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## THIS MONTH

### 5 June—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 5 June 2023 at 7:00 PM at 15304 N May Avenue.

### 22 June—Margarita and Taco Bar

Our Margarita/Taco Bar party will be held on Thursday, 22 June 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. In order to have the various ingredients, we ask that each of you bring at least two items. Call Marilyn Goss, 405-550-8662 and she will help you decide whether it will be taco shells, chicken, ground beef, cheese, lettuce tomato, hot sauce, etc. The sooner you call, the more choices you will have. You will be rewarded with a Margarita on the rocks!

## UPCOMING

### July—No Business Meeting Enjoy your summer!

### 18 July—OKC Squadron Birthday Party

We will be celebrating our Squadron members' birthdays on Tuesday, 18 July 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Royal Bavaria Restaurant, 3401 S Sooner Road, (I35 to 9th St exit in Moore, east on Sooner Road, 1 mile south) There will be cake, and maybe hats....RSVP to Marilyn Goss asap.

### 7 August—Members Business Meeting

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

### 24 August—Casino Night

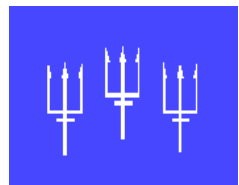
If you are proficient in any casino game, let Marilyn know so we can have dealers, high rollers and maybe cocktail waitpersons.

### 28 August—Members (September) Business Meeting

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

### 15-17 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 14 September 2023. Make your reservations and let them know your site number. As always, come-and-go members are welcome any time.



# COMMANDER'S REPORT JUNE 2023



### Things that go bump, and drip ....

The gleam in the forecaster's eye. The May Texoma Rendezvous was a good time, but we were reminded that the South Plains weather is dynamic, especially in the spring.

We had watched an "area of disturbed weather" approaching from the west during our dinner, and had even packed up early, just to watch the storms fizzle out near Denton. About ten o'clock I had gone to bed with some reading when the window screen started to rattle. I was convinced that the Gordonville Sasquatch-Big Foot-Yeti was going to have me for a snack. Then, ka-boom! A look at the iPad showed new storms had developed overhead. Always keep up with forecasts, and your suspicious eye to the skies.

Water outside the boat is good, water in the boat is bad. I visited Caribbean Soul during the weekend. Found a water leak at the nav station that was traced to the toe rail. The marina is working to reseal as required. Recently, I found Eaglet had a flooded cockpit, and the cabin was full above the sole. A plugged cockpit drain was the problem. I had checked the boat early in the year while we were still in drought. In the last three months Oklahoma City has received about a foot of rain. My fault, my mess.

Having a boat is like having a house, car, significant other or anything else worthwhile; living or inanimate. You have to pay attention to them and take care of them. Always.



**Cdr Dave McGhee**

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

## June 2023 Legislative Report

The 2023 Regular Session has ended, but a Special Session has been called. To the best I can discern, it will be about budget and maybe taxes. It is interesting that most of the spending bills that have become law did so without the Governor's signature.

BILL	AUTHOR	SUBJECT	STATUS
SB 327	Stanley, Manger	Transfer title on death document	Did not pass
SB 355	Seifried	Carry Firearms in vessel for self defense	Did not pass
SB 923	Jett	Carry Firearms in vessel for self defense	Did not pass
SB 978	Green, Wallace	Carry Firearms in vessel for self defense	<b>Became law</b>
HB 1404	Culver, Hardin, Humphrey, Prieto	Carry Firearms in vessel for self defense	Did not pass
SB 2010	Davis, Pae, Dollens	Andy's Law, CO sticker	<b>Became law</b>
HB 2856	Wallace	Carry Firearms in vessel for self defense	Did not pass
SB 1586	Grego	Space reservations and rates	Did not pass
SB 3	Burns, Bergstrom	Park property and lease decisions	Did not pass
SB 673	Burns, Bullard, Humphrey	State parks, campsite, entries, fines, rates and fees, codification, effective date	Did not pass
SB 675	Burns, Bullard, Rogers, Humphrey	Transfer Hugo Lake Park to T&R	Did not pass
SB 42 & HB 2057	Bergstrom, Hardin, Sneed	Authority for GRDA to license commercial and noncommercial floatation devices, charge fees	Did not pass <b>Became law</b>

Respectfully,  
**Cdr Dave McGhee, 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.

Well, I survived another rendezvous at Texoma. The weather was fine except for the two nights that the wind picked up at about two in the morning and shook me out of bed. The wind shook my trailer so hard I had to jump out of bed and put my clothes on. (I didn't want to be seen running out of an inverted tent trailer in my underwear.)

