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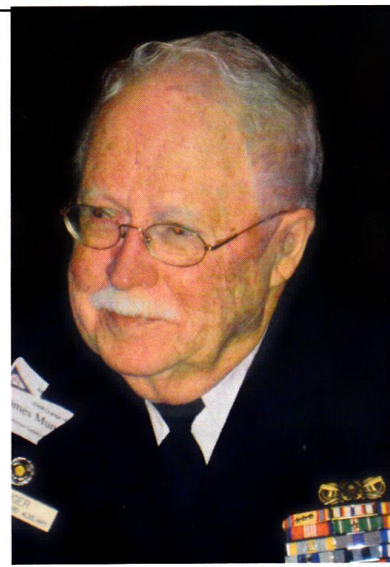
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## Congratulations Jim Munger!

Jim Munger, (right) Duluth Sail and Power Squadron member since 1975, has attained the National USPS Educational Achievement Award, or "Senior Navigator." Previously termed "full certificate", completion of the following courses is required for this award: **Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail and Weather.** In addition to taking all of these courses, Jim has been a long time supporter and instructor of many squadron public education and safety endeavors including teaching the **Squadron Boating Course**, managing the **Vessel Safety Check** program and holding the position of Safety Officer. Congratulations and Thank You, Jim!



Kay Bakke (right) accepted the Senior Navigator Award on behalf of Jim Munger at the Fall Conference. Presenting the award are District Commander Kathy Schulte, and Alan Wentworth, serving as the Chief Commander's Representative.

DSPS members who attended the Fall Conference (below) included John O'Neil, Kim O'Neil, Len Robinson, Kay Bakke, Dave Stokes, Corinne Carlson, Dave Carlson, and Cdr Mary Brisky.



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**Kay Bakke, Dave Stokes,  
and Dave Carlson**



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## Commander's Report

The Duluth Squadron was fortunate to have several members representing our Squadron at the USPS District 10 Fall Conference held during the first weekend of November. The agenda included several meetings for local squadron officers and workshops of general interest to our members. The officer meetings, designed to support the local squadrons, were hosted by the District 10 Bridge and included roundtable discussions. This conference's workshop sessions included an array of topics including first aid certification, the USPS "Boat Handling Under Power" Seminar, an update on using the USPS data base (DB2000) and introduction to Sail Angle.

Communication being an important topic this year, I attended the workshop that provided information on **Sail Angle**. Launched in January 2009, **Sail Angle** is free public website that is a "hybrid between a boating orientated social network and a communication and information exchange platform where the content is supplied by its members". It combines aspects of social networking with a communication and information exchange. Having a format similar to what you find in *Facebook*, it is an impressive resource on boating. Its unique features include an "Ask-a-Pro" section that puts members in touch with seasoned professional mariners, a "Destinations" feature that provides worldwide local boating knowledge and information posted by members who have boated to locations, and information postings that span a wide array of boating tips.

Due to an agreement between **Sail Angle** and USPS, you as a local member of our squadron are able to login ([www.sailangle.com](http://www.sailangle.com)) using your certificate number. I would encourage you to check it out and take advantage of the information it offers. By design, the website not only provides important boating topics for broad public appeal, but it serves as a communication link within USPS, having benefits for both individual mem-

bers and for the squadron. As more of our local members become accustomed to using this site, we will be able to use it for intersquadron communications. Please let us know if you would like to get more involved in this program to update the postings, so that our squadron can take advantage of its features.



**Cdr Mary Brisky AP**

Electronic communication is providing a valuable tool in reaching out to USPS members and to the general public. Nevertheless, in conversation with squadron commanders and leaders in District 10, I learned that several squadrons that had gone exclusively to the electronic communication format are now again producing mailed newsletters and fliers. Like many of us in the Duluth Squadron, members still look forward to receiving mailed notices and personal communication via the telephone.

As we begin the Holiday Season, my thoughts go out to our many members that have made our squadron so successful. I would like to extend my thankfulness and best of wishes for you and your families during this very special time of year.

