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SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

THIS MONTH

1 May 2023—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting was held on Monday, 1 May 2023 at **7:00 PM** at 15304 N May Avenue.

5-7 May 2023—D21 Texoma Rendezvous

This Rendezvous features campsite gatherings, hospitality cabin, potluck and hosted meals, local eateries, nearby casino, Kayak training, games and plenty time for socializing. For the details, RSVP tomlgoss@earthlink.net.

16 May—Sandwich and Game Night

Please join us on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 at **6:00 PM** at Church of the Resurrection, 13112 N Rockwell. The Squadron will supply sandwiches and drinks. Members are asked to make a donation and/or bring an appetizer or side. Cornhole and Pictionary will be happening, and you can bring your favorite group entertainment. LRC, guys!

20 May—Hefner Lake Cleanup

Weather allowing, we will meet at the picnic area by the Lake Hefner Police Station on the south side of the lake on Saturday, 20 May 2023 at **10:00 AM**. Bring gloves, tools, hat, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes. Trash bags and water will be provided. Buckets can be handy if the wind is up and you are trying to put tiny trash in to billowing bags. You can bring something to go with Ron Dogs, grilled to perfection around noon. Hope to see you there.

UPCOMING

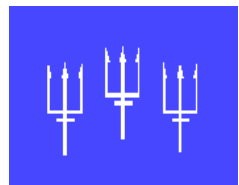
5 June—Members Business Meeting

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, 5 June 2023 at **7:00 PM** at 15304 N May Avenue. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

22 June—Margarita and Taco Bar

July—No Business Meeting

18 July—OKC Squadron Birthday Party



COMMANDER'S Report MAY 2023



We are certainly entering the Spring season, the tornados and hail bear this out. At least the wind has eased for a while. So, time for the lake, but watch the skies.

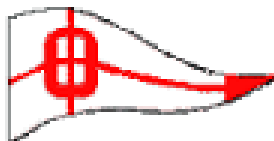
Thanks to our Fun and Entertainment Committee we had a great outing at Lake Thunderbird. Great company, great food, except for the wind.

In preparation of the Lake Texoma Rendezvous I purchased my first PFD in many years, A Type III for kayaks. The way Lake Hefner looks the kayak may be the only thing that gets wet (muddy?) this year. Spent a lot more money than I expected, but I think the fit, quality, and functionality will be a great improvement. Check your equipment. If you are in the market for PFDs shop for what you plan to do, try them on, and get them adjusted

before you head to the boat.

Check our upcoming events, and I hope to see you at the lakes and rivers. Making it look like fun shouldn't be too hard, because it is.

Cdr Dave McGhee



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

May 2023 Legislative Report

It is a busy, controversial year. Not a lot has occurred that affects boating or recreation yet. But there is a month left in the session; Regular Session to end Friday, May 26, 2023.

Two bills, one regarding firearms and other the Grand River Dam Authority have been sent to the Governor. But Governor Stitt is in a snit with the Senate, so not sure if and when these will be signed.

Affecting a bit of OCSPS history...., the Governor has vetoed OETA funding. Don't know where that will go or when, but Oklahoma's PBS outlet may be gone in a year or so. We sure put in a lot of work trying to keep the system alive, but it looks like it may fall victim to Culture Wars.

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

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 went to Lake Hefner the other day seeking material for this article. No activity there. Water too low, ramp docks are sitting on mud and ramps unusable. No-wake zone is being observed where the no-wake buoys are stuck in the mud. It's hard to believe three inches of rain had such little effect.

I did see an interesting video on YouTube though. These fellows had a large boat on a three-axle trailer but couldn't get it launched using the boat ramp as the water was very low at that lake. So, they backed it up to the lake at a steep embankment. They disconnected the trailer, tilted it, and then pushed the boat off the trailer. It slid down the embankment into the water making a big splash and floated upright. It reminded me of the launch of a large ship.

