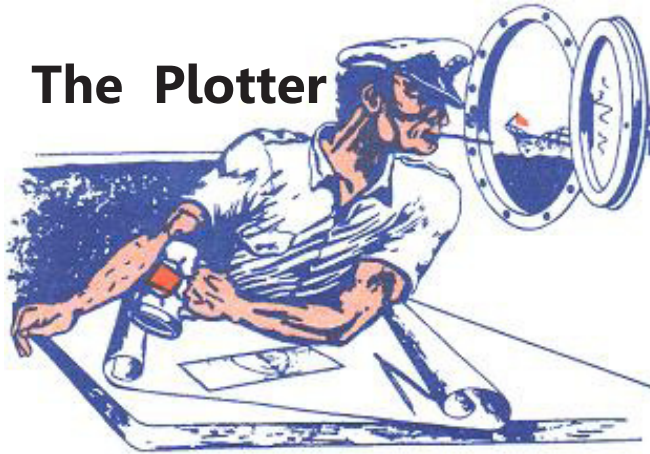




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Commander's Message



It seems as if Central Texas has been experiencing the dog-days of Summer ever since April! At our Boat-To-Eat event on July 10, it was hot outside, but cool inside. And as always, the food and hospitality were both first-rate at County Line on the Lake. There actually was enough water in Lake Austin

that we could have attended by boat! We had a good turn-out and all present enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thank you to all the folks who braved the heat to join us!

Make your plans now to be aboard for our Party Boat Cruise on Lake Travis, set for Saturday, August 13. We will cruise the Lake and stop to swim on a Just-For-Fun party boat. The time is from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Check the Flyer you received for all the details on the Cruise, and make your reservations now. The boat only holds 50, so make sure you reserve spots for your family and friends.

Planning for our 50th Anniversary Celebration for Austin Power Squadron is well under way. Circle the date on your calendar: Sunday, September 25th, and then write down "50th at Onion Creek Country Club." This will be a party to remember! Don't miss it.

The Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons will meet on Saturday, September 17, 2011 in Greensboro, North Carolina at the Sheraton Hotel. Earlier related activities start on September 14th and include the new AO and XO Leadership Training Courses. All Members are encouraged to attend the Governing Board Meeting. If you would like additional information, please email me at greenway35@hotmail.com

See you at the Party Boat Cruise !
Cdr Max Werkenthin III, AP



MEMBER BENEFITS

Did you know? In addition to all the fraternal and education opportunities you are afforded in the Austin Power squadron, there are many other benefits offered by the national organization. For a complete list, go to the Member Benefits section of the national website usps.org.

Just a few are Auto & Home Insurance, Vacation Center, International Medical and Travel Assistance, Life Line Screening, Discounts on dell computers, USPS Cruises Only, USPS Wyndham Hotels, USPS Avis/Budget.

Coming soon information on how to purchase software from TechSoup. Check it out!!



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Clipboard

Hope everyone is planning on attending the Aug 13 Party Boat Cruise on the Just for Fun Party Boat. Please respond to the email or phone call from your calling committee!



Students at the TCW Service Center class room



Our own Christine Geist leads the class at a recent ABC class

APS BIRTHDAYS AUGUST

Chereen Fisher	1
Scott Hearn	1
Bill McNiel	6
Sarah Dorn	10
Ginny Strong	14
Brian Engles	16
Shirley Gentry	16
Ben Fisher	19
Dan Johnson	22
Jim Merritt	22
James Walker	22
Dan Roper	23
Joshua Curtright	26
Charles Strong	26
Gary Guilbert	27
Steve Thorwegen	31

SEPTEMBER

Herman Willi	1
Cynthia Miller	1
Ginger Quinn	2
Angel Vazquez	3
Dan Reeves	4
Angel Frias	6
Mary Marcotte	10
Angela Lee	11
John Causey	21
Gene Crouch	26
Eric Smith	26



From the Executive Officer



All House bills relating to boating (mentioned in the July Plotter) are now effective. We are into the dog-days of summer and there is not a lot of news this time around. The LCRA says the nine months from October 2010 through June 2011 have been the driest for that nine-month period in Texas since 1895. Everyone must take a bucket of water to the lake.

We have a change in Coop Charting plans. The Labor Day weekend outing for Lake Charles has been postponed to 11/12, so our first District event will be in the Coastal Bend area. Austin and Galveston Bay are on the scoreboard for points, but we need to plan to boost our attendance as we are not yet on the squadron honor roll.

- Sep 30 – Oct 2 – Coastal Bend/San Antonio/Fort Worth
- Nov 11-12 – New tentative date for Lake Charles/Sabine
- LRGV is planning an event but no dates have been selected yet

Lt/C Clint O'Connor, SN

Education



**From the
Education
Officer**



Several USPS University seminars are scheduled for this summer. The seminar, Partner in Command, was postponed until the weather creates enough rain to create a lake. One seminar, Using GPS was completed on 26 July. Thanks to Doug Hearn and Wally Tuten. Boat Handling under Power is scheduled for Tuesday, 23 August, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Travis County West Service Center. More details may be found on our website, www.austinpower-squadron.org.

