



June 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club



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COMING UP

- 27-29 May - Hawg Wild Regatta - Times Vary
- 4 June - Juniors Get Ready for Summer! - 1000 hours
- 5 June - Centerboard Race - 1300 hours
- 6 June - Board Meeting - 1800 hours
- 10-12 June - Adult Learn to Sail - Times Vary
- 13-17 June - Junior Learn to Sail - Times Vary
- 19 June - Centerboard Race - 1300 hours
- 26 June - Centerboard Race - 1300 hours
- 6 July - Wednesday Night Sail - 1800 hours
- 9 July - Junior Racing - TBA
- 10 July - Centerboard Race - 1300 hours
- 11 July - Board Meeting - 1800 hours
- 20 July - Wednesday Night Sail - 1800 hours
- 23 July - Junior Racing - TBA
- 24 July - Centerboard Race - 1300 hours

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Race committee for the first race-day of centerboard season. Lots of Families; two with three generations. Joe back where he belongs.



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COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICOLE CLAAS MOORE

For those of you who did not think it was possible we could get enough rain to raise the lake level enough to launch at the ramp for centerboard season, you should have been right. Some strange weather came together to not only fill the lake but cause it to flow over the spillway at a pretty good rate. Could it have been Sherri Jo's Bottle Tree or Sample making certain he proves the nay-sayers wrong? No one knows but one thing is for sure, we got an unprecedented 13.5" of rain in three weeks (4/11-5/2) and the lake came up more than 7'. This is great for our lake and centerboard racing program but it is a shame the rain had to be accompanied by destructive weather that caused great damage.

By the time you receive the Mainsheet, we will have had our annual Hawg Wild regatta. Drew Daugherty, our regatta chairman is hoping to make this THE regional Memorial Day weekend regatta and intends to continue building awareness and promoting it as such in coming years. The Hawg Wild is already a major stop on the Y-Flyer regatta circuit; it served as the Central-Southern Interdistrict Thistle regatta a few years ago and is currently being promoted through NOR invitations; and I understand we are attracting some Flying Scots from around the region. Thanks to Drew for his vision and work to help make this a great regatta and for everyone else who volunteered their time to show our guests a great time, including our social chairs and race committee volunteers.

The centerboard first series races will be run by our very special Race Committee Chair, Chuck Blair. He just will not slow down and continues to wow his doctors, friends, and family. When I told him we were struggling to find a volunteer to run races this summer, he stepped up. I thought to myself, "Now? Are you sure?" I've started calling him, Superman because there's really not a better word to describe him. Chuck is eager to

get back on the water, though, and is going to turn over the reigns for the second series. We have several good candidates willing to take over. Big thanks to Chuck, David Sample, and all those who sacrifice their time racing sailboats so that the rest of us may enjoy doing so.

We are making an effort to have GMSC and sailboat racing recognized by local media. Our Public Relations Chair, Evan Daugherty came up with a great idea to host sports producers and writers from local television, radio, and print media for an evening sail. This 'Media Day' will hopefully increase the local media's awareness of GMSC and our programs, and will surely result in some GMSC presence in the various media. Smile for the camera, as there will likely be cameramen and videographers around the club and the lake more in the near future.

We have an upcoming project; Central Arkansas Water will be making improvements to our septic system. The work will last approximately three months and is scheduled to begin around June 1st. Most of the work will be done behind the downstairs head and in the woods beyond but some minor work will occur on the south side of the clubhouse. If you have any questions or concerns about the work, please contact our Grounds Chair, Werner Schwarz.

Adult Learn to Sail will be held 10-12 June and Junior Learn to Sail will be held 13-17 June. Please feel free to come out on Sunday, 12 June to introduce yourself and possibly take sailing some of our adult students. This is where we gain the majority of our new members and is a great opportunity to recruit new fleet members and crew. Paulette has a great program scheduled for the kids this summer, including scheduled Wednesday night sails that are open to everyone.

See you at the lake!

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club
April 2011 Board Meeting
4 April 2011



Attendees: Paulette McConnell, Blake Byrd, Drew Daugherty, Evan Daugherty, Robert Halstead, Nicole Claas Moore, Kathy Blair, Chuck Blair, Werner Schwarz, Jack Myers, Vicki Tuthill, Bud Thurman, James Lovings, David Nigus, Kim Cartwright, Jill Gray, Garry Roberts, and Tracy Sykes.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Officers' Reports:

- Commodore, Nicole Claas Moore – nothing to report.
- Vice-Commodore, Robert Halstead – presented an overview of the US Sailing Yacht Club Summit.
- Secretary, Tracy Sykes – Review of March Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was made to accept and it was seconded.
- Treasurer, Kathy Blair – Financial Report. Kathy presented the 2011 budget that was approved at the March meeting. She distributed the Budget to Actuals Report for the first quarter. Net Cash: \$50,400. Kathy paid the bills for the Kiko's Corner repairs and insurance.

