



# Midwestern Pilot

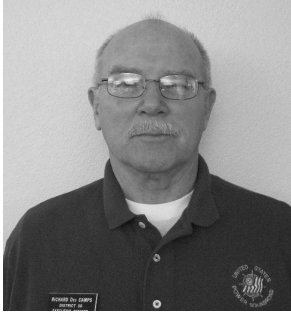
District 30

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Spring 2011

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## Commander's Corner



Greetings from  
Florida

I am writing this  
while returning home  
from the Annual

meeting in Orlando.

We left home early on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. We had a nice drive, stopping the first night at Chattanooga. We did a tour of the historic sights around the area and went to the top of Lookout Mountain on Friday.

We left early on Saturday and continued on our way south. After passing through Atlanta, we took a side trip to the historic site of the Andersonville prison site and cemetery. Nothing can be as it was, but being at the actual site and seeing the lay of the land, and the historic reconstruction, it bring back a sense of the tragedy of what it might have been like. Then to see the cemetery finishes the picture.

Since we were only 20 miles from Plains, GA, we decided to go and see Jimmy Carters home. It was all we thought it might be. The Visitor center is the Plains Public High School. After driving past Billy's service station, and Rosalyn's home, we decided it was time to get back on the road, and finally arrived in Orlando around 6:30pm. We checked in to our hotel and went to Universal Orlando where we enjoyed a meal at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville. We spent the next three days

at Universal, touring the Harry Potter park. If you are into Harry Potter, this is a must do place to go. We were surprised at the lack of crowds. With the weather in the high 70's and clear blue skies, we thought there would be more people, but were glad to have the park to ourselves.

Tuesday evening we moved to Disney and Wednesday we stated the meetings, which was why we were there. I attended the DXO/SXO meeting led by Anita Walker. The seminar is a follow up to the Admin training which was introduced last year, with the commanders training to be introduced at the annual meeting in Jacksonville in 2012. The topics covered, included the importance of a good nominations committee, and how to deal with bad commanders. A good part of the session was spent doing a case study of a hypothetical squadron in trouble and how to solve their problems.

Thursday was an open day for us so we toured "The Magic Kingdom" and "Epcot", and ended the evening enjoying Cirque du Soleil. A perfect end to a perfect day.

Friday was the DC/DXO meeting. We were greeted by the C/C, then were addressed by the other members of the bridge. Each in turn gave a report of what was new in their offices, and what was in the works for the future and the problems being faced by the USPS. C/C Dvorak reported on a meeting held in St Louis with the Heads of the CG AUX. where they came to an agreement that the Aux would partner with us and purchase their educational materials from us as we are so far ahead of

them that they do not want to try to catch up and to compete with us. They will use our materials, or recommend that their members take our classes, and even join our organization if they wish. And likewise we should join them. We should work together, cooperate, not compete. This should be a win-win for both organizations.

New membership is still the number one goal of the USPS. A new program is going to be introduced to the membership where a new pin will be given to any member recruiting a new member, and a chevron will be added when the new member renews after one year. We have to retain our present members. We can do this by providing programs that are fun. Remember our motto "Boating is fun, let us show you how". When we get a new member, we need to have someone mentor that person, to invite them to a meeting, and then introduce them to members, to make sure they are aware of upcoming events. Start by giving them a small task to do that they can accomplish without being overwhelmed. Make it something that they cannot fail, then thank them and make them feel that they are a part of the group. Keep them involved. They will be more inclined to stay involved if given the opportunity and a little direction. Make them feel they are a part of the organization.

Dusty McCoy, CEO of Brunswick Corporation, addressed the meeting on Saturday. He told us how vital we are to them and how pleased they are to have us as a partner. He gave us a statistical analysis of the present condition of the boating industry. It was interesting in the fact that the recreational boating reached its height in the mid sixties and has remained fairly flat ever since. Used boats continue to be the big seller. New boats continue to sell, but at a much smaller fraction of the pie, especially in this slow economy.

Two foot itis still exists. The average boater does not get started until the late thirties or early forties after they become empty nesters, and have more disposable income. They generally remain active, trading upward, not down. These figures do not include personal water craft or sailboats, which would bring down the age averages. The average age for used boats to leave the market is 20-25 yrs old. The exception is after a disaster such as Hurricane Katrina, when a large number of boats are destroyed. But there was no indication of any peak of new boats sold after such a disaster. His final word was for everyone to go out and buy a new boat or encourage your neighbor to buy one and get involved in boating.

I recently attended the COW at Des Moines and Waterloo. I thank both squadrons for their hospitality and kindness shown to Peggy and me. Bettie Danley is the new commander of the Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron. Along with the rest of the bridge, I know that the squadron will be in very capable hands. Good luck Bettie. At Waterloo, Ray Burfeind was sworn in as commander for another year. Along with his bridge, they will have a very fine year. I look forward to attending the Boulder Valley COW on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

We are now half way through Georgia, and I am starting to think of the road ahead, and our NEVER ENDING WINTER. While we were in Florida, our TV was tuned to the Weather Channel. Everything we saw, we are now going to have to drive through as we go north. But since we are now out of Disney World, it is time to face reality. WINTER SUCKS—Good Bye Florida.

