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# Commander's Report



## The Road Ahead

The April dinner meeting was awesome. Awesome because 40 people came together to share the evening with each other; no other motive necessary. Of special note, we had four visitors, two couples. The Hatfields heard about our Club by talking to ABC-GL members at the Harp's food drive location. The Trojanowskis were guests of Tom Rice's and Ruzicka's. We hope these four are inspired to become members of ABC-GL!

The road ahead: May 20 will be our next dinner meeting, COVID-allowing. June brings both Camp Bandage and Toes in the Grand. A poker run is planned for mid-July. Undoubtedly there will be a spontaneous raft-up or dining get-together somewhere in there. These activities don't just happen – they have to be organized by someone. This leads me to...by September 1, we will need a list of volunteers (slate of officers) willing to lead this group into 2022. THESE ARE NOT PAID POSITIONS so there is no bar that must be reached or exceeded. People bring to a role their personality, background, and talents - everything that makes them an individual. If belonging to this club is something you enjoy, be thinking about taking a leadership role – President (Commander), Vice-president (Executive Officer), Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director (Administrative Officer), Board member. Kevin and Bruce are standing by to take your call.

**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*



# And We're Back!!!!

We had a great turn-out for our first dinner meeting of 2021 on Thursday, April 15th! Forty people,

which included 4 guests, enjoyed a cool spring evening at Har-Ber Village. Box diners were served from The Café. Commander Mary Alice gave a brief overview of our past years activities (which were great though few!) and the new opportunities we have for the next few months ... namely **Toes In the Grand, Camp Bandage** and volunteering our services to the **Visitors Center** in Grove. It was good to get together again, renew our purpose in serving the community and promoting boating safety. Here's to the start of another grand summer on Grand Lake!





## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!!!!

America's Boating Club – Grand Lake offers a variety of courses relating to boating safety, operation, and handling and is offering an evening Partner In Command seminar on Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The seminar will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Grove Visitor's Center (9630 US Highway 59N).

This is an introduction to assuming Command when necessary for partners and crew that addresses boating emergencies, first aid, boating equipment requirements, communications, signaling, starting and running the engines, anchoring and docking.

Boating is fun, we will show you how!

The cost for the seminar is \$10.00 per person payable at the commencement of the class.

Please contact Chuck Fellhauer by May 14<sup>th</sup>, at [charlesfellhauer@gmail.com](mailto:charlesfellhauer@gmail.com) or call 918-314-5753 to register for this course.

America's Boating Club – Grand Lake offers a variety of courses relating to boating safety, operation, and handling and is offering a 2-day America's Boating Course (ABC) on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> 2021. The course will run from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. June 19<sup>th</sup> and from 8:00 a.m. until noon on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Grove Visitor's Center (9630 US Highway 59N). Lunch will be provided on June 26<sup>th</sup> while exams are being graded.

This is a general boating course that addresses boat characteristics, boat handling, boating emergencies, boating equipment requirements, and other boating considerations tailored to both new and long-time boat owners. The course also includes the option to participate in On-the-Water Training (OTW) where students receive hands-on instruction in actually operating a boat, dates to be scheduled after class completion.

Most boat insurance companies will offer up to a 10% discount on boat insurance rates to those receiving a certificate after completing this course.

The cost for the course is \$20.00 per person payable at the commencement of the class. The optional On-The-Water Training is \$10 per person.

Please contact Chuck Fellhauer by May 21<sup>st</sup>, at [charlesfellhauer@gmail.com](mailto:charlesfellhauer@gmail.com) or call 918-314-5753 to register for this course.



## Where our Money Goes

### Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Checking Account Balance on March 31st was \$18,654

That balance includes the following Specified Funds:

- \$2788 GRDA Grant money for life jackets
- \$4046 Education Budget for 2021
- \$508 Raffle Fund – used for guest meals

This leaves \$11,312 in Unspecified Funds

We have budgeted \$10,171 of that amount for expenses in 2021.

