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Commander's Report

Hello DSPS Friends and Family,

I truly hope you enjoy this special edition of the *Channel Chatter* dedicated to the 2014 D10 Rendezvous which celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron and the 100th anniversary of the United States Power Squadron. Duluth has hosted the D10 Rendezvous several times in the past, but this is the first time we hosted it in Duluth at our dock in the Superior Harbor. Previously we hosted it in Bayfield and had great turnout there because everyone loves Bayfield, so we had some reservations about bringing it to Duluth. But, given the anniversary year, it was the obvious choice and we wanted others in the District to have the opportunity to visit our home port and our dock and see what a wonderful venue we have here.

It turned out that our worries were unfounded and we had a great turnout. The weather was threatening from time to time, but we had only a couple of short showers and those gave us all the chance to huddle together in the pavilion and get to know each other. We had a good representation from various squadrons around the district and they seemed pleasantly surprised and maybe a little jealous at the facility we have. We were able to complete an upgrade of our electrical supply prior to this event so we were able to support both the power needs of boats and RVs with no major issues.

There were a number of activities and events planned including a visit to the Duluth Aquarium, a harbor cruise on the former U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Sundew* thanks to Jeff



Foster and a visit to the dock by the 103-foot tug *Helen H.*, owned and operated by Mike Ojard of Heritage Marine. Each of these events gave a distinct maritime flavor to the event, and I believe it lived up to the reputation we have in hosting great summer rendezvous and also to the mission of the United States Power Squadron.

Please enjoy this special issue. Cheers,

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D10 Summer Rendezvous

*Celebrating the 100th anniversary of USPS
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More than 120 Power Squadron members from District 10 boarded the *Sundew* for a cruise, just one highlight of the Rendezvous weekend.



Cheers to the Years!



by P/C Len Robinson

This past July our squadron hosted the District 10 Summer Rendezvous right here at our own dock facility. This was a celebration signifying the 75th anniversary of the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron, the 75th anniversary of District 10 and the 100th anniversary of United States Power Squadrons.

Duluth was one of the first squadrons to become part of District 10 back in 1939. Today our squadron has a great facility in which we can host events or just come down and enjoy the peace and quiet with fellow squadron members.

The rendezvous was a great success with many fellow District 10 members, past members who are joining us again and our own Duluth members, all making their way to the squadron dock by boat, car or RV. Several members arrived on Thursday afternoon and many stayed several days after the rendezvous to enjoy the sights around the area.

We had a packed schedule of events for Friday and Saturday, with Sunday just being a fun day. Friday started with a picnic dinner, sponsored by DSPS, and then several members traveled to Duluth to visit the Lake Superior Marine Museum in Canal Park. This is a great museum showcasing the early days of shipping and many artifacts recovered over the years. The evening wasn't done yet as we had a bonfire with s'mores that capped off the first day.

Saturday morning started with a pancake breakfast, sponsored by Perkins and the Flaherty family, which was great and is always enjoyable. Then we boarded a bus that took many members over to the Great Lakes Aquarium for tours and the interactive displays, including the shipwrecks display.

After lunch, the bus came back to the dock and we loaded up more members for the harbor/lake tour aboard the *Sundew*. We were treated to a special cruise hosted by Duluth members Toni and Jeff Foster. They purchased the *Sundew* and use it for educational, interactive, training and



personal use. The main reason they purchased the *Sundew* was to preserve a piece of Duluth maritime history in the Duluth Harbor. The *Sundew* was built right here in Duluth and this is where she will stay, according to Jeff.

The day was perfect with about 120 people aboard the ship, with many of us helping out during the cruise. We cruised out the Duluth Ship Canal heading up the shore of Lake Superior and then back into the harbor continuing down the harbor near Barker's Island, then heading back to the dock in Duluth.

Talking to Toni and Jeff during the cruise, they loved all the questions regarding the ship and were pleased to answer any questions. It truly was a special cruise to remember. A special thanks for their hospitality, to the crew and to the volunteers that help crew the ship. It was a great afternoon.

