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Delhigh Celebrates in the Christmas City

Although there were tens of thousands of people visiting Bethlehem on 13 December, only 34 lucky Delhigh members got to enjoy the annual Holiday Party inside the beautiful Historic Hotel Bethlehem. And enjoy they did. From the holiday decorations adorning the Lehigh Room, to the views of the city and lobby, to the festive music provided by George Kelchner, the spirit of celebration was alive and well all night long.

This year, hors d'oeuvres and beverages were served on the balcony overlooking the main lobby, which gave guests a chance to move from the Lehigh Room to the overlook throughout the cocktail hour. At 1915, Commander Mike Lebeduik welcomed our members, along with Past District Commander Bill McManimen and his guest, Edie Wall, to the dinner. After the invocation by Jim Ziegenfuss, dinner was served, with "Tiki" George rolling out continuous Christmas music for the members.

Immediately following dinner, in anticipation of the now annual (and famous) Karaoke sing-a-long, George and Kathie Kelchner distributed notebooks full of music from which tables selected their presentation songs; group performances planned for later in the evening. Before the Pollyanna gift exchange commenced, the group played a game to answer movie and TV trivia. This exercise challenged even the most ardent movie buffs and got all the guests primed for more interaction. During the gift exchange, it was evident that a great deal of thought had gone into purchasing and wrapping each gift, as there was everything from cookware to candles to wine. And while the party was not intended to profile the group in any way, the gifts most sought after.....taken.....taken back...and then traded for.....were candyand bottles with corks. With nicely wrapped bottles coming in #1.

Bill McManimen, a member of the Pennsway Squadron and Past District Commander, spoke briefly about membership and education, and delivered Holiday wishes from District Headquarters to Delhigh. Then, in the spirit of Christmas, each table got a chance to "perform" their favorite songs. Each one sounded great. Following the group performances, several daring souls entertained us with duets and trios. And before the evening was over, Rich Norris once again treated the group to a beautiful rendition of the Alan Jackson solo...."Remember When".

By the end of the evening, it was evident from looking down on Main Street that most of the Christmas City visitors had gone home. And so, after a very busy and enjoyable night in the heart of it all, the Delhigh membership headed home too. Of course, still humming their favorite Christmas tunes, smiling, and armed with memories of an enjoyable evening with friends.

Delhigh Photo Gallery

2008 Holiday Party





DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON
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2009 Change-of-Watch

at

the Lehigh Valley Hotel Conference Center

Best Western

Rt. 512 and Rt. 22

Saturday, 14 March , 2009

1300

Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Luncheon Menu

Tossed Garden Salad

Baked Herb Chicken Breast

(Boneless Breast of Chicken, baked & topped with fresh herb supreme sauce)

Or

Braised Short Ribs of Beef

(Served with a Sweet and Spicy Molasses Sauce)

Vegetable Accompaniments

(Chef's Choice)

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Coffee and Tea

\$27.50 per person



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Change-of-Watch

14 March, 2009

Reservation Form

We plan to attend the 2009 Change of Watch:

Names: _____

Dinner Choices:

____ Braised Short Ribs of Beef @ \$27.50

____ Baked Herb Chicken Breast @ \$27.50

Total Enclosed: _____

(Checks payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron)

Send to: Lt/C Jim Ziegenfuss
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Please respond by: 6 March, 2009



Founder's Day Celebration
Spaghetti Dinner
 &
Membership Meeting

Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

When: Wednesday, 4 February, 2009

Time: Social: 1800 - Dinner: 1900

Covered Dish items suggested:

Bread and Butter

Salad

Spaghetti Sauce / Meat balls, etc.

Any other baked pasta dish

Dessert

Delhigh will supply the pasta (cooked there) and drinks.