<b>Income</b>	
Member renewals – Feb	\$0.00
Amazon Smile (quarterly)	
Interest	\$6.94
<b>Total February Income</b>	<b>\$6.94</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Life Jacket Purchase	\$3425.50
Cherokee Storage Unit – for life jackets thru June	\$135.48
Credenza for GLA display	\$219.20
<b>Total February Expenses</b>	<b>\$3780.18</b>

Don't forget to use Amazon Smile when you shop online!!



## TREASURERS REPORT

FROM  
**LYNDA  
WATSON**



## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 22nd - MAY 28th

The proclamation will be read at the Grove City Hall on Tuesday, May 18. Any members that would like to attend are more than welcome, so wear your life jacket. I'm planning on kicking off safe boating week on May 22 at Elk River with hotdogs, chips and water starting at 10am. Ed

Contact Ed Dennis with any questions.





## JUNE 5TH, 2021

### What is Camp Bandage you ask???

From their website (abbreviated): "Dr. Gerner and his wife Shirley (a trained nurse) had treated many children over the years in their medical office who were injured by falls, insect and snake bites, burns and other dangers of the environment. When the Gerner children and their friends went outside to play, they were first given some basic lessons in avoiding those types of injuries and in how to treat those they could not avoid. And as the word spread about those lessons, many area parents asked that the safety courses be opened to the general public. In 1983 Camp Bandage was born. Dr. A. L. Gerner and Shirley reached out to local, state and even federal agencies for help in providing information on safety to the children who attended the one-day event each spring. Each year the list of participants grew. More and more children attended, learning lessons which could save their own lives or the lives of others. From the beginning, the main theme has never changed: "The lessons you learn could help save a life." No one has ever had to pay for those lessons. The camps have always been free. Volunteers have made that possible –sharing their expertise with the children and their parents who attended. Some businesses and organizations have helped with financial contributions." ABC-GL hands out children's life vests and boating safety information.

**Thank you to those who have signed up to work Camp Bandage this summer. All spots are filled! Yay!**

**DINNER MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 20th 5:30 pm**  
**HAR-BER VILLAGE PAVILION \$16.00 per person**

The Café at Har-Ber Village will be offering chicken or beef tacos with all the fixins! Nachos, salsa, etc., water and tea. Mark your calendars to join us for our last dinner meeting until the Fall. More info will be sent out soon.



¡Olé!

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ABC-GL is going to participate in **Toes in the Grand** on Friday, June 11th and Saturday, June 12th and have most of the time slots filled but need some additional members to help. Please check your calendars and see if you are available. Open times are:



Friday, June 11th -	Noon to 2:30 pm.	Require 2 more people
Saturday, June 12th -	9:30 am to Noon,	Require 2 more people
Saturday, June 12th -	Noon to 3:00 pm.	4 people needed
Saturday, June 12th -	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.	Require 2 more people

Please contact Vicki Fellhauer at 918-314-6740 or email at: [vjfellhauer@gmail.com](mailto:vjfellhauer@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for your participation!

Looking for a way to serve that's only for a few hours? Have we got a deal for you! We are looking for a volunteer to organize the Visitors Center sign up and provide reminders of their service dates. The job is easy and offers the Club a chance to thank the Grand Lake Visitors center for letting us use their facility for our monthly meetings and free booth rental at major events. Contact Commander Mary Alice if you can help out. **405-640-4390 / mamoores\_52@yahoo.com.**

