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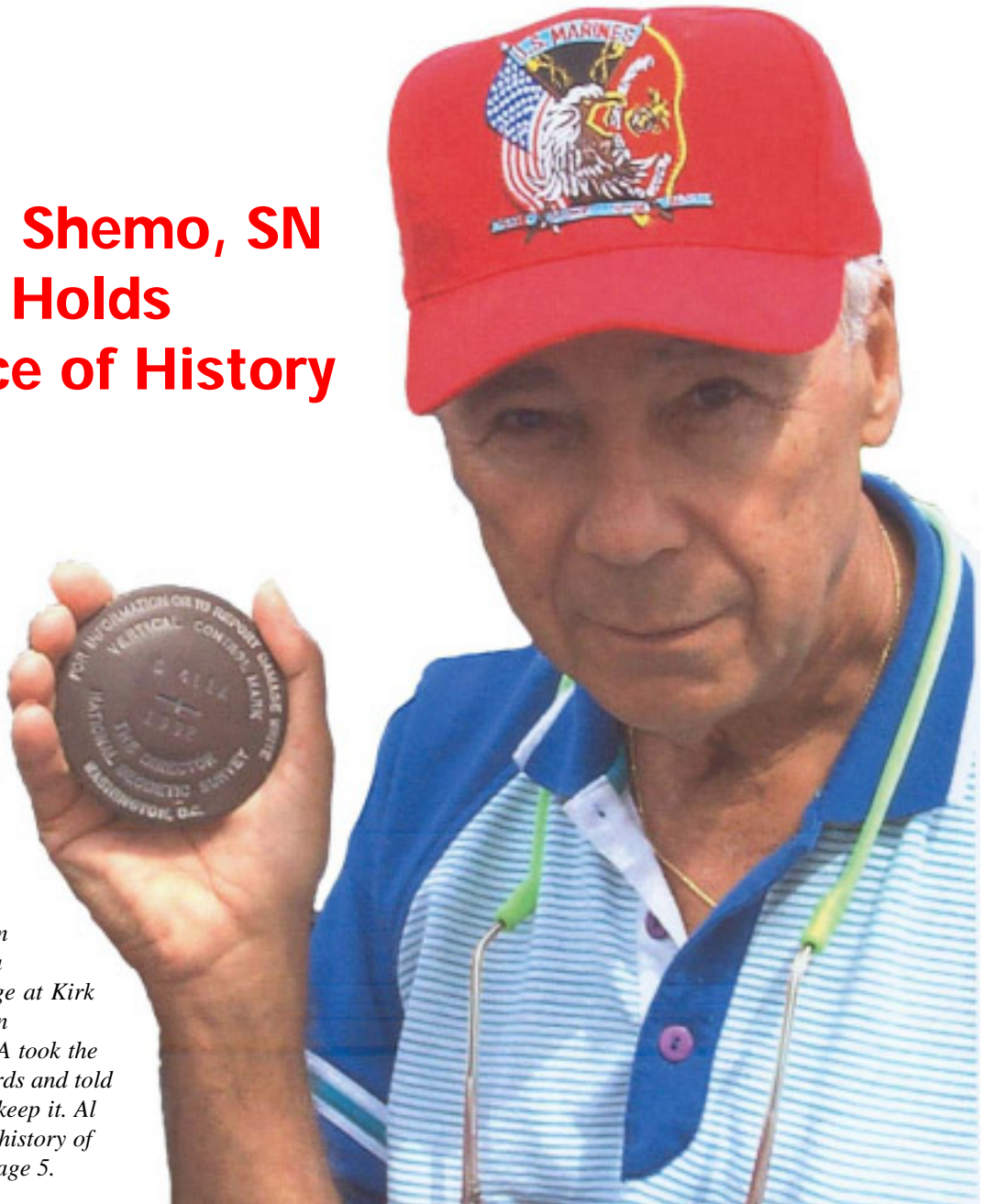
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## Lt. Al Shemo, SN Holds a Piece of History



*This brass geodetic mark was chiseled from the remnants of a demolished bridge at Kirk Road at Southern Boulevard. NOAA took the mark off its records and told Shemo he could keep it. Al writes about the history of such marks on Page 5.*

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**This Month's Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 10 November**

## OLD PORT YACHT CLUB

*Please note the change from the regular date for this meeting.*

Scheduled speaker is Pam Wall, Outfitting Manager of the West Marine on South U.S. 1 in Fort Lauderdale, who will be speaking on "Family Sailing Around the World."