*Richard Des Camps*

*District 30 Commander*

## Welcome to Our National C/C Representative



R/C Howard Yoas

R/C Yoas joined USPS in 1968, realizing the need for more

education after experiencing rough waters in his 16 ft. open boat. He transferred to the Austin PS in 1970. At the squadron level he has served as Commander and later advanced to District 21 Commander. Howard is an SN and his most recent teaching assignment is On the Water Training course. At the National level, Howard served three years on the Cooperative Charting Committee and later was asked to help with registration on the National Meetings Committee, advancing to Chairman. Howard now serves as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Professionally, Howard spent 25 years in the design and management of large construction projects such as power plants, dams, converting oil fields to gas storage facilities. He attended the U of TX in Austin majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Howard has two grown children and three grandchildren. In 2003, he became engaged to Mary J. Pierpont SN, a USPS family friend for 30 years. He has now gained and enjoys 2 more children and 4 grandchildren. Mary and Howard spend part of their time at home on Lake Travis enjoying family, USPS friends, boating and jet skiing on the lake. Part of their time is spent at their Dallas home keeping up with the grandchildren's activities there. The rest of the time, they enjoy traveling around the USA, abroad for pleasure and working on USPS projects or at the ranch tending goats and longhorn cattle. Proof of travel is that Howard's 250 diesel truck has over 300,000

miles logged!

Mary is an SN, a certified instructor, secretary of the National Meetings Committee and entertainment procurer for the Social Activities Committee. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and has her master's in special education. Mary spent 20 years loving her job teaching children. She enjoys her grandchildren in Austin and Dallas, loves to travel, and treasures her Power Squadron friends and activities! Howard has many nautical miles under his belt having boated in the Atlantic, Pacific, down the Mississippi River, Canadian Rideau Canal, Caribbean, and San Juan Islands. Currently the most used boats are a 25' Sea Ray and 4 jet skis. The 25' makes a wave for the grandkids to jump on the jet skis!

## Report From Nominating Committee

The nominating committee submits the following slate for approval:



District Commander	Richard Des Camps
Executive	Millie Steffe
Administrative	Bettie Danley
Education	Richard McGaughy
Treasurer	Terry Elia
Secretary	Kirk Woltman
Committees	
Auditing	Richard Stablein
Rules Committee	Tracy Simpson
Planning	Open
Nominating	Don Fidlar
	Rosemary Bialecke

Respectfully submitted

*P/D/C Gus Elia*

## Education Department:

### Boat Operator Certificate

The Boat Operator's Certification Program, USPS will certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. We expect that these certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. In the United States, The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. We intend to have USPS certification accepted as the above proof and be accepted as the national certificate for the USA. Regarding international recognition, we plan to have USPS certifications meet the requirements of UN Resolution 40, *International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft* with the additional knowledge and testing of the CEVNI\* navigation rules.

USPS currently plans four levels of Boat Operator Certification:

- Inland Navigator
- Coastal Navigator
- Advanced Coastal Navigator
- Offshore Navigator

Courtesy of USPS Web Site

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm>

## Spring Conference Kansas City April 8-10, 2011

As most of you know, the spring conference will be held in Kansas City on the weekend of April 8-10. I encourage everyone who can possible attend to do so. District Conferences are not boring, stuffy meetings just for the Bridge. They are very informative meetings with a lot of information to be passed on to the membership. They are a place where you get to meet the leadership and to meet a member of the National Staff. This spring the C/C's rep is R/C Howard Yoas, SN from Austin, TX. I

met with Howard and his wife and they are delightful people. The conferences are fun. The host squadron does their best to provide interesting programming and entertainment. Nobody is disappointed.

*Richard Des  
Camps  
District 30  
Commander*



### Last Horizon:

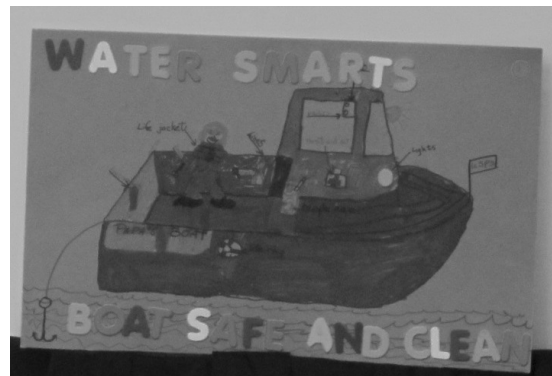


10 Feb 2011  
P/C Robert Mable, AP  
Des Moines Sail and  
Power Squadron

### Administrative Department:

Congratulations to:

The 6-8 Age Group Youth Poster Contest,  
Third Place goes to Kamrin Brown, St. Louis,  
D30!



