





SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT 20

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Running Lights

February 2020

You've each got a pizza my heart



**Member Dinner
Meeting**

**Saturday 6 PM
February 22nd**

**Gino's East
South Barrington**



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Excitement is in the air. The Spring Conference and Change of Watch for District 20 is happening the weekend of March 20-21. Skokie Valley is hosting it. We committed to this at our dinner meeting last May. Waukegan hosted the C&R and the Fall Conference last year. I felt we needed to step up and do the Spring Conference because few other squadrons in the district were able to handle it, we had the task in 2019, and the need was simply staring at us. The following conferences will be done by downstate Illinois squadrons.

I was warned to move early on planning the Spring Conference. Those months can go by all too quickly. I met with our District Commander Mary Merrell, Waukegan Commander Jesse Bowen, and the Holiday Inn staff in Elgin, IL to nail down the dates, get the prices, menus, room layouts and all other long term items done right away. In the time since, I got Rochelle Pennington to speak to our conference, Mike Ludtke asked for time to present the new On the Water Education program, and I kept the Holiday Inn updated on our plans.


Last week, I held a meeting at my house to get volunteers to take on assignments for the conference. Pat Antoni will chair the event. Jim Soyka will man the reception table. Dave and Sue Anthony will host our hospitality suite. Ron Zingler helped us decide on menu items. Others signed up for raffle prizes, table centerpieces, programs, and numerous other tasks. Pat Antoni, Mary Merrell, and I met with the Holiday Inn staff to order what we needed for rooms and catering, and Pat got a Trident Extra issue ready to distribute with all of the items that members in the district need to have for signing up, reserving hotel rooms, and selecting menu items. What makes Skokie Valley a great squadron is our membership that offers their time and energies to make this event happen.

The January dinner meeting at Palm Court in Arlington Heights was attended by 20 of us, we squeezed into a small room just barely able to fit us, but the food was great, the fellowship warmed up an otherwise cold day, and we got business done, especially scheduling our meeting to plan the District 20 Conference.

The February dinner meeting at Gino's East in South Barrington, IL is a nice casual, affordable, and fun experience. I hope many of you will join us. The Antoni's and I will be attending the USPS Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, and we will talk about it at our February dinner meeting.

The Change of Watch will be at Gusto Ristorante Italiano in Glenview, IL on April 18. We have a fine slate of Executive Committee members up for installation, pending their election at the February member meeting. Spoiler alert – they are the same people in the same positions as the current Executive Committee.

—Cdr. Rich Davidson, SN

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2019-2020 Bridge**

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Mark Your Calendar



February 2020

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
12	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
11-15	Tue-Sat	USPS Annual Meeting	Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
22	Sat	Member Dinner Meeting	Gino's East, South Barrington (page 9)
26	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling

March 2020

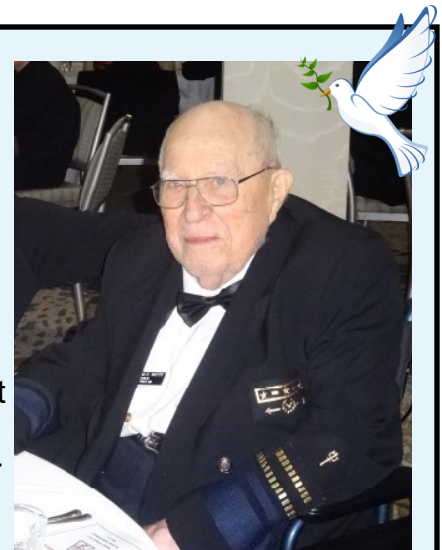
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20	Fri	March Member Meeting	Holiday Inn Elgin (page 4)
20-21	Fri-Sat	District 20 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn Elgin (page 4)
25	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square Wheeling

Congratulations to Ray Buellesbach, SN for 50 years of membership in United States Power Squadrons

Ray couldn't attend the January dinner meeting, but Commander Davidson recognized this lifelong accomplishment!



This week we lost our dear friend Bill Witty, SN. Bill joined USPS in 1982 and, with 36 merit marks, earned his life membership. Over the years, Bill has been very active at all levels of USPS, traveling to the District and National meetings. He most recently served as chair of our Rules Committee.



It was in Skokie Valley Power Squadron that Bill met his wife Natalie and her late husband George. After George passed away, Bill and Natalie remained friends. They eventually began dating and were married. That was almost 30 years ago!

I remember on one the first Lake Michigan cruises Frank and I attended in Saugatuck, we followed closely behind their "Love Knot", which shielded our runabout from the large waves.

Although they haven't owned the boat in a long time, Bill and Natalie continued to give much of their time, talents and treasure to furthering the mission of USPS. We have a lot of great memories of these events and will we miss you Bill.

