

# **DELHIGHLIGHTS**



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See Mark 5 or D/5 website for agenda and reservation form for D/5 Fall Conference, 6-9 November 2008 at Solomons.

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## Delhigh's Annual Trailer Boaters' (and Others') Rendezvous

For the second consecutive year, Delhigh was treated with near perfect weather for the Trailer Boat Rendezvous held at Lake Wallenpaupack. Twenty-nine people made the trip on 20-21 September to the lake and Doc Tinsley's Wallenpaupack lakefront hide-a-way, and enjoyed a raft-up on the lake, beautiful sunset views, and an evening of camaraderie, food, and drink.

Boaters launched their boats from various launches around the lake, with most using the ramp at Lighthouse Marina on the eastern shore. Lighthouse is just ½ mile from Doc and Vickie's house, and made travel between the two convenient. The water was warm enough to swim in, but there were no takers during the two day outing.

After spending the day on the water, Commander Mike Lebeduik welcomed everyone to the 2008 Rendezvous, thanking everyone for coming. Bob Rendish, chairman for this event, acknowledged Bill and Vickie Tinsley for their generosity in hosting the dinner and activities, and also thanked Jim Ziegenfuss for his contributions and efforts in making the '08 Rendezvous successful. Bob also introduced the guests in attendance.

In addition to the Delhigh members and guests, there were several visitors from other squadrons who attended. They included District/5 Commander Brian Becker and his wife Gail; Kingsway Commander Jeff Stevens and his wife Kim; and Kingsway Admin Officer Bill Nelson and his wife Leslie.



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

1800:

1900:

2000:

Cost:

Social Hour

Covered Dish Dinner

\$5.00 per person

Business Meeting / Program

Delhigh will provide soft drinks, coffee, tea, and dessert



## Delhigh's Annual



#### Dinner / Business Meeting

1 October 2008

Holy Trinity Church

3rd Avenue, Bethlehem, PA

(Please bring an Octoberfest Entrée, Casserole, or Salad to share)

Call or e-mail to indicate your attendance:		Jim Ziegeni	tuss
		(610) 498-3	742
		ao@delhigh	.org
	(or)		
Reservation form:			
Name (s):			
Number of people attendi	ng:	x \$5.00	
I plan to bring an	_Entree	Casserole	Salad
To:	Jim Ziegenf	russ	
	5175 Depu	es Road	
	Bangor, PA	18013	

Checks payable to:

**Delhigh Power Squadron** 



#### PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE OPEN

# The 13th Annual Fall Road Rally Delhigh's Land Navigation Contest 15 November 2008



#### Rain or Shine

If you have never been on one of our Road Rallies, you have no idea what you have been missing.

#### This it is not a race!

It is a day spent with your family, a spouse, a friend, or a companion, for a drive on roads that you would probably never think to travel.

Please invite your friends. The more entries we have, the more enjoyable the day.

<u>The object is to follow the directions</u>, look for the pictures along the way (enclosed with the directions packet given at the start of the event), answer a few questions and just enjoy the day and the scenery.

It will start at the Coopersburg Diner, Route 309, Coopersburg, PA., 18036, phone number, (610)-282-1853, where we will meet for breakfast to get our instructions. (Breakfast is on your own or just be there before the starting time.) Breakfast will start at 9:00 A.M. instructions will start at 9:30 A.M. This year as you finish breakfast we will start you. PLEASE be at the diner by 9:30 A.M. First car out will start about 10:00 A.M.

(If you need directions please call or email: Michael Lebeduik, III – (610) 691-3348 or email: TJA.ML3@verizon.net)

It will end at a place to eat good food, have fun, and share good fellowship.

This year will be a buffet dinner and as usual, beverages ending the rally!

To help us keep cost down there will be a \$5.00 per car registration.

All of our past rallies have proven to be a world of fun, enjoyment, and a challenge for the driver and his partner, called the Navigator. Communication between driver and navigator is a plus. (Ask any anyone who has attended.)

It's simple. Follow the directions and enjoy.

<u>Please send in your reservation form by 10 November 2008</u>. If you decided at the last minute to attend please call Cdr Mike ASAP so I can make the adjustment with the final establishment.



