



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB
November 2021 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

Queen of Hearts Drawings

Don't forget, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month, the Anchor Boat Club is having their Queen of Hearts Drawings.



Just remember drawings are also open to the public! Tickets can be purchased before the 8PM drawing that evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Finnelln at your earliest convenience.

Sunday Football

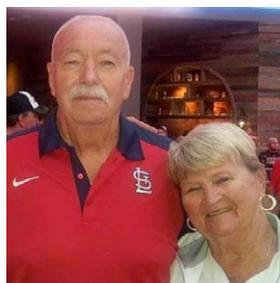
It's football season!!! Come on out to the club and take advantage of reduced drink prices. \$1.25 beers | \$2.50 mixed drinks.



For Drew & Papa Joe

With heavy heart, we wish to inform you the Anchor Boat Club has lost two dear members recently... **Drew Dhabalt** and **Papa Joe Teer**.

Words cannot express the loss many of us feel with their passing. We ask our members and the public to extend a prayer for Melanie and her family and Betty Jo and the Teer family. Please also extend a prayer for Laura Teer & her family who lost her mother recently.



Anchor's Greatest Boat

This is the Anchor BOAT Club... so let's talk about boats. In particular, the greatest boat that has called our club its home.



I have been around Anchor for a little over fifty years now. My dad joined when I was about two years old. My family and I ran a 14-foot Seastar tri-hull into the ground. It had a Johnson 60 HP outboard that went through starters like the club goes through beers. While it was great for us, it hardly compares to some of Anchor's true classics.

In the true classic category I can think of two really fine boats. One was **Mike Hessler's** old Mark Twain. A tank of a boat built in the 70's. Mark Twains were built in Southern Illinois and were quite popular for a long time. You can still see a lot of well-preserved Mark Twains on Lake Springfield. A second classic was **Zach Spraetz's** Mastercraft. It was called the Stars and Stripes edition and was produced from the early '70's up until about 1985. I believe Zach's was an '85. It was an unbelievable ski boat that was really fun to drive. You can still see it hanging on a lift at Sangamo.

Arnie Ducher's Four Winns is another boat that has done an incredible job standing up to time. Arnie has done a great job taking care of it and it still looks great for a boat that is about 25 years old. **Joe Teer's** Four Winns is a little older than Arnie's. It was the last of the Carbureted engines (I think fuel injection took over about 1990?) and the boat used to approach 70mph. Joe Jr. will tell you it will still get into the 60's.

As for new boats, we have a lot of beautiful pontoons that have joined the Anchor docks. And **Mike Broglin's** new fishing boat is an interesting addition. All metal and built like a tank, his boat has a GPS activated trolling motor that can drop him off at a dock and babysit the boat while he goes up for a beer.

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He grabs his phone and the boat drives itself back to the dock to pick him up. If you haven't seen it, ask him to give you a tour.

A couple of members who are no longer with us drove a couple of big sleds also. **Phil Maxwell** had a heavy Four Winns that was similar to Teer's. We don't know about the speed because **Phil** and **Donna** rarely went above idle speed. **Joe Knoedler** had a Liberator that was also built by Four Winns. It hung in the dock just past the boat ramp where **Whiskey** and **John's** docks are now. That boat could fly also. Joe had a serious need for speed. He also had a little bathtub shaped personal watercraft that drove off a joystick. I think he spent more time trying to get it to work than actually using it.

There are two other boats I need to mention. Growing up, my dad had dock #12. I think it would be #10 now. Next to it in 11 was an old wooden cabin cruiser with a Mercury outboard on back. My guess is that the boat and motor were from the late 1940's. I cannot remember the name of the old man who owned but I believe he was in his 90's when I was a child. He would take it out once a year on the fourth of July. His lift would take over an hour to raise and lower the boat. To a ten year old boy who fell in love with boats early, this boat was as cool as it gets. It was painted red with white trim and had a little bed in the cabin.