Cdr Mary Brisky, AP  
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*REACH OUT... GET INVOLVED*



- **Brent and Anne Johnson, Garret, Morgan**
- **Thomas and Jill Whereley**
- **William and Barbara Scrimgeour**
- **Lance Olson**



## Education Officer's Report

At this writing, we have no snow on the ground, it is raining in fact, and many a trailerable boat has gone back into the water on a few warm, sunny November days. We surely are diehards about taking advantage of our limited season here in the northern climes. As snow and cold envelope us, winter may be the opportune time for you to participate in one or more of our member courses. See the schedule in another part of this issue for the **Instructor Development**, **Engine Maintenance** and **Marine Electrical Systems** courses to be offered beginning in January. **Seamanship** will be offered in March/April; more detailed information will be posted in the next issue and on line. To assist with planning, please pre-register. In previous years, members have sought out a regular crew, friend or family member to be a "study buddy" for courses, thus making the learning more social and fun as well. Remember the course cost is for the materials only so you and your

spouse could share the text. Also, **Engine Maintenance** and **Marine Electrical** are both required for the new **Inland Navigator**, on-the-water certification. If you are planning on taking part in that on-the-water certification in the future, this would be an excellent time to begin your coursework. Please call or email [kbak@cpinternet.com](mailto:kbak@cpinternet.com) if you have any questions or comments regarding our current curriculum.



**Lt/C Kay Bakke, AP**

## Member Course Offerings in Winter 2010

All classes will be held at Central High School Community Education, 800 Central Entrance, Duluth. We need a minimum of 6 students to offer a course. Email Kay Bakke at [kbak@cpinternet.com](mailto:kbak@cpinternet.com) to re-register for **Instructor Development**, **Engine Maintenance** and **Marine Electrical Systems** by December 23.

<b>Instructor Development</b>	Mondays begin January 11	6 sessions	Materials – free
<b>Marine Electrical Systems</b>	Wednesdays beginning Jan 6	9 sessions	Materials cost -\$46
<b>Engine Maintenance</b>	Thursdays beginning Jan 7	9 sessions	Materials cost - \$46
<b>Seamanship</b>	Day in March/April TBA	7 sessions	Materials cost - \$48

## Public Safe Boating Course

**Squadron Boating Course** will be offered to the public beginning Tuesdays, January 5. Class meets for 8 sessions at Central High School Community Education, 800 Central Entrance, Duluth. The cost is \$60 payable the first night of the course. On-line registration is REQUIRED on our website at [www.duluthpowersquadron.com](http://www.duluthpowersquadron.com). This course fulfills DNR requirements for young people and some insurance discounts apply upon successful completion of the course.

Encourage your dock mates, family members and/or other regular crew to participate in this information packed safe boating course. Eight weeks of deep, dark winter will pass more quickly as couples and families study and participate together.



## Executive Officer's Report

Greetings and warm Holiday thoughts to you all. By now we are all watching the calendar to see what the holidays will bring. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Radisson on December 11 for our Christmas party. This year we are trying another location to test the waters in what our members enjoy in our parties. Dave Stokes in the Admin Department has done it again to organize another festival of fun for you all. Thanks Dave.

Notice to the new members and old that brave the cold weather in the Northland: We would like to pull off another winter party at the Squadron dock this winter. Last year we had a great time buzzing around on snowmobiles and hanging around the camp fire. This year I plan on putting a couple Tip-Ups out in the Squadron Lagoon to see if there are any fish hanging around. Those interested or have any knowledge of fish being caught in there, come on down and sink a line. I am willing to put up a bounty and a prize on the line for

the first fish caught out of the Squadron slip on that day. Bring a rod and reel or give me a call, I have all kinds of ice fishing stuff that I can share. Watch for an email or the website for updates.

I hope everyone has a safe and exciting winter. See ya on the ice.

Todd Carlson

Executive Officer



**Lt/C Todd Carlson S**

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## Notice to Members

We value you as a member and want to keep you informed of all Squadron activities and news. In order to continue doing this, we have been forced to change our policy on our mailing system. We need your help to keep our address records up to date. To make all correspondence to our members easier and more economical, the following has been in effect since November 1, 2009.

- No mail from the Squadron will be forwarded because it is mailed in bulk. (this is not new, it is listed here as a reminder)
- We have eliminated having undelivered mail returned to us because of the cost.
- If you move or relocate to another address, either permanently or temporarily, you must inform the Squadron if you want to continue receiving mail. We have no way of knowing this information.

