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The "Lucky Maru", shown above, anchored in the Slate Islands during the Duluth Power Squadron's Lake Superior Cruise.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

2004

7 October Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 Incline Station

21 October General Meeting—The Pickwick

29-31 October D-10 Fall Meeting, Sturgeon Bay, WI.

4 November Executive Board Meeting 5:30 Incline Station

18 November General Meeting—The Shack

2 December Executive Board Meeting 5:30 Incline Station

11 December Xmas Party at Radisson

2005

5-9 January USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL

6 January Executive Board Meeting 5:30 Incline Station

20 January General Meeting—The Pickwick

28-29 January District 10 Winter Council

3 February Executive Board Meeting 5:30 Incline Station

17 February Annual Meeting

19 February Change of Watch—Northland Country Club



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Commander's Report

It's hard to express the sadness I feel for the passing of our Past Commander and dear friend Sue Farrell. We will all miss her dearly. Sue was a hard worker, well organized and devoted to the Power Squadron.

This was the summer that never was, weather wise anyway. But we still had some great times and hope you did, too.

July 23 to July 25 Rhobley and I went to the District 10 Rendezvous at the Big Island on Lake Minnetonka. We had a fantastic time. What a beautiful place and they also have brand new docks. Everybody was very friendly and made our stay a lot of fun. On Friday evening we took a cruise on Lake Minnetonka in the QE-2. There were appetizers and beverages of your choice available. Saturday we had lunch at the island. I would prefer not to talk about the dunk tank. In the late afternoon we went for a cruise on the boat Minnehaha. They

call this boat, The Yellow Box Car Boat. It was built in 1906, 70' long, 14' 10" beam it has a 150 hp coal burning steam engine. In 1926 it was sunk because it was no longer needed. In 1980 it was raised again, restored and re-launched in 1996. The crews manning this boat are all dressed in the clothes of the era. Going aboard her makes you feel like you just pasted back in time.

The Saturday evening's steak dinner was fantastic. There was music and dancing later. Thank you Minnetonka Power Squadron for this great time.

August 6 to the 9 we were with a group of Squadron members at Fortune Bay on Lake Vermillion. There were 24 for dinner on Saturday at the Bay View and 19 at the Lake Vermillion Club on Sunday for their Bam-Boozlers pizza. Two of these 24" inch pizzas fed all of us. Monday was buck burger night at the Bay View. We did a lot of cruising around the Lake; hit

Daisy Bay for appetizers at P/C Charlie Grubbs and Mary's cabin. Thank you Mary and Charlie for the wonderful eats. We all appreciate the hard work that P/C Bruce Beste did in setting up this trip; we had a very great time, thank you.

Looking forward to the Corn Roast. By the time you get this article it will be over. I hope the weather holds out. I would just like to thank Lt/C Terry Osvold and his team for all the work that went into this event.

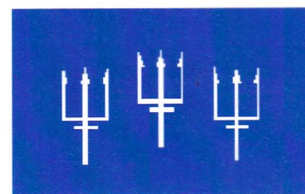
We will be starting our General meetings again. September 16 will be the first one at the Shack in Superior. Look for the flier. I hope to see you all there.

District/10 Fall Conference will be October 29 to the 31 in Door County. If anyone is interested in seeing how District works, give me a call and you can come with us.

—Commander Dave Mattson



Commander Dave Mattson



District 10 Summer Rendezvous was held on Lake Minnetonka and sponsored by the Minnetonka Power Squadron. Folks from the Duluth Power Squadron joined others from the district on a boat ride on the Minnehaha, pictured above left. On right is photo of Minnehaha's engine.

Executive Officer's Report



Executive Officer Grady Strand

OUR SEASONS OF CHANGE

WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR CHANNEL CHATTER, THE LEAVES WILL BE EITHER TURNING OR ALREADY OFF THE TREES (ITS BEEN A LITTLE STRANGE THIS YEAR). OLD MAN WINTER WILL BE PEEKING HIS HEAD INTO OUR LIVES ONCE AGAIN.

COLD SITE. THESE ARE THE MONTHS WE AS SQUADRON MEMBERS CAN RECHARGE OUR BATTERIES, GATHER STEAM AND FORGE AHEAD INTO 2005.

AS YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE SET OUT IN GOALS AND WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED.

OF BOATS. I EXAMINED EVERY THING FROM A 32' GRAND BANKS TRAWLER TO A 16' LUND FISHING BOAT TO A 12' AB INFLATABLE. ALL WERE UNIQUE IN THEIR OWN WAY. IT'S A CHANCE TO HELP AND LEARN FROM FELLOW BOATERS. THESE FOLKS ARE MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE. WHAT A WAY TO SHOW THE BOATING COMMUNITY WHAT THE DULUTH SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON CAN "BRING TO THE TABLE". I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER JOINING OUR FAMILY OF VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS IN 2005.

