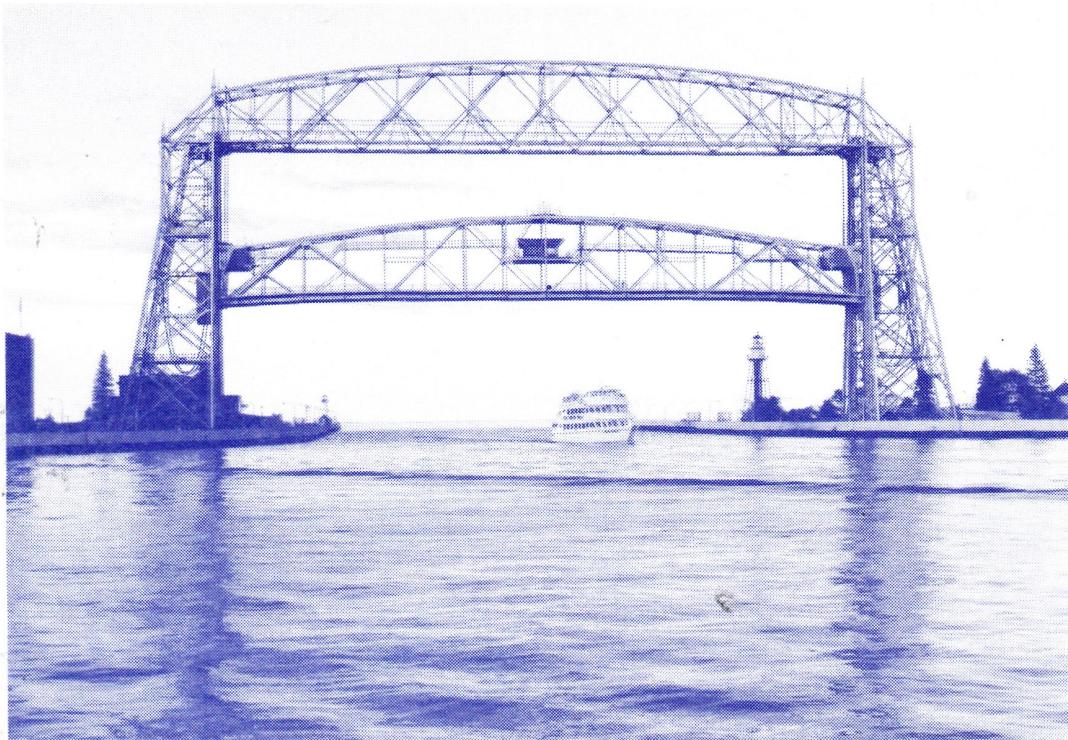


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the boat lacked PFD's, life rings, depth sounder and a compass. The only safety equipment aboard was a marine radio. When we went out into the ocean on our night dive and moored at the dive site, we had no anchor light or running lights. It is times like this when you realize how valuable it is to have your boat properly equipped.

In closing, have a fun and safe summer, plan your summer boat trip, take a look at the Squadron's Chart Book (I still can use more photos), sign up on the cruising calendars or give Jerry Rock a call. By using the calendars, if you need help, you're only a radio call away from help.

**Cdr Arne D. Wuorinen, AP**

### COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Our Squadron is off to a flying start for 1991: the Membership Involvement Committee is going full-speed ahead; over a dozen members have participated in Co-Op Charting already; the Dock Committee has great plans for the Squadron dock; and attendance at the Fitting Out Party and the first General Meeting was great, with 140 and 104 members in attendance. Now, if the weather will cooperate, it should be an excellent summer.

June 2-9 is Safe Boating Week. If you haven't taken a Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Marine Examination, please do. Be prepared. When I think about the equipment that is required on a boat, it makes me think of the 40' dive boat I was on in March in Roatan, Honduras. This 40' boat that carried about 20 divers, made me feel very uneasy several times during our one-week vacation. My first trip on the boat was in 8-10 foot seas and as I looked around for safety gear, I found







### EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Hello again to all Duluth Power Squadron members and friends! The boating season has finally arrived. I hope everyone has their boats fitted out in top shape and are ready for the fun season ahead.