Cost: \$2.00 / person

E-mail/Call Jim Ziegenfuss with the item you'd like to bring and number attending by Feb. 1st. (so we don't have too many duplicates)

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
 BRIDGE FOR 2009-2010

As provided in our by-laws, the Nominating Committee presents for your consideration our slate of officers for the elected positions for 2009-2010 as follows:

COMMANDER: Jim Ziegenfuss, JN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Russell Fontana, P
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER: Bob Hannabery, AP
ASST. EDUCATIONAL OFFICER: Jeanette Meisner, P
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
ASST. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Tom Oberdoester
SECRETARY: Virginia Brown, P
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:
TREASURER:
ASSISTANT TREASURER:

The following people will serve on the following committees for 2009-2010:

NOMINATING AND MERIT MARK Chr: P/C Michael Lebeduik, P
 P/C Jeanette Meisner, P
 P/C Bob Rendish, P

BUDGET AND AUDIT Chr: P/C Jeanette Meisner, P
 P/C Bob Rendish, P
 P/C Rich Norris, JN

RULES Chr: P/C Bob Rendish, P
 P/C Rich Norris, JN
 P/C Brent Rhoads, SN

PLANNING Chr: P/C Rich Norris, JN
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 P/C Bob Rendish, P

The following people have agreed to serve on the Executive Committee for 2009-2010.

P/C Michael Lebeduik, P
 P/C Jeanette Meisner, P
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 P/C Bob Rendish, P
 P/C Rich Norris, JN
 Lt Randy Meisner, P
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 Lt Edward Muschlitz, SN
 Lt Ron Laudenslager, AP
 P/C Chris Brown, JN
 P/C Brent Rhoads, SN

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Robert Rendish, P
 Chairman Nominating Committee



Commander's Corner



Greetings Delhigh Crew:

This is my last message to you as your commander for the 2008/2009 watch. The past eleven months have been an incredible journey. It is hard to believe the Change-of-Watch is a few weeks away. I am looking forward to what is in store for Delhigh Squadron in 2009/2010.

I hope you have already marked the date of Saturday, 14 March 2009, on your calendar to attend the ceremonial tradition of the old Bridge leaving office and the new Bridge taking command to guide the squadron through another year.

There are so many individuals in our squadron and in other squadrons to whom I owe a special thanks for making the past year a complete success. I would like to thank our D/5 Representative, P/D/C William J. McManimen, N and his lovely lady, Edie, for attending our Holiday Party. They had the opportunity to join in and see first hand the energy and dedication of our members and instantly became involved in our program for the evening. We hope to see them in the future at other events. We also thank Delhigh's very own DJ, "Tiki George" and his lady, Cathy, for making this event another great success.

I want to thank my 2008/2009 Bridge and all the Committees for their great efforts getting us through the year. To all the individuals who do so much in the background to make all our events a success, I sincerely appreciate everything you have done. To all the dedicated instructors and chairpersons of the education programs, thank you for your involvement in making our boating season more enjoyable and safe. To all the individuals not on a committee, but who gave support and guidance, thank you for a job well done!

Our squadron won three awards at the D/5 Navigation Contest, D/Lt Robert Hannabery received the Instructor Recognition Certificate in Education, we had 32 Merit Marks, and completed 66 Vessel Safety Checks.

Finally, I pray for the safe and quick return of all our men and women in the armed forces.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your commander.

Michael Lebeduik, III, P
Commander

SEO REPORT BOB HANNABERY, AP

The Advanced Piloting class concluded in December with 3 students taking the final exam. The results have not come back from National, but there's little doubt that we will soon have 3 new AP's in Delhigh! Thanks to Jim Ziegenfuss for co-teaching with me.

The winter boating class, organized by Ed Muschlitz, started on January 5. This course is being held at Peters Marine in Allentown. ASEO Jeanette Meisner has scheduled six USPS seminars to be held through the winter months. The seminars will be held on Saturday mornings at Peters Marine. Be sure to check the dates and seminars below and plan to attend as many of the seminars as you can. Go to <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/cfind.cgi?S> to sign up.

