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From the Bridge - P/C Pete Stevenson

VOLUNTEER

An interesting word, what does it mean?

In Eastern Tennessee it could mean a fan of the University of Tennessee sports programs, especially football.

Dictionaries define the noun as: "a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task". The verb as: "freely offering to do something".

So what you say, what is it to me? What is this all about? I can tell you. In ever so many organizations like churches or sports leagues and certainly civic groups like the Power Squadron, volunteers are the life blood of the effort. If there are no people who take on the jobs, manage the programs and lead the community the organization and all its value disappears in a puff of smoke and that is usually a great loss. Once again, what is the point?

It is time to repopulate the Squadron Bridge and Executive Committee and the population is that of dedicated, interested and unpaid volunteers. Like the old WWII posters depicting Uncle Sam "We want you" is the point. So say YES when you get the phone call, or better yet, call us.

Perhaps you would like to know what is involved, what kind of tasks and assignments might come your way if you do say YES.

Commander
Executive Officer
Administrative Officer

Leadership, General oversight of the group
Management and oversight of various activities, assist Commander.
Management and oversight of various activities not addressed by the SEO or the Exec

Education Officer
Treasurer

Organization and management of the Squadron Education program
Oversight of the Squadrons finances and accounts. Execution of

Secretary

squadron decisions (paying bills), Preparation of budgets.
Recording and preparation of minutes, Execution of squadron decisions: for example, correspondence

Past Commander
VSC Chairman
COOP Charting Chairman
Editor of the Pilot

Counselor and advisor
Organization and management of the squadron VSC program
Organization and management of the squadron co op charting program
Create and manage this essential communication device.

Webmaster
Boating Activities Chairman
Meetings and Activities Chairman
Instructors
Instructors

Create and manage this essential communication device.
Plan and organize boating activities
Plan and organize boating activities
Courses
Seminars

For me, I can get lost in lists like this. I tend to drift off. But, I need to tell that for 2017 we need to fill these jobs.

Calendar of Events

LHS&PS Calendar of Events

August

1 Executive Committee Meeting
13 Wine & Cheese at the Dunston's
17 French Broad River Kayak Trip
20 Boat Handling Seminar at Cabela's

September

4 Labor Day Raft Up at the Ray's
6 Executive Committee Meeting
16 - 17 Full Moon Party Cemetery Island
17 ABC Class at Cabela's
24 OTW Training, Broyles Landing

October

3 Executive Committee Meeting
7 -9 D/26 Fall Conference Savannah Lakes
14 Annual Meeting - Twin Peaks

Our Bridge

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Assistant SEO: Vacant

Members At Large:

Lynn Solesbee, AP
Al Engelmann, SN

Nominating Committee

Jim Carroll, AP (1Yrs)
Pete Stevenson, AP/BOC (2 Yrs)
Al Engelmann, SN (3 Yrs)

Wine & Cheese Party

13 August 2016

This year's Wine & Cheese Party will be held Saturday 13 August at the home/dock of the Dunstons. Their dock will be the 3rd dock on the Anderson Side of the Seneca River North of the I-85 Bridge. Their home address is 300 Royal Oaks Dr., Anderson, SC 29625.

Activities will begin around 1400. Everyone should bring a bottle of wine and some cheese to share (or any other dish you would like to bring). A grill is available on the dock for more elaborate cooking.

Members are welcome to stay overnight onboard their own vessel at the dock.

Please contact P/C Bert Baxter, AP at bert@lake-hartwell.org or at 864.616.6555 if you plan on attending, have any questions, comments, need detailed directions or any additional information.

See you at the Lake!!

P/C Bert Baxter

Kayak Trip

We are planning a second float trip on the Broad River in Georgia but to a different stretch of the river.

If you are interested contact Charles Guderian by August 16 at 864-477-9479 or via email at ecgthree@aol.com.

The cost is minimal. You can bring your own kayak or canoe or use one that they will provide. The fee includes the use of a personal flotation device.

Plan to bring a light lunch or snacks and drinks as well as a hat and sunscreen and insect repellent. An area for tent camping is also available next to the river.

Should river levels be too low we will change venues.

www.broadriveroutpost.com/

Poker Run 2016 and VSC

On June 17 and 18 our squadron vessel safety check inspectors conducted approximately 30 vessel inspections at Portman marina.

