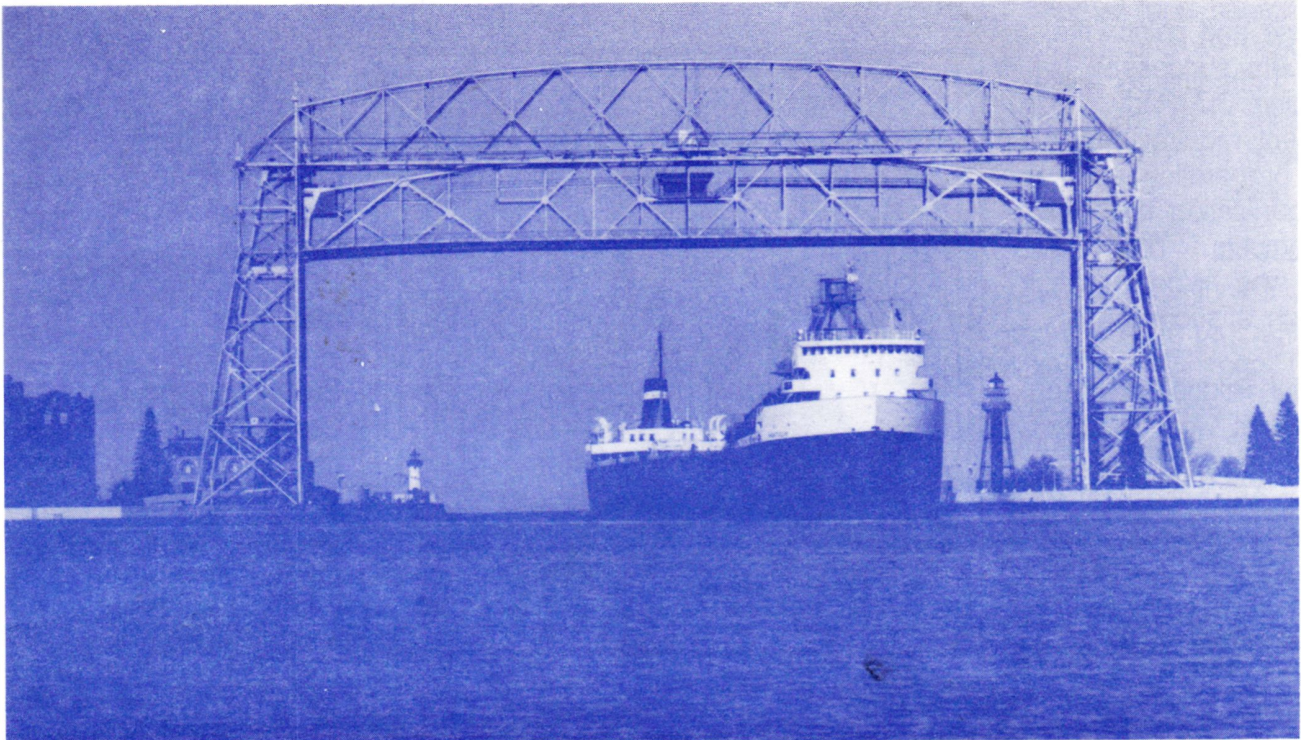


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COMMANDERS COLUMN

After 3 months of being your new Squadron commander, I have found my job easier than expected, all because of your involvement in the Squadron's goals and activities.

Case and point: the recent successful Fitting Out Party. This event required hours of preparation and organization by many members. Thanks to all who helped make it such a success!

Your Bridge has been hard at work planning the many activities that are necessary to help make our Squadron grow. We appreciate your participation and active involvement.

On 9 May, Mary and I traveled to Thunder Bay for the Lakehead Power Squadron's

Change of Watch. We enjoyed a fine dinner and a brief visit. Several people expressed interest in the upcoming District 10 Rendezvous. Be sure to pre-register as we are expecting a lot of out-of-town guests.



I hope to see many of you at the Squadron Dock on 6 June to kick off Safe Boating Week, with Courtesy Marine Exams by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Let's make this a record year for inspections! By earning the Coast Guard certificate, you can pilot your boat with confidence knowing you are well prepared.

With launch time having arrived, let's look forward to a fun

and safe boating season!

Cdr Greg B risky, AP

Manitoulin visits Duluth

May 19, 1992 saw the Manitoulin, a Canadian SteamshipFreighter enter the Port of Duluth MN. Seen in the cover picture as she slides under the Duluth Ariel Bridge, the gateway to the Duluth Sea Port.

