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What a fun and informative dinner meeting in April. We welcomed Monte & Becky Province into our boating club and enjoyed meeting Kenny & Cindy Stafford who are considering membership. Then another great catered meal from Chef Todd followed with a wonderful dessert bar (thanks to all who brought one to share). For the program, Jared Skaggs gave us an update on GRDA maintained parks and paddle sport opportunities.

A big thank you to Julie Jones and Michelle Hooper for co-chairing the membership committee. They are already lining up fun summer activities.

Camp Bandage is June 4 from noon to 4 pm at Grand Lake RV Park on Duck Creek. We will need volunteers to help with the setup and take down as well as fitting the free life jackets for the kids. By a survey of members, this event was one of the top priorities for the club. Give us a call to volunteer Larry Stout (918) 284-7165 or Julie Jones (620) 271-1047 or sign up at the May 19th dinner.

We are planning a Mexican dinner for May and let's do the dessert bar again. Jeri Fleming from the GRDA will discuss available programs including the latest on septic tanks for those living on the lake. Looking forward to seeing you at dinner...last one until fall.



Bob Hunt led the installation of new members, Becky and Monte Province.



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Harv and Larry set up the remaining PDF loaner stations



Past Commanders David Sloan, Kevin Kamrath and Bob Hunt presented the America's Boating Course - 3rd Edition (ABC-3) to 10 students (shown below) on April 2 and 9, 2022.



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April 21 Membership Meeting



Julie Jones and Michelle Hooper will co-chair the membership committee.

Our speaker, Jared Skaggs, Director, Outdoor Experience for the GRDA, spoke on paddle sports stating there are currently 15 access points on the Illinois River (in Oklahoma) and 2 (in Arkansas) for paddling.

Jared also spoke about a new whitewater adventure park which GRDA and Siloam Springs, AK are collaborating to bring to the Upper Illinois River.



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The GLA Visitor Center volunteer activity is chaired by Peggy and Bill Miller (918 964-1059). We need more volunteers to man the Visitor Center . . . we still have open dates on weekends this summer (see the signup sheets below). Peggy be at the visitor on May 9 and May 12 to provide training to anyone who would like to attend. This is part of our community service . . . it's a fun experience and you get to meet some very interesting people.



SIGN UP SHEET - G L A Host - 2022

	Assignment Date/Time -- Name	Mobile Phone - Text Y/N
May 28 -Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
	Frank & Pat Janiga	
May 28 - Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
	Micki and Kevin Kamarath	
May 29 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
	Harvey and Marge Blattners	
	Larry and Mary Ann Stout	
May 30 - Monday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
	Earl and Arlene Starkman	
	Larry and Mary Ann Stout	
May 30 - Monday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
	Jim and Cindy Reynolds	
June 11- Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
June 11 - Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
June 12 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
	Harvey and Marge Blattners	
June 25 - Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
	Art and Susan Brandt	
June 25- Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
	Jon and Brenda Murphy	
June 26 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	



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July 9 - Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
July 9 - Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
July 10 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
July 23- Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon Earl and Arlene Starkman	
July 23- Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
July 24 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	

Aug 6 - Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
Aug 6 - Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
Aug 7 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
Aug 20 - Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
Aug 20 - Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
Aug 21 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	

Sept 3 - Saturday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
Sept 3 - Saturday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
Sept 4 - Sunday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	
Sept 5 - Monday	Morning Session 10 AM - Noon	
Sept 5 - Monday	Afternoon Session Noon - 3 PM	



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Did you know???

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



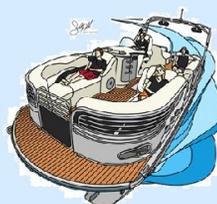
Pontoon and tri-toons are increasing in popularity. The difference between the two is how many logs or air-tubes each has in place of a typical boat hull. The two air-tube pontoon is fine for smaller lakes or calmer waters. It will typically have a smaller horsepower engine. Whereas the three air-tube will handle rougher water but needs more horsepower to function properly. The newer generation of tri-toons have modifications to the air tubes to enable them to achieve lift and plane easier for a more efficient ride and pulling tubes or skiers.

Most modern pontoon boats are amazingly stable and when properly powered, the chances of flipping one over is remote. But any boat becomes less stable when encountering rough water at higher speeds and made worse by poor weight distribution of passengers and gear. This is compounded when making turns because they tend to stay flat or bank out, unlike the inward bank of a V-hull. The exception is high-performance tri-toons, which are sometimes designed with the center pontoon lower, causing the boat to bank inward. For safer turns, reduce speed and the tightness of the turn. Remember toons typically have more windage, so steering corrections may be needed in higher winds to maintain course. Windage will also influence docking.

A short briefing to those riding in your boat is an important safety measure. Too often, we assume the crew or passengers have more experience than they actually have or fail to understand they may have certain medical problems. This could be a factor should they fall overboard or other issues arise while on the water. Remember, not everyone is a good swimmer or comfortable on the water. Casually asking questions or listening to their comments will guide you as to any concerns to be addressed.

To add to everyone's comfort level, point out the location and use of safety equipment such as fire extinguisher location, PFD's, first aid kit, how to operate the VHF radio in an emergency or who to call on a cell phone. Show how to turn off the engine in case it is needed.

Discuss the importance of keeping hands and feet inside the boat, and where you would like them to sit to maintain proper boat stability. Weight distribution is especially important in smaller boats. Finally, everyone wants to help you, so indicate what is expected, if anything, of the crew when leaving or returning to the dock or underway.



Joe Harwood	5/8
Linda Dunham	5/12
James Willis	5/15
Rusty Millikan	5/27
Cheryl Elson	5/28



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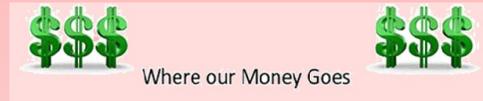


Discussions/Actions from our April 21 Membership meeting

Several members gathered at Bill and Peggy Miller's home to attend the virtual national town hall meeting on March 29. The next town hall meeting will be May 4 at 7pm Central Time.

At our District Council virtual meeting recently, we voted to approve \$300 of district funds, which each club helps to fund with our dues, to the Boulder, Colorado club to help with education supplies. The club lost instructor manuals, computer and a projector in the Boulder fire that destroyed a member's home.

A motion to purchase the PFDs for \$3200 from ABCGL funds, and apply for grants to replenish the funds, was made by Michelle Hooper and seconded by Arlene Starkman. Motion approved.



From our Treasurer Arlene Starkman

March Income	
Member dues	\$12.00
Amazon Income	\$74.06
Member Reimbursement	\$380.00
Total March Income	\$466.06
March Expenses	
March dinner meeting venue	\$150.00
March dinner meeting caterer	\$319.48
Bank Maintenance Fee	\$3.00
Total March Expenses	\$472.48

Checking Account Balance end of March 2022: \$12,552.31

Includes: \$3,678 Education Budget for 2021

\$38 Raffle Fund– used for guest meals

\$28.85 GRDA & Walmart Grant – for life jackets and safety education

\$8,813.88 left in Unspecified Funds

\$6,935.00 of that amount budgeted for expenses in 2022.

There were uncleared checks in March which left our actual balance closer to \$12,000

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