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Commander's Letter August 2015

It is finally the type of summer we all remember. The temperature is up and the water level is down, so it is time to get out there and enjoy the lake.

We had fun In July with three events. We had the Independence Day parade on July 3 after a great breakfast at the Quarterdeck Restaurant at Terra Miranda. That evening we had a dock party at the Scarriot's to enjoy good food, desserts, and the Grove fireworks display. The ice cream social took place at the Reynold's on July 12. Everybody enjoyed the desserts, ice cream and hotdogs. Coming up on August 29 is the boat rally at the Pett's. You should have received information on this event in your email.

Our Squadron scrapbook for 2014 was finished and submitted to National for judging. Thanks go out to all the people who helped with its preparation, particularly the scrapbook committee chairman, Janet Sloan, P.

In August the Executive Board will assess what we have accomplished so far this year and map out a plan to finish the loose ends that seem to never get done. It is easy to lose our focus as we get closer to the end of our fiscal year.

Remember, all members are invited to attend Eboard meetings if they have concerns and issues or if they are only curious to what goes on.

Be safe on the water and watch out for the other boat.

David B. Sloan, AP

Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron



S ————Seamanship
P ————Piloting
AP ———Advanced Piloting



JN ———Junior Navigator
N ———Navigator
SN ———Senior Navigator



July 3rd



The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron celebrated Independence Day with a breakfast at the Quarter Deck Restaurant at Terra Miranda and a boat parade along Monkey Island on July 3. Eight boats with 39 squadron members and guests participated in the parade. Each boat was decorated in red, white, and blue to celebrate Independence Day. The parade was greeted by enthusiastic viewers on shore.



Independence Day Dock Party was a Hit



Al and Judy Scarriot hosted the Independence Day dock party on July 3 at their home on Wolf Creek. Approximately 47 Squadron members, guests, and relatives attended. The meal was hot dogs cooked by Al and the members brought the side dishes and desserts. The evening was concluded by the City of Grove fireworks display. Only a few came by boat due to the high water and the congestion on Wolf Creek. But, everyone had a good time and enjoyed getting together and eating the great food. Karen Wheat celebrated her birthday with a cake. Though, she did not advertise her age.



Thanks go out to Al and Judy for hosting the event. Plan on attending the other fun events scheduled for this summer.





BOAT RALLY GATHER YOUR CREW



BOAT RALLY

How many lights on Sailboat Bridge?

Referring to the Grand Chart book; what does Lt Ho mean?

What is the vertical clearance at the center span of Horse Creek bridge today?

These are just some examples of what have been on previous Boat Rallies.
Join us to find out about these and other items of interest.

Mark **29 August 2015** on your calendar **NOW!** The **GLSPS Boat Rally** is only one month away. It has been planned and the course is being checked. The Rally will start at Wolf Creek Launch and finish at the boat dock of Marcia and Gene Pett on the main lake.

The course is of a similar length to the past events. You will be given a set of instructions giving a direction to go and clues to look for on the shore. After finding each clue the course is once again defined either by compass heading or towards some land mark. Questions are asked about each clue that will allow the rally master to know if you really did find the clue. The route will take you into some areas of Grand Lake which you may not have visited in the past. However, the ability to read a chart will be helpful. As in the past, don't plan on following the boat ahead of you as they may be going on a different route in another direction.

At the end of the rally lunch will be provided. If you would like to bring a snack or dessert such as cookies or brownies to share it would be appreciated. I will take these from you at Wolf Creek so you will not have to carry them in your boat during the rally. **NO** drinks provided please bring your own.



What's needed to participate include:

- *a desire to see another part of the lake
- *a boat captained by a member of GLSPS or USPS
- *a current GRDA/USPS vessel exam sticker
Contact Jay Spicer at 918-791-8341 now if you have not done this yet.
- *at least four people in each boat

The additional people in the boat do not need to be squadron or USPS members. Bring your guests and let them see the fun that can be had with the GLSPS.

For those without a boat contact one of your friends or Gene or Marcia Pett or Ken or Mary Alice Moore and join us for the rally.

Contact anyone below with questions.

Marcia Pett at mcpett@hotmail.com or 908-801-5989

Gene Pett at genep1964@hotmail.com or 918-791-8543

Mary Alice Moore at mamoore_52@yahoo.com or 405-640-4390

Ken Moore at moorekn@yahoo.com or 405-626-0946

Please let us know if you plan to participate by 20 Aug 2015 so that we know how much food to purchase.

Equipment needed includes:

- *compass/GPS
- *Grand Lake Chart book
- *binoculars (optional)
- *clipboard for holding the instructions and a pencil or pen
- *PFD's for everyone in the boat



The schedule:

- 930 Captains meeting at Wolf Creek, everyone is invited. Here is where you will hear the last minute updates to the condition of the course(s)
- 1000 First boat starts the rally with other boats to follow
- 1300 Official end of the rally and lunch is served.



DISTRICT 30 FALL CONFERENCE

More information
coming

Good Times!

Oct. 23rd & 24th
Honey Creek Resort
Rathbun Lake
Iowa

Fun People!



Mark your
calendar

Education



P/C Jim Sweeten, SN

Recently I sent out surveys to determine the members' level of interest in taking any of the courses, electives and/or seminars. The results were quite disappointing as less than one percent responded and the ones that did respond indicated a variety of courses they might be interested in. Unfortunately the interest level was scattered where no course had an interest level greater than three persons and most the level was one person. With that in mind we'll try again in the fall after the boating season.

National United States Power Squadrons has made another change regarding seminars. They now want to charge a \$10.00 administrative fee for each person taking a seminar for the purpose of handling the data input into their system. There will not be a change if a member wants to take the seminar without having it recorded on the database at National headquarters.

