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Sunshine Report

BIRTHDAYS

William Broyles, Jr.
Tom Conroy
Don Davis
Danny Foster
Peggy Looney
Joe Nicholson, Jr.
Melissa Popowitch
Harold Snodgrass

July 24
July 31
July 7
July 22
July 26
July 4
July 11
July 13

Anniversaries

"Slim" and Ellen Lockerman
Michael and Samantha McDaniel

July 24
July 21

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Ron and Debbie Collins on the death of Ron's uncle, Lake Booth, who passed away on 24 April at age 88.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 22, 2009

Unit Officers Present: FC Foster, VFC Lowe, VE Popowitch, CM Popowitch, PB Lamons, PV Collins, SR Collins, PS Merriman, and IS Perdue.

Guests Present: Ben Blankenship.

Condensed Version of Reports and Motions: Meeting called to order by FC Danny Foster at 1500; Pledge led by VFC Susan Lowe. Please give 99 Forms to Al Perdue. IS Forms needed to go to Al Perdue, FSO-IS. Wal Mart to give donation to SARDET. Refresher course at next meeting by Dean Nimax. May 2nd Lake Cleanup Day. Bass Master April 23 – 26; 150 boats; Amateur same weekend. 2nd weekend in May Ops at station. BS&S classes not going to have this spring, maybe this fall. April 4th Division Meeting at Academy of Police in Lynchburg. See calendar for VE and sign up for when you want to do inspections. 10 VE per person and send to Al Perdue.

Old Business: Don and Mary Davis's antenna to be addressed by V. Popowitch. Charlene to make up golf type T shirts; get a group together and order all at one time. Betty Lamons to be reimbursed up to \$100 for new banner used at boat show, motion made by G. Elsea, second by Al Perdue, and passed.

Unit Training: None.

Remarks: 4 members sworn into officer positions: Debbie Collins, SR, Al Perdue, IS, Vince Popowitch, CM, and Melissa Popowitch, VE.

Next Business Meeting: April 26, 2009, 1500 hours, SML SARDET.

Debbie Collins, FSO-SR

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MAY 24, 2009

Unit Officers Present: PE Howell, PB Lamons, SR Collins, PV Collins, MA Demers, PS Merriman, VFC Lowe, FC Foster, OP Frece, and PA Eakins.

Guests Present: Marty Hallgren, Marvin Hollowell and wife.

Condensed Version of Reports and Motions: Meeting called to order by Susan Lowe, VFC, at 1500; Pledge led by Jeff Demers. July 1st PWC and Motorboat Safety per Paul Howell. 60 VE exams done over Memorial Day Weekend. July refreshments Ronnie and Debbie Collins. Flag Donated to SARDET by Marvin Hollowell. 50/50 won by Debbie Collins.

Unit Training Topics Presented: None – Social Picnic.

Remarks: Jeff Demers, Seamanship and Marine Safety; Kerry Eakins, Weather Specialist; Tom Merriman, Search Coordinator and Execution and AUX OP Member.

Next Business Meeting: June 28, 2009, 1500, SML SARDET.

Debbie Collins, FSO-SR

COMING UP

27 June – Personal Watercraft Poker Run, sponsored by the SML Power Boating Association, begins at 1100 hours from Webster's Marina following a Captains' Meeting at 1030 hours.

28 June – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Bob Thompson, host.

4 July – Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display, Parkway Marina, Huddleston, VA. Fireworks begin around 2145 hours.

4 July – VSC Mega Weeks end.

6 – 7 July – Boat Virginia Course, Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA, 1800 hours.

9 – 10 July – Uninspected Passenger Vessel PQS course for currently qualified Vessel Examiners. For more information contact Susan Lowe at (804) 387-5069 or go to cslowe4@verizon.net.

18 July – Wakeboard Tournament, *Battle of the Bull Run*, sponsored by Wake 'N' Skate. Details TBA.

18 July – Eight-hour TCT (Team Coordination Training) Course, Lynchburg Criminal Justice Center, 0930 hours until complete. For additional information, contact SO-MT Susan Lowe at cslowe4@verizon.net

26 July – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Ron and Debbie Collins, hosts.

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.

2 – 4 October – Advanced Skills Weekend, TRACEN, Yorktown, VA. Sign-up deadline is 12 September.

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

FLOTILLA 81 TO MEET ON 28 JUNE

Flotilla 81 will meet at the SML AUXSARDET on Sunday, 28 June, at 1500 hours. The meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner hosted by Bob Thompson who will supply drinks and ice. Those staying for potluck should bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, meat, bread, or dessert to share.

