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# SOUNDING BOARD



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## **San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron**

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District 25  
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USPS DISTRICT 25  
3717 No. Monitor Circle  
Stockton, CA 95219

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FIRST CLASS

## ***FROM THE COMMANDER***

The Commander is on a family vacation...no doubt richly deserved, so I offer this from the former Commander to give you some idea of life after the “top job.”

### ***Delta Alternative: A Different Kind of Boating***

(by John Taylor)

At the end of the squadron cruise to Willow Berm, I parked the houseboat, quickly headed home and loaded my canoe on top of the Suburban for a trip the next day. Destination: a 53 mile canoe trip on the Sacramento River from Redding to Red Bluff.

We had five canoes, nine guys including my two older brothers and my nephew...and two large Golden Retrievers. The group has been taking an annual trip for 10+ years on various CA rivers including the Eel, Russian, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mokelumne, Feather and also the Meadows/Lost Slough area.

The canoes were launched just above the unusual Sundial Bridge in Redding’s Turtle Park in the early afternoon. The current was moving swiftly, so we made good time on the entire trip. We camped along the river at two very nice places where we dined on BBQ’d salmon and steak.

The highlight of the trip was the wildlife, including a half dozen bald eagles, osprey, Canada geese, cormorants, mergansers and numerous deer. We also saw a very large tree that a beaver had attempted to take down. He apparently gave up due to the size of the project and left a big chewed ring around the tree.

The current kept us moving and fortunately we had the wind at our backs part of the time. On the last day, we successfully passed through the infamous ‘Chinese Rapids’ which, as the books say, is not a place for the inexperienced paddler. We stopped for a brief “celebration” after passing through.

As we moved closer to Red Bluff, the river widened and the beautiful scenery changed as we approached our take-out point where we had dropped a car two days before.

One big difference between this trip and Delta boating, and a reminder for us all, is that we kept our lifejackets on at all times when on the water. No one went overboard this trip, but it has definitely happened on past trips (and that includes yours truly).

San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 12, 2008

**I Call to order**

**Mike Wolfe** called to order the regular meeting of the San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron at 7:35pm on, **May 12, 2008** in **Stockton, CA**.

**II Roll call**

The following persons were present: 4 Bridge, 13 Executive Committee and 16 Members. (List Attached)

**III Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of *April 14, 2008* were approved.

**IV New Members**

**Steve Kite, Dennis Eslick and Rich Wibbeler** were sworn in as new members by Mike Wolfe.

**V Reports of Officers and Committees**

- a. **Mike Wolfe** reported he and Bob Burk attended the District 25 meeting on May 7, 2008.
  - The district 25 West Coast conference is in Reno Nevada at the Silver Legacy Casino October 16,17,18,19, 2008. For more information contact Mike Wolfe or Lynn Pierce.
  - District 25's next meeting will be July 16, 2008 at Village West Yacht Club in Stockton. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Please plan to attend if at all possible. Contact Mike Wolfe and let him know if you will attend.
- b. **Hanan Bowman**, Treasurer, report presented by Bob Burk. Our April income was \$2906.28 with expenditures \$3223.98, the largest expenditure was our island liability insurance for \$1101.56. Negative cash flow for the month of April was \$317.70. Our current bank balance is \$6,432.23.
- c. **Mickey Thole**, Boating Activities, reported that there were nine boats at Willow Berm Marina for the Cinco de Mayo cruise out. They had a potluck dinner the first night and so much food left over that they had a potluck dinner the second night also. Everyone had a great time. The next cruise is to Suisun City on June the 19<sup>th</sup>. The first night Thursday, will be at Pittsburg Yacht Club. Friday and Saturday will be in Suisun city. For more information contact Mickey at home (209) 239-1492 or cell phone (209) 483-7287, email: [missburgie@att.net](mailto:missburgie@att.net)
- d. **Michael Haverty, Island, He offered the following: ALL Island Improvement Projects are Complete! I want you to join me and give a huge THANK YOU to the following people who did the hard work.**  
***Peter Novosel, Scott Wieseman, Jack McCarty, Gary and Debbie Grinstead, Roland Bod, Bob Burk, Mike Wolfe, Deborah Wolfe, Max Wolfe, Sam Wolfe, Ralph Jones, Anita Saucier, Gil Thomas, John Stapp, Mickey Thole, Art Vargas, John Taylor, Jerry & Karen Kosmala, Ann Campbell, Mike Holland, John Paval, Grace & James Shum, Fred & Susan Engelmann, Don Barry, Ron Sherman, Gary Thornburgh and Tom Thornburgh.*** These people sacrificed their time and their bodies, they brought their positive attitudes, they brought their tools, they

brought their work experience, they brought their problem solving skills and they brought their friendship. Thank you.

