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**HAPPY
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Commander Comments

By the time you get this, Christmas will be over and the New Year will be upon us. The Tri-Squadron Christmas party was a success. There were 38 members in attendance. Food, fellowship, and laughter was enjoyed by Youngstown, Mosquito Lake and New Castle squadrons.

We were saddened to hear that Youngstown is having some problems in forming a new bridge. They are having a meeting in January concerning this. Some of the New Castle squadron members, along with the District Commander have been invited to this meeting.

I would like to thank Bill Thomas, P. for making a absolutely beautiful display for Christmas in The Park in Ellwood City. The display was a profile of a boat. And it displayed the information about New Castle Power Squadron and the public courses.

We will be going to the 52nd annual Pittsburgh Boat show on Sunday January 29, 2012. If you want a free ticket to the boat show please let me know B25 & B26 is our booth number. It's not all work, everyone takes turns manning the booth and walking around.

We have many classes coming up. Please take note of when the classes will be held. I will need your help either teaching the classes or to proxy.

Our annual business and election meeting will be held on January 4th at the Wolverine in Ellwood City at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there. Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Commander,
Robert Baird, AP



Carrie and I would like to take this time to wish you and your families a happy holiday season. We celebrate Christmas in our family . Some of our friends celebrate many other holidays and we want to express our best wishes to each of you.

Up Coming Events



Membership Meeting

**4 January 2012
Dinner 1800
Meeting 1830
Wolverine Restaurant
2265 River Road (This is also Rt.
351)
Ellwood City, PA 16117**

**The 2012 Tri-Squadron Change of
Watch is scheduled for Saturday
January 21st at Enzo's on Elm Road
in Warren, Oh. Details in this Castle
Currents.**

Public Classes

**We are finalizing plans for the ABC
course**

Advanced Courses

**Let Al know if you would like to self
study a course.**

MUSTANG SURVIVAL ISSUES VOLUNTARY RECALL NOTICE ON MD2010 & MD2012 model 22LB Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices

In keeping with Mustang Survival’s commitment to the highest levels of product quality and safety, we are voluntarily recalling all model number MD2010 and MD2012 inflatable Personal Flotation Devices (PFD’s) sold in the United States during 2011. To determine if you are impacted by this recall please reference the images below:

- Image 1) Any inflatable product with multiple white sewn on safety labels on the back is OK and is not affected by this recall
 - Image 2) If your inflatable does not have white sewn on safety labels, please check for model number MD2010 or MD2012 on the back of the PFD then refer to Image 3.
 - Image 3) MD2010/MD2012 models with an “MIT” (*Membrane Inflatable Technology*) stamp (in black or color) above the CO2 cylinder is OK.
- Any MD2010/MD2012 missing the “MIT” stamp should be returned to Mustang**

<p>Image 1 Product with white labels are <u>not</u> part of this recall</p>	<p>Image 2 Check for the model number on the back of the PFD above the UL log</p>	<p>Image 3 Any MD2010 or MD2012 with an “MIT” stamp is OK to use and does not need to be returned</p>
		

This recall is being issued for the inspection and repair of an inflator installation inconsistency that may prevent some units from fully inflating. Mustang Survival has developed a solution that corrects any affected product and prevents re-occurrence of this issue. The inspection and repair can only be performed at a Mustang Survival factory. **This recall notification is for only the MD2010 and MD2012 22LB buoyancy inflatable PFDs.** No other Mustang Survival products are affected as they utilize different inflator assembly methods. **All MD2010 and MD2012 PFD’s without the stamped MIT logo as shown in Image 3 (above) should be returned to Mustang Survival for inspection.** All other Mustang PFD’s are okay for use.

Distributors and consumers are urged to contact Mustang Survival’s Customer Service department at 1-800-526-0532 between 7:30am and 4:30pm PST, Monday through Friday for specific shipping instructions. Consumers should not return product to their dealer. If you have questions, please first refer to the Frequently Asked Questions section or our website at www.mustangsurvival.com/22lb-product-notice

2012 Tri-Squadron Change of Watch

The 2012 Tri-Squadron Change of Watch will be held on Saturday January 21st at:

Enzo,s Restaurant and Loung

2918 Elm Road

Warren Ohio 44483

330-372-3314

Attitude Adjustment 1530

Dinner 1600

Choose from the following

Prime Rib of Beef AuJus \$25.00

Chicken Franciase \$22.00

Grilled Salmon Steak \$25.00

All entrees include Salad, Bread, Coffee, Italian Style Green Beans & Baked Potato

Please send in your reservation form and payment in by **January 14th 2012** to:

Cdr. James Hanuscin

8645 Kimblewick Lane

Warren Ohio 44484

330-718-3841

Make checks payable to Mosquito Lake Power Squadron

2012 Tri-Squadron COW

Name _____ Squad-
ron _____

Guest(s) _____

No. Total

Prime Rib of Beef AuJu----- \$25.00 X _____ \$ _____

Chicken Franciase \$22.00 X _____ \$ _____

Grilled Salmon Steak \$25.00 X _____ \$ _____

Total Amount of Payment \$ _____

PROPOSED BRIDGE *2012-2013*

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Mae Sebastian, S

Glenda Martin, S

Thomas Szewczyk, SN

Respectively submitted,

Nominating Committee

Howard Gaston, SN Jeff Boots, P



Notice to all “*Castle Currents*” recipients

If you have received the newsletter as a hard copy via US mail, your e-mail address is not available for us to send you the e-mail version. In order to reduce publishing and mailing expenditures, which have become a significant portion of the Squadron’s budget, we have changed to an e-mail distribution. The electronic version is in color.

If you have access to the Internet please take a look at our website

<http://www.usps.org/newcastle/>

Please send your address to jab5716123@yahoo.com.

The paper version will still be distributed to those without an e-mail.

If you have any questions or experience difficulty opening the PDF file.

Please contact Jeff Boots 724-758-4883

Our Condolences

**We would like to express our condolences to the family of
P/D/C Ron Thomas, AP.**

Ron, was a dedicated member of District 11 and his community. Many of us regarded him as a mentor. Keep Roseanne and the rest of Ron’s family in your thoughts and prayers.

It was great to see P/D/C Howard Gaston, SN and his wife Sandy at the Christmas Party.

Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

District 11 Commander Al Martin, SN is recuperating at home (Cyclops) from surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.