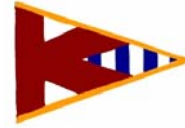


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Commander's Message
Cmdr Robyn D.M. Levene, P

We are going "Back to the Future"! Twenty-Five years ago my father, Richard Meinert was sworn in as the 29th Commander of the Kalamazoo Power Squadron (KPS). Many of you sitting here tonight knew him. Let me take a moment, for those of you who did not have the pleasure of knowing my Dad, and share with you who he was.

My dad was a person, whose passion and love was the water, boating and sailing. He believed in and promoted safety on and around the water. His passion for the "sea" started as a young man when he sailed with the Sea Scouts on Gull Lake. As a young adult, he belonged to the Kalamazoo Valley Outboard Club. April 28, 1959, my Dad received his certificate from the United States Power Squadron (USPS). He was very proud of this organization and worked very hard at whatever job or responsibility he had. My dad was not one to wait or be asked to do something. Many times, he was innovative and creative in promoting programs that benefited KPS. The earliest remembrance I have of my dad's involvement was when he developed and taught the first Engine Maintenance course for our Squadron. The course was conducted on Thursday nights at our house on Cherry Hill Drive in Kalamazoo. I remember this so well. My brother and sisters, and I, had to have our jammies on, and be



ready for bed by the time students began arriving. Once we said our hellos, it was off to bed for us. We were ages four, three, two and one. I was three years of age. Although, I think we did peek around the corner a few times, we were TOLD to stay in bed.

Another early memory was that of “ALWAYS” wearing my life jacket, whether on or off the boat. No questions asked! It had to be “on and buckled”, not just on!

In 1985, Dad was recognized as the Outstanding Squadron Member for KPS and became a life member of the USPS.

Through the years, my siblings and I became Dad’s aides; filing, alphabetizing, sorting, and mailing; anything that would help him get the job done and teach us at the same time. Keep in mind that the only electronics we had were black and white TVs, radios, and manual typewriters. Calculators were available, but not affordable by most. At that time, computers were only a pipe dream.

Growing-up around many of you provided me with fond memories and experiences. They ranged from the Father’s Day Rendezvous Cookouts, to assisting my Dad with the D/9 conference when he was the conference chair. I occasionally attended meetings with him. During that period, the year 1981 stood out as being very significant. My dad became KPS commander and I was married.

Retiring to Phoenix, AZ in 1988, the first order of business was to look-up the Phoenix Power Squadron (PPS), District 28. Accomplishments of dad in the PPS were commander, demonstrating the pride of wearing the USPS uniforms, stressing the importance and value of the operations manual, membership chair, and editor of the Bosom Pipe. He also developed a new members’ packet for PPS. I remember him sharing this with KPS when Louise Rea, was the membership chair.

I learned to have a passion for the USPS from my dad. Because women were not allowed in the USPS members until 1983, I was able to convince my husband to join in 1981 so I could continue being a part of this unique and very special organization. Believe me, in 1983, when women were invited to join USPS, I was there “jolly on the spot”. I was the first female member of the Kalamazoo Power Squadron and tonight, I am the fifth female commander. It is with pride and pleasure that I am able to continue my dad’s legacy in KSPS. We are going BACK TO THE FUTURE!

As I look around the room tonight, I see many long-standing members. I see new standing members as well. Our past is our history. It is the base on which we build. Our future is our longevity and our legacy. Our present is today. It is the goals we set, the innovations we create and, the means we use to accomplish them.

Our long-standing members represent our history. They are the base on which we build. They have the wisdom and forethought to guide and direct. Our new standing members represent innovation, youthfulness, and spirit. These together are KSPS’s longevity and legacy.

Your 2006 Bridge illustrates all of this. Treasurer P/C Nils Strand brings us experience as past commander. Secretary Lt/C Diane Hansen brings us enthusiasm as a new standing member. She has completed Seamanship, Weather, and is well on her way to completing Piloting. Administrative Officer Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson brings eagerness as Predicted Log Chair. He has completed several courses and taught others as well. SEO Lt/C Joe Mills brings his expertise as our Boating Chair. Executive Officer Lt/C and Staff Commander Robert Landeros, brings with him excitement, positiveness, and expertise in anything he does. Bob, a new member of less than five years, successfully completed a “full certificate”. He is a staff commander at the national level, and is on the Rules Committee for D/9. Truly, he is an example to follow.