# Going to Kansas City April 8-10, 2011 District 30 Spring Conference

Sheraton Overland Park Hotel and Convention Center  
6100 College Blvd. Overland Park KS 66211  
Special Rates: King or 2 Queens \$94

For Discounted Rate, members must call 1-866-837-4214 and mention they are  
with United States Power Squadrons.

Reservation Deadline is March 20, 2011.

## Itinerary:

Friday: Check in, Dinner on your own

Saturday Daytime: Council Meeting in the Maple Room

Spring Conference in Maple Room

Lunch in hotel restaurant [details following]

Spring Conference and Change of Watch in Maple Saturday Evening:

“The Odd Couple” starring George Wendt at the New Theater Dinner Theater.

[Seating at 6:00, Dinner 6:30-7:30, Show at 7:45]

*Group Price is \$50, this includes dinner, coffee or tea, show and gratuity,  
Cash bar available.*

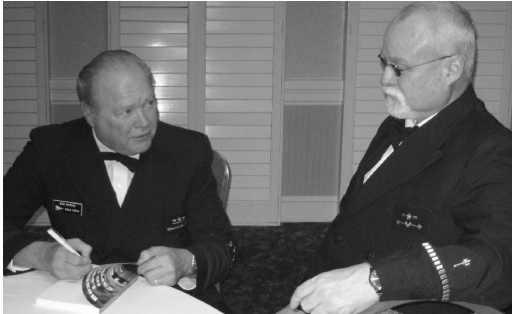


**GEORGE**  
Wendt *from* **CHEERS**  
*starring in*  
**The Odd Couple**  
*by Neil Simon*

April 6 -  
June 19, 2011

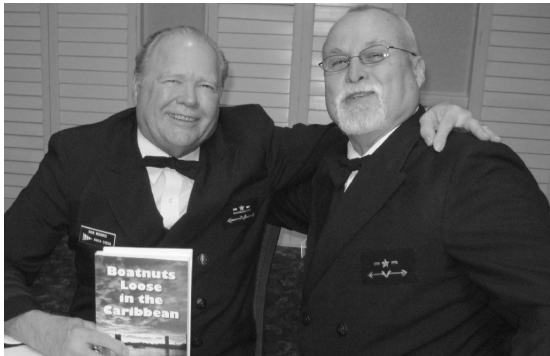
## News From Around the District:

Have you met the newest author? He's a former member of District 30 and a confirmed 'Boatnut', P/D/C Robert Morris, AP formerly of Kansas City and currently a member of Boca Ciega Power and Sail Squadron. To find out more about his adventures and how to order your own copy go to <http://www.boatnuts.net>.

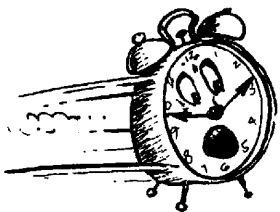


P/D/C

Robert Morris, AP autographing his new book for P/R/C Kent Simpson, AP



## Secretary's Department:



Deadline for the Summer Edition of the Midwestern Pilot is April 30, 2011. Mark your calendars.

C&R is July 15-17, 2011

## Communications Awards:

Distinctive Communicator Awards for the WEB:  
District 30  
Boulder Valley Sail & Power Squadron

Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron  
Missouri Ozarks Power Squadron  
Saint Louis Power Squadron  
Newsletters that achieved the Distinctive Communicator Award are:

District 30 Midwestern Pilot

Boulder Valley – Boulder Beacon

Des Moines – The Prairie Schooner

Kansas City – The Rhumb Line

Saint Louis – The Dryrot



## Member Benefits:

Did You Know?

Software is available from TechSoup Stock *Computer Software & Hardware Discounts*  
TechSoup Stock connects nonprofits such as the USPS® with donated and discounted technology products in the supportive environment of the TechSoup Stock Web site. Choose from over 240 products from 25 providers including Cisco and Microsoft. Although the program is not available as a general member benefit, those members who hold key roles in the squadron/district by volunteering their time and resources to achieve the goals of USPS and require certain software to facilitate that work can participate through the Squadron. Each squadron is required to fax documents attesting to 501(c)3 status to receive discount. These documents are available through headquarters at 1 888 FOR USPS.

[Click here](#) to visit TechSoup Stock's website!

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[www.techsoup.org/DiscounTech/faq.asp](http://www.techsoup.org/DiscounTech/faq.asp)

### Meal Reservations

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch:

Choice of KC Steak Soup OR Salad      Soup \_\_\_\_\_ Or Salad \_\_\_\_\_

House Smoked Chicken Breast      \$28 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

*[served atop white beans sauteed w/kale, pancetta and vegetables]*

Boulevard Pale Ale Brined Pork Loin      \$28X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

*[with yukon gold garlic mashed potatoes]*

Dinner Theater      \$50X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reservation Deadline for Meals Is March 7, 2011

Mail Reservations to:

Don Fidler

24412 S. Myers Ct

Peculiar, MO 64078

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Sheraton Overland Park Hotel and Convention Center;

6100 College Blvd. Overland Park KS

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