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Commander's Report



Chili and salads and pies, oh my!

What a glorious array of cuisine we had at the January dinner meeting - soooo sorry if you weren't able to make it. By one report, we had 58 people attending! Besides food, Sharon had the Ship's Store set up and Sandy had sign-up sheets nicely arranged for people to select a slot for the Home & Garden show as well as for the Grove Boat Show.

Speaking of filling a slot –

THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up for either show. I have never been one to jump at the chance to sign up. However, when it's all said and done, I wonder why I was so reluctant. People who attend these shows are nice and respectful of our efforts to promote our Club. So let your inner "Carny" shine – we need people to work the Grand Lake Boat and Sport Show, Fri, Sat, & Sun, March 6, 7, & 8.

The 2020 Budget:

We are not a poor club; that's obvious when we report that we have \$15,000 in the bank. The "operating budget" that the Executive Board comes up with each year is based on previous years' data – income and expenses. This year our operating budget is around \$10,000. That number is just slightly up from 2019's budget; it just sounds bigger. Typically we only spend 65% of our operating budget. We have two fundraisers scheduled – BINGO night on Feb. 28 and proceeds from the sale of quilt tickets. Those two fundraisers may be all we need for the balance of fiscal 2020.

Mary Alice Moore, P

Commander

America's Boating Club - Grand Lake



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

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



New ID badges!

Members might want to consider replacing your old name tags with a new one showing our updated logo! They are \$7.00 plus tax and ordered from Sandra-Lee's Trophy and Gift in Grove. Sandra-Lee is open for business but their store front is only used on a limited basis or when an appointment is made. They will still be making all orders in house and will have trophy and plaques in inventory. If you wish to order a new name tag, please contact them via email at Sandra.lees@boltfiber.net or by phone at 918-787-4337 (leave a detailed message for a return call). You can also message them on their website—www.sandra-lees.com. Payment will be taken up-front via check or cash. An appointment must be made if paying by credit card. Once payment is received, the item will be available for pick-up in a locker (you will receive a personal combination once order is complete). Pick up lockers are located in front of their building.

Any question please contact Sandra for further information.

Name Tag, 1.25 x 3 : Dynasub White Aluminum w/new boating Association logo



Our exciting news in the Grove Sun

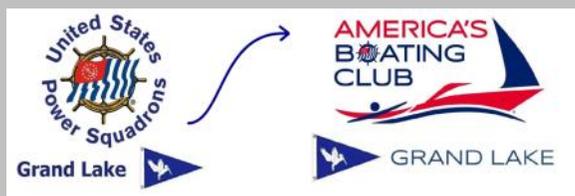
Same Organization, New Name

Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron (GLSPS) earned their charter in 2000, sanctioned by the more than 100 year old United States Power Squadrons (USPS). Over the past 20 years, through community service, education and civic service, the GLSPS has helped make Lady Grand a safer and more enjoyable environment for residents and tourists alike.

We are very proud of our accomplishments and heritage, but we also realize there comes a time for change. Under direction of our national organization, we are looking to modernize our image with a re-branding approach. The USPS has copyrighted the name "America's Boating Club" and is encouraging local squadrons to follow suit in an effort to attract all types of boaters, paddle craft, PWCs, and all other water sports. Not surprisingly, this new image better describes our membership as we are today.

You may have noticed over the past couple of years we have used a dual branding strategy. You may have heard us referred to as "Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron" or "America's Boating Club - Grand Lake". We are now changing over completely to "America's Boating Club - Grand Lake". Regardless of the name and look, we will still be the same civic, education and safety minded organization that is so well known in the Grand Lake area. Be sure to stop by our booth at local events and let us introduce you to our new look.

For more information on the "America's Boating Club - Grand Lake", visit us on our website at grandlakeusps.com or search for America's Boating Club – Grand Lake on Facebook.



