

## Officer's Letters / Club News

#### President's Random Thoughts



I do not know what to say. 2024 has not been a good year for our club when it comes to members passing. We have lost several great members this past year.

We lost another great member, in Larry Larson.

Larry was a friend to many of us. Everyone that knew him has fond memories of him. He did a lot for the club. He cooked food for the members and did a lot of work around the club. He was one of the best Kitchen Chairman that we have ever had. We will truly miss him. Please keep Julie and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

In December, we had several functions at the club. The first was Breakfast with Santa which was very successful. The kids really enjoyed seeing Santa. The breakfast was very good too. Special shout out to Joe Teer, Henry Marbold and Shaun Harness for doing a great job making the food. Also, a big thank you to Bradley Marbold for decorating the club.

We also had our annual Chili Cookoff. There was some good chili that was made by the members but at the end of the day there were 2 chilis that were a little better than the others. Congrats to Henry Marbold for finishing in 1st place and Mike Merz for finishing in 2nd place. Both members will receive sponsorship to the Lake Council of Clubs East Regional Chili cookoff on February 2nd at Sangamo Club. Let's show up and support Henry and Mike!

We have several events that will take place at the club in January.

• Friday, January 10th - we will restart the Queen of Hearts Drawing.

• Saturday January 11th – Frozen Open.This is a fun event for all those that participate. The money raised goes to a great cause. If you are interested in signing up, stop by the club. The signup sheet is on the bar or you can contact Austin Evans at (217) 503-7273.

• Football Sundays are still going through the playoffs. There is some great food including cheesecake from "The Baker". Come out and root your favorite team on.

Last month, I told you about the IRS audit. We have met with the IRS agents and provided them our documentation. We hope to hear something in the next several months regarding their findings.

When it comes to the club's finances, we have had a good year. We have several major projects that we are preparing for in the coming years, so it is good to have the club in a good financial shape.

As mentioned last month, we are requesting all boats that are stored on trailers be removed from the club grounds to avoid any damage or theft. There have been several clubs that have reported suspicious people on their property messing with their boats and trailers. Let's keep your eyes open for any suspicious activity. If you see something, say something.

As always, let's keep on improving and growing our club to make it the best club on the lake. Remember it is your club, please come out and enjoy it.

#### **RIP Larry!**

From all of us at the Anchor Boat Club, we want to extend our sincerest and deepest regrets to Larry's family and friends for your loss! Larry will forever remain in our hearts and we are so thankful for the time we were able to spend with him.

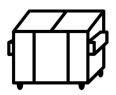
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### Dumpsters

The area around & behind the dumpsters has been cleaned up.

PLEASE REMEMBER dumping around or behind the dumpsters is **prohibited**! What you put in the dumpster must fit in the dumpster so the lids will close completely. Thank you!



### Member Hours

This is a reminder to members to make sure your hours (Cardboard Regatta, Chicken Fry, Redneck, etc.) have been entered/recorded in our system. Work hours that have not been recorded will need to be paid by the member to stay in good standing.



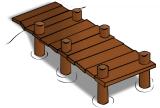
## Keep It Clean

This is a reminder to all members & guests who use the kitchen to clean all utinsels, appliances, and surfaces after use. If you use the pizza cutter, dishes, pots, etc., be sure to thoroughly clean each item and store them after drying.



## Boat Docks for Sale

Boat owners, we have two docks currently up for sale, **Slip #2** and **Dock #7**. For more information, contact Dock Chair Josh Hamlin (217) 691-0772.



### Is Your Dock in "Ship Shape"?

Winter is upon us - a good time to work on those projects we have been putting off. A gentle reminder to all members who hold a dock lease, you are required to conform to the rules outlined in Section



7 of the Anchor Boat Club by-laws. Some dock leases have changed hands, we've had some movements, purchases, etc.

The dock committee has agreed to allow until no later than Memorial Day 2025 (*May 26, 2025*) to allow lease holders to plan, prepare, and execute for the 2025 dock inspection.

With any planned construction, please conform to Section 7, Paragraph D to submit in writing your plan for repair and/or improvement of any leased docks. For any questions or plan submissions, please see Josh Hamlin, your friendly ABC Dock Chairman.

#### Anchor Boat Club

### Birthdays

1/01	Joe Bruso				
	Carolyn Havens				
1/02	Robert Thornhill				
1/05	Bill Hawes				
1/08	Robert Miles				
1/09	Jean Fitts				
	Tom Madonia Jr.				
	Stacey Powers				
1/10	Gary Bach				
	Tom Bland				
	Julie Bruso				
	Jim Cordier				
1/11	George Conley				
1/17	Janie M. Gatlin				
1/20	Season Hammond				
	Paul Kendall				
	Paul LeJeune				

Robin Favre
Marie Bales
Barb Lomelino
Amy Phillips
Phyllis Suiter
Jim Riemer Sr.
Zach LLoyd
Parick Streeval
Ryan Jerome
Matt Kuchar
Michael Stratton
William Suiter Sr.

1/22

1/23

1/24

1/26

1/27

1/29

#### 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.

~ Jim Cannamela, Membership Chair



#### Anniversaries

- 1/01 | Glenn Dellman & Sarah Harris
- 1/15 David & Darlene Sagle
- 1/23 William (Bill) & Mary Riggs
- 1/28 Scott & Cindy Wooden

#### **OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

President Vice-President Financial Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary Sargeant At Arms Board of Governors

Bar Building Campground Chicken Fry Dock Entertainment Fish Fry Frozen Open Grounds Kitchen Lake Council Membership Newsletter/Social Media Purchaser Redneck Olympix Mike Covey Rick Eubanks John Hawkins Eric Staley Leza Long Julie Lloyd Damon Cozadd Mike Broglin Terri Smith Bob Esposito

Jeff Ross Sam Cooper SJ Martin Joe Teer Jr. Josh Hamlin Norman Reeves Jr. Joe Bruso Austin Evans TJ Martin -John Finnell / Chuck Finnell Jim Cannamela Gary Bach Grant Bradley

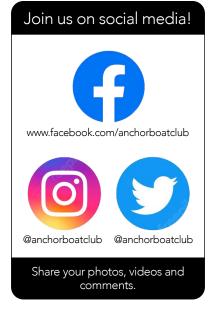
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# Calendars

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
		Membership Meeting			Queen of Hearts Drawing	Frozen Open
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b> Chili Challenge	20	21	22	23	24 Queen of Hearts Drawing	25
26	27	<b>28</b> Officer's Meeting	29	30	31	







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