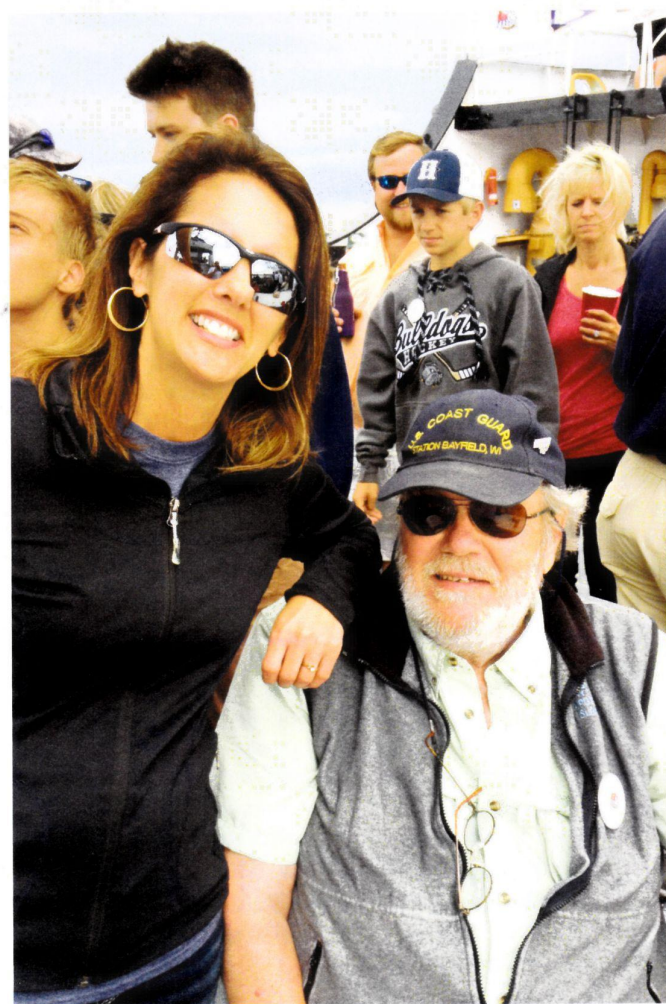
Once we were back at the squadron dock, the cooking crew put on a fish boil and dinner that was great. While

we were waiting for the dinner to be done, Heritage Marine brought over one of their large tug boats, the *Helen H.*, for us to tour. That certainly was a special treat. Once dinner was completed, we enjoyed more time around the bonfire and just relaxing and visiting with fellow members.

Sunday was another really nice July day with several out-of-town members touring the harbor and lake aboard boats and exploring the area by car.

Our weather was just perfect during the whole weekend, and even though we had a brief late-afternoon shower on Saturday, it did not deter us from celebrating the anniversaries of the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron, District 10 and USPS.

We want to thank our out-of-town guests for coming and enjoying our facility and great cities, and also we want to thank each and every member that helped put on this great showcase event. THANKS!







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Above: P/C Dave Brisky receives his USPS Life Membership during the D10 Summer Rendezvous. Right: District brass at the Squadron Dock.



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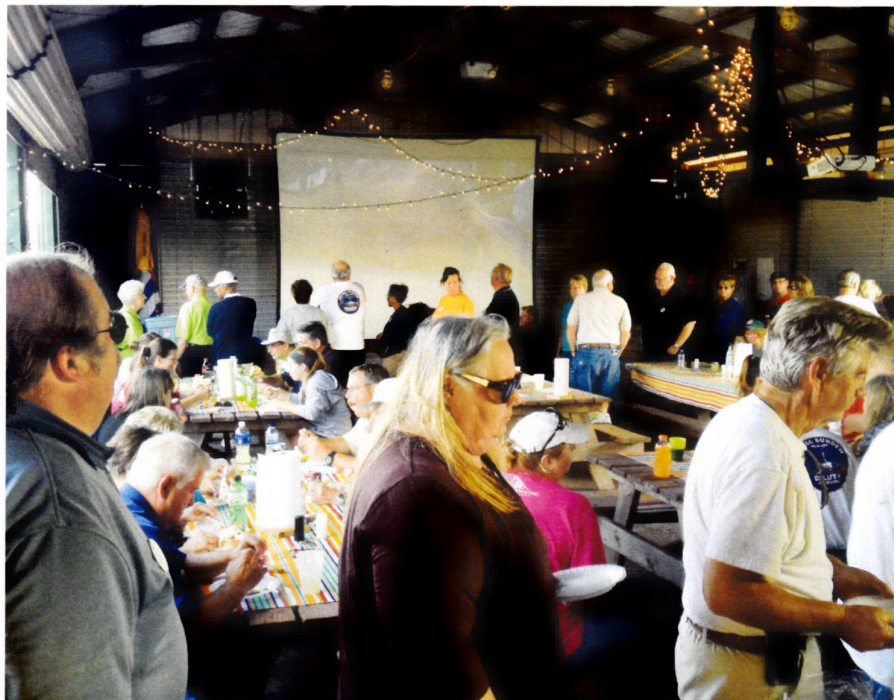
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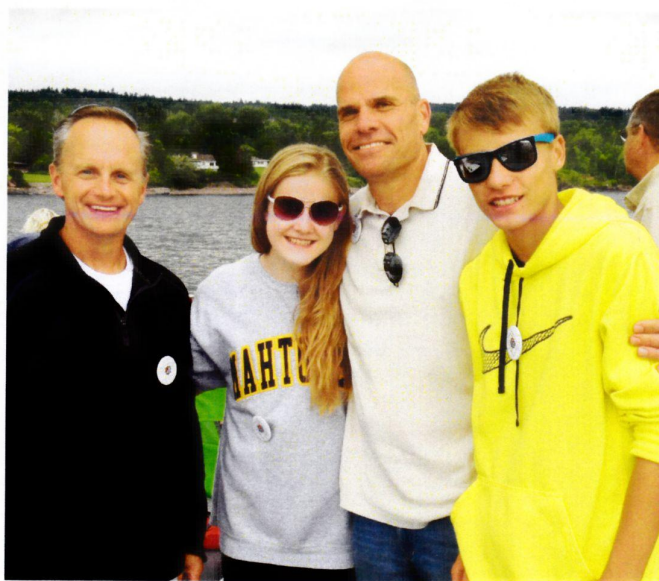
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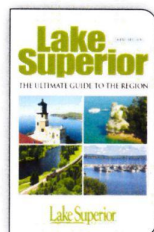
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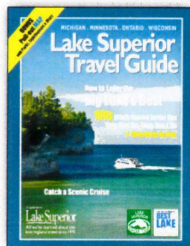