****Many thanks to Bruce Watson and his "collaborators" for writing up this piece and to Frank Janiga for getting it published!!!****

January Dinner Meeting



58 members attended our dinner meeting on January 16th at Lee's Resort. We enjoyed a delicious soup pot luck, salads and wonderful deserts provided by our members. We have the best cooks in our squadron! Commander Moore called the meeting to order and Scott Graves gave the invocation.

Ralph Richardson, PhD, from **Home of Hope** was our guest speaker and accepted our donation of \$1,225.00 Ralph shared how our donation provides disabled adults with training opportunities to participate in the workforce and earn a paycheck. Services are highly tailored to the needs of each individual to provide a balance of support and independence. **Home of Hope** operates one of the largest recycling programs in NE Oklahoma!

The membership committee distributed a survey to find out what activities the members would enjoy. Don't miss out on the fun.

Sign up sheets were available for the Home and Garden show and upcoming boat show. Find a spot that fits your schedule, enjoy the boat show and have fun spending time with your fellow squadron members and other boaters in the Grand Lake community.





If you are currently an active America's Boating Club member:

Starting January 1, 2020, DAN Boater safety and travel benefits will be automatically added to your existing active America's Boating Club membership **at no charge to you**. You may begin using the benefits immediately and continue using them through the remainder of your current membership period.

When your America's Boating Club membership comes up for renewal, you may choose to keep these benefits as part of your membership for an additional fee of \$25. The fee will be added to your regular membership dues at checkout. You will also have the option to decline these extra benefits (and the extra \$25 fee) at that time.

Learn about DAN Boater safety and travel benefits

America's Boating Club has partnered with DAN Boater to offer safety and travel benefits to our members. Your new benefits include:

- An emergency hotline (+1-919-667-9111) available 24/7/365
- A nonemergency medical information line (+1-919-490-2011)
- Worldwide medical evacuation
- Medical repatriation
- Search and rescue expenses
- And much more.

Visit danboater.org/abc to get complete details on this valuable benefit program.

You can find details about all DAN Boater benefits, including coverage amounts, in the **DAN Boater Benefits Handbook**. If you have questions not answered in the handbook, call the DAN Boater Member Support Team at 919-490-2011.





AMERICAN LEGION BINGO NIGHT!! FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 6-9 P.M.

The American Legion Grove Oklahoma Post 178 is hosting a Bingo Night to **BENEFIT America's Boating Club—Grand Lake.**

All proceeds from the **Bingo Packets** and **Pull Tabs*** will be awarded to ABC-GL. Proceeds from the Concession and Dauber purchases will be retained by The Legion.

How do I participate? It's simple - Come to the Legion Hall on Feb. 28th & PLAY BINGO. BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY. Attendees under 21 can play the cards but not the Pull Tabs. **Calling of the first game begins promptly at 6 pm.**

Small Packet: 10 games, 3 cards per game (no Starburst**)	\$15 each
Large Packet: 10 games, 6 cards per game (inc. Starburst)	\$25 each
Early Bird Packet: 1 st 3 games (not included in other packets)	\$15 each

*Pull Tabs: Available in \$5 packets (5 per pack).

**Starburst games will be available at a cost of \$2 each

*****CASH TRANSACTIONS ARE PREFERRED, AS OUR CLUB WILL BE CHARGED 3-5% FEE FOR ANY CREDIT CARD PURCHASES MADE.**

Sorry, no checks!

How do WE help support the American Legion Post? The Legion will keep \$100 from the night. Come early and enjoy an authentic NATHAN'S HOT DOG for only \$2.50 or a variety of other offerings including Frito Pies, drinks, etc.

