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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH

1 April 2024—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting held on 1 April 2024 at **7:00 PM** via conference call

19-21 April— Little Axe Rendezvous, Lake Thunderbird

Join us for any or all of this fun gathering at the Little Axe Campground. Whether you are full-time RVers, tenting, staying nearby or just dropping in for the day, a good time will be had by all, especially if the weather cooperates. Danny and Marilyn can answer any questions you may have, so make sure you have reservations asap.

UPCOMING

6 May—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on 6 May 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

11 May—Hefner Lake Cleanup

We will meet on Saturday, 11 May 2024 at **10:00 AM** at the picnic area near the site of the old police building. (It has recently been removed.) Wear appropriate clothing; tools and bags will be provided or bring your own. We will meet back at noon for RonDogs and any snacks you are welcome to bring.

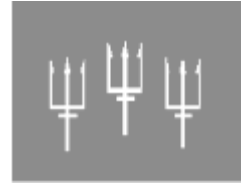
17—19 May Lake Eufaula Gathering

RVers, B&Bers, and Drop-inners will convene at the Belle Starr Corps of Engineers Campground on Friday, May 17 2024.

Huffs, Ellises and Bob will be camping at the Belle Starr RV Park, Campsites W25 & W26. Peggy/Lee, Steve/Glenda, and Bill have reservations at a local motel. There will be the usual Friday night RonDogs and everyone will need to bring sides and/or desserts. You will be on your own for breakfast and lunch. Ron will have morning coffee. Jeff and Dalinda have invited everyone to their lake house on Saturday. I will get hold of them for details and make sure everyone gets the information on what they need to bring. Be sure to bring your favorite drinks and your own chairs. Don't forget your sunscreen and hats!!!

Dear Friends, Belatedly, we were informed of a senior's graduation ceremony and dinner, as well as a granddaughter's soccer games conflicting with our Belle Starr camp out. So, now we will depart for Belle Starr Saturday May 11 after the Hefner cleanup and stay until that following Thursday May 16th. The campsite and lake are just too good to cancel out. We will miss seeing everyone! Double drat!! Ya'll have fun!

Danny Goss



COMMANDER'S REPORT April 2024



Safe and Fun, Visibly

The boating season is approaching, It's time to start getting boats, gear, and ourselves ready.

National Safe Boating Week is May 18-24 this year. Have a look at the web site and see what activities and activities would fit in. They have a lot of materials and ideas free to download, and several items to order. <https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

Let's plan a safe and healthy summer. In this interest, and as an idea to create some awareness of our organization. I propose you acquire an ABC/USPS/OCSPS hat, or pull out an old favorite, and wear it.

Get your pirate self ready, Arrr!, and avoid the Whine of the Ancient Mariner, Ugggh!

We have pivoted to a virtual meeting this month due to the chance of severe weather. The news people may have different facts, analysis, and opinion; but when all the weather people converge on the same dismal picture I take heed.

Cdr David McGhee



*"To be successful at sea we must keep things simple."
-R.D. (Pete) Culler-*

Legislative Report

Instead of the painful table I usually provide I am just going to report that I have not found anything new and significant to us. That is not to say there isn't anything, but the Legislature's web site is a bit flaky.

What is important is that there are some fee increases from last year and probably some new ones being proposed.

There was an interesting article in The Oklahoman about a week ago about the disrepair and financial squeeze the state parks are in. See HB3972 ...<http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=hb3972&Session=2400>

and page A4 of the March 24, 2024 The Oklahoman <https://oklahoman-ok.newsmemory.com?selDate=20240324&goTo=A04&editionStart=The%20Oklahoman> Might be worth a call to your Representative and Senator. We have started a pattern of selling off our public assets rather than maintaining and keeping them for future generations.

My View From the Boat Ramp

The boat ramp is the beginning and the end of an adventure whether it be fishing, wakeboarding, tubing, or just a pleasant cruise. Most times it is a pleasant adventure, sometimes not. To me it is more than this. It is a source of amusement.

It's been too cold to go out on the boat ramp. Not much going on anyway. Time to get those boats out of storage and out on the water before the lakes dry up again.

I attended the D21 conference in Houston. Probably one of the best conferences yet. Everything was dress casual and well planned. And fun.

I stayed at Winstar on the way down. Lost half my money at the casino. Lost the rest of it the night of the COW when I lost my wallet. I checked with the motel and the restaurant, but nobody turned it in.

A wise man knows what he doesn't know.!

"That's the way I see it"

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P/C Bob Hlubin, JN



From the Education Office:

I'm hoping to get a new ABC course started soon. I'll be advertising it as soon as I have a date.

Anyone ready for the Pilotage course?