And I couldn't leave out the CS3. The CS3 is the home made house boat converted from a large pontoon and is currently on the hard. Unfortunately, it spends a little too much time out of the water. It is owned by an ever-changing group of six Anchor members including myself. It replaced the CS2 which now hangs at Blue Ridge. We bought it to have a boat to play on in the winter after we put our regular boats into storage. I can honestly say the fun to cost ratio of this boat is really hard to beat. We fire up a little propane heater inside and take it club hopping in the snow. If you don't know the history behind the name,

buy a beer for **Chuck, Mix, Egan, Broglin** or myself at the bar and we can relate a few great stories. Or better yet, buy a 12-pack and come join us for a cruise this winter.

Another great winter boat was **Bill Schreck's** pontoon. It was a big green sled and Bill took it to the Amish to have a custom canvas enclosure built. It turned out great and Bill would run the boat all winter. I don't know why more people don't have this done. I know if I ever switch to a pontoon it will be the first thing I look into. I still miss seeing Bill out on that boat.

But there can only be one GREATEST BOAT in Anchor history...

Ladies and gentleman, it has to be the work barge! After becoming a member in the early nineties, I went to my first Anchor membership meeting. My brother **Matt** was an officer and approached me before the meeting about an old pontoon boat that did not have a motor. **Mark Williams'** father was a member and was offering to sell it to the club for \$200. Matt and a few others thought it was a no-brainer. Others felt it was worthless and the club couldn't afford it. The motion to purchase passed by one vote. It may stand as the best money ever spent by the club. If you walk the docks, I would bet that more than half of our docks have used the work barge in one way or another. Probably every dock that has been renovated or rebuilt since that purchase has used the barge. It has been loaned to Sangamo, Blue Ridge and the Elks many times also. It has been re-decked a couple of times and patched up with several welds. This past month it has been used in the "4 into 3" dock renovation going on now. Truly Anchor's Greatest Boat!

John Finnell

Birthdays

11/01	David Moore	11/17	Damon Cozadd
11/02	Ronald (Ron) Halberg	11/19	Tim Milam
	Norman Reeves Jr.	11/20	Michael Credille
11/04	Abigail Cline	11/21	Keith Marcy
11/05	Tom Reagan	11/22	Chris Dutcher
11/07	Todd May		Todd Eddington
11/08	Ed Hedge	11/24	Steve Leach
11/11	Peter Blatz	11/25	Emerson Weed
	Sam Cooper	11/27	Charles (Chuck) Finnell
11/12	Bobby N. Hervey	11/29	Gary Lewis
11/14	Brion Kauffman		William Workman



Anniversaries

11/02	Brett & Tara Isenburg
11/08	Steve & Debbi Leach
11/12	Bob & Sue Esposito
	Steve & Sheila Washburn
11/21	Pete & Brooke Miller
11/27	William (Bill) & Penny McCarty

Looking for New Members

Always happy to see some fresh faces around the ABC!

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the Club, be sure to have them contact our Membership Chair Matt Ziedler to learn more.

Members



Please remember to enter all work hours as soon as possible to ensure accurate reporting. All members who donate their valuable time should be recognized for their efforts whether you are active, probationary, or honorary. These efforts help keep our club running for all of our members to enjoy.

~ Matt Ziedler, Membership Chair

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Campground	SJ Martin
Chicken Fry	Joe Teer Jr.
Dock	Steve (Mix) Altmix
Entertainment	Norman Reeves Jr.
Fish Fry	Devin Phillips
Grounds	Ed Hedge
Kitchen	Mike Covey
Lake Council	John Finnell / Chuck Finnell
Membership	Matt Ziedler
Newsletter	Gary Bach
Purchaser	Grant Bradley
Fall Festival	SJ Martin / Tim Strutz
Spooner Tournament	Mark Houston

Calendars

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02 Membership Meeting	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12 Queen of Hearts Drawing	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Queen of Hearts Drawing	27
28	29	30 Officers Meeting				





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