*Special thanks to:*

**Anita Saucier, Deborah Wolfe and Karen Kosmala** for not only working hard, but also for providing our lunches that always included homemade desserts.

*Special thanks to:*

**Larry Wray** at Inland Paint who donated all of the paint we used.

*Special thanks to:*

**Gary & Tom Thornburgh** for donating all of the electrical materials for the electrical project.

*Special thanks to:*

**Bill & Doris Anne Hill, Jim Fenelon, Dave & Linda Breninger and Mike Holland** for generously donating the extra money we needed to finish our projects.

Lastly, I want you to join me in thanking **Peter Novosel** for initiating the BBQ area project. Peter was not able to get it finished before he stepped down as Island Chairman. As you know, Peter was the Island Chairman for three years. He was the one who got us all started on the Island Improvements.

- e. **Mike Wolfe**, membership, reported we have four new members two transfers from Sacramento; we are having many inquiries. Most of the inquiries are asking about the requirements to join SJDPS. The requirements are to successfully complete our boating class, take the ABC course online, or graduate from the coast guard auxiliary course.
- f. **John Jones**, education, reported the next boating class will start 9/09/2008 at 7:30 p.m. Walt McGinnis is going to conduct a junior navigating class starting on May 28, 2008. The prerequisites for taking the junior navigating class are having successfully passed the seamanship class, piloting and advanced piloting. John is also interested in starting an instructor development class. Please contact him for more information. John is trying to put together an operations training class, there are three members who want to participate. They need five to put on the class. If you're interested, please call John.
- g. **Candace Blue**, member involvement, reported that she is developing a new membership packet to be given to all new members that will include the officer's names and contact information and events of the SJDPS. She is planning a land party, possibly at a local winery as a mixer to get everyone to know each other
- h. **Bob Burk**, information technology, reported that he is currently maintaining DB 2000. If you have any changes you can go to the USPS website and change your personal information or call or send an e-mail to Bob with your changes. If you would like to send an e-mail to specific members of the squadron or to the whole squadron, please send your e-mail to Bob, email: burk@att.net, and he will forward it to whomever you designate. We are working on a system that members will be able to access on the new website, SJDPS.org, to send your e-mails or contact other members.
- i. **Deborah Wolfe** reported that the website is up and running. The address is: SJDPS.org or you can access it through the USPS website. If you still have the old link in your browser, please delete it and put in the new address. Deborah requested that she be allowed to spend approximately \$99 to obtain an update to the program she is using for the website. Motion, while McGinnis to allow the expenditure. Second, Don Webb. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. **Don Webb**, vessel safety check, reported that he has five inspectors and he is looking for two more he would like to have one inspector in Stockton. In addition to

Pat Carson and one Summer Roundup the line Don also reported that we are doing extremely well, vessel safety checks district has 155 inspections to date. San Joaquin Delta power squadron has 94. If you would like a vessel safety check. You can contact Don Webb directly for a vessel safety check. Also check out the website, [safety.seal.net](http://safety.seal.net), where you can also request a vessel safety check by putting in your zip code.

- k. **John Taylor** reported that there are 13 boats signed up for Memorial Day. He pointed out and this is a joint venture including John and Carol Taylor and Mickey Thole and Burgie as co-hosts. Today was the deadline, but there is lots of room so if you would like to attend please contact John as soon as possible.
- l. **Jim Fenelon**, skipper saver, reported that last weekend the skipper saver instructors gathered at the island to review what they were teaching and how they were teaching. He commended Dave Sieber for organizing the weekend and planning for the future of Skipper Saver.

## VI Adjournment

Mike Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM

Lt/C Robert Burk, AP  
Secretary

## *THE RECIPE BOX...*

Devoted to easy recipes for days on the boat & a chance to share...What do YOU have to offer? Send them to me at the address on the cover or to

[rogerreimer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rogerreimer@sbcglobal.net)

### **Sweet Potato Gratin with Smoked Chilies**

Four cups heavy cream...one canned chipolte peppers...six medium sweet potatoes...salt and fresh ground pepper

Puree cream and chipolte until smooth. Peel and slice sweet potatoes thin. In a 10X10 casserole pan, layer 1/4 of the sweet potatoes and cover with 1/4 of the cream/chipolte mixture. Season with salt and pepper. Repeat three additional times for a total of four layers. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for one hour or until cream has been absorbed and potatoes are browned. May be prepared one day ahead and warmed for serving in a 350 degree oven for 12 minutes. Serves 8-10.