On 20 April 1991, a group of 16 Duluth Power Squadron members met at Highway Host at 0800 to participate and learn more about Co-Op Charting. The group was led by Co-Op Charting Officer Bob Byrne. After a good breakfast, followed by instructions, we divided into teams and set out for different areas by car. We were allowed about 3 hours to search for the geodetic markers. At approximately 1300, we returned to Duluth and met

at Sammy's Pizza West for lunch, compliments of Duluth Power Squadron. Bob gave us instructions for filling out the necessary paperwork and it gave everyone an opportunity to discuss their adventures and finds for the day. All participants found at least one marker and there were some who found even more.

One of the Squadron's goals this year was to double the amount of people involved in Co-Op Charting, and I am confident by the enthusiasm shown by everyone on 20 April that we will succeed with this goal. We will be having at least one more Co-Op Charting day this year and hope to see even more new faces.

Co-Op Charting is a major public service function of the United States Power Squadron, as this is how we maintain our tax-exempt status. I asked Jay and Pam Halling's daughter, Bonnie, what she liked best about her day out for Co-Op Charting, and she told me it was like treasure hunting and that she really likes hunting for treasures. There really is a sense of satisfaction when you find a marker. Why not join us on the next trip, or if you can't wait until then, give Bob Byrne a call for more information.

Our thanks to Ame Wuorinen, Bruce Beste, Bob Byrne, Dave Rutford, Jeff Dulinski, Jay Halling, Pam Halling, Bonnie Halling, Jenny Halling, Leo Kennedy, Jerry Carlson, Dave Mattson, Shirley Mattson, Gloria DeSmedt, and Dave Carlson for participating on 20 April.

**Greg Brisky, P**  
Executive Officer





### Educational News

**ADVANCED PILOTING** - 10 students have just completed their Advanced Piloting exams and are awaiting results. We wish them all good luck. I thank the following people who gave of their time and knowledge to teach this excellent course: Gilbert & Mary Richey, Robert Byrne, William Carlson, Eugene Rock, and John Harrison.

**NAVIGATION** - 6 students will soon be writing this exam. Best of luck!

**SKIPPER SAVER** - 24 students completed the CPR class on the first evening, some of the members who had taken the Skipper Saver class before and wanted to update or renew their CPR skills and card. 14 students completed the second class of first-aid, and will use the summer months to complete the check-off list to earn their Skipper Saver patch and certificate.

### CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER -

Owen Erickson, JN, has successfully completed his Junior Navigation sight folder and now has the advanced grade of Junior Navigator. Congratulations to Owen on his accomplishment.

Any member who wishes to, can obtain any of the advanced or elective courses for self-study and challenge the exams.

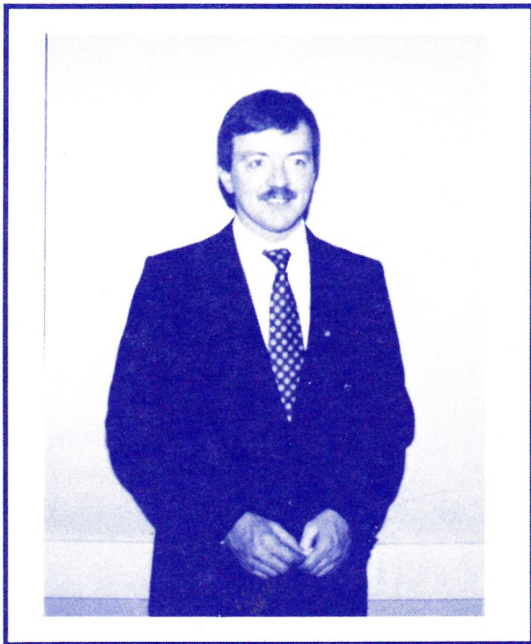
I just returned from the USPS Spring Governing Board meeting in the "City of Jazz," New Orleans. If you think it's been wet here, you should have seen it there! They are super-saturated! I attended all of the education meetings while there. Your National officers and committees have been hard at work. New courses are out; many courses are being revised; and there is a constant effort being made to update, revise, and add new courses to make the best better.

Boating safety is our number 1 priority! In 1989, only 1 in 4 boaters had boating education. Fishermen, hunters, water skiers, divers, personal water craft and pleasure boaters were included in this statistic. Only 3 organizations put safe boating education as their number 1 priority: RED CROSS, USCG AUXILIARY, and USPS - of the combined membership of these three groups, there were 1,200 accidents and 12 fatalities. Other groups where education is not a priority: fishermen, hunters, divers, water skiers, personal water craft, miscellaneous - of the combined total number of these groups there were 3,502 accidents and 373 fatalities.