The first level of the Boat Operator Certification program is ready for launch this spring. This level, called Inland Navigator, certifies boaters to operate a 16-24' boat in inland waters in good weather. Many of our members already have taken the required classes and only need to do the on-water skill demonstration to complete the certification. Visit <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/> for more information about the BOC program.



USPS University

SEMINAR SERIES

1/31/09	<i>How to Use a Chart</i>
2/14/09	<i>Using GPS</i>
3/07/09	<i>Knots, Bends, and Hitches</i>
4/04/09	<i>Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio</i>
4/11/09	<i>Onboard Weather Forecasting</i>
4/18/09	<i>Boat Handling under Power</i>



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Jim Ziegenfuss

With the Christmas and the New Year Holidays over, it's now time to get back to work, and begin looking ahead to the long list of activities and functions that our squadron will do in '09. Some of our events, of course, are time tested and will certainly stay on the calendar: the Change-of-Watch in March, the annual Rendezvous in June, the Fall Road Rally, and the Holiday Party in December. These, along with the monthly membership meetings, would alone keep our members busy, and the event chairmen even busier. But in 2009, the Bridge and Committees would like to do more.

Can everybody say "Ironpigs." That's right, if everything goes right and we can make the arrangements, we hope to have one of our regularly scheduled monthly meetings at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown this year. If you haven't been there yet, this might be a great chance to see a first class stadium and join in the fun of minor league baseball.

Bob Rendish has again taken on the responsibility of coordinating the clean-up and vessel safety check "day" during Safe Boating Week, along with the Trailer Boat Rendezvous in September; while Russ Fontana is investigating new ideas for the June Rendezvous. Bob Hannabery is bound and determined to see our squadron challenge for the #1 overall spot in the Navigation contest at D-5 this year by coordinating practices and recruiting boats for the event. These things, along with Founders Day, regular meetings, seminars, classes and D-5 events should make '09 an active and fun year.

For starters, here's what we can report on now:

February Membership Meeting: We'll be celebrating Founders Day with a spaghetti dinner at the church on Wednesday, 4 February. Starts at 1800. Delhigh will supply the pasta and soft drinks. We'd like everyone to bring something to share, from your favorite sauce, or salads, or desserts. Meatballs....why not? Your favorite pasta dish is not spaghetti? Bring what you like to make! Charge will be \$2.00 per person. E-mail me with your dish so we don't end up with all bread and butter!!

Atlantic City Boat Show: Well, if you can't make Founders Day on Wednesday, perhaps you'd like to join your squadron for the Boat Show Trip to Atlantic City the following Saturday. We're traveling on a casino bus, and will leave the Allentown area in the A.M. Call me for the arrangements. Cost is \$28.00....you'll have to get your own boat show ticket and meals. When: Saturday, 7 February .

Change-of-Watch:

The Delhigh Change-of-Watch ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, 14 March 2009. We've changed the venue to an afternoon meeting, which will start at 1300, and end around 1700. It will once again be held at the Lehigh Valley Convention Center (Best Western) at Rt. 22 and Rt. 512 in Bethlehem. Look for the reservation form in this issue of Delhighlights.

D-5 Spring Conference: The D-5 Officer Training and Spring Conference will be held on 26-29 March 2009 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD. If you have interest in this event, please contact one of the Delhigh officers. The reservation forms and additional information will be found in the district's Mark 5 newsletter.

Safe Boating Week: In conjunction with the national Safe Boating Council, USPS and Delhigh will be once again promote safe boating activities and safe boating classes during the week of 16-22 May 2009, which is *Safe Boating Week*. Bob will announce details of this event in the next Delhighlights. Activities will most likely include a day of VSC's at a busy inland boating ramp, along with a group environmental clean-up effort. The date hasn't been confirmed, but will be held on a Saturday in May. Stay tuned.

Hope you can plan to attend some events.

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 ao@Delhigh.org or JimZig@Frontiernet.net.

