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Hello fellow members, look's like summer is finally here with warm weather here to stay. I hope all that attended the Contraband event had plenty of fun. If you missed the Contraband Days boat parade you missed a good parade. There were 18 boats in the parade...the largest parade in many years. We had five of our member's participate with four making it in the top ten. Harvey Kuttner in the Manzanita was the first boat in the parade. He had the pirates on his boat. Stan Chapman in *Miss JP* won first place, Armin Brahm in *Spent-it-all* came in 5th place, L.H. Dousay was in 6th place with the *Connie Marie*, and Tab Finchum was in 7th place with *II Far from Normal*. Our contraband days rendezvous was a great success. We didn't have to many from out of town but those who made it sure did have fun. We had Mike and Flossie Wertz and their son Roger from Dallas, Cdr Brad Chilcote from Dallas and John and Kathy Benkenstein from Houston. Check out the picture of the parade and spring conference.

The next General meeting will be May 7, 2003. This will be a brown bag event. Don't forget our boat smart class this month at McNeese on May 24 at Gale Hall with a VSC on May 25. We need people to get out to both events to meet new people that could be joining our squadron.

We have several events coming up in the next few weeks so lets go get wet. I would like to forward this message from or D/C Ken Wilkinson to our members who worked on the Spring Conference.

Please pass my appreciation on to all the Lake Charles members that worked so hard on the Spring Conference. All the work paid off, as it was a great event. I have received many compliments on the conference and the social events.

I appreciate all the work the Stan put in organizing everyone over a three-year period and Armin stepping in the last few weeks when Stan had to step down for medical tests.

Diane and I really appreciate the way everyone worked on all aspects of the conference and the non-scheduled fly-by as a finale. It was great.

Thanks,

Ken

Cdr. Ron Gremillion

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<http://www.lcpsonline.org>

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
Social starts at 1800
Meeting starts at 1900**

General Meeting

Our next General meeting is on May 7th, 2003. Social starts at 1800 meeting starts at 1900. Menu will be brown bag. Mr. Keith Monroe will be our speaker. As an avid traveler Keith has been to a number of countries and will give a brief account of the wonderful sights on his two latest trips. It is so enjoyable to hear stories of travels and of foreign customs and sights. A seat is saved just for you!

Mark Your Calendar

May

1	Contraband Days Boat Parade	Lake Charles Seawall
2-4	D/21 Contraband Days	Lake Charles
7	General Meeting	Anchorage
7-11	USPS Spring Governing Board	New Orleans
11	Mother's Day	
16-17	D/21 Geodetic Co-Op Charting	New Braunfels, TX
17-23	National Safe Boating Week	
24	Boat Smart Class	MSU
25	Vessel Safety Check Executive Board	Prien Lake Park
28	Meeting	Anchorage
30-31	D/21 Nautical Co-Op Charting	Galveston, TX
30-31	Memorial Day Trip	Lake Arthur
June		
4	General Meeting	Anchorage
14	Vessel Safety Check	TBA
21	Poker Run/BBQ	Cromwell's /Anchorage
28	Cardboard boat regatta	Fort Worth, TX

Birthdays

Please remember that if it is not here then I do not have it. Please contact Annette McCain at 625-2088 or by email at mccain.c@cox-internet.com	Ben Garber Sr.	5/4
	Herman Manuel	5/13
	Bill Cromwell	5/14
	Ronald Rush	5/15
	Ruth Giaimis	5/19
	Doug Williams	5/22
	Ella Marie Conrad	5/23
	Zigfried Conrad	5/23
	Charles McAlister	5/31

Education Report

Reminder: I will be placing an order for materials from our National Education Department in the next few weeks. So far I have an order for Marine Electronics, Sailing, and Weather.

Educational Survey: In the most recent (April 2003) issue of *The Ensign* (p.32), the national Planning Committee announced an on-line survey to "share opinions about our educational courses". The goal of the survey is to learn about personal experiences with USPS courses and what skills you would like to gain from the courses.

