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Sunshine Report

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Davis
Elinda Eakins, wife of Kerry Eakins
Samantha McDaniel, wife of Mike McDaniel

May 12
May 10
May 4

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff and Burgess Demers
Bob and Catherine Thompson

May 7
May 18

Please keep Jerry Zaccaria and his wife Edna in your prayers as she battles cancer.

On 22 March, the date of our last meeting, Bob Thompson made a quick visit to the hospital due to dizziness. We understand that Bob is feeling better and hope to see him at the April meeting.

Sympathy is extended to Bob Thompson and family upon the recent death of his brother-in-law.

Best wishes for a speedy and successful recovery are in order for Jun Looney who has undergone two cataract surgeries during recent weeks.

At the age of 106, Peggy Looney's mother, Bernice F. Rushbrooke, still enjoys getting mail! She has made her home with Peggy and Jun since 2001 when she was 99. Her address is 6821 Everett Road, Forest, VA 24551. She would love to hear from us!

NEW ARRIVALS



Photo by John Krogmann
Clare Krogmann

Clare Krogmann, daughter of John and Carole' Krogmann, arrived on 24 February. She weighed in at 5 pounds, 6 ounces and is doing fine. Best wishes go to Carole' as she recuperates at home. Congratulations to both

Carole' and John.

Congratulations are also in order for Bill and Vonda Gardner who welcomed their fifth grandchild on 28 February. Evan Patrick Gardner, son of Joshua and Genelle Gardner, is the first of the Gardners' grandchildren to carry the Gardner name! Bill and Vonda now have three grandsons and two granddaughters.

MINUTES OF FLOTILLA 81 MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2009

Unit Officers Present: FC Foster, VFC Lowe, PS Merriman, PV Collins, PB Lamons, PE Howell, Sunshine Davis, and NS Thompson.

Guests Present: Ben Blankenship, Flotilla 85.

Condensed Version of Reports and Motions Voted On: Meeting called to order at 1500, Pledge led by Bob Thompson, Invocation by Paul M. Howell, January minutes read by Susan Lowe, motion to accept as read by Danny Foster, 2nd by Tom Lamons and carried. Staff Officers present provided reports; reports attached. Fall Conference will be Sept. 18-20 in Chesapeake, VA. Boat Crew training continues, Flotilla 81 will have an OPS/get the rust out weekend May 9-10. 055 has been taken to Portsmouth for maintenance; hope to have it back by the end of April. Flotilla history completed by Betty Lamons. Debbie Collins will take the FSO-SR position starting in March.

Old Business – Shirts. Antenna at Don and Mary Davis needs repair.

New Business: Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 1614.

Unit Training Topics Presented: None.

Remarks: Awards: Karl Elsea – Flotilla 81 Auxiliarist of the Year; Mary Davis – Certificate of Appreciation.

Next Business Meeting: March 22, 2009, SML AUXSARDET.

Submitted by Susan Lowe, VFC-81.

COMING UP

23 – 26 April – Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament, hosted by Parkway Marina at SML. Patrol boats needed.

24 April – Debbie Robbins State Farm/Flotilla 81 Boating Safety booth, SML Business Expo, 1200 – 1800 hours, Downtown Moneta (West Side of Rt. 122 between Moneta Library and Mayberry Hills).

26 April – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Jeff Demers, host.

2 May – SML Triathlon, 0900 hours, SML State Park.
Take Pride in SML Cleanup Day.

8 – 10 May – Operations weekend at SML AUXSARDET. ICS 210 will be taught. Details TBA.

11 and 12 May – Boat Virginia Course, Brambleton Center, 3738 Brambleton Ave., S. W., Roanoke, VA, 1830 hours.

16 May – Tom Maynard Memorial Poker Run.

16 May—VSC Mega weeks begin.

16 – 23 May – National Safe Boating Week.

23 – 25 May – Vessel Safety Check kick-off by USCG AUX and Power Squadron, details TBA.

24 May – Flotilla 81 meeting and picnic, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours.

15 and 16 June, Boat Virginia Course, Brambleton Center, 3738, Brambleton Ave., S. W., Roanoke, VA, 1830 hours.

