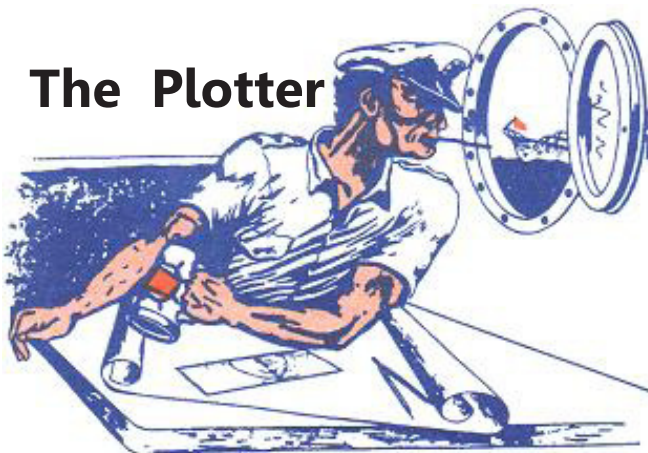




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Commander's Message



Now that the excitement of our 50th Anniversary has been securely embedded among our many memories of wonderful times with USPS friends, it's time to refocus on the enjoyable but serious business of pursuing our Squadron's goals. As we all know, those goals are three-fold: offering quality boating education, providing

beneficial public service, and enjoying fellowship among our members.

The clear message from our Chief Commander Frank Dvorak is that "Membership is Job #1." The second goal most important to the Chief Commander is Leadership Training within USPS. Well-trained and enthusiastic leaders are needed at all levels and positions in USPS to lead the revitalization of our Squadrons and halt our membership decline. All USPS members are encouraged to enroll in an Operations Training Class and a Leadership Development course. USPS will soon be rolling-out the final third-level ("Commander Course") of the Leadership Development program, to be offered at the upcoming USPS National Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, along with the AO/DAO and XO/DXO Leadership Development courses. In subsequent weeks, USPS will be releasing the schedules for future offerings of the Leadership Development courses at various locations across the

country. Please think about setting aside some time to increase your knowledge of USPS operations and enhance your Leadership skills.

The recent District 21 Fall Conference in San Antonio was attended by 9 members of APS. The Conference provided much enjoyment for all, and offered some good educational sessions too. Clint O'Connor taught an educational session on Coop Charting, and submitted a first-place winning Teaching Aid. APS member Will Fisher was honored at the Fall Conference for winning First Place at the District level in the USPS Safe Boating Week Poster Contest. Will's winning poster has been submitted for judging in the National Contest. We congratulate Will Fisher and wish him Good Luck in the National Poster Contest!

Also at the recent District Conference, Chet Geist made a presentation to promote our Squadron's hosting of the 2012 Fall Conference, which will be on the Carnival cruise ship Triumph on October 18 through 22 in 2012. Be sure to look at the FLYER for our Conference Cruise and make your stateroom reservations early. I predict that our Cruise will be the best Fall Conference ever.

I hope to see you all aboard the cruise ship Triumph on October 18, 2012.

Cdr Max Werkenthin III, AP



Zak Tuten presents a program on the Sea Scout program at the October meeting



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Education



From the Education Officer



The District 21 Fall Conference takes place in October. This year it was held on October 14-15 and hosted by San Antonio Sail and Power Squadron at El Tropicano Hotel on the beautiful San Antonio River Walk. The Fall Conference is the education conference, so squadrons are asked to exhibit their teaching aids at an exhibit for competition. Austin exhibited three teaching aids for judging. One elaborate teaching aid titled "Wiring Demonstrator" used for Marine Electronics course was designed and constructed by Donald Hearn, SN. The second teaching aid titled, "What Part Is It?", is used for the Engine Maintenance course and was developed by P/D/C Charles Strong, JN. The third teaching aid titled, "Aids for Navigation", was the idea of Lt/C Clint O'Connor, SN for use to train Co-op charters and which can also be used in the ABC, Seamanship and Piloting course. Clint received first place for the teaching aid "Aids for Navigation" and Charles received second place for "What Part Is It?" Under the new rules the first place teaching aid will be the only teaching aid that will be entered for competition at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville in January 2012.

