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Schmidt's Sausage Haus 240 East Kossuth Street — Columbus, Ohio 43206

Social Time 6 - 6:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Cost \$25 per person
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## **CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS**

#### **OCTOBER**

4 Tuesday November 2021 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due PENTA Conference - Kalahari Resort - Sandusky, OH 8-10 Fri-Sun Saturday District 29 Business Mtg – PENTA Conference, Kalahari – 9 am Dinner Event – Schmidt's Sausage Haus – 6 pm 14 Thursday

Executive Committee Meeting - 7 pm 26 Tuesday

31 Happy Halloween! Sunday

#### NOVEMBER

Monday December 2021 Galley Gossip Articles Due Monday Merit Mark Information Due to Bob Van der Wissel 1 Dinner Meeting - Place/Time TBA 4 Thursday 23 Tuesdav Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm 25 Thursday Happy Thanksgiving! 28 Sunday Happy Hannukkah!

#### **DECEMBER**

Saturday ABC Toledo Holiday Party – Location/Time TBA 5 Sunday ABC Fort Wayne Holiday Party - Location/Time TBA Monday January 2022 Galley Gossip Articles Due 6 ABC Central Ohio Holiday Party - Morgan House - Time TBA 10 Saturday ABC Sandusky / Port Clinton Holiday Party – Location/Time TBA 12 Sunday 25 Saturday Merry Christmas! Executive Committee Meeting - Clubhouse -7 pm Tuesday

#### 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF CENTRAL OHIO

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Can you believe that it is October already? I hope that you were able to take in some of the summer fun with boating trips. I want to thank all of those who worked to put together the funfilled water adventures for our club and other local clubs to enjoy. I know that I really enjoyed the Sandusky River trip. We all had a great time!

It is now that time of year: PENTA is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to fun events, educational events, and District meetings. This is a historic event for America's Boating Club as we welcome Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN, to Ohio and the PENTA



Conference. It will be a great place to meet and talk with her.

And it is also the time of year to start thinking about nominating individuals who "qualify" for the Bungle Jug and River Rat awards. Please submit your nominations to a member of the Bridge. I hope to see you all at our dinner events

and educational events in the coming months!

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER** Lt/C Bob Goelz, S



So, it is the end of the boating season or pretty close to it. Now we wax our boats, winterize them, and cover or store so the sun and weather does not damage the boat.

Suggestions that I have had success with include changing the oil each time I winterize; covering the boat



tires with tire covers so the sun does not dry rot the tires as much; and cleaning the mooring cover so the mildew and mold are kept to a minimum.

Loosen your tie downs if you store on a trailer so the tension is relaxed and reduce the wear and tear on them. Loosen your winch strap as well. If you have an older boat as we have, and you have an I/O, consider investing in Strut Keepers to help take the weight off your hydraulic struts. Some

folks cover the outdrive to help keep moisture and the elements at bay.

By the way, over the winter, we have several dinners coming up that will be announced in our monthly *Galley Gossip*. I want to share and thank our AO, Tiffany Francis, and her assistant for putting on a great program last Thursday at Mimi's of Polaris. We had 17 people attend. I presided over the dinner, and I was so pleased that all who came participated and shared stories, reasons for joining, and what they enjoy about out club. I would like to say welcome to our new members who joined us. It was fun and our meal was superb. Most certainly, one of the best programs I have had the pleasure to be a part of. Join us at the next dinner meeting!!



# **Upcoming District & National Events**

**USPS Annual Meeting** 

**D29 Fall Business Meeting** October 9, 2021 Kalahari Resort, Sandusky 9:00 am February 20-26, 2022 Ponte Vedra, FL

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C Tiffany Francis, S

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Hello all! I hope everyone's summer is wrapping up nicely. I know we have enjoyed ours. The club had its first dinner meeting last week at Mimi's and it was a great success. We had 18 people attend and everyone had a wonderful time. Of the eighteen attendees, three



were new members. Welcome David and Bob and Janet!