In the wake of the modularization concerns and issues, and to ensure that the grass roots are heard in this matter, you are urged to:

1. Complete the survey - post haste - at this web page <http://www.usps.org/national/plancom> by clicking on the Survey link.

It's easy and only takes about 15 minutes. I've submitted mine, have you?

2. Pass this information to everyone you know in USPS.

Remember, if you don't participate in the survey, your voice will not be heard.

Members Only Page User Name and Password.
If you don't have the user name and password for the Members Only area of the Ed Dept web site, click on the "Need a user name/password?" link next the Members Only link at the bottom right side of the Ed Dept menu. After entering your name, certificate number, and e-mail address, the information will be e-mailed to you. This is the fastest way to get this information if you don't already have it.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to P/C Stan Chapman for securing an Educational Grant from the Exxon Corporation in the sum of \$2000.00. These funds will be used to purchase a LCD (computer projector).

House Bill 560 - Requires that persons born after 01 January 1988 must complete a boating safety class before operating a motorboat powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or more has been introduced into current legislative session as of 03 April 2003. Information on status, call capital at 1-800-256-3793 or visit web site address: www.legis.state.la.us

Don't forget our next Boat Smart Class is scheduled for May 24. It will be held at McNeese. If you have friends who want to attend call and invite them.

Happy and Safe Boating! P/C John Loukas, AP

Administrative Department

CRAWFISH & CONTRABAND DAYS

Out of town guests arrived from Houston and Dallas and used our new, improved wharf power boxes. The LeBert's, Chapman's, Garber's, and McCain's came by boat for Contraband Days Crawfish Boil at Anchorage on 03 May 2003. There must have been thirty people. Many visited the Mother Ship and to battle pirates to continue the Contraband Days celebration. The weather was great - not too hot with a gentle breeze. Compliments to the chefs, Lt/C Ned Dautriel and assistants, Herman Manual, P/C Chris McCain, Lt/C Annette McCain, P/C Don and Martha Hains, Sheryl Dautriel for an outstanding job. The crawfish were huge!

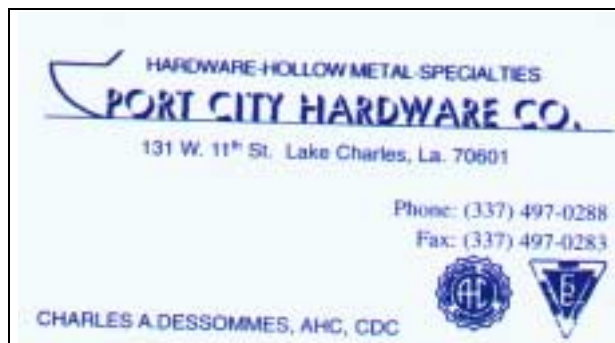
If you missed our local activity, you can still sign up for the Memorial Day Cruise to Lake Arthur 30-31 May 2003: contact Lafayette Cdr Sam Thibodeaux, e-mail sthibodeaux@earthlink.net or meet Galveston Bay members for dinner at Harrah's (Island Terrace Restaurant) 25 May 2003. Contact John Krommenhoek (281) 291-0426 or Charles Gauthier (281) 421-4119 if interested.

Advance notice is given for our 2nd annual Poker Run/BBQ scheduled on 21 June 2003. Lt Chris Nelsen has volunteered to do the Lat/Longs. The location has yet to be decided. It will either be at the Cromwell's wharf or held at the Civic Center Seawall. Entry fee is \$25.00 per hand. Don't miss this event!

Fort Worth, Texas Power Squadron will host a D/21 Cardboard Boat Regatta (or Regretta as the story goes) 28 June 2003. Let's enter this fun event and win as Keith Monroe has done in the past.

All of these events are for members and also your quests wishing to join a boating organization. **Invite** someone today - it is the only way to grow.