Cocktail hour will start at 1800 (6 p.m.), dinner will be served at 1900 and the program starts about 2000.

### Menu

House salad, basil dressing  
Breast of turkey champagne  
OR

Broiled dolphin with citrus sour cream beurre blanc

Rice pilaf, vegetable  
Chef's choice dessert, cCoffee

For a fruit cup, please request at time of reservation.

For reservations call Roberta Stephens at 694-2992. **Deadline is Monday 08 November.** You must be on the list to enter the gate.

**Cost:** \$24 per person. Please pay by check payable to the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Members who make reservations are responsible for the cost.

Bar prices include gratuity. House brands and wine are \$6; call brands are \$7, draft beer and mineral water are \$3 and soft drinks are \$2.

**Uniform** for all bridge officers, past commanders and D/8 bridge officers:  
**Bridge Uniform F**

Old Port YC is at 116 Lakeshore Dr., North Palm Beach (across U.S. 1 from Crystal Tree Plaza).

# Come Raft Up at Old Port Cove on the 20th

The Squadron raft-up this month will be on Saturday, 20 November in the Old Port Cove anchorage area.

This is a great opportunity for our new members to get to spend some time with our older salts. Times are from 1100 till 1400 hours (11 a.m. till 2 p.m.). Be sure to have appropriate fenders and if you need to contact our group by radio, use Channel 72 only.

Bring your own food and drink and a dessert to share.

One of the squadron vessel examiners will be available at the raft-up to give free Vessel Safety Checks for your boat and you'll receive a VSC decal to put on your vessel. All boats owned by USPS members should have a current decal.

Please contact Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S (624-7121) if you plan to attend.

## EDUCATION NEWS

*By Lt/C Bill Eldridge, SN  
Squadron Educational Officer*

We have 1 new N!  
Congratulations to:  
Mike Galvin, N

2 new JN's  
Eugene Berman, JN  
Richard McClain, JN

4 Pass Cruise Planning  
Rafael Aybar, N  
Brian Ducharme, AP  
Jim Palmer, S  
Linda Smithe, AP

One more Squadron member has earned the Top Rank of Senior Navigator.

Senior Navigator is grade earned af-

ter completing ALL eleven of the courses USPS offers. Count them: the advanced grades are: Seamanship (S), Piloting (P), Advanced Piloting (AP), Junior Navigation (JN), Navigation (N) and the elective courses are: Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Cruise Planning, Sail, Instructor Development, and Weather.

Congratulations to:  
Peter Schueler, SN

**"Well Done"** guys and gals and **"Bravo Zulu"** to Peter!

In September there were 7 registered students for the ABC Course, All passed. In the Advanced Courses 4 registered for Seamanship, 5 for AP and 1 for JN.

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CDR MARY DODD, SN  
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*It's Good to be Back on Track*



I hope every one is enjoying the nice October weather. After September's hurricanes it was nice

to be able to relax some and enjoy the month of October. The month started with good news at the D/8 Conference on October 1-3. During the Conference Meeting, Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron received the Robert D. Messingschlager Award for Cooperative Charting, and the Prince Henry Award for JN and N. I would like to thank



D/Lt Albert Shemo, SN and P/Stf/C Joseph Rawlins, SN and their respective committees for a job well done.

October's General Membership Meeting was a great success. I would like to thank Lt/C Joyce Newman, S and Old Port Yacht Club for a very enjoyable evening. Special thanks go to P/C Edward Newman, S and P/C Lesley McWhorter, S for playing the drums at no cost to the Squadron. In addition to dinner and dancing, the squadron celebrated its 60th Anniversary. Our Historian Lt

Arthur Dodd, SN had a great display at the meeting that included the Squadron's original charter and original by laws. D/C Nigel Hargreaves, SN and R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN attended the celebration. D/C Hargreaves presented Cooperative Charting Honor roll certificates to members who made honor roll and participated in a burgee exchange between Sebastian Inlet Squadron and Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron.

During October's General Membership Meeting the membership voted to approve the Squadron By-law change to move the Annual Meeting from the month of May to the month of January, thus keeping us in tune with the rest of the nation. In addition to the by-law change the Standing Rules and budget were approved.

As you can see October has been a busy month. Remember classes are starting up and some are already in session. Hope you take advantage of these great classes.

Sincerely

*Cdr Mary Dodd, SN*

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# From the Editor: *The economics of low-pressure systems*

It has been said hundreds of different ways.