22 June – U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 70th Anniversary.

4 July – Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display, Parkway Marina, Huddleston, VA.

18 – 20 September – District Conference, Chesapeake, VA.

19 September – SML Antique and Classic Boat Show, Mariner’s Landing, Huddleston, VA

26 September – Big Lick Triathlon, SML State Park, time TBA..

2 – 4 October – SML Charity Home Tour.

5 December – VA Dare Flotilla for Toys Christmas Boat Parade. Boats leave the VA Dare Marina at 1900 hours.

**FLOTILLA 81 FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2009**

	January	February	March
Beginning Cash Balance:	\$4,535.01	\$4,407.01	\$3,030.45
Income	\$45.00	\$90.00	
	<u>\$17.00</u>	<u>\$15.50</u>	
Total Income:	\$62.00	105.50	0.00
Expense:			
Division Dues:	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	
Office Supplies:	\$116.51	\$0.00	
Name Badges	\$0.00	\$32.06	
Sunshine:	\$40.43	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Expense:	<u>\$33.06</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Expense:	\$190.00	\$1,482.06	\$0.00
Cash Flow	<u>\$128.00</u>	<u>\$1,376.56</u>	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$4,407.01	\$3,030.45	\$3,030.45

COMMS REFRESHER COURSE SLATED FOR APRIL MEETING

Flotilla 81 will meet at the SML AUXSARDET on 26 April at 1500 hours. A Communications refresher course will follow. Those staying for the potluck

dinner after the member training session are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, meat, bread, or dessert to share. Ice and soft drinks will be provided by Jeff Demers, host.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SML AUXSARDET

Directions to the SML Search and Rescue Detachment are as follows: from Rt. 122, turn on Merriman Way Road (Rt. 666) at the Epworth Methodist Church. Turn left on Oldfield Road, then right on Oak Grove Lane. Follow Oak Grove Lane to the end, then turn left – look for the USCG AUXSARDET sign on the left.

**PEGGY LOONRY REPRESENTS AUXILIARY AT DAR
MEMORIAL WREATH LAYING**



Photo courtesy of Peggy Looney

Peggy Looney, who serves the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution as Tributes and Memorial Chairman, represented the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the laying of a memorial wreath at the Lafayette Arch in Portsmouth, VA, on 20 March, during the Annual State DAR Convention. The wreath honors those members of the VA DAR who have died during the past year. Following the memorial service, the wreath was moved to the Lafayette Arch where Peggy placed a red rose on the wreath in honor of Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution. Pictured from left to right with the wreath are Carol Howerton, State Chaplain of the DAR; Peggy Looney; and Bana Caskey, State Regent of the VA DAR.

FLOTILLA 81 MEMBER FIGHTS LAKE FIRE



Photo by Tom Lamons

Flotilla 81 member Vince Popowitch is also a member of the Moneta Fire Company. On Friday, 21 March, Vince, along with fire fighters from Moneta, SML Marine Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Huddleston, Saunders, and Bedford, was called out around 1900 hours to fight a house fire in the Hickory Cove community on the Bedford County side of the lake. The Moneta Rescue Squad also responded. By the time the crews arrived, the house was fully involved, and flames were spreading toward the home’s large dock and into the next door neighbor’s yard. (continued next page)

The 7,000 square-foot home, valued around 1.5 million dollars, burned to the ground. Further damage to the surrounding area was prevented by the valiant efforts of the responding fire fighters who remained on scene well into the night and returned the following day to check for hot spots. Fortunately, winds were light. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire, and no one was injured. Cause of the blaze is under investigation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH MEETING



Four Flotilla 81 Staff Officers for 2009 were administered their oaths of office by Danny L. Foster, FC 81, at the Flotilla meeting held on 22 March at the SML AUXSARDET. Susan Lowe, VFC 81, assisted. Left to right are Melissa Popowitch, Vessel Examinations; Vince Popowitch, Communications; Debbie Collins, Secretary/Records; and Al Perdue, Information Systems. Danny Foster is at far right.



Jeff Demers, at left, receives a Certificate of Advancement as Vessel Examiner/Facility Inspector. Danny Foster, at right, made the presentation.



