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**THE PELORUS**  
**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**  
*District 13 Fall Conference 2012*  
*19 October— 21 October*



*River Palms Hotel and Casino*  
*2121 South Casino Drive*  
**800-835-7903**

**USPS GROUP CODE 2366**

**Come take a fun bus trip with us.**  
**Bingo, cash prizes, snacks.**



**District Commander  
Donald Crowder, SN**

**WELCOME ABOARD:**

The good ship District 13 is casting off all our dock lines and setting Sail for Laughlin, NV. for our Fall Conference. Something a little different this time as we had complaints about things being boring.

Our conference chairs P/D/Lt/C Rosemarie Radomsky, AP and P/D/C Marla Brown, JN have set up a great program at more than a fair price. For those of you not wanting to drive there is a charter bus, for members driving, at the room rate we were quoted they might like to stay an extra day or two. Our DEO Tom Koch, SN has some interesting Seminars for this conference that should appeal to all.

The plan is Breakfast (buffet), hot lunch, have a short meeting in the afternoon in recognition for those members that have earned Awards.

We will adjourn so you have the rest of the afternoon and evening to your leisure, take in Dinner and a show, ride the shuttle boats up and down the river stop at various casino's and try your luck at the tables or slots.

I'm certain. This conference will not be boring, so please come and join us.  
Have fun...

**Registration Form**

Makes checks payable to: USPS District 13  
Mail To: P/D/Lt/C Rosemarie Radomsky  
136 Whiting Street, #1  
El Segundo, CA 90245  
Please include a check with this form.  
Prices are per person.

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	PRIOR TO: 10/10/12	AFTER: 10/10/12	NUMBER	TOTAL
BREAKFAST	\$18.00	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Buffet– Western Scramble( Ham, peppers, onions). Fruit, melons, muffins, breakfast breads, juice, sausage and bacon, coffee and teas.				
LUNCHEON:	\$23.00	\$25.00		
Grilled Salmon			_____	\$_____
London Broil			_____	\$_____
Caesar Salad, roasted potatoes, apple pie, beverages, rolls.				
Tom Cod Schooling Buffet Breakfast	\$18.00	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
(Don't forget your Tom Cod hats) (All members welcome, you do not need to be a Tom Cod)				
DONATION TICKETS:		\$10.00	_____	\$_____
		TOTAL	_____	\$_____

- Special Dietary requests will be available please advise.
  - Please attend all meals to make this a success.

### **“A” Workshops - 0900 to 0950**

#### **Intro to Basic Excel – Cdr. Wendy Sherwood**

Microsoft Excel is a powerful program. Come and get familiar with the basics. We will navigate through the program and discuss how to enter, edit and format text and numbers. Learn how to enter simple formulas into worksheets and how to make formulas update their results automatically. Learn how to move data between worksheets. Please feel free to bring a laptop with the Excel program for hands on training.

#### **Boating on the Water – D/Lt/C Richard Daybell**

The USPS education department is adding on the water segments to most of their available classes. This year we have added on the water segments to both our seamanship class and our sail class. In JN we are taking students on the water to take their sun sights. On the water segments have been or will shortly be added to all the advanced classes plus the ABC 3Class. Join us to learn more regarding these opportunities and some of the details to follow in setting up the on the water outings. If time will allow the session will include a report on the POTW program.

### **“B” Workshops – 1000 to 1050**

#### **Advanced Excel – Cdr. Wendy Sherwood**

lets take Excel to the next level and discuss some practical applications. Download your member status report or use a DB2000 extract and manipulate the data. Create a pivot table, or filter the data to quickly analyze it your way. Freeze your headers and quickly scroll through large amounts of data. Learn to split one column of data into two or more, and to combine two or more columns into one.

#### **How to use Tech Soup – P/D/C Ken Boyd**

Are you tired of having those who get stuff from Techsoup kick sand in your face at the beach? Tired of hearing about MS Office Professional + for \$31 and Adobe CS6 for \$170? Salvation is at hand; you can join Techsoup and start kicking back. This Seminar will cover:

- 1) How to get all the documents required to qualify as a member.
- 2) How to edit your profile so you will be eligible to buy from various vendors.
- 3) Understand why you should have only one member with access.
- 4) Understand 'seats' for a product, Volume License Keys and so forth.

### **“C” Workshop –**

#### **Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado River**

#### **Valerie E. Thomas, Environmental Professional,**

is currently the Chief of the Resources Management Office for the Lower Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation. She has a long career of Federal service, which began on St. Patrick’s Day 1983, when she was sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving on active duty for 10 years throughout the world, she entered the reserves and utilized her archeology degree as the Museum Director for the Cocopah Tribe in southern Arizona, and later, as an Environmental Protection Specialist at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in 29 Palms, CA.

