



## From the Helm



This has been a busy few weeks. After the last meeting it was time to

start new. The applications to received money for life jackets was the first order of business. Bill Miller sent in a request to Grand River Dam authority for life jackets. The second application, to the Rotary, was completed by Bob Hunt. A third application, to the tourism group, has been put on hold for the moment. I was also told that although we were turned down by Walmart at the last request period, we could apply again now.

Thank you to Earl Starkman, Art Taylor, Harv Blattner, Chuck Brandt and Larry Stout who kept the loaner poles filled. Last Tuesday, Bill and I went to the five life jacket loaner stations and retrieved the remaining jackets. We picked up sixty life jackets. Only four of them were jackets the squadron had purchased; the others were given to us by the public for next year. Only two of the sixty jackets need to be discarded. The jackets are in large black trash bags and will be put in the squadron storage facility. This year we have a new group of gentlemen who will be helping with this program . . . they are listed below. Please call 918-964-1059 if you would like to be a substitute when one of the listed workers might be gone.

Thank you to the members who are using Amazon Smile; last year that added \$194.53 to our bank account.

This squadron is for all members, and we thank everyone who has said they would help. Bridge Members: Margaret Miller, Commander; Educational Officer Bob Hunt; Secretary-Treasurer Arlene Starkman; Executive Committee: Harvey Blattner, Sandy Hendrickson; Brenda Murphy and P/D/C Larry Stout. Web Master: Kevin Kamrath; Pelican Editor Marge Blattner

### Member acceptance

Flag and Screen:

Two computers, two projectors,

P. A System, microphone: Bob Hunt,

Squadron Education Officer Teacher: Dave Sloan

Visitor's Center: Carol Rice

Facebook, Newspaper articles: Larry Stout

Publicity: Mina Herren-Hale

Accepting money at meetings: Julie Jones, and Michelle Hooper

Substituting for Michelle and Julie: Brenda and Jon Murphy

Camp Bandage: Julie Jones Chairman

Truck for taking life jackets to Camp Bandage: James Millikan

Phone Committee: Ray Fletcher

Bring Banner and hang it up at meetings outside: Roger Jones

Arrange potluck or catered food for meeting: Michelle Hooper Sandy Hendrickson

Loaner Station workers: Chairman Harv Blattner; James Millikan (Wolf Creek); Todd Elson (Bernice State Park); Jerold Ruzicka (Twin Bridges); Jon Murphy (Elk River); and P/C Dave Sloan (Honey Creek State Park)

We have added the password feature to parts of the Squadron Data again. Anyone interested should have it. I will check with Arlene Starkman, Treasurer, to see if it would be appropriate to have it listed in the Pelican. We want all of you to look at the website and the information there however, I think only members should have the financial information.

Activities to consider for the future: Food Drive, Toes in Grand (June), Safe Boating Proclamation, a presentation by the City Manager at the January Meeting, budget for next year, Christmas Party Report, education tips at the meetings. What else do you have that we want to add or do this year?

We are all in this together and I will say again that I need help with ideas. I know we will have more plans that will need participation.

Hope your Thanksgiving was a happy one and we are all looking forward to a happy holiday season.

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

JN ——— *Junior Navigator*  
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# Did You Know???

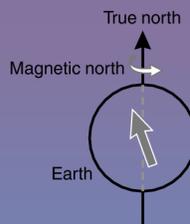
By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



## Article 1

It has been known for centuries that the earth is a gigantic magnet. The earliest navigators were aware that a freely suspended magnetized needle would point to the North Star which always seemed to be in a fixed position. Polaris or the North Star appears fixed over a position on earth near the geographic North Pole and marks the way due north. As you face Polaris and stretch your arms sideways, your right-hand points due east, and your left-hand points due west. An about-face from Polaris will steer you due south.

The magnetic compass rarely points to true north but instead to the magnetic meridian of the North Pole. True north is a geographic direction that is measured relative to the magnetic meridian of the North Pole. This difference is called variation and is expressed in degrees. Depending on your location, it will be either west or east of true north.



## Article 2

The trim of an outboard runabout boat is primarily affected by two factors: Tilt of the outboard motor in or out and loading the boat. Seating of passengers is especially important in small boats because of the lighter vessel weight. Just one more person can greatly affect the trim and performance of the boat. Place passengers so that the boat is trimmed with its designed waterline parallel to the surface of the water. Generally, passengers should be behind the point of contact of the hull with the water.

Capacity is usually listed on the boat, otherwise a rough estimate can be calculated by the vessel's length times the width (in feet) divided by 15 for the number of passengers.



Bill and Peggy picked up all the remaining life jackets that were hanging on the poles. There were almost 60. The jackets at Bernice, Twiln Bridges and Elk River were for very young children. The ones at Honey Creek were all ours and the ones at Wolf Creek were for a little older kids. A couple from Wolf Creek might need to be thrown away; a few we could clean next spring.



Elk River Loaner Station



Bernice Loaner Station



Twin Bridges Loaner Station



Honey Creek Loaner Station



Wolf Creek Loaner Station

David Sloan 12/1  
 Todd Elson 12/2  
 Stephen Duenner 12/5  
 Carl Wotowis 12/18



Orville Edwards 12/22  
 Harvey Blattner 12/28  
 Frank Janiga 12/30

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