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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH

2 October—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 2 October 2023 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue.

6-8 October—Lake Thunderbird Fall Rendezvous

Our rendezvous will be held at Lake Thunderbird Little Axe Campground #2. Several members will be camping from Thursday through Tuesday morning. As always, come-and-go are always welcome. Bring sides/desserts to go with hot dogs on Friday. Bring sides/desserts/potluck on Saturday.

UPCOMING

6 November—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 6 November 2023 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

16 November—Wine & Cheese with Auction

Bring your favorite wine or other beverage and some appropriate nibbles to enjoy while bidding furiously on auction items recently liberated from somebody's stash. We will convene on Thursday, 16 November 2023 at 6:30 PM the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. Bring treasures! Bring money! Have FUN!

4 December—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 4 December 2023 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

15 December—Christmas Party and Dirty Santa

Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 15 December 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Church of The Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. We will have a pot luck dinner and there will be a \$5 charge to cover the cost of turkey and ham which will be provided. Coffee and tea will be provided and the bar will be open. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Church of the Resurrection's food pantry. For those that wish to participate there will be a Dirty Santa gift exchange. Assume we are all on Santa's "good" list for this year.

8 January—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 8 January 8 2023 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.



COMMANDER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2023



Squirrels and Rabbits

I took a two-day online airplane ownership and maintenance course last month. A lot of good information. We have some great tools for delivering training but, I would have loved to attend in person. The instructor mentioned his squirrel problem several times. Just a glimpse of a squirrel is enough to break his attention and send him either on a tangent or to never land.

I am the same way, but I chase the squirrels into rabbit holes.

There is an abundance of reading available to us, even without buying a newspaper, magazine, or book. That is the way of the Internet.

I came across a large Wikipedia article on the *Titanic*. A lot of information and discussion, with background. What is also important is that over the years much of the opinion and analysis of why it happened has changed. So the moral of the story is to read with an open and critical mind to get the important facts.



Cdr. Dave McGhee

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

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

October 2, 2023

I want to commend all our membership who were able to assist with the Lake Hefner Shoreline Cleanup as well as all the other of our Squadron who would have assisted if it were not for circumstances beyond their control.

The Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Mission Statement is: "To empower Oklahoma citizens to preserve and enhance the state's natural beauty and ensure a healthy, sustainable environment."

Our Squadron's long history of supporting the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful campaign with our Spring and Fall Hefner shoreline cleanup is to be lauded and is a reason for pride in our dedication to serve our community and State. Clearly, our numbers are maturing and with that arises the temptation to lose sight, turn or aching backs and abandon the very spirit and roots laid down by our predecessors. In these times, it is time to dedicate ourselves to renewing that spirit of community service, squadron comradery, and love for our boating community.

Let's draw strength from each other support and encourage each other and recognize the effort we each make to maintain the purpose of our existence.

***P/C Steve E. Bryant JN
Environmental 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.

Well, I finally got to get my annual trip to Virginia. Three day drive in each direction. Got some interesting experiences to relate.

In the past I've always told you about the unfriendly drivers. We used to try to guess how far I would get past the Mississippi river before someone blew their horn at me. Well, it has completely changed. The drivers were very polite this time. They let me change lanes, even stopping to let me out of the Walmart parking lot. I asked my nephew about this, and he says they sent all their rude drivers to Oklahoma. He did ask why road rage in Oklahoma always ended up in gunfighting. In Virginia they just blow their horns and trade obscene gestures.

Boating isn't any different there. The fast movers with high powered boats still go full power till they get to the no wake sign, sending a bow wave into the boat docks and then gunning back up when the no wake zone ends, sending another wake into the docks. And of course, Alcohol still rules.

So put your life jackets on and let's go camping.

"That's the way I see it!"

P/C Bob Hlubin, JN
Educational Officer

PEACE
LOVE
LIFE JACKET



From the Education Office:

We will be starting the new Boat Handling course on the first Wednesday of January. This is an updated course that replaces the Seamanship course. If any of you who have taken the Seamanship course would like to attend for review and new information, you are welcome to attend.

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



CASINO NIGHT

The OKC Squadron had our first Casino Night and it was not only a GREAT success but a lot of fun! We didn't have our normal turnout, some had other obligations and the Ridles are still in Colorado. As usual, we had all kinds of good food to eat and visited while we ate.

Then the games began! Pit Bosses were Captain Lee Woodside and PC Big Bad Bob Hlubin. You could pick your poison...Poker with Captain Lee or Black Jack with Big Bad Bob!



Everyone was issued the same amount of chips and then recounted at the end of the games to decide the winners. We presented first, second, and third places. The prizes consisted of a mix of cash and scratch offs. First Place went to P/C Mike Ellis, Second Place Mary Wilkerson, and Third Place went to our very own Commander Dave McGhee! Hope the scratch offs paid big to all our winners, but even more, I hope everyone had a great time! So until next time take care and be safe!

