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Commander



I planned my escape well this month. When it was peaking in the 90's with 85% humidity here I went west, very far west. Only saw boats in the distance on mountain lakes. Starting in Jackson, Wyoming, moving north thru Yellowstone, up thru the glacier parks of Montana and Canada. Yes, there were lakes and a few boats. The bad news was that the water was cold, likely melting ice cold. Fortunately I returned to find the temperatures in North Carolina moderating to the 80's which is more tolerable.

In my continuing saga of boat upgrading I did get this big XXX filter/water separator installed. Testing it on Belews Lake I learned another lesson. The Yamaha must have a fuel pump that can push gasoline thru its filter and draw it from the under deck fuel tank but it isn't strong enough to pull gas thru my new filter. I had to hand pump gas a few times to keep the engine running. As a result I have ordered a 12 volt fuel pump to add to my system to push the gas thru my new device. However, I did extract half pint of water with the separator during my time on the lake, so I obviously am not out of the woods with the water in the tank issue.

In a couple of weeks I will be going to Wilmington for the D27 Rendezvous which is mostly to be a fun weekend. I have one official meeting but other than that no significant events are plan other than dining plans that have been made for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Just thought of something else. I know it is cool to have a dark sea blue bimini over your boat's cockpit. But as a geeky engineer I disagree with the color. Cathy and I are working on an extension from the bimini over the back three quarters of the boat where our guests have to sit in the sun. I ordered some light tan fabric for this cover, oyster color they called it. I plan to have it roll up like a shade on a window when not in use. See picture of roller assembly next page.



If all this works out I plan to replace my “sea blue” bimini with the same material as the lighter color will reflect the sun’s heat better than the dark color it is now. May not look as aesthetically pleasing as the blue but it will certainly be cooler to sit under. Like my tractors that aren’t anything pretty to look at, they are all functional for the duty intended. That’s my motto.

Administrative Officer



We are currently in search of a great new place for our meetings and bridge meetings. We are trying out North Point Grill this month. It worked out for our August Bridge meeting and we are going to have our September meeting there as well. It is difficult to find a location that provides a no cost option for a meeting room. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I can try and see if they are available.

For our September we will have a speaker from Morgan Stanley and the Clean Sweep at Belews Lake. Bill is planning on taking his boat so if you want to participate, let him know.

It is getting time to prepare a slate for officers for next year for the WSSPS, please let Bill or myself know if you would be willing to serve in any of our elected bridge offices.

In addition, we will be needing for members to be compiling their information for submitting members for merit marks. Please email Bill Davis with this information.

Please check our calendar for upcoming events.



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

Last Saturday, August 5th, I had the pleasure of teaching the Americas Boating Course – Third Edition to three folks from the Triad Saltwater Anglers Club. They chose to do a full day class and all did very well on the course. Congratulations to John Cranford, David Jones, and Tyler Jones. There was excellent class participation and opportunity for boating tales during the lunch break as well. There are other members of the Triad Saltwater Anglers Club who hoped to take the class, but, were unable to attend. They plan to attend the ABC-3 classes in October at the Old Town Recreation Acres.

Some members of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron are also members of the Triad Saltwater Anglers Club and promoted the ABC-3 course at their meetings. As a result of that and the class last Saturday, the TSAC asked me to attend their next meeting this coming Monday, August 14th, at the Golden Corral at Hanes Mall to talk about boating safety and education, the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron, and Sea Scouting. We should have a lively and informative discussion with members of these three Winston-Salem boating organizations together.

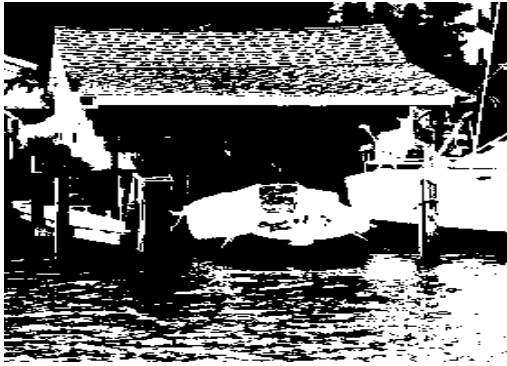
The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will again offer the Americas Boating Course – Third Edition on Tuesdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The cost for the course is \$26 for the course or \$55 for the course and a 6 month membership in the USPS/WSSPS. Please pass the word! This is a great opportunity to educate the public on boating safety and spread the word about the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron.

Earlier this week Suzanne and I decided to ride by Salem Lake and see how much progress had been made on the renovations. What a fantastic change! There is a new program center to replace the old mobile double-wide office and the waterfront fishing and boating area has also been upgraded. I ran into a fellow Scouter who works there and got a surprise tour of the new facility. There is a huge meeting room overlooking the lake with a state-of-the-art audio-visual system. We discussed offering classes there in the spring and he was very favorable to the idea. So we are hoping in the spring 2018 to use the new Salem Lake facilities to teach the ABC-3 class. There is also interest in additional classes and Vessel Safety Checks. It is fantastic to have new doors opening up!

There are some NASBLA instructors in the WSSPS that need to take the one night recertification course. I will be sending you an email in the next day or two, so, please be looking at your calendar and let me know two or three dates that work for you in late August or September and I will set up the class. If anyone would like to become certified as an instructor, please let me know. You can contact me at (336) 413-6490 or email education@wssps.org.