I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL TAKE A MOMENT AND ENJOY MY FAVORITE SEASON: FALL.

—Lt/C GRADY STRAND

OUR VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM THIS YEAR SMASHED ALL GOALS.

OUR GOAL WAS TO DO 185 EXAMS AND WE ARE ON SCHEDULE TO PERFORM OVER 275 WHICH IS OVER A 50% INCREASE. WOW!!!! WE NOW HAVE OVER 23 EXAMINERS IN OUR SQUADRON AND OUR GOAL IN 2005 WILL BE TO ADD TO OUR FAMILY OF VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS.

THE EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD DOING VESSEL SAFETY EXAMS IS MEMORABLE. IT TAKES ABOUT A HALF-HOUR TO DO A VESSEL SAFETY EXAM. IT ALWAYS TOOK SOME VERY INTERESTING BOATS AND ME LONGER BECAUSE OF THE GREAT BOATERS YOU MEET. ALL KINDS



ONE OF THE SPECIAL THINGS IN LIFE THAT ALWAYS AMAZES ME IS OUR CHANGE OF SEASONS. WE CAN BE ENJOYING A SLICE OF PRIME RIB AND AN EAR OF DELICIOUS CORN ON THE COB IN OUR SHORTS AT CORN ROAST AND IN JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS OUR PAVILLION AT THE DOCK WILL BE A LONELY,

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Administrative Officer's Report

HEATING-UP FOR THE BIG COOL-DOWN

Labor Day weekend has come and gone and Autumn is knocking on our front door. Our last big event for the summer season was a huge success! There were close to thirty boats at the Squadron dock over the Labor Day weekend Corn Roast Event, Wow!!

For those of you who could not attend, the theme, "Wizard of Oz", was a great event to plan and decorate for. The decorating committee did an outstanding job to bring the dock to life in a three dimensional way to actually make us feel that we were not on the windy shores of the St. Louis Bay. As usual, the dining preparation crews out did themselves again this year and presented a wonderful variety of dishes and barbeque masterpieces for all to share. My heartfelt thanks to all members and non-members who coordinated and assisted in making this year's Corn Roast one not to be forgotten. We all owe these folks a huge thank you for all the hours and their commitment to making

this event very enjoyable for all. In the next issue of Channel Chatter, I will do my best to go more in detail of the entire events that occurred. At present, the total funds received at the event, will be nearly \$4500.00. Not all receipts for expenses have been turned in as yet, and a final number will be forth coming soon.

Thanks to our Executive officer, Lt C Grady Strand's, "Cigar Raffle", the organization has added nearly \$750.00 to its bank account to aid balancing the 2004 budget. Hats off to you Wizard Grady for everything that he does.

Our present Channel Chatter editor, Jan (Scoop) Nelson has had her hands full with personal and business events and issues over the last couple of months and is doing her best to keep the news letter on schedule. I feel that I have not been much help to her of late due to the task of fine-tuning last minute things that needed to be done for the Corn Roast and a very hectic time in the transportation industry. I apologize to her for my last minute entry for the publication. Over the years, Jan has excelled in

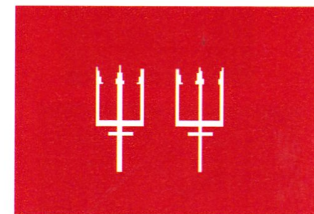
her hard work and dedication to our Channel Chatter publication and the Squadron. As most all of you know, Jan will be resigning her post as Editor in Chief and pursuing new and exciting ventures with her family in Florida. Thank you Jan for everything you have done for the Squadron.

Thank you all again for your support and participation in the events that so many people have worked very hard for to enhance the betterment of our Duluth Sail and Power Squadron.

—Lt/C Terry Osvold



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Squadron Safety Officer's Report



Squadron Education Officer
Steve Balliette

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Hello Prospective Students and Instructors,

With Fall coming on, it is time to be making plans to attend or teach a Power Squadron class. Scheduled offerings this year include:

1. Seamanship, October, 12 sessions.
2. Piloting, October, 10 sessions and Advance Piloting, 8 sessions.
3. Public Boating: November, December and January. Two classes of 7 sessions each.
4. Seamanship again in February.
5. Jr. Navigation, November for 15 sessions.

All classes are planned for Duluth Community Education, using primarily Duluth Central High School.