Bobby Flay's Bold American Food (via Ann Campbell)

## ***THIS AND THAT...***

- There is still room on some Skipper Saver dates. Check with Dave or Peggy at [skippersaver@siebercity.net](mailto:skippersaver@siebercity.net) or at 209-339-1960
- Speaking of **Skipper Saver**, Saturday, May 10 was devoted to the “Skipper Trainers” getting together at the island to discuss procedures, techniques and more esoteric things like how to deal with “trainee anxiety.” With Peggy Sieber and Ellie Reimer as “trainees,” the trainers were able to practice all of the skills that are necessary to be successful in the training process, especially with the “lowering the anxiety” part. As an observer, I am pleased to report that the trainers performed admirably, exceeded only by the performance of Peggy and Ellie after their instruction. Seems there may be a direct correlation...great training leads to great performance. The theory of “don’t teach your wife/significant other to drive, to golf, to ride a motorcycle or to run the boat” still puzzles me, but it is tough to argue with success. Take the course!! It is well worth it!! Trainers include: **Chairman, David Sieber, Pat Carson, Jim Fenelon, Don Webb, Bob Souza and Gary Thornburg.**
- A **REMINDER** that the Dos Rios Yacht Club will consume all of the space available at the Island on **June 6-8**. It’s a good weekend to explore new places.
- Congratulations to **Ann Campbell**, a SJDPs photographer extraordinaire, who had one of her photos printed on the “contents page” of the May/June issue of the *Ensign*, the USPS magazine.
- **TAKE A LOOK...**The new website is evolving...looking better everyday. [www.sjdps.org](http://www.sjdps.org) Comments or questions?? Contact **Lt. Deborah Wolfe** at the web site.
- **Michael Haverty** submitted an article about the island in which he gave huge THANKS and KUDOS to a whole list of hard-working people who made the island what it is today. I think the current vernacular “AWESOME” hardly does justice to what we have at the island. Rather than repeat that statement here, I have taken the liberty with the Squadron Minutes and simply highlighted Michael’s comments. Take a look.
- Crusin’ News next time...I have been leading the “good life” and not writing.
- Did you notice that there were **NINE** different contributors to our newsletter last month...is that impressive or what? This is **YOUR** forum...use it. Unless it is obscene, political, essentially untrue or totally off the wall, I’ll print it.

## ***EVENTS CALENDAR UPDATED MONTHLY***

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month and generally start at 7:30 P.M. at the Stockton Yacht Club. (I-5 to Alpine west on Alpine to Wisconsin, right on Wisconsin to the end of the road...can't miss it.) Cruise questions?? Call **Mickey Thole** (209) 239-1492 or (209) 483-7287

### **JUNE**

- 06-08 **Dos Rios Yacht Club at the Island:** No space available
- 09 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 21-22 Skipper Saver at the Squadron Island
- 19-22 Suisun City Cruise (two nights) via the Pittsburg Yacht Club (one night)

### **JULY**

- 04 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at the Island...everyone is welcome
- 11-13 In cooperation with District 25, a second cruise to Rio Vista
- 14 General meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 16 District 25 Meeting Village West Yacht Club...Dinner 6:00

### **AUGUST**

- 02-03 Skipper Saver at the Squadron Island
- 11 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 14-17 Railroad Cut raft out "The Meadows" Cruise

### **September**

- 08 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 13-14 Skipper Saver at the Squadron Island

### **October**

- 13 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 17-26 Bay Cruise (Glen Cove, Sausalito, SFYC Tiburon, South Beach San Francisco, Benicia).

### **November**

- 10 General Meetings at the Stockton Yacht Club

### **December**

- 08 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 13 Christmas Party

# ISLAND SCENES



Who's that?? Must be Le Patron!



What's that?? Must be part of the lighting system



So, is it going to work or what?



Just a few of the many who worked so diligently



Part of the preparation area & storage "boxes." I recommend a sign that says "Beware! Rattlesnake coiled inside. Do NOT open unless a PS member." Then again, maybe a frowning picture of Michael would do.