



# Beaver Lake BEARINGS

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## Commanders Message - February 2012

By Commander Deanne Mayer

If you are like me, this weather makes me yearn to get out to the lake. But, the boat is winterized and I know ol' man winter isn't done with us yet. So if you need your boating fix, make plans to attend the NWA Boat Show at the Hammon's Center in Rogers on Feb 17-19<sup>th</sup>. The squadron will have a booth again this year so stop by and say hello. Better yet, contact Kip Powers and see if he needs more volunteers to man the booth.

Keep the wind to your back and the sun on your face. Spring will be here soon and I can't wait!

### Also from the Commander... "If you don't have a web presence, you don't exist"

That may be a bit extreme but in the current era it's kinda true. More and more, the preferred communication method is digital. We have a website, [www.boatbeaverlake.com](http://www.boatbeaverlake.com) and a Facebook page. Just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron and "Like" us. We are planning to redesign our website, [www.boatbeaverlake.com](http://www.boatbeaverlake.com), and I am looking for volunteers to help. If you or somebody you know would be interested in helping redesign our website, please contact me at [klassil@yahoo.com](mailto:klassil@yahoo.com) or 479-936-4352.

### Breaking News at January Board Meeting

Bob Reynolds is the "New" Public Relations Officer.

The new Sail Course fees are \$150, \$200 for a family and \$50 for existing members. Family members must be at least 16.

Approved a special prize drawing for our participation at the Boat Show

Look for a new "Learn to Sail" Banner at the Boat Show

*NWA Boat Show—Feb 17-19 Come Help us at J.Q. Hammons Center*



Its February...It must be Boat Show Time

The Northwest Arkansas Boat Show will take place at the Hammons Center in Rogers on Friday February 17 through Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>. Show hours are 9AM to 8PM on Friday and Saturday and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. The show this year is being promoted by a coalition of local boat dealers.

The Boat Show has traditionally been a major source of new members for our Squadron and an excellent opportunity for us to promote both our ABC and Sail classes. As mentioned elsewhere in this edition, these classes have already been scheduled so that we will, unlike last year, be able to give definite date and place information to contacts.

Many of our members have already volunteered to help at the show and a roster is on page 3. We need to have 2 or 3 members present for each shift and also a couple of folks to help set up on Thursday. Thursday set up time starts at 8 AM and continues throughout the day. We can meet to set up at a time mutually convenient for those volunteering. You can volunteer at Tuesday's dinner meeting or by contacting Kip Powers 925 3145 or [kip055@cox.net](mailto:kip055@cox.net).

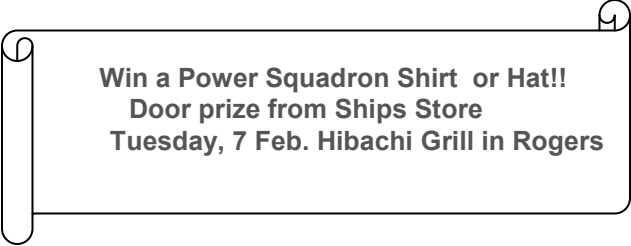
## Meetings & Boating Activities

Admin Officer, Lt/C Mary Jean Kippenbrock, P

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What a wonderful January dinner meeting. It is great to see the growth in our membership! I love seeing the new faces; now I wish I was as good with names. Unfortunately, I am not and I suspect that others are like me. So... let's all make a special effort to wear our name badges to the meetings and other events!

Our upcoming **February meeting is Tuesday, February 7, at the Hibachi Grill, 102 South 21st Street, Rogers** -- in front of Wal-Mart. Fellowship starts at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30. Please pay when you enter the restaurant. The buffet is \$8.99 plus tax. We are meeting in the community room. The speaker is John Harris who will tell us about his water adventures on the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers. Look forward to a great evening!