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# Reservations Form Please return form by 10 Nov. 2008

# Of people attending:	
(Children <u>under</u> 10 years of age eat	free from children's menu)
# Of children <u>under</u> 10 years old: _	# Of cars participating:
Is this your first Delhigh Road Rally	? YES NO
(How many yrs.?)	
Your Phone #:	
Your Email Address:	
NAME (s) of individuals in car:	
<u>Menu</u>	<u>.</u>
Baked Ham (Served with an Orang	e and Pineapple Glaze)
Baked Ziti	Chef's Vegetable of the Day
Red Roasted Potato	Bread & Butter, Tossed Salad
Coffee, Tea, & Soda	Homemade Coffee Cake
(Alcoholic Beverage	s are on your own tab)
Number of people X \$15.00	= \$
Car Registration\$ 5.00	= \$
Total	<b>\$</b>
Send to:	
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Bethlehem,

PA 18020

Make checks payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron

COME AND ENJOY THE DAY!!!!



Email: TJA.ML3@verizon.net





#### **Delhigh's New Lottery Challenge**

Congratulations to the following August Winners:

George Jacobs

Keith Knoblach

Chris Brown

Gail Richards (twice)

Anne Marie Gallagher

Marie Carty

Minna Ziegenfuss

Katherine (Fuzzy) Jones

Glenn Rzechman

Michael Morin

Bert Leiterman (twice)

Thanks to everyone who participated!!!



#### **OCTOBER**

George Kelchner 10th

John Kudera 19th



#### **NOVEMBER**

Mark Cronin 5th

William Tinsley 10th

Sue Rush 14th

Patrick Flannery 16th

Randy Meisner 21st

George Jacobs 23rd

Howard Steckel 24th





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#### **Holiday Party Announced**

Lt Doug McKenzie has announced that the 2008 Delhigh Holiday Party will be held on 13 December 2008 at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. An invitation and reservation form will be mailed prior to this event, but highlights will include a cocktail hour starting at 1800, followed by dinner, a short meeting, entertainment, and of course, the Pollyanna gift exchange. Mark your calendar now, and plan to visit historic Bethlehem during one of the most beautiful times of the year, and join your Delhigh Squadron to cel-



#### VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

For 2008, Delhigh Vessel Safety Examiners have completed 40 VSC's as of this printing. Our Squadron Vessel Safety Examiners participate in a variety of areas, from two lakes in Pennsylvania, the Delaware River, Ocean County New Jersey, and a few

loyal boaters on the Chesapeake Bay.

*Examiners*: The boating season is soon coming to a close. You still have some time to complete a few more Vessel Safety Checks.

Please send your completed forms in to the VSC Chairman so we are able to bring our squadron records up to date. The deadline for all your VSC Forms to be turned in is 6 December 2008. Thank you for all you are doing to make this program a success.



# Commander's Corner



Greetings Crew,

Once again our members have taken Delhigh Squadron to new levels and once again I must say I am PROUD to be a part of this squadron.

Little did I know when our theme for this year, "Let's Make Delhigh Great in 2008" was presented, that we would accomplish new records for the year.

The opportunity to represent Delhigh at any event is an awesome feeling and this year at District Summer Council and Rendezvous was no exception.

The D/5 Southbound Cruise started with a raft-up in Fairlee Creek ending with a D/5 Rendezvous special event at Fort McHenry and the council meeting at Baltimore Marina, Inner Harbour, Baltimore, MD. Dundalk Squadron was the host squadron and did an excellent job.

The raising of the flag ceremony at Fort McHenry, the birthplace of the national anthem will always be an event I cherish. Delhigh members and members of other squadrons took part in the raising of a reproduction of the fifteen star, Star-Spangled Banner Flag.

Then off to the navigation contest, dinner, award presentation, and celebration. Sunday was the council meeting and departure for home.

The entire Delhigh bridge participated in the D/5 Rendezvous and Cruise. Our squadron was represented by 20 active and family members. I am also proud of the members who are involving their children. The young are our future. No matter how old we are, the involvement of the young always brings renewed life and smiles to everyone. We all need to remember to keep that "little kid" in us alive.