And lastly, your new Commander! Although, younger than most, I have been around USPS for 46 years. I bring with me history, youthfulness, and expertise in many capacities ranging from past presidents to assistant treasurer, planning committee chair, and finance chair of outside organizations. Thank you for allowing me to be your commander and having an opportunity to carry on the legacy of KSPS.

Let’s toast my Dad P/C Richard Meinert. Without his influence, I would not be here today. To our long standing members: Without you, we would not have a base on which to build or the guidance we need to continue our legacy. And to the new standing members: Without you, we would not have fresh ideas or the enthusiasm needed to influence new persons to be part of our unique and special organization that saves people’s lives.

Chaplain's Corner, Phyllis Buskirk, P

Prayer for Change of Watch (Adapted from USPS® Operations Manual)

Heavenly Father, You are alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. We commend to you this Change of Watch – marking a beginning and an end in the life of our squadron. Give strength and wisdom to members of the bridge now taking the helm. May they carry out the duties of their office with care and attention to detail. May they find encouragement in the actions of a willing and able crew of squadron members.

Reward with a special blessing those relinquishing their posts. Grant them a sense of duty well done.

Bless all our United States Power Squadrons® and Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron members both past and present. Bless our supportive family and friends.

Bless this event and may our sharing in it strengthen the ties that bind us together in education, fellowship and service.

Amen.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

2 February Maynard Walker, P
7 February Ray Shoemaker

10 February Sharon Mathewson, AP
11 February Jerry Love, P

13 February Linda Mills, S
22 February Janice Brown, S

Happy birthday everyone!!!

Kipling from poem "It", Submitted by George Tyler, JN

"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise,..... And - which is more -
you'll be a Man my son!"

SPRING CONFERENCE

Spring into Safe Boating is the theme for D/9 Spring Conference 2006. It will be complimented with "spring attire" as the dress for the Saturday evening dinner. A Summer dress or pant suit for the ladies and for the gentlemen, a summer dress shirt with or without a sport coat. Several questions have come up about what is "appropriate". Basically, dress according to what you would wear to a nice restaurant in the summer if you were going out for dinner. Come, enjoy and get your door prize! Saginaw Bay Power Squadron has much in the works for a fun filled weekend. Remember, guests are also invited to share our conference weekend. What a great way to introduce friends to who is USPS.

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron Annual Meeting/ Change of Watch

10 January 2006

The Beacon Club, Portage, MI

The meeting was called to order by Cdr Karen Strand. An invocation was offered by Lt Phyllis Buskirk, followed by her toast to friendship.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the December meeting, as published in the Pilot. The motion carried.

The Bridge Officers' reports were provided. Lt/C Robyn Levene reported on the USPS Annual Meeting. Recruiting goals have been established, supported by The Power of One campaign. A new USPS credit card will be introduced in 2006. There will be no changes to the uniform.

Lt/C Bob Landeros, Education Officer, reported that classes are scheduled, and A new JN course may be introduced, and the KSPS chapter may have an opportunity to pilot test this course.

The 2006 budget was presented by Lt Jerry Hendrickson. The budget of \$11,175 includes increases to purchase another overhead projector, increase supplies for the Ship's Store, and advertising. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. The motion carried.

Cdr Strand expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as KSPS commander. She enjoyed her two years in the role and thanked the members for their support. She reminded the group of the meaning of the three sides of the triangle symbol. She announced honorary memberships for Angela Anderson, John Anderson and Myria Mandoka, in appreciation for all their work on behalf of KSPS. She also announced awards, merit marks and membership anniversaries, including the Prince Henry award. This award was given to KSPS as the squadron with the highest percentage of members achieving Navigator. Bob Landeros is the most recent member to achieve that certification.