Win a Power Squadron Shirt or Hat!!  
Door prize from Ships Store  
Tuesday, 7 Feb. Hibachi Grill in Rogers

**The March meeting is Tuesday, March 6, at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in Springdale at 118 West Johnson Avenue.** Enjoy the historical setting along with a program about our lake -- Before Beaver Lake by Susan Young. Meet at 6:00 and enjoy a fried chicken dinner at 6:30 before the program. The cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person. All of us enjoy Beaver Lake but few of us know what the area was like prior to Beaver Lake. Enjoy this excellent opportunity.

Upcoming programs include learning about the environmental issues for Beaver Lake. **Put April 3 on your calendar to hear from ABLE -- Association for Beaver Lake Environment.** On May 1, we will head to the East Coast and learn about tall ship sailing from our commodore Deanne Mayer. Further information will be in future Bearings.

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!!!**

## Education Offerings

Education Officer, Tom Unger

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### NTI Accommodates Classes

Northwest Technical Institute in Springdale is providing classroom space for our courses this spring -- Seamanship, ABC and the Sail class. Since Springdale is pretty much in the middle of NW Arkansas and the classroom is well equipped, we think this is a good fit.

### Seamanship

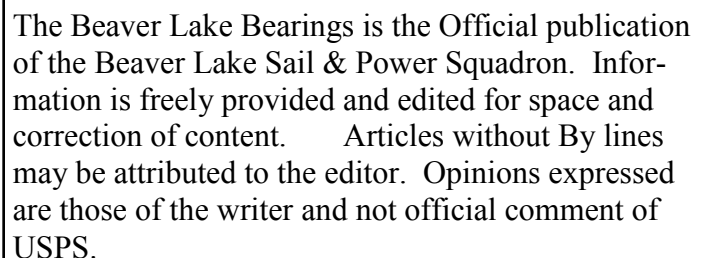
Seven students are enrolled in Seamanship being taught by Tom Unger and Mike Musholt. We've said it before, but if it has been a decade or two since you took Seamanship, you really should take it again. The course is more practical and the materials more interesting and up to date. There is plenty most of us could learn. Stop by on Friday night at 6:30 at NTI room 126 and see for yourself.

### ABC III (Boating Course)

ABC III will be held in the same room at NTI on March 9, 16, 30 and April 6. This is what we used to call the "public boating course". We will be promoting it at the NWA Boat Show. If you know someone who is just beginning boating, be sure to tell them about this class.

### Sail Class Begins April 13

The Sail class will start on April 13. It will also be held on Friday nights at NTI and will continue for 8 weeks. John and Len are hoping this timeframe will offer students better sailing conditions -- more wind, less heat. Let's hope we don't get too much of what we're asking for.



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# Welcome New Squadron Members Jim & Debbie Sweeten

## *Grand Lake's Loss is Our Gain*

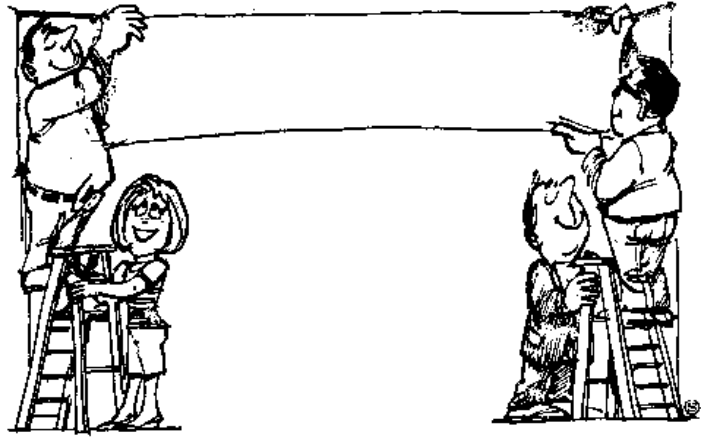
A few weeks ago, a stranger came to Jim and Betty Sweeten's home on Grand Lake and asked if they were interested in selling. According to Jim, "I threw out a price and he offered me cash on the spot." That prompted the Sweetens to move to Bentonville where Debbie was already teaching at Lincoln Jr. High and it also meant that the Beaver Lake Power Squadron gained two new but experienced members.