## **Call to the Fall 2012 D/13 Conference**

**To: District 13 Bridge Officers  
Squadron Commanders  
Squadron Educational Officers  
Squadron Delegates (see section 4.02.1 of the District 13 Bylaws)  
District 13 Past Commanders  
All Squadron Members**

### **The Fall 2012 District 13 Conference will be held:**

**Date: 19-21 October 2012**

**Place: River Palms Hotel & Casino, 2121 S. Casino Drive  
Laughlin, NV 89029**

#### **Purposes:**

**To pass upon all matters pertaining to District 13,  
USPS;  
To hear and act upon reports of all District Officers;  
To hear and act upon reports of all District Committees;  
and  
To conduct such other business of the District as may  
properly come before the conference.**

**D/Lt/C Betty Koch, P  
Secretary District 13**



V/C Gary Cheney, SN  
National Treasurer

National Treasurer for 2012 and a northeast Ohio native, Gary lived most of his life in the Lake Erie port city of Ashtabula, Ohio. He joined Ashtabula Power Squadron in late 1986 and enrolled in Seamanship in January 1987. During the next three years, he completed all Advanced Grade and Elective courses, self-studying Navigation when no instructor was available. He holds a rather unique full certificate, with all of his course stickers being signed by the same national educational officer, V/C Louis Spector, SN.

Gary served as squadron executive officer from 1988–1989 and commander from 1990–1991. In 1990 he was appointed to the Navigation Course Committee where he served for six years. He was elected to the D/11 bridge in 1994 and rose to district commander in 1998. In 2004 he was again elected to the D/11 bridge and served as district commander a second time in 2007. He has spent nine years on the Budget Committee, three as staff and six as rear commander. Gary has served as treasurer of the National Meetings Committee, as aide to two chief commanders, chaired several squadron and district events, and has taught all Advanced Grade courses. Currently a member of District 11's Erie Power Squadron, Gary is a Life Member with 25 merit marks. He resides in Atlantic Beach, N.C., and is an associate member of Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron and Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron in District 27.

V/C Cheney has been active in charitable organizations and spent several years working with the United Way of Ashtabula County, including two years as president of the board of directors Gary graduated from Kent State University with an associate degree in Mechanical Engineering, a bachelor's in Industrial Technology and a Master of Business Administration. He was awarded the Graduate College of Business Award for Outstanding Achievement for performance in the MBA program.

USPS DISTRICT 13  
2012 FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA  
Friday 19 - Saturday 21  
October 2012

Friday, October 19,

1900-2200 Casino (Have fun, relax)

Saturday, October 20

Uniform of the day G: White short-sleeve shirt, no tie, Black Pants/Skirt  
Bridge members only, all others - Squadron or USPS Shirts

0700-0900 Breakfast  
0800-0900 Registration  
0830-0900 Opening Ceremonies  
0900-1200 Shipmate's Go Exploring

0830-0900 Introductions

0900-0950 "A" Workshops  
1- Intro to Basic Excel – Cdr. Wendy Sherwood  
2- Boating on the Water—D/Lt/C Richard Daybell

1000-1050 "B" Workshops  
1 - Advanced Excel - Cdr. Wendy Sherwood  
2 - How To use Tech Soup – P/D/C Ken Boyd

1100-1200 "C" Workshop –Valery Thomas  
1 - Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado River

1230-1630 Combined Members & Shipmates Lunch  
& Business Meeting (Working Lunch)  
Awards, Donation Drawing, Contest Winner  
Note: Ending Time is approximate

Saturday Evening  
Have Fun on your own.

0830-1100 Sunday Morning– Tom Cod Schooling Breakfast  
(Don't forget your hats)

1145 Line up for the bus.

**ENTRY FORM**

**HARLAN ANDERSON PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST**

**Name, Rank, Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Squadron:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:** 1. 2. 3. (Circle One) **Note: Only one entry per form.**

**Category 1:** Any USPS Educational Activity,  
Also Public Service Activities

**Category 2:** Any USPS Boating Activity  
Also Social Activities

**Category 3:** General Boating or Scenic Photograph of particular  
interest to USPS

**Explanation of Entry:**

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**Remember:** Make 2 copies of the Entry Form. Attach one to the back of your photo entry, and submit the original copy with your entry. We need this separate original copy for tabulation purposes. Bring Entries with the separate Entry Form to the Fall Conference and leave them with the people at the Registration Desk Saturday morning.

**Deadline:** Saturday morning prior to the activities. Late entries will not be accepted and may be lost or misplaced if you do not leave it with me or someone at the Registration Desk. If unable to do so, please contact:

P/C Gil Moe  
Email: gilbertmoe@verizon.net  
Phone: (951) 652-1847



Welcome to Laughlin, NV from the Conference Co-Chairs  
P/D/C Marla Brown, JN & P/D/Lt/C Rosemarie Radomsky, AP

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at District 13's Fall Conference . We hope you will join us on the bus for some Bingo fun, cash prizes and snacks, as we go on down the road. Bus carries 55 people, reservations are on a first come basis. **But it is essential that you contact Rosemarie within the next couple of weeks followed by a check for the bus.** Coming back home we will also have snacks, bingo and prizes.

