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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH +

25–27 October—Lake Eufaula Rendezvous

RVers will be at the west side of Belle Starr Campground. There will be Rondogs with fixings on Friday Night and Pot Luck on Saturday,

4 November—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on, Monday 7 October at 2024 at 7:00 PM at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave.

12 November—Wine and Cheese Party

Bring your favorite libation and appropriate nibbles. We will convene on Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. We promise an evening of fun with friends.

UPCOMING

10 December 2024—Christmas Party & Business Meeting

Our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at the Church of the Resurrection at 13112 N Rockwell. We will have a pot luck dinner followed by a rousing bout of Dirty Santa. For dinner the Squadron will provide meat and everyone is asked to bring their favorite beverage, a side to go with the meat, and/or dessert. Let Marilyn know what you're bringing so we won't have duplicate dishes. Please count your blessings and bring canned/bagged boxed food items to donate to the Church pantry for those less fortunate.

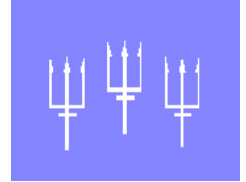
OCT 10-13, 2024

2024 District 21 Fall Conference

Ft Worth Power and Sail Squadron

**Held at residence Of Commander Rothermel
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COMMANDER'S REPORT October 2024

Most outdoor activities are coming to an end, maybe. Temperatures are still in the low 90s in early October, and the larger sailboats have ended sailing on Lake Hefner due to low water and unpredictable wind.



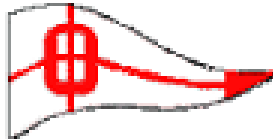
I'm glad to see we have interest in some classes at the Oklahoma City Boat Club. Should get some interest now that sailing is done for a while. The long range weather thinks we will have a warm, dry winter. As we prepare for Winter, we may just get another Spring. Darn La Nina.

I put new dock lines on Caribbean Soul at Cedar Mills in June. Glad I did since a storm a few weeks later was enough to break my bow bridle. OK, there may have been some chafing. Still, glad for the new lines.

Sadly, it appears the Austin Squadron is finished. ABC had arranged some support and services from Google to market our Squadrons. I think we should consider the possibilities.
David McGhee

Legislative Report

No report this month.



OKC Squadron Fishing Tournament

Our first Squadron fishing tournament was a success even with the small turnout! The tournament was planned for September expecting a normal temperature of mid 80s, but Mother Nature fooled us this year giving us a whopping 96 degrees. Luckily we were blessed with a very nice breeze and a big shade tree on the edge of the pond.

With the mix of the breeze and that big shade tree it was very pleasant sitting beside the pond watching those fishing and dreaming of all that tasty fish at our upcoming fish fry! I think it might have been a tad warm for our fisherfolks sitting on the banks in full sun fishing, but it didn't phase them! Unfortunately the fish thought it was too darned hot as well. There were lots of small fish biting that had to be thrown back, but only 3 big enough to keep! The fish weights were so close we decided first place should be split 3 ways. The winners were P/C Mike, Jasek, Mike's grandson, and McKinley, P/D/C Danny & P/C Marilyn's granddaughter. Everyone had a lot of fun, especially Jasek, don't think I have EVER seen anyone love fishing like that kid!

Everyone had great time and wants to do it again!

P/C Marilyn Goss P

2024 Little Axe Rendezvous

We set out to have our Little Axe Rendezvous this past weekend, and like always, things happen! As we began to set up Roberta had to question me as to the site that we would reside at for the time. We arrived a little early and began to set up camp, when our host came and welcomed us to the Park. We stayed in LA37, as it turned out this was where the parties came to have some fun.

Our infamous Friday Ron Dogs, could not be had this time, as Ron had a mishap with his shoulder and some medical restraints on lifting anything. So I came to the rescue and we had some Mighty Mike Puppies along with a plethora of other goodies that everyone brought to help out. Of course Bob had his usual humor and enjoyed the festivities. We missed those that couldn't make it because of one thing or the other and we wish them well. Don't tell'em they missed a good time!