The occasion was the Anderson, SC Meals on Wheels Poker Run in which any vessel passing inspection could receive an extra card for their poker hand. Our team of Rick Cunningham, Travis Creasy and Pete Stevenson were on duty from 3 PM to 7 PM on Friday and from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday. Four members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary joined us and conducted inspections also. Chairman and Lt Cdr Rick reports that we can expect another excellent year performing vessel safety checks despite declining numbers of inspectors.

At 9 AM on Saturday there were 185 registrations for the event which cost \$85.00 for an entry, a lunch and a T shirt. Registration remained open until the early afternoon to accommodate latecomers. I spoke with contestants from Nevada and Texas which has been typical of the contestant population since the event began almost 20 years ago under the leadership of the Greenville (now lake Hartwell) Power Squadron.

The vessel mix varied from huge five outboard engine go fasts to jet skis and included pontoons and nearly everything you can imagine.



Just kidding, wasn't really there

A Cacophony of Calamities or 4th of July on Thurmond Lake

Four of us, Rosemary and Pete Stevenson and Chris and Nioka Rose, decided it would be nice to visit another squadron for the Fourth of July. Seemed like a good idea. On Saturday the 2nd we pattered around getting ready for a weekend on the water and one chore was to Google ethanol free fuel in the McCormick area. Surprise, there were three listings in McCormick for three grades: 87 to 93.

Off we went a long slow restful tow until we arrived at McCormick. Alas, we could only find one station with ethanol free gas and they did not know the octane. In for a penny we took the chance and so far all is well. I do wonder how Google got it so wrong. Is it possible we should not depend on our electronic helpers?

Arriving at the Dorn facility the launch was smooth and we started down river to our rendezvous with the Roses only to hear the dreaded engine alarm. Beep, beeeep. A quart of oil fixed that but: in the process the valve cover cap fell into the bilge and disappeared. After stuffing the hole with a paper towel, later replaced by electrical tape over the hole, we continued down river to the Plum Branch Yacht Club. The Plum Branch Yacht Club is owned and managed by Lil Abner and Daisy Mae. This place is super camouflaged country. But they presented first class fireworks which we enjoyed with Chris and Nioka after feasting on Chris's smoked pork butt and other goodies, not to mention frequent dips into the tranquil waters of the lake. Very nice.



On Sunday the 3rd we all slept late, well not Chris, but we got a late start up the lake to rendezvous with Doug and Marianne Chalifour at the Savannah Lakes beach and marina. After pleasant greetings Doug led us to a little cove where all three boats beached and, guess what? we all swam for a while. Back on board we started for Hickory Knob for Sunday brunch but, oh dear, Roses Roost was a dead pigeon. It would start and quit over and over. Half an hour later Chris threw in the towel and was towed to Hickory Knob behind Take Two. Landing at the Knob's docks was quite a challenge. Start with very short piers, add a relatively small cove, season with gusty winds and try to land a tow. Heck, just try to dock Take Two with power but all's well that ends well, no harm, no foul. We got tied up with no damage.

Walking up the mountain to the lodge in 400 degree heat was a bit much but the place was pleasantly cool, the food was plentiful and good so it all worked out. Doug had suggested an anchorage for the evening, a cove with shade, so we towed back down the river. Arriving at the cove we found four boats already there and clustered at the mouth. We sailed right on by, dropped Roses Roost's anchor, swapped ends on the tow and set the anchor and then rafted side by side. The locals were awed. So awed that all four loaded on board and left us to our solitude. Another fine evening ensued except we had picked the wrong spot for shade but no matter we were back in the cooling water and all was well. Following another pleasant meal we were all asleep before the sun was fully down.

Fourth of July on Lake Thurmond

The plan was to haul the Roost first thing in the morning and then the four of us would attend the Fourth of July Celebration on Take Two. We maneuvered the Roost over its anchor and hauled in only to discover that the anchor had captured a 5 ton petrified tree. The exercise to free the monster had two, Chris and Rosemary, in the water and Nioka hanging over the bow while I supervised from the pilot's seat. Big honking knives and some ingenuity resulted in success and we were free.

A short tow back to Dorn and Roses Roost was successfully hauled and parked high and dry. We then hung out for about an hour while a fleet of about 30 boats gathered for the Boat Parade.



There were many flags and decorations including a floating birthday cake and a cannon firing Pirate ship and we all milled around forever



Doug and Marianne Chalifour passing the Judges stand



Finally passing the judges stand we then went back to Plum Branch where the dessert barge was handing out ice cream sandwiches.

