



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB

August 2026 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

Letter from the President



I'd like to start by giving a special thank you to Damon Cozadd for his article last month. Damon's message truly captured what the Anchor Boat Club is all about: **Friendship, Fellowship, Fun, Family, and Food**. These are the things that make our club so special, and I know

many of our members appreciate them as much as I do.

One of the greatest things about being part of the Anchor Boat Club is how we support one another. We celebrate each other's successes, lend a hand when someone is facing challenges, and welcome new members with open arms. I had the opportunity to see these values in action over the past month.

John and Lorinda Finnell hosted another fantastic **Cardboard Regatta**. A special shoutout goes to the volunteers in the water who helped keep everyone safe throughout the event. It was wonderful to see so many members come out to participate and show their support. The event was a tremendous success, raising nearly **\$2,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Central Illinois**.

As if that wasn't enough excitement for one month, we also held our annual **Chicken Fry** this past weekend. Despite the wet and dreary weather, Joe Teer and his crew adapted quickly and turned the event into a drive-through dinner service. While attendance wasn't quite what it has been in previous years, everyone who came out enjoyed what many would agree is the **best chicken dinner on the lake!**

What impressed me most was the number of members who stepped up to help. Honorary members, active members, new members, and even second- and third-generation Anchor families all pitched in to make the event a success. A special thank you goes to **Ivy Hammonds and her friend**, who braved the rain to deliver dinners to vehicles waiting in the drive-through line.

Both of these events are perfect examples of what Damon

wrote about last month. When we come together through friendship, fellowship, and family, we create opportunities for great food, great fun, and meaningful experiences that benefit both our members and our community.

We still have one more event on the calendar this season: the **Triple B Bash (Bags, Bocce & BBQ)** on **September 12th**. The event will also feature a silent auction, and all proceeds will support the **Triple Heart Foundation**. We hope you'll join us for a fun day while helping raise money for a wonderful cause.

As always, let's continue working together to strengthen and grow our club and make it the very best on the lake. Remember, this is **your club**, so come out, get involved, and enjoy all that it has to offer!

See you at the lake!

Chicken Fry 2026

Another Chicken Fry is in the books! Mother Nature definitely kept us on our toes this year, but thanks to a lot of hard work, teamwork, and a little ingenuity, we made the best of it and had another great event.

A huge thank you to Joe and all of our members who volunteered their time and effort to make the Chicken Fry a success. We couldn't do

it without you! A special shout-out to The Get Down for braving the weather and keeping the crowd entertained despite the conditions.

And last but certainly not least, thank you to everyone who came out to support the club—whether you stopped by the drive-thru or joined us in person.



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2026 Lake Springfield Events

AUGUST

- 1 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Chicken Fry
- 5 Wed Firefighters/Postal Club - Rumble Around the Lake
- 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

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Triple B Bash
- 12 Sat Lake Press Club - Shrimp Boil
- 26 Sat TRN Club - Fishing Has No Boundaries
- 26 Sat Sangamo Surf - "Chipping For Charity" Golf

OCTOBER

- 17 Sat Lake Press Club - Fred O'Connor's Stuff the Truck
- 18 Sun Various Clubs - Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

- 8 Sun Firefighters/Postal Club - Craft Fair and Burgoo

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).

Just a reminder, drawings are open to the public so feel free to share with others.



Proposed By-Law Changes

If you didn't see, the club posted some upcoming by-law changes in the last newsletter. You can find a copy of the newsletter on our website.

The changes will be up for discussion at the August meeting at which point the proposed by-law changes would be voted on by secret ballot at the September Membership Meeting.

Members who wish to absentee vote on the by-law changes should contact Travis March at (217) 638-9725 or tmarch66@comcast.net. An absentee ballot can be provided and must be requested at least five days prior to the vote.

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

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SAVE THE DATE: Triple B Bash

2ND ANNUAL TRIPLE B BASH



Silent Auction

BBQ
\$\$/ Plate

*In memory of Larry Larson and Tom "Rags" Reagan
beloved members of the Anchor family.*

The Anchor Boat Club
Saturday, September 12, 2026 11:00 AM
407 E. LakeShoreDr. Springfield Illinois 62712

\$5 Entry Fee for each Tournament
(Winners will take half of the proceeds)

Bocce Ball
Tournament

Blind draw for partners.
Registration at 11am.
(Pre-Registration text 217-622-3677)
Games start at 12pm.