We are hosting the
D2O Spring Conference and need your help!

GILIGAN'S
ISLAND

Castaway Party

March 20-21
Holiday Inn Elgin
495 Airport Rd, Elgin, IL

Looking for Volunteers

- Donate a raffle prize basket
- Bring a dish to share for the hospitality suite Friday night
- Welcome guests at registration on Friday night or Saturday morning
- Make friends in the breakfast room Saturday morning
- Help setup and decorate rooms
- Wear your new logo shirts!

Schedule of Events

Friday 20 March:

1500-1800	Registration
1845-1945	Council Meeting
1900-2230	Hospitality Suites



PARTY!
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Saturday 21 March:

0700-1000	Friendship Room
0800-0845	Education Meeting
0845-0930	Seminar: OTW components for courses; Jump Start; Hands-on training; Certification options & New training centers presented by P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN
0900-1100	Registration
0945-1200	Seminar: Wreck of the Christmas Tree Ship presented by Rochelle Pennington
1200-1300	Luncheon
1300-1330	Verification of Delegates
1330-1530	Spring Conference Meeting
1800-1900	Banquet cocktail hour—Conference Lobby
1900-2130	Banquet and Change of Watch
2130	Hospitality Suites

Dress Code:

Friday night:	Costume or casual
Saturday:	Uniform G (short sleeved shirt, no tie) or suitable business casual attire
Banquet	USPS dress uniform or suitable attire

Saturday morning, speaker and author Rochelle Pennington will share her spellbinding presentation about Captain Santa and the historic Christmas Tree Ship

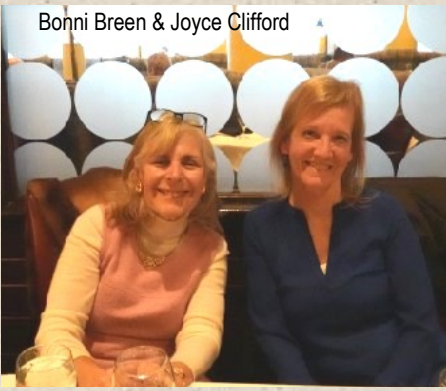
Which character are you?



Come dressed as your favorite castaway.

JANUARY DINNER MEETING

Bonni Breen & Joyce Clifford



Robbie Leighton & Joyce Clifford, Frank D'Amico, Ron Zingler



Cdr. Rich Davidson



Pat & Al Antoni



Richard Calfa & Joe Paldo



Caryl & Bud Lemke



Richard Davidson, with Jim & Mary Soyka



Karen & Frank D'Amico



Rich Barta with Gail & Don Sidman



Cdr. Rich Davidson



Marilyn & Richard Calfa





YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



Snow

Snow comprises individual ice crystals that grow while suspended in the atmosphere—usually within clouds—and then fall, accumulating on the ground where they undergo further changes. It consists of frozen crystalline water throughout its life cycle. Under suitable conditions, the ice crystals start to form in the atmosphere, increase to millimeter size, precipitate and accumulate on surfaces. Then they metamorphose in place, and ultimately melt, slide or sublimate away.



Snowflakes nucleate around particles in the atmosphere by attracting supercooled water droplets, which freeze in hexagonal-shaped crystals. Snowflakes take on a variety of shapes, basic among these are platelets, needles, columns and rime.

Snowstorms organize and develop by feeding on sources of atmospheric moisture and cold air. As snow accumulates into a snowpack, it may blow into drifts. Over time, accumulated snow metamorphoses, by sintering, sublimation and freeze-thaw.

Where the climate is cold enough for year-to-year accumulation, a glacier may form. Thank goodness we don't live there! Fortunately for us, snow typically melts seasonally, causing runoff into streams and rivers and recharging groundwater.

OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

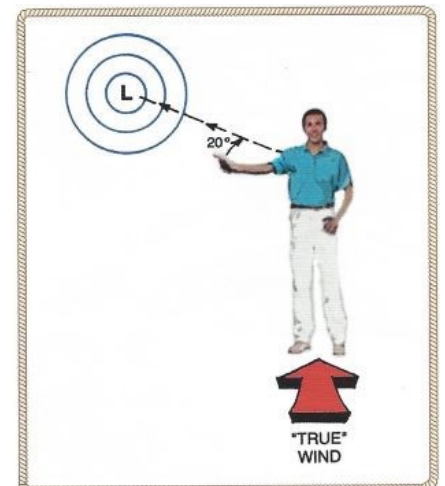
Snow in the Great Lakes region is classified as lake-effect snow and non-lake-effect snow. Lake-effect snow occurs due to increased precipitation, as storms pass over the lakes and gather more moisture in the air. The areas most impacted by the lake-effect snow are downwind, which is why often Indiana and Michigan get much more snowfall than Chicago.