Ned Dautriel
Administration Officer



Anchorage shore power and lighting

Well, the long awaited power project is now complete. Yes, you heard it correctly the project is complete. I know we started the project 3 Commanders ago, but it is all finished now.

A lot of members helped on the project. Several members helped me with the project. Those members were P/C Chris McCain, Ben Garber Sr, D/C Ken Wilkinson, and Bob Ward.

Today, we now have four power boxes, each fed by a 240 Volt, 60 Amp breakers. Each power box is equipped with a 50 Amp 240 Volt outlet, two 30 Amp 120 Volt outlets and one 120 Volt 15 Amp outlet (please note that we fed each box from one 240V/60A breaker, so we really only have 60 Amps of service at each box. So if two boats hook up to the 50A and 30A plugs on the same box, they are sharing a total of 60 Amps). The power panel carries 200 Amps and is connected to our primary power disconnect, so we have plenty of power running to the dock!

Each box has a dock light installed on the top of the box and is routed through a photocell so that it is activated at night. The breaker should remain on so that they will come on at night and the range light will have power. The other 60 Amp breakers should remain in the "Off" position if the dock is not being used. The breaker box is locked with our standard combination lock.

Also, I relocated the lower range light on the dock. This light is also fed through the same photocell power that the dock lights run on. It is mounted a lot higher so should be more visible from the Lake.

The only remaining item is the upper range light. I noticed that it was not working but it could have a burned out bulb. It is fed from a power source inside the building but also has a photocell for night operation. Also, I used 60-Watt bulbs on the dock but would like to have some lower wattage bulbs. I think some 25-Watt insect bulbs would work best.

In the near future, we plan to add water near each power station. We plan to run the piping on the dock and then work with Ned to get it hooked into the water supply.

Ben Garber, Jr.



It's spring-cleaning time and the Lake Charles Power Squadron is asking for your help. If you have anything that you would like to get rid of please call Annette McCain at 625-2088 and she will pick it up or arrange for someone else to pick it up. The executive board is planning to have an auction at the June General meeting. Anything left over following the auction will be put in a Garage sale to help raise funds for the Squadron.

As they always say "One man's junk is another man's Treasure". So nothing will be turned away.



Squadron Store

If there is anyone who would like a new tag you can email me the information at mccain.c@cox-internet.com or catch me at the next general meeting.

The prices are as follows: A tag w/pin Clip is \$6.00 and a tag w/Magnetic clip is \$7.50. The tags have our squadron burgee with the gold border along with your name in white on a black background.

If you need information about them please contact Annette McCain at 337-625-2088.

District 21
“Geodetic” Cooperative Charting Event
New Braunfels, Texas May 16 – 18, 2003

Hotel

Hawthorn Inn & Suites
 1533 IH-35N
 New Braunfels, TX 78130
 Phone: (830) 643-9300
 Reservations: (800) 527-1133

Driving Instructions

New Braunfels I-35
 Take Exit 190
 Hotel is on west side of I-35
[Hawthorn Inn Website With Map](#)

Rates: \$79.95 + tax per night (Identify yourself as a USPS member for this rate). Rooms available include Smoking or Non-smoking, Queen or 2 Doubles. Hotel has a full hot breakfast buffet, including scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, or bacon (hotel choice), cold cereal, toast, sweet rolls, juices, coffee, milk, fruit and more!

Individuals must make room reservations no later than May 1st to get the above rate. Rates are good for up to 1 week before or after these dates for those who want to spend additional days for sightseeing, vacation, etc.

