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Commander's Corner

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Another year has gone and a new one has begun for America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley, Delhigh Power Squadron.

First, I want to thank the Bridge members and Executive Committee members for a successful and exciting past year. Thank you to our SEO Kathleen Nowroozani, SN and all the members who helped teach all of our courses. Thank you also to all our members who opened their homes for events and activities throughout the year.

Thank you to this year's Bridge members for continuing to be there for Delhigh to help us continue to be a great and solid organization. Delhigh is blessed with each and every member who continue to be there for one another and help out whenever needed. I have said this many times and still believe that we are a family.

Let's all have a great year filled with fun and happiness. Thank you for allowing me to be your commander again. Here's to another great year.

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Change of Watch



Keith, Kathy, John, Cyrus, and David posing for the camera.



Chris and Nik-



Bob, Kathy, and Chris getting ready for the ceremony.



Sergio, Michele, Chris, and our D5 guest, John.



Cyrus and Kathy looking sharp!



Keith presenting Nikki with an ivy plant.



Our MC, Brent and his lady, Jane.



Randy and Jeanette are all smiles.



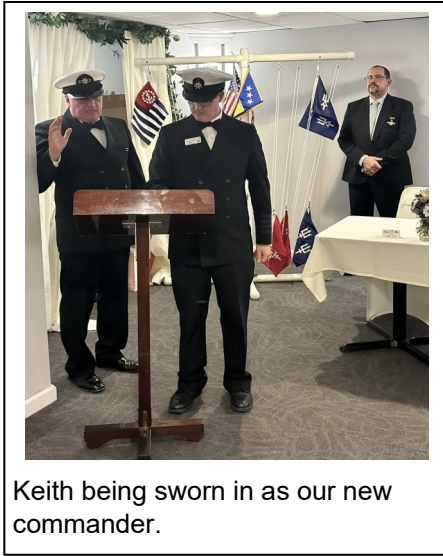
Fran and Diane before dinner.



Change of Watch



Commander Knoblach addressing members of the squadron.



Keith being sworn in as our new commander.



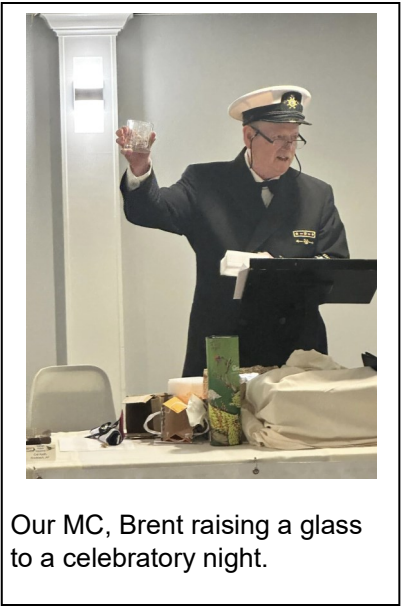
The new 2025 bridge members being sworn in.



John's remarks to our squadron, sharing his connection to our area.



John presenting Keith with his pin.



Our MC, Brent raising a glass to a celebratory night.



Kathy and Jeanette showing off their gifts.



The new Delhigh commander and his bridge.



Keith holding the past commanders plaque.

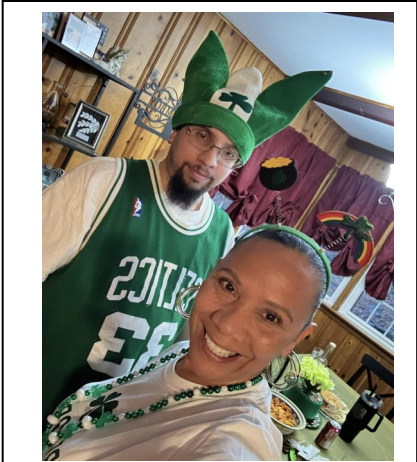




St. Patty's Day



Nikki, Michele, Kathy, and Cyrus have begun the shenanigans!



Nelson and Nikki looking festive.



Cyrus is Kathy's Lucky Charm!



