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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH

7 August—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 7 August 2023 at 7:00 PM at Tres Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue

24 August—Pot Luck & Taming of the Red Movie

We will convene at the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell, on Thursday, 24 August 2023 at 6:00 PM. Call Marilyn on 405-550-8662 to let her know what you are bringing for pot luck. Water and soda will be provided. We will watch a short movie about the origins of the Red River and still have plenty of time to socialize.

28 August—Members (September) Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 28 August 2023 at 7:00 PM at Tres Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

UPCOMING

14-18 September—Lake Texoma Flamingo Rendezvous

Several members have reserved camping spaces (10, 23, 24, and 25) for their RVs. Danny and Marilyn will be arriving on Thursday, 14 September 2023. Make your reservations at 903-523-4222 and let them know your site number. As always, come-and-go members are welcome any time.

28 September—Casino Night

If you are proficient in any casino game, let Marilyn know so we can have dealers, high rollers and maybe cocktail waitpersons. Bring finger foods. Soda and water provided. There will be PRIZES!

30 September—Lake Hefner Cleanup

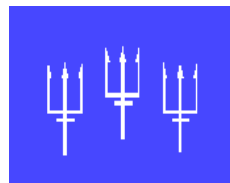
You know the drill. Meet at 10:00 AM at the lake, wear appropriate dress, tools and bags will be provided or bring your own, RonDogs on the grill. Yay!

2 October—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 2 October 2023 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

6-8 October—Little Axe Fall Rendezvous

Details next time!



COMMANDER'S REPORT August 2023



Drought – Flood – Heat – Avoidable Oops

We are well into summer, and some of us are looking forward to fall already. The lakes gained some water, hot water, but wet water. Don't overlook today hoping tomorrow will be better, automatically.

The news has brought a number of nautical misadventures to light lately.

A 12 foot jon boat caught in open water by weather and tide. The fisherman survived, cooked and dehydrated.

A fishing boat that had thrown its solo operator at full throttle and was captured by a law enforcement officer jumping on board. (Cowboy up!) Both the boat and skipper survived.

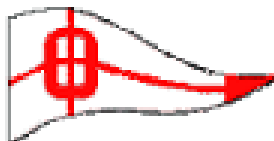
Swimmers hospitalized after a nearby lightning strike. Close counts.

These could be avoided by minimal "defenses." Continuously watching the weather, kill switches, and proper and timely sheltering.

For me, the most dangerous thing is turning careful consideration into rationalization. Careful consideration is observing and analyzing a situation and considering risks based on objective positives and negatives. Rationalization is observing and analyzing a situation based on overly optimistic speculation. Be careful of the boundary and remember, a good alternative to a good alternative is always okay.

We should always be looking to recruit students and members, and more importantly, retaining both. We are receiving a number of advertisements for telecourses, especially from the Houston Squadron. Might be a good way to spend a hot evening or two.

Cdr. Dave McGhee



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

From the Education Office:

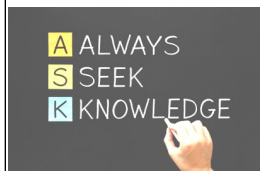
Congratulations to Danny Goss on his passing the Navigator test and becoming our newest Senior Navigator.

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

Time to get off your boat and into the classroom.

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



**P/C Bob Hlubin, JN
Educational Officer**

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.

Too hot to be out on the boat ramp but I did pick up some other interesting observations.

Summer is here and the drownings are happening. A man fell off the tube he was riding and drowned. Of course, he wasn't wearing a life jacket! It was probably still in the boat in the plastic shipping wrapper so it wouldn't get dirty. Another drowned while swimming in a swimming area that didn't have a lifeguard.

I saw a person on TV news program that said most boating accidents involve alcohol. Interesting that someone would notice.

I witnessed an interesting feat at a party the other day. Champagne was to be served. The server produced a bottle of champagne that had been placed inverted in an ice bucket. (How crude. A champagne bottle should never be inverted before serving.) He then obtained a large swashbuckler type sword from an assistant. HE then took the sword and broke the neck of the bottle off sending the broken glass neck into the midst of the guest and spewing champagne onto the floor. Everyone cheered.

This was interesting but I serve champagne a little differently. I would first place it into a bucket vertically and fill the bucket with ice. Then I would place a towel over it and let it rest a few hours. (You may have noticed that the bottle used for sparkling wine has a different bottom. Sparkling wines continue to ferment in the bottle. This bottom is designed to hold any sediment present; thus, I would never invert or disturb the wine in any way.)

At the time for serving, I would gently remove the bottle from the ice using the towel and wrap the bottle in the towel much like you would a newborn baby. (I would never touch the bottle with my warm hands.) At this time I would ask a blessing on the wine, the laborers who picked the grapes and the hands that made it into wine. The cork is removed in the conventional manner, not spilling a drop of the precious nectar. The cork would then be placed into my left pocket to be used as a float when I go fishing. A small portion of wine would be poured into a glass to be tasted lest it has been turning into vinegar due to improper handling. The wine is now poured into glasses for the guests being careful not to bruise it. The last bit of wine would not be served as it may contain some sediment. It would be poured into the dog's water bowl so as not to be **wasted**.

The bottle could be used in many ways. You could make a candle holder, a lamp, or even build a ship inside.

"That's the way I see it!"

**PEACE
LOVE
LIFE JACKET**

P/C Bob Hlubin, JN



1st Annual Margarita and Taco Bar Party

The OKC Squadron had our first Margarita and Taco Bar Party in June. Everyone enjoyed it so much we decided it would become one of our annual functions.

We also recognized our brand new Senior Navigator, P/D/C Danny Goss! Congratulations Danny!

