



# DELIGHTS

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## Delhigh Conducts Its Largest Ever Road Rally

P/C Richard Norris, JN

To those who didn't attend Delhigh's 14th Annual Road Rally, "Did you ever miss a great event!!" It truly was unsurpassed, both as a road rally and any recent Delhigh event.

Let's look at the stats... Twenty-five cars with two routes to accommodate them. Six D/5 squadrons were represented as well as members of the Corvette Club, Verizon, family members, friends, and the community, for a total of 84 people! The squadrons were Absecon Island, Annapolis, Delaware River, Delhigh, Kingsway, and Susquehanock. Also attending were District Commander Ralph Bernard and his wife, Nance.

Not only did 25 cars and 84 people participate, they all made it back, too!!! No lost cars forever roaming the back roads of the Lehigh Valley. And nobody got hauled off in an ambulance. Yup, every car and every person accounted for.

For having to feed such a motley crew, the Fogelsville Hotel did a wonderful job; prime rib and ham, mashed potatoes and stuffing, green beans and corn, plus a salad - and it was all done perfectly. It was served family style and it kept coming and coming. If anyone went away hungry, they must have dosed off!

I must say, scoring that many cars was a challenge. Heck, just figuring out their mileage was difficult. But while everyone waited for the scoring to be finished, D/Lt Joe Stemrich kept the crowd entertained selling raffle tickets and presenting raffle prizes.

At the end, the D/Lt/C Chris Brown team came in 1st; the Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss 2nd; and Cindy Ebner 3rd. Al Ponzio from Annapolis got the Consolation Prize. Raffle winners were 1st --- Megan Humphrey, Kingsway 2<sup>nd</sup> --- Megan Oberdoester, and 3<sup>rd</sup> --- Jim Ziegenfuss, Delhigh

Congrats to the winners and to all those who participated and enjoyed a fun day on dirt, gravel and back roads of the Lehigh Valley. And thanks to P/C Michael Lebeduik, III for putting together an outstanding 2009 Road Rally.

Don't miss it next year folks...



# 14TH ANNUAL ROAD RALLY PHOTO GALLERY



25 cars lined up and ready to go



Jim Ziegenfuss, Andy Petruska, Nance & Ralph Bernard



Dick Fuse, Carol Reilly, Betty Schmitt, Lee Fuse

**Additional photos on page 14**

## **Delhigh Garners Awards at District Event**

Delhigh Power Squadron was presented with five awards at the District 5 Fall Conference held at Rockville, Maryland on 6-8 November. With an emphasis on education and membership at this meeting, the competition for each award came among the 36 squadrons within the District.

Four of the awards were in the area of education, and were announced by District Education Officer D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN. Accepting each award on behalf of Delhigh and SEO Bob Hannabery, AP was Commander Jim Ziegenfuss, JN. Bob Hannabery, who directed Delhigh's Education Department to the accomplishments, was unable to attend the Conference this year.

### **Education Awards presented to Delhigh were:**

*"2009 Henry E. Sweet Award for Excellence in Education"*

*"District 5 Seamanship Award in memory of Kenneth G. Smith, SN"*



***D/C Ralph Bernard, AP, V/C Frank A Dvorak, SN and D/Lt Patricia Smith, S present Cdr Ziegenfuss, JN with The District 5 Seamanship Award in memory of Kenneth G. Smith, SN***

*"2008-09 Caravelle Trophy for Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place"*

*"2008-09 D-5 Commander's Trophy for Advanced Grades" – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place"*

The final award was announced by District Admin Officer D/Lt/C Bernie Karpers, SN for Membership Growth. Delhigh's Membership Chairman, who directed all recruiting and retention efforts this year, is Lt Joe Stemrich, Sr., P. Joe was also unable to attend this year's Conference. Cdr Ziegenfuss accepted this award on behalf of Lt Stemrich and the Squadron as well.

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**The Membership award was:**

*"Membership Growth Award – District 5" 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Tied with Rockville Power and Sail Squadron).*

"All of these awards recognize not only the dedicated leadership and hard work of Bob and Joe, but also the continued involvement of our membership", commented Ziegenfuss after the ceremony. "Today, and throughout the year, our squadron's hard work continues to showcase each accomplishment, of which we can all be proud."



Cdr Ziegenfuss, P/C Richard Norris, D/Lt Bea Norris and P/C Michael Lebeduik proudly display Education Awards.