Our indoor courses will be conducted in accordance with guidance from the CDC. If you have a course you are interested in, please let me know. If we can't schedule a formal course maybe you would like to study on your own. You can buy or borrow a course book, study on your own, and take the test. One of our instructors can go one on one with you to review the material before the test.

If you or someone you know is interested in a USPS course, please contact me. 405-373-2310 (If no answer, please leave a message) or bob.hlubin@cox.net

(It's a tough job but somebody must do it.) That's why know that I am somebody.



P/C Bob Hlubin, JN
Education Officer

Casino Night

Back by popular demand, the OKC S&P Squadron held its second Annual Casino Night on March 14. Turnout was low but spirits were high. Finger foods and our favorite beverages were plentiful. After we all loaded up on gustatory delights, Captain Lee handed out the allotted quantity of poker chips, along with instructions and cheat sheets, to each participating gambler. Then everyone headed to the gaming tables while our dealers, Captain Lee and P/C Bob, took their designated places and the games began. Captain Lee ran the Texas Hold 'Em table while P/C Bob dealt Blackjack.

When Peggy and Jan ran out of both luck and chips, Blackjack Bob (i.e., the House) graciously walked away as the winner. but the Texas Hold 'Em gang kept going and going. It took a while for several of us to comprehend and adhere to the concept of the blind---why couldn't we just "ante up" like regular people ?? Anyway, Mary was the first to lose all her chips while Ron was raking 'em in. Glenda, Lee, and Danny were just barely hanging in for a long time; chip counts were low and Ron became the banker. Then, while Ron was riding high Glenda got into a betting war with him and her luck took a miraculous turn. And that girl took the game! She huffed and puffed and blew his bluff down.

After the games were over, and with each of us experiencing a new-found appreciation for professional gamblers, Marilyn happily presented the prizes to our winners. Glenda took First Place, Ron Second, and Danny took Third. Our terrific Dealers were also presented with a small token of appreciation for their hard work! The prizes were scratch-off cards, with Glenda getting the most number of them, and so on down the line. Glenda won \$34.00, Ron won \$17.00, Danny won \$15.00, Bob won \$3.00, and Lee won \$8.00.

It was another fun night and we missed all our friends who didn't make it! Hope to see everyone at our upcoming Spring Little Axe Rendezvous April 19-21.

P/C Marilyn Goss P & Lt/C Glenda Sims S

Seas the day!

Be Aware of the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

There are times we all forget about the things that can hurt us. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that will cause death if exposure is long or the concentration is high. While all burning substances produce CO, gasoline is the big concern since that is what most of us use in our engines. Hardly does a boating season go by that you do not read about a boater who ran their generator to run the heat or air conditioner while they slept. Often our only clue is a physical reaction to the fumes.

As with most situations, there are ways to prevent exposure to CO and ways to respond to inhalation. The first prevention for inboards and inboard/outboard engines is to make sure that engines, both main and generator exhaust systems are intact. Any leaks should be fixed. Make this inspection at least every month. With the engine running, feel around exhaust pipe joints for escaping exhaust. Please do not touch the pipes! With outboards, the exhaust is vented through the lower unit into the water and since the engine is out of the boat there is less danger. One example is a small boat, with an outboard engine and a generator in the rear bilge area. One would think there is not much danger. This would be wrong. The cabin has a rear door and if the wind is from the stern, it blows the exhaust gases from both the engine and generator right into the cabin. When the wind is from the stern, you need to cruise fast enough for the exhaust gases to be blown well astern even with cabin door closed. With larger vessels at anchor, the generator can be running for air conditioning and TV.

If the CO alarm goes off, you may not smell anything, but shut all systems down and check everything, never assume the alarm has a malfunction. A leak can develop in the exhaust system and exhaust fumes will be in the boat. CO alarms are programmed to go off when the concentration of CO is only one-fifth enough to cause harm to humans. A quick fix may be good old duct tape to solve the problem until a new exhaust system is installed but should never be trusted for sleeping. If you have a cabin, get a CO detector.

Be very careful if you have any gasoline engine running while you are at anchor and people are swimming or just relaxing at your stern platform. At anchor, the wind will be on your bow forcing exhaust gases toward the stern where they will form an eddy of gases around your stern. This is especially important with larger boats with the generator running while the party is going on at the stern. Propane use can also produce CO. Symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, irritated eyes, nausea, weakness, or dizziness. Any one or all of these symptoms is a wake-up call to respond turning off whatever device is producing the gas and ventilate the area. At that, it will take some time for the symptoms to go away. Heavy concentrations require immediate **professional medical help**. Just like life jacket use, instruct your crew and passengers about the hazards of CO, be aware of the symptoms and to report them to the captain. Remember to stay safe and

well as we get back to our boats and RV's. -The *Recreational Boating Safety Outreach*, contributor.

