

Harrison, New Bridge Take Office at 40th Vulcan C.O.W.

D/C Daniel Tompkins, JN, administered the Oath of Office to Cdr Lee Harrison; Lt/C John-Lonsdale Eccles, AP, Executive Officer; Lt/C Randy Tankersley, AP, Administrative Officer; Lt/C Karen Harrison, Secretary; Lt/C Bert Burford, AP, Treasurer; and P/C Jim Nye, AP, Educational Officer at Vulcan's Change of Watch held 28 February, 2008 at the Summit Club in Downtown Birmingham.

In addition, P/Lt/C Steve Langston, AP, a newly elected member of the Executive Committee also took office.

Vulcan's leadership for the coming year, in addition to the individuals listed above include Executive Committee members P/C Jim Pruett, AP; P/C Jimmie Pruett, AP; P/C Bill Duffey, SN; PC Allen Folts, AP; and P/C Bill Mayer, SN.

P/C Frank Kennedy, AP; P/C Milton Berryhill, AP; and P/C Bill Kinnaird, SN serve on the Rules Committee. P/R/C Terry Noland, AP and P/D/C Ralph Weed, SN comprise the Auditing Committee.



D/C Daniel Tompkins, second from right, presided over Vulcan's recent Change of Watch. With Cdr Tompkins are Bridge Officers (from left) Cdr Lee Harrison, S; Lt/C Karen Harrison; P/C Jim Nye, AP; Lt/C John Lonsdale-Eccles, AP; Lt/C Bert Burford, AP; and Lt/C Randy Tankersley, AP

*Squadron Year to Kick off with Planning Session for On-Water Events, **NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE: Jim N Nicks on Oxmoor.***

VPS's new year will kick off Thursday, March 27 at 1830 at **JIM N' NICKS BARBECUE**, 220 Oxmoor Road (see map below). The meeting will be dedicated to planning of on-water events for the coming season.

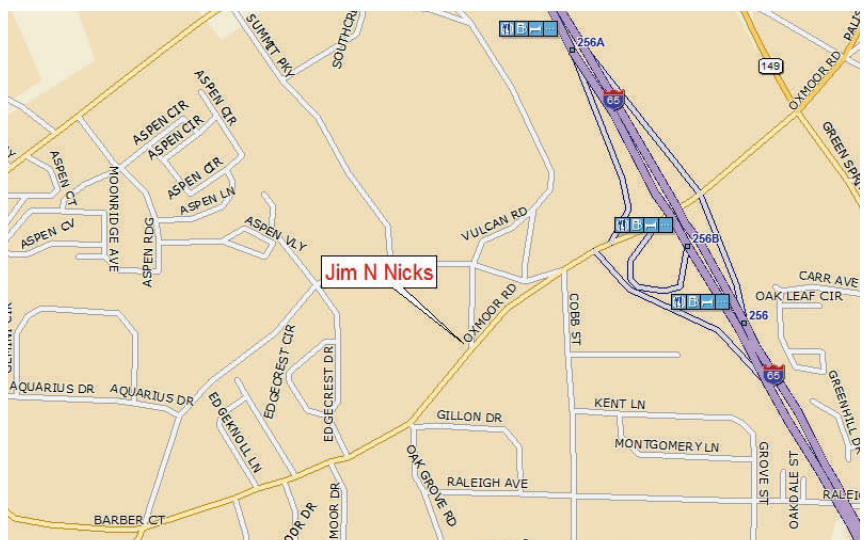
These events are the heart of the "fun" side of Squadron doings. The events to be discussed include, but are not limited to:

New Member Picnic
Logan Martin Rendezvous
Point Mallard Memorial Day Raft-up
Poker Run (Huntsville's turn to host)

Dinner Cruise to Goose Pond Colony
Delta Cruise
Warrior River Cruise
Other local waterways

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, 25 March to Randy Tankersley, Administrative Officer, cedargatefarm@aol.com or call Allen Folts, 205-912-5961 (leave message if no answer).

**Map to
 Jim N' Nicks Barbecue**



Calendar of Events

27 March, 2008

Thursday

Regular Meeting

Jim n' Nicks Barbecue

220 Oxmoor Road (945-0043)

1830—Social

1900—Meeting

Planning of 2008 on the water Activities

24 April, 2008

Thursday

Regular Meeting

Jim n' Nicks Barbecue

220 Oxmoor Road (945-0043)

1830—Social

1900—Meeting

Use of DB2000 for VPS Roster

JN Class Started 29 January, P/C Joe Murphy, SN Instructor Caps Busy '07 Education Schedule

Junior Navigation Course

Nine VPS members began the **Junior Navigation Course** on 29 January 2008. The course is being taught by P/C Joe Murphy, SN. This is a very demanding course. We wish each of the students well. Assuming everyone is up to it, we may begin a Navigation Course in the Fall of 2008.

USPS Advanced Boating Course Graduates

Vulcan Power Squadron had a busy education year in 2007. Several of our members completed the Seaman-ship (S), Piloting (P) and Advance Piloting (AP) Courses that were begun and taught in 2007. The Advanced Piloting Course Examinations were submitted to USPS Headquarters for grading in January, 2008, and the results were received in February. Everyone passed and did quite well on the exam!

AP Course Graduates

1. Bert Burford
2. Brad Gaither
3. John Lonsdale-Eccles
4. Jim Nye
5. Randy Tankersley
6. Bucky Wood

The Squadron Boating Course

Three passed the recently completed Squadron Boating Course with at least one class member applying for Squadron membership. The next course will be scheduled to start during **National Safe Boating Week in May 2008**. If you know of anyone interested in taking the course, please contact Jim Nye.

A variety of other educational opportunities abound, and we can tailor a curriculum around demand. Remember, too, that most Squadron courses can be taken on your own.

P/C Jim Nye, AP

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