Bags
Tournament

Your contributions will directly support this year's chosen charity:

Triple Heart Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides books to parents embarking on the Nicu journey. Babies in the neonatal intensive care unit are often in isolettes, away from their parents. Research has shown that reading to these babies not only helps brain development, but it also helps to create a special bond between the parents and their baby. Each book is given to a Nicu family, allowing them to create a library of books and memories during their hospital stay.

We appreciate all of your support. Call or Text Tracy Tuxhorn: 217-622-3677
Or Julie Lloyd: 217-717-5246

Triple B Bash Merchandise

We're working on some exclusive event merchandise to help celebrate and promote our upcoming event. We should have sample items available at the club very soon, and pre-orders will open as soon as they arrive. Stay tuned—you'll be able to check them out in person and reserve yours before they're gone!

Fishing Has No Boundaries

Chuck Finnell is asking members for help with assisting support the Fishing Has No Boundaries event coming September 26th.

For more information, please contact Chuck Finnell at 217-553-7151.

80 Years...Where did the Time Go?

Can you believe it?! The Anchor Boat Club is getting close to celebrating its 80th year of operation. Any ideas on how to celebrate? Let us know!

Fall/Winter Apparel

Before we know it, the changing of the season will be upon us. That's why we are gearing up to offer members a chance at some new Anchor Boat Club gear! Stay tuned for more information.

Mowing Notice!

ATTENTION: In order to keep our club grounds looking good, we want to remind dock/campground leaseholders to **please mow around your boat trailers, docks, and campers.**



As a dock / campground leaseholder, you are responsible for mowing around your areas. Please remember failure to do so can result in a fine. Thank you!

Birthdays

08/02	Megan Amerson	08/23	Bill Sweetland
08/03	Brandon Marcy	08/24	TJ Martin
08/04	Jacki Summers	08/25	Kristin Weed
08/05	Scott Wooden		Melanie Dhabalt
08/07	Donna Maxwell		Nancy Cooper
	Sarah Rockwood	08/26	Duane Millard
08/08	Bambi Redpath		Michael Egan
08/09	Amy Staley		Sean Neary
	Lonny Gain	08/27	Jim Havens
	Scott Mehring	08/28	Brett Troemper
08/10	Judy Cordier		Robin Kochman
08/11	John McCoy	08/29	Don Halberg
08/13	Jayne Angeli		Sheila Washburn
	Kelly Streeval		Silas Chandra
08/14	Betty Jo Teer	08/31	Dave Barker
08/15	Max Wollet		
08/16	Joe Teer Jr.		
08/17	Gina Hamlin		
08/19	Thomas (Tom) Gatlin Sr.		
08/20	Laura Kuchar		
08/22	Lisa Conley		



Anniversaries

08/01	Eric Staley & Amy Staley
	Todd Eddington & Amy Eddington
08/06	Thomas (Tom) Gatlin Sr. & Janie M Gatlin
08/08	Craig Berberet & Jamie Berberet
08/10	Zachary Spraetz & Stacia Spraetz
08/12	Chuck Redpath Sr. & Bambi Redpath
	Jim Cordier & Judy Cordier
08/24	Kevin Auth & Jacki Summers
	Sam Cooper & Nancy Cooper
08/26	Harvey Lomelino Jr. & Barb Lomelino
	Larry Schoen & Madonna Schoen
08/30	Bill Hawes & Marilyn Hawes
08/31	Tom Oseland & Susan Oseland

Welcome to the Club!!!

Please be sure to say hello to our newest Anchor Boat Club members:

- Piper Staley
- Brady Kuntzi



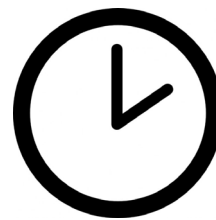
A Distinguished Welcome!

Congratulations to our recent Honorary members!!!

- Jeff Bridges
- Ed Hedge



Enter Your Hours!



Please remember to enter all work hours in the **Member Portal** 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

Tag Your Trailer!

BOAT OWNERS: This is a reminder to **please make sure that your boats are properly tagged!**

Calendars

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						01 Annual Chicken Fry
02	03	04 Membership Meeting	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 31	24	25 Officer's Meeting	26	27	28	30



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