Ron's hospitality corner was active every night and a good time was had by all. Almost. The folks from Houston brought Kayaks and I had to get involved. (Kayak is Eskimo for totally unstable.)

I have to tell you that Kayaking was a very interesting experience. To mount a kayak you have to bend over in an awkward position, holding onto the sides of the kayak. You then twist your body and let your butt fall into a hard plastic seat. (Your bruises don't show until the next morning.) There are places for your feet to push on so you don't slide out of the seat. You then do a sort of butt scoot to move you into deeper water so you can paddle. (The bigger the butt, the faster you get off the beach and into the water.) The instructor then hands you a pole with a paddle on each end. It kind of looks like two bent canoe paddles tied together. The kayak does not have much of a keel or any type of rudder so when you dip one of the paddles into the water and pull, you turn around looking the other way. The trick, as I discovered, is to pull on one side and then rapidly dip the other side into the water before it spins you around. This brings me to another discovery. When you pull one side of the paddle to get the other side in the water, the water runs down the pole to get you wet so you don't overheat. Kind of like a poor man's air conditioning. Getting out of the contraption is the opposite of getting in except it hurts more because of the bruises you got getting in. Needless to say I failed Kayaking 101.

The next day, they brought a man sized kayak and I did quite well for my age and condition. (I injured my knee the night before getting up from the dinner table, but, that's another story.)



**"That's the way I see it!"**

**PEACE  
LOVE  
LIFE JACKET**

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

## From the Education Office:

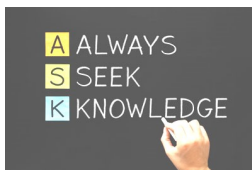
I had an inquiry through National to contact a person interested in an ABC course. I attempted to contact him by phone and by email with no response. I am scheduling a one day, eight hour course on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> but I'm not sure I'll get any response. I hope to be able to present a boat handling course this fall.

Danny is working on his Navigator test. We hope to get results soon.

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](mailto: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***

## Free! Free! Free!

If you like "FREE", Oklahoma State Parks have a deal for you! If you are an Oklahoma resident over 62 years of age or a veteran, you qualify for a 100% discounted parking pass for Oklahoma State Parks. I picked up mine at the Thunderbird State Park office at 13101 Alameda Dr, Norman, OK 73026. You need only present your Oklahoma driver's license and your vehicles registration certificate, that you are supposed to have in your vehicle already. They do NOT issue a decal. Rather, your vehicle tag number is entered in the parking data base. Then, they send an email which looks like this:

*Dear Dan Goss,*

*You have received a parking subscription for 100% Discount Annual Pass-Promo Code-Customer Parking.*

*Your parking will begin Apr 17, 2023*

*Your parking location is P4603 at 13101 Alameda Dr, Norman, OK*

*Product Cost \$0.00*

*Renewal Period: every year*

*Park in any space that is not reserved or specially designated. Please fill out the necessary information to start parking. Provide License Plate. To sign up using our website, click here <https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/updates#state-park-parking-pass-program-info>*

*Your subscription automatically renews. If you'd like to stop renewals, you must cancel your subscription.*

*View solutions for the most frequently asked questions:*

*a) Add/edit/delete license plate*

*b) Cancel subscription auto renewal*

*c) Subscription terms"*

Sounds like the parking pass will renew next year automatically. Stay tuned and I'll advise next April. In any regard, if you like free, sign up anytime you are close to a state park office. The Lake Thunderbird office is open seven days a week, so you can register for your parking pass anytime you are near there. The Lake Thunderbird office number is (405) 360-3572. This different from a Lake Thunderbird marina parking pass. Good sailing!

**PDC Danny Goss**

## Little Axe Spring Rendezvous April 14 – 16, 2023 Lake Thunderbird

🌀🌀🌀 WIND, WIND, and more WIND! 🌀🌀🌀

Let there be WIND! And so it came to pass. The wind came "sweeping down the plains" at an unholy rate of speed which defied comprehension, but we had a good time anyway like we always do. This rendezvous kicked off with tours of Ron/Mary's and Mike/Roberta's new camper trailers. Both are very nice and roomy and afforded much-needed protection from---guess what--- the wind!

Friday evening we enjoyed our traditional RonDog dinner while trying not to blow away. Did I mention the wind ?? Saturday night we had our Pot Luck dinner consisting this time of tacos with all the fixin's, guacamole, taco soup, and lots of other yummy stuff. We thought we were going to luck out on the wind for a little while; however, it didn't take long for those thoughts to blow away.