Lt Richard Snyder announced the slate of officer for 2006, as published in the Pilot. He requested nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations, a motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations and elect the new bridge. The motion carried. Cdr Robyn Levene will serve as commander in 2006, with Executive Officer Robert Landeros, Administrative Officer Jerry Hendrickson, Treasurer Nils Strand and Secretary Diane Hansen.

Committee members were also elected. District 9 Lt/C Denise Brooks installed the bridge. In her comments she emphasized the value of having many people involved to do great things, and the importance of both new members and members of long service.

Cdr Levene introduced herself to the membership with remarks thanking Past Cdr Strand for her leadership. In her comments, with a theme of "Back to the Future," she warmly remembered her father, whose participation with USPS began in 1959, and her life-long involvement with boating and USPS. She also introduced past commanders who were present and recognized their contributions to KSPS.

Announcements

The Executive Committee will hold its first meeting of 2006 at the Sports Forum on January 17 at 1900 hours. The General Meeting will be held on February 14, with a presentation by Deb Singer describing her recent sailing trip in the Pacific coast.

The meeting was adjourned at 2120.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Brown
Secretary

Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron Special Executive Committee Meeting

17 January 2006 at 1900

Sports Forum; Kalamazoo, MI

The Special Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 1905 by Cdr. Robyn Levene. Cdr. Levene welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time to attend this special meeting. Cdr. Levene had prepared binders for each member of the Bridge and a folder for all other committee members, which she passed out to those present. These binders and folders contain pertinent KSPS documents.

Cdr. Levene gave the Executive Report. KSPS received a letter requesting a donation for D/Lt/C Tom Hyatt, outgoing District 9 Educational Officer. A motion was made by P/C Nils Strand and seconded by P/C Maynard Martin to donate \$25. The motion passed unanimously. Cdr. Levene forwarded information from the Great Lakes Cruising Club regarding meeting programs to Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson, and shared other correspondence she had received from national.

P/C Maynard Martin stated he is planning to have a booth at the Kalamazoo Boat Show. Lt/C Bob Landeros offered to work with P/C Martin on this project. Lt/C Landeros announced that it is now possible to take a boating exam by paying a \$30 fee; there is no need to take a class. This exam could be offered to interested

boaters at the Boat Show. P/C Martin also discussed KSPS having a presence at the Grand Rapids Boat Show.

Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson reported that the squadron has purchased a Power Point projector for \$500. KSPS now has two projectors and one computer. Lt/C Hendrickson asked P/C Karen Strand how the Battle Creek business ads that appear in the *Pilot* were secured. P/C Strand stated that advertisers are charged \$100 for 11 issues. Ads from Kalamazoo businesses need to be obtained in order to meet the 2006 budget. Lt/C Hendrickson will get packets together for members to use to solicit advertisements.

Lt/C Bob Landeros stated that Advanced Piloting will be offered starting February 2nd, 2006. The Junior Navigation and Navigation courses are being changed; KSPS is planning to offer these classes this year, possibly beginning in late spring.

P/C Nils Strand issued the January treasurer's report at the 10 January 2006 Change of Watch. He did request that all invoices received in shipments of educational materials be forwarded to him. Lt. Phyllis Buskirk inquired if the \$50 gift in memory of Charles Dircken, Robert Menz and Donald Warren had been submitted. P/C Strand agreed to check to insure this had been done.

KSPS will be hosting the District 9 Fall 2008 conference. P/C Karen Strand will chair this activity. There are four potential weekend dates; Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson is assisting in identifying a suitable location for the conference. P/C Nils Strand, along with Lt/C's Hendrickson and Landeros sat in on a District 9 post conference meeting this past fall and feel they gained information that will assist with hosting this activity.

Cdr. Levene called for unfinished business and requested an update on the status of the member handbook. The committee members for this project are P/C Karen Strand, Lt. Phyllis Buskirk, P/C Lois Whitmore, and P/C Maynard Martin. They reported another meeting is needed. A KSPS video and DVD that can be used to promote our squadron are in draft form and should be available for use at the upcoming boat show(s).

