



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB

May 2026 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

President's Random Thoughts



April was a quiet but successful month. We are through the dues cycle and while we 13 members dropped, we really appreciate all the members that stayed. As we have stated before, this year we want to look to grow membership.

We are looking at different ways to attract and retain members. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me or Jim Cannamela. We would love to hear from you.

We had 2 Queen of Hearts drawings in April. There were no winners, so the pot continues to grow. If you have not been out to one of the drawings, John and Gary have hosted trivia contests, which everyone seems to enjoy. The drawings will continue every 2nd and 4th Fridays. So come out and try your luck.

We had a great time at the Kentucky Derby/Cinco De Mayo party on May 2nd. Everyone enjoyed all you can eat taco bar and the JackAsh band played some really good music. Special shout out to Stacie and Norm Reeves for putting on this fun event.

In May we will have the following events:

- May 7th – Anchor Bocce league starts
- May 8th – Queen of Hearts Drawing
- May 13th – Lake League Bocce with Edinburgers Food Truck serving food
- May 14th – Anchor Bocce League with Edinburgers Food Truck serving food
- May 16th – The Dock Clean-Up / Dock Party
- May 20th - Lake League Bocce with Edinburgers Food Truck serving food
- May 21st - Anchor Bocce League with Edinburgers Food Truck serving food
- May 22nd - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- May 28th - Anchor Bocce league

Edinburgers Food truck is available to all members so come out and get some good food. Also, if you want to get some easy hours, we need an inside bartender for each of the Bocce league nights. If interested, please give me a call at 217-725-4375.

With the weather getting warmer, the grass is growing. It is important that you mow around your campers and boat trailers. We want to keep the club grounds looking good for our guests and prospective new members. 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.

Dock Clean-Up / Dock Party

Coming Saturday, May 16th. Josh "Dock" Hamlin is inviting members to the upcoming Dock Clean-Up / Dock Party at the Anchor Boat Club.



Here's to hoping for some awesome weather for the event! For more information, contact Josh.

Queen of Hearts Drawings

The Queen of Hearts Drawings are back in the swing!!! 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).



Mowing Notice!

In order to keep our club grounds looking good, please mow around your boat trailers and docks. As a dock leaseholder, you are responsible for mowing in front of your docks. Please remember failure to do so can result in a fine. Thank you!



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2026 Lake Springfield Events

MAY

- 2 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Touch a Truck 10am - 1pm
- 2 Sat Lake Press Club - Bags Tourn. / Kentucky Derby Party
- 9 Sat Sangamo Surf - 3rd Bernie Morris Memorial Car Show
- 10 Sun TRN Club - Mother's Day Breakfast
- 16 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Season Opener Party
- 17 Sun Elks Lodge - Sunday Funday 4-7pm (every Sun. through Aug. 31)
- 20 Wed KC Lake Club - Rumble Around the Lake 6-9pm (first)
- 23 Sat Elks Lodge - Blessing of the Boats 1pm
- 23 Sat TRN Club - Annual Memorial Day Party
- 24 Sun Prop Club - Lakeside Bash
- 30 Sat KC Club - Fish Fry

JUNE

- 6 Sat Anchor Boat Club - The Boat Dock Boat Show
- 13 Sat Aqua Sports Club - Aquafest
- 20 Sat Firefighters / Postal Club - Chicken Fry
- 21 Sun TRN Club - Father's Day Breakfast
- 27 Sat TRN Club - Chicken Fry

JULY

- 3 Fri Marina Fireworks - Rock the Dock
- 11 Sat Prop Club - Mid-Summer Blast
- 18 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Cardboard Boat Regatta 11-5
- 18 Sat Lake Press Club - Summerfest
- 24-26 Anchor/Sangamo - Spooner Softball Tourn. (3 days)
- 25 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Summer Bash

AUGUST

- 1 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Chicken Fry
- 5 Wed Firefighters/Postal Club - Rumble Around the Lake 6pm-9pm (last)
- 8 Sat KC Lake Club - Chicken Fry
- 15 Sat Blue Ridge Club - Patio Party
- 29 Sat Elks Lodge - End of Summer Party
- 30 Sun Elks Lodge - Sunday Funday 4-7pm (last of year)
- 30 Sun Firefighters/Postal Club - Labor Day Party

Membership Update!