Peggy and Lee enjoyed coming and going while staying at the nearby Whispering Pines B&B. Our other "Come & Go" members were Steve and Glenda, Bob and Jan, and we can't forget member-wannabe Bill! We also had the pleasure of a short visit from Ron's vivacious aunts, Bonnie and Dot. Bonnie is 94 years old and per Dot, she is NOT 93 yet. And, had the weather cooperated, several other activities might have taken place which had been planned by yours truly, like getting our artsy-craftsy game faces on.

Sunday, the wind gods finally took a break, enough so that Mike and Bill took Mike's little boat out to fish for a while. Sure was happy we had hamburgers to cook that evening because the only fish Mike and Bill had when they got back were minnows! Later that night, Ron took advantage of the weather break and started a nice, big campfire. In your face, Mother Nature!

I don't want y'all to think all we did was eat: we shared lots of tall tales and fond memories, had a cornhole competition, took walks, and talked about how windy it was while holed up in our campers.

I think we were all very thankful to just have had winds to deal with. The following weekend there was a LOT more than wind and tornadoes were flying all over the place around our Little Axe State Park Campground.

We'll try it again this fall, the first weekend in October, so mark your calendars and make your reservations.

**P/C Marilyn Goss, P and Glenda Sims**

## Personal Water Craft Safety

Like so many of us, my first experience with a Personal Water Craft was a one-hour rental where the first half hour was getting my life jacket to fit properly and to become familiar with this new water craft. I never did any wave jumping like you see in the videos and commercials, but thought it was a pretty neat way to be on the water. I was just getting a little wetter than I was used to. Today's PWC's are built with more safety features and are more powerful, but just like any boat, safe operation requires a familiarity with the craft's controls, handling characteristics, and safe boating knowledge. You are always making a wake.



Before riding any personal watercraft, thoroughly familiarize yourself with the controls. Like a bicycle, handlebars dictate direction. A trigger-style throttle controls speed. Drivers should wear an engine cutoff safety (ECOS) lanyard attached to a wrist strap because a cord alone could slip off. Steering is directly related to thrust exiting the pivoting nozzle. You must apply throttle in order to steer. Releasing the throttle will result in a loss of directional control.

A PWC may have a longer stopping distance than expected. Keep this in mind when approaching another boat, dock or shoreline, and respond by slowing the water craft well in advance.

Recent PWC models all sport a warning sticker, a graphic noting that neoprene shorts or a wetsuit has become almost as important as a life jacket for safety. Injuries have resulted from riders falling backward off the saddle and into the powerful stream of water exiting the pump. Passengers are particularly vulnerable due to their position on the saddle. Newer neoprene riding gear is comfortable and stylish and is recommended by PWC manufacturers. Other riding gear includes eye protection, as well as footwear and gloves for traction, grip and protection. Some of the newer PWC's now incorporate collision-avoidance systems and speed governors. The operator needs to be thoroughly familiar with these devices before venturing on the water.

Visit **America's Boating Channel** for video's pertaining to operating a PWC. There are some great videos on leaving the dock, docking as well as reboarding after falling off a PWC.



2022 Recreational Boating Statistics have been published. Good news is that the fatality rate has decreased 1.8% from the 2021 report. Compared to 2021, the number of accidents decreased also. Bad news is, where cause of death was known, 75% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 85% were **not** wearing a life jacket. Where length was known, 3 of every 4 boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length. Please stay safe when on or near the water. Wear and encourage others to wear life jackets.

**PDC Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN**

## **D21 Texoma Rendezvous 5-7 May 2023**

The D21 Texoma Rendezvous was held at Cedar Mills Marina. We had 22 in attendance. There were 11 that made it in on Thursday and met for dinner at Pelican's Landing. Steve, Glenda, and Bob met Chris & Kathy following breakfast on Friday morning for the first round of kayak training and did a great job.

We had 11 more folks come in on Friday and everyone joined up at Ron and Mary's campsite which was designated as Party Central. They had the best campsite and prettiest view at the marina. The RonDog Master whipped up his yummy RonDogs while everyone set up all the fixins and sides plus a table of some very good desserts. After filling our tummies, we all enjoyed visiting and the tranquility of an evening around the waters with the stars shining bright.

Susie Becvar from the Houston Squadron was up VERY early Saturday morning preparing and baking enough breakfast casseroles for everyone and fresh orange juice. The perfect start to a perfect day!

Steve and Roxan from Ft Worth joined Dave, Bob, and Marilyn at the water's edge where Allen and Monica Cross along with Susie for the next kayaking class. It was pretty windy, but we persevered. I have to say the Houston Kayaking Training Team did an outstanding job on both days! Everyone passed the course and had fun to boot.

