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2015 WSSPS Change of Watch



March 2015 WSSPS Bridge



In Memoriam

Past Commander Nolan Wayne Creekmore JN passed away Tuesday, February 17 in Lexington at his residence, surrounded by his family. Wayne was an avid boater and Life Member of Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron. He continually contributed by promoting boating safety and education, as well as camaraderie among fellow members.

Wayne was a member of First Presbyterian Church and former commander of the Winston-Salem and Fayetteville Sail and Power Squadrons. He was a Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and member of the Masonic Lodge in Panama Canal Zone and the Shriners. Wayne was also an amateur radio operator. Wayne enjoyed playing golf but was happiest when on the water in one of his many boats.

He will be missed and lovingly remembered by all his boating friends.



Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P



Monday night, March 2, the Bridge members and some Squadron members (17 total) meet at Bleuø Restaurant. The Food I had was great. I had a person to tell me their She Crab Soup was not too good. The meeting part was fairly quick as it was hard to communicate as it was a bit noisy. The most important thing discussed was the District 27 2015 COW and Spring Council Conference in Raleigh, NC, March 20-22. If you would like to see how D27 works and operates, this would be a chance for you. Go to this web site to check their schedule <http://www.uspsd27.org/calender.htm>. I think a few are going down for the day and maybe 2 for an overnight.

For me I have had enough of cold weather. I have 2 boats in my yard wanting warm weather. Joe Groganø boat is needing a little TLC to get boating this year. I have vowed to get started on my boat and get it back to itø former condition. It needs lots of work plus some remodeling, I am looking forward to getting started on both.

If you have any ideas for programs, meeting locations, or fund raisers, please let Joe Grogan or me know.

Wishing all Blue Skies and Fair Sailing,
Eddie Shinlever
Commander

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P



March has finally arrived and spring is just around the corner. It will soon be time to clean, wax and polish our boats for the summer season. Thoughts of blue seas, warm sunshine, and cool drinks will get us through these last days of winter. We are planning squadron cruises and raft ups. Stay tuned for the announcement of upcoming dates, and plan to enjoy these activities with your fellow boaters.

Due to inclement weather our February monthly membership was cancelled. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18th at Bleu Restaurant and Bar at 1800 hours. We will be playing "nautical style" bingo, so come prepared to laugh, have fun, and possibly be a prize winner! Hope to see you there.

Joe Grogan Lt/C



Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Well it's time again to put on the green shades, light a cigar, and pour some bourbon to get started on this month's article for the Crossed Anchors. I want you to get a mental picture of that okay.

It's been a sobering month with the loss of Wayne and I got a call on the 2nd of this month that another high school classmate has died. With an original count of 32 classmates that puts us down to 26 left.

As I looked around at our members at the bridge meeting on the 2nd I was also noticing a similar phenomenon. Like my classmates we are a very close group with our ties being thru boating as opposed to elementary education. Actually felt good.

Now for the lecture just like going to class. It WILL warm up again we are told. I looked at my last March article of 2014 and I had the same complaint: is it ever going to warm up? The people in Greensboro that write their newsletter "The Breeze" were expressing the same sentiment. That means though a number of you will be shoving off the dock to rekindle that boating feeling soon. That means you will pass landmarks, buoys, markers, etc. That also means you have a chance to check those items to see if they are in the right place or are they there at all. Yes, it's called co-op charting and you all did great last year. We helped provide 100% participation in the district and that doesn't always happen. I think more of our members could participate and make an even greater impact on ensuring our charts are correct. Don't forget marina surveys. I will get a list of coastal marinas that can be surveyed in the next month or so with their survey date that they can be checked. If you remember from last year I have a packet of information that I can e-mail you on guidelines on the various co-op procedures for doing surveys of all kinds. When you are ready call me at 817-0347 or e-mail me at wld122@aol.com and I will send it to you. In fact I may be so brazen as to send it to the membership whether you ask or not!! But don't be bashful in the meantime, harass me if you like!

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Feel free to contact any of the above if you have questions. Our meetings are always open to the public.

Please visit with us anytime.