THANK YOU!

I am very happy to say that all dues and fee collections have been completed! In addition, all hours worked were entered prior to the beginning of the new club year. It seems that everyone has become familiar with the new way to enter hours. Please be diligent and enter hours as soon as they are worked so there is no need to get them entered last minute. Remember **16 hours is the minimum**, not the maximum, so please come out and help as often as possible. We have several big events happening and there is always a need for extra help.



There are a couple of known issues with the new application. I'll be working with the developer to see if these can be mitigated. For example, the late fees were calculated after April 1st instead of the first Tuesday of April. Online payments have not been activated yet. It seems there were quite a few members who wanted to use this option so we will revisit this functionality at an upcoming officer meeting.

If there are other issues you've discovered while using the application, please send me an email or text with the problem (include a screen shot if possible).

Each year it seems we do lose a few members near April. This year was no exception. We suggest bringing friends out to the club during one of our events, and maybe they might be interested in joining up. We are currently brainstorming ideas to attract more new members and shall be communicating these ideas to the membership in the near future.

Thanks again for making this dues cycle go as smooth as it did, it is greatly appreciated!

~ Jim Cannamela

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Derby Day / Cinco De Mayo Party



INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ANCHOR BOAT CLUB MEMBER?

COME ABOARD!

We are looking for new members.
Come see what the Anchor Boat Club
has to offer!

For more information about
becoming a member, contact our
Membership Chairperson
Jim Cannamela
by phone / text at (217) 553-1844 or
email jim.cannamela@comcast.net



Member Hours

This is a reminder to members to make sure your hours (Cardboard Regatta, Chicken Fry, etc.) have been entered/recorded in our system. Don't procrastinate!

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 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.

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A Few Notes from the Bar

As most of you know, I have taken over for Jeff Ross as bar chairman. I would like to thank Jeff for his many years of managing the bar (and its patrons!) and all the help he has given me during this transition. God knows I need it.

Joe Teer, Jason Smith, and Henry Marbold have agreed to help me on the committee. Joe has been ordering all our alcohol products and is doing a great job.

One thing we have notice is a discrepancy with the use of beer chips. Chips (beer, mixed, or wine) should be rung up on the register just like buying a drink. When the chip is redeemed, just put it back in the basket by the register. Please do not ring it up a second time as the drink would be recorded twice but only paid for once.

Also, from time to time we have drink specials (such as one dollar beers on meeting nights). **Chips cannot be purchased at the special price and redeemed later.** The drink special is for that day only.

Finally, from time-to-time members ask me to find them bartenders for private events. If you are interested in working in this capacity, please let me know. I know there is a graduation party for an honorary member's grandchild on May 29th that could use one or two people to help. I do not set a wage for these situations so it needs to be worked out by both parties.

Also, bocce is starting this week. The Anchor League is on Thursdays and runs about six weeks I believe. Anchor will also host Lake League Bocce games on May 13th and 20th. We always need an inside bartender on these nights. Very easy work and if you're lucky you might have a Cubs game on.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help out.

Cheers! ~John Finnell (johnfinnell@comcast.net)

The Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta is on the horizon!!!

The Cardboard Boat Regatta will be here before we know it (July 18th).

It's never too early to start making plans for getting your crew together and start designing your prize-winning cardboard craft! This event is for both kids & adults.

If you're looking for more information, be sure to check out last year's event info (<https://anchorboatclub.net/cardboard-regatta/>) or pictures (<https://anchorboatclub.net/photos/>). If that's not enough, feel free to reach out and contact John Finnell at your convenience.

Time to Touch-Up!

It's that time of the year where we need to think about some spring spruce up. On the agenda is picnic table painting and some building painting as well. Inside the building we have a couple of doors and the banquet room that needs to be touched up. Anyone interested in getting some hours, text me (217-899-0333) and I can give you a task to do. Easy way to get hours and help the club out!