We keep demonstrating to the other squadrons, District and National, that Delhigh is a very viable squadron. The enthusiasm shown by more and more members participating in more and more events shows we are on the right path to succeed.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at future events. Come join us and share in the fun and fellowship. Share your experiences, renew old friendships, and meet new members

To Delhigh's membership, thank you for making this year awesome, and the year is only half over!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

### Cdr Michael Lebeduik III





# Educational Officer's Report Lt/C Bob Hannabery

The Boating Class was cancelled for lack of students.

The Seamanship class is looking like it will be cancelled as well with only two students signing up.

The Advanced Piloting class will start on 18 September with 7 students (5 regular and 2 current AP's auditing the new course)

# Administrative Officer's Report Lt/C Jim Ziegenfuss

Seems like I'm back in school again, although it's been......a long time since those days. Remember those youthful summers when we tried to pack everything we could into our time off, and then never seemed to accomplish everything we dreamed about during Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_'s English class. Just like then, this year just flew by. Boating and meetings and rendezvous'; friends, outings, and trips..... It seems like our squadron packed a lot of activities into the summer. And unfortunately for our '08 boating adventures, it's almost over, unless you plan to head south and extend your boating season in warmer climates. For those that can, ENJOY!

For a small squadron, we seem to keep our agenda full. And that's nothing new. Delhigh has always been active. It's a tribute to the strong leadership and member commitment Delhigh has had since its inception, nearly 50 years ago. Let's keep that going, and confirm that the foundation laid for us is still appreciated. Join us when you can. We'll try to keep things interesting, new, and exciting.

#### Some things to check out:

**Trailer Boat Rendezvous at Lake Wallenpaupack**: By the time this is printed, we'll have had the rendezvous. 20-21 September 2008 at Lake Wallenpaupack.

**OCTOBERFEST:** Our meeting on 1st October will be the annual Octoberfest event. The charge is \$5.00, and we're asking that you bring an "Octoberfest" themed dish to share. Look for the reservation form in this newsletter. Social hour starts at 1800. Dinner @ 1900. Delhigh will supply the soft drinks and dessert. Get a taste of the German celebration, in your own squadron.

**D/5 Sail Regatta at Rock Hall:** The D/5 2008 Sail Regatta and Fall festival will be held on Columbus Day Weekend, 10-13 October. Delhigh is the co-sponsor of this district event, with Chris and Ginny Brown serving on the event committee. If you still want to come, check out the reservation form in the Mark 5. Or call Chris Brown to get the details. This event promises to be packed with activities, and takes place in the historic town of Rock Hall at a prime time of the year.

Delhigh Road Rally: Here it comes. The one you've been waiting for, if your boat is stored for the winter, and you're just not ready to sit through another day of nonstop college football. It takes place on the 15 November, leaving from the Coopersburg Diner and headed to ???. Mike Lebeduik has finalized all the plans, and the reservation form is in this edition of Delhighlights. \$15.00 per person covers the cost of the dinner (breakfast on your own), and there will be a \$5.00 entrance fee for each car. We've extended the invitation to several other clubs, so we're looking for some great participation. Come and meet some new people, and enjoy the roads.

**D-5 Fall Conference:** 7-9 November 2008 at Solomon's Island. All squadron members are invited. Delhigh will have several members attending. Reservation form is in the District's <u>Mark 5</u> newsletter.

**Holiday Party:** 13 December at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. Save the date! Look for the reservation form in the mail.

Membership Meetings: 1 October: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bethlehem. Time-1800 – Octoberfest. 5 November, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Time -1900: 13 December: Holiday Party, Historic Hotel Bethlehem - No other meeting scheduled in December. 7 January 2009: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bethlehem. Time – 1900.

We always appreciate your interest, involvement, and help. Please give me a call if you have any questions on any of the above events, or Delhigh activities in general – Jim Ziegenfuss (610) 498-3742 (or) e-mail me at <a href="mailto:ao@Delhigh.org">ao@Delhigh.org</a> Thanks.