Mark your calendars! We are having the next

dinner meeting on October 14th from 6-9 pm at Schmidt's Sausage Haus. The cost will be \$25 per person, and we will be having prizes for costumes. Looking for attendance to be 45-50 people. More to follow in the next couple of weeks.



# EDUCATIONAL OFFICER Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN



When you read this the Engine Maintenance class should be well underway with Michael S. Hughes at the helm. We have six candidates signed up so far. I am sure this will be an interesting and entertaining class.

We had two other classes scheduled, Marine Communication and Advanced Marine Navigation (Advanced Piloting), but no one signed up for these classes.

However, on a positive note, Tracy Garrett has taken the lead in organizing and facilitating the America's Boating Course, offering perspective classes during November of this year and January and February of 2022. These will be one-day classes held on Saturday. The dates and times are to be determined.

Also, we are in the planning phase of scheduling classes for early next year. If you have a particular class that you would like to have scheduled, please let me know so it can be included.

I know I am preaching to the choir, so to speak, but you are never too old or too knowledgeable that you cannot learn something new. I challenge every member of America's Boating Club Central



Barbara Hupman Bob Van der Wissel



Ohio to take at least one seminar, one webinar, or one course (either online or virtual classroom) during the coming year. You never know, you may learn something. Spread the word about our exceptional educational program to your friends and neighbors.

I am still out of town and will not be back to Ohio until the end of September. Phil Osborne will be coordinating our educational efforts until my return. I am sure that all of you will give your support.

As Dick the weatherman would say "Keep your nose into the wind and your eye on the horizon" and be safe.

Until then: "Any way the wind blows...Doesn't really matter."



# Ohio River Trip Ripley, Ohio August 13 - 15, 2021

Some of us left home on Thursday and drove to Ripley Ohio to get a jump on the weekend. We

arrived at the Eagle Creek Marina to launch the boats and found the marina has a large campground with a large parking lot for vehicle and trailers. The launch ramp is wide enough for two boats to launch at the same time and they have a wash area to wash down the boats after putting them back on the trailer. There is an honor system of \$5.00 for launching and parking with a shelter house and a long dock on which to tie up.

Thursday evening, instead of cooking or going out for dinner, we all decided to

send out for pizzas. Everyone seemed to want the same items, so we ordered a 28" pizza, which was

more than 10 people could eat. It was awesome!

On Friday, after breakfast, we went downriver to Augusta, Kentucky, home of Rosemary Clooney, walked around town and visited some of the quaint shops; enjoyed great ice cream; and continued downriver

to the Captain Anthony Medahl Lock & Dam. We decided not to go through the lock and headed back upstream to the Ripley Boat Club, where we had a very good lunch. Their service was good; everyone was friendly. This is a great place to stop!

On Saturday, we went upriver to the Manchester Islands, dropped anchor, and enjoyed a refreshing swim. As the day wore on, several other boaters had the same idea and soon the beach was full of people and boats. On the way back to camp, a sea plane decided to take off and one of our jet skiers and another one of our boaters gave it a run for the money during takeoff.

On Sunday, we had a great breakfast and decided to go upstream in the no wake zone on



Eagle Creek for approximately 3 miles. The landscape and scenery were beautiful, and the birds were out in full force. After turning around, we decided to go back to Augusta, Kentucky to

finish off the remaining stores and have lunch at the Augusta Pub. If you ever stop in Augusta,

Kentucky, I highly recommend having lunch there. After lunch and visiting a few more stores, we headed back to the launch ramp to load and clean the boats for the drive home after one of the best weekends we have ever had.

We would all like to thank Tom & Tiffany Francis for

their great hospitality and for all they did to make this a memorable weekend.



### **LAST HORIZON**

**Joyce Hankle** – Member of Columbus Squadron and Wife of P/C Roger Hankle

**Patty Hall** – Member of Port Clinton Squadron and Wife of P/D/C William C. Hall

**Judy Roetgger** – Member of Lima Squadron and Wife of P/D/C Dennis Roettger

# June Nashville & Lake Barkley



**Downtown Nashville** 



A quick trip to Lake Barkley.