At the Fall Conference Austin Power Squadron also received a first place District 21 Education award for the largest percentage of course completion. We will get to keep the award until the next Fall Conference. Thanks to all of you who took and completed courses this last education year and to all the instructors for these courses.

The District Education Officer also presented three of our members with a plaque for completion of all courses. Congratulations to 1st Lt T. W. Cook, SN, Randy Nini, SN and Lt/C Clint O'Connor, SN. Clint was presented his plaque at the conference. T. W. was presented his plaque at our squadron meeting on October 18th. Randy will receive his plaque at our next squadron meeting.

Our last seminar, "Recreational Boat Security", was presented on October 25th, at the Travis County West Service Center. This is our last seminar for the year. We will schedule seminars to start again in January 2012.

*Boat Safely,
Christine Geist.*



APS BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

- 2 Charlie Buerschinger
- 5 Paula Freeman
- 8 Granville Ott
- 13 Matt Syptak
- 15 Bob Little
- 15 Bob Stubbs
- 30 Christine Geist



*Sail & Ski presents an
Aquapalooza poster*

DECEMBER

- 6 Barker Keith
- 6 George Thompson
- 7 Barbara Yule
- 8 Sandi Causey
- 12 Ron McCracken
- 16 Phillip Wise
- 17 Carol Hearn
- 17 Cassandra Tuten
- 31 Christine Wenk-Harrison



*Chet chatting to the
Max*



*So many awards...
So little time at
the October meet-
ing*



From the Executive Officer



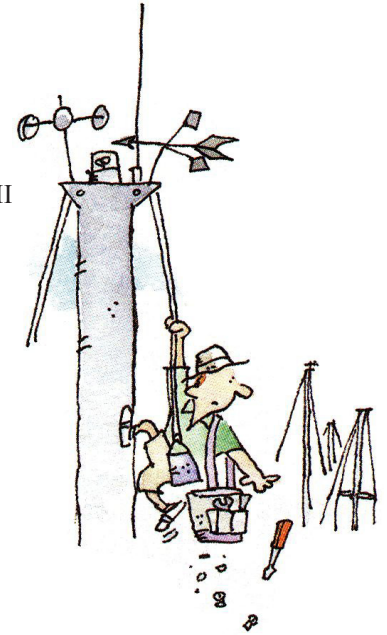
The Clinch trophy for 1st Place in D/21

Cooperative Charting Co-Chairs – Lt/C Clint O'Connor, SN; P/C Stephen Schmidt, JN

Fall Conference Coop Charting Awards

Austin won the Clinch trophy for 1st place in D/21 Cooperative Charting (currently at Galveston Bay and due to be brought to Austin) Austin came away with an impressive collection of Office of Coast Survey awards: #1 Squadron in the nation and 17 individual awards, including #1 - more than any other D21 squadron

Natl Ranking	Name	Natl Ranking	Name
1	Clint O'Connor	58	Christine Geist
15	Stephen Schmidt	69	John Causey
23	Charles Strong	73	Donald Hearn
27	Chet Geist	104	Bill McNeil
31	Ginny Strong	105	Charles Mohle
36	Gary Guilbert	114	Max Werkenthin III
42	Allen Hearn	132	T W Cook
43	Douglas Hearn	133	Heather Hearn
51	Sherri Wicker		



Co-op Charting EVENTS

October 1 – local charting event in Port Aransas organized by Austin – complete 14 participants, 8 from Austin, 3 from Coastal Bend, 3 from San Antonio
3 Boat Crews + land crew – beautiful weather and fun was had by all
Coastal Bend has renewed adopted charts 11314, 11308
A BIG THANK YOU to Bob Stubbs and Charles Mohle for providing boats

Nov 11 – 12 Lake Charles/Sabine

Dec 2-3 – LRGV/Fort Worth (new)

Co-op Charting on morning of Dec 3, Lighted Boat Parade in the evening

Boat Show Chair – Lt Charles Mohle

Austin Boat Show – January 19-22, 2012

Planning will focus on 2 themes and orient around continuous video and powerpoint presentation. Be ready to sign up to work a shift when you get the call!!

VSC Chair – P/C Robert H. Gentry, SN

Current standing: passed last year's total checks, still 8 short of last year's # passed. Still time to get those VSC's completed and have a chance to win the Vessel Examiner jacket!!