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See you on the water!
Kin



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP



“Fifty Two Mondays”

Now as Felix fast approaches his golden years as a boater, he stops one day to assess the fact that retirement is not only a mere distant thought in his near future, but it may become a reality sooner than later. Felix being of somewhat sound mind and a lesser fit man than when he wore a younger man's clothes, has succumbed to the fact that boating and those activities on the water may become more enhanced if he was to retire from the work force. So with the thought of living the dream every day he awakens, he decides to tell the corporate world that he plans to hang up the shingle in one year. His last hurrah of work is counting down toward 52 Mondays left to awaken too.

With this thought of retiring in one more year, Felix begins to day dream of how he, and his best girlfriend Mandy, along with his mistress “Ester”, can wake up in a year and set sail south toward destinations unknown. Destinations where there are palm trees and sugary sandy beaches and winter time temperatures in the low 80's. Waking up each day with no boss man's agenda and doing all of those things he always wanted to do but had no time to do them. Kind of where work gets in the way of life's pleasures. But there will be no more work to interfere with his pleasures. No more people calling him on the phone asking stupid questions, and no more aggressive young men and women trying to jockey for attention for that promotion to help further their careers. No more fighting traffic with the ten thousand other working class drivers on I-40 on a Friday night or Sunday afternoon.

So Felix sat down with his buddy Reid and asked how to execute those final 52 Mondays. Reid gave Felix the following instructions: Make a list of those things you want to do and when you want to do them in retirement. Then make a list of those things that you will miss the most from not having to go to work. Then the final list is those things you will never miss because you don't have to go to work anymore. With that advice and the help of a small tablet, Felix commenced to do just that. He made his top 10 lists of these items that were most important.

List number one: What will Felix do in retirement first?

1. Buy a muscle car and race it to the beach against those younger millennials who think rice burners are fast and furious. Must be a 5.0 Mustang GT!
2. Upgrade his boat from a sail to a power cruiser so he won't have work lines anymore.
3. Spend more time at the beach like 50% or more.
4. Drive a pickup truck for his daily driver with a gun rack in the back window. Must be an F150!
5. Make believe everyone thinks Felix is good at Golf because he has some fancy clubs someone gave him when they upgraded!
6. Get to shoot his new AR 15 in an outdoor range because it is still in the box.
7. Pretend to go fishing with Hector and make believe we are catching fish.
8. Go cruising with his other boat buddies to Ocracoke Island, New Berne, and Oriental.
9. Teach his Grandchildren how to fish.
10. Write a book “The Fish House Chronicles”

List number two: Things Felix will miss from not having to go to work anymore.

1. Felix will miss those times and fellowship with his co-workers who are all so envious of him retiring before them. (sometimes age has its advantage)
2. Felix will miss those relationships and fellowship connections on those who he helped and those who have helped him get through the struggle of the day to day.
3. Felix will miss the effectiveness of the contributions toward helping other people improve their employment prospects.
4. Felix will miss the countless relationships developed all over the country in a professional career of over 50 years.
5. Felix said he will miss the many nights spent at the Holiday Inns and the Crown Plaza's.

List number three: Things Felix will never miss most from not working anymore.

1. Having to wake up when the alarm tells him to do so. "I am all grown up now and no one can tell me what to do anymore!"
2. He will never miss those relentless hours waiting in traffic for some idiot to decide if this is his exit or not in Charlotte.
3. Felix will never miss those work deadlines on those reports he had to write because no one really reads them.
4. Felix will never miss those long drawn out meetings in Knoxville, TN that cover useless data when he and Mandy could be enjoying the shit out of those things offered in Pigeon Forge.
5. Felix will never miss those networking events on the golf course letting others beat the crap out of him so they can go back to their office and say they just slapped a "Yankee".
6. Felix will never miss those days he just wanted to sleep in a little later before having to start the day.
7. Felix will never miss the nagging and complaining of his fellow boat crew members asking him to go fishing or cruising knowing that he still had to go to work. Now he doesn't have to go to work anymore!!!!
8. Mostly, he will never miss those butterfly feelings of when he has a scheduled vacation of only 1 week to do all what he wanted to do from a whole year of planning.

God bless all of those who have retired and are working their bucket list. And God bless all of those who are still working so that social security can continue to remain solvent another year!

See you on the water,
P/C Don Breault



Winston Salem Sail & Power Squadron
Calendar of Events for 2017

Date

Event for 2017

Aug 25-27	D27 Rendezvous - Wilmington, NC
Mon, Sept 11	Bridge Meeting - TBD 1800 hours
Sat, Sept 16	Clean Sweep, Belews Lake
Wed, Sept 20	Monthly Meeting - North Point Grill—1800 hours
Mon, Oct 2	Bridge Meeting - TBD 1800 hours
Sat, Oct 14	Geodetic Survey
Wed, Oct 18	Monthly Meeting - TBD 1800 hours
Mon, Nov 6	Bridge Meeting - Don & Sheila Breault's house. 1800 hours
Wed, Nov 15	Monthly Meeting - TBD 1800 hours
Wed, Dec 13	Squadron Christmas Party
Mon, Jan 8	Bridge Meeting - TBD 1800 hours
Sat, Jan 20	Change of Watch, Maple Chase Country Club

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