



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB
December 2025 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

President's Random Thoughts



The leaves are falling, and the temperature is falling. It is that time of year where you spend more time indoors with family and friends. It is also the start of basketball and hockey season. What a better time then to come

out to the club, sit in front of the fireplace and enjoy camaraderie while watching a good basketball or hockey game on one of our many TVs.

We had another successful event in the Adult Halloween Party. It was neat to see all photos of the different costumes. Special shout out to Stacie Reeves for putting on another successful event.

The new timecard system has been tested and is ready for release to the membership. Jim will include a link with some instructions on how to use the system in this newsletter.

As we stated in last month's newsletter, we have adopted some new rules regarding boats and trailers on the club grounds. We will be doing an inspection later this month to make sure everyone follows the new rules. The new rules are posted on the Anchor Boat Club website. Please free to check them out. Failure to comply with the rules could lead to removal of your boat, trailer or camper from the club grounds.

In other news, Sam and his crew did a great job with putting the siding on the south side of the building. I do not know what we would do without Sam and his crew. The building has never been in better shape. We are over halfway through the NFL football season. Every Sunday, we have the games on at the club. There is always food at the club along with drink specials. Come out and enjoy some football and banter.

We have some upcoming events in the next couple of months. They are as follows:

- December 13 - **Breakfast with Santa**. Contact Joe Teer with any questions.
- December 20 - **The Anchor Chili Cookoff**. Contact Norm Reeves with any questions.
- 1/9 - **Start of the Queen of Hearts Drawing** (tentative)
- 1/10 - **Frozen Open**. Contact Austin Evans with any questions.

We hope to see everyone at these upcoming events. 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.

Breakfast with Santa 2025

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT:
Come see Santa on **Saturday, December 13th!** Breakfast starts at 9:00am...with Santa arriving a little after 10:15am.

Menu of pancakes, sausage, and bacon. Drinks are included. Kids are FREE; adults are \$5.

Please bring your child a gift (with their name on it) to have Santa give to your child/children.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Joe Teer Jr.



ABC Chili Cookoff

The club's Chili Cookoff will be held on **Saturday, December 20th**. Winner(s) will go on to the Lake Springfield Chili Challenge Regionals.



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Boat Dock for Sale

Boat owners, we have one dock currently up for sale, **Dock #7**. For more information, contact Dock Chair Josh Hamlin (217) 691-0772.

Security Notice

Recently, we had a minor security issue with the access codes for keypad entry in the club. In addition, we have had some uninvited guests come into the club without a member. Therefore, we are enacting the following:



1. We are inactivating all the current members access codes. If you would like to have an access code to use on the keypad entry, please contact Sam Cooper at 217-899-0333 and provide him with a unique 4-digit code. He will input it into the system, so you are able to use the key pad entry. (This does not change the use of the key or disc fobs.) **IN ADDITION, PLEASE DO NOT GIVE OUT YOUR CODE.**

2. During times when the club is not opened to the public, if you have a guest that comes out to the club, you must accompany the guest to the club and stay with them until they leave. In addition, guests are not allowed behind the bar.

3. Unless there is a member party or club event open to the public, please try to keep the doors locked. Members can access the club with the use of their key fob or their new unique 4-digit code.

In addition, if you would like to purchase additional key or disc fobs, please contact Sam Cooper. The cost is \$10 per additional fob.

New Online Resource

Have you checked our new **ABC Member Portal app**? Starting **January 1**, members can enter log work hours, pay dues & work balances, and much more! During the transition to the new application, **the old system will not be available**. Keep track of your hours and you can enter the information on January 1.



To access the new app, you can either scan the QR code with your digital phone's camera or stop by the club and use the club's computer to access it (*i.e. click the app icon in the dock at the bottom of the screen*). If you have any questions about accessing / using the app, you can soon find instructions in the Members Documents section on our website (<https://www.anchorboatclub.net>).

Lake Springfield Frozen Open 2026

This year's Lake Springfield Frozen Open is slated for **Saturday, January 10, 2026**.

Cost is \$50 per team of 4 or \$12.50 per person. Drink specials - \$3.00 beers.



This year's host will be the TRN.