P/C Michael Lebeduik III, P; D/Lt/C L. Chris Brown, JN and Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, JN

*Additional photos on page 13*



*Delhigh Holiday Party*  
2009

at  
*the Historic Hotel Bethlehem*

Saturday  
12 December 2009  
6:00 PM Cocktails

Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)

With a

**Domestic Cheese Display**  
(Domestic Cheeses from across America... including Vermont Cabot Cheddar)

**Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter**

**House Salad**

**Dinner choice:**

**Char-Grilled Churasca Steak**  
(Chili-rubbed and Char-grilled with a Roasted Tomato Sauce)

Or

**Chicken Marsala**  
(Breast of Chicken with Mushroom Marsala)

**Chef's Choice of Accompaniments w/ entrées**

**New York Style Cheesecake**

**Cafés Richard Coffee and Tea**

**\$42.50**

**Entertainment and Music provided by:**  
"Tiki" George Kelchner  
Pollyanna Gift Exchange: value \$10.00

**Delhigh Holiday Party  
2009  
Reservation Form**

Please respond by: December 2, 2009

We plan to attend the Holiday Party

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ Steak @ \$42.50  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken @ \$42.50

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron

Send to: Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss  
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**DELHIGH IS VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE  
A SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROJECT.**

This year, under the leadership of Don and Marilyn Ludwig, Delhigh selected a local family to help during the Holidays.....A Family in Need. Our Mission: Donate gifts so that they, too, can have a Merry Christmas, and find it easier to begin the New Year. Don and Marilyn plan to personally deliver all the gifts before Christmas.

Our Family:

Melissa (mom) - Age 28      Kayla-Age 13      Destiny - Age 10  
Juliana-Age 8      Leilani -Age 4

The younger girls all like dolls, games, toys, and books. The oldest daughter enjoys poetry and likes to write. Other gift suggestions might be gift certificates (Walmart, K-Mart, Boscov's, Kohls) so they could select what they need. No cash or checks, please.

If you could find a way to donate a gift (any value) for this cause, and deliver it to a Bridge member, or Don and Marilyn, Delhigh can help to make this Holiday just a little better for Our Family. Thanks to All.

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We will gladly receive your gift at the Holiday Party on December 12th.

**Delhigh Visits  
Blue Marsh Waters**

After several very successful Trailerboat Rendezvous at Lake Wallenpaupack, the Delhigh Trailerboat contingent planned a change this year and traveled to Berks County on 26 September to enjoy the waters of Blue Marsh Lake. "We planned a one day Rendezvous this year," explained Bob Rendish about the event, "and Blue Marsh made sense due to its proximity to the Valley". Plus, some of our members had not been there before. It was a good choice." Co-Chairman for this year's event were Bob Rendish and Ron Laudenslager.

Although the weather was overcast and threatening, most of the 21 attendees were ready for one last day on the water. Launching from the Drybrook launch area on the east end of the Army Corp of Engineers operated lake, a total of 5 boats and one PWC made the event. After several hours of cruising and sightseeing, the entire flotilla traveled "up the creek" for a good old fashion raft-up. Lunch, stories, and conversations filled the time. Although the rain held off through lunch, it's needless to say no one got sunburned while relaxing on their boats.

Toward late afternoon, each captain started heading for the ramp. One by one, they were on the trailers and planning for the last part of the day.....dinner at TJ's Food and Spirits in Kutztown. 14 of the attendees made dinner.

"Our '09 Rendezvous proved to be a lot of fun," commented Jim Ziegenfuss at the end of the day. "We boated with some new members, and personally, Minna and I had never been on Blue Marsh. Seems to be a great lake for an afternoon....with something for everyone."

Attending the event were Bob and Mark Rendish in their bowrider; Kathleen and Cyrus Nowroozani and sons Vincent and Oliver in their bowrider; Ron Laudenslager, Marlene Stofflet, Mike Lebeduik, and Ann Marie Kelly in Ron's 268 Sea Ray; Rich and Bea Norris traveling with daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Bill and granddaughter, Kelsey, in the Grube's brand new aluminum Bowrider; Gary Corcoran on his PWC; and Jim, Minna, and Eric Ziegenfuss in their 250 Sea Ray. Steve Ozga and Armando Ordnes were also guests in the Nowroozani's boat.

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2009 DELHIGH TRAILERBOAT RENDEZVOUS—BLUE MARSH LAKE

Added Commander Ziegenfuss after dinner: "Many thanks to Ron and Bob for organizing today's event. Trailer boating is a terrific way to see many of the lakes and waterways in our area, and this continues to be an active segment of our Squadron. We hope to plan more of these events in the future."