From Plum Branch the four of us then motored over to Savannah Lakes Beach where the Fourth Festivities were in full swing. Hot dogs and soda, chips and gossip, awards for the parade (we did not win which I thought was unfair) and then THE KAYAK RODEO.

Two teams were formed, the Red and the Blue, each with perhaps 20 people. We were red. These teams were broken

First Place Winner

down into three sub groups for roping, branding and shooting. Two friends of District Commander Andy Hyman joined Nioka, Chris, Rosemary and I in the roping group. Each of us in sequence paddled out, turned around, dropped three hula hoops over a floating cow and dashed back. The idea was to be a relay but.....the branding group had to paddle out, return, then pelt the opponent with wet sponges and the shooters followed suit and tried to fill a plastic cup with water cannons while sitting in the kayak. The ultimate Chinese fire drill. There were so many Lake Thurmond squadron people in the water directing, helping, instructing and who knows what that the kayakers could not paddle for fear of braining a helper/instructor. Add several people who never boated in any form before, one lady wanted OUT but did not escape; she was already in the boat and got launched. Hilarity and confusion reigned. Oh yes, the Red won two out of three events: roping and branding. Blue won shooting with two ounces of water in the cup.

Fourth of July on Lake Thurmond



Finally we pulled the plug, rode over to Dorn and loaded up. One last criss cross occurred en route to the upstate. For a good while we drove in convoy but suddenly the Rose Toyota disappeared from the mirrors, how long they were gone was unknown, no phone call was received so we kept on going and don't knowPete Stevenson

A Note from Doug Chalifour of Thurmond Lake Squadron

We hope you can do the 4th again next year...every year this event always gets a little bit bigger. It all comes together thanks to our sponsors and the hard work of the squadron members.

This year we had 33 boats in the parade with 200 crew, another 10-12 boats joined us at the beach and all told there was 500-600 adults and youth that joined in on the fun. We cooked up all 1000 hot dogs and had about 30 left at the end.

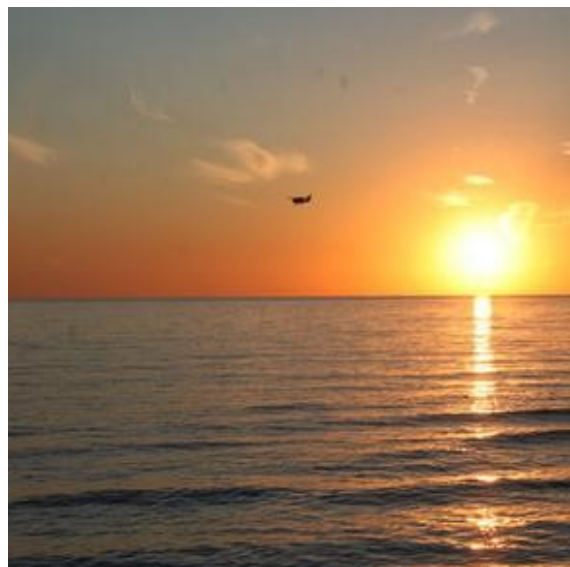


We are invited to join Lake Thurmond's next event, a Low Country Boil on the beach, at 1800, followed by a short cruise to the perfect spot for watching the sunset, then back to Mystery Margarita Beach for drinks.

Plan to tow down Aug. 29, Monday, launch at the Dorn Boating Facility and anchor out for the night.

Email admin@lake-hartwell.org if interested.

Cost is around 20.00 per person.



Take Care of Your Life Jacket; It's Taking Care of You!

Submitted by P/C Lynn Solesbee, AP

Source: <http://www.pfdma.org/care/default.aspx>

Enjoying your boat yet? Now that it's June I am so in the water! Let's hop into our life jacket, then into the boat, find a great spot and enjoy life. Aaaaah. Oh yea, before you or your kids eagerly hop into your life jackets, did you make sure the PFDs are in good shape? You should test each life jacket at the start of each season. The law says your life jackets must be in good shape before you use your boat. Life jackets in poor shape should be cut up and thrown away. So if you haven't done it yet, let's have a look-see:

Check your jacket often for rips, tears and holes. Also check to see that seams, fabric straps, and hardware are okay. Give your jacket belts and tie tapes a quick, hard pull to make sure they are secure. You should find no signs of water logging, mildew odor, or shrinkage of the buoyant materials. If your jacket uses bags of kapok (a naturally buoyant material), gently squeeze the bag to check for air leaks. If it leaks, it should be thrown away. Wet kapok can get stiff or waterlogged and lose some of its buoyancy.