Moving to New Business, Cdr. Levene stated that she is actively trying to identify individuals to fill the current committee vacancies and requested assistance in this endeavor. She noted that the most pressing issues are the Membership and PR Chairmen vacancies, as well as finding ways to promote our squadron and squadron events. Lt. Phyllis Buskirk suggested placing an article in the Kalamazoo Gazette that includes a picture of our newly installed Commander and a picture of the Prince Henry trophy with P/C Allen Buskirk, P/C Maynard Martin, and our newest SN, Lt/C Bob Landeros.

Cdr. Levene stated that the KSPS 2006 Squadron calendar is filling up, and the public Boat Smart classes need to be advertised. The spring District 9 Conference is 24-26 March 24 2006; 25 March would be the day for KSPS to host a Hospitality Room. The question was raised if KSPS should co-host a room with Sable Point and South Bend. The consensus was that this has previously been successful and lowers squadron expenses. There was general agreement that this should be pursued.

Safe Boating Week is May 20 to May 26. Lt. Phyllis Buskirk reported she visited the USPS website, where they are encouraging all squadrons to provide a one day safe boating course. Suggestions for a one day course included "Skipper Saver" and basic GPS navigation. Lt/Cdr's Bob Landeros and Joe Mills will work on identifying a course(s) to offer. Cdr. Levene stated she will contact Adams Outdoors Advertising regarding a billboard. Lt. Phyllis Buskirk volunteered to work on safe boating proclamations with the Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, and Portage City Councils. KSPS will also continue to do vessel safety checks. It was noted that we currently do not have many certifiers.

Cdr. Levene announced that the Rendezvous will be June 16 to 18 and that the Predicted Log will be done around this time.

Lt. Phyllis Buskirk stated the January *Pilot* was Volume 76 and Issue 22. She went on to explain the history and rationale of the *Pilot* numbering systems used by the squadron, and raised the question as to the appropriateness of the current designation. Discussion followed. In line with historic precedence, Lt. Buskirk moved that the February *Pilot* be Volume 58, Number 1 (not Issue 1). P/C Karen Strand seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Lt/C Bob Landeros passed out a *Pilot* prototype he had created that could be produced and mailed for \$118.40 per month. The new *Pilot* format easily accommodates pictures and would reduce costs, while providing a hard copy for all members and/or households. Lt/C Landeros is willing to be the editor. Lt. Phyllis Buskirk made a motion to move the *Pilot* to the new format with Lt/C Landeros as the editor. Lt/C

Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion. Lt. Buskirk then made an amendment to table the motion until the next meeting (which will be the 14 February 2006 General Meeting). Lt. Gary Bleyer seconded the motion and it carried. P/C Nils Strand requested that prior to the upcoming meeting Lt/C Landeros do some additional cost analysis regarding number of pages, color, and mailing expenses associated with the prototype *Pilot*.

P/C Nils Strand asked about the squadron website. KSPS was among the first squadrons to have a website, but it currently needs updating. The website is a means of promoting our squadron and boating safety. Lt/C Landeros stated he owns two domains that can be used by the squadron. Costs could be kept to a minimum if the work on the website were to be done by KSPS members. Cdr. Levene stated she would follow up with P/C Harold and Gail Hladky regarding updating of the website.

P/C Allen Buskirk moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by Cdr. Levene at 2150.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hansen
Secretary

Squadron Educational Officer, by Joseph W. Mills, JN

KSPS Courses

February Classes

The following are scheduled KSPS classes for this month. You are welcome to attend classes if you are interested in the topic; however, please contact the course facilitator to accommodate your attendance. Unless noted otherwise, classes meet from 1900 to 2100.

Advanced Piloting

IHS Distributing, Co., Inc., 1800 Douglas Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Thursday, 2 Feb 06	Chapter 1: Advanced Piloting Considerations (Jerry Hendrickson)
Thursday, 9 Feb 06	Chapter 2: Electronic Navigation Tools (Dave Tuls)
Thursday, 16 Feb 06	Chapter 3: Fixes (George Tyler)
Thursday, 23 Feb 06	Chapter 4: Avoidance Techniques (Dan Seng)

Marine Electronics 102

Kalamazoo Army Reserve Center, Portage Road: North of AZO, behind (East) Taco Bell