All our classes (with only occasional exceptions) are taught by Duluth Power Squadron members. We rely upon members with advanced Power Squadron grades or special knowledge and experience to teach our classes, both to the public and to other Duluth Power Squadron members.

Please volunteer your time and talent to our educational program. You may participate as an instructor responsible for all sessions of a class, or for only one or two sessions if you prefer. You may also volunteer to be present as an assistant/advisor in the class giving you the opportunity to gain confidence in your own presentation ability.

Currently 41% of our members have only taken the Public Boating class, so I am offering Seamanship twice this year to give many members a chance to attend. Seamanship teaches proper boat handling, safety, and many other subjects like marlin-spike, docking and anchoring. Piloting is a newly rewritten course for coastal piloting that inte-

grates the use of charts with GPS. Jr. Navigation teaches the skills needed for off shore navigation. This class will be in study group format and will continue for many months. Other elective courses not currently scheduled are available in the Squadron curriculum—Weather, Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Sail. Buy a text and self study or form a study group then test when you are ready. Call me for info. And once more—Please volunteer to teach or assist or help organize a class. Education is our purpose and the Squadron needs your participation. Thank you. See you in class!

—Lt/C Steve Balliette,
AP Squadron Education Officer
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Helping at the Memorial Service for Sue Farrell which was held at the Corn Roast are Bob Ouellette, Jim Swanson, Marlene Flynn, Dick Bibby, and Tom Cawcutt.

Fond Memories of Sue and friends.



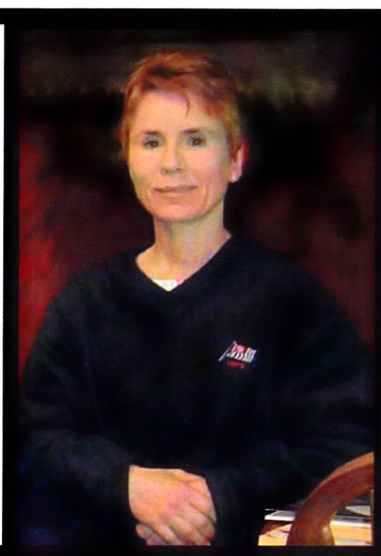
In Fond Memory Of Sue Farrell, Past Commander Duluth Power Squadron.

As most of you know, Sue Farrell, our Commander of 2003-2004, passed away in August.

Sue was dedicated to the Power Squadron. She was so thorough, she'd pull off difficult tasks, and was gracious through it all. Since Sue's passing, so many squadron members have mentioned that whenever anyone had difficult times, times in the hospital, or just getting through some tough situations, Sue was there. She'd take time to visit those in need. That's why her loss is so great—she helped SO many people.

We will miss her and certainly cherish our wonderful memories of times spent with her. Times when we were together boating on the water. Times during Power Squadron events on water or shore. So many, many times.

Farewell Commander Sue!

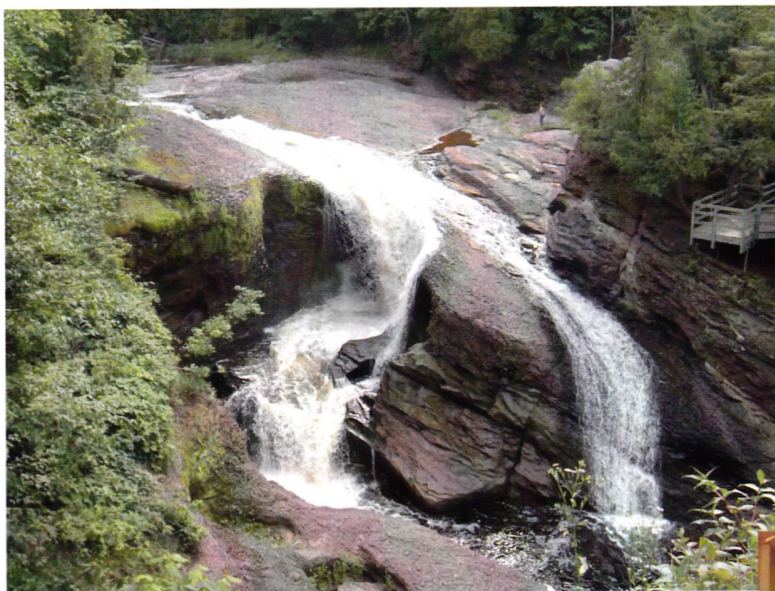


Duluth Power Squadron's Lake Superior Cruise—2004.