PC Marilyn Goss, P

What You Need to Know About DSC-Capable VHF Radios

Prioritize safety, stay connected, and promote responsible boating. Digital Selective Calling (DSC) has become increasingly popular on VHF marine radios in recent years. DSC-capable VHF radios allow boaters to send and receive digital messages, including distress calls. This can be a lifesaver in an emergency, as it allows boaters to quickly and easily identify each other and coordinate rescue efforts.



Digital Selective Calling (DSC) technology has revolutionized the way mariners communicate at sea. Unlike traditional VHF radios, DSC-capable radios incorporate advanced features that enable distress signaling, position sharing, and selective calling with unparalleled precision and reliability. These radios offer a significant advantage during emergencies, allowing boaters to send automatic distress alerts at the touch of a button, facilitating prompt search and rescue operations. VHF is the gold standard for maritime communications.

Mariners should always keep their radios tuned to Channel 16, the international hailing and distress channel. Handheld VHF radios are available with DSC capability. VHF radios provide clear and efficient communication over short and moderate ranges. They serve as the backbone of marine communication networks, connecting mariners, harbor masters, and emergency services alike. Adding DSC capability ensures that crucial information such as weather updates, navigational warnings, and local traffic conditions can be shared quickly. All this contributes to a safer and more informed boating community.

To fully harness the capabilities of DSC-capable radios, it is imperative to register for a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI). The MMSI is a unique nine-digit number assigned to vessels and boaters, similar to a phone number, that identifies the caller and ensures accurate communication. This registration process links vital information, such as vessel name, owner's details, emergency contacts, and radio capabilities to the assigned MMSI, enabling swift and accurate assistance in times of distress. Registering for an MMSI is a straightforward process. The U.S. Coast Guard webpage will guide you through it. Be sure to affix the MMSI on your vessel and program it into your DSC-capable VHF radio to ensure seamless communication and accurate distress signaling. If you sell your boat or radio, or move your radio to another vessel, it's essential to cancel your MMSI registration or transfer it to the new owner. Every second counts in an emergency. DSC radios allow you to call other boats without hailing them on an open frequency. Simply enter the other vessel's MMSI into your DSC radio's directory or contact list, select the contact and channel you want to speak with them on, and then press the "Call" button. When the other vessel accepts your request both radios will switch to the desired channel, and you can start talking normally. To transmit your vessel's location, a DSC-equipped radio needs to have an integrated Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or be connected to a GPS device such as a chart plotter. Most new DSC-capable VHF radios have GPS built in, even some handheld units. Always check your owner's manual for instructions specific to your radio. (Jeff Moag, Water Sports Foundation, Contributor.)

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

Another Lake Texoma in the Books

The OKC Squadron, along with a small contingent from Ft Worth, gathered once again at the Cedar Mills Marina for another fun rendezvous. The earliest earlybirds---the Gosses---arrived on Tuesday, September 12. Then the earlybirds---the Ellises, the Huffs, the Bryants and the Rothermel's arrived Thursday afternoon to set up their camps. And finally, the regular birds showed up on Friday: the Galles. Dana and Laurie, who live just outside Cedar Mills, are resident birds, and flew in and out.

Thursday we all convened at Ron & Mary's (Huff) campsite for a simple dinner of ham & cheese sliders, sides, cookies and fresh sweet watermelon while enjoying cool temperatures and a beautiful view of the lake. The wind was up that evening; I think it was a category 1 breeze.

Friday was pretty much a day for chilling, doing "home improvement", dog-walking, etc. As the lake was down, Steve (Bryant) and Glenda decided to try their hands at beach-combing with a metal detector and a sand scoop, but came up empty. Steve had said earlier that the beaches were probably already hunted out. The Bryants realized too late that they had left a shovel at the cove beach. Dang that short-term memory !! Later everyone met up at the Huff's campsite for RonDogs along with all kinds of sides and desserts to include more watermelon. I have to say Steve loves watermelon and can put it away! We enjoyed another beautiful evening (i.e., no wind) and catching up with each other. Too bad there was a burn ban: it's always more fun to talk smack around a campfire. But it sure was good to see Bill Galle up and around.

After a nice Saturday-morning breakfast and good hot coffee prepared by none other than the RonDog Master, Debbie launched her boat with six passengers on board: the Galles, Steve, Allison and Madeline and Debbie's sister Laurie. They made a day of it enjoying the beautiful weather and combing the beach on Party Island with metal detectors. Allison was happy to have been shown the use of Steve's sand scoop and his hand-held metal-detecting pointer. Meanwhile, Marilyn & Roberta slaved away in Marilyn's RV coach putting together the best lasagna this side of heaven; Glenda took a nice bike ride (since there was no longer a marina store in which to shop) while everyone else stayed busy at the campsites. After the boat was trailered everyone gathered at the campsite to enjoy a nice dinner of lasagna, garlic bread, green and fruit salads, green beans, Italian pasta salad, & desserts. And once again we enjoyed perfect weather with a star-filled sky, a beautiful view of Lake Texoma (and how about that gorgeous party cruiser that appeared every evening), and endless camaraderie.