Recently snow in the Great Lakes region has been changing. Snowstorms impacting the region have been decreasing, but around the lakes there is more snow during storms. Also, warmer weather fluctuations tend to melt the snow in between storms, so there is less snow coverage over winter. This also contributes to earlier snowmelt in the spring.

There is evidence that lake-effect snow is increasing around Lake Michigan and Superior and the areas that are impacted by lake-effect snow are growing. The decreasing ice coverage on the lakes plays a major role in this because lake-effect snow only occurs when the lakes are not completely frozen over. As the air temperatures increase, so does the lake temperature, which increases the surface area creating more precipitation.

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Buys Ballot's Law: While facing the true wind (northern hemisphere), the ____ of the storm will lie approx. 20° behind your outstretched arm.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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SVPS 2020 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
February 22nd Saturday	February Member Meeting	Gino's East South Barrington	Gail Sidman
February 11-15 Tue-Sat	USPS Annual Meeting	Sawgrass Marriott Resort Ponte Verde Beach, FL	USPS
March 20th Friday	March Member Meeting	Holiday Inn, Elgin, IL	Rich Davidson
March 20-21 Fri-Sat	District 20 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn, Elgin, IL	SVPS
April 18th Saturday	SVPS Change of Watch	Gusto Ristorante Italiano, Glenview, IL	Commander
May 2nd Saturday	Rowing Regatta	Crystal Lake	Gary Vinzant
May 16th Saturday	May Member Meeting	Reflections Restaurant, Lake Villa	Ron Zingler & Joe Paldo
June 13th Saturday	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby	North Point, IL	
June 13th Saturday	Sundowner	North Point, IL	Tony Palazzo, Sue & Dave Anthony
June 24th-28th Wed-Sun	Summerfest	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
July 9th Thursday	COSI (Children's Oncology Services) Boat Day	Southport Marina, WI	Ron Zingler
July 11th-19th Fri-Sun	Southern Lake Michigan Summer Cruise	South Haven, MI - St. Joseph, MI - Hammond, IN	Tony Palazzo
August 19th-31st Wed-Mon	13 Day Cruise to Alaska and Denali	Alaska	Ron Zingler
September 13th Sunday	September Member Meeting	Club Casa, Des Plaines, IL	Ron Zingler
September 26th Saturday	Hob Nob Sundowner	Racine, WI	Ron Zingler
October 18th Sunday	October Member Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
November 14th Saturday	Anniversary Dinner Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
December 13th Sunday	Commanders Holiday Party	TBD	Commander

Americas Boating Club Cruise to Southern Lake Michigan July 11th thru July 19th

It's still winter, but it's time to start planning for warm summer weather. The 2020 Lake Michigan Cruise is scheduled to start July 11th. If you are interested in joining our cruise, please call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586.

Our first port of call is **South Haven Municipal Marina Michigan**. http://www.southhaven.com/parks_and_recreation/marinas.php The charming harbor town of South Haven has long been a favorite spot for vacationers. Packed with wonderful restaurants and pubs, great shopping, museums, 2 vineyards, and unique art galleries, it is no surprise that South Haven has been a popular year round vacation destination for over 140 years. Did you know that South Haven is one of the blueberry capitals of the US? We will be too early for the annual National Blueberry Festival, but there is still plenty to enjoy around the area for some good old fashioned fun. Summers at the beach are great. This is a frequent stop for our group and a personal favorite for me. Slip Reservations can be made by calling 269-637-3171.



Our next stop is **West Basin Marina St Joe**. <https://sjcity.com/live-here/marina> West Basin Marina is located on the North Side of St Joe River. Getting to town on the south side of the river will require using their local Scuttle service to access the town of St. Joe. Lots to do in St. Joe. Wineries, Restaurants shopping all available. This is a new stop on for us. St. Joseph is a city in southwest Michigan. Along the lake, at the mouth of the St. Joseph River, sandy Silver Beach features a restored 1910 carousel and a pavilion. Near Tiscornia Park and its dune-backed beach, the 2 North Pier lighthouses date from the early 1900s. The Curious Kids' Museum offers hands-on exhibits, including a play veterinarian clinic, apple orchard and farm. Slip Reservations can be made by calling 269-983-5432.

Next stop, **Hammond Horseshoe Casino and Marina**. <https://hammondportauthority.com/hammond-marina/> After enjoying a day out on beautiful Lake Michigan, you can always enjoy a night of gaming excitement at the Horseshoe Casino. The newly remodeled Hammond Marina is just steps away from the Horseshoe Casino. There are over 900 slips of various sizes that can accommodate many types of vessels. For more information on slip rentals or any other questions about the marina, call (219) 659-7678.