Wishing you all a safe, fun-filled summer of boating.

**P/C Candance Hengel, N**





## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

The fundraising events at this year's Fitting Out Party were tremendous. The successes will enable us to do some improvements to the Squadron dock, build a new booth for the Boat Show, and sponsor some new events this year! Thanks to all the wonderful supporters and workers who made the Fitting Out Party a winner!

If you weren't able to attend the Dock Cleanup in mid-May, you will be surprised at the improvements. There are some new attractions for the kids. There is some new paint, and many trees have been planted. We would like everyone to "adopt a tree" this year. Each time you visit the dock, give a tree a bucket of water - better yet, have every member of your crew adopt a tree. In a few years we will be rewarded with shade, a wind-break, and a beautiful park. It should only take you a few minutes each visit.

We will have a new member cruise on Sunday, June 16th. Plans are being made by Jerry Rock and his committee to escort old and "new" members on a cruise up the St. Louis River to Kimball's Bay, Whiteside Island, and back to the Squadron Dock for dinner. You won't want to miss this one.

Break out your sketch pads, drafting pencils, and blueprints – start planning construction of your unsinkable cardboard boat. A race will again be held as part of the July 4th festivities. Let's have twice as many boats racing this year. Also plan on attending and participating in the games, picnic, boat decorating, and parade for the 4th of July.

Most of all, to everyone: Good, Safe Boating.

**Bruce Beste, P**

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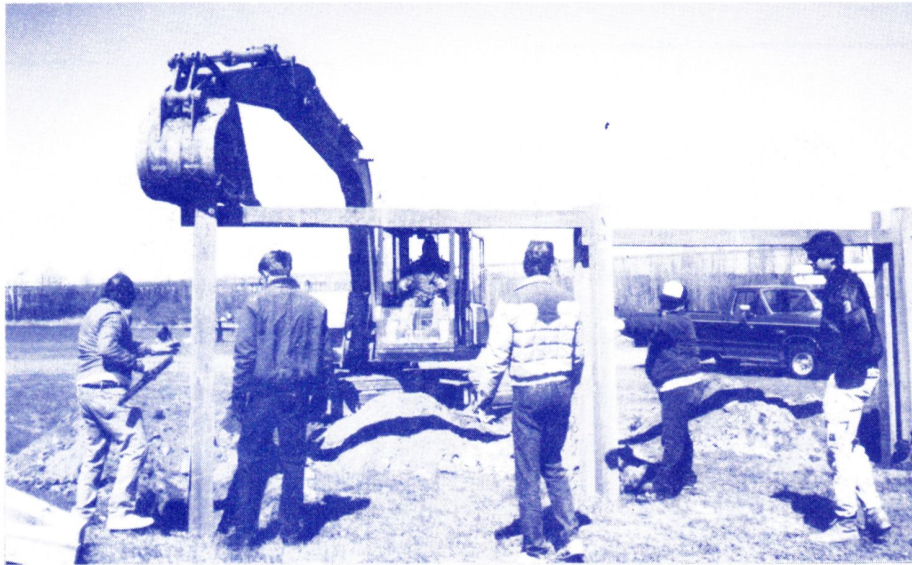


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### DOCK CLEAN UP

On April 18th the annual dock clean up took place. The Squadron furnished coffee and doughnuts to all that participated. All totaled there were about 17 people that went at it with paint brushes, weedwackers, rakes, shovels and lawn mowers. Once again the dock is ready for all members to use and enjoy. Please do your part in keeping our dock facility presentable.

The big surprise this summer will be for the children to enjoy was the addition of two rope swings along with sandboxes. Special thanks to Mike and Loretta Billman of Billmans Home Center for furnishing the necessary equipment. Mike showed up with a semi tractor, trailer, bob cat and a back hoe, compliments of Billmans Home Center. Also special thanks to Roger and Diane Anderson of Harbor City Masonry for their time and effort and for supplying labor and materials for the project. Lets make a special effort to patronize these businesses along with the many others who went out of their way to help our Squadron. Let them know you are a member of the Duluth Squadron when you go to their place of business. They will appreciate it.





# Get Involved

This year, a new committee, "Membership Involvement," was formed on the National, District, and local level of the USPS. As designated by name, its goal is to plan, develop, and implement ways of involving all Squadron members in Squadron-sponsored activities. In education courses, public service, social activities, and organizational functions, the strength of our local Squadron is determined by the active participation of our members. We need each individual's contribution to be successful in the over-all Squadron goals. We need you!