## OUR TRIP TO NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD IN DETROIT

#### FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE TO HOUSE

by Past Commanders Chris and Ginny Brown

By now you have read the fabulous full color special edition of the Delhighlights that detailed Delhigh's FUN participation in the D/5 Summer Cruise and Rendezvous held around and about Baltimore, Maryland, in July. Lt/C Jim Ziegenfuss's article about the frustrations of the person who is the navigator during the contest was OHH so typical of the days when Delhigh held its own memorable contests. On my boat, P/Lt/C Ludwig will quickly recall and attest to his uncomfortable conditions below while others enjoyed the ride above. All that work and the best we could do was place 2nd over and over again because of the skill and competence displayed by navigator Jim aboard the competition. But, in retrospect, it was fun; and likely, my team would have always been in 3<sup>rd</sup> place if Capt. Hannabery and KOKOMO had been around.

Well, to get back on track, we thought it would be appropriate to tell you a little about our travels to the National Governing Board held this year in Detroit, Michigan.

On Tuesday 2nd September, in six plus hours we went from our house in Allentown, PA to the Clifford's house in Doylestown, Ohio. P/C Dennis (1998) and Connie retired to Ohio in 2002, but have returned every year to share time with us at the Delhigh Summer Rendezvous and Cruise in June. When we got to Ohio, we thought we had traveled back in time at least 50 years. Doylestown is the small, picture perfect, quiet, tree-lined town with beautiful old homes, well maintained, with manicured yards. It appears to be a very proud town. You could walk to any place and know everybody, at any time of day or night, and do that safely. As many of you remember, when the Clifford's were ready to retire they gutted an older home they owned and had been renting and rebuilt to suit their needs. For months Connie drew and redrew various configurations and repeatedly asked the opinion of all of us in Delhigh. Well folks, their home is beautiful and their very large yard is gorgeously landscaped. Good thing they gave up boating, even though they live close to Lake Erie. They must spend hours and hours tending the property. Oh well, at least they don't have to scrub, change oil, wax and bottom paint. "Nuisance," their dog, is now blind and deaf, but is still as mean as ever. To top our wonderful evening with them, they took us to a local Amish restaurant, yes, Amish. We all ate enough to last us for a day or two and sampled TUMS for the rest of the night. In the morning Connie made breakfast, ves cooked, even though the sign over the stove reads , "THE ONLY REASON I HAVE A KITCHEN IS BECAUSE IT CAME WITH THE HOUSE." This is a placard that was a going away gift from P/C Rich and Bea Norris.

Around noon Wednesday, we left for Detroit, battled road construction on Rte 75 and prevailed, and checked into our room on the 68th floor of the Renaissance Center (which is part of the GM National Headquarters). We had a gorgeous view of the waterfront Detroit River (Great Lakes Seaway) and Windsor, Canada on the other side. And at times, we were looking down on wispy clouds. The hotel was beautiful but very hard to navigate since it is comprised of five towers connected by circular ramps and walkways and more circular ramps and walkways. Thankfully, their staff was the friendliest and most helpful group we've ever encountered and the hotel also furnished maps. From the hotel you could get on the "People Mover" for 50 cents and ride the elevated train all around town with stops at the Red Wings, Lions and Tigers sports arenas, business districts, arts district, casinos of Greektown and MGM Grand, Bricktown ( a restaurant district), and back to the Renaissance Center.

Thursday's activities included bridge meetings and closed door committee meetings, a visit to the Ship's Store and spending lots of time trying to figure out where you were and where you needed to be. Thursday night we enjoyed a delightful dinner cruise down the Detroit River. Perfect weather, nice live music, good food, and meeting and greeting fellow USPS members from both the US and Canada made a wonderful evening.

Friday, we attended meetings for the Executive and Administrative Departments, Membership Committee and DB 2000 and prepared for the D/5 cocktail party at which over 400 were invited. As usual, it was amazing how the aides can transform a suite full of furniture into an empty room with only a huge buffet table and a bar and a very few chairs for our senior members. Again, the aides also prepared wonderful food with only ice chests, crock pots, electric skillets and the contents of "Big Bertha"\* to work with for not only Friday but a another smaller group on Saturday.