Fading material could indicate loss of strength. A weathered life jacket might tear more easily, resulting in loss of flotation material. Store your life jacket in a dry, cool, dark place. If the color of your jacket is fading, check its strength or replace it.

Follow these tips to ensure your life jacket stays in good condition:

- ◆ Don't alter your life jacket. If yours doesn't fit, get one that does. An altered life jacket may not save your life.
- ◆ Don't put heavy objects on your life jacket or use it for a kneeling pad or boat fender. Life jackets lose buoyancy when crushed.
- ◆ Let your PFD drip dry thoroughly before putting it away. Always stow it in a well ventilated place.
- ◆ Don't leave your life jacket on board for long periods when the boat is not in use.
- ◆ Never dry your life jacket on a radiator, heater or any other direct heat source.
- ◆ Put your name on your life jacket if only you wear it.
- ◆ Practice throwing your Type IV device. Cushions throw best underhand.

Follow the washing instructions on the label. Most life jackets can be washed by hand in a mild detergent and hung to dry in a well ventilated area out of any direct sunlight.

Check your inflatable life jacket - including the buoyancy cell and inflation system - at least every two months, in addition to the following:

1. Remove the cylinder
 2. Check all components for dirt or corrosion
 3. Check cylinder for punctures
 4. Check the mouth inflation valve Inflatable PFDs must have a full cylinder and all status indicators on the inflator must be green or the device is NOT serviceable and does NOT satisfy the requirement to carry PFDs.
- Now that we're safe, go ahead – hop into those jackets and have some FUN!



2016 LAKE MURRAY CRUISE

Another great weekend at Lake Murray is in the books. A total of five cruisers were involved with WEIGH UP, SEA NILE, and MIDNIGHT SPECIAL arriving on Thursday and spending 3 nights. KAY RAY and TOO MANY RULES arrived on Friday making a full dock at the boat club. Steaks on the grille Friday night, a cruise and raft out on Saturday afternoon followed by one of Bert's delicious low country boils in the evening. The boil was possibly the best one yet.



A sudden downpour on Saturday afternoon proved to cancel out Bert's theory that a vortex around the lake keeps the rain away. Quite fierce with sideways winds and rain, but of brief duration and no damage.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, we all loaded up and departed for home.

THINGS WE LEARNED THIS WEEKEND:

When Russ goes to the grocery store, he only buys the items on his list...even if he was told to buy steaks which were not on his list. He had to go back.

Chumley is afraid of Angus (Dunston's new puppy) who is such a big, scary dog.

Pat makes the BEST homemade ice cream!!

Bert makes the BEST low country boil. But his vortex theory needs work.

Jim is a coffee mooch running around with an empty cup when Dee forgets to pack the coffee pot.

After doing a super job saying grace before two of the meals, George is now elected to say it at all future meals.

Kathryn and Ray are enjoying their cruiser.

A good time was had by all.

Submitted by Dee Wilkins

Education

Cabela's on Woodruff Road in Greenville

Registration is required as class size is limited.

Phone Chris Rose at 864-567-1394 or email education@lake-hartwell.org to reserve a seat.

Schedule of Upcoming Seminars:

Saturday, August 20; Boat Handling under Power

This seminar shows boaters how to depart and dock under a variety of conditions as well as all about trimming the boat underway. Cost \$10.00 per person in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Register at <https://www.upstateboatingcourse.org/seminars.html>.

Saturday, September 17 America's Boating Course will be offered instead of a seminar. A fee is charged for this class. Visit www.UpstateBoatingCourse.org for more information or to register.

Saturday, October 22; Basic Weather & Forecasting

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the-water have always been weather dependent. This seminar is a must for boaters who have never taken a weather course. The complex subject of weather is presented in a way that is both understandable and useful. Topics include Air Masses and Fronts, Winds, Storms, Clouds, Thunderstorms, Fog and Forecasting. Cost \$10.00 per person in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Register at <https://www.upstateboatingcourse.org/seminars.html>.

Saturday, November 12; Mastering the Rules of the Road

This seminar provides an explanation with examples of the 37 Rules of the Road for both the U.S. Inland Rules and the International Rules (COLREGS). It simplifies the sometimes complex law relating to boat operation for the recreational boater. It is a starting point for study preparation for the USCG License examination. Cost \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 at the door. Register at <https://www.upstateboatingcourse.org/seminars.html>.

