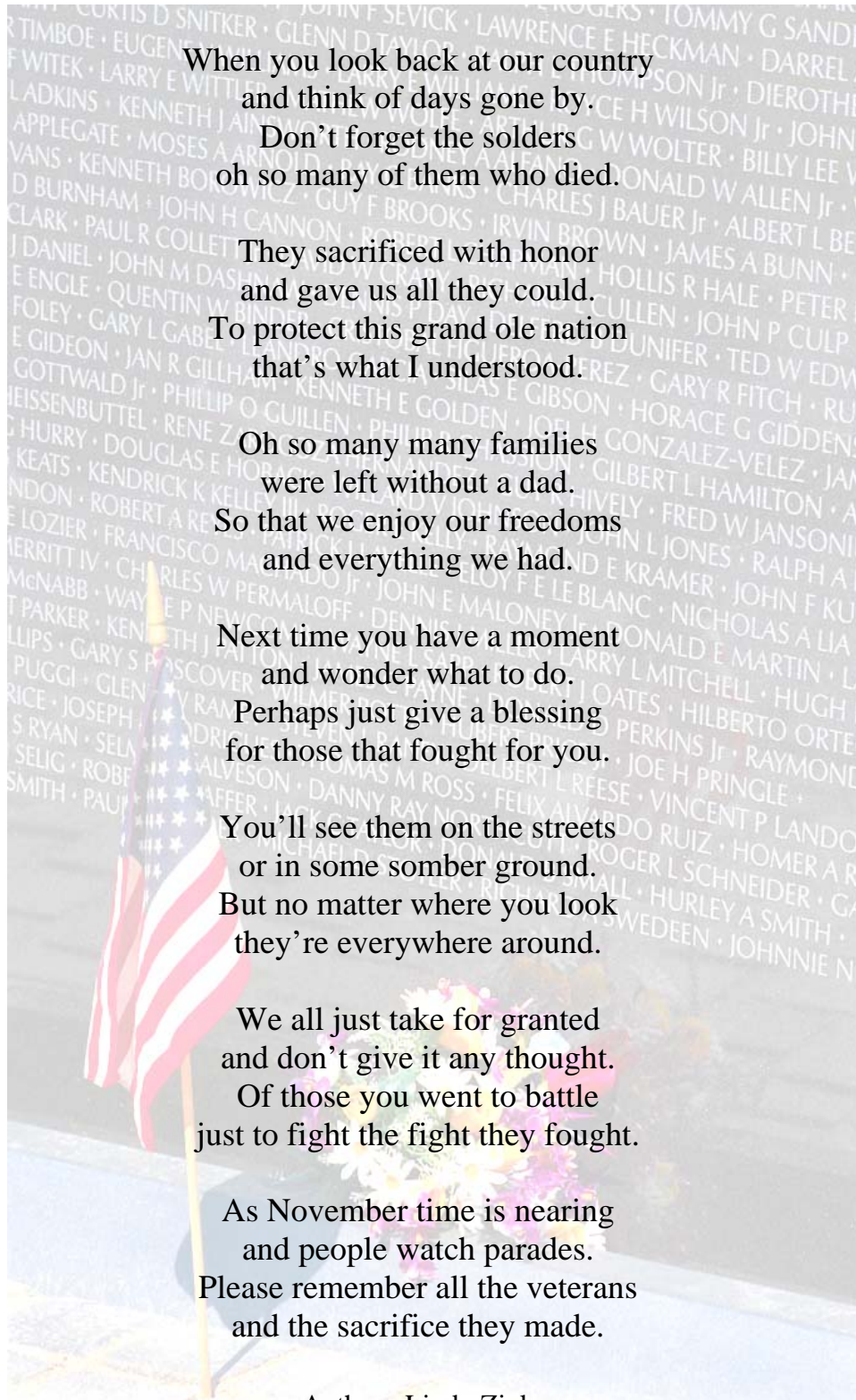
***1140 LINCOLN AVE. SAN JOSE***



*Parking, with valet if you prefer, is available at the Jamba Juice next door.  
Expect your meal to cost around \$10 and there are evening specials on  
appetizers and beverages. Teriyaki, tempura and bento boxes are available.*

*Please confirm with Tim the Admin at:  
408-391-2430 or [t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net)*

## Veteran's Day Poem



When you look back at our country  
and think of days gone by.

