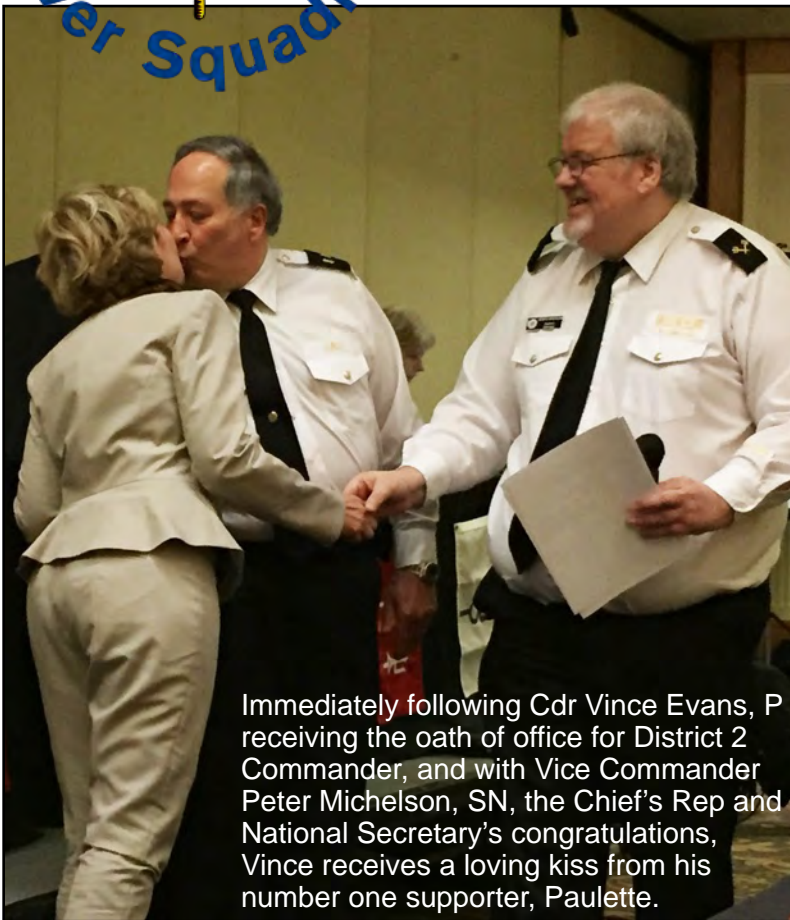




# The Crown



Immediately following Cdr Vince Evans, P receiving the oath of office for District 2 Commander, and with Vice Commander Peter Michelson, SN, the Chief's Rep and National Secretary's congratulations, Vince receives a loving kiss from his number one supporter, Paulette.

## District Two & Squadron Commander "Our Own" Vince Evans

Photos by Wayne Garnsey, Bill Burbage, & Bob Trenz

Talk about a "busy guy!" That is our Vince, who has gone through two swearing-in ceremonies this Spring, one for a second year as Storm King's Squadron Commander and the other as our District 2's Commander. Congratulations, Vince, and we wish you and Paulette a wonderful, rewarding, and successful year ahead.

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### Commander's Message

by Cdr Vince Evans, P

Greetings Fellow Squadron Members, If you have been a regular attendee to our monthly Squadron meetings, what I am about to tell you may be something you have already heard, or are aware of. As of last month's Change of Watch, I have elected to stay on as your Squadron commander for another year. Nick Stagliano stepped up to fill the Executive officer position that was held by Jack Thomas for the past few years. The Thomas's have moved to *Connecticut* and they have joined the Meriden Power Squadron. We wish them well.

In addition to my Squadron duties, I have been involved with our District 2 for the last 4 years. Three years ago, I was nominated for the position of Administrative Officer. I have moved up, as expected, to become the D2 Commander at the Spring Conference and COW on April 2nd. As the incoming District Commander, Storm King Squadron, was the hosting squadron for the event. As such, the squadron takes on the responsibility of the planning of the location, choosing a facility to hold the event, and even picking out the menu for 2 days of meals. As Squadron Commander, this became my duty to see through to its completion. I must tell you, having never been involved in this sort of thing I had a lot to learn. I have a new found respect for members who have had to do this in the past. I especially appreciate the efforts of the current and past members of the District Council and Conference Committees.

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### Upcoming Events

- \* Wed, 04 May - SKPS Exec Meeting
- **Wed, 11 May - Auction**
- \* Wed, 01 June - SKPS Exec Meeting
- **Wed, 08 June - "Thank You" Picnic**



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## April 13<sup>th</sup> – Mt Beacon Incline Railway

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

At our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Frank DiLorenzo, Senior Project Manager of the Mt Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society will be making a presentation on the History and current efforts to preserve and restore this special local landmark, now being conserved by *Scenic Hudson*, since 1995. <http://www.inclinerailway.org/>

### The Mount Beacon Incline Railway's Heyday!

The Mount Beacon Incline Railway was an unqualified success from its opening in 1902 until the late-1920s. This was due not just to the railway itself, but also to the history of the mountain and the entertainment that awaited visitors at its top. Mount Beacon had a basic appeal to many Americans because of its role in the Revolutionary War, when it served as part of the Continental Army's early warning and signalling system. In fact, the mountain takes its name from the beacon fires lit upon its summit during that conflict.

But the developers of the Incline knew that history and natural beauty alone would not entice a sufficient number of people to the mountain. Therefore, as was the case with many American mountain railways, a



### 13 April Meeting

SEO, Lt/C Bob "Captain" Trenz, AP presents a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Frank DiLorenzo, Senior Project Manager of the ***Mt Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society*** will be making a presentation on the History and current efforts to preserve and restore this special local landmark.