Passing the General Jackson Showboat.

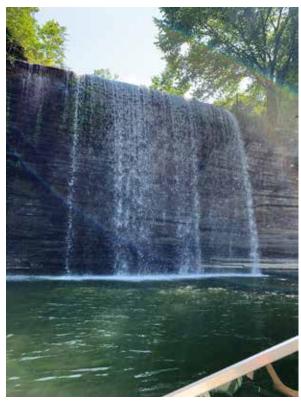
# July Lake Cumberland Rendezvous



**Beaver Creek Marina** 



Joe Huffman 76th Birthday!



**Cumberland Falls** 



Getting ready to go!

# Further Adventures of Aquatron

Monday, the 5th of July was a holiday for me and also my birthday, so I decided to do something I've been wanting to do for some time.... lock through the hand operated locks on the Muskingum

We put in just north of Zanesville at the Riverside Park launch ramp. We launched there and headed down stream toward Zanesville.

We soon went past Zane's landing where we saw the sternwheeler Lorena where it has been since 1972 giving rides up the Muskingum River.

There had been no other boats on the river that we had seen until a couple of pontoon boats sped past our slow-moving electric launch. As we continued south we passed under Interstate 70 and we were able to see the "Y" bridge ahead and the dam in front of it. I wouldn't want to approach the dam in poor lighting conditions as the drop off is difficult to see and there are only a few buoys warning of its proximity. No cable, no orange barrels keeping you from going over a 14-ft drop. We moved to the east shore of the river where a green buoy marked the navigation channel and entered into a canal that led to the locks. The canal is about 34 of a mile long and takes you under a railroad lift bridge, the "Y" bridge, US 40 drawbridge, a railroad swing bridge and the Sixth Street drawbridge. I doubt that any of these bridges have been lifted or swung in the last few decades.



The Lock Keeper's House

As you approach the locks you come to the historic lock keeper's house on the island that separates the canal from the river. There is a dock there where you can get out and explore the lock mechanisms close up.

I say "locks" because the Zanesville Lock #10 is the only double lock on the Muskingum. As I approached the locks, I signaled the lock keeper that I intended to lock through with one long and one short blast on the horn. He indicated it would be a short wait as the two pontoon boats that had passed me were locking through. I could have let him know I was approaching on channel 13 if I had had a marine radio on board. We had about a 20-minute wait and then the lock keeper appeared and began to open the gate with a large lever that he pushed round and round that turned a gear that opened the huge gates. The lock was completed in 1841 and is still operated with late 19th century hardware. As the gate opened, the lock keeper signaled me to move inside.

The lock is 36 ft x 184 ft and my little boat was swallowed up inside of it.



My boat was very small inside of the lock

We locked through by ourselves. It took about 12 minutes or so to drain the lock to the next level, about seven feet. Then it took a few more minutes for the lock keeper to open and close the doors and open the valves then another 12 or so minutes to lower the next seven feet in the second lock chamber. Then we were out on the river. We went upstream a little to look at the back side of the lock keepers house then turned down stream.

We headed toward Philo where in about 5 miles we would come across Uncle Johns Riverside Café which was recommended by the lockkeeper. The downriver current made going 5.5 mph practically effortless drawing only 15 amps on the batteries. The dock at the restaurant was long enough to accommodate three boats which was a good thing as two other boats pulled in right behind us. Fortunately there were stairs up the steep bank to where the restaurant sat on the other side of Old River Road.

We were glad to take the opportunity to stretch our legs and use the facilities then relax in the airconditioned comfort afforded by the café on that

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#### Further Adventures, continued



Lock Keeper opens the gates

90-degree afternoon. Melissa ordered the beer fries and I had the onion rings which were very good and we downed a couple of cold ones (diet pops).

We decided to head back up river and found it was a little tougher going. Pulling 35 amps on the batteries we were only making 3.98 mph against the current. In about an hour and 20 minutes we were back at the lock where I let loose one long and a short blast on the horn.