Monday, 6 Feb 06	Antennas, transmission loss, and FCC rules (Harold Hladky)
Monday, 13 Feb 06	FCC frequency plan, radio telephone, EPIRBs, etc. (Harold Hladky)
Monday, 20 Feb 06	Finish up, discussions or test (Harold Hladky)
Monday, 27 Feb 06	Test (Harold Hladky)

Other Scheduled Courses

<i>Course</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>e-mail address</i>
Boat Smart (BC)	10 Apr 06	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Boat Smart (KAZOO)	13 Apr 06	Joe Mills	269-375-4414	millsatty@tds.net
Seamanship	15-May-06	Robyn Levene	269-372-1782	rbynlevene@aol.com
Advanced Piloting	2-Feb-06	Robert Landeros	269-372-3430	robert.landeros@sbcglobal.net
Junior Navigation	31-May-06	Maynard Martin	269-342-2412	maynardrm@aol.com

Navigation	3-Jan-07	Maynard Martin	269-342-2412	maynardrm@aol.com
Marine Electronics 102	In progress	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Marine Electronics 103	TBD	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Cruise Planning	12-Apr-06	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov

District 9 Conference by Cdr Robyn, Levene, P

We always have a terrific time at Friday's Hospitality Rooms; meeting up with old friends and acquaintances. Saturday's seminars offer valuable information and ideas to bring back to our squadron. Of course, this is District 9's annual Change of Watch. We will elect our District 9 Commander, Bridge and Officers and share with them, their installation. Saturday Evening is a celebration honoring Commander Denise Samu, her Bridge, and Officers. Sunday, is departure for home.

Further information and registration forms are available at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d9/> under 2006 Spring Conference Registration. Please consider seriously to attend this annual event.

Operations Training (OT) Class by Lois Whitmore, SN

In order to understand how the USPS, District and Squadrons function, the OT class is the quickest method of obtaining the necessary information. Several new members of the Bridge and Executive Committee have not taken this class. Therefore, a class will be offered in February, 2006 for these persons and anyone else who wishes to be informed. Call Lois Whitmore at 259-345-4521 for further information.

Under Construction by Robert Landeros, SN

We are currently updating our familiar web site. You can view the work in progress at www.ksps-usps.org. Harold and Gail Hladky are reviewing the site to determine if it site adheres to the requirements set forth by USPS, and Jim Riordan is checking the grammar, etc.

We also have the capability to create e-mail addresses using the [ksps-usps.org](http://www.ksps-usps.org) domain. However, at this time we are only creating addresses for our Bridge Officers, e.g., commander@ksps-usps.org, educational.officer@ksps-usps.org, etc.

I hope you have a chance to visit this unofficial, work in progress.

Two Little Words by Phyllis Buskirk, P

and four little numbers – appear on every copy of your Pilot. Ever notice them? They are identifying symbols. (What do they mean?) They can be like matching up the color and number on the buoy you are passing on the water with the waypoint on your chart. Over the years, our Pilot has been identified in various ways – by the picture of the current commander, the date (month & year) or recently Vol. and Issue. At the called January 17 meeting, your new Bridge and Executive Com. passed a motion to “Go Back to the Future.” Following a system used by two prior editors (1989 – 2002), this February 2006 issue has “Volume 58, Number 1” on page 1. That’s because this is the 58th year since our squadron was chartered and the first Pilot under your new Commander. Read it all, come to the classes & meetings listed, and enjoy your KS&PS!

Name Tags Supply Information by Lois Whitmore, SN

Immediately after the next meeting, February 14, 2006 an order will be placed for those wishing to have name tags made. This project is a cost recovery type so it is cheaper for all concerned to have several tags ordered at one time. There are three types of name tags available. Call Lois Whitmore at 269-345-4521 for further information.

Water Levels on the Black River in South Haven by Connie Born, Association President for River Ridge Condo and Slips.