Why should we support the American Legion? There are approximately 4000 veterans living in the Grand Lake area. American Legion Post #178 has helped numerous vets and their families with utilities, paperwork help for Federal Assistance, school supplies, and have also sponsored a Little League baseball team. Recently they became aware that the Veterans facility in Claremore had no WiFi capability due to Federal funds being dropped. This left 300 without the capability to contact family via cell phones and tablets and curtailed Internet access. **Grove Post 178 stepped up and stepped in** to assume the monthly bill and now those patients have had their WiFi restored. The Legion also holds numerous "charity" bingo nights to benefit groups such as ours.



BINGO Night

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th
6 TO 9 PM**

- 4 ways to play!!
- *Early Bird Packet (3 games only) \$15
 - * Sm Pack (10 games/3 cards per game) \$15
 - * Lrg Pack (11 games/6 cards per game) \$25
 - * Pull tab games: 5 cards per pack----\$5 pack

CONCESSION STAND	
	SODA \$ 1.00
	BOTTLED WATER \$ 1.00
	COFFEE \$ 1.00
	HOT COCOA \$ 1.00
	TEA \$ 1.00
	POPCORN \$ 1.00
	NACHOS \$ 2.00
	FRITO CHILI PIE \$ 3.00
	HOT DOG \$ 2.50
	CHILI DOG \$ 3.00
	CANDY BAR \$ 1.00
	COOKIES \$ 2.00

First game begins PROMPTLY AT 6:00 pm.
Please join us a little early for a bite to eat.
Quality all the way.
Only NATHAN'S Hot Dogs are served here.

The Bingo Hall is clean, well lit, warm, and full of American Legion staffers to answer all of your questions!!



PLENTY OF ROOM FOR EVERYONE!



THIS COULD BE YOU!!!





BIG SALE!!

The Ship's Store is having a

Burgees

\$25.00 each

Dock Flags

\$24.50 each



CLEARANCE ITEMS

PRICED TO SELL !!!

USPS Ensigns (FLAG)

- 16 X 24 new \$20
- 20 x 30 new \$25
- 16 x 24 USED \$ 7
- 20 X 30 USED \$10



First Aid Kit

\$ 5 (only 2 left)

Grommet Towel

\$ 3

ABC-Grand Lake Stickers

\$ 1.50, \$2, and \$ 2.50 multi sizes

Logo Tshirts

\$ 9 White Unisex, Size Large

\$ 9 Yellow, Womens, Size Medium

Unisex Wind Jacket

\$ 5 Navy Blue, Size Small

Nautical Bracelets

\$ 1 each---YOUR CHOICE

Retro USPS license plate

\$ 2 **ONLY ONE LEFT**

Contact Sharon Dennis at sedennis58@msn.com or 303-475-5985

Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

While your boat is winterized or its too cold to use it, why not get on-the-water digitally and pick up free boating tips? It's simple, just put americasboatingclub.org in your browser. This will take you to the website of America's Boating Club. Next click on learn, select education resources, and finally click on America's boating channel. You will see several how-to videos such as how to stop your boat properly from plane, tips on dock-ing-leaving or returning, anchoring, navigation rules, etc.

Article 2

Most boats manufactured and sold in the U.S. use a standard battery-powered, direct current electrical system of 12 volts. Some cruisers may use 6-volt deep cycle golf cart batteries for marine use since many believe they have a longer life and greater capacity. To get the necessary 12 volts needed for the electrical system, the 6 volt batteries must be connected in a series. The best choice for batteries is to select those that are specifically engineered for the marine environment.



There are several types of batteries for the boater. The traditional lead-acid type is very common, however for the infrequent boater and for worry-free operation, the gel or absorbed glass mat (AGM) batteries may be a good choice although they are more expensive. An advantage of the gel battery is that it can be placed in various positions and has a low self-discharge rate that allows it to be stored for long periods of time without significant loss of power. If there are multiple batteries on the boat, the same type should be used to prevent improper charging with the alternator or battery charger.

Article 3

Boating after dark requires an understanding how to interpret lights from other vessels at night to maneuver your boat safely. It is made more difficult because of boat lights blending into shore lights.