Clint O'Connor and Cdr Werkenthin at the October Meeting

NOVEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 2011

CHINA PACIFIC RESTAURANT
107 S RR 620
LIBERTY SHOPPING CENTER
(near the entrance to Hurst Harbor Marina)

Lakeway, TX
Meet n Greet 6:30
Dinner 7:30

Menu will be soup, egg roll and choice of entree
\$10.00 Per Guest
Beer and Wine available at the bar

Program presented by Clint O'Connor
Star Flyer: Sailing on a Tall Ship across the Atlantic
Please RSVP to this e-mail or your calling committee



District 21 Fall Conference

Cruise

October 18-22, 2012

Austin Power Squadron is hosting this conference on a four day cruise aboard the Carnival Triumph

Itinerary:

18 Oct, Thu	Depart Galveston @ 1600
19 Oct, Fri	At Sea (Meetings)
20 Oct, Sat	Cozumel, Mexico
21 Oct, Sun	At Sea (Meetings or Seminars)
22 Oct, Mon	Disembark @ 0800

Cruise Pricing:

- Category 4B Main deck - Interior, Twin/King, Double Occupancy \$455 per person
- Category 6C Main Deck - Ocean View, Twin/King, Double Occupancy, \$500 per person
- Category 8B Empress Deck - Balcony, Twin/King, Double Occupancy \$565 per person
- Category 8C Empress Deck - Balcony, Twin/King, Double Occupancy \$570 per person
- 3rd & 4th person in same room \$195-234 per person
- Contact Travel Agent for Suites and other Categories

Prices Includes \$99 port charge, \$32 taxes, \$40 gratuities, and a **Private D21 Cocktail Party!**

Booking: Book by 11/7/2011 W/\$150 pp deposit to hold price and cabin.

- May book any time after but price may be higher
- Plus \$150pp by **1 Jun 2012**, and balance due **1 Aug 2012**
- Contact Charlene Broyles, Eagle Travel, at 512-651-3014 or charlie@eagletravelinc.com or Debbie McLaughlin at debbie@ricotours.com to book cabins/upgrades

Why you should attend:

- There will be no Conference registration fee.
- Conference will be held on day at sea leaving a full day in Cozumel to enjoy excursions.
- Cost is all inclusive except for parking in Galveston which is about \$40 for the four days.
- Cost is comparable to hotel conferences, 4 days long. (registration, hotel and many meals)
- Fine dining or casual dining, it's your choice and midnight buffet every night.
- Camp Carnival for your children or grandchildren ages 2 to 15 and teen activities.
- Activities & entertainment, clubs, bars, lounges, and casino.
- Access to Spa Carnival a complete fitness center with classes, whirlpool, sauna and steam room.
- Spacious staterooms, nightly turndown, room service, TV and more.

Other things you need to know.

- Passports or proof of citizenship for every passenger is required. Questions: Contact travel agent.
 - Uniform details, if any, meeting times and places will be furnished later.
 - Private D-21 cocktail party and other perks from travel agent only available to those who book through our travel agent.
 - Other questions—P/C Ginny Strong 512-266-1638 or P/C Chet Geist 512-327-0928
- SEE OTHER DETAILS ON REVERSE SIDE INCLUDING CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY.

U.S. POWER SQUADRONS® DIST. 21 CRUISE OCT 18-22, 2012

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- Deposit of \$150 pp with booking confirmation due 11/7/2011
- Second Payment of \$150 pp due 06/01/2012
- Balance due 08/01/2012
- No agency fee is being charged unless you cancel

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

For written or phone cancellations received:

Until 08/01/2012 - full refund less \$25 per person agency fee

08/02/2012-08/30/2012 - 50% of cruise cost plus agency fee

08/31/2012-09/15/2012 - 75% of cruise cost plus agency fee

After 09/16/2012 - no refund plus agency fee

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel and trip cancellation insurance. Eagle Travel can assist you to select the best policy for your situation.

A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED

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What's ahead for APS...



November

- 11-12 Co-op Charting Lake Charles
- 15 Squadron Meeting (see details inside the PLOTTER)

December

- 3 Co-op Charting South Padre Island
- 11 APS Holiday Party at the Home of P/C Bill & Diane Smith
- 10 D/21 Clear Lake Boat Parade



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