Next was our adventure over to check out Hickory Hill sites. We understood that they had full hookup! But alas all was not so pleasant. Only a small number of these sites were big enough for 50 amp service, while the rest had 30 and they all looked to have full hook up and a good view of the lake, but getting down there and parking in might just prove to be more than we would like to tackle. I know that I don't want to try breaking down in those twisted trails.

Saturday night the squadron put on a "Fish Fry" ! And I mean a fish fry it was! Sea Bass, Catfish, Crappie, Walleye, Sheephead (From the Gulf) and Cod plus SHRIMP!!! OMG!! There was fish and salads, beans and cornbread along side some "Cold drinks".....I don't think that anyone left hungry. We stayed up and visited with the gang and I learned what a clowder of cats was all about, dang British!

Sunday breakfast was over at the Casino and they had a car show going on that brought back many fond memories of times gone by. They just don't make cars that beautiful anymore. Camp fire stories were told and truth stretching happened quite a bit, but all in all, it was a grand time. Fun was had by all who were there to enjoy.

Monday we broke down the camp, headed back to home port and got ready for our monthly meeting! Whew what a whirlwind of activities! A huge thanks to everyone who played a part in helping clean, cook, story telling (and you know who you are) and company! It is always good to be with friends and family!

Respectfully submitted,
P/C Michael Ellis JN, PR

Sunset Picnic at the OKC Boat Club

A big thanks to Steve and Glenda for hosting our Sunset Picnic at the OKC Boat Club. The temperatures were warmer than usual for this time of year, but at least it wasn't cold.

As everyone begin to gather, the picnic table was filling up with all sorts of goodies and everyone was enjoying the camaraderie of friends on the veranda. It wasn't long before everyone was digging in and enjoying those goodies.

Unfortunately we didn't get to enjoy the sunset due to cloud coverage and that was a disappointment. A sunset off OKC Boat Club veranda is truly a sight to behold. Maybe next year.

P/C Marilyn Goss,P

The Summer Boating and RVing Season Is Winding Down

For some, we will be getting ready for the winter layup season. Up north, this was the time to start my boating wish list for the holiday season or what I would have the Marina work on when the boat was out of water. A little different here in Oklahoma. One of constants is that our boats, RV's, cars, homes and us are getting older. As boat and RV owners, we may not want to admit it or recognize it. And through innovation and technology, they can last much longer than they used to. But, like all of us humans, issues seem to occur and warrant attention, particularly as they get older. That continues to be mostly good news for those facilities that provide boat and RV maintenance servicing. But, even for those facilities there may come a point where the liabilities, often silent and lurking beneath the surface, outweigh the positives. The typical rough estimate is that there are about 12 million recreational registered boats and 13 million RV's in the United States in 2023. These are substantial numbers, and as time goes by, larger numbers of older boats and RV's are at the end of their useful life.

And here lays the safety concerns. There are those among us who are passionate about their old boats and RV's and have the time, talent and resources to keep them in great shape. But that does not apply to the majority. The cost to make repairs also start to make less sense, as does the ability to even be able to fix or restore things. Compounding the problem is the low cost of an old boat or RV and that may seem very attractive to a naïve buyer, who then does not have the ability to keep it going and fix what needs fixing. Metal and wood can decay and eventually fail. Abandoned boats and RV's are clearly a problem that has been on the upswing. For boaters, the worst fear is sinking. While most boaters are likely worried about sinking when they are on the vessel, the reality is that for every boat that sinks at sea, four will sink at the dock. Not that all these will be old boats, but older boats are at greater risk. An RV breaking down on a busy interstate has to be the worst thing for them. The costs for both are great. For older boats, the major reasons for hull failures typically center around thru-hull-fittings and the composition or integrity of the hull itself. Many of these issues are easily discerned just by looking at the boats, preferably on dry land. Being garaged or in a covered slip protects the outside of the boat or RV, but everything inside is aging including engine, water and electrical systems which should be checked often.