We will keep 2 mailing lists. A winter list from November 1 to April 30 and a summer list May 1 to October 31.

If you have a winter or summer address that you would like to update, please let us know. The above information will also be posted on the website and emailed to the members that have current email addresses on file.

Thank you for your understanding.

Todd Carlson

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## Administrative Officer's Report

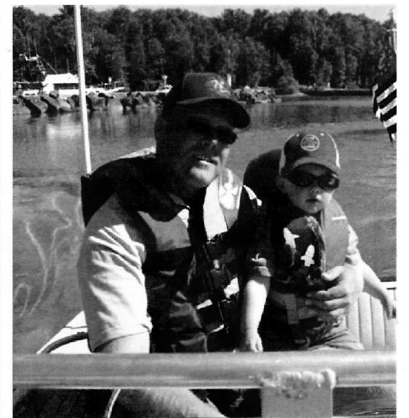
It was another great a year for our Squadron, despite a summer that didn't want to cooperate with our desires for hot days and calm seas. Next year looks to be even better as Duluth hosts the District 10 2010 Rendezvous July 23-25 in beautiful Bayfield, Wisconsin. The planning has been in full swing for the last 24 months and now is the time to get signed up to volunteer to help out with the event in any way possible. Co-chair Len Robinson and I are compiling a list of volunteers right now and we can always use more help. Please feel free to drop us a line if you are able to lend a hand.

Working at the event is not a requirement, so be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss this spectacular rendezvous. At the District 10 Fall conference Len had an impressive display set up, full of brochures and pictures for our fellow members. The Bayfield buzz was in the air and folks are very excited to attend and possibly make a vacation out of it so they can experience the beautiful Apostle Islands region. A lot of information will be forthcoming soon regarding docking, RV parking, events, etc. If you wish to book lodging, it's recommended that you do so now by going to the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce website at [www.bayfield.org](http://www.bayfield.org) before lodging establishments fill up.

The other exciting thing that took place at the Fall Conference was the showing of our "Move that bus" video.

This video highlighted the unveiling of our new Squadron Dock play center sponsored by the Kolars and Kolar Auto World as well as dozens of our generous members. Those attending the conference could not believe what our Squadron accomplished and we received a huge round of applause.

As Squadron members, we should all be very proud of this effort. It has also prompted the creation of an Activities Fund, which you will hear more about in coming issues. But keep this tax deductible fund in mind as you plan your year-end giving or annual contributions to your favorite organizations. We hope, through this fund, to continue to make improvements to our treasured Squadron Dock facility. This has already helped us attract new members with young families and we hope it will help us build a bright sustainable future.



**Lt./C David Stokes  
and Tanner**



Have a great holiday season and think spring! We will be planning for another winter event at the dock, so watch for details to come. It was a fabulous gathering last year and we hope to repeat it. Enjoy your winter and stay off the thin ice.

Admin Dave

*P/C Len Robinson (left)  
promotes the 2010  
Summer Rendezvous at  
the D/10 Fall Confer-  
ence.*

## Credit for Coast Guard Course Work

By Kay Bakke

As of December 2007, a United States Power Squadron policy for recognizing individuals who have US Coast Guard or USCG Auxiliary certificates, both as members and for grade recognition, was passed. This change in policy will not only allow Coast Guard Auxiliarists that hold Coast Guard certificates to become members of USPS but will also acknowledge the skills and education they bring with them.

You may be asking, "*Why is this information important to me as a Power Squadron member?*"

At least two advanced education awards – Educational Achievement and Educational Proficiency—are attained by having these courses. And the new program—Boat Operator Certificate—requires many of these courses as well.

I encourage any current member of the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron who holds any of the certificates below for course work from the Coast Guard and/or Coast Guard Auxiliary to submit a copy of those certificates to me. I will pass them on to the National Education Officer to facilitate obtaining the equivalent USPS grade.

