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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH

4 January—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was rescheduled from 8 Monday 2024 to our Christmas Party on January 4, 2024 due to expected inclement weather.

27 January—Change of Watch

Our annual Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, 27 January 2024 at Charleston's, 2000 S Meridian from **6:00 to 9 PM**.

UPCOMING

5 February—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 5 February 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

22 February—Chili Cook-Off

Our Chili Cookoff will be held on Thursday, 22 February 2024 at **6:30 PM** at the Church of the Resurrection at 13112 N Rockwell. RSVP to Marilyn if you are planning to enter your winning recipe. Bring an appetizer or dessert; water and soda will be available and byob.



4 March—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 4 March 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

21 March 2024—Casino Night

Bring your lucky charm to the Church of the Resurrection at 13112 N Rockwell on Thursday, 21 March 2024 at **6:30 PM** for fun and games. If you are proficient at 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!

19-21 2024 April— Little Axe Rendezvous, Lake Thunderbird

Join us for and 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.

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.



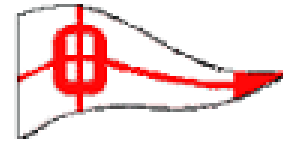
COMMANDER'S REPORT JANUARY 2024



In deference to a mixed weather forecast we combined our January Meeting with our belated Christmas Party. We will not know for a day or so how good a decision that is (was). It doesn't take a lot of frozen stuff to keep me home these days, especially when a number of us have a bit of a drive back and forth to meetings and classes.

It is important to balance risk and reward. If there is little reward, I put forth little risk. That said, it's time to start looking forward to more comfortable days and start plans for getting boats, campers, and other equipment ready. Our social crew continues to do a great job in planning and executing great activities. Make sure you keep abreast of what is happening and plan to attend.

Cdr David McGhee, SN
Commander, Oklahoma City Sail and Power Squadron



Legislative Report

A scan of the Legislature's website has revealed few, if any, new bills related to boating, water recreation, or outdoor recreation. There are a number of bills that are carried over from last year's sessions. I will look closer as the 2024 Session start approaches on February 5th.

Cdr David McGhee, SN

OKC Christmas Party

The OKC Sail & Power Squadron had to postpone its 2023 Christmas celebration until early 2024. We had 18 in attendance for a very fun evening to bring in the New Year and to extend our Christmas spirit.

It was fun watching everyone arrive with hands full of delicious food, Dirty Santa gifts, and food donations (see picture) for the Church of the Resurrection's Meals on Wheels program and trust us, our little squadron is not stingy! However, the best part was the sound of laughter and shouts of excitement at seeing each other again. You see, we aren't just a Power Squadron; we are a Squadron of great friends who care about one another. Catching up with oneanother other is practically a bylaw in these here parts.

After a wonderful pot-luck (the best kind) dinner and lots of visiting, Cdr McGhee conducted a short business meeting wherein the 2024 Bridge nominations were voted on and ratified. Following that we moved on to our Dirty Santa free-for-all. As previously stated: we are all really great friends but that doesn't stop us from picking on each other. All bets are off when it comes to Dirty Santa affairs--- several took great pleasure in stealing gifts and there is no one slower at opening a gift than Roberta!

It was a true pleasure and a rare treat to see Bruce and Susan. And always fun to see Jeff and Dalinda! For those unable to attend, we missed you and hope to see you at the 2024 Change of Watch on January 27.

Happy New Year to All!

P/C Marilyn Goss and Lt/C Glenda Sims



Understanding & Maintaining Proper Trailer Tire Pressure

With the cold weather, you may notice that your tire pressure is a lot lower. Tire pressure is a key factor in your car, truck and trailer rig's safety, durability and handling. Improper boat or RV trailer tire inflation can reduce the load-carrying ability of your trailer as well as a safe trip. Trailer tires usually require a lot of air pressure and having the wrong tire pressure increases your chances of a blowout or other performance issues while towing. Proper inflation of trailer tires affects many aspects of towing. Low pressure reduces the carrying capacity of your trailer. Improperly inflated tires put you, and others on the road, in danger. Trailer tires come in all different sizes and weight ratings. Trailer tires are properly inflated to higher pressures than many automobiles. SUV and pickup trucks, which often run on tires inflated to 35 psi, though large heavy-duty pickups will run on tires with higher inflation pressure. Even many small trailer tires sized like a small car tire need to be inflated to 60 p.s.i. You can usually find the proper inflation pressure, in PSI, embossed on the sidewall of the tire. Your trailer retailer or tire manufacturer will also have this information. If you purchase a new trailer, the tire information will also be on a sticker placed on or near the trailer tongue. If you are buying or have an older trailer, that sticker has likely long since faded away. Check with the trailer maker for the tire specs. They may have been replaced with a less-expensive tire with an inadequate rating.