*Absence makes the heart grow fonder.*

*You don't appreciate what you have until you lose it.*

*It's all supply and demand.*

Hurricanes and what comes after them make philosophers of us all. They can also turn us into innovative patio chefs, experts on the melting rate of ice cubes, and potential power utility CEOs.

Who among us doesn't think we could have done a better job turning the lights back on? Even we didn't have the foresight to buy an extra sleeve of D batteries back in July?

We spend most of our formative lives hearing and ignoring the kind of advice that in our later years we wonder why

other people aren't smart enough to follow:

*Wash your hands. Brush your teeth. Wear your life jacket. Don't forget your umbrella. Learn a new word every day. Never buy a car or a boat from a guy with fake hair.*

When it's all over, being without TV and computer and microwave popcorn for eight days or so isn't a near-death experience. But it does give a better idea of how to prepare for the next time, and more important than that, to realize that "next time" isn't such an implausibility.

Meanwhile, do this: Buy yourself a really good portable radio, a compact, efficient propane stove, and a battery-powered fluorescent light. Put your shutters in order.

And one more thing. Wash your hands.

*Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor*



## *Bus trip to Sea Ray plant, Astronaut Hall of Fame, Thursday 20 January*

Plan for an action-packed day; where we will board a Midnight Sun Motor coach early that morning and head for Merritt Island to tour the Sea Ray Boat plant. This is the plant where hulls and fiberglass decks are assembled and where about 1,500 designers and assemblers are employed. The Sea Ray plant is second to NASA in number of area employees.

After the tour, we will have lunch and then head for our next stop at the Kennedy Space Center where Lt Ralph Morse, JN has made plans for us to visit the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

Our last stop before leaving for home, will be a visit to the Dixie Crossroads Restaurant.

**Cost: \$44 per person** includes the cost of everything except lunch. Reservation deadline is Thursday 16 December, but don't delay. The tour is limited to the first 49 persons to make reservations.

Mail your check with the form at right to Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, 336 Golfview Rd #804, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. If you have questions, call her at (561) 624-7121.



## *Schedule for the Day*

- 0700 Leave from Gemini Condo, 336 Golfview Rd, North Palm Beach (Parking will be provided at the condo)
- 0930 Arrive at Sea Ray Plant for 10:00 a.m. tour
- 1200 Leave Sea Ray Plant for lunch.
- 1230 Arrive at Ryan's Steak, Buffet and Bakery (**You pay for own lunch. Buffet is \$7.93, including tax. Gratuity not included.**)
- 1330 Leave restaurant
- 1350 Arrive at Astronaut Hall of Fame for tour (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
- 1630 Leave Hall of Fame
- 1700 Arrive for Dinner at Dixie Crossroads Restaurant (**Dinner and gratuity included in trip charge.**)
- 1830 Leave for home (arrive approximately at 9:30 p.m.)

### **Bus Trip to Sea Ray Plant, Astronaut Hall of Fame**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Geodetic marks are souvenir of another time

By Lt Al Shemo, SN  
COCH Chairman

All agencies are known by their abbreviations but Cooperative Charting has a problem. Everybody seems to have a different version for this program. The Boy Scouts of America and Postal Workers of America had an agreement to search for geodetic marks. In 1968 the USPS signed an agreement to look for geodetic marks and report aeronautical hazards and report on nautical facilities and waterways. It appears that we are the only ones left doing this. Our squadron does not report on aeronautical hazards.

This article deals with geodetic marks only. They come in many shapes and forms. The most popular are 3½-inch brass disks embedded in concrete. If they are not embedded in a sidewalk, bridge, foundation of a building, etc., they are incased in a concrete sleeve 18 inches wide and 4 feet deep with a brass rod attached to the disk.

Other geodetic marks take on various forms. They are usually the highest point in that area. One of the stacks



of FPL is a mark, the top of the flagpole on one of the Breakers' cupola, the top of the weather vane at the Palm Beach Bath and Tennis Club and the southernmost chimney at Mar-a-Largo. Also the red light atop many water tanks, TV and radio towers, the apex of the cross on many church steeples and other high identifying marks.

The three most common disks are listed as horizontal, vertical and tidal. Horizontal disk are used for distance, vertical for elevation and tidal to measure the rise or fall of water at certain points. There are many agencies that put down geodetic marks. The government, state, county, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Transportation, South Florida Water District, etc. The government has a list of the ones that they feel are important and they

are the ones we look for. In Palm Beach County there are 1,582.