Mark and Mary Lee looking lucky in love.



Who let this pesky leprechaun in?



Boys just want to have fun.



The whole crew: Nikki, Keith, Michele, Nelson, Kathy, Cyrus (Lucky Charm), Mark, and Mary.



Kathy and Mary Lee look adorable.



April Meeting & Pot Luck



Join us
Wednesday, April 2
Nowroozani Residence
6:30 pm

Please RSVP to Kathy at
k.now@mac.com or 956-240-5553



Wine Tasting



Saturday, April 12
1pm
Sorrenti Family Estate Winery,
Distillery & Pizzeria
130 Lower Cherry Valley Rd, Saylorsburg



Sit back, relax, and enjoy
some great Pennsylvania
wines crafted and perfect-
ed at the Sorrenti Family
Estate

Check them out here:
www.sorrentifamilyestate.com

Please RSVP to Kathy at
k.now@mac.com or 956-240-5553
By Thursday April 10





13th Annual Sock Burning



Saturday, May 3
Blugos Fire Pit
4pm

Hot Dogs with rolls will be served. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share

Please RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or 956-240-5553



May Meeting



Pub ~N~ Grille

1176 Trexlertown Road

Wednesday, May 7
6pm

We will be in the back room.
Separate checks, order off the menu.



Please RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or 956-240-5553



Join Delhigh for the annual
**Beltzville Lake
Vessel Safety Checks & Lake
Clean Up**



**Saturday, May 17
9am**

Pine Run Boat Launch
140 Deer Lane, Lehighton

Bring your boat to spend the morning cleaning
the lake.

Free VSC for all boats.



RSVP to Bob Rendish at
RobertRendish1@yahoo.com
or 484.619.4013

**Post Clean-Up Lunch
Joey B's**

638 Delaware Ave
Palmerton 1pm



Come try one of their over
100 beers, 16 wines or 130
liquors!

Order off the menu for
lunch

Please RSVP to Keith at KeithK56@aol.com or
610.509.3526

15th Annual

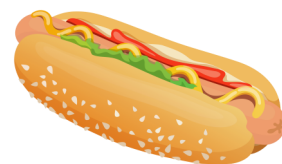


Ice Cream Social

Come to the Montuori Residence
Wednesday, June 5
6pm

Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream.
Bowls, spoons and toppings will be pro-
vided!

Hot dogs and mac 'n'
cheese will be served
first for anyone that's
hungry.



Please RSVP to Kathy at
k.now@mac.com
or 956.240.5553

So that we know how much chocolate
and caramel sauce we'll need!



Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course with



Delhigh Power Squadron

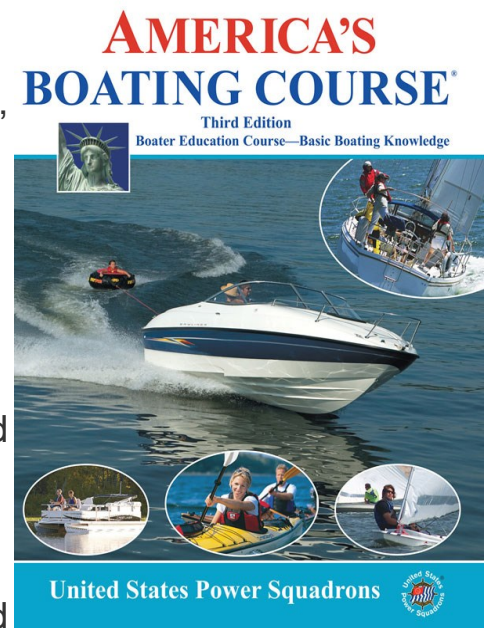


Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence. Our boater safety class meets the certification requirements for a Pennsylvania boat license.

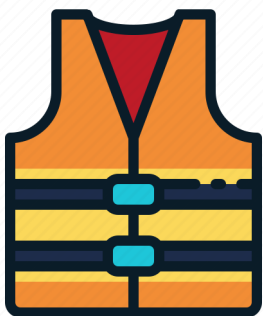
What You'll Learn:

- Information about Pennsylvania State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing
- Required boating safety equipment
- Do's and Don'ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water
- The basics of towing and trailering
- Special, important information for hunters, anglers, and sports enthusiasts.