Saturday, December 17; Advanced Power Boat Handling

Historically it took many years' experience to be truly at ease and skilled at handling a powerboat. This skill was achieved over years of on the water trial and error experience. What about the rest of us? Here's a good way to get there quickly and safely. This seminar is a three-part series: Close Quarters Maneuvering, How Boats Behave and Seas, and Handling at Sea. The seminar shows you how your boat will behave and why in response to your controls. You'll understand what the pro's have learned the hard way. This gets you there faster, and with confidence. Then, on the water you can visualize your actions and execute them easily. Cost \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 at the door. Register at <https://www.upstateboatingcourse.org/seminars.html>.



Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2016

Augusta Road Library

- I. **Call to Order 18:30 by Lt/Cdr Charles Guderian, S**
 - A. A quorum was established
 - B. Invocation – Lt/Cdr Charels Guderian, S.
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance – Lt/Cdr Charles Guderian, S
 - D. Review Minutes of June meeting – approved as read
The next ExCom meeting is at the Augusta Rd. Library Monday Aug 1 @ 18:30

- II. **AD-Hoc Committees** – D’26 Conference Spring 2017, March 3-5. P/C Pete Stevenson reported on the conference. Promotional materials were distributed. These brochures will be available at the D’26 conference in October in Augusta, GA. Most of the committees have chairpersons but there is a great need for more committee members to assist the chairpersons. The Friday dinner will be held in the pavilion with the band Mile Marker 0. There is a Pirate theme for the Friday event.

- III. **Department Reports**
 - A. Commander – Cdr Jim Carroll, AP, No report
 1. The commander is out of town, meeting led by Lt/Cdr Guderian.

 - B. Auxiliary – No Report

 - C. Past Commander – P/C Pete Stevenson
 1. The Nominating Committee will be meeting to discuss the 2016-17 Bridge positions. Anyone that is interested in taking a position on the Bridge is to contact P/C Stevenson.
(pete@marinesurveysinc.com)

 - D. Treasurer – Lt/Cdr Ivy Williamson, S,
 1. The treasurer is out of town. Financial reports will be emailed to the bridge.

 - E. Administration – Lt/Cdr Nioka Rose,S
 1. The July 4th event on Lake Thurmond was excellent. They throw quite a party.
 2. The Roses are leaving for the Finger Lakes Cruise July 12.
 3. Another kayaking trip is planned for Aug 17 on the Broad River.
 4. The Wine and Cheese is scheduled for Aug 13 at the Dunston residence.
 5. Lake Thurmond is planning a Margaritaville Party Aug 29. More details to follow.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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6. September 16/17 is the Full Moon Raftout.
7. The ABC course members have been contacted with the hope to expand the active membership.
8. To comply with USPS guidelines there will be some small changes in the Pilot.

F. Education – P/C Chris Rose

The Partner in Command seminar at Cabelas was canceled due to lack of registrants. A Boat Handling seminar will be on Sat. Aug 20 at Cabelas. ABC classes will resume in September. New materials are needed. Would we get more student participation if the seminars were on a weeknight? It is worth a try.

G. Executive – Lt/Cdr Charles Guderian, S

1. Vessel safety checks are scheduled for August.

H. Secretary – Lt/Cdr Rosemary Stevenson, AP

Sunshine Committee – Lt/Cdr Guderian thanks the committee and others who sent condolences after the passing away of his mother, Gwen Guderian. A donation of \$50 was sent to MOW by the Auxiliary in honor of Barney Barnhill. The Secretary received a thank you letter from Meals on Wheels. Poinsett Pilot – Articles are due by the 20th.

From the Bridge –P/C Pete Stevenson, AP
Seminars – P/C Chris Rose
Safety – P/C Lynn Solesbee
Finger Lakes Cruise – Lt/Cdr Nioka Rose
Lake Murray cruise – P/C Bert Baxter
Wine and Cheese – P/C Bert Baxter
Kayaking on the Broad – Lt/Cdr Charles Guderian
Funny photo – Lt/Cdr Charles Guderian

I. Members at Large – no report.

IV. **Old Business** – no report

V. **New Business** - no report

VI. The **Aug 1** ExCom meeting will be at 18:30 at the **Augusta Rd. Library**.
(Sept & Oct will be at the Powdersville Library)

VII. Adjourned 19:45

Submitted by Lt/Cdr Rosemary Stevenson, AP



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