

The Helm!



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The Executive Committee's Bi-Annual Newsletter for the Members of the Commander Club

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The Chief Commander's Report

by: Scott Anderson

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season this year and that all is well with the families, and the Commanders! It sure has been a trying and precipitation filled winter so far for many of us. The East Coasters really seem to have been hammered with some terrible weather again this year. Up here in the Great Lakes Region, we are being told to buckle down for a humdinger this week. Whether or not it hits us full force, or a glancing blow is anyones guess. Us diehard boaters are already sick of it and counting down the days til Spring Launch!!!



The Archivist's Report

by: Char Pike

The month of October 2010 was the busiest October on the message board in eleven years and November was the second busiest November on record. We had 774 posts for these two months. Of these 199 were archived with 91 attachments.

Since the beginning of the year, the message board contains 3937 posts. Of these, 1243 have been archived with 402 attachments. Links to photo albums of projects and the rendezvous have also been archived.



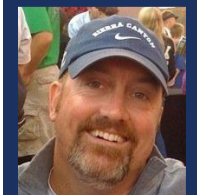
As you have already been told, our National Rendezvous this year in Galveston, TX is well on its way in the planning stages. Our meet chairman, Thomas Custer, is diligently plugging away at details there in Texas, and we, the EC are assisting him with details from here regarding registration, t-shirts, and scheduling of events. So far it is shaping up to be a nice meet. We are optimistic that with a good member turnout, and several Commanders there, it will be an awesome gathering! Remember to mark your Calendars for **August 4-7, 2011** and we hope to see you there!!!

The archiving committee plans on having Superdisk 6.0 available in the spring of 2011. We are also collecting materials for **Resource Collection Volume II** which does not have a publication date scheduled in the near future. We really appreciate all the members who take the time to document their projects with photos and detailed "how to" instructions. We also like when members share PDF copies of manuals, diagrams and brochures. Your contributions help to preserve EVERY ASPECT of our beloved Commanders.



The EC is also deeply engaged in a major revamp of our by laws and some of our policies. We are very much involved now also in trying to obtain "501c" non profit status as a club, which will relieve us on certain taxes and fiscal responsibilities. But as you may assume, trying to have one's "ducks all in a row" to satisfy the IRS presents a road filled with speed bumps, brick walls, and basement size potholes..... But our team is on top of it at this writing and one by one we are working out all the details.

The SuperDisk is sold to Commander Members. The proceeds are used to finance and support many of the things our Club offers, including its periodic newsletter, in-the-water events, website, charity, etc.



We are continuing a steady growth pattern membership-wise, and are on a steady climb here at club headquarters!! We hope to see everyone soon, either at our National Rendezvous this August, or at a Commander function or Boat Show near you!! On that note, here in the Great Lakes, our Detroit Boat Show is once again at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit, coming up very soon, February 12-20, 2011. Maybe we'll see some of the locals THERE!!

Treat yourself and your Commander to the best resource on the care and repair of these great boats!!

<http://www.commanderclub.com/Archive/Superdisk.htm>



Looking optimistically towards spring, and Commanding once again!!



2011 Calendars are still available from our Dock Shop

Mark Your Calendars for our "Rendezvous on the Gulf" (Aug 4 - 7)

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Treasurer's Report

by: Lyn Orphal

Quick note to bring our club members up-to-date with our financial status. Currently, the club has **\$10,592.95** in its account. Sales from the Dock Shop, along with revenue/expenses from our 2010 Rendezvous have kept the club "in the black" with a net total of **+\$169.27** for 2010.

Webmaster's Report

by: Alarik VonHofsten

The club's website remains at the heart of the organization. It has maintained consistently high numbers of visitors during the month of December despite the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. As folks look to find information on Commanders, fresh information about the club, or those looking to purchase a Commander, they're doing so by way of our web presence.

Our "For Sale" page outnumbers all other areas of the club's website for pageview numbers. Google continues its lead as the search engine driving the most traffic to CommanderClub.com. I'm also delighted to note that other sites are also driving visitors to our web presence, including well known organizations such as:

- * Chris-Craft (chriscraft.com)
- * LPX Parts (chrisparts.com)
- * Mariners Museum (marinersmuseum.org)

Stay tuned for more interesting details from our club analytics.

Membership Chairman's Report

by: Whitney Pillsbury

We continue our "Welcome Aboard" letter mailing campaign to all new members, including the following, who have registered with the group between October 2010 and January 2011:

Brian and Dawn Stone
Douglas and Pamela Grant
Michael and Catherine Delorenzo
Jack and Shirley Rhodes
Todd and Jean Slater
Stanley Golland
James and Pauline Saxton
Bryan Harris
Barney and Richard McLaughlin
Paul Bader
Eric Lawson
Joshua and AmberLee Pelkey
Patrick and Sheila Chaps
David and Robin McCook
Flynn and Carrie Robinson
Doug and Pat MacLean
Anthony and Elizabeth Mollica
Manzie Lawfer
Kirk Otteson
Rayel Booth
Rey and Genie Pascual
Joseph and Charlotte Hamilton
Randy and Janice Wynn
Kay and Charlie Wood
Anthony Mangiarelli
Wade and Sue Hampton
Lesley and Richard Moore
Wendy and Floyd Cox
Bob and Becky Hope

T. Beauchamp
Joe and Inga Skinner
Corbett and Theresa Martin
Robin Jahren
Thurman Hill and Susan Mills
Nicholas Tavanti and Elena Tavanti
Michael and Susan Graydon
Dominick Aracci and Megan McGeough
Michael and Lee Ann Fortunato
Robert and Kathy Anger
Mike Gurley
Pete and Penny Meisinger
John Sullivan and Joanne Sullivan
Tom Benton and Diane Benton
Larry Gross and Melissa Pick
Sam O'Kane
Steve and Clara Mikkelsen
Brian and Shelly Barton
Jim and Ruth Gibboney
Marcia Elkins
Donald LaRosa
Kirt and Dorothy Dammon
William and Michelle Flaglor
Chintapally Mahender & Kiran Harsha
Joe and Judy Eastman
Michael and Ronda Bales
James Blomquist