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Laurie Flotilla 30-02

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Since Most of our Flotilla missed the 8th District WR Spring Conference, on March 14 & 15th, I just want to report that Ernie, Sandy, my Sandy and I had a very enjoyable time and the sponsoring Flotilla's put a lot of time into making it very pleasurable for each of us. Ernie and I attended all of the meetings, and since Ernie is on the Commodore's staff in charge of setting up all the lights, displays , etc.,

The opening meeting was spectacular, as usual, with Ernie doing a phenomenal job with appropriate musical background.

One of our classes featured a great talk by a young man that was rescued by the Coast Guard, and he certainly learned from first hand experience, and has now joined the coast Guard Auxiliary and is part of our Division. He is in the Springfield, MO. Flotilla.

We also had a class on recruiting and retention and I brought up the point about our meetings being so long with seemingly trivial things. Talking that puts new recruits to sleep and then we have to drag out the

meeting longer to get training which our Flotilla does every month. This seemed to be a concern of others, also, and so effective immediately all reports will be reported in the newsletter, unless you have something to add after the article has been turned in.

The last class that I attended was on inflatable lifejackets, and I Got a few extra cylinders, pins and valves for servicing.

Friday evening we had a cruise on the riverboat at the arch in St. Louis complete with live banjo entertainment, and great music. It was a beautiful, even if a little cool, evening on the Mighty Mississippi.

The Spring Division meeting was held on April 4-6, at the Inn of Grand Glaize, sponsored by Flotilla 30-06. Sandy and I attended as did Ernie and Sandy Venis. Unfortunately we were the only ones present from 30-02. Commodore Jack Gumb and his wife Nancy were in attendance as was Vice Commodore Ron Allen, Gene McAllister RCE and DCO Brenda McAllister, and Vice DCO Tom Vargo.

Dedicated to promoting recreational boating safety.

First on the agenda was training by Chris Ware on "Diversity and Inclusion". His course recognized that members at their creative and productive best when they work in an inclusive work environment. This makes you stop, think, and look around, you and find the people whom you have to work with and see most generally that they have no respect for rules.

Ernie Venis and I attended meetings, TCT Refresher and 2008 Operations Workshop.

Saturday evening we had a good meal and a very enjoyable Awards ceremony. Flotilla 30-02 got quite a few awards. I was told to sit in the seat of the Vice Commodore (Ron Allen), so that I could be available for receipt of the awards, and I did so with pleasure. The meeting was adjourned and we had a very colorful and fun auction and 50/50. Everyone that chose not to attend made a mistake as both of the above meetings were great and much effort and preparation had been put into the events.

We also had a very successful ABC class at Lake Regional Hosp. on March 29th with eight people showing up to take the course. The instructors were Michael Snively, Ernie Venis, Russ Foster, and supported by Sandy Venis and myself. All the participants passed the course and one young lady scored 100%. It was a complete success and we hoped to have more, later this year, possibly. I thank all of you for your help and Cooperation.

Cecil Layton, FC
Flotilla 30-02

Communication Services

The url for the Laurie Flotilla 30-02 website is <http://a0853002.uscgaux.info/> Please give me suggestions for additions and improvements to the website.

New item, on the Links page. Towards the bottom right column. Is U.S. Navigational Aids Map at The Boaters.com. This site has approximately 70,000 U.S. navigational aids on an interactive map. You can click on the light to get it's characteristics.

Michael R. Snively FSO-CS 30-02

Public Education

We had seven students attend the Americas Boating Course (ABC) classes on Saturday 29 March 2008; in Osage Beach MO at Lake Regional Hospital and all passed. I am in the planning stage of an About Boating Safely class to a group of Sea Scouts in Jefferson City MO on Saturday 14 June 2008. The About Boating Safely class is replacing the Americas Boating Class (ABC). The supposed only difference between the two classes is the name and cover.

Michael R. Snively FSO-PE

Program Visitor

Laurie Flotilla 30-02 has recorded 6 PV's in AUXDATA far 2008. The rising gasoline prices may limit the number of visits made this year. We now have a good supply of all materials in the storage building, except for the PWC Environmental Protection Pamphlet which is still not in stock.

The Missouri Ozarks Power Squadron now has two (2) members qualified as Program Visitors and they will be helping us in our visits.

Michael R. Snively FSO-PV

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Berlette, J. A. – Lake Ozark Yachting Assn. (LOYA)
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Ozarks Watershed Alliance (LOWA), U. S. Power
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Camden County (CERT)



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MO State Water Patrol News

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MEETING AGENDA CENTRAL BANK – LAURIE MO 24 April 2008 1900 Hrs.

Uniform of the Day: Tropical Blue Long

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of Visitors
Flotilla Commander Report
Adoption of Minutes of 20 Dec 2005
Announcements:
a. CAPS Liaison - R. R. Foster
b. LOYA Liaison - J. A. Berlette or C. L. Prosser
c. MDOC – C. F. Layton
d. MSWP Liaison - C. L. Prosser
e. USPS Liaison - C. L. Prosser or M. R. Snively
f. KDWP – M. R. Snively
g. CERT – M. R. Snively or C. L. Prosser
h. LORA – C. L. Prosser
i. LOWA Liaison – C. L. Prosser
j. Water Safety Committee Liaison – C. L. Prosser

Flotilla Vice Commander - Staff Reports
Flotilla Financial Officer Report
Committee Reports
Old Business
New Business
Awards & Presentations
Other Comments
Adjournment
Member Training– VE and Program Visitor workshops

Publications

This month I didn't receive many articles for the newsletter. I have not been notifying anyone to get the articles. You are all adults and this is your job, so don't forget! Thank you to all of you that remembered. Remember we are trying to shorten the meeting so everything you report here doesn't have to be talked about in the meeting.

Sandy Venis, FSO-PB