The Manitoulin was built in 1966 her overall length is 730 feet, she has a beam of 75 feet and a depth of 41 feet. This vessel is diesel powered producing 9400 shaft horsepower. She has a capacity of 28,100 long tons and is equipped with a self unloader that is 250 feet long. Her cargoes have been both grain and coal

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Go, Leo, Go!! Leo Kennedy, of our Duluth Power Squadron, is making an assault on the #1 ranking for the whole USA in Cooperative Charting this year. Leo and Dede have located over 200 geodetic markers already this spring. They found 56 of them in one day! Leo is reporting new marks every day. He is making up for lost time this long winter, and is competing with people from areas with no snow! Everyone, please encourage him on. Last year he ranked 15th in the country. He bought a new metal detector and set his sights on the top. If anyone would like to learn what Co-Op Charting and geodetic marks are all about, I'm sure Leo wouldn't mind a tag along for a day. Call him.



Our Co-Op Charting Officer, P/C Bob Byrne, organized a terrific land search on 2 May. Seven Squadron members participated and over 40 markers were located. Great going to all who attended. We will be planning another land search this fall, and we need more participation. We would like to meet all the Squadron goals for Co-Op Charting this year.

Mary and Paul Giacomini sold 140 raffle tickets for the 1992 Fitting Out Party. Congratulations and a steak gift certificate to them. Cdr. Greg Brisky sold the next most with 90. Fantastic job. Here's hoping that Leo Kennedy saves some survey

markers for the rest of us to find.

Lt/C Bruce Beste, AP

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK JUNE 7 - 13

Safe Boating Week is 7-13 June, and Lt. Jack Morrow is our Squadron Safety Officer. He is organizing a Safe Boating Day for our Squadron on 6 June. This year, we will again distribute safe boating material at area boat landings and local tackle stores. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will also conduct Courtesy Marine Examinations for Duluth Power Squadron members at the Squadron

Dock, and the U.S. Coast Guard will again demonstrate the safe use of flares and other visual distress signals. Power Squadron members and guests will be encouraged to shoot off some of their expired flares under Coast Guard supervision. They are very interested in boaters having hands-on experience.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EDUCATION

The past months have been filled with excellent educational opportunities for all members. These classes are soon to be completed, with students taking the required exams. We wish all good luck.

BOATING COURSE: 58 students completed this course on 13 April 1992. Twelve of these students have applied for membership, several of whom enrolled in the CRUISE PLANNING course. Welcome to all our new members.

SEAMANSHIP: Our two record-breaking classes for size are soon to be completed. Thirty students wrote the Seamanship exam in early May.

PILOTING: Over 40 students have written the open and closed book exams. I extend my thanks to the students who helped. You pitched in to set up extra tables for these large classes, you elected to stay with the course despite the size, and those who had some charting experience helped as instructor's aides. I thank you all. The knowledge you have gleaned will be used every time you are out on your vessel. We look forward to seeing many of you in ADVANCED PILOTING this fall. We'll run two classes if need be to accommodate everyone comfortably.

I want to thank all of the instructors and class monitors who helped with this large class. It could not have been done alone.

CRUISE PLANNING: 35 enthusiastic members filled the classroom for this exciting new course. The course is being taught largely by the students. Groups are assigned chapters, and a group chair divides up sections for the students to research and present. We are all having a lot of fun in this class. The camaraderie established has been exciting to watch, newer members with old-timers, learning the special areas of skills of these 35 students, their professional skills, their boating experiences. It has really been a great class, and the tidbits being picked up to make our future cruises better planned and executed have been invaluable. MANY, MANY thanks to all of the students who participated.



You'll all be given credit for MERIT MARK work.

With the administration of the exams for these courses, our school year is fast coming to a close. Listed below is a TENTATIVE course schedule for the fall of 92-93. We hope that you will take advantage of one or more of these courses. . .

ADVANCED GRADES:

Seamanship
Piloting
Advanced Piloting
Junior Navigation
Navigation

May 93
October 93
October 92
November 92
October 93

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

It's May, Cradles and Trailers are being relieved of their wintertime duties and another boating season is upon us. It's a wonderful time of year! Happy boat owners get to scrub, polish, sand, paint, fix, outfit and typically separate themselves from a not inconsequential amount of cash for supplies, tools, insurance, dockage and, oh yes, those new electronics that you have wisely decided you absolutely need to have aboard. After all, how can you possibly get to Cornucopia (and back) without radar and autopilot that are interfaced to GPS?