### 2021 ABC-GL Staffing Roster - Grand Lake Association (GLA) Visitors' Center

	Date	Day	Hours	Name	Name
1	May 29	Sat	10-12:30	Mark Lindahl	Kim Lindahl
			12:30-3		
2	May 30	Sun	12-3	Micki Kamrath	Kevin Kamrath
3	Jun 12	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
4	Jun 13	Sun	12-3	Lynda Watson	MA Moore
5	Jun 26	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3	Erma Hembree	Dennis Rice
6	Jun 27	Sun	12-3	Chuck Fellhauer	Vicki Fellhauer
7	July 10	Sat	10-12:30	Carl Wotowis	Rhonda Wotowis
			12:30-3		
8	July 11	Sun	12-3	Harvey Blattner	Marge Blattner
9	July 24	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
10	July 25	Sun	12-3	Chuck Fellhauer	Vicki Fellhauer
11	Aug 7	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
12	Aug 8	Sun	12-3	Bob Russell	Renae Russell
13	Aug 21	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
14	Aug 22	Sun	12-3	Connie Ruzicka	Carol Rice (Wendy Trojanowski)
15	Sept 4	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
16	Sept 5	Sun	12-3	Carl Wotowis	Rhonda Wotowis



**ARE YOU  
ABLE TO  
FILL ANY  
OF THESE  
OPEN  
SLOTS?**

**YOU GET  
TO MEET  
VISITORS  
TO GROVE  
AND GRAND  
LAKE!**

**A GREAT  
WAY TO  
MAKE A  
GOOD  
IMPRESSION  
OF OUR  
BOATING  
CLUB!**

**YOU JUST  
NEED A  
SMILE  
TO HELP  
OUT.**

**SHARE  
ABOUT LIFE  
ON  
GRAND  
LAKE!**

## Prince Henry the Navigator and the United States Power Squadrons® Connection

Who was Prince Henry the Navigator? Why is he important to the Districts of the United States Power Squadrons? Why is Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron (America's Boating Club – Grand Lake) appreciative to have him at the Visitors' Center?

Prince Henry was born in 1394. Third son of King John 1, The Great and Queen Phillipa, an Englishwoman, daughter of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. He spent his younger years on the field of battle. He was considered one of the most famous military leaders of his time. He fought with distinction and received knighthood for his capture of Ceuta on the Northern Morocco coast in 1415.



Henry established within his palace at Sagres, Portugal a community of scholars, dedicated to geographical studies. He surrounded himself with mariners and experts in astronomy and chart/map making. He assembled what is known as the First School of Navigation. Because of his interest in navigation, USPS members became interested in Prince Henry's life and accomplishments. Henry of Portugal (Prince Henry the Navigator) died November 13, 1460.

In 1965 to celebrate Prince Henry's 500<sup>th</sup> Birthday, a group of members of USPS, primarily members of Districts 4 and 5, traveled to Portugal to honor Prince Henry the Navigator for his work in navigation and the creation of the boat called the Caravel. With mutual interest in Navigation studies and after creating a friendship, the Portuguese started giving alabaster statuettes of Prince Henry to each of the USPS Districts to use as awards. This statuette encouraged members to take advanced navigation classes in JN and N. The squadron having the most members taking and passing classes during the year received the statuette as an award for a year. The gifts started in 1963 for District 5 and the last Districts 29 through 32 received theirs in around 1990.

District 31, our District until 2015, did give out the statuette to a squadron each year. However, because Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron was such a new squadron, the members had a lot of work and education classes to take to catch up to the other squadron' members achievements. Grand Lake became a squadron in 2000, Beaver Lake S&P became a squadron on May 16, 1987 and Oklahoma City Squadron started even earlier January 18, 1975. In the USPS history reports of District 31 Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron was listed as taking home the award in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. There is no written history for District 31 after 2013 but our squadrons' history lists Grand Lake S & P as having received the statuette for the last time in the 2014-2015 History Report period. In the District Bylaws, Article 10, the disbursements of district assets, in case of dissolution of the district, the last squadron to win the trophy could keep it. We elected to keep the statuette.



The statuette is now proudly displayed in the Grove Visitors center. Member **Earl Starkman** made the case to protect the statuette and the plaques around the base of the statuette list the squadron and date they won the award. Americas Boating Club -Grand Lake is having the plaques with the years they won the award engraved now.