The Membership Involvement Committee is designed, in part, to focus special attention on new members and their specific needs. With the largeness of our Duluth Squadron (well over 200 members strong!), it is often difficult for new people to fit in or feel a part of our group. Our interest is to assist these new members to become familiar with Squadron goals and activities, so that they can participate and become better incorporated into the organization.

The first sponsored activity of the Involvement Committee consisted of a recognition of certain members at the last General Meeting on April 18th. There, we introduced 13 members, all new members within the past year, and acknowledged their participation. These newer members had either earned their first

Merit Mark, or had taken an advanced or elective course. As a certificate of accomplishment, they will receive their official Duluth Squadron name tag, purchased by the committee. We commend their initiative in their first year of membership. For your consideration, they include:

Gina Beste-Wuorinen  
Harry Bischoff  
Dave Coleman  
Fred Ekberg  
Bruce Gianunzio  
Judy Gianunzio

Jim Langdon  
Dave Mattson  
Heather Meehan Solon  
Jack Morrow  
Jim Parmeter  
Ralph Wilson

There are many benefits that come with membership in USPS. We are convinced that a member's satisfaction of belonging is enhanced and a camaraderie develops with participation in Squadron functions. Throughout the next season, there will be many opportunities for involvement. Please be on the lookout and offer the assistance and contribution that uniquely you can provide.

**Mary Brisky, Chair**  
Membership Involvement Committee



## **ANSWER TO MYSTERY PHOTO # 2**

This photograph pictures Duluth Squadron member, Captain C. G. (Gil) Porter, in a rather pensive moment of quiet reflection on the bridge of the United States Coast Guard Buoy Tender "Woodrush" (WLB 407) during the term when he was captain of the vessel in 1962. The picture was taken on Lake Superior when his ship was in the Stannard Rock area. Captain Porter was skipper of the "Woodrush" from 1959 until 1963 which was one of four Coast Guard ships he commanded during his twenty-four year service with the Coast Guard. During this lengthy career, Captain Porter served in the Atlantic, East and West Coasts, and extensively into the far reaches of the Pacific, and was stationed in the Philippines for over one year. When he retired as full Commander in 1965 he was the Captain of the Port of San Francisco.

At retirement his ship-handling ability was promptly recognized by local officials of the Upper Lake Pilot Association, District 3, which basically prompted an opportunity to go piloting on ocean vessels, working above Port Huron on the waters of Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior. Captain Porter readily accepted this challenge of a new career and permanently moved to Duluth. He then served as a Professional Pilot for twelve more years on many hundreds of Seaway vessels, guiding them through the St. Mary's River, Soo Locks, and in and around the numerous local ports of the three involved Great Lakes. He found this work most fascinating with a lot to remember about each waterway, its harbor paths, every buoy, the currents and land marks, under all weather conditions, night and day... Each ship handles differently, there are

language barriers and Captain Gil' enjoys reminiscing about his many experiences through those twelve years.

During the off-season winter months, he served the Lake Carriers' Association Navigation School in Duluth for a fifteen year period, preparing Great Lakes personnel for their Coast Guard License examinations, which covered First Class Pilot's (original license) and the "raise in grade" to Master's license. Many of the captains sailing the Great Lakes ships today received their original and Master's licenses under the tutelage of Captain Porter.

In recent years, he has worked as a surveyor and consultant in Marine Transportation for a cargo import company which ships baled twine from South America to various United States receiving ports. In addition, he operates his own magnetic compass service in the Twin Ports – offering sales, repairs, adjustment/calibration, etc., being an authorized representative for the well-known Ritchie and Danforth compasses.

This fellow Squadron member sails his own 38-foot, modified lobster trawler in and around our port of Duluth. Appropriately named the "Compass Rose," this uniquely designed craft was built at Bush Island off La Have, Nova Scotia. In May of 1986, Porter proceeded to sail his new command some 2,200 miles home to Duluth from the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia on a voyage that required 22 days. Selecting a route which encompassed the East Coast, Hudson River, Erie Canal, and Trent-Severn Waterway, he eventually





locked up through the Soo and sailed on west, across Lake Superior to Duluth. Of interest is that "Compass Rose" transited 79 locks enroute.