Earlier this year Joyce and I had a rather lively discussion, me supporting the position of unquestionable need for the new electronics and she stubbornly insisting it was more important to have a leak in the basement repaired. She kept saying something about being somewhat nervous operating electrical appliances while standing in water. My scientific dissertation explaining to her that she was in no danger whatsoever, did little to change her mind and, as you may suspect, the basement leak has been repaired. Not being happy at the outcome of our difference, I judiciously demanded that since she was getting her way, she would have full responsibility to contract for and supervise the repairs. She accepted the challenge and the female rationale took over. Since the backhoe was already there and the concrete truck would be coming, why not replace the garage floor which had a crack in it anyway and had

settled some since we built the home in 1955? She never did like the blacktop driveway which was now partially dug up. This would be the ideal time to replace it, and, as the contractor pointed out, it wouldn't look

right to have that old (concrete) sidewalk between the drive and the porch with all the new concrete around, so replace it too.

I am now considering floating a loan instead of my boat, forgetting the electronics and selling the boat just to keep afloat. If that doesn't sound just right, I'm sure you can understand.

The Fitting Out Party was undeniably a

huge success. Tom Grover with his committee and all of his volunteer helpers did a bang-up job which resulted in a marvelous evening for all who attended and an over-the-budget return to the treasury which will help the worthwhile projects of the Squadron to go forward for another year. Great work, folks, and thank you very much.

Joel Berg advises that planned dock improvements are going ahead, all-but slowly, and says we should have more convenient docking available for smaller boats before the summer is over. Dock clean-up has been accomplished after a first attempt was weathered out and the dock is ready for your use, thanks again to the volunteer efforts of a number of people.



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MYSTERY PHOTO #6 ANSWER

Our Duluth Squadron has, in recent years, received special recognition on National and District levels for its high degree of accomplishment in recreational boating education. Our Mystery Guest has been instrumental in helping make it happen because he has long believed that the USPS Educational Program is the continuing imperative that will assure our organizations widely recognized strength and success in the teaching process through endless future years. He has adequately supported this conviction by ascending to the District USPS office of Educational Officer where he has assumed the responsibility of instruction and study for over 1,400 Squadron members.

This writer, while attending the USPS District 10 Spring Conference in late March, listened to a quality compliment spoken on behalf of our featured Duluth member for this issue... It was said that this gentleman, "somehow finds the key to the personality of the individuals he has known and worked with, and, in this light, has been able to inspire improved enthusiasm for learning beyond comparable levels of achievement and proficiency through an excellent leadership performance."

As a teenager, during World War II, our Daniel J. Simonson literally lived his summers on the St. Louis River. He reminisces that he explored every nook and cranny of the river from the Arrowhead Bridge to Fond du Lac. His family owned a large boat house on the 63rd Avenue West slip, and Dan himself owned and operated a boat rental at this river location. His brother and dad owned small cabin cruisers and later jointly owned a 33' Wheeler cruiser named SALLY, which was eventually sold. In later years, Dan and his wife Marlene found old SALLY at

Drill's Marina, badly in need of repairs. After a full year of hard work, the couple's boat was launched and renamed MARDI. They owned MARDI for about 12 years and extensively cruised the Western end of Lake Superior, and Simonson relates that this beloved old craft was even featured in an article in Lakeland Boating. In about 1972, they traded MARDI in a four-way boat deal and the Simonsons acquired their next boat, a 40' Chris Craft cabin cruiser, and named it CARE FREE, signifying their announcement of a new and ongoing way of life.

In 1982, Dan retired at the age of 50 years from Minnesota Power, and celebrated his retirement by going on a four-month, 4,000 mile cruise with Marlene and their dog Mitsy. This cruise included the passage across Lake Superior, locking southbound through the Soo, down the St. Mary's River, North Channel, Georgian Bay, through the Trent Severn Waterway, the Thousand Island area, Kingston and the Rideau Waterway to Ottawa, down the Ottawa River to Montreal, hence the St. Lawrence River to Sorel, Quebec.