Saturday evening we all joined at Party Central for Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Smoked Bologna, big pot of pinto beans and all the fixings with sides! And we can't forget that table of desserts!

We had our farewell breakfast at Marshal's Home Cooking Sunday morning when most everyone headed home.

Sunday evening those of us still there met up at Party Central once again and this time Dana and Laurie joined us after returning home Saturday after a week of fun in Cabo. It was great seeing them and hearing about their trip! Chris and Kathy made a nice pot of vegetable beef soup to go along with Ron's grilled burgers and leftovers that included once again the table of desserts.

It was a really fun weekend and wonderful getting to meet old friends and making new ones!

And I really want to give a special thanks to the Houston Kayak Training team for making the extra efforts in bringing the kayaks and sharing their time and knowledge teaching us the ropes. I for one, now have a yearning to get my own kayak.

***P/C Marilyn Goss, P***

## **LAKE HEFNER CLEANUP May 20, 2023**

Finally! An almost-perfect day for our OKCSPS biannual lake cleanup: no wind, no rain, and no heat. We were a small bunch that day, but determined nonetheless (names shall not be provided here so as not to reflect upon the no-shows ----). Lake Hefner's water level had been way down for many weeks so we knew that the shoreline would be high and dry. As we made our way along our assigned frontage, we were able this time to walk out on the lakebed and retrieve all manner of flotsam and jetsam and downright garbage. Yes sir, yes sir, 10 bags full.

After about an hour and a half of manual labor we were once again treated to RonDogs, etc., back at camp. Amazingly, as if on cue, a breeze suddenly came up at our picnic site, just in time to blow things off of the table. Don't know which is worse: wind while trying to hold open a garbage bag flapping in the breeze or wind blowing away one's paper plate, napkin, and lightweight food items ??

Anyway, I always feel somewhat cleansed after one of these "civil service" outings; just wish we could do more of them around the metro because some of OKC's fence lines are pretty trashy.....guess that's why I'm known as Trash Queen of the OKCSPS. Besides, if we don't do what we do twice a year, who will. And believe me, there's plenty of trash to go around. Just sayin'.

***Lt/C Glenda Sims***



**OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**  
**Members Business Meeting Minutes**  
**05 June 2023**



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours at the Tres Mgmt 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 JN, 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 conference call).

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

**Secretary** – Lt Peggy Anglin moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting; P/D/C Danny Goss JN seconded; carried.

**Dinghy Painter** – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin is awaiting several reports as well as these minutes.

**Treasurer** - P/D/C Danny Goss JN has distributed his report online to members. He has been notified by Arvest Bank that our CD can now be upgraded for a higher APR of 4% but that its signatories must be updated as well. Danny and P/C Bryant JN will address this issue; the members present voted and agreed upon this matter.

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

**Website** – P/D/C Goss JN has squadron pics of recent events to be uploaded/posted to the website.

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

**Legislation** – Cdr McGhee SN reported that legislation allowing firearms on board vessels for self-defense purposes was passed, as well as another relevant bill (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 announced that the ABC course is slated tentatively to be offered on June 24 as a one-day course; advertising needs to be effected. P/C Hlubin has received info from USPS/ABC about on-the-water boat handling courses and associated certification. P/D/C Goss referred him to P/R/C Bruce Albertson SN-ACN in this regard.

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

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

**Environmental Committee** - P/C Steve Bryant JN announced the next lake cleanup as Sept 30, 2023, and would like a sign-in sheet to be used at each of these events. [See Lt/C Sims's clean-up article.]

**Social Activities** – P/C Marilyn Goss P passed around a sign-up sheet for the June 22 social event ingredients and further outlined squadron activities scheduled through December. **\*\* SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR JUNE ACTIVITY DETAILS \*\***. Marilyn will submit her food receipts to D21 Treasurer (Linda Lopez) for reimbursement relevant to the Lake Texoma rendezvous last month. Another rendezvous is scheduled for September.

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

**Old Business** – Cdr McGhee shared his appreciation for the success of the recent Lake Texoma rendezvous; good times, the weather notwithstanding.

**New Business** – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS. There will be no July business meeting.

Lt/C Glenda Sims moved to adjourn at 20:00 hours; P/C Marilyn Goss P seconded; carried..

**Respectfully ,**  
**Lt/C Glenda Sims**  
**Squadron Secretary**



## 2023 CALENDAR

5 June	Members Business Meeting
22 June	Margarita and Taco Bar Nite
July	No Business Meeting
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15-17 September	Lake Texoma Flamingo Rendezvous



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