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## Commander's Report



### The Promise of 2021

Definition of "promise":

"An assurance that a particular thing will happen"

"An indication that something specified is expected or likely to occur"

If 2020 taught us anything, it is that we cannot be assured of anything. We will go with the second definition.

It is "expected" that our Boating Club will return to having group functions. Do you remember sharing a meal, getting informed about things going on in the community, learning something new? That is what we are all about.

So please keep the faith. January 1st won't be a light switch, but the dimmer will be getting brighter.

*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*



# A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER

Lynda Watson



## Where our Money Goes



### Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Checking Account Balance on November 30<sup>th</sup> was \$20971.57.

That money includes the following Specified Funds:

- \$4300 unspent GRDA Grant money from 2020
- \$4046 Education Budget for 2021
- \$508 Raffle Fund – used for guest meals

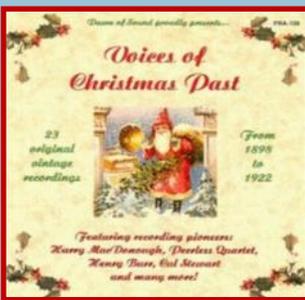
That leaves \$12,117.57 in Unspecified Funds, and we have budgeted \$10,171 of that amount for expenses in 2021.

<b>Income November</b>	
Member renewals – Nov	57.00
Amazon Smile	49.12
Interest	6.99
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>113.11</b>
<b>Expenses November</b>	
Charitable Donations	1000.00
Pull up banners x 3	455.37
Golf Outing / Membership Event	80.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1535.37</b>

Thank you to all you Amazon Smile Shoppers out there!!

Keep it up!\$!\$!





Neither Mike nor I can remember a disappointing gift. Mike's best was a shiny red bicycle from Monkey Wards. Mine was a 3 foot tall walking doll named Susie, (whom my sister broke that evening).  
Mona and Mike Swartz



Best was a bike my Dad built for me with a Red Ryder BB gun hanging on the handle bar. No bad memories.



Tom Pinkley

Best gift: Easy Bake Oven.

Most disappointing gift: Midge instead of a Barbie.



Pat Janiga

My most prized and special Christmas gift as a child was the year I received my soft bodied baby doll. She had a cloth body, soft plastic arms and legs, and eyes that opened and closed and were the most incredible shade of blue. I named her Elizabeth and she was literally "loved to death" after several years. It's possible that I was 5 yrs old.



When I was around 7 or 8 yrs old, I wanted Santa to bring me a "Barbie" doll. Apparently the North Pole was fresh out of Barbie, so I got her best friend "Midge" instead. I was pretty disappointed because my best friend got Barbie and I didn't!! Sharon Dennis

Most Disappointing: Things were tough when I was six. One Christmas my younger brothers and I got small, toy metal cars that had most of the paint worn off and had no wheels. My brothers didn't notice, and I didn't say anything to spoil their fun playing. Even without wheels they went pretty fast on the linoleum floor.

Best: The next year my Dad and I rebuilt an old bicycle, fixing the brakes, replacing the pedals, painting the frame and installing new tires and a basket. My mom taught me how to ride (Dad was on crutches from having polio when he was 16) and I was soon empowered to ride like the wind. We lived in the country in California and I was allowed to ride a 1/2 mile to the grocery store when we needed something. I could go fast enough to outrun the 2 mean dogs that lived between us and the store. I don't remember ever thinking about what might have happened if I would have fallen off the bike! I was free! Chuck Fellhauer



*My grandparents used to tape silver dollars to the top of our presents. It was like "treasure" to my brother and me. My parents would take those dollars and put them in our savings accounts. To my disappointment, we never saw those silver dollars again!*



Mary Alice Moore

**I have no idea what my favorite Christmas gift was, but I look pretty happy with this uke!!**



**Bruce Watson**

Like snowflakes, my  
Christmas memories  
gather and dance –  
each beautiful, unique  
and too soon gone.

Deborah Whipp



Every Christmas Eve my sister and I were allowed to open one present! But of course, it was one our parents chose for us. And every year they were pajamas! Ugh! We figured out later they just wanted us to look presentable for our Christmas pictures. Ha! Our family also participated in a living Nativity at our church and the best years were when I was the Angel announcing Jesus' birth to the shepherds....I even stood on the roof of the stable with beautiful wings and a shiny halo! I am blessed with wonderful memories of Christmas morning with family, friends and lots of snow!



Kim Lindahl

As far as a disappointing Christmas gift I am very fortunate to say I don't remember ever having a disappointing Christmas gift. The Christmas I remember most was when I was 8 years old and got my bike!  
Carol Grassi



Favorites – a crossbow and this gun and holster set.

Clothes were the most disappointing gifts.

Lynda Watson



I have been thinking about this and most of our Christmas times together as a family were very special.