And to celebrate, our very own P/C Steve Bryant did the honors of the Sabering of the Champagne. It is pretty impressive if you've never seen it. Our Education Officer, Bob Hlubin, presented a nice toast with everyone raising their glasses to join in with heartfelt salutations!

After dinner and a lot of visiting, it was time to play Pin the Tail on the Donkey! I had to turn everyone very slowly in fear one of us might fall. The winner was Aaron and he graciously donated his prize to the Squadron till. Thanks Aaron!

After more visiting and everyone jumping in for a quick clean up. We managed to head home just as the bottom fell out and we all drove home in a monsoon! Thankfully everyone made it home safely and a fun time had by all!

P/C Marilyn Goss, P



2023 Annual Members Birthday Party

The OKC Squadron had our Annual 2023 Members' Birthday Party once again at the Royal Bavaria German Restaurant. Since we all have a birthday every year the Squadron has ONE celebration to make sure no one is left out.

The Royal Bavaria always puts us in room by ourselves for the celebration. I don't know if it is because they are so kind or possibly because we are so rowdy. I know Danny and I were a bit late arriving and we heard our RAMBUNCTIOUS friends as we walked in the building and that was even without our fun loving Aaron.

After we all had our share of cold libations and good food we sang Happy Birthday to everyone and what a joyous noise that was! To top off the party we all shared our chocolate birthday cake! After a little more visiting and many goodbyes the party broke up and we all went home to meet again in August at our Game Night Party! So mark your calendars and come have fun!

P/C Marilyn Goss, P

Some Comment's About Life Jackets

Wisconsin's Fox River has been home to native peoples, the main thoroughfare for transporting goods, a source of hydro-electric power, ground zero for the state's paper industry and is now having a renaissance of recreation and environmental awareness. Today, the 39-mile stretch of the Fox River is home to paddlers, boaters and pedestrians who can watch an engineering marvel in operation. The river features a system of 17 locks and dams. What makes the system unique is that the locks are fully hand operated and historically restored to their original state when they were built from the 1840s to the early 1900s. All locks are on the National Register of Historic Places.



As we can see, all the boaters have a life jacket on. Having spent a lot of time in the locks on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, I would not recommend a Kayak in those locks with all the turbulence. A Life Jacket is one of the least expensive boating safety items that can save your life. Size and Fit are important. Check the label for user weight and chest size. Different body types float differently. Try your lifejacket on in the water to ensure your airway is clear. A good fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable. Though not always required by law, a lifejacket should be worn at all times when the vessel is underway. A wearable lifejacket can save your life, but only when you wear it. Wearable lifejackets must be readily accessible. You must be able to put your lifejacket on in a reasonable amount of time in an emergency. Lifejackets should not be stowed in plastic bags, in locked or closed compartments or have other gear stowed on top of them. A throwable device should also be immediately available for use. Many boaters have added Inflatable Lifejackets which may be easier and more comfortable to wear. Inflatable lifejackets require the user to pay careful attention to the condition of the device. Inflatable lifejackets must have a full cylinder and all status indicators on the inflator must be green, or the device is NOT serviceable, and does NOT satisfy the requirement to carry lifejackets. Inflatable lifejackets are not appropriate for weak or non-swimmers. Most important are the Child Lifejacket Requirements: Federal Law requires that when a vessel is underway, children under 13 years of age must wear their lifejacket. exceptions for when below deck or within an enclosed cabin. State laws may vary. Check with your state boating safety officials.



The Coast Guard recommends and many states require wearing lifejackets for water skiing and other towed activities. While operating personal watercraft (PWC) or sailboarding, use a lifejacket marked for water skiing or PWC use. If you are boating in an area under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers, or a federal, state, or local park authority, other rules may apply.

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



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Members Business Meeting Minutes 07 August 2023



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours at the Tres Mgt Office. The following members were in attendance: Lt Peggy Anglin P (via teleconference), P/C Steve Bryant JN, 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.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – P/C Bob Hlubin JN gave the invocation; Lt/C Ron Huff P led the pledge.

Secretary – Lt/C Glenda Sims moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting; P/D/C Danny Goss SN seconded; carried. There was no business meeting held in July.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin verified dates of upcoming events for the *DP* calendar; she will update the classification for P/D/C Danny Goss from JN to SN on the *DP* masthead.

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members; no new business. Opened a discussion about whether or not to change/decrease squadron dues in light of significant changes in financial situation. This issue will need further consideration. P/C Bob Hlubin JN moved for the squadron to finance up to \$150 for prizes/gifts pursuant to winners at upcoming casino night (per P/C Marilyn Goss P's suggestion). Lt/C Sims seconded; carried.

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

Website – P/D/C Goss SN has no new report.

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

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN had nothing to report, as the Oklahoma state legislature is in recess.

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 will be ordering books soon for the “Boat Handling” course slated to be conducted. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

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

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P reported a membership number of 29 or 30.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN is moving forward with September 30 clean-up.

Social Activities – P/C Marilyn Goss P went over the slated social activities through December 2023. **** SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS ****. Marilyn has been reimbursed for partial costs associated with the Lake Texoma rendezvous in May. Another Texoma rendezvous is scheduled for September 14-16.

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

Old Business – Cdr McGhee is in the tedious process of going through/responding to six months' worth of emails from National, commenting on how things have changed since his previous commandership.

New Business – Cdr McGhee would like to obtain current rosters for both D21 and OKCSPS; discussion of how that might be accomplished. It was suggested that Cdr McGhee attend the USPS/ABC national conference in Orlando next February, to be supported financially by the squadron. Tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 20:05 hours.

Respectfully,
Lt/C Glenda Sims
Squadron Secretary



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