I'm having a ball learning how to drive my new truck. This lane assist that helps keep me from crossing out of my lane without using a turn signal is great. I mentioned this to a lady at the bank and she told me she had to have hers disconnected because as she was getting onto the turnpike, the steering wheel was jerked out of her hand almost causing her to have an accident. (Turn signal?) Another guy told me his had to be disconnected because his wife almost had an accident when the steering wheel was jerked out of her hands when she went to pass a truck. (Turn signal?) I think that if nothing else these new vehicles may teach our local drivers how to properly use turn signals.

As I was coming home from the lake, I noticed someone had painted a drawing of a bicycle with two chevrons above it. Does this mean you have to have attained the rank of corporal to ride a bike on this road or have that rank to own a bike? Why doesn't someone tell us what this means before drawing it on the road. Further down the road I saw a sign that had a drawing of a bike with "may use full lane" written under it. I got my magic marker and changed the drawing of a bike to look like a truck with big headlights.



"That's the way I see it!"

**PEACE
LOVE
LIFE JACKET**

P/C Bob Hlubin, JN

From the Education Office:

Not much happening in my world. I hope to be able to present a boat handling course in June. I hope also to get an ABC course soon.

Danny is working on his Navigator test.



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***



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

National Safe Boating Week is May 20-26, 2023

So, why do we need a Safe Boating week? Here are the latest statistics:

Boating fatalities surged 25% during the last three years. Over 5,000 boating accidents occur yearly in the US, causing over \$62 million in damages. Lack of a boating safety class or education is evident in 77% of fatal accidents. Alcohol is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. 86% of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket. Only 11% of adults and 66% of kids wear a life jacket when boating. Collision with another vessel is the most common type of boating accident in the US. The majority of boating accidents take place in calm waters. Boat propeller accidents have surged 44%.



Statistics courtesy of Robert Owens at Quicknav.com.

We need to remind all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. 83% of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets. Remember, the best life jacket is the one you will wear whether you're going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat.

Schedule a free **Vessel Safety Check** with the Power Squadrons to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition. We also



urge everyone to save the drinking of alcoholic beverages until the boat is secured and the cruising is done for the day. Where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as a leading factor in boating-related deaths. Have a safe and fun-filled Boating Season.

Respectfully submitted,
PDC Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN.



OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON
Members Business Meeting Minutes
01 May 2023



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:08 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; P/C Steve Bryant JN led the pledge.

Secretary – Lt Peggy Anglin moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting; P/C Marilyn Goss P seconded; carried.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin had nothing to report.

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss JN has distributed his treasurer's report online to members.

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

Website – P/D/C Goss JN has kept squadron website & calendar updated and current.

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 will be passed (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 Boat Handling course is slated to be offered within the next several months. Discussion of whether or not state boating courses will be allowed to be taught by USPS/ABC squadrons.

Administrative Officer - Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP was unable to attend.

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P reported no change in membership since last month.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN will make attempts at soliciting local kayakers to aid in the upcoming May 20 Lake Hefner cleanup/picnic.

Social Activities – P/C Marilyn Goss P outlined her list of meals and games/activities planned for the upcoming D21 Lake Texoma Rendezvous, May 5 – 7, 2023, Cedar Mills Marina. P/C Ellis made a motion to reimburse P/C Marilyn Goss for food costs, if necessary. The motion was seconded and carried. **SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR MAY ACTIVITY DETAILS.**

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 Little Axe rendezvous; good times.

New Business – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Upcoming rendezvous dates were discussed.

Cdr McGhee adjourned the meeting at 19:50 hours.

Respectfully ,

Lt/C Glenda Sims
Squadron Secretary



2023 CALENDAR

1 May	Members Business Meeting
5-7 May	D21 Texoma Rendezvous
16 May	Sandwiches and Games
20 May	Lake Hefner Spring Cleanup
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22 June	Margarita and Taco Bar Nite
July	No Business Meeting
18 July	Squadron Birthday Party



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