There were six Duluth Power Squadron boats that were a part of the Lake Superior Cruise.....some for only a day or so, others for the entire trip. They included:

- Appassionata (Mac and Eloise Scott)
- Deo Volente (Bob and Val Ouellette)
- Firefly (Ken and Carol Clark)
- Lucky Maru (Lucky and Bonita Nelson)
- Proud Heritage (Rich and Nancy Ojard)
- Wanderin' Star (Tracy and Jan Nelson)


The route of the Lake Superior south shore cruise was from Duluth-Superior to Bayfield, on to Black River Harbor, then lunch at Ontonagon, and on to Houghton/Hancock, and finally to Copper Harbor. Then part of the group returned home and part of the group went north to continue the north shore cruise which included Isle Royale, Thunder Bay, Silver Islet, Edwards Island, Loon Harbor, Otter Cove, Battle Island, Rossport, and finally the Slate Islands. With the exception of one day with fog and wind (we had planned to stay at Rock Harbor that day anyway), our weather was absolutely spectacular.



Waterfall at Black River Harbor.



Firefly (above) & Wanderin' Star cruising from the Apostle Islands, just arriving at entry to Black River Harbor.

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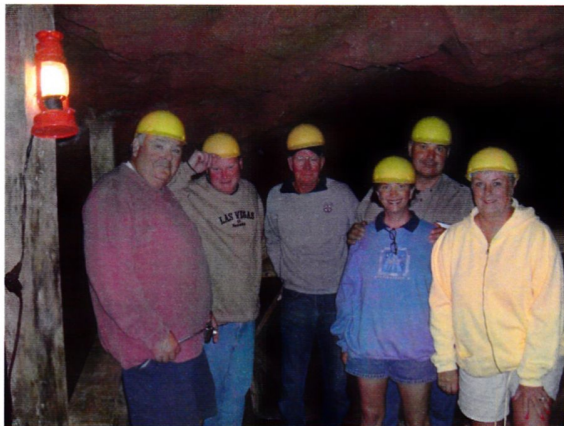
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Having breakfast at Suomi's Restaurant in Houghton, MI. Are Carol & Ken Clark, Bonita & Lucky Nelson, and Tracy Nelson. Note the blueberry pancakes that completely fill the plate!

Duluth Power Squadron's Lake Superior Cruise—2004.



On the copper mine tour south of Copper Harbor, Michigan were (left to right) Ken Clark, Chris Nelson, Lucky Nelson, Jan & Tracy Nelson, and Carol Clark.



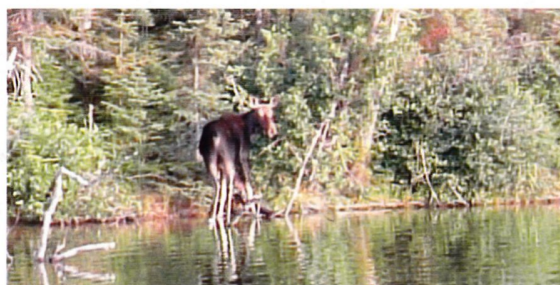
Can-can dancers (the wait staff at the Harbor House Restaurant in Copper Harbor, MI) who greeted boaters arriving from Isle Royale.



At \$3.15 and \$3.69 per gallon, fuel prices at Isle Royale pumps weren't attractive.



Eloise Scott, having her morning coffee aboard Appassionata at Rock Harbor, Isle Royale.



Moose feeding at Chippewa Harbor, Isle Royale. At night you could hear the wolves howling and calling to each other



Mac Scott, retired for one month, generously helping out at the infirmary at Rock Harbor because resident doctor was off island. One of the Isle Royale staff was ill.



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Duluth Power Squadron's Lake Superior Cruise—2004.



Proud Heritage (Rich & Nancy Ojard) anchored at Loon Harbor, Ontario.



Relaxing after dinner aboard Proud Heritage. Pictured are Jan Nelson (front left), Bonita & Lucky Nelson, Nancy & Rich Ojard, Tracy Nelson.



Two views of beautiful Otter Cove waterfall.



Visiting at the bottom of the waterfall at Otter Cove are Bob Ouellette, Tracy Nelson, Lucky & Bonita Nelson, and Val Ouellette.



One of the many caribou seen in the Slate Islands in Ontario. This one was following two other caribou who had already gone into the woods.



Dahlfin II, in back, anchored in Pike's Bay of the Slate Islands with Wanderin' Star, front.

From An Old Salt.

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Peace.