At Sorel, CARE FREE traveled the Richeleau Waterway to Lake Champlain, down the Hudson Canal to the Hudson River and Troy, New York, where they entered the Erie Canal. Then they proceeded west through the Erie Canal to Buffalo and Lake Erie. From Buffalo they traveled westward on the north side of Lake Erie, stopping at the scenic ports of Nanticoke, Dover, Port Standley, Rondeau Harbor and Cedar Beach. At this point, CARE FREE moved north into the Detroit River, stopped at Windsor, Ontario, and proceeded across Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, north to Port Huron at the southern end of Lake Huron. Traveling up Lake Huron

CARE FREE visited Port Sanilac, Port Austin, Harrisville, and Rogers City, Michigan where severe weather held them in at that port for some five days. After leaving Rogers City, CARE FREE crossed north to Detour at the southern end of the St. Mary's River and then north to the Canadian Soo. The Simonsons son, Mark, joined them at the locks for the trip west across Lake Superior to Duluth. After locking through, CARE FREE crossed a turbulent Whitefish Bay and they later touched in at the ports of Little Lake Harbor, Grand Marais, and Marquette on the South Shore course to Keweenaw Waterway. After leaving Houghton-Hancock in the waterway, CARE FREE crossed westward to the Apostle Islands, pausing at Bayfield, Cornucopia and finally back to the home port of Duluth.

Captain Dan and Marlene had then completed the cruise of their dreams; logging over 4,000 miles in a four month time period, having transited 153 locks. We have used the space to give a full account of this unbelievable yachting adventure and suggest that our readers obtain a chart and follow the Simonson's route. There are very few members who will ever be privileged to sail their boats on such a fantastic recreational boating experience.

Dan Simonson was born 31 March 1931 and later attended Fairmont Elementary, West

Junior, and Duluth Denfeld schools. He entered the University of Minnesota-Duluth in pre-engineering and, after two years, transferred to the Electrical Engineering program at the Minneapolis campus. In his fourth year, Dan, Marlene, and their daughter Diane returned to Duluth to replenish their savings. Later, he re-entered UMD and completed his university work in 1964 with degrees in mathematics and senior engineering. Dan relates that his wife and their four children attended the graduation services.

At age 14, Dan was the owner-operator of the West Duluth Boat Basin (1945). He worked in several gas stations, Duluth Brass Works, Western Auto Supply, Universal Atlas Cement, R. J. Tibbits Construction Company, working at most of these jobs while attending college. From 1952 through 1958 he was with Western Electric Company as Electrical Tester and Engineer. He then joined Minnesota Power as a Sales Engineer and later retired from MP&L 31 December 1981 as Superintendent of Meter & Test and Manager of System Services, with 23 years of service at the age of 50.

Captain Dan states with much pride that he and Marlene were married in 1951 and has had 41 years with a wonderful wife, mother, friend, and fellow boater. The Simonsons had four children: Diane, Mark, Michael, and Bonnie. Dan and Marlene experienced a



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very sad and tragic time some years ago with the agonizing loss of their youngest child, Bonnie. Their current family picture includes four greatly loved grandchildren.

Since retirement, the Simonsons have had the time and the obvious boating experience to become involved with the transporting of several boats for their owners. Among others, this included bringing P/C Wayne Mosiniak's BONAVENTURE from Schenectady to Rochester, New York, and a few years later sailing the same vessel, for a new owner, from Duluth to Rock Island, Illinois. He also was the hired skipper on a 42 footer which he sailed from Dania, Florida to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Marlene always accompanies Dan on these boat delivery cruises and is reportedly an excellent first mate and extremely knowledgeable and capable in all of the varying phases of a responsible operation of recreational craft.

Dan Simonson joined the Duluth Power Squadron in 1966 and has served this local group as Treasurer, Assistant Education Officer and Education Officer. He has played an important role in assisting in all Advanced Grade classes and has earned the privilege to wear the USPS's coveted Educational Achievement Award. His exceptional management potential was soon recognized by District 10 and was asked to serve on the

District Bridge as Assistant Educational Officer, and more recently as the District Educational Officer. Dan stepped down from this time-consuming position in late March in order to have more of a home life and spend more hours on his beloved CARE FREE. He has, however, stated that he will continue to serve the Duluth Squadron in every possible way he can.

In addition to the above, Dan Simonson is a retired member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a member of the Christ Lutheran Church where he has served as a trustee and deacon. And, he holds the Coast Guard's Six-Pac license, which is framed in the pilot house of CARE FREE. Finally, this very special gentleman has somehow found time to serve the Boy Scouts of America, as a scout himself, Cub Master, and as the Auriga District Chairman and member of their Executive Board and Lake Superior Council.