Jim taught Advanced Piloting, Junior navigation and Navigation courses for the Grand Lake Power Squadron and is currently the District Education Officer. This means he knows Tom Unger and he "still" decided to join our group.

Jim and Debbie sold their 24' Lowe Deck Boat with their house in Oklahoma, but they still have two kayaks to pursue one of their outdoor hobbies. They also enjoy bicycling, in fact Jim says his wife is a fitness enthusiast. Jim is also an amateur ham radio operator and he proudly claims to have communicated with other operators in 201 countries.

The Sweetens are renting a home in Bentonville and Debbie continues to teach 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education at Lincoln. Jim retired from teaching and school administration after 29 years as the Superintendent of Schools in a district north of Pittsburg KS. Their paths crossed about 15 years ago in the library of Emporia State University, when Debbie was teaching in Burlington KS.

When you meet the Sweetens at the Hibachi Grill on February 7<sup>th</sup>...please give them a warm Beaver Lake welcome.



## **BOAT SHOW SIGN UP**

### FRIDAY, FEB 17

### SATURDAY, FEB 18

9-12	Kip Powers Mary Jean Kippenbrock	9-12	Deanne Mayer Mike Musholt
12-3	Mike McCauley Ramona Jones Jim Collier Nancy Gibson	12-3	Dean / Jan Muetzel
3-6	Tom and Susan Unger	3-6	Kate /Gene Gravelle
6-8	Evelyn Cross	6-8	Byron and Betty Lake

### SUNDAY, FEB 19

10-12:30	John Conrad Scott Young
12:30-3	Larry and Linda Shade Danny Johnson
3-5	Kip Powers



## Elsie & Julian Rolandelli...New Longhorns

Elsie Writes...

Julian and I thought we were well prepared to sell out house by beautiful Beaver Lake but when the offer finally came and we found that we had only 30 days to move it was a bit hectic. So take heed my friends, get rid of most of you junk NOW. Your kids don't want it and neither does the second hand dealer. Just give it to charity. Then go back and clean out the closets again and again and again.

Our new, custom built, white and tan brick 2000 sq. foot home on the plains of McKinney Texas has been in live condition since December 2010. It has a nice large enclosed kitchen, separate dining room three bed rooms two of which are used for something else like an office and craft room. The climb over the faucets of the Jacuzzi tub was replaced by a 6ft walk in shower with a good size dressing room just a wet foot print away. There is a 60" TV hung over the never to be used fireplace and the golf cart storage area has been fully enclosed for Julian's work shop. The two cars just fit in the nice clean garage.

I am sure that Texans are nice people but we haven't met any yet. Like Rogers, AR, everyone is from someplace else. Most talk about the recession but there really are not many signs of it here. Home building has never stopped, there is a bank on every corner right next to a grocery store whose parking lot is full 24/7. The movie houses are numerous. There is no income tax but the \$300+ car registration fee is a bit high. Of course there is new road building going on EVERYWHERE.



The Rolandelli Home

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**CALL  
TO  
MEETING**

### DISTRICT 31 WINTER COUNCIL

Notice to all

**District 31 Bridge Officers  
Past District Commander  
Chairs, General Committees  
Squadron Commanders  
Squadron Educational Officers  
All Other Interested Parties**

**By order of the District Commander  
notice is hereby given that the  
Winter Council will be  
held at the following time and place**

**Saturday, 25 February 2012**

**1000 - 1400**

**Bass Pro**

**Broken Arrow, OK**

**Purpose**

**To conduct all other business of the District which may  
properly come before the Council**

**Uniform**

**USPS or Squadron Polo shirts or appropriate attire**

**D/L/C Susie Holden, P**

**District 31 Secretary**

ATTENTION—ATTENTION

15th Annual Boarman Youth Poster Contest

This year's theme is "Lets Boat Safe and Clean"

Contest rules & Guidelines on National Website

[www.usps.org/national/membership/youthposter.htm](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youthposter.htm)