Educational Officer *Lt. Kin Cartrette*

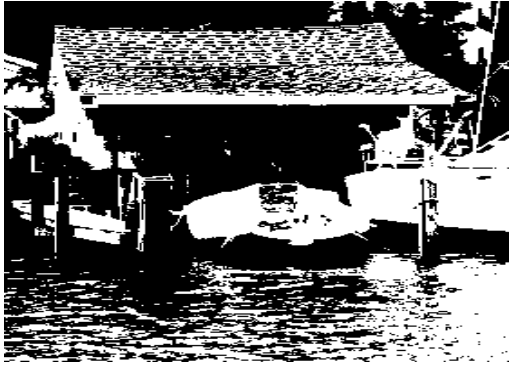


The Americas Boating Course ó 3 will be offered on Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The cost for the course is \$50 and includes a 6 month membership in the USPS/WSSPS. Please pass the word about these courses to boating friends! This is a great opportunity to educate the public on boating safety and spread the word about the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. We're also looking at offering a one day ABC-3 course this spring with a focus on high school age youth wanting to operate motorboats or PWCs. More detail coming on that as soon as we get this class scheduled.

The "How To Use a Chart" seminar originally scheduled for February 23rd has been rescheduled for March 23rd from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive in Winston Salem. This is also a two hour course covering the basics of reading chart symbols and some very basic piloting. Cost for this seminar is \$30 to cover a chart and training materials.

If you are planning to attend one of these courses, please let me know well ahead of time so that materials can be ordered ó it usually takes about two weeks for materials to come in. If you are interested in taking or teaching a squadron course please email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490. The USPS courses and seminars are excellent opportunities for increasing our knowledge and skills as boaters!!

See you on the water!
Kin



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

Farewell To A Past Commander, Boat Captain, Crew Member, Friend, and Mentor

Beneath the organic emotions about spirituality, themes of religion, faith, redemption, and forgiveness, the life of Wayne Creekmore was one that was surrounded by family, friends, and boaters. Wayne had a magical touch of just jumping in and fixing things that appears to be broken. His abilities to repair anything mechanical never prevented him from fixing other things as well. You see he never lived by the concept of "if it aint broken, don't fix it" as he was always a person who loved to tinker with things that caused motion. Mechanical motion and people motion.

One of the most striking experiences witnessed by a Past Commander was when he and his lovely wife of over 50 years joined the Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron after serving several years in Fayetteville as Commander and as an active member. For some reason he sensed that this Squadron in the land of Tobaccoville was in a slight jam looking for bridge members and a Commander. With his transfer into our Squadron some years ago it helped set the pace for new blood with new ideas and much needed help. This goes hand in hand with his ability to fix things. He wanted to fix this power squadron. But first he had to see how it was working and what was wrong before he stepped in again as a Commander.

Wayne started off with his application in fellowship which gave everyone a very comfortable feeling with his mild and non aggressive demeanor. Wayne had the charm of a gentleman and the ability to fit in with every situation. His sense of humor was one that found it very easy to poke fun at himself. One of those experiences was on a rendezvous in little Washington, NC when he fell into the Pamlico River from the dock trying to straddle himself while boarding another boat. He fell between several docked boats and came up looking a little embarrassed but with the dignity he always carried. He came up and out of the River still wearing his glasses and his comment was: I needed a shower and was too lazy to walk to the bath house.

This brings me to another aspect of Wayne's life. I like to call it the "Wayne Fix". As we find issues with our boats and the management of running a Squadron, we all discover that these little things are not as simple as many would believe them to be. Big boats that break down, organizing activities with the Squadron and trying to coordinate those public service offerings we need to do as a Squadron. Wayne had a character attribute that would calmly listen to your story and concerns. Your life's circumstances were now more important than his own. He had a knack of making you feel that way. He would always let you be you because he accepted you for who you were regardless of how funny sounding your Boston accent may be. After your discussion with Wayne, your step would be a little bit lighter, your burden a little less burdensome, and the song in your heart a little easier to hear. He has just given you a "Wayne fix".