Dan has always encouraged self-improvement and believes it is important to try and put the best people in top jobs because he feels this is the best possible arrangement for the people underneath. He supports strong leadership as the cornerstone of realistic goals in boating education which is designed to reduce potential problems for boaters, all of which produces more capable skippers and crews. His good philosophies about life

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has given him instinctive leadership, good sense of direction and dedication for the jobs he has been associated with. Those who have worked with Dan know he can be persuasive in a gentle way, but never controversial. His co-workers at Minnesota Power have said he was wise with his use of praise and censure, and still managed to reflect self-assurance.

Captain Dan Simonson, this writer is proud to be your friend and the Duluth Squadron is equally proud of your accomplishments... Good luck and smooth sailing, always!

P/C Richard Bibby, AP

EDITORS NOTE:

P/C Bibby is taking some time off for a vacation now that summer has finally arrived so there will not be a new Mystery Person this issue. We sure do wish Richard a nice time and hope to see his article back for the August issue. Thanks for the fine work Richard.

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ELECTIVE COURSES:

Marine Electronics	Fall 92
Weather	January 93
Instructor Qualification	1993-94
Engine Maintenance	Fall 93
Sail	1993-94
Cruise Planning	?
Skipper Saver	May 93
Boating Course	Fall 92 ?, January 93?, April 93

Have a safe summer of boating, **HAPPY SAILING.**

Candance Hengel, SEO

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The 4th of July is just around the corner so get your flags, bunting's or whatever ready to trim your boat and be a part of the big parade! By the way, the District 10 rendezvous scheduled for July 17-19 is getting more attention than Murphy Brown. Jerry Rock reports 81 reservations so far with most certainly more expected. If you are available to help with this event in some way, call Jerry at 392-5921.

Till next time
Jerry Torvund, P

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A Safety Officer is selected on the basis of his interest in marine safety and carries on an informative program during the year, in class-work and during the boating season. The Safety Officer works with the Educational staff to promote the teaching application to safer boating. He/she can also initiate safety special events that will educate and interest the members of the Squadron. He also communicates with other organizations whose activities are directed toward safe boating. Such organizations include: the United States Coast Guard, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Boat U.S.

It is his/her duty, together with the Public Relations Officer, to promote National Safe Boating Week and make the public aware of safe boating practices, thereby performing a civic service. Our Duluth Power Squadron's Safety Officer for this year is Lt. Jack Morrow.

BRUCE BESTE, AP

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Thank you,
Bruce Beste, AP

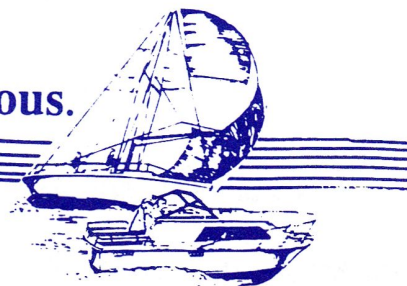
Cornucopia Yacht Club Meeting

In case you didn't get your invite to the meeting of the Cornucopia Yacht Club, Our man on the go P/C Manley Goldfine found it but is sorry it is a little late getting to you as he found it posted to a beach guard house while driving in Puerto Penasco, Rocky Point Mexico. By the way for you club members the meeting was held on May 2.

Thanks Manley, you find'em and I'll print'em.



You are invited to a Superior Rendezvous.



Schedule of Events:

Duluth/Superior Harbor 17-19 July 1992

Friday 17 July

- 15:00 and on Registration at the Duluth Squadron Dock
- 1700-2000 Social Hours on the Dock BYOB and Hors d'oeuvres to pass.
- 2100 Bonfire

Saturday 18 July

- 0700-1530 Lake Superior Fishing Lawn Games at the Dock through out the day.
- 11:30-15:30 Harbor Cruises Coney Islands will also be available during the noon hours.
- 1530 Last Fish to be weighed in.
- 1545 Fishing Contest Winners Announced
- 1615-1700 Kids Games for the young and young at heart
- 1800 Pig Roast Dinner Saturday's activities cost are: Over 16-\$10.00
16-5 years old \$7.00, no charge for under 5.
- 2000-2400 Dance (2000-2100) All Squadron children are encouraged to their heart's delight. 2000 -2400 teenagers and adults.