Designated the first "Clean Marina" in the state of Indiana, Hammond Marina strives to be at the forefront of environmental conscientiousness. It's located in the Hammond Harbor Basin of Lake Michigan, just 12 nautical miles from downtown Chicago, and features recycling bins throughout the marina as well as a top-notch drainage system and boat wash-down station that keeps dirty water from flowing into the lake. Beyond the cleanliness of the marina, it's also fuel prices that attract customers. Anyone who boats in or around Chicago knows that gas prices are a bit higher than, say, in Indiana. Since Hammond Marina is located on the state line of Illinois and Indiana, it's able to offer Indiana fuel prices at a lower rate. Add into the mix the marina's extended hours and location, and it makes the perfect stop for boaters.

Tentative itinerary below based on weather and time permitting!

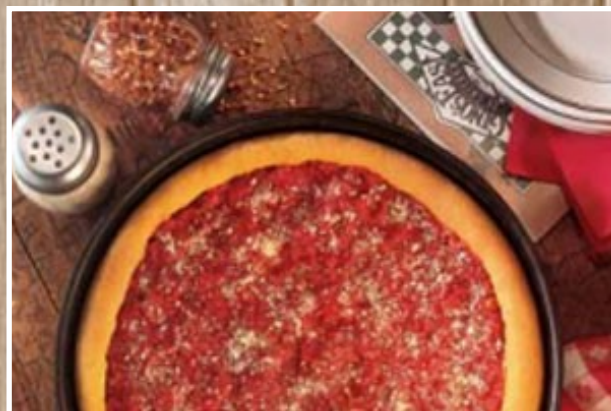
Date Leave	Port Leave	Port Arrive	Date Arrive	Miles
7/11/2020	Kenosha	South Haven	7/11/2020	85
7/14/2020	South Haven	St Joe	7/14/2020	25
7/17/2020	St Joe	Hammond	7/17/2020	60
7/19/2020	Hammond	Home Port	7/19/2020	65
			Total Miles	235

Everyone is welcome to attend our cruise by boat or driving. All of our ports can be followed by car. Preliminary Itinerary Weather permitting!!! Also we can make decisions on Itinerary as a group when we are traveling. Bring your own ideas and we can discuss as a group.



**February Dinner Meeting
Saturday, February 22, 2020
Opens at 6:00 PM**

**Gino's East South Barrington
45 S Barrington Rd
South Barrington, IL 60010**



**Cash bar
Dinner \$18 per person
In the Cedar Bay Room
Pizza, Salad, Soft Drinks and Cookies**

**RSVP to Gail Sidman by February 17th
847-726-7309 or g_sidman@hotmail.com**





Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron 2020 - 2021 Slate of Officers & Committees

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Elected Member	Sue Palazzo, P
Elected Member	Don Sidman, JN

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13-Day Cruise Alaska Denali Talkeetna Explorer—Southbound August 19-31, 2020

This 13 day land and sea cruise begins August 19th in Fairbanks, Alaska with a land tour of Denali. On August 24th cruise aboard the Norwegian Jewel from Seward, Alaska to Vancouver BC on August 31st. You can do the land and cruise or just the cruise.



Norwegian Cruise Line has been offering specials that include free unlimited beverage package, free specialty dining, \$50 per cabin shore excursion rebate, wifi and friends and family sail free. They are also offering reduced air fare (ex from O'Hare at \$199 round-trip). Previous Norwegian cruisers have been offered a 20% discount on the cruise portion.

Costs vary based on the options you choose. As an example, we booked a 13 day land tour plus cruise for a mini-suite on deck 11 including the 5 free offers, 20% cruise savings and \$199 airfare from O'Hare for 13 days at \$9500 for two people. This also includes all taxes, trip insurance and gratuity.

The following is a link to the NCL cruise itinerary or go to NCL.com.

[https://www.ncl.com/cruises/13-day-denali-talkeetna-explorer---southbound-cruisetour-SBJTALKEENTAJEWEL7SWDICYJNUSGYKTNVAN/Dates/\).remove\(\):\\$](https://www.ncl.com/cruises/13-day-denali-talkeetna-explorer---southbound-cruisetour-SBJTALKEENTAJEWEL7SWDICYJNUSGYKTNVAN/Dates/).remove():$)

If you are interested, the booking contact is Sharla Manglass at MEI Travel. SharlaM@mei-travel.com or 706.742.5358. Let her know that you are with Ron Zingler's group and she can group us together.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Ron Zingler 847.634.3806



February Anniversaries

Barbar O'Connell	1980	20 yrs
Dixie Widner	1983	38 yrs
Richard Elesh	1969	52 yrs
Ron Sieling	1968	53 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!
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