



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
October 8, 2008**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Occoquan Yacht Club. It was determined that a quorum is present. A motion was made, seconded and adopted "To suspend the rules of order for this meeting so that announcements might be made and so that the revised bylaws might be discussed and voted."

Commander Degnon called upon Walter Lazear and presented to him the USPS 25 Year Member Pin. Walt was commended for his ongoing commitment and service to NVSPS, the District and USPS. Walt has recently revised the Squadron website, greatly expanded the memory and space for presenting information on the rich history of the Squadron, and Walt handles the monthly distribution of oT&T.

John Karjala, Administrative Officer, shared information on upcoming events including the November D5 Conference at Solomon Island and the Squadron Christmas Party in December. Details can be found on the Squadron new website at [www.nvsp.org](http://www.nvsp.org) or in oT&T. John thanked all who brought dishes and those who helped set up and who will help clean up after the party.

The next item of business was the bylaws amendments which had been presented to the membership at the Sep 10 meeting and the membership unanimously approved the proposed changes. These changes prepared by the Rules committee under the leadership of Paula Bailey, Past Commander, have also been posted on the website. The membership received a written notice of proposed changes and were invited to review the proposed changes on the website. Gale Alls, who has assisted Paula along with Joel Bailey, summarized the proposed changes and explained the rationale. The floor was opened for comments and questions. Following a brief discussion, motion was made, seconded and then unanimously adopted: "That the proposed changes to the bylaws be adopted." Commander Degnon expressed public thanks to Paula, Joel, and Gale for their work on this project along with the members of the Rules Committee.

Commander Degnon acknowledged John and Sue Karjala for their wonderful efforts in organizing the Oktoberfest with abundant food and drink. Thanks were expressed to all for their participation and for bringing such tasty and exciting food for this event.

A 50-50 drawing was held and the lucky winner was Russ Grasso. Russ generously donated the proceeds to the Squadron's Flower Power Fund (FPF). Dick Durgin, Chair of FPF, thanked Russ and reminded members that they should begin getting their Christmas greeting message to Dick for the Dec oT&T with their donation to the Fund.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 8:00 and all proceeded to enjoy the Oktoberfest.

Respectfully submitted

George K Degnon, P  
Commander  
(Recorder for this meeting)  
NVSPS

Lt/C George Nartsissov, P  
Secretary  
NVSPS