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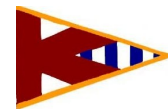
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Ghostbuster Proton Packs



Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron

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We had a great conference up in Grand Rapids on the last weekend of October. The theme for Friday night was Ghost Ships and Haunted Harbors. One squadron featured the Rouse Simmons, built in 1868, it was one of many ships that brought Christmas trees to Chicago. The three-masted schooner sunk in a violent storm on Lake Michigan in 1912. The ship was bound for Chicago with a cargo of Christmas trees when it sank near Two Rivers, Wisconsin, killing all on board. The legend of the schooner continues, with frequent ghost sightings.

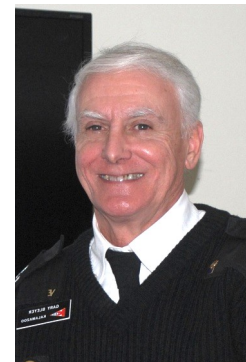
The Mount Clemens squadron had a shipwreck with 4 or 5 compartments. You reached in to identify body parts.

Our hospitality room, shared with South Bend, featured Ghost Busters. As always the food was great in all rooms.

The Saturday evening after dinner entertainment featured an audience participation by The Murder Mystery Company. Two teams solved it, including us.

Our **next squadron meeting** is Tuesday November 8. Social time at 6:30, Dinner at 7, Presentation at 8 pm. Moonraker West, Battle Creek. The presentation will be Part 1 of Jim and Jerilyn's trip to Peru, focusing on Peru - The Coast.

On a sadder topic, Ross Griffith passed away October 28. Ross, age 91, had been a KSPS member since 1989, having recently earned his 25 year certificate. He took all the advanced grade and elective courses to earn the rank of Senior Navigator. Ross served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946, and was co-owner of The Cabinetry Store in Richland for many years. Ross and his wife Harriette did the Great Loop on their beloved China Doll. Funeral services with full military honors to celebrate Ross' life were held Friday, November 4, at the Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta.



KSPS Commander Gary W. Bleyer

Looks like we will not have to do Instructor Recertification until next spring or summer, as all current ABC instructors have certification through 19 September 2017. Since Shirley and Gene Van Rhee now live in Richland, we will invite them to attend our Instructor Recertification.

09/19/2017 Gary W. Bleyer, P
 09/19/2017 Lyndell R. Bleyer, P
 09/19/2017 Phyllis A. R. Buskirk, P
 09/19/2017 George Gerpheide, AP
 09/19/2017 Gail Hladky, JN
 09/19/2017 Harold L. Hladky, JN
 09/19/2017 James W. Johnston, P
 09/19/2017 Dan L. Seng, AP
 09/19/2017 Karen S. Strand, AP
 09/19/2017 Lois M. Whitmore, SN
 10/12/2017 D/Lt Shirley Van Rhee, JN
 10/12/2017 P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN



Come join us Tue. Nov 8 for Jim and Jerilyn's presentation on Peru the Coast.



Gary W. Bleyer
KSPS Commander

Calendar: KSPS Activities, Events and Meetings

(mark your personal calendar or post on fridge or mirror)

At General meetings speaker / presentation follows dinner. Executive Committee: - business meeting after dinner. Order off the menu (range \$8 - \$26). Prices higher at conference, COW, and holiday party. RSVP required at these last three. Be sure to check this month's location. RSVP if indicated. Questions: Lyn (269) 731-5601 or Jim/Jerilyn 375-8441

KSPS General Meeting

Tuesday 8 November 6:30 pm
Moonraker-West, 544 W Columbia, Battle Creek
Presentation - Peru Debut.
Peru - The Coast
Jim & Jerilyn Johnston's adventures in Peru
Social time at 6:30,
Dinner at 7, Presentation at 8 pm.

Memorial Service for KSPS family member

Missing in Action since WWII
 Saturday Nov. 26 (details pg. 4)

Thanksgiving

Thursday 24 November
What are you thankful for?

Holiday Party at Martells

3501 Greenleaf Blvd, Portage
 Friday Dec. 2 - Need 25 members & guests minimum
 Dress: Holiday casual
 Please RSVP Jim or Jerilyn 375-8441

KSPS Executive Committee Meeting

Tues 13 December
Moonraker West, 544 W. Columbia Ave, Battle Creek.
Please note change of location.
Finalize Nominations for Bridge & Exec. Committee

Change of Watch at The Beacon Club

5830 Portage Rd
 about 2 miles south of I-94 & 1 mile south of airport
 Please RSVP Jim or Jerilyn 375-8441
Tues 10 January 6:30 pm
Election of Bridge and Executive Committee

KSPS General Meeting

Tuesday 14 February 6:30 pm
Valentine's Day
Moonraker West, 544 W. Columbia, Battle Creek
Jim and Jerilyn Johnston present
Peru - the Highlands and Machu Picchu

Educational Opportunities

Call SEO Jim (269) 375-8441 if you are interested in seminars or classes.

Seminars are usually 2 to 3 hours long and can be completed in one evening, morning or afternoon. Listed below are a few of the seminars available.

Advanced Boat Handling	Man Over Board
Anchoring	Marine Radar
Basic Weather	Mariner's Compass
Boat Handling Under Power	Paddle Smart
Boating on Rivers, Lakes, & Locks	Partner in Command
Crossing Borders/Customs	Sail Trim and Tuning
Emergencies on Board	Trailing
How to use a Chart	Using GPS
Knots, Bends and Hitches	Using VHF and VHF/DSC Radio

If there is a class or seminar you would like to take **locally** contact SEO Jim Johnston (269) 375-8441 or BoaterJim@hotmail.com

In Depth Classes

America's Boating Course (ABC) will be offered late winter/early spring in Battle Creek and Portage.

