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## *Upcoming Events*

Plan to attend a District 24 event and meet other D24 members. You will enjoy the social interaction and gain a better understanding of the work done by the United States Power Squadrans.

JULY 2001 DISTRICT 24 RENDEZVOUS AT CRAIGS CREEK  
29 JULY 2001 DISTRICT 24 SUMMER COUNCIL AT CRAIGS CREEK

18 AUGUST 2001 DISTRICT 24 EDUCATION SEMINAR

9-10 NOVEMBER 2001 DISTRICT 24 COUNCIL & CONFERENCE  
Host: Wabash Valley Power Squadron Place: Holiday Inn

9 FEBRUARY 2002 DISTRICT 24 WINTER COUNCIL  
Host: Louisville Power Squadron

15-16 MARCH 2002 DISTRICT 24 SPRING COUNCIL & CONFERENCE  
Host: Evansville Bend Power Squadron Place: Marriott Hotel

NOVEMBER 2002 DISTRICT 24 FALL COUNCIL & CONFERENCE  
Host: Kentucky Lake Power Squadron Place: To Be Announced

### **Hoosier Power Squadron Membership and Executive meeting**

As always, dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm  
Meetings are held at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria  
100 Byrd Way, Greenwood, IN

9 July, 2001

6 August, 2001

3 September, 2001

## The Commander's Moment

Cdr. Gwen Comer

On Saturday, June 16, the Summer Social was held in the lower shelter at the Eagle Creek Sailing Club. We would like to thank Paul Keenan and Elmer Blankenship for chairing this event. If you were unable to attend the picnic, you missed a good time. It was a beautiful day, with lots of good food and fellowship.

As a reminder, we have four additional social functions remaining for this Watch Year. They are:  
Mariners Steak Fry 4 October 2001  
Indianapolis Sailing Club

Christmas Gala 7 December 2001  
Omni North

Founder's Day 7 February 2002

Change of Watch 9 March 2002

Watch the *Cornfield Sailor* for more details about these upcoming events. In addition, all members will receive a call from our Human Resources Committee prior to the event, informing them about the social details.

Another recent activity was HPS participation in Safe Boating Week. Thanks to Executive Officer, Bob Lampi for preparing packets for distribution and organizing members to distribute them at the local ramps.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank Buddy Knight for preparing the roster and producing an up-to-date mailing list. This has been quite time consuming and I really appreciate all his efforts. Thanks, also, to the bridge and PC Bill McDonald for their input.

All members are encouraged to attend the monthly Executive Committee

Meetings. I look forward to seeing you there.

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## **BUCKPASSER'S** **CLUB**

By Lt/C Charles Hamm, AP, Secretary

Donations to the Buck Passers Club are used to defray some costs of publishing and mailing the *Cornfield Sailor*. Each donor will be listed in each issue of the *Sailor* for the current calendar year. If you wish, your contribution may express a memorial, an appreciation, or other form of recognition

CDR Comer wishes to thank all the contributors to the Buck Passers Club for your support!

Hal Atherly  
Elmer Blankenship  
Gwen Comer  
Damon Davis  
Ron Gacsko  
Mark & Cathy Genung\* \*(in  
Memory of P/C Paul D. Parke)  
Charles & Nedra Hamm  
Fred Hunn  
Gil Koppin  
Roy & Carol Romine  
Bill Tull  
Guy Waddy  
Katherine Waddy

Please mail donations to our  
Treasurer:

Lt/C Fred Hunn, AP,  
10716 Sand Key Circle  
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## HPS WEBSITE

Our Webmaster, Russ Wahlers, and his committee have created an excellent website for Hoosier Power Squadron. Russ welcomes any information we can give him. Especially handy is the "Announcements" page.

Log on to the site:  
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/hoosier> to check this out!! You can respond to Russ and give him information there.