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They have had to go through a similar process every six months. Fortunately, I had the assistance and guidance of many fellow members. I have thanked them personally, but not publicly as I had wanted to.

I want to thank my wife, Paulette, for the many hours that she has put in reviewing my correspondence, running errands, and attending National meetings with me. I owe a lot to Martin and Alexandra Feldberg. They were able to go with Paulette and myself on the initial meetings to obtain information from the Ramada. Martin negotiated favorable pricing for the facilities and menu choices. Alexandra and Martin have done this before, and their experience was invaluable. I want to specially thank Helene Stagliano, and Marilyn Martin. Both of them participated in going to vendors for the COW promotional Journal, and they helped with the Registration at the Conference on Saturday morning. I would also like to thank the members of Storm King that took personal ads in the COW journal. And last but not least, a special thank you to Wayne, for putting the advertising together for the printer. He spent a lot of time in obtaining some of the information from the vendor's websites, in displaying their messages, and organizing the entire layout.

I want to change the subject before I show signs of rambling on. I previously mentioned some of the members of Storm King that are consistently available to do what is necessary. They are on the Bridge or involved in

associated committees. They attend the monthly meetings if they are available, and they get involved with the Squadron functions. I want to reach out to our other members who we rarely or never see. I would like to speak with you, or at least hear from you. I would like to know if what brought you to the Squadron membership is still meaningful to you. If you have been turned off by something, I would like to know about that too. Over the last few years we have changed our structure somewhat to provide a variable meeting agenda, and introduce the members to outside speakers with various knowledge on subjects that we think you would be interested in. We have also kept in mind, that there has been traditional values that we want to continue with.

One of those traditions is the annual fund raising auction. It is that time of year again when we hold the event at our May monthly meeting. This year it falls on May 11th. Please set aside the date in your schedules to participate with your fellow Squadron members and friends. Bring your items for donation early to the meeting so that they can be categorized. You can enjoy the pot luck dinner and socialize with your friends. Once the bidding starts, the adrenaline kicks in, and the fun begins!!! There will be raffle baskets to choose from also. It proceeds go towards funding the squadron activities for the year and to the scholarship fund.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.



**Many Thanks for all your hard work for our District and Squadrons during this past year.**

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**Wishing “our own” Vince and his District 2 Bridge an enjoyable and successful year.**

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sino and hotel were built on the summit. Here visitors could enjoy the natural setting and incredible vistas without leaving the comforts of civilization behind. While people sweltered through summer days in the industrial centers of Beacon and Newburgh, below, visitors to the mountain enjoyed temperatures ten degrees cooler, refreshing breezes, spring water rising from mountain aquifers, as well as dancing and dining.

In 1926, the Mount Beacon Incline Railway and resort complex enjoyed a banner year. Over 110,000 passengers road the railway to the mountaintop, and there was every reason to believe that business would continue to grow with each successive season. Several railroads converged on the Beacon-Newburgh area; and the Hudson River, the super-highway of its day, made the mountain accessible to millions in New York City, who could take day excursions by steamship to reach the railway. From riverside, a short trolley ride brought visitors to the base of the mountain. The railway's continued success seemed inevitable.

There was no indication that October 16, 1927 would mark a turning point in the life of the incline railway. While it was late in the summer season, several hundred people had enjoyed a day's pleasure at the summit. Shortly after midnight, a fire broke out in the Casino that quickly spread to the Beacon Crest Hotel,



destroying both. Only the Incline's powerhouse survived. With the railway still in operation, rebuilding was able to commence, and a new Casino opened in 1928. Before the hotel could be rebuilt, the nation entered the Great Depression. There would be future good days for the railway, but its highwater mark had been reached.

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### Spring Education

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

After a very successful *ABC3* class in March (see photo), it has been a quiet month in the Educational Department of Storm King Sail & Power Squadron. *Navigation* continues with Vingie Genco and Jack Thomas with Matt TenEyck as instructor. Vingie has completed her Sight Folder which has been reviewed by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN and is being sent along to National for final evaluation.

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### 2016 Educational Fund Auction

Chief Auctioneer: Lt Tony DiStefano

Assisted by: Cdr Vince Evans and Alex Stach,  
Producer and Director: Lt/C & Dr Vingie Genco

Contact Vingie with donation items and if you can volunteer: [vingieyvonne@yahoo.com](mailto:vingieyvonne@yahoo.com)

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11 May 2016 auction begins at 6:00 PM at the Cornwall Yacht Club, 175 Shore Rd, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, for great food, inspiring conversation, check the items out, stories and laughter, and just loads of fun!

The "Great Lady in Charge" of procurement is Helene Stagliano. Please call Helene (home:

845-564-1107) and tell her what you can do to help with "gift certificates" to be auctioned, such as your Favorite Restaurant, your Most Frequented Haberdashery, your Most Enjoyable Marina, and your Marine or Sports Store.

Call Vingie (cell: 914-204-4330) and tell her what new or "good condition" items you can donate. Of course, boating items are most welcome. Perhaps you have a new or slightly used tool, household, or garden item that you no longer need. You may have a hobby and create items that could be desired by bidders. And don't forget, the most excellent baked goods



Auctioneers Tony DiStefano and Alex Stach take the bids and make the evening most enjoyable with their wit and humor.



from some of the Hudson Valley’s “bestest” pastry chefs! Those delicious pastries do bring in the bids. Remember, every dollar you bid goes to the educational efforts of our Squadron, and your donations go directly to the SKPS Scholarship Fund to help our own and supporting clubs and organizations children and grandchildren in their educational expenses. REMEMBER, *your gift is a fully tax deductible contribution to the Storm King Power Squadron*, a state and federally recognized 501c(3) not-for-profit charity.

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