All presidents and board members of the South Haven Yacht clubs and boating associations (except RRA) received the following info and requests on January 9th from Connie Born, President, River Noire Yacht Club. Below is the message she sent and what she is looking for (in bold) from us. Your responses may be emailed to her and I would appreciate if you copied to me so I may keep a file, as I will probably keep involved somewhat in this issue. Thank you, Robyn

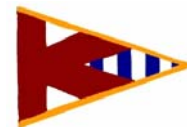
Last fall several members of our yacht club approached our board to voice concerns over the dangerously low water levels in the Black River. We discussed the threat during the 2005 boating season and concerns about the hazards or even inability to use their boats during the 2006 boating season. Our board feels that these concerns should be voiced to the Harbor Master and to the City Council members. It was suggested that before approaching the City with the subject that we attempt to form a coalition of like minded boaters and associations. Therefore, the purpose of this correspondence is to gather opinions, solicit concerns, invest facts and proceed as necessary in asking the City what role they intend to play if a threat is established.

I would appreciate any communication with members of your respective associations. Please respond to the following questions and add any pertinent information that I may have neglected to ask for.

Questions are as follows:

1. What difficulties were encountered navigating the Black River during the 2005 boating season?
2. What concerns do you perceive for the 2006 boating season?
3. If a threat is established, where do you feel these threats and appeals for help should be directed?
4. What level of involvement would your association or club be willing to commit to the process of appealing for help?

I appreciate any time and effort you devote to the consideration and reply of this correspondence. Please reply by email to coed@kzoo.com, in writing to River Noire Yacht Club, 300 Oak St., South Haven, MI 49090 or by phone at 269-628-4471.

KSPS Shirts

Polo shirts, denim shirts and other items can be purchased and personalized with the squadron's new name Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron. The squadron's new name frames the burgee and really has a great design look. Flyers with details will be available at our next general meeting 14 February 2006, but if YOU CAN'T WAIT, please contact Karen Strand at 269-964-6690.

**Hail to the Newly Elected 2006-07 Bridge Officers and
Executive Committee**

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**2006 GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS AND
LOCATION SCHEDULE**

Social Time 1830 Meeting Time 1900

2 FEB 06

Advanced Piloting,

TBA, Kalamazoo; 10-week course

14 FEB 06

Sports Forum (See Program below)

Kalamazoo, MI

23-26 MAR 06

Spring Conference

Sponsored by Saginaw Sail & Power Squadron

Cruising in Paradise

For the last three months, Deb Singer P has felt the soft breezes and seen spectacular sunsets off the Pacific coast of Mexico. At the 14 February 2006, General Meeting Deb will share her adventures with us.

With her days filled with sunshine and blue skies, Deb has been learning a lot about the cruising lifestyle, sailing, and living aboard Pelagic, a Northstar 40 Ketch.

A KSPS member since 2003, Deb has completed Piloting and Weather. In Michigan, she sails out of Muskegon on G.L.O.R.I.A.



Deb Singer P, a KSPS member is our February featured speaker.

We're looking forward to seeing you at this exciting program on 14 February 2006! The site of this meeting is the Sports Forum, 803 W Mosel Ave, Kalamazoo, and meeting will run from 1830 to 2100.

Please let Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson AP know that you're attending:

269-353-7243

jlh10acrewoods@sbcglobal.net

2006 BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER

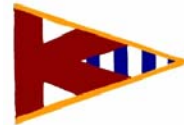
**Scott and Robyn Levene
Winnie Meinert
Bob and Rise' Landeros**

Nils and Karen Strand

**White Star
White Star
Tenured
Frogdog
Grand Strand
Nauti-One
A Little Nauti**

Show your support for KSPS and join the 2006 BOOSTER CLUB. For just \$10.00 a year, your name and the name of your boat can be added to the BOOSTER List. Just fill out the form below and mail it to the address listed on the form.

I WANT TO HELP!



I want to be a 2006 BOOSTER! Enclosed is my \$10.00 tax deductible donation.

Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Please make your check out to KSPS and mail it to Robyn Levene, 5093 Swallow Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

Reservation Request Form For:

Saginaw Bay Power Squadron – March 23rd-26th, 2006

Group Room Rate: \$89.00 plus 8% tax per room, per night

Cut Off Date: March 2nd, 2006

Please Note: Reservation request must be received in our office by the above date in order to guarantee the group rate. Request received after the above date will be subject to availability and the group rate is not guaranteed. All reservation requests must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed by a major credit card. Rooms will not be reserved unless secured by one of the above methods.