Captain Porter has generously shared his knowledge of the magnetic compass by serving as an instructor in Duluth Squadron educational classes... He, in reality, has successfully combined a lifelong interest in ships and Maritime affairs, with teaching and counseling, referable to the performance and navigation of vessels, large and small.

Porter's high ranking Master Mariner's license status remains intact, even in retirement, as he recently went through the study process of renewing his license with the Coast Guard Marine Inspection examiners. He presently holds and "Unlimited" (tonnage) Oceans Master's Certificate, with its many endorsements, which authorize him to serve as Master on the aforementioned three upper Great Lakes as well as on the oceans of the world.

Captain Gil' and his wife Helen reside on Dunedin Avenue here in Duluth and have two sons and two daughters, and some very special grandchildren.

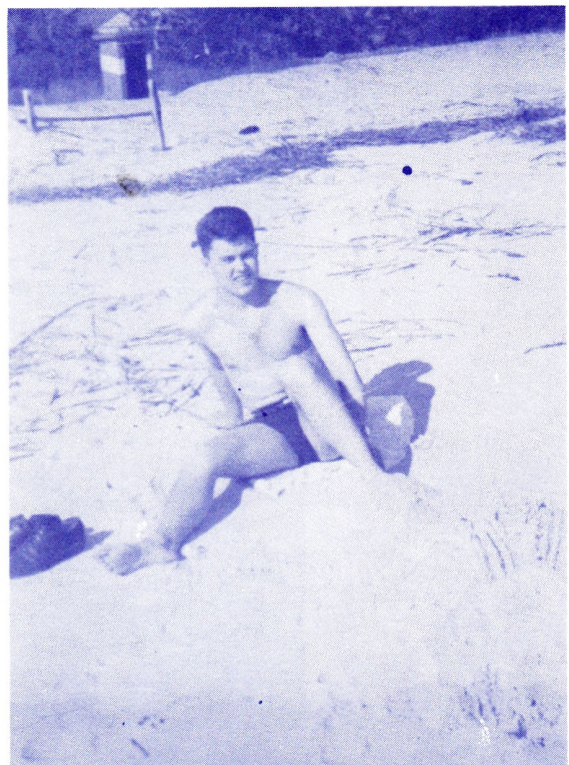
**P/C Richard Bibby, AP**



### ? MYSTERY PHOTOS NO. 3 ?

This Mystery Squadron Member will hardly be recognized, even after careful examination of the two (2) photographs offered in evidence... The beach scene was taken on one of the islands of the Bikini Atoll in the Marshalls around 45 years ago when our Mystery fellow was serving in our country's Armed Forces.

Readers get a better look at this handsome face in the second picture, where obviously he appears to be very pleased with his ability as a fisherman. We have run out of clues!!! Look for the answer, with an accompanying story in the next issue of CHANNEL CHATTER...



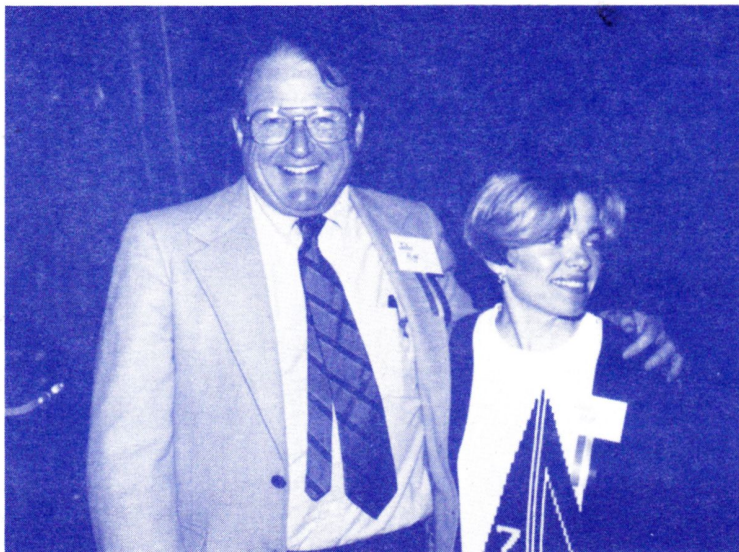


## **WELCOME ABOARD TO NEW MEMBERS**

At the General Meeting on April 18th, those in attendance had an opportunity to meet several new members for the first time. During the swearing-in ceremony, we were pleased to introduce seven new members of the Duluth Power Squadron. If you didn't get a chance to meet these individuals, or if you were not there, we would like to take this opportunity to officially present them to you. The following includes pictures and a short introduction. We extend a hearty WELCOME ABOARD!