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More Exec.Comm Meetings  
Mark your Calendar

1 October, 2001  
5 November, 2001  
3 December, 2001  
7 January, 2002  
4 February, 2002  
4 March, 2002

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## DISTRICT 24 RENDEZVOUS AND SUMMER COUNCIL

Hoosier Power Squadron is one of ten squadrons that make up District 24. There are a total of 33 districts in USPS. As with the Squadron and National levels, the District has meetings throughout the year. These meetings are open to all members of the District and members are encouraged to attend.

There are Summer and Winter Council meetings, which are the District's equivalent to the Squadron Executive Committee Meetings. The Summer Council meeting is historically held the last weekend of July at Dan's Marina, in Warsaw, KY. The Council meeting is on Sunday and is the same weekend as the District Rendezvous.

This year, it will be held July 27-29. Remember that the activities are for everyone in the squadron, not just officers! For those who have attended in the past,

you know that it is a very enjoyable and educational weekend.

Friday night will be the traditional fish fry. On Saturday, P/D/C Leroy Elwood will present a Co-op Charting Seminar and D/Lt/C Jack Banister will present a Vessel Safety Check Seminar. Also that day, our own P/Lt/C Ron Gacsko will again lead the Raft Race & Water Games. The D24 Bridge will include more details and Registration/Meal Reservation forms. The only food items we are asked to bring are desserts to share, for both Friday and Saturday dinners.

Hoosier's chore for the weekend will be clean up after dinner on Saturday, with Anderson Power Squadron.

Sunday morning at 10:00 (EDT) will be the Summer Council Meeting. We are looking forward to having a good representation of Hoosier at this event.

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## **WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!!!**

By Administrative Officer, Lt/C Elmer Blankenship, AP

Twenty-five HPS members and guests at the New Member/Summer Social enjoyed a nice breeze in the shade of the shelter and tall trees at Eagle Creek.

Membership Chairman Paul Keenan demonstrated his cooking skills. The burgers, hot dogs and sausages were great. Covered dishes provided by participants drew compliments and requests for recipes.

Commander Comer welcomed everyone, expressing her appreciation for their attendance. She acknowledged Dale & Laura Free and Jay & Ranita Clark, who are not new members,

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**Human Resource Committee**  
**By Chairperson Janet Gacsko**

The Human Resource Committee is in the process of updating our phone calling and e-mail list. We use this list to contact members to inform them in advance of upcoming squadron social events and activities. We need to hear from you if during the last calendar year you have changed your phone number, you have not been receiving information from our committee, or you have an e-mail address that is not listed in our current roster that you would like our committee to use. You may use the following mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address to send us your updated information.

Mail: Janet Gacsko 6235 N. Rural Indianapolis, Indiana 46220  
Phone: 317-257-8522  
E-Mail: [gacskoj@aol.com](mailto:gacskoj@aol.com)

As the Chairperson of the Human Resource Committee it is also my responsibility to send get well cards and sympathy cards, when appropriate, to squadron members and their families. It is not possible for me to always know when a squadron member is ill or has lost a loved one. Again, I would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have this kind of information so that I can be prompt in letting our squadron member know that they are in our thoughts.

Our committee thanks you for assisting us with this information and we hope that our efforts to keep members informed will encourage member participation in our many squadron activities.

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but were attending their first squadron social. They participated in the D24 Rendezvous last year.

Guests, recent Boating Class graduates, Lou and Pam Mango and their son Eric were also introduced by the Commander. Bridge members Bob Lampi, Joe Niesse and Elmer Blankenship discussed coming events and the opportunity for additional classes.

Past Commanders Guy Waddy, Ralph Walsh, and Don Holden also contributed to the discussion. Lou Chenette discussed "Celestial Navigation" and Roy and Carol Romine told how knowledge gained in Junior Navigation classes enabled them to maintain their course during an ocean trip when both their GPS's failed at the same time.

Paul Keenan and John Pankhurst took participants sailing on their boats.

The program at the August 6 Executive Meeting will be presented by P/C John Wuerz. P/C Ralph Walsh will give the October 1 program.