My Mom would make arrangements with my Dad to have the car (we only had one) and would drive us to downtown St. Louis to Famous Barr (Macy's). They would decorate all the store windows with animated Christmas scenes. It was so exciting when you were a little girl. You waited your turn to sit on Santa's lap and get a small toy and candy cane. I remember asking Santa for a piano. My best friend had one and we always played together (probably making horrible music since we were only 6!) It was so disappointing .....I received a piano but it was a toy piano and only about 12 inches wide. Big let down!!!



My best Christmas .....Mom and Dad took us out for a ride on Christmas Eve to "see all the lights". When we returned home, Santa had been to our house. All the lights were off except for the Christmas tree. It was magical! We received Barbie dolls and a friend from our church made several outfits (probably 15 or so) for our dolls. It was very exciting.

Brenda Stewart

# Did you Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



## Article 1

When winterizing your boat don't neglect your batteries. If the boat is to be hauled and put in dry storage for the winter, remove the battery, clean the exterior and store it where you can periodically charge it. The cable terminals should be wiped with petroleum jelly or other nonmetallic grease to prevent corrosion.



as it can damage a battery and shorten its life.

If the boat is to remain in the water, it is best to leave the battery in place to provide electrical power for all 12 volt systems such as the bilge pumps and alarms. Be sure the battery stays charged through the winter as a discharged battery can freeze, expand and explode spraying acid in the surrounding area. It is also important to not overcharge a battery in cold weather

## Article 2

Grand Lake boaters have the option to cruise the world by transporting their boats a short distance to the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. This waterway provides the means to reach the Mississippi River and eventually the Gulf of Mexico where destinations are limited only by your time, money and ability.

Once the decision is made on any distant cruise, the first task is reading and collecting information from as many sources as possible. There is an abundance of information on the internet including downloading charts from NOAA. Cruising guides for the area are also helpful. Also, don't hesitate to contact cruising clubs and other boating organizations for local knowledge.

America's Boating Club has several courses to prepare the boater such as Cruising and Cruise Planning, seamanship, navigation, marine mechanics and marine electronics. Visit: [americasboatingclub.org](http://americasboatingclub.org) or [usps.org/grandlake](http://usps.org/grandlake). On Facebook: America's boating club-grand lake for more information.



## Did you Know? cont.



### Article 3

Protect your boat and its contents from theft. Most law enforcement officers agree on three things that criminals try to avoid:

**Time** - the longer it takes, the more likely they are to get caught.

**Light** - They do not want to be seen and possibly identified.

**Noise** - They try to avoid alarm systems and/or calling attention to themselves by making noise.



**Good locks** require more time and difficulty. The best locks are stainless steel and use tube-type keys. Be careful with combination locks and always set the numbers the same (0000) so that only those numbers will become tarnished and not give the thief the real combination.

**Lighting** should include the outside of a boat at night plus cruisers can add a cabin light on timers. Always make sure the lights are safe to prevent a fire hazard.

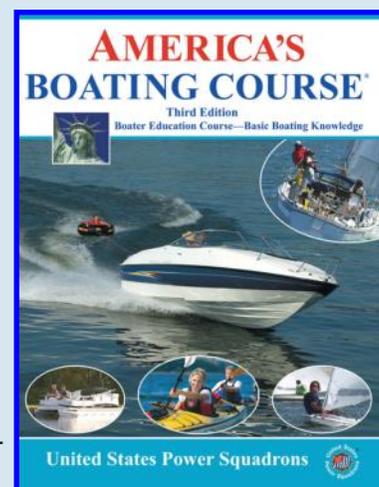
**Noise** can consist of simply using a radio to suggest someone is around. The best is a professional alarm system with motion detectors that can sound an alarm and possibly turn on security lights too. Many of the newer systems are easy for a novice to install. Adding a camera system may be helpful in identifying thieves.

### Article 4

A great gift for the boater is *America's Boating Course* offered by America's Boating Club online to the general boating community. The course includes interactive learning and a comprehensive, full-color, downloadable, 288-page course book in either English or Spanish. This is a wonderful option for people whose schedule and obligations would make it difficult to attend a local classroom course. It also meets the licensure requirements for most states and is NASBLA approved.

Another gift for the first mate or crew is the online course *Crew at the Helm*. It is an interactive online learning course that covers anchoring, docking, navigation and more. Learn the essential boating skills needed to operate a boat safely and become a confident and valued crew member. This comprehensive seminar can be completed in 2 -4 hours.

To purchase an online course, go to [americasboatingclub.org](http://americasboatingclub.org) and click on the "Learn" tab. For local Grand Lake information go to [www.grandlakeusps.com](http://www.grandlakeusps.com), on Facebook: America's boating club-grand lake.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
1/1	Happy 2021		
1/19	E-Board meeting *	TBD	TBD
2/16	E-Board meeting *	TBD	TBD

**\*\* Please contact Commander Mary Alice Moore for more information regarding E-Board meetings. All are welcome to attend.  
No events are scheduled at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Clara Murphree	1/1
Rocky Thomas	1/1
Ed Dennis	1/3
Steve Snyder	1/5
Jim Reynolds	1/17



### 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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