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It's Not Too Late

Change of Watch and Founder's Day

**14 March 2015
Saturday**

Jonathan's

534 Hooper Road, Endwell, N.Y.

Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

Cash Bar

\$30.00 Per Person - Tax and Tip Included

Various Appetizers

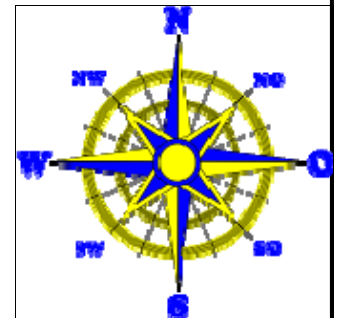
Entrées

Choice of Steak, Chicken Piccata, or Stuffed Flounder
Potato, Vegetables, Salad & Breads
Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Reservations: Linda Rought - 607/760-6388

Reservation/Cancellation Deadline - 5 March

Note: The restaurant will charge the squadron for the number of reservations made for our Founders Day event. Persons failing to cancel reservations prior to the deadline date will be expected to pay for their dinners.



March 17, 2015

Last Call for Roster Changes

A new roster will be printed immediately after Change of Watch to update our new bridge. Please review the current roster and send any changes or corrections to Jack Young at jyoung6@stny.rr.com or mail to Jack Young, 8 Schiller St., Binghamton, NY 13905.

Be especially watchful for cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, merit marks and boat names.



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Commander's Comments



This will be the last of my commander's comments. It marks the end of one chapter of my Power Squadron life and the beginning of a new one. I have accepted the position of District 6 Administrative Officer for the next two years and will continue to serve you in that capacity. The past two years as commander have been both satisfying and successful. I'd like to thank the membership and the Bridge for making that happen. Without you and all your good works it would not have been possible. We have held numerous education classes, both ABC-3 and Seamanship, as well as seminars. Many Vessel Safety Checks were completed. Booths have been set up and manned at Dick's Sporting events and JR's Marina. Members have attended District and National meetings. Publicity has been great on local television and various newspapers. The Sea Chest continues to be an award-winning publication. Our grant request from the USPS Education Fund for the Military Daughter Voyage has been approved. Making sure we had fun along the way, we have been very social attending several dinners, theater performances, rendezvous, and several other events.

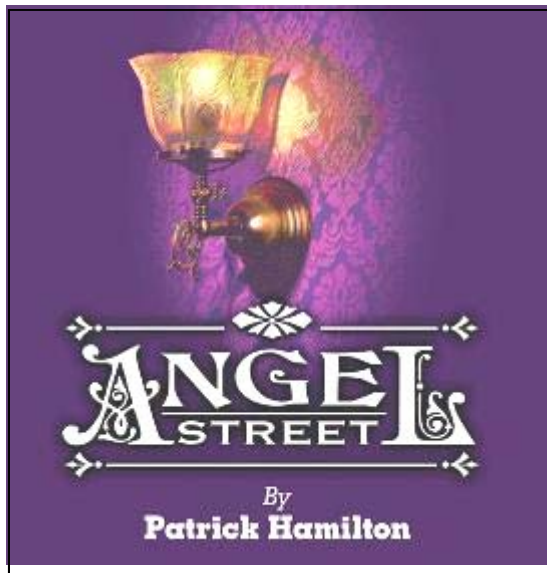
District 6 Council meeting is Saturday, March 21st at the August Mauer American Legion in Newark, NY from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Lunch is \$15. The American Heart Association will be doing a First Aid course for \$20. Let me know if you are interested in the course and I will make a reservation for you.

As you all must know by now, our squadron is hosting the District 6 Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton. The dates are April 17th through the 19th. We have worked hard to make it an interesting conference. Brunswick Corporation will be on hand to explain the Mercury Motor products as well as the Brunswick/USPS relationship. We'll also learn about the dangers and rescue techniques associated with low head dams from rescue workers who were there during the 1975 fatal incident in Binghamton. I encourage you all to take the opportunity to attend a district function right here in your own hometown. You will find a registration form for the meals in this newsletter.