National will allow USPS grades for successful completion of the following CGAUX courses and CG licensing programs:

- ★ CGAUX Boating Skills and Seamanship or Sailing Skills and Seamanship will receive credit for the USPS **Seamanship** course.
- ★ CGAUX Basic Coastal Navigation will receive credit for the USPS **Piloting** course.
- ★ CGAUX Advanced Coastal Navigation will receive credit for the USPS **Advanced Piloting** course.
- ★ Coast Guard Launch Operator will receive credit for the USPS **BoatSmart** course.
- ★ Coast Guard OUPV (Six-pack) will receive credit for the USPS **Seamanship** course.
- ★ Coast Guard Master's license (up to 50 tons) will receive credit for USPS **Seamanship**, **Piloting** and **Advanced Piloting**.

Any other credit will be based on a level of experience provided to the NEO for review and approval.

Please contact my email if you have any further questions or if you are ready to send me your verification...  
kbak@cpinternet.com



"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow,  
stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons.  
It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.  
And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore.  
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.  
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.  
What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

Dr. Seuss



## Insurance an Important Piece of Boating Lifestyle

P/C Candy Hengel, SN

P/D/C Harvey Hengel, SN

If you own a boat, you need boat insurance.

Many states now require boat owners to carry watercraft liability insurance before they operate a boat. If your boat has been financed your lender will almost always require you to carry full coverage boat insurance.

You need to carry at least a minimal liability policy to protect you in case your boat ever injures anyone or you could wind up stuck with someone else's medical bills, even if you are not directly responsible.

To protect yourself beyond the \$300,000 or \$400,000 liability policy, consider carrying an umbrella policy for \$1,000,000 or more as additional protection against disabling or fatal accidents.

Boats do not have brakes nor do they stay on course unless you have an autopilot that is tied into a GPS or set to hold a straight course. Do not follow the boat in the front of you too closely. If the boat stops and you were not paying attention, you could ram their boat. At 30 mph, you cover 1.2 miles in a minute and 300 feet in just seconds, that does not give you much time to react in trying to avoid an accident.

To prevent accidents, keep a sharp lookout at all times. Check the weather forecast before leaving. Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.



Never overload the boat. A 25 foot boat can carry eight people or 1,400 pounds. You must take into account a 100 gallon fuel tank which can add 600 pounds, a 30-40 gallon fresh water tank which, when full, weighs over 240 pounds and the pump out tank, if full, could add another 240 pounds. Add this to the additional weight of the gear and tools you carry and you are approaching more than 1000 pounds. All this extra weight costs additional fuel to propel your boat.


Avoid alcohol when boating.

Take at least two means of communication, including VHF radio, flares, cell phone in a plastic bag and Emergency Position Indication Radio Beacon. Also know your location. Be able to communicate that information in an emergency. If the boat capsizes and remains afloat, stay with the vessel. It is a lot easier to see a boat in the water than a person.