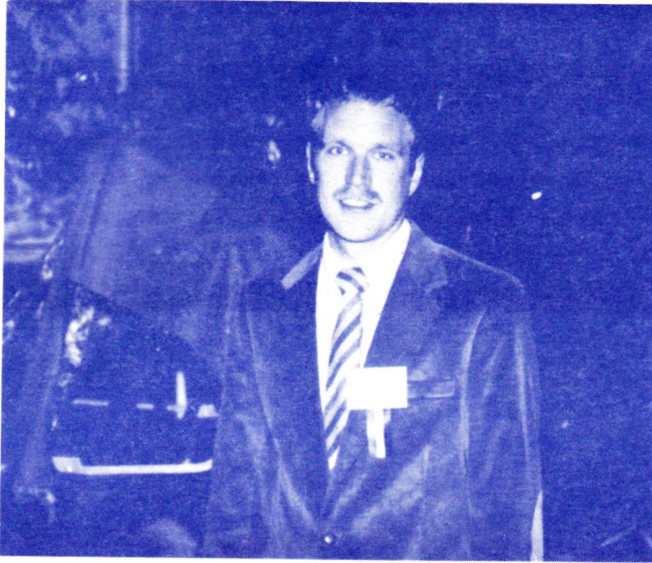


**DUANE & MARLENE FLYNN** - You may have met the Flynn's before, as guests at a few of our social functions. Both have completed the Public Boat Course this year. They own a 30' cruiser, the "Inisfree," which is berthed at Knife River Marina. Duane is a firefighter with the City of Duluth.



**JOHN & JEAN HOFF** - This couple enjoys boating on their 26' cruiser, the "Double J," which they keep at the Waterfront Plaza Marina. John is a recent graduate of the Public Boating Course. He is in the real estate business as president of F. I. Salter Company.





**RANDY & PATTI OLSON** - Although he recently became a Squadron member, Randy was a graduate of the Public Boat Course offered in 1984. He and Patti own an 18' runabout and enjoy fishing and camping. Randy is an aircraft mechanic with the Air National Guard and Patti is a full-time mom with two younger children.



**ROGER SMITH** - Being a recent graduate of the Public Boat Course, Roger enjoys a number of water sports and outdoor activities. He owns a 17' trailerable runabout. Roger is employed as a foundry worker with M.E. International.



**BILL & MARY "TONI" MEIERHOFF** - Together, this couple completed the Public Boat Course and have both become active members. They own a 26' cruiser, the "Sunseeker," which is berthed at the Waterfront Plaza Marina. Bill is a real estate developer and Toni is a certified nurse practitioner.



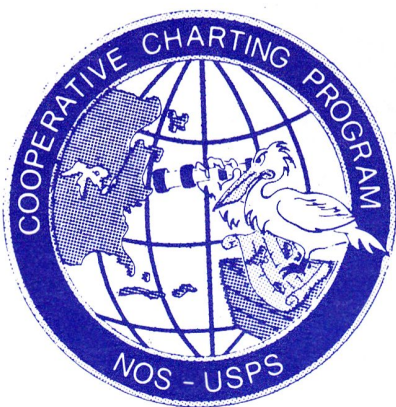
### WHERE WERE YOU ON 16 MARCH 1991?

Twelve members of the Duluth Power Squadron had breakfast at the Highway Host Restaurant in West Duluth and then went on a Geodetic Mark recovery hunt.

At breakfast we learned how, and then we went into southern St. Louis and northeastern Carlton Counties to look for the elusive marks. Afterwards we went to Sammy's Pizza where we learned how to fill out the paperwork and had pizza on the Squadron. All members that went into the field had a lot of fun and all came back with at least one mark. This small effort put the Duluth Squadron on the National Honor Roll for this year. The members that participated were: Jerry Carlson, Jay & Pam Halling, Jimmy and Bonnie Halling, David & Shirley Mattson, Jeff Dulinski, Leo Kennedy, Greg Brisky, Dave Rutford, Dave Carlson, Bruce Beste, Commander Arne Wuorinen, Gloria DeSmedt, and Robert Byrne.