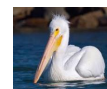
As previously reported, the United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Course 3 (ABC3) as of August 1st is no longer accredited by NASBLA. Therefore, according to them no squadron may teach that course until such time as they meet and have approved the following conditions. (1) A Power Point presentation of the items and criteria for teaching boating safety must be submitted for approval. Additionally there may be only one Power Point for use by all squadrons in a state. Both Grand Lake and Oklahoma City submitted presentations, and they are different. National will evaluate and select the one they believe to be the best. (2) A set of questions and the answers for the Oklahoma portion of the examination are to be submitted for approval. Both squadrons have submitted their questions but like the presentations, there are differences. However Grand Lake's is approved by the State of Oklahoma. And (3) there must be a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Oklahoma and the squadron allowing the squadron to teach boating safety. Grand Lake has such a memorandum. National will first have to consolidate or seek a common ground between Grand Lake's and Oklahoma City's squadrons' submissions where there are differences. Once done, National will notify all squadrons within each state as to the approval or disapproval of their materials and grant or deny their ability to continue to teach the boating course. With all that being said it is now a matter of "wait and see."

As has been said in the past, any person that is interested in a course may take it through self-study. Just let me know and I'll get the books and materials to you.

Jim Sweeten, SN

Education Officer

Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



June Dock Breakfast is Big Success

Cindy and Jim Reynolds hosted the GLSPS Ice Cream Social on July 12 at their home on Carey Bay. Thirty-six members and guests braved the heat to attend. Only a few came by boat due to the high water and temperature. But, everyone had a good time and enjoyed getting together and eating the desserts and ice cream while feeling no guilt. Thanks go out to Cindy and Jim for hosting the event. Plan on attending the other fun events scheduled for this summer.





Carol Goodwin, S 918-786-6660

Burgees and Dock flags ...We have dock flags and burgees on sale for \$20.00. The dock flags are designed to hang on your dock or deck. It alerts people where they can reach power squadron member on the lake. Burgees are to be used on your boats. We have some really cute burgee lapel pins for \$5.00. I have a pair of USPS earrings for \$20.00.

GLSPS license tags are available for only \$10.

Lt Carol Goodwin S is planning to bring a basket of these items to dinner meetings, so bring lots of cash. If you just can't wait, just call Carol so she can reserve those items and get them to you. Carol can be reached at (918) 786-6660 Email bocago@hotmail.com



Name Tags <http://www.UniversalImages.biz/> 918-786-9554 \$8.50
1500 S. Main, Grove, OK 74344

Grand Lake Chart Maps \$15 at the Grand Lake Visitor's Center

Did You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



80% of all lightning is within a cumulonimbus cloud or between them. It is called sheet lightning. The most dangerous and dramatic lightning strikes are those that strike the surface. The electrical discharge is enormous, about 100 million volts. The flash is really a series of 3 or 4 strokes separated by about 50 milliseconds. The discharge heats the surrounding air then quickly cools causing sound waves or thunder.

By dividing the time (number of seconds) between the flash and the first sound of thunder by 5, the distance in miles from the lightning can be estimated. Remember the National Weather Service rule of 30/30. Seek shelter if the delay between the lightning flash and the thunder is 30 seconds or less. Remain in the shelter for 30 minutes after the last thunderclap.

The United States Power Squadrons offers many courses such as weather, seamanship, navigation, marine mechanics and marine electronics. For more information contact Jim Sweeten, Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron, at 918.964,0849 or e-mail jdsweeten2@suddenlink.net Also visit our website at: usps.org/grandlake





JoAnn Gregory	Aug 2	Kay Ray	Aug 13
James Carroll	Aug 9	Dennis Rice	Aug 13
Susie Holden	Aug 10	Darrin Cunningham	Aug 15
Sharon Dennis	Aug 12	Candice McNabb	Aug 19
Bob Hunt	Aug 12	Susan Cunningham	Aug 23
Jim McNabb	Aug 12	Larry Toigo	Aug 24
		Judy Scarriot	Aug 26

Good Eats

Carrots

Ingredients:

- 1# bag sliced frozen carrots**
- ½ C. Water**
- 3 T Brown sugar**
- 2 T Butter**
- 2 T Cornstarch**



1 # bag of sliced frozen carrots cooked in about ½ cup water with 3T brown sugar and 2T butter. When carrots are tender add a mixture of 2T cornstarch which has been mixed in ¼ cup of water.

Note: If there isn't enough juice left in the carrots after cooking them, just add a little water and carefully add some of the cornstarch mixture.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August

8/25-30 Fall Governing Board San Diego CA

8/29 Boat Rally Wolf Creek to Pett's Dock see *The Pelican* for details

September

9/15 E-Board Meeting 1000 – 1200 GLA

9/17 Dinner Meeting 1800 TBD

9/21,24,28 Weather Course TBD GLA

9/25 Pelican Fest TBD Civic Center

9/26 Pelican Fest Parade TBD Community Center

9/26 Pelican Fest TBD Civic Center

October

10/1,5,12,15, 19,22 Weather Course 1800-2100 GLA

10/13 E-Board Meeting 1000 – 1200 GLA

10/15 Dinner Meeting 1800 TBD

10/23 & 24 District 30 Fall Conference Lake Rathbun, Iowa details to follow

10/26,29 11/2,5,9,12,16 Marine Electronics Systems 1800-2100 GLA

From your Editor...

Please send me pictures (with names and the activity), ideas and suggestions that are most important to you. If you haven't written an article about yourself, please send me one. Deadline is the 23rd of the month. Thank you for the opportunity to be your editor.

Debbie

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