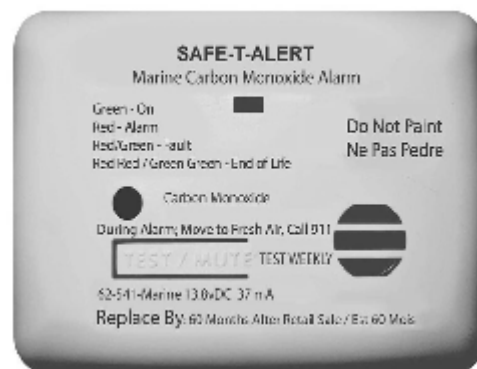
Go On Line For Safe Boating, 365 Days A Year

The Boat Live 365 website provides safety information and resources available to members. Members can download materials, request print-ready materials and spread the word that Boating is Serious Fun. You can sign up for content updates. The goal is to create a collection of educational materials and resources for recreational boating advocates that help make boaters safer on the water 365 days a year. The hope is that by providing resources for several areas of boating safety, we will be covering safety all year long.

Also available on line is the [America's Boating Channel](#), sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and produced by United States Power Squadrons. It is the official showcase and repository for digital videos focused on boating safety and boater education. They have released a substantial number of new, very informative videos including how to care for and inspect your inflatable life jacket. Remember, we are [America's Boating Club](#), built by boaters, for boaters. As we get ready for the new boating and RV season, stay safe and well.

Lt. Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN, Safety Officer

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OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON
Members Business Meeting Minutes
01 April 2024



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:07 hours via teleconference due to severe weather threat. The following members participated: Lt Peggy Anglin P, Bill Buxton S, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, P/C Bob Hlubin JN, Lt/C Ron Huff P, and Lt/C Glenda Sims S.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – P/C Hlubin delivered the invocation.

Secretary – Lt/C Glenda Sims S moved to accept the March meeting minutes; P/C Marilyn Goss P seconded; carried.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P would like a preliminary write-up about Eufaula rendezvous.

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members. All fees for activities at Church of the Resurrection through December 2024 have been paid.

Executive Officer - Lt/C Ron Huff P asked for the following reports:

Website – P/D/C Goss SN: website is up-to-date.

Public Relations – P/C Mike Ellis JN was unable to attend; no report.

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN: Of concern are issues regarding Oklahoma state parks, which are increasingly in disrepair as well as financial trouble. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Safety - Lt Robert (Van) Van Ewyk SN was unable to attend. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Education Officer - P/C Bob Hlubin JN reported on the recent D21 Spring Conf & C.O.W. in Houston at which he was sworn in as DXO. Workshops were insightful, innovative and useful, especially regarding building squadron membership via advertising/marketing strategies. OKCSPS was awarded 2nd place in D21 for VSC numbers; P/C Steve Bryant JN was recognized as being #7 in the nation currently for his geodetic mark recovery accomplishments.

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP was unable to attend.

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P: membership has dropped to 28; she will research as to why.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN was unable to attend; no report.

Social Activities – P/C Marilyn Goss P outlined all social activities and dates for 2024. **** SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS ****. She has sent each member a text listing all 2024 activities & dates. See her report on our recent **Casino Night** in this *Dinghy Painter*.

Commander's Report - Cdr McGhee SN has submitted his article to Lt Anglin P for publication in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Old Business – Cdr McGhee was unable to locate any VSC decals; P/C Laurie Hestand P will send some to him. Cdr McGhee also stated that he feels the number of VSC's conducted by OKCSPS was underreported, for several reasons.

New Business – **SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** May 18-24 is Safe Boating Week, for which printed materials are available on relevant websites, e.g., "Boat Life 365" and "America's Boating Channel." Bill Buxton S raised the question: where to find an official listing of required items/conditions aboard vessels in a portable hard-copy format. These types of regulations stem from the U.S. Coast Guard. Discussion. P/D/C Danny Goss SN was asked to check with the State of Oklahoma; Lt Van Ewyk SN might also be a good source of information. Cdr McGhee announced that P/C Bob Ridle has been recognized as a 50-Year member of the USPS/ABC/OKCSPS.

Lt Peggy Anglin P moved to adjourn @ 19:52; Lt/C Glenda Sims S seconded @ 19:54; carried.

Respectfully ,
Lt/C Glenda Sims S,
Squadron Secretary



2024 CALENDAR

1 April	Members Business Meeting
19-21 April	Little Axe Rendezvous
6 May	Members Business Meeting
11 May	Lake Hefner Spring Cleanup
17-19 May	Lake Eufaula Rendezvous
3 June	Members Business Meeting



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for a skilled sailor

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