Sunday morning our Ft. Worth friends and the Bryants headed home while the Ellises, Huffs, and the Gosses stayed on for one more night. The Gosses spent time finishing up Cedar Mills Yacht Club duties. The Ellises spent the afternoon visiting with Roberta's daughter and son-in-law. Ron and Mary spent the afternoon at the Mega-Star Casino just across the bridge; pretty sure they were warming up for our upcoming casino party. We ended up at Ron and Mary's campsite and enjoyed weekend leftovers for dinner. After dinner Danny set up the telescope and everyone enjoyed the starlit sky.

Monday after coffee everyone loaded up and headed home.

And now we are all busy getting ready for our casino night, Lake Hefner Cleanup, and our Fall Little Axe Rendezvous. Whew...we definitely have a busy time ahead! Don't know about y'all, but I'm ready for a vacation!

**Co-authored by:
P/C Marilyn Goss and Lt/C Glenda Sims (Bryant)**

Lake Hefner Cleanup, September 30, 2023

OKC Beautiful and the OKCSPS should be proud. Arguably the oldest cleanup crew in the metro once again showed up to pick up trash along the western shoreline of Lake Hefner, a civil service which members of the Oklahoma City Sail & Power Squadron perform twice each year. Under the auspices of OKC Beautiful, organizations can volunteer to be assigned certain areas to be policed for trash and debris and are supplied gloves, garbage bage bags, pick-up sticks/grabbers, and reflective vests.

We---six men and two women--- met at 10:00 am. Six of those eight scoured our assigned shoreline (the remaining two dutifully stood watch over the picnic area and food supplies), petered out, and then reconvened to enjoy our usual hotdog picnic on the grounds of the City Marina. "Trash Queen" went the entire distance....again, and she shudders to think about what that shoreline would look like if people like us did not participate in beautification efforts.

Lt/C Glenda Sims



OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON



Members Business Meeting Minutes

02 October 2023

Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:03 hours at the Tres Mgt Bldg. The following members were in attendance: Lt Peggy Anglin P, P/C Steve Bryant JN, P/C Mike Ellis JN, Lt Roberta Ellis, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, P/C Bob Hlubin JN, Lt/C Ron Huff P, Lt/C Glenda Sims, and Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP (via teleconference).

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

Secretary – Lt/C Glenda Sims moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting; P/C Marilyn Goss P seconded; carried.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P had no issues to report.

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members; no new business. CD at Arvest Bank will be reviewed in November. Rent for Church of the Resurrection facility has been paid forward through December 2023.

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

Website – P/D/C Goss SN has no new report; will be uploading pics of Hefner cleanup plus articles.

Public Relations – P/C Mike Ellis JN has been in touch with Channel 5 and hopes to establish an interview..

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN had nothing new to report; 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 has received and distributed the books for the “Boat Handling” course to begin January 3, 2024, which will take 4 to 8 weeks. He and P/D/C Goss SN gave a breakdown of course subjects to be covered as well as tips for successfully passing the exam. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP asked for the following reports:

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P reported a membership of 29. District 21 membership stands at 530.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN reported on the success of the Sept 30 Lake Hefner 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 ****. **Little Axe/Lake Thunderbird Rendezvous Oct 6/7; Wine & Cheese & Auction Nov 16; Christmas party & food drive Dec 15.**

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

Old Business – The Lake Texoma Rendezvous (Sept 14-16) was a success. D/C Steve Baker attended the recent USPS/ABC Governing Board along with several others from D21. P/R/C Bruce Albertson SN-ACN also attended and gave a report to P/D/C Goss SN, which he shared herewith. Of note are new apps developed by ABC.

New Business – **SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** District 21 Fall Conference, slated for Oct 6/7 in Lake Charles, LA, was reformatted to be a virtual conference on Oct 7 (see D/C Baker's email).

Cdr McGhee reported on OKCSPS's website links to D21 and to other websites.

Cdr McGhee reminded the meeting that the 2024 Bridge needs to be considered for nominations.

P/D/C Goss SN announced that a Boat Show, usually held in January in the OKC Fairgrounds, is still to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 19:50 hours.

Respectfully,
Lt/C Glenda Sims
Squadron Secretary



2023 CALENDAR

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6-8 October	Lake Thunderbird Little Axe Fall Rendezvous
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16 November	Wine & Cheese w Auction
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15 December	Christmas Party
8 January	Members Business Meeting

The goal is not to sail the boat, but rather to help the boat sail herself.



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