2008 Road Rally Photos



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Wayne E.	Hoke	28

MARCH

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James L.	Ziegenfuss	10
Gerald A.	Wertman	12
Andrew S.	Burke	13

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SPRING CONFERENCE 2009 And INCOMING BRIDGE OFFICER TRAINING

Ahh, spring, that magical time of year when all boaters' fancies turn to ... Spring Conference! 26 through 29 March at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

The conference will be full of training for the new squadron bridge officers coming aboard. This is an important source of information that all new officers need to take advantage of. In fact, anyone who has aspirations of joining their squadron's bridge needs to attend one or more of those sessions.

Friday is Squadron Hospitality Suite night, a premier event which is always a boatload of fun. Hospitality Suites give squadrons an opportunity to display their ingenuity, creativity, and sense of fun. Every squadron is encouraged to put their collective members' heads together and come up with an idea for a suite. If your squadron can't support a hospitality suite on its own consider teaming with another squadron. Hospitality Suite reservation forms are available on the web and in Mark V. For more information, contact D/Lt Kenny Perigo, JN, at ktperigo@earthlink.net.

Do you like raffles? The raffle table is going to be crammed with items of all sorts to try your luck on. It will be better than a giant yard sale. Wander up and down the table; you are sure to find lots of things that tickle your fancy.

See District 5 Website — www.uspsd5.org — for reservation form.

Princess Royale Hotel

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland
Non-smoking & Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis.

Reservation 1-800-476-9253 Reservation ID Code: U. S. Power Squadron, District 5
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 5 MARCH 2009 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

Rates: Oceanview/poolview Suite - \$99.00 per night Friday/Saturday
Oceanfront Suite - \$129.00 per night 2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo - \$219.00 per night

Directions: From RT 90, turn left onto Coastal Hwy. Hotel will be on the right.



Membership Meeting & Activity Schedule

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

FEBRUARY

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 4 February 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
Founders Day Celebration
Spaghetti Covered Dish
1800 Social, then Dinner

Atlantic City Boat Show Bus Trip

Saturday, 7 February 2009
Contact Jim Ziegenfuss

MARCH

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 4 March 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
1900

Change-of-Watch

Saturday, 14 March 2009
Best Western
Rt. 22 and Rt. 512
1300

D-5 Spring Conference

26 – 29 March 2009
Princess Royale Hotel
Ocean City, MD

APRIL

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 1 April 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
1900

MAY

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 6 May 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
1900

Orion Skyblazer Red Aerial Flare
Revised Use Instructions
October 8, 2008

Orion Safety Products, manufacturer of the Skyblazer hand-launched red aerial flare (“Skyblazer”), previously received a report indicating the safety sleeve on the Skyblazer may become detached from the launch tube body during ignition (see diagram below for visual depiction of parts). A report from the field indicates that upon this occurrence, users experienced bruised knuckles, a punctured finger nail and a lacerated finger in at least one instance.



Assembled Skyblazer



Disassembled Skyblazer

Since issuing a Safety Notice and Product Quarantine on September 26, 2008, Orion has tested hundreds of Skyblazer signals from a variety of manufacturing lots and determined the product functions as intended without injury to the user if the product is held properly in accordance with the use instructions on the product. Specifically, the user must hold the Launch Tube Body (not the Safety Sleeve alone) tightly in the upper hand during launch.

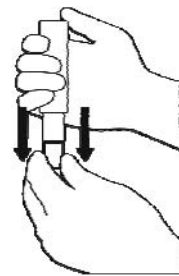
While the use instructions on Skyblazers manufactured before September 26, 2008 inform the user to “grasp tube body firmly”, Orion is reissuing the instructions to make it clear that the grasping the Safety Sleeve alone is not adequate to withstand the recoil caused by the aerial launch process. **ALL USERS OF THE ORION SKYBLAZER SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WHEN USING THIS PRODUCT:**

Step 1:



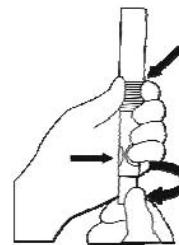
Press top of launch tube down with thumb to unlock sleeve - launch tube will drop down.