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**The Commander's Deck**

Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, JN

On 6-8 November 2009, Minna and I attended the D/5 Fall Council in Rockville, MD. It was indeed an honor to attend this event as the Commander of Delhigh, as our Squadron was recognized this year by USPS® for both excellence in Education and a growth in Membership. Receiving recognition from District is a real tribute to our Bridge, Chair People, and Members, and proves that the activities and programs that are undertaken each year are important. Thanks to all! For a little, land-locked Squadron, we continue to shine in District's eyes. Take pride in Delhigh, and most importantly, in your accomplishments.

As usual, by attending a District event, I learned more about USPS protocol and leadership than I knew before. I am happy to report that our District Bridge and staff are there to help us (really). Programs are now in place to improve our educational courses; help with membership recruiting; and announce and combine activities between Squadrons. On the operational side, USPS continues to support Vessel Safety Check inspections, co-operative charting efforts, and the new Boat Operator Certificate program. Many of these are (or can be) direct benefits to the Delhigh membership.

Over the past several months, National has launched and promoted the use of a new website: *Sailangle.com*. Sometime in 2010, Sailangle will become the primary link for all members to receive information about USPS, as National is planning to gradually eliminate direct mailings. So consider joining now. It's a free, private website reserved for our use, with tremendous communication and interactive capabilities. We've been assured it is safe and secure, and could become a tremendous tool for all Delhigh members once we're on line with it.

As a result of all of your involvement and support, Delhigh has had a very good year. We've added new members, successfully taught many courses, completed over 60 vessel safety checks, had members volunteer for both the Beltsville Lake Clean-up and the Blue Marsh Water Safety Festival, had three Rendezvous (Chesapeake, Jersey Shore, and Blue Marsh), saw our first Ironpigs game, and will celebrate the Holidays at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. We tried to keep membership meetings timely and informative, and even added interest to those monthly events with the Founder's Day Covered Dish, the Oktoberfest celebration, and a meeting at the Red Robin Restaurant. Well done!

It's now time to take a break and enjoy the Holidays. There will be no membership meeting in December, but we hope to see as many of you as possible at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem for our Holiday Party. Enjoy your families..... commute to each and every destination safely.....and stay healthy. See you in 2010.



SEO  
Lt/C Bob Hannabery, AP

Delhigh's Fall Piloting class concluded on 10 November 2009. Five students were issued their take-home exams to be completed and returned on 17 November. I will announce the names of our newest Pilots in the next issue. Thanks to Fran Montuori and Jim Ziegenfuss for teaching this class.

The winter boating class is scheduled to begin on Thursday 14 January 2010. This course will be held at Peters Marine in Allentown. Be sure to tell your boating friends about this course. Contact Ed Muschlitz ([boatingcourse@delhigh.org](mailto:boatingcourse@delhigh.org)) for more information.

Our next Advanced Grade class will be Advanced Piloting, beginning on 14 January 2010 at Holy Trinity. This all-new course continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart plotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, laptop computer software, etc.
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., "keep out" zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind and currents
- The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course
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Contact Bob Hannabery ([seo@delhigh.org](mailto:seo@delhigh.org)) for more information.

Our popular USPS Seminar series is scheduled to begin again after the New Year. Stay tuned for more information on specific seminars and dates.



SailAngle.com is a free, worldwide, safe public website that was launched in January 2009.

In August, USPS® began using SailAngle.com to communicate with members.

It takes less than a minute to join SailAngle.

- ◇ Start by going to the USPS® website
- ◇ Click on the SailAngle button
- ◇ Complete your profile and you're done

Members will automatically be added to a national, district and squadron group

Delhigh has its own webpage on SailAngle containing a calendar, photo album, member search and more.

There is a Help and Frequently Asked Questions feature along with Ask-A-Pro, Gourmet Galley and more!!

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT, ACTIVATE  
YOUR SAILANGLE ACCOUNT  
TODAY.**



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- RON LAUDENSLAGER
- JIM ZIEGENFUSS
- MICHAEL LEBEDUIK, III





### Vessel Safety Corner

Once again another year is winding down. Most the boats are being put to rest for the winter nap. Shrink wrap, winterized, equipment stowed, and all the final preparation to make opening in spring easier.

Now is a good time to take a close look at your “State and Federal Regulations, and Safety Items.” Review the list of items found on your ‘VSC Checklist’, given to you by your Vessel Safety Examiner upon completing the VSC.

Did you receive a Decal? Thank you for taking the time to be safe and be in compliance with State and Federal regulations. If you did not receive a Decal --- did you correct the item or items? You have a few months to get things ready for your Vessel Safety Check in spring so you can display your 2010 VSC Decal.

Here are a few statistics as of November 05, 2009, about the Vessel Safety Program and District 5 participation.