Most marks are monumented as what they call a line. They follow US 1, Military Trail, Southern Boulevard, the FEC and the Seaboard railroad tracks and so on. These usually have a sequence of numbers stamped on them such as G-345, G-346, etc. Others are put down one place or another for a particular reason and named as the surveyor saw fit — 2 Dogs, 3 Horses, Beast, Big Fig, Big Mac, Camera, Convict, Error, Nail, Otter, Palomino, Pansy, Redeye, Seals and so on. It appears that the marks were named for whatever caught the surveyor's eye while he was installing the mark.

Many brass disks are being lost each year due to road construction and they are not being replaced. Nearly every one on US 1 and Military Trail has been destroyed. With the widening of Southern Boulevard from four to eight lanes, many more are being lost.

As the old saying goes, "Time marches on."

## Craft Ladies Christmas Bazaar To be December 3rd and 4th

The craft group is prepared for another Christmas bazaar on Dec. 3-4 at the Palm Beach Gardens Community Center (Burns Road Community center) just east of Military Trail.

The items are ready—now the task is to line up the HELP. Elves (sales people) and Santas (guys to hold kids on their laps) are needed for the two day affair. Times are: Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Approximately 20 elves and 8 Santas are needed to fill the 2- to 3-hour shifts. Contact Kathy Eldridge (863-1461) to sign up for a shift.

Three great items are being raffled off. Items will be displayed at our November dinner meeting and you may purchase your "winning" ticket there or from one of the crafty ladies.

Here are the items:

- A beautiful, furnished Doll House.
- A Viking ship model crafted and donated by our friend of long standing, P/D/C Purdue Gould, SN.
- An afghan crocheted and donated by Kathy Eldridge.

Tickets are \$1 each.



The items offered for raffle are a Viking ship model (left), crafted and donated by P/D/C Purdue Gould, SN; a beautiful, furnished doll house, and an afghan crocheted and donated by Kathy Eldridge.



# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

05 October 2004

*(Edited from the full minutes)*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cdr Mary Dodd, SN; Lt/C Barbara Roemmele, JN; Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S'; Immediate P/C Rafael L. Aybar, N; D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP (Parliamentarian)

**ABSENT:** Joel M. Busse, AP; Lt. Ralph Morse, JN

**GUESTS PRESENT:** 1st /Lt Donald H. Kranendonk, P; P/C Edward Newman, S; Lt Jim Palmer, S; D/Lt Bill Money, P; P/R/C Robert Malone, SN; Lt Kathy Eldridge, P; Lt Dick Hofmann, P; Lt Harry Lloyd, AP; D/Lt Al Shemo, SN; P/C Sally Williams, AP

**COMMANDER** Dodd reported:

District 8 Fall Council Meeting 21 August 2004, was attended by all PBS&PS Bridge officers.

Lt/C Roemmele represented our Squadron at the Fall Governing Board Meeting in Jacksonville. Barbara reported all the motions presented were passed.

P/C Williams said total submitted merit marks to date are 106 active members and 8 family members.

Fourteen delegates attended the D/8 Fall Conference 1-3 October in Ft. Lauderdale. By-law change was postponed until Spring Conference.

The Coop Charting Committee won the Robert D

Messingchlager award. She presented the perpetual trophy to chairman, D/Lt Shemo and the check for \$200 to the treasurer.

Thanks to Lt/C Eldridge and P/STF/C Joseph Rawlins, SN and committee for winning the Prince Henry award for N and JN.

PBSPS received the Bowsprit award in recognition of D/8's achievement in promotion of USPS ideals and objectives.

Miami Squadron invited PBS&PS to their 65th Anniversary celebration 4-6 December at Coconut Grove.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER** Roemmele's report:

D/Lt Al Shemo, SN reported on Adopt-A-Chart Program. Lt Scott Clinton submitted a list of 4 trips made to update chart 11472 with 8 members participating. The Geodetic marks reported for this period total 552.

Lt Dick Hofmann, P has a new assistant safety officer, D/Lt Bill Money.

**TREASURER** Ferguson presented the Budget for the period June 2004 - June 2005. It passed unanimously.

Supplies are back in the Ships Store.

Lt Jim Palmer, S reported on the Hurricane damage and his repairs at Squadron Headquarters.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lt/C Eldridge made a motion to display the Cooperative Charting award on the wall of headquarters, seconded by Lt/C Ferguson and motion passed.

Cdr Dodd appointed P/C Ed Newman to serve on a committee with the Finance Committee to study the possibilities of increasing membership dues. A motion was made by Lt/C Bill Eldridge, SN, seconded by Lt/C Gary Ferguson, and the motion was carried.

*Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP, Secretary*

## An Evening Celebrating our 60th Anniversary

To all of you who were able to attend the 12 October General Membership Dinner meeting on our make-believe Caribbean Island listening to the music of the Parrot Feathers band, a big thank you.

For those who were not able to be there, you missed an exciting fun time. Folks pulled out their Hawaiian shirts and sarongs and danced to the music provided by percussionist P/C Les McWhorter, S on drums and P/C Ed Newman playing the congas and Bob Schilling on keyboard and Pat Hackett on guitar. We thank our two-squadron members for donating their talents to the evening in celebration of our 60th Anniversary.

Hurricane Frances and Jeanne did not keep D/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN and R/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN from participating in our celebration even though they had a great loss to their home from the hurricanes. We were honored to have them on our make-believe Caribbean Island for the evening.

Thanks to Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P, he brought four items from the squadron Ship Store to give as prizes during the evening. One of the gifts was a large white tote bag with a squadron burgee design. This item he plans to put in the ship store for you to purchase. It would be a great item to use for boating. Money spent at the dinner for the gifts went right back into the squadron. Good idea!

Thanks to Lt Donna McWhorter and Lt Kathy Eldridge, P who did a great job of maintaining the registration desk.

This is not an easy job and the squadron greatly appreciates all their efforts. Lt Roberta Stephens, AP does the reservations for our dinners, Roberta we appreciate all your hard work. And, thanks to Lt Jim Tedesco.

P who designed and printed the invitations to be sent to district. To everyone who helped and to everyone who provided their support, you are very valuable to the success of the event.

Many interesting stories took place during the evening but one of the funniest was D/Lt Bill Money, P wondering whom the ugly woman playing congas with the band was. His wife Joan informed him that the ugly woman in the dreadlocks (photo) was Ed Newman.

*Lt/C Joyce Newman, S, Administrative Officer*



# November 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Seamanship, AP, EM Robert F. Nordin, P/Lt/C Eugene Weiss, Lt Barbara Morse, Regina Leahy, Lynn Spiezio, Seth Virshup, Frank Berman	2 Bridge Meeting Craft Ladies  Kenneth Geremia, Jr. Cannon J. Regester Myra Hoffstein	3 Jr. Navigation  Martin Rubin Al Albert	4 Navigation Lunch Bunch, Duffy's U.S. 1	5  Ann Ella Robinson	6
7  P/C Frank A. Mellert Myrna F. Sherman Lt Harry Lloyd Mimi Boyak	8 Seamanship Adv Piloting Engine Maintenance  D/Lt William Money Joan Novell	9 Craft Ladies  C. Waring Blackburn Jr. Bertram Haines Harvey Mitchell P/C Rafael Aybar Mary K. Flucke	10 Dinner Meeting, OPYC	11 Navigation Lunch Bunch  Daniel A. Korstein Doris Speckeen	12	13
14  Gloria Annenberg	15 Seamanship Adv Piloting Eng Maintenance	16 ABC  William Green II	17 JN  Barbara Crays	18 Lunch Bunch ABC, N  Charles F. Hawthorne David Alan Hogan	19  Joan Money	20 Raft-up Flagler Bridge SE Side 1100 - 1400 hrs
21  Charles R. Brice Alice Founds Ollie Kennebeck	22 S, AP, EM	23 Craft Ladies ABC	24 JN	25 THANKSGIVING	26  Chris Corcia	27 Operations Training, HQ Rosemary Bouchaert Alisa Weiner Sheridan Springer
28  Richard S. Clarke	29 S, AP, EM  William E. Quinn Monika Adams Jane Clinton	30 Craft Ladies ABC	<b>DECEMBER 2004</b>			
			1 Jr Navigation	2 Navigation	3 Craft Sale	4 Craft Sale
5	6 Seamanship, Advanced Piloting Engine Maintenance	7 Bridge Meeting, HQ Craft Ladies	8 Jr Navigation	9 Navigation	10	11 Christmas raft-up at Old Port Cove
12	13 Seamanship Advanced Piloting Eng Maintenance	14 General Meeting, OPYC Craft Ladies	15 Jr Navigation	16 Navigation	17	18
19	20 Seamanship Advanced Piloting Eng Maintenance	21 Seamanship ABC	22 Jr Navigation	23 Navigation ABC	24	25 CHRISTMAS
26	27 Seamanship Advanced Piloting Eng Maintenance	28 ABC	29	30 ABC	31	