The U.S. Coast Guard requires all commercial passenger-carrying vessels to be hauled approximately every two years, depending on different variables. The inspections are for leaks, hull soft spots and all the fittings. The inspections can be visual or more substantial. There are pollution issues that need to be checked from older engines that need to be checked. All the required safety items are aging such as life jackets, fire extinguishers, flares and ventilation blowers. Do not forget anchors, spare tires, jacks and tool kits. A working bilge pump is needed. It is not aging, but your insurance policy needs to be checked and renewed. Not a safety item, but a required yearly item to be checked. Some companies are no longer insuring old boats or RV's. Proof of insurance is often required as part of a boat slip or space at the RV Park. Please check for any new exclusions. I hate getting older, but my yearly checkup is helping making it bearable.

Take care and stay safe.

Lt. Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN

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.

I spent another relaxing time at Little Axe park on lake Thunderbird this weekend. Unfortunately, the fish weren't biting, and the casino wasn't paying. The park is located too close to the casino in my opinion.

The PWC,s were active. I don't know why they call them PWC's. They seem to spend as much time flipping through the air as they do on water. Maybe it stands for "Probably Will Crash". They could maybe classified as "assisted suicide devices " as another person killed himself by running into a boat the week before last. I wish we had a lake restricted to sailboats and row boats.

Do beautiful roses have thorns, or do thorns produce beautiful roses?



"That's the way I see it!"

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P/C Bob Hlubin, JN

From the Education Office:

Steve is setting up a meeting with a group of boaters to see if we can get some courses going. Other than that we have no courses at present.

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.

Bob Hlubin, Educational Officer





OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON

Members Business Meeting Minutes

07 October 2024



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours at the Tres Mgmt Bldg. The following members attended: Lt Peggy Anglin P, P/C Mike Ellis JN, Roberta Ellis S, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, Lt/C Ron Huff P, and Lt/C Glenda Sims S.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – P/C Ellis JN delivered the invocation. SXO Lt/C Huff P led the Pledge.

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

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P is awaiting several reports .

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members. He explained why there is a discrepancy regarding check number sequencing as well as announcing that he has received another notice from the IRS.

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

Website – P/D/C Goss SN: website remains updated. P/D/C Goss has some pics awaiting upload.

Public Relations – P/C Mike Ellis JN has arranged for Prop City to display our OKCSPS/ABC trifold brochures in their shop, once the brochures have been updated (if necessary) and printed.

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN: Log-in walls are now an issue. 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 did not attend. P/D/C Goss stated that P/C Steve Bryant has procured the dates of Nov 11 & Dec 16 (Mondays) at OCBC for preliminary course prep for interested parties. P/R/C Bruce Albertson SN-ACN will not be able to serve as SEO in future; P/C Bryant may serve in that capacity. Lt/C Glenda Sims S, on behalf of P/C Bryant, asked P/D/C Goss and Cdr McGhee (there may be others) for a short bio/resume which he could use to introduce them to the OCBC course participants. Discussion of prospective coursework followed.

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP did not attend.

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P: membership remains at 27, due to unpaid dues.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN did not attend.

Social Activities – P/C Marilyn Goss P outlined all remaining social activities and dates for 2024. The Lake Hefner Cleanup did not occur due to lack of participation; the Little Axe Rendezvous occurred last weekend; the D21 Fall Conference hosted by Fort Worth is this coming weekend. **** SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS ****. She has sent and will continue to send each member a text listing all activities & dates.

Commander's Report – See Cdr McGhee's report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Old Business: P/C Ellis is still in contact with Riversport regarding possible future collaboration. Discussion regarding the still-not-running newly configured ABC website systems. Discussion as to ABC's partnership with an organization which would like to tweak/enhance squadron Facebook pages; uncertainty as to the wisdom or necessity of granting access of an outside entity to our account.

New Business – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS. The slate of officers for the OKCSPS 2025 Bridge will be published in the November *Dinghy Painter* and voted upon at the December Christmas party. Cdr McGhee will prepare his report of OKC squadron 2024 activities for presentation at the D21 Conference this weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 20:00 hours.

Respectfully,
Lt/C Glenda Sims S
Squadron Secretary



2024 CALENDAR

- 25-27 October Lake Eufaula Rendezvous
4 November Members Business Meeting
12 November Wine & Cheese Party
10 December Christmas Party

2025 TBD!



“To be successful at sea we must keep things simple” —R.D. (Pete) Culler—

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