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1. Take and complete the qualifying course or courses between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010
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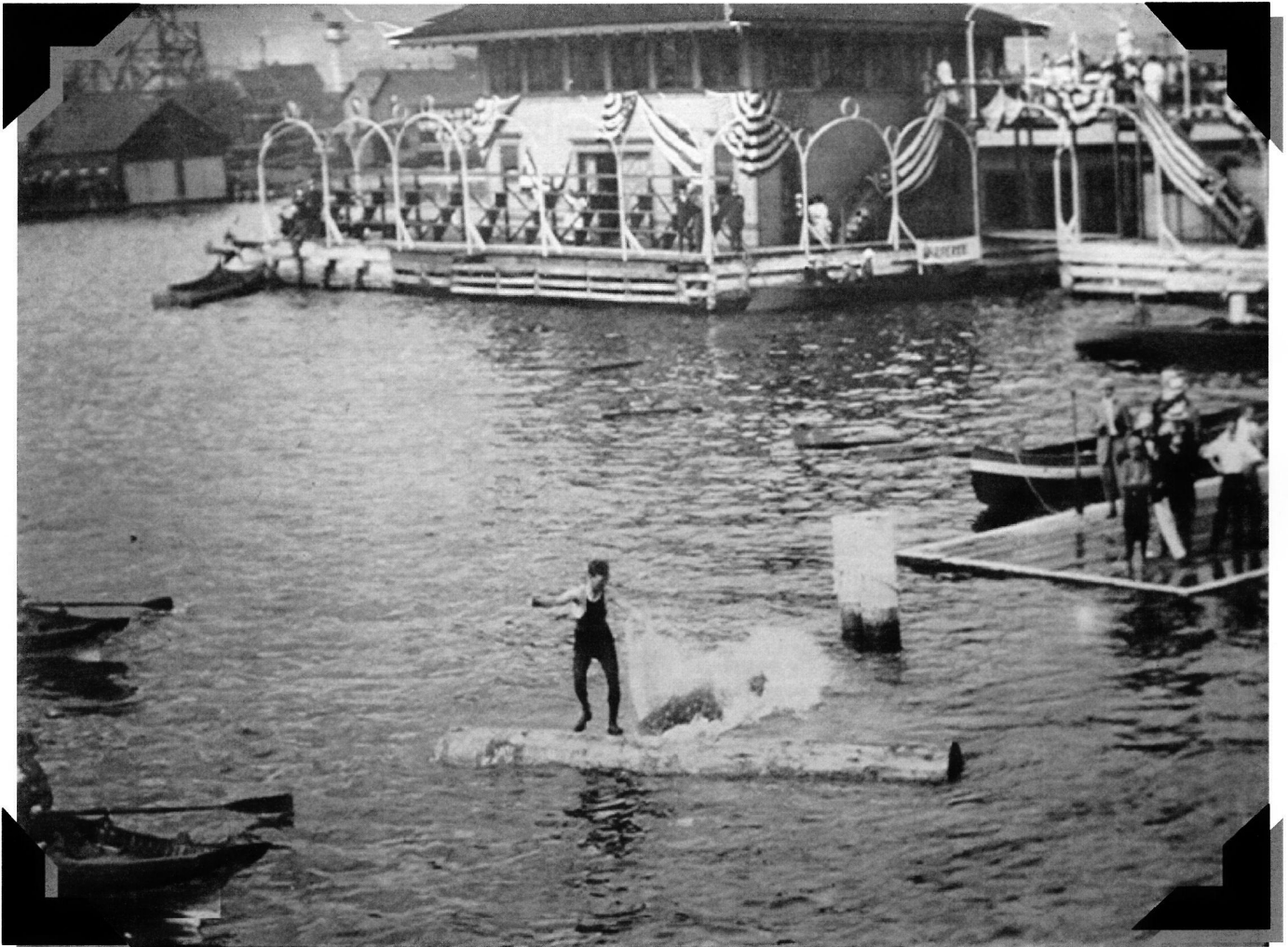
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## Once in a Blue Moon

A **blue moon** is a full moon that is not timed to the regular monthly pattern. Most years have twelve full moons which occur approximately monthly, but in addition to those twelve full lunar cycles, each calendar year contains an excess of roughly eleven days. The extra days accumulate, so that every two or three years there is an extra full moon. The extra moon is called a "blue moon."

The Farmer's Almanac defines *blue moon* as an extra full moon that occurs in a season; one season is normally three full moons. If a season has four full moons, then the third full moon is named a *blue moon*. Recent popular usage defines a blue moon as the second full moon in a month. The term "blue moon" is commonly used to describe the rarity of an event, as in the expression, "once in a blue moon."

As you can see by our calendar on the next page, New Year's Eve 2009 will be a night of a Blue Moon.



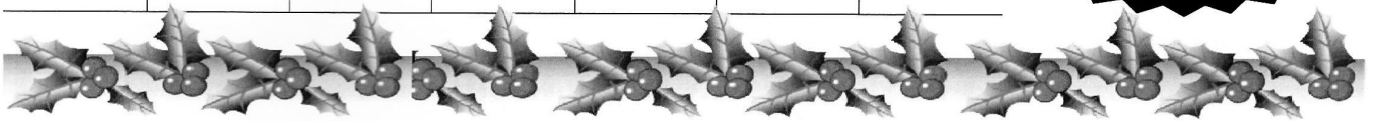
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## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 ○	3	4	5
6	7 <small>Pearl Harbor Day</small>	8	9 ☾	10	11 <small>DSPS Holiday Party</small>	12 <small>Hanukkah Begins</small>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <small>First Day of Winter</small>	22	23	24 ☾	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26
27	28	29	30	31 ○ <small>New Year's Eve</small>		



For the most up-to-the-minute information, see  
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## Schedule of January 2010 Events

- January 7—Executive Board meets. Check [www.duluthpowersquadron.com](http://www.duluthpowersquadron.com) for details



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2
3	4	5	6	7 <small>Exec. Board Meets</small>	8	9 ☾
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <small>MLK Day</small>	19 ☾	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 ○	30
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## MEMBER'S MARKETPLACE

USPS members may place one want ad (3.5"x2") free of charge. Continuation of the ad in subsequent issues may be purchased for \$10 per issue, payable in advance. Larger ads may be purchased by arrangements with the editor.