Euripides a long time ago said: "when the good die, their goodness does not die with them". The late Leonard Nimoy stated: "life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had but not preserved, except in memory". We all have experienced the goodness that Wayne gave to this Squadron. And we will always have those memories of those perfect and not so perfect moments with Wayne. And when you have a bad day or when the hassles of the Squadron business catches up to you, let your mind wonder a few moments as you ponder your thoughts of a visit with Wayne. And just maybe, your step will be a little lighter, your burden a little less burdensome, and the song in your heart a little bit easier to hear. If this is what happened, you have been given another "Wayne fix".

Farewell my Brother. Rest easy. The course has been run. You are with our Father now. We will see you in time.

P/C Don Breault
"Liberty"

WSSPS: EXECUTIVE MEETING 02/02/2015

ATTENDING: Genny Frazier, Jim Frazier, Eddie Shinlever, Joe Grogan
KB Jennings, Debbie Mayfield, David Jackson, Bill Davis, George Ellis, Sheila Breault, Don Breault, Dawn Gaskill, Dennis Brigadier, Linda Brigadier

Meeting called to order at 1900 at the home of Jim and Genny Frazier.

Commander Shinlever opened with a discussion on upcoming meetings and verified the current listings in the calendar.

A discussion and vote brought up on the meals and cost to the Host and or Hostess.
KB Jennings made a motion to increase the requested payment of \$5 for the meal to \$10 per person.

After much discussion, KB Jennings restated the motion and it was seconded by Dennis Brigadier. Commander Shinlever called for the vote. Full agreement made for starting at the current February meeting.

It was suggested that at least every two months to publish Bridge decisions and discussions affecting the Squadron, be published in the newsletter.

George Ellis brought up the expenses for the COW. Discussions existed of either raising the charge to the members or having more fund raisers. No direct decisions or motions made pertaining to the cost issue.

Bill Davis passed out a list of members and requested these be review and updated online, or submitted to Debbie for update.

Joe Grogan requested help in creating events on the water to get members and possibly others to join the squadron in doing more outside activities.

A call for new business and old business.

KB Jennings discussed the issue with P/C Wayne Creekmore being ill and he would volunteer to be the assistant education officer. This will have to be submitted to National but a vote for a replacement by KB was passed.

A discussion of updating the WSSPS Facebook page was done and will be looked into further.

Meeting adjourned at 2100

Ship's Store

WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Men's: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

WSSPS license Plate

\$5 each

WSSPS coffee cups & can "huggies"

\$3 each or 2 for \$5

WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees

\$25 each

WSSPS Sweatshirt Medium

\$10 each

You can purchase at our Membership meeting or call Lt. Jim Frazier at (336) 998-6998.

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Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2015

DATE	EVENT
	2015
March 3, 10, 17, 31	The Americas Boating Course – 7-9p at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The cost for the course is \$50 and includes a 6 month membership in the USPS/WSSPS. Please pass the words to boating friends! Email Kin Cartrette at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-
March 18, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
March 20-22 2015	D/27 2015 Spring Council, Conference and Change of Watch is the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC. The telephone number is 919-872-2323. Ask for the District 27, United States Power Squadrons block to get the \$97 room rate.
March 23, 2015	“How To Use a Chart” seminar. 7-9p, New Hope Methodist Church, 5125 Shattalon Dr. W/S. Covers the basics of reading chart symbols and some very basic piloting. Cost for this seminar is \$30 to cover a chart and training materials. Email Kin Cartrette at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490.
April 6, 2015	Bridge Meeting - George Ellis
April 15, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
May 2015 TBA	John Tatum's Annual BBQ and Auction. BRIDGE Mtg prior to BBQ
June 1, 2015	Bridge Meeting - Bill Davis
June 17, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
June 12-14, 2015	D27 & D26 Rendevous, Little River
July 6, 2015	TBA
August 3, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
August 19, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
August 25-30, 2015	2015 Fall Governing Board - San Diego CA - 25 - 30 August 2015 – Manchester Grand Hyatt
Sept 14, 2015 TBA	Bridge Meeting - Tom/Cathy Loveless
October 5, 2015	Bridge Meeting - George Ellis
October 16-18, 2015	D/27 2015 Fall Council, Conference Charlotte, NC. Make early plans to attend.
October 21, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
November 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
November 18, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
Dec 2015 TBA	Bridge Meeting - Rocky Johnson tentatively