~Your Building Chair, Sam Cooper.

Save the Date: Chicken Fry 2026

Mark your calendars!!!
Saturday, August 1st. Prepare to enjoy the best Chicken Dinner on the lake...along with great music and company!



When we have more information for the event, we will be sure to share that with the membership and public when it becomes available!

Birthdays

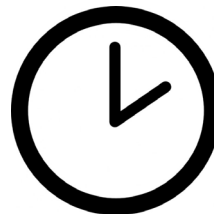
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| 05/01 | Robert M Patsche II | 05/17 | Chuck Horrighs |
| 05/03 | Devin Phillips | 05/20 | Jim Wright |
| 05/04 | Darrell Marcy | 05/21 | Brenda Clover-Altmix |
| | Sarah Harris | 05/23 | Amy Long |
| 05/05 | William (Bill) McCarty | | Gary Stover |
| 05/06 | Jim McGrath | | Stephen Cook |
| 05/07 | Edwin Lind | 05/24 | Mary Janice Endres |
| | Jeanie Neale | | Steve (Mix) Altmix |
| 05/08 | Matthew Dhabalt | 05/25 | Harvey Lomelino Jr. |
| 05/10 | Debora M Larson | | Sara Harness |
| | Patti Dunham | 05/26 | Michael L Neale |
| | Robert Dennison | 05/28 | Carolyn March |
| 05/12 | Dale Hewitt | | Stephanie Wilson |
| 05/13 | Arnold Dutcher | | |
| 05/16 | Jason Ruggless | | |
| | John Long | | |



Anniversaries

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|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 05/01 | Derek Roberts & Melissa Roberts |
| 05/07 | Scott McMurray & Theresa McMurray |
| 05/12 | Leza Long & Darryl Long |
| 05/14 | Norman Reeves Jr. & Stacey Powers |
| 05/15 | Tom Bland & Jeannette Bland |
| 05/16 | Robert Miles & Deborah J Miles |
| 05/17 | Dave Barker & Kathy Barker |
| | Jim Riemer Sr. & Retha Riemer |
| 05/18 | Kevin King & Suzanne King |
| | Tom Madonia Jr. & Katie Madonia |
| 05/20 | Tim Dunham & Patti Dunham |
| 05/21 | Jeff Bridges & Tracy Bridges |
| 05/23 | Brett Troemper & April Troemper |
| 05/26 | Steve Buckman & Kathy Buckman |
| 05/27 | John Brownback & Connie Brownback |
| 05/28 | Terri Smith & Jason Smith |

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

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| President | Mike Covey |
| Vice-President | Damon Cozadd |
| Financial Secretary | Terri Smith |
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| | Rick Eubanks |
| | Bob Esposito |
| | Travis March |
| | John Finnell |
| Bar | Sam Cooper |
| Building | SJ Martin |
| Campground | Joe Teer Jr. |
| Chicken Fry | Josh Hamlin |
| Dock | Norman Reeves Jr. |
| Entertainment | Glenn Dillman/Anissa Weber |
| Fish Fry | Austin Evans |
| Frozen Open | Mike Neale |
| Grounds | Bill Suiter |
| Kitchen | Chuck Finnell |
| Lake Council | Jim Cannamela |
| Membership | Gary Bach |
| Newsletter/Social Media | Grant Bradley |
| Purchaser | Tracy Tuxhorn & Julie Staley |
| Fall Festival | |

Calendars

May

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | 01 | 02 Derby Day / Cinco De Mayo Party |
| 03 | 04 | 05 Membership Meeting | 06 | 07 Anchor League Bocce | 08 Queen of Hearts Drawing | 09 |
| 10 Mother's Day | 11 | 12 | 13 Lake League Bocce | 14 Anchor League Bocce | 15 | 16 Dock Clean-Up / Dock Party |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Anchor League Bocce | 22 Queen of Hearts Drawing | 23 |
| 24 31 | 25 | 26 Officer's Meeting | 27 | 28 Anchor League Bocce | 29 | 30 |



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