For the best, most comprehensive boating education available, take America's Boating Course with our certified expert instructors.

Cost of the Class is \$50 per person with book



For more information or to register for the course contact Kathleen at k.now@mac.com or 956-240-5553





America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

2025 Summer Rendezvous

Thursday June 19– Sunday June 22

Rock Hall, MD

Mariners Motel

5681 South Hawthorn Avenue

410.639.2224



Reserve Your Room Now

Room Rates:

Thursday: \$ 67.50

Friday: \$225.00

Saturday: \$225.00

+ county and state taxes

*Cancellation policy is at least 48 hours prior to check in time.



Boat Slips can be made at Haven Harbour or Rock Hall Landing via Dockwa.

Thursday Night ExCom Meeting

\$30-3 day launch permit can be purchased at ACE Hardware (5811 Chesapeake Villa Rd)

Launch at Bayside Landing Park, near 20895 Bayside Ave

Trailer parking is available wherever you dock as long as you call ahead and ask.

Thursday Night ExCom Meeting

6pm– Harbor Shack Restaurant

20895 Bayside Ave.

Friday Night Past Commanders BBQ

6pm—Burgers, dogs and potato salad

Please bring a dish to share

Saturday Lunch

Boat to lunch, order off the menu

Saturday Night Dinner

Dinner at a restaurant to be determined



Join Delhigh for our August Monthly Meeting at



Delhigh Power Squadron



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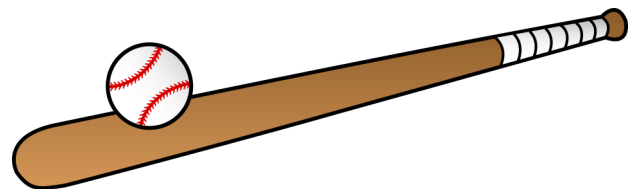
When: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Where: PennTeleData Party Porch (3rd Base Side)

Buffet: 6:05pm - 8:05pm

Game: 7:05pm

Cost: **\$38.00 each**



NOTE: The private, upgraded buffet will be served rain or shine and includes the usual burgers, dogs and sides and more, plus water and soft drinks. If the game is cancelled the buffet WILL STILL BE SERVED. We will meet regardless of the weather! **We have our own buffet and a roof over our heads so we will stay dry rain or shine!**

Please contact P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN at 956.240.5553 or k.now@mac.com if you would like to make a reservation to attend.

Payment is required NO LATER THAN **July 16th.**

Friends and Family are Welcome!

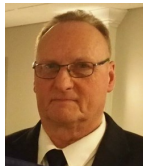
Let's Play Ball!!!





VSC Corner

By: Crd Keith Knoblach, AP



The winter weather is beginning to fade, and spring is on its way in. I, for one, am getting excited for this season of boating and fun. Time to get our to-do list of what needs to be done in preparation of our vessels. First, be sure your registration is up to date and properly displayed. A great way to keep things secure is to keep your paperwork in a waterproof container. Check that all the lights are operating properly, and spare bulbs are readily available in case they are needed. Check to see that all your life jackets are in good condition and put a whistle on each. Check for any possible fuel leakage in the supply lines and fittings. If your vessel is equipped with a bilge blower, be sure it works. Clean the flame arrester so it can breathe and work properly. Check the bilge plug for wear, and if needed, replace it and put a spare in a safe place in case it becomes necessary.

We will be doing Vessel Safety Checks again this year, so feel free to schedule one.

Let's all have a great season and lots of fun too.



April

Richard Garnjost, SN
P/C Brent Rhoads, SN
1st/Lt Vincent Nowroozani, S
P/Lt/C Russel Fontana, P

May

Brendan Morrow, AP
P/Lt/C David Sell, SN



Click to go to [America's Boating Channel™](https://www.americasboatingclub.org) to see videos about safe boating and boating education!