The "Rules of the road" as to the give way powerboat and the stand on (maintains course and speed) powerboat remain the same whether it is day or night. In a crossing situation, if you see a red bow light, think of it as a red traffic light signaling stop, slow down or change course to pass behind the other boat. You are the give way boat. If you see a green light, it means go, so you are the stand on boat maintaining course and speed. A white light (masthead or all-round) will also be seen both situations.

In a head-on situation, both drivers will see a red and green light plus a white light (masthead or all-round light) between them. Both boats should alter course to starboard (right) passing on the port side.

When overtaking a boat only a white light will be seen until you move to either side when the red/green side lights will be visible. The boat being overtaken will see both the red and green lights, as well as, the white light between them.

Remember, not all boaters know the rules so be prepared to take evasive action to avoid a collision. The danger sound signal is 5 short blasts with a horn or whistle.

Are you interested in joining a boating club on Grand Lake to have fun, plus the opportunity to take courses online or in the classroom to improve your boating skills and knowledge? Visit online: americasboatingclub.org or www.grandlakeusps.com on Facebook: America's Boating Club-Grand Lake for more information.



On January 2, Sandy Hendrickson, Kaye Snyder, and Vicki Fellhauer transformed the display case at the Grove Public library into an exhibition extraordinaire. Activities of ABC-Grand Lake were featured using our knot board, the vessel safety checklist, text books, life jackets, and the life jacket loaner stations. The lighting in the display case really made our quilt stand out - definitely the "eye candy" for the display. The duration of the exhibition was the month of January so hopefully you were able to drop by and see it in person. The photos do not do it justice.

Thank you, Mary Ann Stout, for enlisting the library to help us jump start our 20th anniversary celebration!



**United States Power Squadron District 30
America's Boating Club - Heartland
Annual Conference September 15 - 17, 2020
Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake of the Ozarks
Call 1-573-348-3131**



Don your shades, kick up your feet, and grab your favorite drink. Tucked away on the banks of the Lake of the Ozarks in Osage Beach, Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, (previously known as Tan-Tar-A Resort).

Make your reservations as soon as possible as the rooms fill up fast at this great location! The rooms are in the Anchor building, two king beds at \$119.00 per night plus tax and a \$20.00 resort fee per person. There is an elevator in the main building. The meeting room will also be in the Anchor building. There are also outbuildings where you may stay, with a golf cart shuttle onsite to take you anywhere in the resort.

**Call 1-573-348-3131 and tell them you are with the District 30 United States Power Squadron
America's Boating Club - Heartland.**

More details and meal reservations will be coming soon.

Join us for some fun and relaxation!

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2/5	Home of Hope Chocolate Affair		Vinita Fairgrounds
2/7-2/9	Home and Garden Show		Grove Civic Ctr
2/9-16	2020 National Meeting		Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
2/14	<i>Don't forget your valentine!</i>	<i>Every day!</i>	
2/14-16	Mid South Tackle and Boat Show		Grove Civic Ctr
2/18	E-Board	1300	
2/20	Dinner Meeting	1800	Lee's Resort
2/28	Bingo Night Fundraiser	1800	American Legion
Feb/Mar	Vessel Safety Inspector Training	TBD (if needed)	
3/5-8	Grove Boat Show		Grove Civic Ctr
3/14	America's Boating Course (ABC)	1 session	
3/17	E-Board	1300	
3/19	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD
TBD	Spoonbill Research Center	More info to follow	25 people max

Happy Birthday



Karen Carroll	2/2
Larry Stout	2/6
Carol Grassi	2/9
Sue Brandt	2/14
Myra Noteboom	2/14
Gregg Hooper	2/15
Micki Kamrath	2/19
Kevin Kamrath	2/23



From your Editor...

Please send me pictures (with names and the activity), ideas and suggestions that are most important to you. The deadline is the 25th of the month. Thanks for your input and support! Kim

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