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, turn left – look for the AUXSARDET sign on the left.

FLOTILLA 81 PATROLS POKER RUN



Contestants in the Tom Maynard Memorial Poker Run prepare to get underway at Bridgewater Marina on 16 May. Many of the boats featured clever decorations and crewmembers in colorful costumes



This year’s Tom Maynard Memorial Poker Run took place on 16 May. As in years past, Flotilla 81 members were on hand to patrol the event. Here,

enjoying the picnic which followed the run, are, left to right, Karl Elesea, Mickey Frece, Tom Lamons, Paul M. Howell, and Paul V. Howell.

FLOTILLA 81 MEMBERS CONDUCT VSCs



Left to right, Paul M. Howell, Region II Coordinator for Boating Education for Virginia’s Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and Tom Merriman discuss boating safety with Stacey Brown, one of Virginia’s two State Coordinators for Boating Education. Stacey, who was in the Smith Mountain Lake area visiting relatives, came by Crazy Horse Marina to observe Vessel Examiners in action on 23 May.



Tom Merriman, at left, conducts a Vessel Safety Check for Michael and Theresa Briggs of Penhook, VA. Tom was one of several Flotilla 81 members doing VSCs at Crazy Horse Marina over the fourth weekend of May. Roanoke Power Squadron members examined boats at Bridgewater Marina over the same weekend.



This Vessel Safety Check banner greeted boaters at the Crazy Horse Marina on 23 May.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY MEETING



Flotilla 81 held a short meeting on 24 May at the SML AUXSARDET prior to a picnic for members and their guests. Here, Tom Merriman, at left, receives a certificate designating him as an AUXOP member. Ed Hollowell, DCDR 8, made the presentation. This coveted award is earned by Auxiliaries who have successfully completed all six Auxiliary Specialty Courses. Merriman also received a certificate from the National Search and Rescue School for completion of the Auxiliary Search Coordination and Execution Program.



At left, Jeff Demers is congratulated by Ed Hollowell as Danny Foster, FC 81, presents certificates for Seamanship and Marine Safety. Kerry Eakins, not pictured, was the recipient of a certificate for having completed the Weather Specialty course.

PATROL BOATS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Parkway Marina will again host a Fourth of July celebration beginning at 1730 hours on 4 July. Included in the events leading up to the fireworks display at approximately 2145 hours will be patriotic displays, military and fire and rescue equipment, classic cars, music and food. The 1954 Parkway Carousel will be open for rides.

Again this year, a no-wake zone will be maintained by members of the SML Boating Association, the boundaries of which will be marked by vessels displaying lighted orange balloons. The SML Marine Fire and Rescue Company, along with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will maintain an inner boundary in order to protect spectators from fallout from the fireworks.

This event is held annually as a benefit for the Saunders Volunteer Fire Company. Those wishing to make a donation may mail their tax-deductible

contributions to: Treasurer, Saunders Volunteer Fire Co., P. O. Box 14, Huddleston, VA 24104-0014.

Auxiliary Coxswains and Crew are needed, along with their facilities, to assist in making this a safe and fun event. Anyone wishing to patrol the fireworks display may request orders from Mickey Frece, Operations Coordinator for the SML AUXSARDET.

BOATING SAFETY BOOTHS HELD



The first weekend of June was a busy one with two boating safety booths conducted by members of Flotilla 81. Paul M. Howell manned a booth at Cave Spring Corners in Roanoke County on Saturday, 6 June, while Tom and Betty Lamons were on hand at VISA (Virginia Inland Sailing Association) Yacht Club's open house at Smith Mountain Lake on Saturday and Sunday, 6 and 7 June. Pictured above are the Lamons with their display at VISA on 7 June.

FLOTILLA 81 CONDUCTS FIFTH BOAT VIRGINIA COURSE



Sixty persons attended the Boat Virginia Course at the Brambleton Recreation Center on 15 and 16 June. All 60, including 17 students of age 17 and under, received wallet cards certifying successful completion of the course. Due to the large crowd, the class was taught in the Teen Center at the recreation facility. This class set a record for attendees at a boating class held in the Roanoke area.

Instructors for the course were Jeff Demers, Karl Elsea, Paul M. Howell, Betty Lamons, Tom Lamons, and Tom Merriman. Sponsors were Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism; the VA 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.

Flotilla 81's next Boat Virginia class is scheduled for 6 and 7 July at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA. Class will begin at 1800 hours each evening. ***Initially Qualified (IQ) Flotilla members are encouraged to attend this class in order to become Basically Qualified (BQ).***

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