Check-In Time is after 3:00PM *** Checkout Time is Noon**

GUESTROOM PREFERENCE (Subject to Availability)

If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms. You will receive a confirmation letter within seven business days at the address you provide to us. If you would like your confirmation letter faxed to you instead, please list the appropriate fax number in the space provided below.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR GUESTROOM: _____

of Rooms

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_____ Non-Smoking

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_____ Smoking

Special Requests (Mark with an X) _____ Handicap Accessible _____ Hearing Impaired

GUEST INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

ARRIVAL DAY/DATE: _____ **DEPARTURE DAY/DATE:** _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ **EXP DATE:** _____

NAME OF CARD HOLDER: _____

OR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF: _____

Signature: _____

Mailing Information:
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Attn: Reservations Department
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Phone: 989-891-6000 or 800-222-TREE Fax: 989-891-9690

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Rank _____ Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade _____ Certificate _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Squadron _____

Is this your first time at a D/9 Conference? Yes _____ No _____

MEALS

(By March 17

Social Lunch @ \$15.00

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Dinner Dance @ \$39.00

Special Meal Requests _____

NOTE: An additional surcharge of \$10 will apply for any meal reservations made on the day of the conference if available.

Total Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____ (No Credit Cards Please)

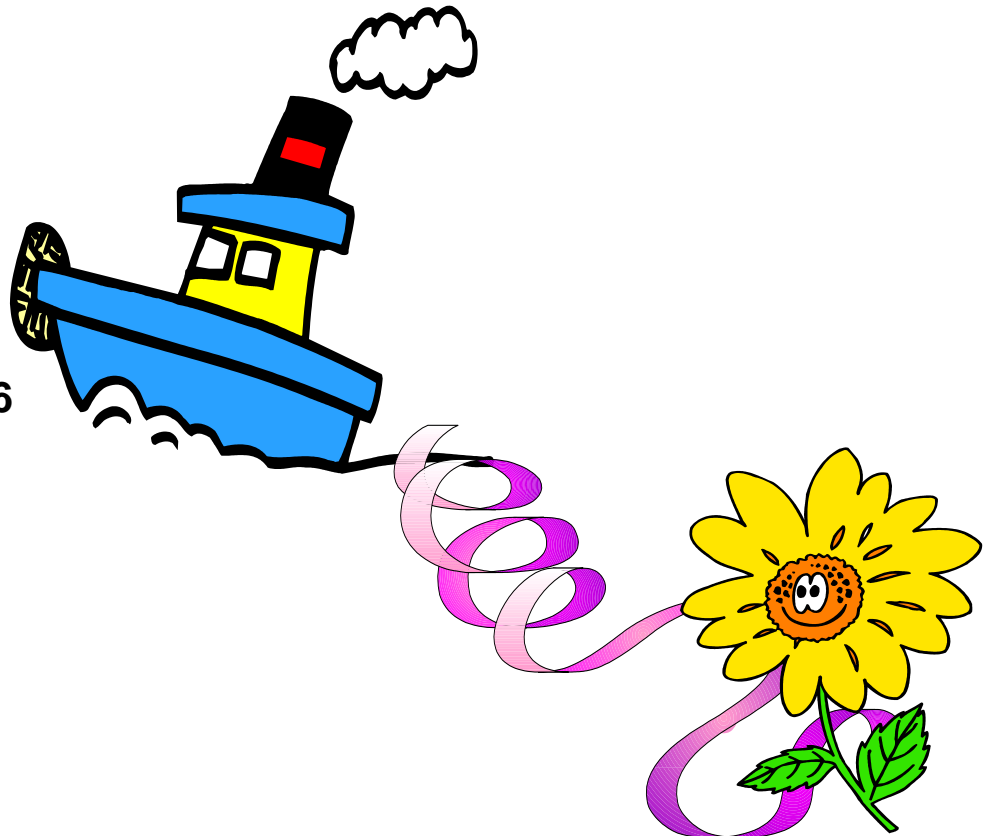
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Uniform of the Day:
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