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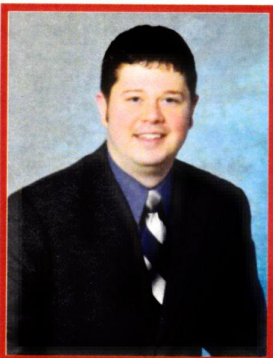
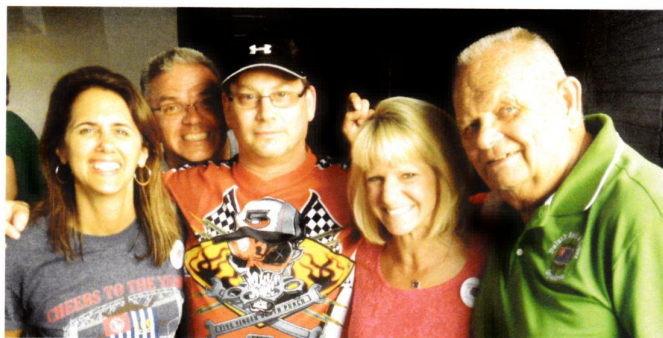
Bottom right: Eric Norland, a junior high friend of Reed Byers and a member of the Arrowhead Astronomical Society in Duluth, accepted an invitation to show us the skies during the Rendezvous. The clouds vanished at sunset and we were able to view Mars and even the rings of Saturn and two of its moons!

Eric also showed us constellations used by both ancient and current mariners for navigation. He had a line of people wanting to look through his telescope. They are interested in presenting to us at other functions as well.

Seeing these planets is something kids and adults will long remember.

Bottom left: First mate Rachel of the vessel *First Thing Monday* spruces up our dock flagpole garden for the Rendezvous. Flowers and supplies were donated by Stokes Media House, Rachel requests that members help water during the summer and keep our dock looking lovely.





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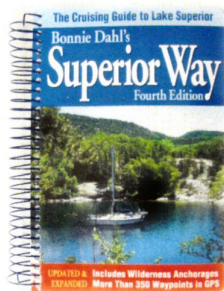
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The event chairperson, an Officer in the squadron or the Commander has tracked most of your time, but I need you to take the responsibility to make sure we have your information. We want to make sure you get credit for the wonderful job you have done for the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron and USPS this year. Any activity, meeting, errand, helping out the squadron in any way counts toward a Merit Mark. National wants a minimum of 10 hours of work, or a significant task along with hours, to qualify for the Merit Mark.

Please look at the form (it's on the flip side of this 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 immediately.

Please use the form to list your activities. You can always use another sheet of paper if the form is not enough room. Make sure to include the content of the activity, the number of meetings and the number of hours it took to complete an activity. Don't forget to put your name and certificate number on it.

Remember, the Merit Mark year goes from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. 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

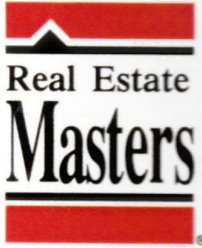
only payment for your hard work.

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 thanks you for your time and efforts put forward this past year. THANK YOU! Now, start writing and mail, fax or email the form back soon!


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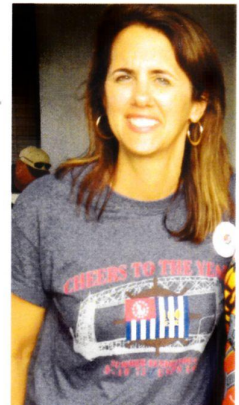
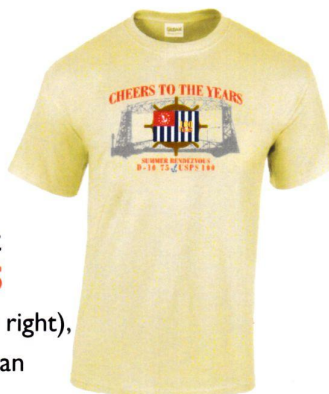
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