Recipients of Sustained Service Awards, presented by Danny Foster, at far right, during the 22 March meeting are, left to right: Melissa Popowitch, First Award; Susan Lowe, Eighth Award; Vince Popowitch, Fourth Award; and Tom Merriman, Fourth Award.



Recipients of Point Awards for 2008, which were distributed during the March meeting, are, left to right on second row: Karl Elsea, 370 points; Melissa Popowitch, 316 points; Tom Merriman, 255 points; Danny Foster, FC 81; and Tom Lamons, 138 points. In the foreground are Gail Elsea, 118 points; and Vince Popowitch, 959 points. Not pictured is Betty Lamons, 138 points. Melissa Popowitch also received an Auxiliary Annual Service Award for Operations in 2008.



Left to right, Susan Lowe, Betty Lamons, and Tom Merriman receive Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Awards for Public Education during 2008. Tom Merriman was also awarded a certificate from the National Search and Rescue School for completion of the course for Auxiliary Search Coordination and Execution (AUX SC&E, formerly AUX SAR). Making the awards is Danny Foster at far right.

TCT CLASS CONDUCTED AT SML AUXSARDET



A number of Auxiliarists from throughout the western half of Division 8 were in attendance for the Team Coordination Training Class held at the SML AUXSARDET on 28 March 2009. Mickey Frece, Smith Mountain Lake Operations Coordinator for Division 8, conducted the eight hour training session.

TWENTY-NINE COMPLETE BOAT VA COURSE



Flotilla 81 conducted its third Boat Virginia course of the year on 13 and 14 April. Twenty-nine of the thirty-two enrollees successfully completed the course which was held at the Brambleton Center in Roanoke County. Instructors for the class were Paul M. Howell, Betty Lamons, Tom Lamons, Susan Lowe, and Tom Merriman.

Sponsors for the course were Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism; the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; *The Smith Mountain Eagle*; the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; the SML Water Safety Council; the SML Boating Association; and Debbie Robbins State Farm Agency.

The next Boat Virginia Course is scheduled for 11 and 12 May at the same location, beginning at 1830 hours each evening.

ANNUAL SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE CLEANUP

The Smith Mountain Lake Association's annual "Take Pride in Smith Mountain Lake" cleanup will take place on Saturday, 2 May, 0800 – 1600 hours. If you have not yet registered and wish to participate, call the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission (TLAC) at (540) 721-4400 *immediately*, or go by their office on the upper level at "The Plaza" next to Dairy Queen, 400 Scruggs Road, Suite 200, at Westlake. (continued)

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Assembly of supply bags for the cleanup will begin at 0900 hours on Friday, 24 April at the SML Association office which is also located at "The Plaza" in Westlake. It is on the lower level, back side of the shopping center. If you can help with the bag stuffing or with supply pickups on 28 – 30 April, call the Association office at (540) 719-0690.

THIS AND THAT

Please remember to *check all doors* when leaving the SML AUXSARDET. They were recently found open by retired Auxiliary members visiting the property.

Let Jeff Demers, FSO-MA, know about your supply needs.

Dean Nimax, FSO-MT, needs mentors for the boat crew class check-offs. Call Dean and let him know if you can help.

Vessel Examiners are reminded to send the *copy* of the completed VE forms to Melissa Popowitch, FSO-VE. The *original* must go to Al Perdue, FSO-IS.

Just a reminder – certified State Instructors not certified as Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructors may not be listed as lead instructor on the Form 7030 (Mission Form). A qualified Auxiliary Instructor should be listed as lead. Anyone not Auxiliary qualified who is helping with a class should be entered as "Trainee."

All Information Systems forms must go through the FSO-IS! Under no circumstances should forms be submitted directly to Division.

An error occurred in the March issue of *The Lake Pilot*. Reimbursement for gasoline use for travel in excess of 60 miles was a one-time reimbursement for travel to this year's Advanced Skills Weekend. Those traveling to patrol destinations receive mileage only when towing a boat to the patrol area.

Don't forget to fill out your monthly Member Activity Log (Form 7029, better known as the 99 Form). For each hour logged, approximately \$17.00 come back to the Auxiliary!

Help! Hosts are still needed for the October and November meetings. Please let Susan Lowe, VFC, or Betty Lamons, FSO-PB, know if you are willing to host one of these meetings.