Queen of Hearts Drawings

The Queen of Hearts Drawings are returning the Anchor Boat Club starting **Friday, January 9th** (*the night prior to the Lake Springfield Frozen Open Charity Golf event*). As always, tickets go on sale at 6:30pm and the drawing kicks off at 8:00pm. If your ticket isn't picked for the Queen, stick around for a chance at free beer tokens afterwards (and maybe even a little trivia if you're lucky).



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Attention: Anchor Golfers!

A few of us are exploring the idea of putting a golf simulator in the multipurpose building.

We would like to have a meeting about this plan on

Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00.

We would like to invite anyone who would want to be a part of this group to attend.

Below are some ideas we have had:



- Needs to be non-permanent. Put up after the Halloween party in the fall and taken down around April 1st.

- We would like to have around 20 to 25 people who would buy in. Guessing the cost to be in the \$250 range. Only those who buy in and have been trained will be able to reserve or use the simulator. They could bring guests, but a trained simulator member would have to be present.

- People have asked that we don't skimp on the quality of the mat as we are old!

- We would organize a few leagues and have a sign-up calendar for member use.

- Undecided on purchasing a complete package or piecemealing it together.

- Need a launch monitor that works for both right and left-handed golfers without moving the monitor.

- We are looking to pay for this without club money.

Please bring any other ideas you have to the meeting. We hope you can join us. If you are unable to make the meeting but would still like to participate or more information, please email John Finnell at johnfinnell@comcast.net.

Keep It Clean

This is a reminder to all members & guests who use the kitchen to clean all utensils, 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.

Trivia Returns in February!

Get Ready to Challenge Your Brain! If you love good company, great fun, and a little friendly competition, mark your calendar—because the ultimate battle of wits is happening on **February 21st!** Whether you're a seasoned trivia buff or someone who simply enjoys learning new things, this upcoming trivia event promises an evening filled with excitement, surprises, and plenty of chances to show off your smarts.

Trivia Night is more than just a game — it's an experience. Teams will face off across multiple themed rounds, each designed to test a different corner of the brain. Expect a mix of questions from pop culture to history, science to sports, and everything in between. No two rounds are alike, and there's something for every kind of thinker.



So gather your friends, coworkers, or family members and build your dream team. All Skill Levels Welcome: Whether you know every capital city or just excel at guessing, this event is designed to be enjoyable for everyone. Whether you're in it to win it or just looking for a memorable night out, Trivia Night on February 21st is an event you won't want to skip. Bring your curiosity, your competitive spirit, and maybe even your lucky pen—this is going to be a night to remember.

Get ready... the countdown to Trivia Night has officially begun!

Birthdays

12/01	Jeff Wantland	12/19	Angie Crum
	Patricia Krebs	12/20	Aaron Harris
	Ursula Bahlow		John Finnell
12/02	Retha Riemer	12/21	Brent Daily
12/03	Steve Buckman		Shaun Harness
12/04	LeRoy Robinson	12/23	Josh Hamlin
12/05	Christina Ruggles		Tracy Moore
12/06	Mac Broglin	12/26	Rick Herrera
	Tara Isenburg	12/27	Josh Bales
12/07	Amy Reynolds	12/28	Ryan Amerson
12/11	Colm Brewer	12/29	Nick Stoutamyer
	Paul Bahlow	12/30	John Rosa
12/12	Ray Larson		Lisa Robinson
12/13	Chris Crum	12/31	Mike Broglin
	Penny McCarty		
	William (Bill) Riggs		
12/16	Jill Wollet		



Anniversaries

12/14	Chris Wilson & Stephanie Wilson
12/17	David Moore & Tracy Moore
12/18	Josh Bales & Marie Bales
12/20	William Suiter Jr. & Jennifer Suiter
12/26	Bill Sweetland & Ann Sweetland
12/27	Mark Dannenberger & Melissa Dannenberger

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

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Calendars

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02 Membership Meeting	03	04	05	06
07 Sunday Football	08	09	10	11	12	13 Breakfast with Santa
14 Sunday Football	15	16	17	18	19	20 ABC Chili Cookoff
21 Sunday Football	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28 Sunday Football	29	30 Officer's Meeting	31			



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