It's been a wonderful experience as Commander and I wish David Olds and the new Bridge the best. With your cooperation they will be able to continue to reach the goals of our squadron. In the meantime, keep watching for Red Skies at Night.

Commander *Nancy Bieber, S*

CIDER MILL PLAYHOUSE



The Cider Mill Playhouse will perform their Dress Rehearsal of *Angel Street* on Wednesday, **March 11 at 7:30 P.M.** The play tells the story of the Manningham family who live on Angel Street in 19th Century London. All seems to be the essence of Victorian tranquility except that Mr. Manningham is slowly driving his genteel wife to the brink of craziness with his insinuating kindness that is really masking more sinister behavior. Scotland Yard suspects him to be a maniacal killer who committed murder fifteen years earlier in this very house. As the evidence unfolds, the author builds some brilliant, suspenseful sequences into the story. If you like mystery, you should be delighted with this play. Tickets are \$15 and if you let me know you will attend, I will pick them up for you and meet you in the lobby at 7:00 P.M.

18 March 2015
General
Membership
Meeting
Brothers 2
Endwell, NY
7:30 PM



On The Horizon

Susquenago Events

03/14/2015
 6:00 PM
 Cocktails
 7:00 PM
 Dinner

Change of Watch and
 Founders Day
 Jonathan's Restaurant
 Endwell, NY

03/18/2015
 Wednesday
 7:30 PM

General Membership Meeting
 Brothers 2
 Endwell, NY

District Events

03/21/2015

Spring Council
 Newark American Legion,
 200 E. Union St.
 Newark, NY

04/17-19/2015

Spring Conference
 Binghamton, NY

Explanation of Change of Watch and Founder's Day of Event

Change of Watch is the time when we change our bridge members. Traditionally the commander steps down and the remaining bridge members step up one position.

Founders Day celebrates the founding of our squadron. We were incorporated in June 1956. We will be 59 years old in June 2015. We are commemorating the anniversary at this event. Please join us if you can. I believe you'll really enjoy it.

Susquenago Class Schedule Spring 2015

Course	Start Date	Number of Sessions	Person Responsible/ Phone
Public Boating - 2	20 April 2015 25 April 2015 27 April 2015	Mon 7—9 PM Sat 9am—4 PM Mon 7—9 PM	Les Smith—797-7391
Seamanship	5 May 2015	5 Tuesdays 7—9 PM	Les Smith—797-7391 Dave Jurena—786-5739



**Discussion Notes from the February Meeting
February 18, 2015**

Note: An executive meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum, however discussions regarding Squadron business were conducted. Following are the various points of discussion.

Lt/C Ann Smith, S, as highest ranking officer called the group to order at 1907. She distributed the minutes of the January General Membership Meeting.

Lt/C Les Smith, AP, reported that the first of two (adult) ABC classes will begin on February 23rd for 5 consecutive Mondays. JoAnn Rohde will audit the class to get a better idea on how it is taught and how to adjust the ABC course she plans to teach to just children. Les also stated that \$20.00 has been collected for two certificates he had to reprint as replacements for previous ABC course students. The money will be given to the Treasurer at the next meeting.

D/Lt/C Bill Herrick, JN, announced that he has two students interested in Piloting and Advanced Piloting and plans to offer the classes to them.

P/C Bob Gould, AP, reported that the squadron membership stands at 67 members.

Membership Involvement:

It was restated that those interested in attending the dress rehearsal of "Angel Street" at the Cider Mill Playhouse on Wednesday, March 11th (7:30 p.m.) for \$15.00 should contact Nancy Bieber as soon as possible.

Nominating Committee: Les Smith announced that the offices have been filled except for the executive officer position. The OD2 form on DB2000 was submitted by February 12th (30 days before the change of watch on March 14th).