To all the members who gave of their time, I say WELL DONE and THANK YOU! Take another member with you and look for some more. Call me for the descriptions.

**P/C Robert Byrne, N**  
Co-Op Charting Chair





## Life Membership



P/C Wayne E. Youngren was awarded his Life Membership By Cdr Arne Wuorinen on 18 April 1991. Wayne has been a Squadron member 26 years and earned 25 Merit Marks.

## 25 Year Awards



Cdr Wuorinen awarded Donald "Doc" Shaw, and James "Smiley" Meehan with their 25 year membership pins.



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MAY 9  
MAY 16  
JUNE 6  
JUNE 20  
JULY 11  
AUGUST 15  
SEPTEMBER 5  
OCTOBER 3  
OCTOBER 17  
NOVEMBER 7  
JANUARY 9, 1992  
JANUARY 23, 1992  
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### **DATES**

APRIL 6  
MAY 2-5  
  
MAY 11  
MAY 18  
JULY 4  
AUGUST 17  
AUGUST 31  
SEPTEMBER 1  
SEPTEMBER 12-15  
  
SEPTEMBER 28  
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FITTING OUT PARTY  
SPRING GOVERNING BOARD  
NEW ORLEANS  
CANADIAN CHANGE OF WATCH  
DOCK CLEAN UP  
4TH FESTIVITIES & PARADE  
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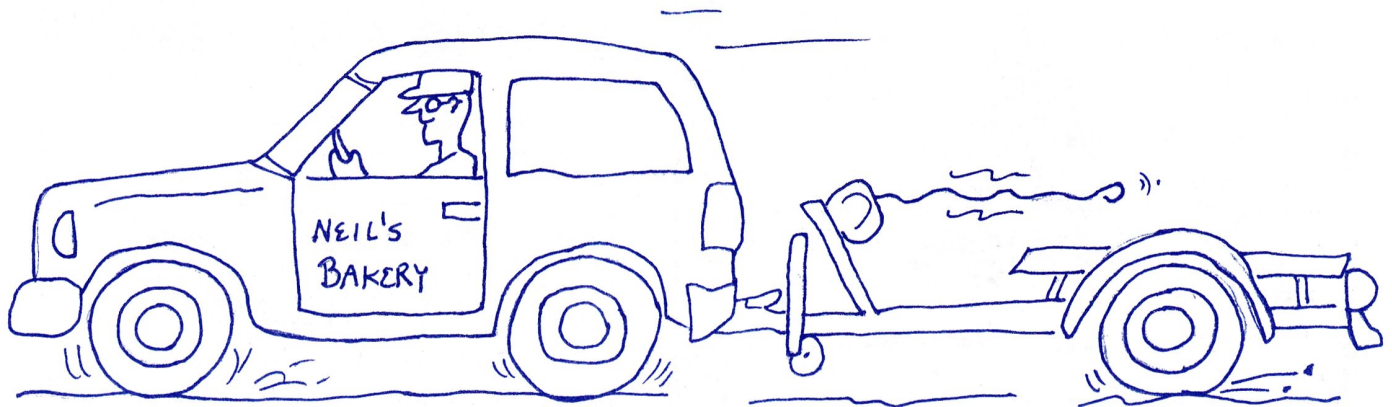
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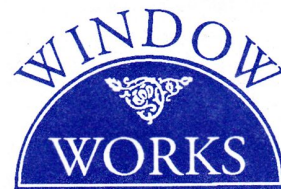


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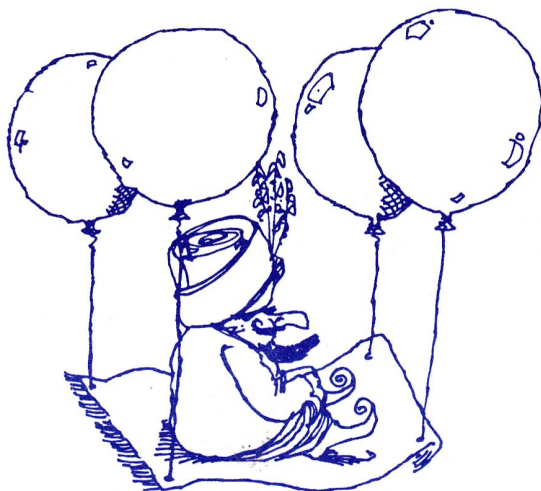
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