The Sail course that was started in June will be completed on 15 August. Instructors Doug Hearn and T. W. Cook have arranged for an on-the-water sail for the students. Thirteen students hope there is enough water in Lake Belton in August to practice on a real boat what they have learned in class.

The schedule is almost complete for the Advanced Piloting course. We hope to start on Monday, 19 September. Details will be on the website. Completion of Seamanship and Piloting are required to start this course.

Christine Geist.



Sail Course student, Gary Guilbert, monitors the race using a spinnaker he made for the sailboat model. Helping him are instructor, Doug Hearn, and

student, Andrew Willi, as the skipper of the sailboat. *The model was made by Ron McCracken. Photo by Sherri Wicker.*



Do you recognize this Austin Power Squadron Past Commander?

*The answer is in next month's
PLOTTER...*



**From the
Administrative
Officer**



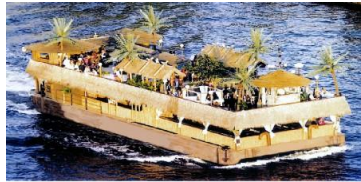
Here's some info from the Membership Dept:

Please welcome new members Cat Lopez and Eric Smith, both of which were members of the last America's Boating Course.

We are also pleased to welcome Lynn and Wayne Merritt. Name sound familiar?? You may know Wayne's Dad - Jim Merritt. It is so great to see family members join our group.

Welcome all and we look forward to seeing you at our next event and in our classes.





Cruise Lake Travis on a Party Boat !

**\$15.00 / Adult - Children 12 & under free
Bring your Family and Friends.**



**WHEN: Saturday - August 13, 2011
11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.**

WHERE: The Party Boat leaves at 11:30AM and returns at 2:30PM from *Just For Fun Watercraft Rental* at Emerald Point Marina, 5873 Hiline Road, Austin, Texas. (SEE the Map on the next page.) There's easy access to the boat down on the Marina and a golf cart shuttle from the parking lot.

You'll be welcomed aboard with a complimentary Mimosa or Orange Juice!

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring a Snack to share. And you may bring your own lunch, if you wish. Please bring your own Drinks - whatever you'd like. (You may want to consider having lunch on your own at Carlos 'N Charlie's after the Cruise.)

SUN & SHADE: The party boat is a double-decker, so shaded areas will be available. But sunscreen is always advisable. The boat will anchor so partygoers can swim.

Please RSVP to 266-1638 or your Calling Committee.

Note: The Boat is limited to 50 persons. Don't miss out. RSVP now.

AUSTIN'S 50TH...A REMINDER

Yes, in September Austin Power Squadron will be 50 years old. To mark this occasion we will be having a 50th Anniversary Celebration at noon on Sunday September 25th, 2011. PDC Herman Willi has arranged for this to be held at the Onion Creek Country Club. This is just a heads-up notice for you to leave that date open and to mark your calendar or put a note on the refrigerator. If you know of any past commanders or old members who might enjoy joining us for this celebration please pass the word on to them. More details will follow as the date gets nearer.

USPS University Boat Handling Under Power

Presented by Austin Power Squadron

Date: Tuesday, August 23*

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: Travis County West
Service Ctr.
4501 RM 620 North

Cost: Non-Members, \$30
Members, \$15**



** Members may attend without purchasing seminar materials.

Learn to operate your powerboat or sailboat under power to dock and undock, close-quarters maneuvering, whether it has an outboard, jet drive, stern drive, single or twin engine inboard, forward or reverse.

Captain's Quick Guide is included with the material.

To Register: Email seo@austinpowersquadron.org or contact Doug Hearn at doug_hearn@austin.rr.com, T. W. Cook at tw@twcook.com.

What's ahead for APS...



August

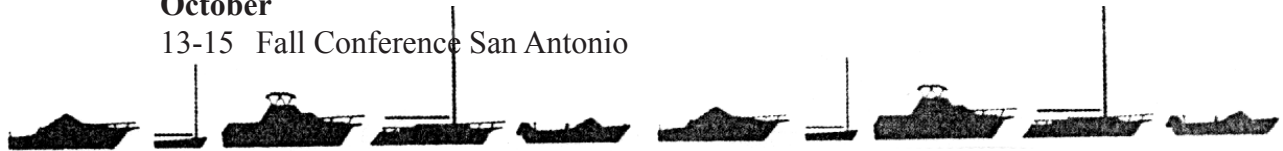
- 5 D/21/31 Rendezvous at Lake Texoma
- 13 Party Boat Cruise, Lake Travis
- 21 Operations Training

September

- 11 Lake Travis Clean-up
- 12-17 National Governing Board Meeting
- 25 APS 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 30 District Co-op Charting

October

- 13-15 Fall Conference San Antonio



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