A tire can be broken down into two major components, tread and sidewall. It is on the sidewall where you will find embossed wording: tire pressure in psi and kpa (kilopascals, the metric unit of pressure) the Load Range, width, tire type and more things important to know about the tire. Use an air-pressure gauge and become familiar with it to make sure the tires are inflated to the pressure stamped on the sidewall. A digital tire pressure gauge can be easier to use and read for many people. Tire Pressure determines the load the tire can safely carry. The load capacity of the trailer was determined with that specific tire pressure as a factor. If you roll out of the driveway towing your trailer with less than the proper psi in the trailer tires, you have effectively reduced the load capacity of the entire trailer. Underinflated and thus overloaded tires are the leading cause of trailer-tire failure as the tires overheat and fall apart. Over-inflation of boat trailer tires can lead to severe safety and can cause it to blow out. Always check tire pressure before and after inflating the tire.



Overinflated tires change the shape of the tread, which can cause loss of traction and thus increase the chances for slipping and sliding. Under-inflating boat trailer tires is just as bad as overinflating them, as far as its bad effects on safety and handling goes. Increased friction of under-inflated trailer tires leads to increased heat and increased chance of a blowout. A blowout can cause loss of control and an accident. Poor fuel economy as the misshapen tire increases rolling drag results from under-inflated trailer tires. Faster breakdown of the tread results from tires that are underinflated. This costs money since you will replace the tires more frequently. Finally, don't forget to inspect your trailer's spare tire for all of the above! Too many people neglect the spare!

Checking the tire pressure is also a good time to make a visual inspection of the tires. Check the sidewalls for cracks that indicate dry rot. Most trailer tires die of rot, not mileage. There may be wear indicators on the tire. Naturally, deep scratches, gouges, or visible cuts should be treated as serious and given attention. Also, check the wheel rim where the tire meets the wheel for dents and damage that can cause annoying and persistent slow leaks. Take a few minutes and check your tire pressure before getting underway. Common sources for low tire pressure include is the failure of the owner to regularly check the pressure. Faulty Valve Stems can lose pressure through the valve stem if it is faulty. An easy DIY project. Take a minute and be safe on the road.

Check out videos on Boat US or "America's Boating Channel" There are many new videos and always a great place to learn more about boating information. This channel is the U.S. Coast Guard funded, award-winning, boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons.

Lt Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN, Safety Officer (Rick Shackleton, Boating Magazine, contributor)





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Members Business Meeting Minutes

04 January 2024

Cdr David McGhee SN called the (impromptu) meeting to order at about 19:20 hours at the Church of the Resurrection. The following members were in attendance: P/R/C Bruce Albertson SN-ACN, P/R/C Susan Albertson S, 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, Lt/C Ron Huff P, Dalinda Penner, Lt Jeff Penner S, P/D/C Bob Ridle P, Jan Ridle, Lt/C Glenda Sims, Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP, and Lt Mary Wilkerson S. Guest Lee Woodside also attended.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – P/D/C Danny Goss JN led the Pledge; P/C Mike Ellis JN gave the invocation..

Secretary – Lt/C Glenda Sims was not called upon.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P was not called upon.

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members; no new business. The IRS status issue is still ongoing.

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

Website – P/D/C Goss SN: up-to-date.

Public Relations – P/C Mike Ellis JN has no news to report.

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN had no new 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 was not able to attend. A “Boat Handling” course was begun last evening, January 3, 2024, with 3 students. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

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

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P believes there is no change in membership.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN had no report.

Social Activities – P/C Marilyn Goss P would like to step down as soon as someone else volunteers. **** SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS ****. Change of Watch slated for Jan. 27, 2024, Little Axe Rendezvous April 18-23, 2024, and a possible Eufaula rendezvous upcoming. Suggestions for February included a casino night and a chili cook-off. To be determined.

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

Old Business – The Dec. 15 Christmas party was cancelled due to lack of attendance and was rescheduled for January 4, 2024

New Business – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS. The January business meeting, rescheduled for Monday, January 6, 2024, was held at the Christmas Party on January 4, 2024 due to possible inclement weather on January 8.

The meeting adjourned at 19:40 hours.

Respectfully ,

**Lt/C Glenda Sims
Squadron Secretary**



2024 CALENDAR

8 January	Members Business Meeting
27 January	Change of Watch
5 February	Members Business Meeting
22 February	Chili Cookoff
4 March	Members Business Meeting
21 March	Casino Night
1 April	Members Business Meeting
19-21 April	Little Axe Rendezvous
6 May	Members Business Meeting



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