

24th Bridge



Fall
Conference
Edition
2008

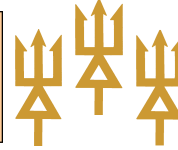
United States Power Squadrons

District 24



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Commander's Report Keith L. Williams, SN



What a terrific Summer Rendezvous! Don Cloyd and his Bluegrass Boys and Belles put on a spectacular weekend. In spite of threats of showers (per the National Weather Service) the climate could not have been much better. Not too hot and with a nice breeze most of the time. And the special events! The "not a boat" race provided a real test of members' ingenuity. Who'd have thought milk crates, coolers and boat fenders would



form the basis for such an armada? And Linda, next year we'll get you a much longer paddle. As an icebreaker, the "I've Got A Secret" game was second to none in my experience and the wet T-shirt contest really had several men strutting their stuff. Any thoughts about making it co-ed next year?

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a memorable time.

By the time you read this, the Fall Governing Board will have come and gone and information gathered there will no doubt form a major part of our discussions at our Fall Conference. As a result of action taken at the Summer Council, I did correspond with the National Secretary regarding the dissolution of the Salt Creek Squadron, and I fully expect that that matter will have been resolved at the Governing Board. I think it is safe to say that we are now a District of nine squadrons. Any of you who know individual members of Salt Creek are encouraged to be in touch with them to invite their continued participation in USPS, either as a member of your squadron or as unaffiliated members.

Membership continues to be our number one priority. Almost

certainly some of the proposals put forth at the Annual Meeting will have taken wing. To reiterate:

- Adopt a common dues structure nationwide to make marketing USPS easier.
- Allow internet sign-up for membership as an option for squadrons to buy into.
- Offer a full year's membership with the purchase of the squadron boating course.
- Strongly promote seminars as a means of attracting the unaffiliated boater.
- Encourage the use of a credit card "on file" to provide automatic renewals.
- Pay two or three years of dues at a time to protect against dues increases.
- Provide "gift" memberships to worthy individuals.

At the close of the Spring Conference last March, I asked my Bridge to "test market" these and other ideas with members of their squadrons and hopefully, your opinions on these issues are now known. We'll be sampling your thoughts at Clifty Falls.

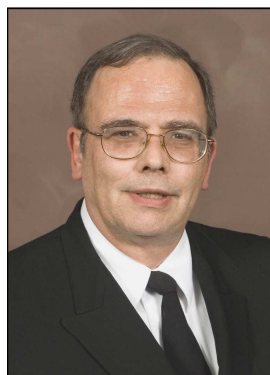
Don't forget to be sure your e-mail address is up-to-date. We continue to strive for paper-less communication in the interests of economy and expediency.

Commander Keith L. Williams, SN

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Fall Council and Conference** will be held at Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana Saturday, 15 November 2008 at 0930.

D/Lt/C Richard L. Remski AP , Secretary



**Chief Commander's
Representative
R/C Allan W. "Al" Lakin, SN**

R/C Allan W. "Al" Lakin, SN is a member of Valley Ho (CA) Power Squadron in District 13. He is a sustaining member with 15 merit marks. Al is a past commander of Valley Ho, past commander of D/13, and has served on many squadron, district, and national committees. He is chairman of the USPS Committee on Rules and continues to support his squadron as an Advanced Grades instructor.

Al learned to sail in his college physical education program. He joined USPS when planning the purchase of his first boat; sailing on the Pacific Ocean was going to be more demanding than sailing on a river basin. His other principal hobby is singing with a semi-professional chorale.

R/C Lakin grew up near Boston and moved to Los Angeles in 1975. He and his wife Sandra have two adult sons. Al graduated from M.I.T. with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in polymer engineering. He later completed a law degree at Loyola Marymount University and is licensed to practice law in California. Al worked in the aerospace industry until the mid 1990's, then consulted in manufacturing methods until joining the management staff of Lockwood Industries in 2002.

District 24 Fall Council and Conference 2008

14-16 November 2008

Clifty Inn, Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana

DISTRICT 24 – WELCOME TO CLIFTY – 'A FALL RETREAT'

The Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron is proud to host the 2008 District 24 Fall Council and Conference 14 – 16 November 2008. We welcome you to the Clifty Inn located in Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana. Clifty Falls State Park is one of Indiana's most picturesque parks providing scenes of geologic splendor with sheer cliffs and plunging waterfalls engulfed within a narrow valley overlooking the mighty Ohio River. As you travel to the Council and Conference we encourage

you to use the Park entrance off of Indiana State Road 56. This entrance is the closest to the Clifty Inn.



The Theme for our weekend is '**A Fall Retreat**'. To kick off the weekend the District 24 Hospitality Room will open approximately 1600 (4:00PM) Friday afternoon 14 November. Friday evening we will welcome you to the District 24 Fall Council and Conference 2008 by taking you back in time to a period of Southern Indiana history and the Underground Railroad. Our Storyteller, Sharon Kirk Clifton, will intrigue us as she portrays Abigail Gray in 'Living under the Drinking Gourd'. Prior to our Friday evening entertainment you are invited to join us for a picnic (prepared by the Inn). Weather permitting we will dine under a Fall Sky on the patio of the Clifty Inn. We will picnic 'indoors' if the weather is not in our favor. (*Note: Picnic cost is \$13 per person and NOT included in the Delegate Fee*) Also, weather permitting, we will have a fire going in the fire pit to roast marshmallows and make "s'mores", meet new friends, and rekindle old friendships. Saturday will begin with our 'early morning' meetings of the Squadron Commanders and Executive Officers, and the Squadrons' Educational Officers and Assistants. The rest of the day will be entwined with our District 24 Council and Conference Meeting for all members.