Committee Reports:

- Membership, Jeff Olm Richard Watts has sent in his resignation as an associate member.
- Race Committee, David Sample - not present.
- Equipment, Chuck Blair - Chuck received an itemized estimate of the load test from Highspeed. \$2,000 was the approximate total. He is going to talk further with them about the price and details.
- Docks & Slips, John Bryant and Jim Marone - D & C section work party scheduled for 4/23. Repaired C walkway last Sunday. David Nigus is encouraging those persons whose slips are needing repair to attend the work party on 4/23. If the slips are not repaired or if the owners do not attend the work party to assist with repairs, the club will make the repairs and bill the member. Jack Myers mentioned that the breakwater will also get some attention during the work party. Jack also questioned the status of signs on top of the breakwater asking fisherman to stay off. He will draft a letter that will be sent to Nicole for delivery to CAW.
- Grounds, Werner Schwarz - no report. No update on a written estimate for the asphalt work. The annual general work party will be held on 4/30, the day of the spring fling.
- Clubhouse, Vicki Tuthill and Steve Tribett - Vicki is researching options for the picnic tables.
- Social, Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise – Sherri Jo was unable to submit grant due to scheduling challenges. Looking for a caterer for the Spring Regatta. David Sample will do the music for the Spring Fling.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- New Breakwater, David Nigus – committee will meet soon to regroup.
- Mainsheet, Kim Cartwright – sending it out on 4/5.
- Website, Robert Halstead – up 60%. Almost 1,000 visitors in March.
- Public Relations, Evan Daugherty - presented a proposal for a media day. He would like to have the event take place before the end of May.
- Regatta, Drew Daugherty Spring Keelboat Regatta. 10:30 harbor gun. NOR is in the Mainsheet. Need to make a decision by the first week of May whether to invite visitors to the Memorial Day Regatta due to the fact that the launch ramps may not be in use at that point.
- Regal Regatta, Jack Myers – no update.
- GYA, Bud Thurman – Opening regatta is 4/30. Bud Thurman will provide to Walt Bryde the GYA schedule and background regarding the program.
- Adult Learn to Sail, Nicole Claas Moore - opened registration on April 1st. Nine persons have signed up so far. Scheduled for 6/10-6/12.
- Junior Learn to Sail, Paulette McConnell - distributed handout with details on the junior 2011 sailing program. GMSC has purchased a used Sunfish for \$250. Mark Barton is looking at the repairs needed. Paulette ordered two new Optimist sails. Mark George and Jim Marone have been inventorying the Flying Juniors sails and parts. Looking for fleets to adopt a junior. All are eligible except for the orange one that is privately owned.

Fleet Reports:

A Fleet, John Bryant - will be around 3 additional boats for the regatta.

B Fleet, Anthony Jacuzzi – no report

Flying Scot, Walter Bryde – no report

Hobie, James Lovings – Reported that fleet members Matt & Lisa Ragland had a baby. Congratulations!

Thistle, Garry Roberts - no report

Y-Flyer, Blake Byrd – no report

Unfinished Business:

none

New Business:

none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Sykes, Secretary.

GMSC Newsletter - June 2011

5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40 Years Ago

5 Years Ago

June 2006 saw keelboat slips on the move to deeper water. The Spring Keelboat Regatta had 22 boats with David Sample winning the A-Fleet and Craig Parin the B-Fleet. Sample came to the Spring Fling as a band member and cook, and did well with both.

Bruce McMath agreed to be the Summer Race Committee. A long analysis of the first races (light, shifty air) showed how difficult setting a course and anticipating what the wind is going to do – and the problems with boats and motors.

10 Years Ago

June 2001 Commodore Jeff Olm congratulated Kim and Steve Tribett for a great Spring Fling; and Drew Daugherty organized the annual grounds cleanup. Wednesday night sailing was beginning, and the first race day saw four Thistles, nine Y-Flyers, eight Flying Scots plus Hobie 16's and Lasers – a total of 34. After the race, an electrical storm knocked out the clubhouse power. Where was former club electrician Jerry Lee when we needed him?

Mainsheet editors Durney lured writers to Mainsheet night with Pierre Sparr Pinot 1998 Pino Grigio, Ca'del Solo 1999, Big House California Red, and beer, of course. Chris reported 941 visits to our website. Interestingly, 192 of those were from the US Government. The most visits out of the US were from the Netherlands: People checking on Kees and Jon Claas, no doubt.