Step 2:



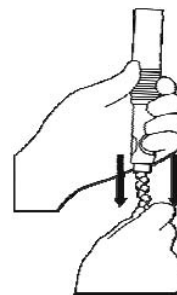
Holding sleeve firmly with one hand, use other hand to pull down on cap to lock sleeve in place.

Step 3:



Grasp launch tube firmly, with little finger braced in finger dimples and thumb/forefinger pressed against friction grip on sleeve. Hold above head off to side and unscrew cap with free hand. Ignition chain will drop down.

Step 4:



While holding above head off to side and pointing launch tube/sleeve straight up, with face turned away from signal, maintain firm grip and pull chain down sharply to launch aerial flare. There will be recoil as the flare launches so be certain to maintain a firm grip on launch tube throughout launch process.

Orion is critically concerned about the safety of our customers and we feel these revised use instructions will clarify any misunderstanding about the proper way to hold the signal during launch. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

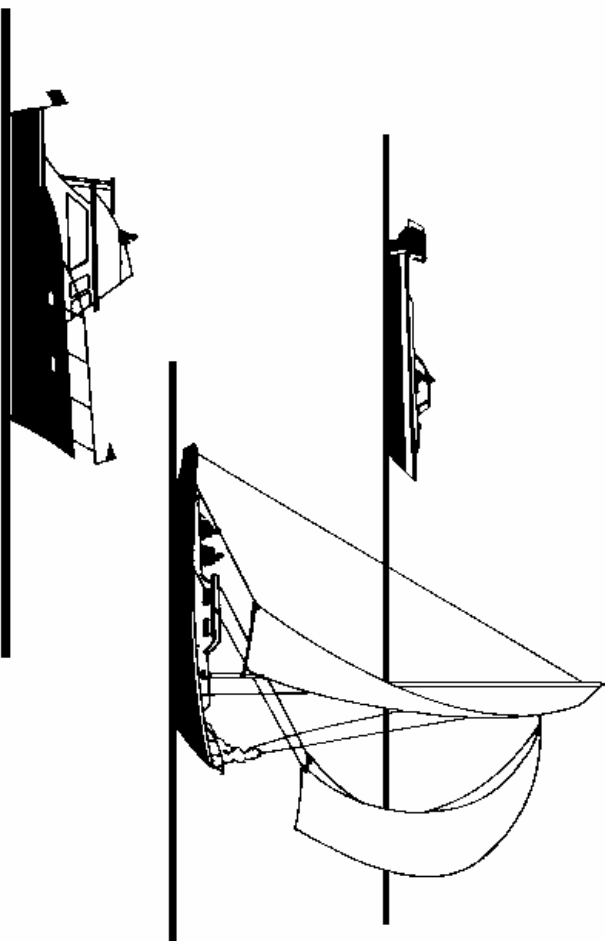
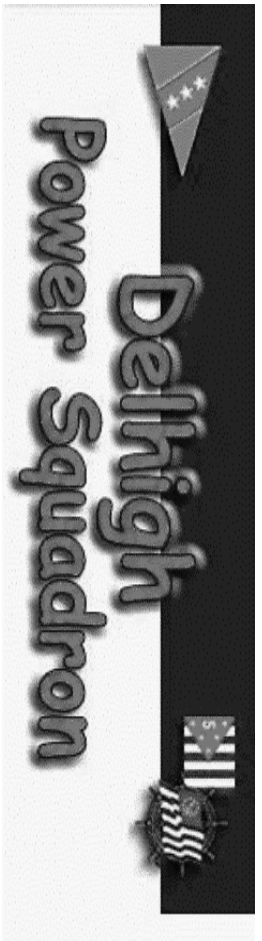
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