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Steve the lock keeper saw us and remembered that Melissa had wanted to come up top of the locks to take videos of Aquatron's passage, and he came down to the bank to help Melissa up the steep incline. As they got to the top another boat joined us. And it would soon get busy as two boats came to lock down. Another two boats radioed the lock keeper that they would be there in 10 minutes so we waited for them to arrive to lock through. So there would be four boats in the lower lock going up and two in the upper lock coming down which works out well making efficient use of the water.

The lock keeper opened the valve between the locks and it was quite the blast of water as 350,000 gallons or so came in over the next 10-12 minutes. I was up front in the lock a little closer to the rush of the incoming water than I would have liked. It was quite a struggle for a while holding the boat steady by holding on to the single cable on the lock wall.

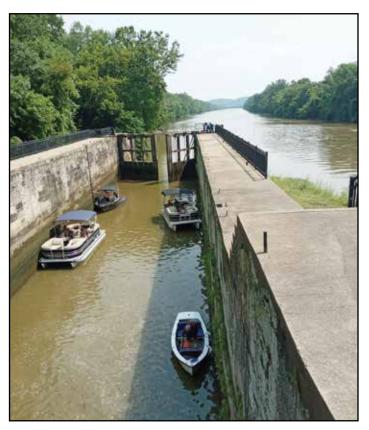
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As the two locks arrived at the same level, the gates were opened and I was the first to cross into the upper lock. Three boats on the left side

came through to the upper lock then the two from the upper lock took our place in the lower lock then the remaining two boats in the lower lock came through to the upper lock. It all went fairly smoothly as the lock keeper directed the traffic from above.

Then he closed the gates and we continued our ascent. I motioned for the other three boats to exit first as I was going to stop at the dock in front of the old lock keepers house to pick up Melissa. We cruised through the canal up to the dam and then on up the river to Riverside Park where we loaded the boat onto the trailer with only a little trouble as the wind was picking up a little and kept blowing the boat sideways.

But as Melissa eased the car forward up the ramp the boat ended up nice and straight on the trailer just as I had hoped. We headed south on Lewis Drive heading toward the freeway, and we stopped for the turn onto Hall Avenue. What to our wondering eyes should appear on the left but Funk's Ice Cream, where of course we made the small detour to stop and get one large waffle cone double-scoop of Death By Chocolate and one of Mint Chocolate Chip. I'll let you guess whose was whose. What a great way to end a wonderful birthday on the water.



Four Boats To Go Up You can see the Muskingum River heading south, downstream.

America's Boating Club of Central Ohio -Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 24 August 2021

## (These minutes will be approved at the September Executive Committee meeting.)

Cdr Sherri Haring, P, called the meeting to order at 19:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by X/O Bob Goelz, S. Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary, Lt/C Ron Hupman, S, found that a quorum was present. The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Sherri Haring, P; Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S; Administrative Officer Lt/C Tiffany Francis; Asst E/O P/C John Seaver, SN; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Treasurer Mari Seaver, S; Immediate Past Commandeer P/C Dick Sorensen, SN; Lt Sue Goelz, S; Lt Ralph Newman, N: P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; Lt Ruth Wilcox, S. Guests present: Lt Brian Crabbe; Tracy Garrett; P/C Michael S. Hughes; 1st/Lt Mary Rayburn, P (via remote). The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

#### Commander Sherri Haring, P

Cdr Haring reported on the upcoming PENTA meeting of five districts on October 8-10 at the Kalahari Resort, USPS Governing Board September 1-5 in Raleigh, NC, and USPS Annual Meeting February 20-26 in Ponte Vedra, FL.

#### Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S

No report

#### Education Officer Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN

Absent - assisting a friend in Florida. Phil Osborne is helping get fall classes going.

Asst E/O P/C John Seaver, SN

#### **Administrative Officer Lt/C Tiffany Francis**

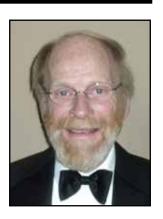
There will be a dinner meeting on September 9 at Mimi's Bistro & Café at 6 pm. She is working on several upcoming dinners including a Christmas Party at the Morgan House.

## Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S Asst. Sec. – 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P

All officers are asked to prepare written reports and email reports to **hupman1@att.net**.

## Treasurer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S

Mari reported on the expenses related to the bookkeeping firm we have been using and recommended that we no longer need them. There was a motion by Dick Sorensen that we terminate the relationship with the bookkeeping firm, 2nd Bob Goelz, passed unanimously.



## Immediate Past Commander, P/C Dick Sorensen, SN

No report

#### **Members at Large Reports**

Lt Sue Goelz, S - We have one new member

Lt Joe Huffman, P - Absent

Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP - Absent

Lt Glen Kubinski, AP - Absent.

Lt Ralph Newman, N - No report

P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN - Absent

P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN – Phil asked about the 50 year Merit Mark award for Bob Wells. Phil will try to contact Bob.

Lt Beth Perchuk, P - Absent

Lt Ruth Wilcox, S - Absent

#### **General Committees**

Nominating Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/C Dick Sorensen, SN: No report

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN;

Needs to be arranged.

**Rules Committee:** P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP – Absent

#### **Standing Committees**

**Finance Committee:** Lt/C Ron Hupman, S – No report

**Housing Committee:** 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P – Absent

**Planning Committee:** P/C David Canale, P; P/C Bill Lehner, SN – Absent

**Law Officer:** P/C David Canale, P – Absent **Merit Marks Committee:** P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP – Get merit mark info to Bob. Don't wait.



Property Officer: 1st/Lt Thomas Doyle, P, See

Housing

Sea Gals: Cdr Martha Beidel - Absent

#### **Special Committees**

Technical Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN –

Upgrades of laptops are underway

Social Media Committee: Lt Beth Perchuk -

Absent

**Investments Committee:** Lt/C Bob Goelz, S; P/V/C Joe Mesenburg, SN – Investments are doing well. Shifting some funds.

**Boat Shows:** P/C Dick Sorensen, SN -

Planning for next year.

**Marketing:** Lt Brian Crabbe – Brian discussed statistics from the website. There is good traffic but of short duration. Brian will get it set up for students to pay online.

**Roster:** Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent – Send updated info to Doug and he will update roster and National.

**Boating Activities:** P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN – Phil reported on the Sandusky River Cruise.

**ABC Class Committee:** Need Chair – Tracy Garret volunteered to run this if she has help.

**Vessel Safety Checks:** Lt John Pruitt, AP: Absent

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#### **Old Business**

The City of Columbus/US Geological Survey has approached the squadron about assistance with a water temperature sensor project. This was

Dave Ehrbar
Stephen Eichhorn
Jack Kuhn II
Douglas McCray
Mary Rayburn

tabled last month to get more information. Motion by John Seaver, 2nd Phil Osborne to sponsor this project for 2 years, passed.

#### **New Business:**

There is a new request from the Arch City Rowing Club for safety boxes. Motion by Bob Goelz, 2nd Dick Sorensen to spend up to a specified amount for this request.

#### **Comments from Guests**

None

#### **First Horizon**

None

#### **Last Horizon**

None

#### **Sick Bay**

Barbara Hupman, hip surgery

#### **Announcements:**

October Galley Gossip articles due September 13th

Next ECOM meeting is September 28, 2021

Meeting Adjourned: 20:53



Have you helped with our club activities this year? Any time you volunteered on behalf of the club from November 1, 2020 to October 15, 2021 can be included in your Merit Mark total hours. Please send your name with a list of the activities with which you assisted, and the time spent on each, to P/C Bob Van der Wissel at **rvanderw@columbus.rr.com**.

Deadline for submission is November 1, 2021. Don't be shy!! USPS is pleased to recognize your dedication. Get your list to Bob right away before you forget!



America's Boating Club of Central Ohio Lt/C Ron Hupman, S 8492 Cotter St. Lewis Center, OH 43035

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