Total Vessel Safety Examiners: 232  
 Total VSC’s Passed: 2592

Be safe this winter

P/C Michael Lebeduik, III

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER

Mary Jane	Grande	9
Wm J.	Buchanan	18
Keith J.	Knoblach	18
Joseph F.	Marakovits	19
Ronald S.	Handwerk	20

### JANUARY

Slade	Cargill	1
David E.	Evans	7
Susan B.	Wheeler	14
Christopher C.	Koep	17
Robert T.	Hannabery	21
Joseph P.	Stemrich Jr.	21
Robert Joseph	Rendish	29
Kenneth John	Iwaszek	31

### Welcoming Our Newest “Member”

Most of you aren’t aware that P/D/C (Past-District-Commander) J. Brian Becker has joined Delhigh as an Associate member. Brian is currently commander of Patapsco River Squadron.

Associate members are those who wish to be a part of another squadron, without having to leave their primary squadron, Associate membership gives Brian all the rights and privileges of a regular membership, save voting rights. It’s a privilege having him join our ranks. Delhigh Power Squadron WELCOMES you, Brian!

It’s a good bet that most of our membership doesn’t know that we have another Associate member. Many of you know him because he’s so active in education. I’m talking about Fran Montuori! Fran’s a Life Member with over 25 merit marks. In Delhigh, Fran teaches and chairs Piloting and he and Diane attend our meetings and social events. The membership THANKS you, Fran!

Respectfully,  
 D/Lt Rich Norris, JN

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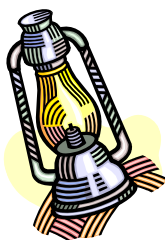
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## Swinging the Lamp

Ahoy,

I've been asked for some time to write articles for this fine publication. I felt compelled to complain that anything I write would only tarnish this elite periodical; complaining got me nowhere. So look for this column about the joys of boating in each upcoming issue.

About this time of year, those of us living in the northern half of this fine land must face the inevitable. For most boaters that means replacing the relaxing, stress relieving, fun on the water with the doldrums of getting our boats winter-ready.

No big deal, you say??? Sure, there are those who either sit by and watch, or have deep enough pockets to let the boatyard bandits do it for them. But the rest of us? We know the torturous task we face.

I can't speak for the rest of you, but I know that at the end of each year's winterization, I'd pay dearly to set my hands on just one of the engineers who design these torment chambers and squeeze the last breadth from these mindless idiots! I mean come on, they are either sadistic or four feet tall and weigh 90 pounds soaking wet. The places you need to get to requires you bend and twist your body into positions and directions we weren't built to perform. And forget about returning to normal upright. It takes days to weeks to heal our broken, disfigured bodies.

And let's not forget, while the expletives are flying from below, our First Mates are above packing, polishing and cleaning. Then, when finally you both collapse on the rear deck, here comes the dog (who has, between naps, watched the comings and goings), ready to romp and play.

When night finally comes, forget about your own romping and playing because you're so exhausted you're lucky to have enough energy to even sleep.

Not to be totally negative though, I'll leave you with the thought that spring comes along in a flash and once again, you'll be enjoying your floating (hopefully) money pit and another wonderful season of boating... Ah yes,

"Boating is fun, we'll show you how"...

Bye for now...



## ROSTER UPDATE FORM

Updating the Membership Roster is an ongoing process. If any information has changed, please complete this form and mail or e-mail the information to the Del-highlights editor. The changes will be published in the next issue as ROSTER UPDATES and will serve as notice to all Squadron Officers and Committees.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Merit Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Mate/Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## ROSTER UPDATE

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Jason Gaydos, P  
Delhigh Safety Officer

## Anchor Hang-Ups

Some of the happiest parts of boating are the things that happen when you're standing still: a quiet picnic in the lee of a remote islet or a splash ashore to an inviting beach. In all of those situations - or even if your boat is small enough that it can be driven or dragged onto dry land - you'll want to secure it with an anchor.

Of course, there can be other reasons for dropping the hook that may not be quite as much fun: an unexpected loss of power; a sudden change in weather; or the need to reorient after missing a turn in unfamiliar waters. Whatever the motive, anchoring is one of those deceptively simple exercises that can be a source of all the wrong kind of surprises.

For example, nothing identifies us as alumni of the School for Seagoing Simpletons quite as decisively as bending down at the skipper's signal to give the anchor the old heave-ho — and finding it is securely lashed to the deck. Or to toss it out with the appropriate elan, only to have it jerk to a stop a full foot above the water because of a kinked chain or knotted rode. (Crustier seadogs refer to the anchor line as a "rode," most likely to avoid being understood. This can be useful information for someone striving to recover lost face on the backlash of an embarrassing gaffe: "What fool fouled the rode? Shiver me timbers.") And then there's the boater who is so afraid of losing his anchor to thieves that he padlocks it in place and leaves the key in a cigar box under the work bench in his garage.