For a complete explanation of the History of **Prince Henry the Navigator and the United States Power Squadrons Connection**, visit our web site. It contains the complete document made by the Millers during the long winter nights of Covid-19.

Peggy Miller

# Did You Know???

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



If you reduce throttle too quickly entering a turn or turn too sharply, your boat may come off plane. This will cause the pivot point, the point which your boat rotates around, to move toward the bow. The boat will spin around the new pivot point which is referred to as "bow steering" and slow suddenly. It will then sit lower in the water especially at the stern with the possibility of a deluged of water over the stern from your boat's wake, or if it spun out in the turn, you could be broadsided by your wake.



To avoid bow steering, consider a wider radius for the turn to stay on plane, or do not reduce the throttle too much before entering the turn and apply throttle during the turn as needed to stay on plane. Remember the boat naturally slows in a turn. Another option is to gradually reduce to displacement speed before turning the boat.

Sound producing devices are required by law to be on your boat. This may be a horn or whistle. For small boats and personal watercraft, a plastic whistle is the simplest way to satisfy the requirement. The use of sound signals provides information to other boats about your intended maneuver.

One short blast (one second duration) indicates altering course to starboard when meeting or crossing, leaving the other vessel to your port side. Two short blasts (one second duration repeated twice) indicates altering the course to port when meeting or crossing, leaving the other vessel to your starboard side.

The danger signal is five short blasts (one second duration repeated five times). This signal may be used to alert an inattentive boater of the danger of collision or perhaps of an obstacle they can't see if they choose to alter their course as they have indicated.



# Did You Know cont.....

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



An important piece of safety equipment that is required to be onboard your boat is a type IV flotation device. This is a throwable device such as a cushion that floats, Styrofoam ring or horseshoe buoy. It is helpful to choose one that has something easy to grasp such as handles, so the individual can hold it close to their chest until they are rescued. An additional consideration is to have a throwable device with a line (rope) tied to it to retrieve the individual in the water.

Every boater should practice a man overboard drill. Remember to approach at a slow speed from downwind to avoid drifting over the person in the water.



When close, shift into neutral and coast to the person. After you have made contact with a paddle, boat hook or line, turn off the engine, and then put the boat in gear to stop propeller rotation to avoid any minimal propeller rotation that could cause injury to the person in the water when bringing onboard.

The prudent boater will always check the weather forecast before heading out and monitor the skies while underway. Checking the weather has become easier with alerts available on radio systems and smart phones. Many phones can even access local radar to check on approaching storms.

One of the greatest weather hazards to small boats are sudden thunderstorms. These are identifiable by cumulonimbus clouds with anvil tops and an ominous base. These clouds are always reason for caution for the boater, since they may develop into a thunderstorm with heavy rain, strong winds, thunder, lightning and even hail. When associated with a fast-moving cold front, they can produce violent squalls and even tornados.



# Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/9	Mother's Day		
5/18	E-Board Meeting	1000	GL Visitors Ctr
5/20	Dinner Meeting	1730	Har-Ber Village
5/22	Safe Boating Week Begins		
5/25	Partner in Command seminar	1900	GL Visitors Ctr
5/31	Memorial Day		
6/5	Camp Bandage	Noon to 1600	GL RV Resort
6/11	Toes in the Grand		Wolf Creek Park
6/12	Toes in the Grand		Wolf Creek Park
6/19	ABC-3 Class	1300 to 1700	GL Visitors Ctr
6/26	ABC-3 Class	0800 to 1200	GL Visitors Ctr

**5/8 Joe Harwood**  
**5/9 Jean Izydorek**  
**5/12 Linda Dunham**  
**5/15 James Willis**  
**5/17 Jeanne Dulworth**  
**5/19 Chuck Fellhauer**  
**5/27 Rusty Millikan**  
**5/28 Cheryl Elson**

## Happy Birthday to You!



### 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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