—Mother Teresa



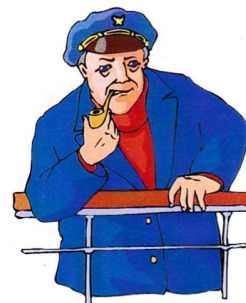
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When I was young, I had trouble remembering things and was much too busy to just sit and have quiet thoughts. Now that I am old, I can remember clearly even small details - never mind whether they actually happened or not. I also have plenty of time for deep thoughts - most of which are stolen from others. This space is dedicated to those thoughts and remembrances - most of which have no connection with either boats or the sea.

—A Duluth Power Squadron "Old Salt".



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P/C Len Robinson

Attention All Members!

It is that time of year again when I ask, what have you done for your squadron this year? That's right, it's time to fill out a Merit Mark form for the 2004 year. Most of your time has been tracked by the event chairperson, an Officer in the squadron or the Commander, but we want to make sure you get credit for the wonderful job you have done for the Duluth Power Squadron and USPS this year.

Please look at the form on the next page, take five minutes right now and fill it out. It won't take long and then you won't forget about it. I need these forms back to me by October 20th.

Please use the form to list your activities. You can always use another sheet of paper if the form is not enough room. Don't forget to put your name and certificate number on it. Remember the Merit Mark year goes from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. If you're not sure if an activity or event qualifies for a merit mark, write it down, we will make that decision. Remember, this is your only payment for your hard work.

Family members are eligible for a Merit Mark. Please make sure to include anyone that is a family member in your submission, so that they get credit for their time worked.

All of your Bridge this year thank you for your time and efforts put forward this past year. THANK YOU! Now, start writing and mail, fax or e-mail the form back soon!

—P/C Len Robinson

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New Member Involvement night _____ Number of hours _____

Etc.

Distributed Safe Boating Material (where) _____ Number of hours _____

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River Quest Participant _____ Number of sessions _____

Promoted USPS/DPS How? _____ Number of hours _____

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Corn Roast-2004.



Queen Mavis and King Harlan Eggert were crowned.



Rhobley and Cdr. Dave Mattson, Dave Solberg, Lauri Welch, Dick Larson and Terry Osvold had fun during the Corn Roast 2004.

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Corn Roast-2004.



Above are pictured just a few of the many boats tied up at the Duluth Power Squadron dock for the Corn Roast.



Peggy Hecht wearing a witch's hat, visits with Keeley Beste during the Corn Roast.



Rhobley and Commander Dave Mattson enjoyed the beautiful weather during the first days of the Corn Roast 2004.



Bonita (wearing witch's hat) and Lucky Nelson prepared a delicious fish dinner with help from RJ and Peggy Hecht.



Corn Roast 2004.



Notice rainbow, above left, and above right, house that fell on the wicked witch. These were some of the many Wizard of Oz decorations seen at the Corn Roast 2004.



Gordy Conright, Vic Kleinstuber, Judy Conright, RJ Hecht, and Lucky Nelson feasting at the Corn Roast.



Marlene Flynn visited with Dorothy and John Harrison during the weekend.



Terry Osbold trying to keep things on schedule.



Corny costumes (chicken hats) worn by Ken Van Dyke, Pauline Taylor, RJ and Peggy Hecht as they prepared and served breakfast at Corn Roast.



Terry Osbold really appreciated the hard work done by everyone at the Corn Roast, including Lucky & Bonita Nelson and Peggy & RJ Hecht.



Alan Bradshaw and Jennett Hanson visited on the dock with Sandy and Dean Baltes.

Corn Roast 2004.



Sharon Page, Rhobley Mattson, and Darryl Rock "strolling" during the Corn Roast dance.



Sue and Dick Larson visit with Ken Van Dyke (center) during the Corn Roast.



Dave Solberg laughing with Lauri Welch.



Rhobley Mattson and Val Ouellette visited with Julie Strand and Karen Bray.



Muffy & John Kalenowski appeared to enjoy the Corn Roast.



Darryl & Gene Rock enjoying the sunshine.



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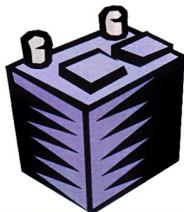
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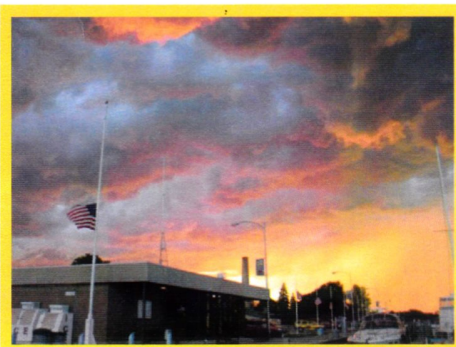
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