Executive Officer's Report
P/C Robert Rendish, P

I would like to first say thank you to all who helped organize and put together our 2025-2026 Change of Watch to make it a successful event.

Thank you to the Adagio Restaurant for hosting our dinner and ceremony and for providing the great service and venue that we've enjoyed for several years. Thank you, Mike.

We are fortunate to have last year's bridge remain and take the helm for this year. Each are fine members who will guide and lead the Squadron forward in the coming year ahead. Thank you to our District 5 guest D/Lt/C John O' Reilly, JN-CN for attending, while sharing our ceremony and dinner with us.

I look forward to this year's boating season and the various events and get-togethers that we will enjoy and share with our terrific members and friends.

To the Breezes.



Administrative Officer's Report

As spring has finally sprung, we have finalized plans for many of our spring events. The April meeting and potluck is Wednesday, April 2 at the Nowroozani house. Wine tasting will be at Sorrenti Winery where you can taste wines and then order wines or spirits. They have a pizzeria for food as well, remember to RSVP for a great afternoon.

May brings our annual Sock Burning which is planned at the Dlugos fire pit, but make sure to RSVP as there may be a location change on that. An email will be sent out if that does change, so keep an eye on your email as well.

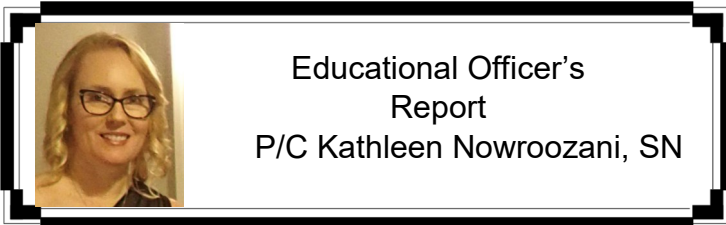
Our Beltzville Lake Clean-up and VSC is May 17 during National Safe Boating week. We have a great time on the lake followed by yummy food at Joey B's in Palmerton. Don't forget you can always join us for lunch even if you can't make the lake.

June brings our annual Ice Cream Social at the Montuori Residence. Come for hot dogs and mac n cheese and stay for an ice cream sundae!

August is always our Iron Pigs game and we do have a minimum number of tickets that need to be sold (paid for) so plan ahead and invite some friends and family.

We are looking forward to a great year and hope to see you all soon and often!





Spring may have arrived, but there are still some cold days ahead intermixed with the coming of summer weather. On those cold days, don't forget that USPS offers seminars to enhance your boating skills. This one, for example, will have you using AIS to locate other boats in your area in all kinds of weather. [AIS Electronics for Boaters | America's Boating Club®](#) As always there are many courses and seminars available online with USPS if you are interested in something to learn in your free time. These can all be taken at your own pace depending on how much free time you have at any given time.

As we prepare our boats for some summer fun and memory making, we take a step back from teaching for a few months, but we are always happy to put a course on the schedule if there is one that you are interested in taking. Reach out and let me know if there is something you have been looking for.

'If your ship doesn't com in, swim out and meet it.' - Jonathan Winters

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DISTRICT 5 NEWS

Summer Rendezvous

Smith Mountain Lake
July 14-20, 2025

Monday—Thursday
Houseboat Cruising

Thursday Night—Sunday
Mariner's Landing Resort



Saturday
Council Meeting and Tour D-Day Memorial, Bedford

Looking for the Winter Mark5?
You can find it here:
[The Ensign magazine](#)

USPS NATIONAL NEWS

Did you miss the annual meeting in February? It was recorded and you can replay it here: [USPS Annual Meeting 2025](#)



Here is a link to the current National Newsletter: [Winter Edition](#)



Spring checklist for boaters

Using a spring checklist for boaters like the one below will help you start the boating season on a positive note.

Documents: Review your license, registration, insurance and other important documents pertaining to your boat and trailer, and store them in a water-tight bag or container.

Life jackets: Make sure each person has a properly sized [life jacket](#) in good condition with no rips or missing parts.