Big Bertha – was originally, a trunk sized, heavy suitcase full of stuff you would normally find in your kitchen: knifes, spoons, spatulas, serving trays, bowls, and pitchers. It is now several plastic bins that are easier to handle thanks to P/D/C Kay Simpkins, who is the current Chief Aide and got tired of hauling the "Sucker" around.



Saturday is always conference day, all day, with only a lunch break. For the first time in the many years we have attended, the business of the conference was concluded by 12 noon. So we had a free afternoon to explore before getting the D/5 suite ready for the Saturday cocktail party prior to the Saturday night banquet. The banquet was a sit down dinner with a mystery theater for entertainment. The diners were involved and encouraged to solve who killed whomever.

Sunday morning we checked out of the hotel and headed for Grosse Point and a tour of another house, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate. It was a beautiful step back in time on Lake St. Clair. Sunday night we headed to Dearborn to visit the Ford Museum, Greenfield Village and the Rouge (Ford's premier manufacturing complex). The Ford museum was an oldies phenomena, with the largest steam engine for a train (there was no way you could get a picture of this totally) and planes and automobiles, the original aluminum dome home, 50's diners and gas stations and drive-in movies, the car in which Kennedy was assassinated, George Washington's camp bed, Rosa Henry Ford was an entrepreneur and into Parks' bus. everything. He put everything into his museums, but not replicas. He bought the real things and transported them to his museum or his village. Greenfield was a visit back in time to a village encompassing homes and workplaces of famous people who were friends of the Ford family, like Thomas Edison. Transportation around town was horse and buggy, antique buses, and Model T's. You could visit farms with animals and women cooking in a pot or skillet in the fireplace and making varn from their sheep, weavers grist mills, saw mills, glass makers, electric generating stations, train roundtables just to name a few, and all functioning from the good old days. The "ROUGE" was the real world, a manufacturing plant converted to a green environment with grass growing on the factory roof. Because of the poor economy, we did not see any F150 pickups being assembled on the manufacturing floor, but the views of the robotic facilities were fascinating. IMAX style movies showed the real thing, along with the history of the union and management rivalry experienced at this site years ago. After 2 days of 9 to 5 walking, gawking and seeing fantastic exhibits, displays and historic memorabilia, we were tired but very glad we spent the time to do them. It will definitely be a long lasting memory, and we encourage you to visit this area if you get the opportunity in the future. National voted to return in 5 years.

Wednesday we drove the nine hours back to Pennsylvania and to our last home, the Fontana's, in Phillipsburg for the Delhigh picnic. What a delightful, beautiful home they have created. If you weren't there you missed a wonderful evening in a member's home. Thank you Russ and Amy for hosting Delhigh and letting us enjoy another home on our nine day journey. Although Abigail and Anthony asked us to stay in their bedroom pirate ship and castle, we thought it about time to move along to our little shack on Club Drive.

We hope you enjoyed our little tale of travel. In the next two years or so we are going to Anaheim, St. Louis, Seattle, and Orlando (2X's) for National meetings. Maybe you can join us for some of these coming events and sample the fun and new inter-relationships that USPS offers its members and the side trips to enjoy (as long as you are in the same neck of the woods.) No matter what, the next two years will be quite a ride. We hope you will enjoy it with us as much as you can.





Many thanks to Russ and Amy Fontana for hosting Delhigh's Annual Summer Picnic at their home in Phillipsburg.

Although it was too cold for the "old folks" to swim in the pool, the youngest generation (Anthony) enjoyed it immensely!!

Good food, great people and lots of laughter made this year's picnic another successful Delhigh event!



#### Membership Meeting Schedule

Please note the times and locations of the upcoming membership meetings.

#### **October Meeting**

Wednesday, 1 October 2008

1800 – Starts Social Hour

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Bethlehem, PA

(It's Octoberfest at Delhigh)

#### **November Meeting**

Wednesday, 5 November 2008

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Bethlehem, PA

1900

#### **December Meeting**

(No Official Wednesday Meeting)

Holiday Party

13 December 2008

Historic Hotel Bethlehem

1800 Cocktails

#### January, 2009 Meeting

Wednesday, 7 January 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
1900

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