Don't forget the soldiers  
Oh so many of them who died.

They sacrificed with honor  
and gave us all they could.

To protect this grand ole nation  
that's what I understood.

Oh so many many families  
were left without a dad.

So that we enjoy our freedoms  
and everything we had.

Next time you have a moment  
and wonder what to do.

Perhaps just give a blessing  
for those that fought for you.

You'll see them on the streets  
or in some somber ground.

But no matter where you look  
they're everywhere around.

We all just take for granted  
and don't give it any thought.

Of those you went to battle  
just to fight the fight they fought.

As November time is nearing  
and people watch parades.

Please remember all the veterans  
and the sacrifice they made.

Author: Lindy Zink

## Monthly Riddle

Only one color, but not one size; stuck to the ground but easily flies. Present in sun, but not in rain; doing no harm, and feeling no pain. What is it?

*Answer is located on Editor's page.*

## Squadron Membership Update

Please welcome our new members:

Diane J. Nelson, 303 Ballymore Cir., San Jose, 95136, ph. 650-967-2387, as an "Additional Active Member" on Commander Lu Abel's membership. Diane was in the last ABC boating course and passed the exam on 10-26-10. Her e-mail address is nelsonpr@pacbell.net.

James J. Slider, 370 California Street, Santa Clara, 95050, ph. (h) 409-249-2118 (w) 408-882-5941, e-mail jsliders@att.net. Jim's wife is Shu Chen "Katie" and her work phone is 408-306-4560. Jim was in the last ABC course and passed the exam on 10-26-10.

Eric Mullin, 3573 Vista del Valle, San Jose, 95132, ph.408-926-0966, e-mail emullin@copper.net. Eric was in the last ABC course and passed the exam on 10-26-10.

Martin "Dean" Grove, 726 Elm Street, Redwood City, 94063, ph. (h) 650-368-1593 (c) 650-464-6099 e-mail martingrovejr@comcast.net. Dean has an Islander Bahama 24 and a McGregor 26X, named, respectively, 3rd Wish and 3rd Wish Yacht.

Martin Grove III, as a Family Member. Martin was also in the last ABC class and passed the exam on 10-26-10.

Congratulations and welcome aboard.

# 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:**

<b>Fresh Pacific Mahi Mahi</b>	<b>-\$29</b>
<b>Fresh Teriyaki Chicken</b>	<b>-\$27</b>
<b>Delicious Center Cut Top Sirloin</b>	<b>-\$27</b>

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:

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

*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 ROUND ROBIN GIFT EXCHANGE WILL FOLLOW...PLEASE BRING ONE WRAPPED GIFT FOR EACH GUEST ATTENDING**

CALL TIM THE ADMIN, 391-2430, FOR YOUR RESERVATION or  
t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net

## SHOP TIPS



The empty bottom of a soft drink or beer can makes a dandy mixing container for small batches of epoxy or other noxious concoctions.



Don't throw away your old toothbrushes. They have lots of good uses around the shop. Excellent for cleaning threads on a vise or worm gears. I use it to clean the inside of my Shopsmith®.



Stop by Costco, Smart & Final, or any other place that sells to the restaurant trade, and pick up a box of these little "portion cups." They cost almost nothing, and they make great disposable mixing and dispensing containers for glues, stains, or whatever. **Watch out** for acetone and lacquer based liquids which will eat right through these little guys!



When you're sanding very small pieces on a big sander, you can completely avoid the sander's tendency to "suck" the piece down between the platen and the table by simply holding a piece of scrap wood tightly against the belt or disc as an auxiliary table top.



Make these little block holders for sets of drill bits, router bits, taps, reamers and other tools used regularly. It's an easy way to keep them ready at hand and portable.

If you have a tip that works in your shop, home or boat please pass it on. Send it to Lindy @ [lindyink@hotmail.com](mailto:lindyink@hotmail.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](mailto:Lindyzink@hotmail.com)



### RIDDLE ANSWER

A shadow

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

A little integrity is better than any career.

Ralph Waldo Emerson