15 Years Ago

The Spring Fling was a roaring success under the leadership of Kees and Kay Oudegeest. The Centerboard season began immediately thereafter. The Hawg Wild Regatta was on May 25 & 26, with Sue and Doug Buffalo, and Cindy and Dan Daughtery taking charge. The GYA racing schedule began at Fair Hope on Mobile Bay, and the Club was looking forward to the Y-Flyer Nationals. Mark Barton placed 5th at the Earlybird Y-Flyer Regatta on Lake St. Louis on April 28.

The Flying Scot fleet kicked off its season with a meeting at Sam and Helen Caruthers' home. Commodore Jim Mulhollan gave instruction on how to prevent and treat hypothermia. Apparently the best method involved a naked fat lady. Commodore Jim let his son Jack skipper Gang Green to a win at the Hawg Wild Regatta.

Congratulations were in order for Keith Newton and his dedicated crew Valerie Dodd, who skillfully executed the first capsized of the Centerboard season. Chris Durney followed shortly with his own Hobie 16 capsized.

20 Years Ago

The opening GYA race was at the New Orleans Yacht Club. Twenty Flying Scots converged on the start line on starboard as the GMSC boat, with Chet Hight, Don Wright, and “young” Jack Mulhollan on board, made a port start – astonishing the rest of the gulf sailors. After the tornado of May 5 passed, a few Y and Thistle sailors braved the lake despite an excess of wind.

John Lane volunteered a list of sailing terms that had somehow escaped his column:

A crotch of booms	A curse of capsizes
A baft of beams	A scream of protests
A jam of cleats	A fear of white caps
A Dread of spinnakers	A procrastination of race committees
A beam of masts	A smug of winners
A round of marks	A pomposity of protest committees
A drawl of yawls	A disgruntle of losers

Further, the original founders of GMSC were listed from 1959: Hal Daugherty, Bill Graham, Tom Grey, Jim Hatcher, Wassell Turner, Dr. Clark Gillespie, Frank Gordon, Russell Brown, Roy Hackett, most accompanied by their wives – some reluctantly.

25 Years Ago

The Commodore was trying to explain to the membership how to spell Cape Deville. We already knew how to spell Lipton, but whoever heard of sailing in a Lipton Cup. They sail in some pretty small lakes up in Kansas, but this seemed excessive. The only problem with the competition was in learning how to drive a Flying Scot.

In his own quaint Cleburne County way, Commodore Carl Garner cautioned the GMSC members that swimming is a “dog that won’t hunt” on Lake Maumelle. The fine is \$50.00 plus \$49.50 court cost. Meanwhile, the Y-Flyer travelers were being blown off the lake at Carlisle in the Early Bird Regatta. Randy Oates commended Joe Semberski for sailing fast, but noted that it would probably get him the “pole” position. Randy, you can do better than that.

Our initial Associate member, Coreen Frasier, won her division in the Maumelle biathlon: A 10-kilometer run followed by a 20-mile bicycle race. Chet Hight was overall chairman for Learn-to-Sail/Learn-to-Race with some of our very best sailors teaching: Max and Mary Mehlburger, Carl Garner, David Hall, Tony Mays, Ralph Wolfe, and some of the Oateses.

30 Years Ago

Lasers appeared on a GMSC start line for the first time ever. Vice Commodore Dudley Rodgers made sure the Junior Sunfish program was properly under way. Tom Bonner brought home the latest Burgee for the clubhouse: The NBC Peacock in glorious color.

35 Years Ago

The Y-Flyer Nationals were set to be followed, immediately, by a gigantic, stupendous, colossal Bicentennial celebration for the Fourth of July at the clubhouse. Hal Daugherty made sure that the docks were re carpeted for the Y sailors. Joe Whitesell stained the kitchen cabinets while Buster Jones sowed his wild oats (love grass around the entrance to the parking lot and clubhouse). Architect Bill Canino designed a bulletin board, which was constructed over the next several years near the Y-Fleet area.

The usual spring weather produced one race out of two days, while Race Committee chief Delberte Plante spent two days fishing soggy sailors out of the lake. Wonderful recipes from the Polish Navy were contributed by John Lane: Chocolate Mouseski, Steam Iron Goulashski, Fruitski salad, and HoPoGailDingski.

40 Years Ago

The 3rd Annual Around the Island Race featured some interesting rules: The Thistles were required to carry five people, the Y-Flyers four, and the Sunfish three. Talk about crowded. The skippers wore red armbands on their left leg, and bikini inspections were scheduled before, during and after the race.

Ed Grubbs was profusely thanked for overseeing the parking lot paving project. Big Tom Richards thanked the club for the first Thistle Mid-America Districts ever, and Joel Stout already had a lead in the competition for the Flying Junior Fleet Capsize Trophy.

**And that's how it was
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40
years ago this month.**

MISSING

1962 Cub Cadet 100 Lawn Tractor

Taken from the GMSC Storage Barn

**If you know the whereabouts of this tractor, please
contact David Nigus @ 628-8607.**