Schedule

Friday, May 16	Check-in Hospitality Room Dinner on your own	1400 or later 1500 – 2300
Saturday, May 17	Hospitality Room Geodetic Assignments Search and Recovery Hospitality Room (Submit Reports) Group Dinner at Local Restaurant	0700 – 0800 0800 – 0830 0830 – 1500 1500 – 1830 1900 – Till
Sunday, May 18	Departure	Your Schedule

Additional Information John Morawski (281) 992-9793 morawsu@swbell.net
 Chris H. Nelsen (337) 463-0141 chrisn@worldnetla.net

Bill Johnson is working on a great Saturday night dinner at one of two great restaurants that will prove to be another very enjoyable evening for all of us. This is a great area to spend a few extra days and here are just a few of the attractions. Schilitterbahn Water Park, Guadeloupe River Rafting, San Marcos Outlet Center, Historic Gruene, and Natural Bridge Caverns, as well as an Experimental Plane Fly-in the same weekend!

Hosted by the San Antonio Power Squadron

District 21
“Nautical” Cooperative Charting Event
Galveston Bay
May 30-31, 2003

HOTEL

Best Western
NASA – Space Center
889 W. Bay Area Boulevard
Webster, TX 77598

RESERVATIONS

Phone: (281) 338-6000
Fax: (281) 338-2834

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ROOM RATE - \$59.95 + TAX

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 30, MAY

CHECK-IN	1300 -TILL
HOSPITALITY ROOM (SIGN UP YOUR BOAT)	1500 – 2300
DINNER ON YOUR OWN	1800 – TILL

SATURDAY 31, MAY

HOSPITALITY ROOM	0700 – 0800
COFFEE, JUICE, PASTRY	
CAPTAIN’S MEETING	0800 – 0900
SEEK & RECOVER	0900 – 1500
HOSPITALITY ROOM (WRITE UP REPORTS)	1500 – 1830
GROUP DINNER	1900 -TILL

SUNDAY 1, JUNE

DEPARTURE

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Mycobacterium Marinum – Nothing to Mess Around With!!!

With a title like this, I hope I have your attention. A couple of years ago, I was fishing out of Venice on one of the Strike Zone boats. Fishing was great and we were having a great time. After throwing a black fin tuna into their large ice chest, I closed the lid and pushed the ice chest back into position. While doing so, I put a small scratch across the top of my left hand near the wrist. The scratch came from one of the stainless steel hinges. I carefully looked at it, saw nothing to be concerned about, and went back to enjoying the day. Several hours later, I noticed a very thin red line, where the scratch actually bled and dried. Over the next several weeks, the small cut would almost heal, then break open, then heal, then break open again, and nothing I did seemed to heal it. After seeing my doctor, he recommended I see a dermatologist due to the nature of the wound, and I headed south to see our very own Power Squadron member, Dr. John Stubblefield. I sat down in his office and told him the above story, and as if he was still in Medical School, said “Chris, this looks like Mycobacterium Balnea or Mycobacterium Marinum, which is an atypical acid-fast mycobacterium similar to the organism that causes tuberculosis”. It was fun to see the excitement in his face, since this is a fairly rare infection, and I was impressed how quickly these words rolled off his tongue, like Medical College was last week, versus thirty years ago. What I wouldn’t give for a memory like that.

Here’s what then happened. For the next two months, yes two months, I had to take daily dosages of a pretty powerful antibiotic to whip these little buggers. It then took an additional four months before the hand looked normal again. Some folks fight this bacterium for almost a year.

I learned that skin is the most common site of infection. It is also most common in individuals with occupational or recreational exposure to freshwater or saltwater activities. It also thrives in water with temperatures around 77 degrees, which happens to be the Gulf of Mexico! In fact, traumatized skin and working with fish tanks is the leading factor for these infections. But fisherman, surfers, divers, and other folks who enjoy the water are also suspect. The bacterium is transmitted from fish and marine animals directly or indirectly through water or contaminated equipment. And as I said earlier, this bacterium is extremely resistant to treatment.