Seamanship builds on the foundation of knowledge in boat handling and maneuvering, boat operation, skipper's responsibilities, and boating techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment.

This course is normally completed in 16 hours via 8 two-hour sessions or can be partially self-study. Online class \$130 nonmembers/ \$90 USPS members.

To fly (or sail), we have to have resistance.
Maya Lin

Happy Birthday

Birthday not listed? Please let Lyn know.

November Birthdays

- 1 Angela Anderson
- 5 Chris Lawler
- 6 Tom Smith
- 7 William Rayner
- 15 Jerry Hendrickson
- 16 Tique Crespo
- 16 Stanley Wolk
- 18 Madeline Rayner
- 22 Linda McTague
- 25 Tim Straker



December Birthdays

- 2 David (Bo) Bowman
- 5 Scott Levene
- 7 Virginia Michael
- 7 Verle Wiita
- 8 Rise' Landeros
- 12 Ed Rangler
- 12 David Tuls
- 14 Cynthia Paterson
- 24 Phil Roehm
- 27 Glen Douglass
- 27 Jerry Johnson
- 28 Todd Rayner

Bermuda Triangle Mystery Solved ? Meteorologist Randy Cerveny, PhD. Arizona State University

Could "air bombs" be the reason for so many mysterious plane and boat disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle?

A pair of meteorologists believe that hexagonal-shaped clouds seen on satellite imagery could be the key to figuring out why the Bermuda Triangle has become notorious for disappearances of aircraft, ships and people.



The mysterious area of the North Atlantic Ocean between Florida, Puerto Rico and Bermuda can be seen covered by the oddly shaped clouds that are between 20 and 55 miles across.

"These types of hexagonal shapes over the ocean are in essence, 'air bombs'," said Dr. Randy Cerveny of Arizona State University. "They're formed by what are called micro-bursts. They're blasts of air that come down out of the bottom of the clouds, hit the ocean, and create waves that can become massive in size."

These "air bombs" pack winds up to 170 miles per hour, more than enough to drop an unsuspecting airplane thousands of feet or create giant waves to capsize a ship.



Dr. Randy Cerveny

The same strange hexagonal clouds have also been seen on satellite imagery over a portion of the North Sea, near England, where storms often create waves as high as 45 feet. That led Cerveny to believe similar destructive conditions are occurring under the same type of clouds in the Bermuda Triangle. Cerveny added that in order to save lives, the satellite images could allow authorities to trigger an alarm for any aircraft or ships when a hexagonal cloud is detected.

Super Moon Nov. 14 – the biggest full moon in almost 70 years, and it won't be this big again until 2034. 14% bigger, 30% brighter. On Nov. 14, the sun will set in Michigan about 5:16 p.m. The moon will rise 37 minutes later at **5:53 p.m.** The moon looks biggest when it is close to the horizon.

Ideas from Membership & Marketing Seminars Fall District 9 Conference in Grand Rapids

As a squadron - Who do we serve?
Who do we want to serve?
What do people want us to provide?
How do we promote ourselves?
As a squadron - We are knowledgeable. We love to learn.
We love to share through teaching.
We are welcoming. We reach out to other boaters, to new members. We are passionate and confident boaters.

Remember that membership goes beyond the water. Older members who have sold their boats are a valuable resource, with years of experience, knowledge and skills.

Seamanship email campaign. Send information about your next Seamanship class to all former ABC students.

Classes - try new locations, Gander Mountain and sports/outdoor stores. Fire Departments and Township Halls often have meeting space and usually do not charge. Send info about class description, date, time at least 4 to 6 weeks before 1st class. Remind at 1 and 2 weeks before class.

Akron has had success running their squadron like a small business. **Akron S&PS**

They offer one seminar per month in Spring. \$5 members, \$15 for nonmembers.



Reach out to paddle and small boats. Highest drowning and accident rate is under 21 feet. The vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (46%), kayaks (12%), and canoes (11%).

Work with local insurance companies to promote ABC. Take ABC, earn Michigan Boaters card and a discount on insurance.

Everett S&PS has a 2 hour boating course for children. 1st through 6th grade.

When you mail reminder billings, include information on upcoming events and benefits available via USPS, so it's not just about the money.

Promote the Designated Skipper program, that assures one trained and sober person will be at controls. The program is sponsored by SeaTow. Combine with Partner in Charge seminar.
www.DesignatedSkipper.com





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Tips & Helpful Hints

Meetings give us a chance to renew friendships, make new ones, and appreciate the fraternity and camaraderie our organization affords. V/V Gary Cheney, SN National Administrative Officer.

Out, darn spot: To clean grease stains from boat fabric, use a mild shampoo to break down the grease. Sprinkle fresh stains with talcum powder or cornstarch. Rub in well, and let it stand until the stain is absorbed. Brush off, and wipe with a damp cloth. Ed Jones.

Helpful tips for navigating at night (by car or boat):
 Reduce speed and proceed with caution. Never hurry. Make sure your lights and windshield are clean. Avoid traveling alone at night; extra eyes can help you navigate. This time of year, especially, watch for deer.

MIA Returned to KSPS Family

Gail Hladky's father went Missing in Action when his cargo plane disappeared flying from India to China during WWII. His remains were recently identified.

Fredrick Langhorst, 1st Lt USAAC
 MIA 17 July 1945
 Flying a C-109 from India to China
 Remains discovered 2007

To be repatriated and returned to daughter Gail Hladky at a Memorial Service November 26, 2016 at the Baxter Funeral Home, 375 W. Dickman Rd. in Battle Creek, MI. Service is tentatively scheduled for 11 am. Be part of this special moment.