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I can't think of a better way that APS could have kicked off the summer

than with last month's Surf-N-Turf event. As always the attendance was high with around sixty of our members, families, and friends. It was truly a joy to see both charter members of the squadron and young children all socializing and having a good time. As if an omen of a good summer to come, we dodged several thunderstorm cells but mercifully received their gift of a cool breeze. There were many people that helped make this a special

event. I want to thank them for pulling together and volunteering their time. We all owe a big thanks to our wonderful hosts Ginny and Charles; it is truly inspiring to see people with such dedication and warmth. Thanks! [Continued...](#)

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This year we had a surprising number of people that were unable to attend the Surf-N-Turf due to commencement exercises for either their children or grandchildren. I'd like to congratulate all our members that had loved ones graduate; as a father of two young children I can only imagine the pride (and relief) one feels as their child walks across the stage. On a larger level, it is a reminder to us all that things do change; we all grow older and hopefully wiser. Our squadron will also change over time. We have spent a good deal of time at our meetings talking about things that are changing: our website, "social networking", and new events like AquaPalooza. The challenge for all of us, I believe, is to embrace change but to work hard and strive to preserve the traditions that make USPS and APS special.

I know that many of you might be questioning APS's role in the AquaPalooza event. It is true that this is not a typical APS boating event. It will not be a lazy afternoon raft up or social. However, it is the major boating event in our area (if not nationally) and like the elephant in the room simply cannot be ignored. We should all be honored that Sea Ray and Sail and Ski asked us to help with safety-related aspects of the event; they know that our organization and

members are dedicated to boating safety and education. The event will also be a unique opportunity to publicize the squadron and to attract new members. We need your help in order for this to happen. We are looking for volunteers to captain shuttle boats on July 9 and 10. We also need first mates to help the captains on the water as lookouts, radio operators, and to assist with docking and boarding. There will also be opportunities for land volunteers to work in a USPS/APS booth.

In talking with folks, I realize that many of you may think your boating skills might be bit rusty or are worried about the scale of the event. I encourage all you to keep an open mind and reconsider. We'll have time with Just for Fun (the boat providers for the event) to check out the boats and we are working with Sea Ray and Sail and Ski on the logistics of the event. Bob Stubbs, APS's Public Relations Officer, is the chair of the AquaPalooza planning committee. Please contact him (rstubbs1@austin.rr.com) or me (kbf@austin.rr.com) if you are willing to help out.

As always, have fun on the water and be safe.

Cdr. Karl Fisher, JN  
Commander

### From the Executive Department



Austin has a COOP Charting event scheduled for Matagorda Bay the weekend of June 19th, in conjunction with Houston. Please make plans to come!

There is also another charting event that has been scheduled for the weekend of Sept 24-25 in Rockport. More details will be posted in the next Plotter. Mark it on your calendar - Rockport is a great place to be.

Clint O'Connor  
2010 Austin COOP Chair

Lt/C Max Werkenthin III, AP

### From the Education Department



During “National Safe Boating Week”, May 22nd to 28th, we presented two seminars. “Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio” was held at Johnny Fins Restaurant at Hurst Harbor Marina and was well attended. Thanks to T. W. Cook and Chet Geist for an excellent

presentation. Also thanks to Brian Engles and son Erick for bringing their sailboat to demonstrate their VHF/DSC marine radio with chartplotter. On Tuesday, May 25th, the Anchoring Seminar was presented by Donald Hearn at the Travis County West Service Center. Thanks, Donald.

The next seminar will be “Marine Radar.” It will be on Tuesday, June 22rd, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Travis County West Service Center. Please pre-register by calling our Austin Power Squadron CallNotes number, 512-343-BOAT and leave your name. (Do not call or email Christine for this seminar.) This seminar is open to the public.

The Navigation class students have received their exam results. They all passed. Congratulations to T. W. Cook, Karl Fisher, Gary Guilbert, Donald Hearn, Doug Hearn, Randy Nini and Clint O’Connor.

Christine Geist Squadron Education Officer

P/D/Lt/C Christine G. Geist, SN  
SEO

### From the Administrative Department



With the great job that Chet and TW with the Marine radio seminar on May 22 at Johnny Finns, we had 4 returning non-members to the Anchoring Seminar on May 25th. Now if I did my job right, we may have some new

power squadron members. I hope that this is an indication of better attendance at the upcoming Marine Radar Seminar on June 22nd. On Saturday May 15th, after a lot of planning and coordination by Cory Mayo (Austin Power Squadron, Sea Scout Ship 911, and Georgetown High School Navy Junior ROTC member), a Spring Sail Day happened on Lake Georgetown.



Our Sea Scout Ship invited the NJROTC for a day of sailing. We had 2 new to us boats and 2 boats with which our youth had experience. Our youth skippered the boats and gave the NJROTC members an experience that they will not soon forget. Some decided that jumping in the water and swimming for a while was almost as much fun as sailing. Their instructor said that the timing of the sail was very good since they had just been learning about the parts of the sailboat in class. We had hotdogs for lunch and a second group of sailors on the boats after lunch. I heard several requests that we do this again next year and possibly in the fall. We hope to recruit new members for both the Sea Scouts and power squadron from the NJROTC.



Water and Fun, it’s not just for Austin Power Squadron and Sea Scouts anymore!

Lt/C Donald F. Hearn, JN  
SAO

## Happy Birthday!

### June Birthdays

Karl Fisher	1
Jerry Wise	3
Don Howard	9
Clint O'Connor	23

### July Birthdays

C.A. Miller, Jr	4
Liz Fears	16
Max Werkenthin III	16
Mary Anne Rickhoff	20
Patrick Tyler	30

### Bulletin Board

We received the following communication from D/C Scott McDonald:

It is with sorrow that I share with you the passing of Dorothy Welch. She served as the D/21 Secretary for the past three years.

Dorothy and Phil were at their beach house in Galveston on May 7th when Dorothy suffered a fall. She was taken to a hospital in Houston for surgery, but complications set in the following week and she was unable to recover.

### DATE CORRECTION

Contrary to what was published last month, the correct dates for the Fall Conference on South Padre Island are Thursday through Sunday, 28-31 October. We apologize for the error.

### Photos of the Surf-N-Turf Rendezvous





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## June

13 Flag Day Boat Parade

22 Marine RADAR Seminar

## July

27 Partner in Command Seminar

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