Fire extinguishers: Make sure onboard [fire extinguishers](#) are fully charged, properly mounted and

the correct class for your vessel. Turn dry chemical extinguishers upside down to loosen the powder. Replace or refill expired units.

Flares: Replace outdated [flares](#), and keep old ones on board as spares.

Charts and maps: Review and update as necessary.

Plugs: Inspect and tighten drain plugs. Make sure rubber seals or gaskets haven't cracked or dried out in storage.

Hoses and clamps: Inspect and replace as necessary.

Propellers: Inspect for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion. Damaged props can cause unwanted vibration and drive train damage. Make sure connectors such as cotter pins are secure, and grip the prop to check for looseness. If the shaft is loose, consider replacing the bearing.

Inboards: Examine the rudderstock to ensure it has not been bent or compromised.

Hull: Inspect for blisters, distortions, cracks and compromised rivets.

Water intake strainer: Make sure your strainer is secure, unobstructed and corrosion-free.

Large inboards: Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness before and after launch. Make sure through-hulls don't leak.

Outboards and outdrives: Inspect outdrive bellows for cracks, dryness or deterioration, paying careful attention to the folds. Replace questionable bellows.

Fluid levels: Check all fluid levels, including engine oil, power steering and power trim reservoirs. Replace worn-out zincs.

Control cables: Inspect the outer jackets, and replace cables showing cracks, swelling, corrosion or deterioration.

Fuel lines: Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking.

Fuel tanks: Check your tanks and pumps, and replace filters annually. Consider using a fuel stabilizer.

Hoses: Inspect cooling, exhaust and blower hoses and pipes for stiffness, rot and leaks. Make sure hoses are connected tightly; double clamp them if necessary.

Electrical connections: Inspect for cleanliness and tightness. Corrosion, especially on battery cables, could indicate a poor connection. Remove the terminals, and wire brush them along with the cable ends.

Running and navigation lights: Make sure all [running lights](#) work. Keep spare navigation bulbs on board.

Emergency lights: Inspect emergency lights and signal devices, and make sure you have spare batteries.

<https://boatingcompass.org/new-engine-cutoff-switch-requirements/>**Engine cutoff switch:** Ensure it's working properly.

Bilge pumps: [Check](#) for leaks and corrosion, and make sure the float switch works.

Ropes and lines: Inspect for damage, chafing and deterioration, and replace as necessary. Pay out and thoroughly inspect your anchor line. Keep lines untangled and coiled for ease of use.

This list should only be used as a starting point. Add or delete items to suit your boat and trailer requirements. –Jason Gaydos, *Compass*, February 2025





A BIT OF FUN



One place you *must* visit if you love being out on the water is **Cape Coral, Florida**. Near the coast, there are over 400 miles of canals to explore, easy access to the Gulf of America, and a perfect spot for anyone wanting to experience a calm, relaxing vibe while enjoying some beautiful scenery. One of the best things about Cape Coral is how close it is to some of the most beautiful boating destinations in Florida, like:

Sanibel Island & Captiva Island – Known for stunning beaches and world-class shelling. Cruise over, drop anchor, and soak in the tropical vibes.

Pine Island – A quieter, more laid-back destination with great fishing and waterfront dining.

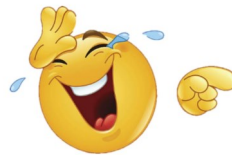
Matlacha Pass – A hidden gem full of colorful island charm, perfect for kayaking and fishing.

The Gulf of America– Deep-sea fishing, dolphin watching, or just a relaxing day on the water.



You absolutely *cannot* go wrong, so take your pick or visit them all!