Today, I carry a bottle of hydrogen peroxide and a tube of first aid cream on our boat. Whether I get stuck by a fish’s spine, or scratch myself with a fishing hook, I now take a few extra moments to bleed the wound, and use the above to treat it. I also make sure my fishing buddies do the same thing. Next time you experience a scratch, cut, or puncture wound on your boat...don’t forget about that little bugger called “Mycobacterium Marinum”!!

Chris H. Nelsen

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GEODETIC RECOVERY ALONG THE WAY AN ADDITIONAL ADVENTURE

One of our favorite activities when traveling is locating geodetic survey markers either by spotting the actual marker or by spotting a witness post along the highway. Since we aren't always sure where we will be going and don't travel with a laptop, we don't leave home with a stack of data sheets. It's a bit of a "by chance" way of spotting marks, but fun just the same. This past winter on our Big Bend area tour we spent a few days in the quaint little Texas town of Balmorhea. While "checking out" the small downtown area, we met Mr. Sydney Redding, a shop owner and publisher of the weekly newsletter. We told Mr. Redding of the geodetic survey mark that we had located in the downtown park and he was very interested. The town has very limited recorded history and this was a subject of which no one was familiar. Balmorhea is a small town with a population of 527 and has been struggling since I-10 bypassed the town several years ago. Established in 1906 by a firm of land promoters, the town site was in the center of a 14,000-acre tract watered by the famous San Solomon Springs. Today, this is still the center of irrigated farming. Balmorhea State Park is located on the edge of town. A huge walled swimming pool is located within the park and is fed by the springs at the rate of 22-26 million gallons daily.

We promised to send information regarding the geodetic survey mark to Mr. Redding to be published in the weekly newsletter. Attached is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Redding.

May 4, 2003

Mr. Sydney Redding
Balmorhea News
P. O. Box 314
Balmorhea, TX 79718

Dear Mr. Redding:

Martha and I want to take the opportunity to thank you and the citizens of Balmorhea for making our short stay in your town most enjoyable. Your town is quaint and most interesting; as well as being filled with nice, friendly people who we met as we shopped and visited in your downtown area. Our stay just happened to fall on Valentine's Day and we had a very special evening at "the cutest little restaurant in Balmorhea" as it was advertised and it lived up to its title. The food, music, and friendly atmosphere were delightful.

While downtown we happened upon a "geodetic marker" which is located in the sidewalk of your downtown park. As promised, here is a brief history of the mark and how it happened to be placed there.

At one time, there were ten geodetic survey markers within a two-mile radius of Balmorhea. Today, only two of them have been found since they were installed. The other eight were looked for by various groups and could not be found. The stamping on the mark in the park reads "V 452 1934 3162.041."

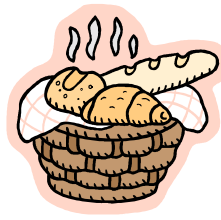
*V 452 is the designation given to identify the bronze marker
1934 was the year it was installed by the Coast & Geodetic Survey team (CGS)
3162.041 means the top of the marker is 3,162 feet above sea level*

This marker was officially witnessed only one other time since 1934 besides our witnessing and reporting it to National Geodetic Survey. That was in 1958 by a National Geodetic Survey team. However, over the last 70 years, survey crews have probably used it countless times. The CGS in the 1930's placed an incredible amount of survey markers along our nation's railroads. V 452 was placed near Pecos Valley Southern Railroad. This railway was chartered on May 28, 1909 and during the period this mark was placed, was controlled and operated by the Texas and Pacific Railroad. During the same time period, this railroad had passenger service, which ended in the late 40's. The National Geodetic Survey was the nation's first civilian scientific agency, established by President Thomas Jefferson in 1807 and it was named at that time as the Survey of the Coast. In 1878, it was named the Coast & Geodetic Survey (CGS), which placed this marker in Balmorhea. In 1970, through reorganization, it became the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), and came under the responsibility of the National Ocean Service (NOS), which is part of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). For those folks who remember Balmorhea from forty years ago, there was another marker in their town that was near the west corner of the "Valley Motel" and near the north corner of a stone house. It could not be found, but one or both of those buildings may still be standing today. Each survey mark represents a defined spot on earth.