Here are some of the other common anchoring pit-falls, and some easy tips on how to avoid them.

The anchor, the rode or both can be tangled up with mooring lines, fishing equipment, even with ankles of passers-by. Keep it clear; the times you're going to need it are often spur-of-the-moment, and sometimes unforgiving.

The boat is moving backwards so fast the anchor sleds above the bottom, or if the hook has already taken a bite the rode is playing out too fast to be snubbed off. Use your sail or motor to move up on it.

Someone grabs a fast-moving anchor rode and loses skin. Anchor handling is one of the best reasons to wear gloves, which should be kept close to where they're needed.

The part of the anchor rode which is supposed to be attached to the boat - called the "bitter end" by those who speak the language - isn't, and it follows the anchor overboard (thence, possibly, the name.) This is another situation best corrected in advance.

The wind or tide shifts, and the swinging boat fouls on someone else's anchor rode or bangs into an adjacent vessel. One way to avoid this is to secure both bow and stern. Another is to use two bow anchors, one on either side of the boat; this won't stop the boat from turning around, but it can greatly reduce the scope of the swing.

The anchor won't set. The most common reason is that the scope is too short for a good parallel pull along the bottom. This is easily corrected by playing out more rode. Other possibilities are the wrong type or size of anchor, or mud, clay or weed (usually requiring clearance by hand) fouls the flukes.

The anchor sets, but the boat settles back into the wrong position. This is a common problem in wind or moving water, because the anchor always hits bottom in a different place from where you let go of it. Pull it back up, clean the flukes if needed, and on your next try allow for drift.

The anchor is set, the scope is right, the weather is fair, so you turn in for the night — and two hours later you realize the boat has stopped rocking. This can be for a number of reasons: the weather, the tide and the current are in perfect stasis; you are in the tractor beam of an alien orbiter; or - and this is far more

frequently the answer - you didn't check out tide charts or the depth for your anchorage, and now you're on the bottom. One way to find out which of the above pertains is to lie perfectly still and wait; unless the sea bed is very deep mud, you're going to start sliding to one side or another in your bunk as the boat heels over. A good time to drain the sink, flush the head, secure the dinner ware, and thank God for the fact that His tides flow in both directions twice every day. This is one case where there's no immediate need to check the anchor.

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## Membership Meeting & Activity Schedule

Please note the times and locations of the upcoming meetings and activities

### **December Membership Meeting**

No Meeting Scheduled

### **Holiday Party**

12 December 2009  
Historic Hotel Bethlehem  
1800

### **January, 2010 Membership Meeting**

6 January 2010  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1900

### **Membership Meeting / Founders Day Celebration**

3 February 2010  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1800

### **Atlantic City International Power Boat Show**

Atlantic City, NJ  
6 February 2010 (Sat)

### **March Membership Meeting**

3 March 2010  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1900

### **2010 Change of Watch**

Saturday  
13 March 2010  
Location/Time TBD



<http://www.usps.org/>

## Upcoming District and National Events

### **USPS Annual Meeting**

Coronado Springs Resort  
Orlando, FL  
1-6 February 2010

### **D-5 Spring Conference**

Clarion Hotel  
Ocean City, MD  
25-27 March 2010

### **NOAA CO-OP Charting Workshop**

Norfolk, VA  
April 30-May 2, 2010

### **2010 District-5 Cruise**

6-12 August  
*Destination:* Solomon's Island, MD

### **2010 District-5 Summer Council and Rendezvous**

Holiday Inn  
Solomon's Island, MD  
13-15 August



<http://www.uspsd5.org/>

# PHOTO GALLERY

## D / 5 FALL CONFERENCE



Delhigh's Contingent (taking picture—Mike Lebeduik)



Friday Night Meet and Greet—Hilton Lobby



Sourpuss and Broken Mast being authenticated



Friday night pizza



Chief Aides Dave & Nancy Bernard

# 14TH ANNUAL ROAD RALLY PHOTO GALLERY



Al and Marianne Ponzio of Annapolis Squadron



79 participants filled the restaurant for dinner



D/Lt Sternrich and raffle winner Carol Jenkins



Kingsway's Brad & Megan, Delhigh's Doug & Kathy, Friends Bill & Michelle, Delhigh's Joe & Camilla



Nikki checks to see that everyone made it back ok



Nance Bernard picks a winning number