We have a new type of conference and we are sure you will enjoy the seminars that the bridge has planned for you. Also it will be different this time at Laughlin. We will be having a breakfast buffet before the seminars, we really need you all join us. There will be a luncheon before the general meeting, at the luncheon we will give out the donation prizes, mostly cash and gift cards.

After the general meeting is over, there is no dinner dance. So enjoy some free time. Sunday we will be leaving at 12 noon.

Thanking you in advance for all your cooperation and help to make this a successful conference. See you at the next council meeting in January, so until then Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and a happy and safe New Year.

## HARLAN ANDERSON MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

### RIVER PALMS TROPICANA HOTEL IN LAUGHLIN, NV.

OCTOBER 19th - 21st, 2012

Get out your cameras and begin thinking about taking some good pictures for the Harlan Anderson Photographic Contest to be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the River Palms Tropicana Hotel in Laughlin, NV.

#### GENERAL RULES:

1. Entries should be either color or black & white photographs. Digital prints may be optimized, but may not be manipulated, enhanced, or modified on the computer. You may add a plain title, but no graphics may be added. The photo must not be identified on the face by its maker.
2. All participants understand and agree that by entering the contest, their entries may be copied or used for USPS promotion and educational purposes.
3. All photographs must have been taken during the current U.S.P.S. year. Only active members of the U.S.P.S. and the Sea Scouts are eligible to submit photographs for consideration.
4. The prints may be up to a maximum of 8"x12" and should be mounted on a photo mount board of any color or size. The board should be thick enough to stand upright by itself.
5. If you wish to submit a collection of photos depicting an event or activity on a story board, you may do so. The photos should be large enough to view from a standing position and they may be mounted on a story board in any number or arrangement. Each board is considered one entry. It is best to limit the number to approximately 6 to 8 photos. Otherwise, you will lose your audience if the board contains too many photos. In group photos, each person should be performing an action and not just standing there side by side. Of course the collection should tell a story. Originality will be the watch word here!
6. You may only add a plain title to the front of the photo mount board. You may also add a title under each photo on the story board. Please do not add any graphic, accessory or other item to the board or photo (s).
7. It would be appreciated if you can supply an easel or can make a stand for your board.
8. Each participant may submit a maximum of five (5) entries.
9. Make a copy of your entry form and paste it on the back of each entry that you submit. The original copy of the entry form should be submitted with your photo to be used for tabulation purposes. Thus you need two (2) copies of the form.
10. Entries will be judged in 3 Categories. The Harlan Anderson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the owner of the Best Over-All photograph from the winner in one of the three categories. Certificates will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup> Place in each Category. Remember that neatness,

good photographic technique, and good presentation are a must for your photo to be considered. A photo that depicts the spirit and purpose of the United States Power Squadron and one that projects a thought story or record of the USPS Squadron, District, or National educational or boating activity will be given the most points in the judging!

11. Each entry must be submitted with a separate Entry Form that designates which Category you desire your entry to be judged in. Remember, you may only submit a maximum of five (5) entries!
12. Bring your entries with a separate attached entry form for each entry to the Conference and leave them with the person in charge of the Reception Desk. The entries must be submitted no later than prior to the District Activities on Saturday Morning, October 20th, 2012. Paste a copy of your entry form on the back of your entry or at least write your name, rank, grade, Squadron, District and Category on the back of the photo. Yes, that means that you must submit two (2) entry forms – one on the back of your photo and one for me to use to tabulate the entries. Late entries will not be accepted!
13. If you cannot attend the Conference, ask a friend or associate to bring your entries to the Conference for you. The entries must be submitted to the Reception Desk or to me prior to the Activities Saturday Morning. As an alternate, you could mail your Entry Form and Entry (s) to P/C Gil Moe. Call me at (951) 652-1847 to make arrangements. No Entries will be accepted after the deadline, of Saturday, October 20th, 2012

#### CATEGORIES:

CATEGORY 1 – Any U.S.P.S. Educational Activity.

Also Public Service (Vessel Examinations, Co-Op Charting, etc.)

CATEGORY 2 – Any U.S.P.S. Boating Activity.

Also Social Activities (Sea Skill Contests, Game Nights, etc.)

CATEGORY 3 - General boating or scenic picture depicting subjects of particular interest to USPS. you can include a great scenic photo such as of a sunset, or a seaside scene. The photo, however, should have a direct relationship to subjects of interest to the U.S.P.S. These photos are usually photos taken at Power Squadron events or photos taken elsewhere showing subjects such as a lighthouse or boats in a harbor.

P/C Gilbert P. Moe, Chairman Harlan Anderson Memorial Competition Committee.

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