Hope this information sheds a little light on geodetic survey markers and will be helpful. Again, thanks for our interesting visit with you and your sharing information with us about Balmorhea. We'll always remember our visit to one of the "cutest little towns in Texas."

Sincerely,
Don and Martha Hains
2702 St. Francis Street
Sulphur, LA 70663

Attachment – NGS Data Survey Sheet for V 452



Galley Alley

Ham & Cheese Mashed Potatoes

2 C Mashed Potatoes
¾ tsp garlic salt
1 C diced fully cooked ham
1 C shredded cheddar cheese
½ C Whipping cream, whipped

Combine potatoes and garlic salt. Spread in greased 1-1/2 qt. Baking dish. Sprinkle with ham. Fold cheese into whipped cream and spoon over ham. Bake, uncovered at 450° for 15 mins until golden brown. Serves 4-6

Graham Cracker Cookies

½ cup sugar
1 C pecans – bits
2 sticks real butter
About 2 packs Graham Crackers

Place Graham Crackers on foil lined cookie sheet pan, 15 x 10, with tops down. Boil first three ingredients for 3 minutes. Poor over crackers. Bake in over at 325° for 8 minutes or until set. Lift off pan to cool Turn crackers over to cut.

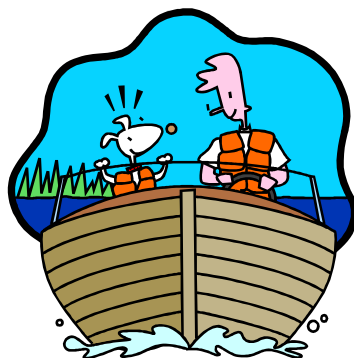
Kitty Walker

Chicken Enchiladas

Ralph and Kay Johnson

1 medium onion, chopped
2 – 3 tbs. Butter
1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup chicken broth
8 oz, canned, chopped green chili
1 chicken, 2 – 3 lbs., cooked, boned, chopped
1 package corn tortillas, 6 to 7 oz.
1 lb Longhorn cheese, grated

Brown onion in butter. Combine with soups, broth, and chili. Add pieces of chicken and beat well. In a 2-½ qt. Casserole place a layer of corn tortillas, layer of chicken mixture, and a layer of grate cheese. Repeat layers until casserole is filled. Add a layer of thinly sliced tomato and Parmesan cheese to top. Bake in 350° oven for 30 minutes. Serves 8.



..."A designated skipper on the water is as important as a designated driver on the road. And all boaters should make safe decisions about boating and drinking. Let's keep boating safe for everyone, everywhere"
Peter Coors



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Military Appreciation Day



These were some of our military men and women along with their families from Fort Polk that were given boat rides on the river from Cmdr Ron Gremillion, and D/C Ken Wilkinson.



Spring Conference



Charles and Linda Dessommes



Martin & Susan Hardy
Cdr Ron and Songa Gremillion
Billy Becker, Orange PS



Herman Manuel, P/C Ralph Johnson,
and Martin Hardy



Diane
Wilkinson, and
P/C Ralph Liles

Cdr Ron and
Songa
Gremillion
getting ready
for the Mardi
Gras Mask
contest



At left P/C Armin Brahm presenting our newly installed D/C Ken Wilkinson with a proclamation from the Mayor of Lake Charles

To the right are a few of our squadron members doing a fly-by for D/C Ken Wilkinson





Contraband Days Raftup 2003

The Mother ship with Captain Ken Wilkinson



Fifth place winner – Spent-it-all
Captain P/C Armin Brahm



First place winner – Miss JP
Captain P/C Stan Chapman



Sixth Place winner – Connie Marie
Captain LH Dousay



The Manzanita – Captain Harvey Kuttner