Sunday 19 July

- 0800-1000 Omelet Feed (\$3.00)
- 1000 Predicted Log Captain's Meeting
- 1030 Predicted Log begins

The rendezvous will be held at the Duluth Power Squadron Dock. It is a 800 ft. long concrete dock with 200 ft. wide lawn running parallel to it. There are 4 picnic tables, small childrens playground and 25 electric outlets available. The dock can be reached by land as well as sea.

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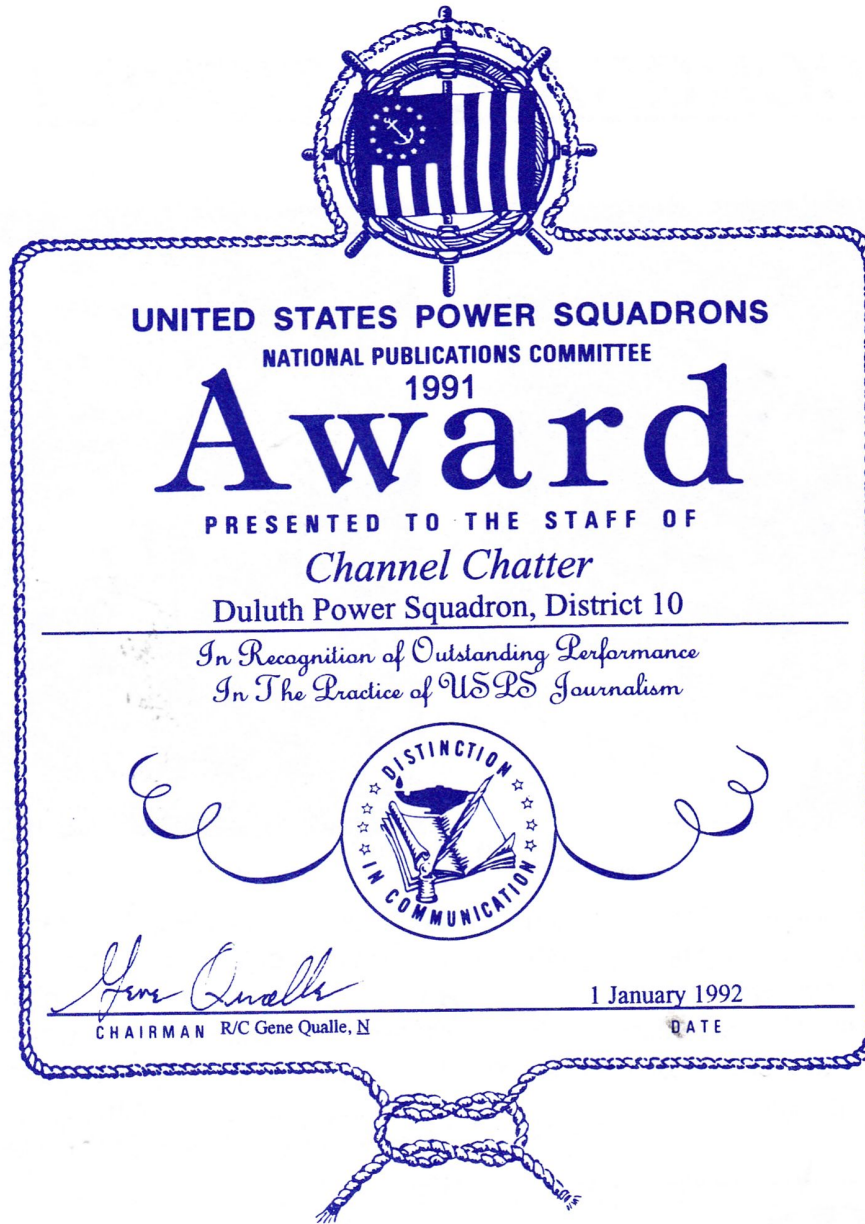
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Commander Brisky presents Fred Johnson with his 25 year membership pin. Fred has been an active member over his years of membership obtaining 15 Merit Marks. Fred also has supported our news letter with his ad for Arrowhead Equipment.



Leo Kennedy receives his Honor Roll Certificate for Co-op Charting from Commander Brisky. Leo was the 15th highest National Ranking participant. Leo was heard saying he will be number one next year. Also making the Honor Roll for his 4th time was P/C Dave Carlson, who finished 147 in National Ranking.

P/C Robert Byrne, N
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