For our 'Non-Members Spouse/Guest' we offer an excursion on Saturday to The Historic Stream Cliff Herb Farm located in Commiskey, Indiana. Those in attendance will join new friends and old in the taking of nourishment at the Twigs & Sprigs Tearoom. You will have the opportunity to tour The Historic Stream Cliff Herb Farm and/or browse the Shops and Winery located on the property before returning to the Clifty Inn.

Late Saturday afternoon and evening we will see all back in the District 24 Hospitality Room followed by our evening Banquet (served Family Style) and program. Sunday you can enjoy the day to travel back to home base, tour Southern Indiana, or get lost along the banks of the mighty Ohio River.

*'See you in Madison' - P/D/C Guy E. Waddy and
P/D/C Damon C. Davis and Kay Co-Chairpersons.*

SQUADRON COMMANDERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS AND ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST MEETINGS

Saturday morning 15 November 2008 we will have our Squadron Commanders and Executive Officers Breakfast Meeting and our Squadron Educational Officers and Assistants Breakfast Meeting. Said Meetings will start at 0730 (7:30AM). We have arrangements with the Inn for those having breakfast to use the Breakfast Buffet in the Falls Restaurant. Pay for your meal at the Register in the Restaurant. You can pay cash, credit card, or charge to your room. Adjourn to your Meeting Room and have Breakfast there. **Beverages** will be served in the Meeting Rooms. Those not having Breakfast please be in the appropriate Meeting Room by the start of the Meeting. We will 'pass the hat' for a gratuity for the server assisting us with beverages. ***Please indicate on the Conference Registration Form your intentions as to attending the Saturday Early Morning Breakfast Meetings.***

District 24 Fall Council and Conference 2008
14-16 November 2008 - (tentative schedule can be revised)
Host: Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron

Friday:	1500-1900	Registration
	1600-1900	Hospitality Room open
	1900-2000	Picnic
	2000	Welcoming Program: Living under the Drinking Gourd
	?	Fire pit
	?	Hospitality Room reopen
Saturday:	0800-1000	Registration
	0730-0900	Commander/SEO Meetings
	0930	District Council
	0945	District Conference
	1000	Chief's Message
	1200	Lunch
	1330	Conference reconvenes
	1500	Conference conclusion
	1500-1800	Hospitality Room open
	1800	Banquet reception and entertainment
	1900-2000	Banquet
	2200-2300	Hospitality Room open
Saturday Non-Members Spouse/Guest Activity		
	1100	Meet in Lobby
	1200	Tour and/or browse the Shops and Winery of The Historic Stream Cliff Herb Farm, Commiskey, Indiana
	1300	Luncheon Twigs & Sprigs Tearoom, The Historic Stream Cliff Herb Farm, Commiskey, Indiana and time to complete your tour of the Farm and/or browsing of the Shops and Winery.
	1430	Return to the Clifty Inn
Sunday:	0830	District 24 Bridge Meeting

UNIFORM OF THE DAY:

Friday Evening Picnic:	Casual: Weather permitting we will picnic outdoors on the patio at the Inn. Inclement weather we will move picnic indoors
Friday Evening Welcoming Program:	Casual
Saturday Council & Conference:	Uniform "F", Blazer, or Suitable Attire
Saturday Non-Member: Spouse/Guest : Tour/Luncheon:	Casual: Luncheon – Twigs & Sprigs Tearoom, a tour of the Farm and/or browse the Shops and Winery – The Historic Stream Cliff Herb Farm, Commiskey, IN (Walking shoes preferred)
Saturday Evening Banquet	Uniform "A" with bow tie, or Suitable Dinner Attire

**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION — 14 - 16 November 2008**

RANK: _____ NAME: _____ GRADE _____

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SQUADRON: _____ GUEST: _____

Meals	Friday Picnic \$13	Saturday Member Lunch \$24	Saturday Guest Lunch \$24	Saturday Banquet \$42	Totals
Number					
Amount					\$ Enclosed

_____ **Designated Delegate** (\$66 conference fee paid by D/24 or local squadron)
If attending the Friday Night Picnic; send a check for \$13 per person
DELEGATES MUST REGISTER WITH THIS FORM

I will be attending: Commander/XO Saturday Morning meeting _____

I will be attending: SEO and Asst. SEO Saturday Morning meeting _____

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION AND FEE TO ARRIVE 31 October 2008
Make check payable to: D/24 Fall Conference

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO: P/R/C Robert D. Brand
11444 Pendleton Pike
Indianapolis, IN 46236-2996
Telephone: 317-823-0175
E-mail: rbrand@mibor.net

Hotel Reservations: CLIFTY INN; Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, IN 47250
Refer to D/24 Conference Group Code: #1114DC Phone: 877-925-4389
REGISTRATON DEADLINE: Wednesday 15 October 2008

Riverview Guest Rooms -- \$99.00 Riverview Suites - \$139.00
(Riverview Wing is elevator accessible to all floors)

Parkview Guest Rooms -- \$94.00 Parkview Suites -- \$134.00. Parkview Wing is not elevator accessible. Handicap accessible rooms are available.
All rooms rates are per night plus tax.

Note: The meal costs include not only the actual meal fees but all of the hotel costs for meeting room rentals, room set-ups, hospitality, etc.