Read more here: [Cape Coral: A Boater's Paradise You Need to Experience - Dockshare](#)



Boating Links



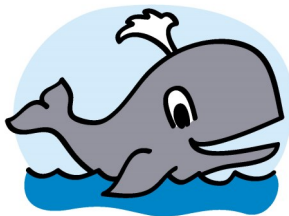
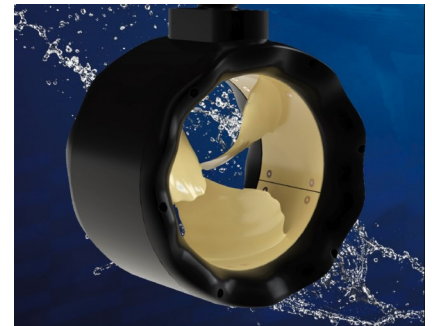
Weird Boats really says it all. I think you need to click on this link because I cannot prepare you for what you are about to see... [#WeirdBoats - The 'Stratosphaera' is the Hydrofoiling Water Pod That Somehow Packs 300 Horsepower](#)

What do you do when a 900 pound dolphin lands in your boat? Find out here is everyone is safe and the dolphin gets back in the water. [900 Pound Dolphin Crash Lands on Tiny Boat in New Zealand](#)



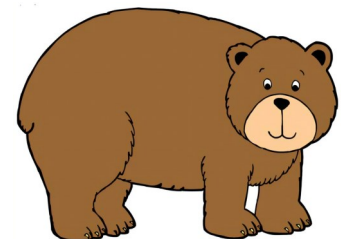
Boat Fails! If you have time, these are great! Couldn't believe what came out from under the boat only 1:15 minutes in! [Catastrophic Boat Fails Caught On Camera !](#)

A propeller shaped like a whale fin? How will this function in relation to a regular propeller? Find out here. [Check Out the Boat Propeller That's Shaped Like a Whale Fin](#)



Interested in watching the water for humpback whales? Watch here at the Hawaii Humpback Whale Marine Sanctuary! [Live Now: 24/7 Hawaii Humpback Whale Marine Sanctuary in Maui, Hawaii in 4K Ultra HD - YouTube](#)

These aren't all boat/water related, but they are definitely worth the watch. Little over a minute in you see the most dangerous animal of all come to the aid of some dogs trying to ward off a bear... [Craziest Animal Encounters of All](#)



Delhigh 2025-2026 Calendar



Delhigh Power Squadron

<p>April Meeting and Potluck Wednesday, April 2 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Wine Tasting Saturday, April 12 Sorrenti Winery 1pm</p> <p>Sock Burning Saturday, May 3 Dlugos Fire Pit 4pm</p> <p>May Meeting Wednesday, May 7 1760 Pub and Grille 6pm</p> <p>Beltville Lake Cleanup Saturday, May 17 Beltville Lake 9am</p> <p>Joey B's 1pm</p> <p>Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 4 Montuori Residence 6pm</p> <p>Summer Rendezvous Thurs June 19-Sun June 22 Rock Hall, MD</p> <p>July Meeting Wednesday, July 16 Nowroozani Pool 6:30pm</p>	<p>Musikfest Mania August 5 or 6 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm</p> <p>August Meeting Wednesday, August 20 Coca-Cola Park 7:05pm</p> <p>Bonfire Saturday, August 23 Dlugos Fire Pit TBA</p> <p>Sept Meet/Chili Cook off Wednesday, September 3 Nowroozani Residence 6pm</p> <p>Trailerboat Rendezvous Saturday, September 13 Ridley Park Marina TBA</p> <p>Cookout Saturday, September 27 Lebeduik Residence TBA</p> <p>Sporting Clays Oktoberfest Saturday, October 18 TBA</p> <p>Boos and Brews Saturday, October 25 Lamboy Residence TBA</p>	<p>November Meeting Wednesday, November 5 TBA</p> <p>Wine or Beer Tasting Saturday, November 22 TBA</p> <p>Holiday Party Saturday, December 13 TBA</p> <p>January Meeting and Potluck Wednesday, January 7, 2026 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Phantoms Game TBA</p> <p>Founder's Day Meeting Wednesday, February 4 TBA</p> <p>Game Night Saturday, February 21 Meisner Residence TBA</p> <p>COW Saturday, March 7 TBA</p>
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All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit. Please contact Kathy at k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553 for more information on any scheduled event.