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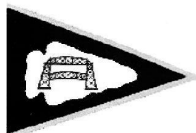
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MORNING, NIGHT, NIGHTFALL,  
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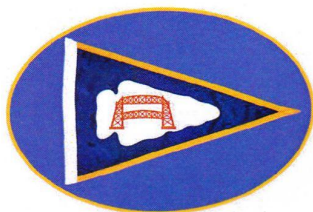
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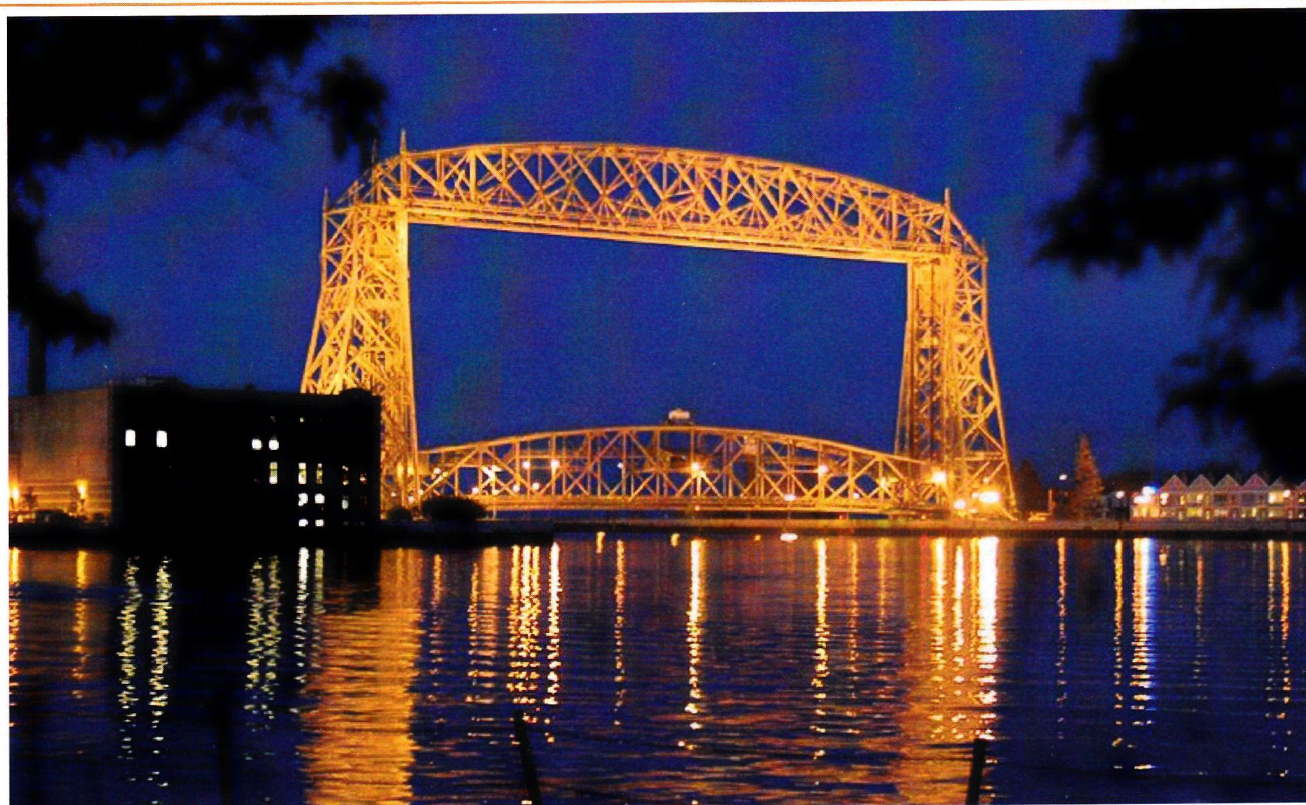
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