Old Business – There was a discussion on the program for the District 6 Spring Conference which will be hosted by our squadron at the Holiday Inn in downtown Binghamton the weekend of April 17th. The deadline for the room reservations is March 27th.

Ann Smith announced that per an email received by Commander Nancy Bieber, S, our request for Grant 219 for a \$1,500 sailing scholarship for a military daughter was approved. Nancy has notified Dawn Santamaria who runs the Tall Ship program.

New Business – There was discussion on putting together a summer seminar in Union Springs, NY that would cover boating on rivers, lakes and locks.

There was discussion on National trying to raise money for a marketing study on branding.

The change of watch will be held on March 14th at Jonathan's Restaurant.

The Spring Council Meeting will be held on March 21st at the American Legion in Newark, NY. Reservations are due by March 17th.

The discussions were adjourned at 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Smith, S, Secretary

Dockside Do's and Don'ts

Many times we simply get complacent at dockside and don't use our common sense. Following are a few tips that you should adhere to to make dockside boating safer and more pleasant for you and your dockside neighbors.



ALWAYS neatly coil or flemish excess line both on the dock and onboard. This not only looks more professional but can prevent someone from tripping over a loose line and falling. Guess who would be at fault if it were your line they tripped over?

ALWAYS turn off all AC breakers on board, then turn off the breaker and disconnect the power cord from the dock. You will see many people undo the power cord from the boat and then hand it to, or worse yet, carry it to the dock.

ALWAYS make sure you turn off all outside lights, instruments, and VHF radio. There is nothing more un-neighborly than a light shining on the boat in the next slip or the VHF blasting loudly while you are out for a late night at the local pub.

NEVER connect a dock water supply to the pressure side of the water system on your boat. Not even with a pressure-reducing valve. This is an invitation to sink your boat. All you need is for one of those hose clamps to quit, or a flexible section to rupture and there is an unlimited supply of water to fill your boat. Far better to fill your water tank periodically using a hose and using the onboard water pressure pump to supply your requirements. Now if there is an accident, no more water can come on the boat than was already there and you can't sink. Keeping your pressure pump working on a regular basis is also better for it. Nothing kills pumps quicker than being idle for long periods.

And while on the subject, **NEVER** have a water tank that overflows anywhere onboard. Plumb the overflow overboard or to a drain which always runs overboard because, sooner or later, you will go ashore and forget you left the hose filling the tank!

THE VACATION FROM H____

As I write this, I am in Myrtle Beach finishing up my vacation from H____! The first day we arrived, I broke a tooth right in half – crosswise. Then a couple days later I began itching. After three day of itching so bad I couldn't stand it anymore I went to an Urgent Care office only to be told that I had an allergic reaction to bed-bug bites. Ugh! Ron had the bites also, but no reaction. We were instructed that we had to launder everything cloth in our condo, even if it had been in a dresser or closet. We notified our condo owner who offered us a different condo in a different facility. After four hours of doing laundry we packed up everything and moved to the new condo arriving there about 10:30 PM and the lock code we were given did not open the door. We called the owner and she assured us it was the correct code, but we still couldn't get in. She called the maintenance person who advised her that she had changed it the last time she cleaned. So, we finally got in only to find out that it was a studio apartment all in one room. No stove, a dorm size refrigerator, not oceanfront, and the pool was three buildings away. After staying overnight, we called the owner once again and told her we could not stay there for a month. We repacked everything and moved one more time, finally getting a good fit for the balance of our vacation. The weather has been cold – many days not getting out of the 30's. But considering the weather in Broome County for the past month I guess that was a heat wave. Anyway, we have had a good time and are ready to come back and finalize our plans for the District 6 Spring conference.

Commander Nancy

A Special "Thank You"

To all who made inquiries and sent get well cards to me during my most recent medical problem "THANK YOU". Your concern and good wishes are very much appreciated.

I'm happy to say I do feel considerably better and expect a good recovery.

Jack Young

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