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Cheney Lake, Kansas

From The Commodore

Well, the Low Country Boil was held last weekend and, except for the howling wind, the weather was perfect. Having dinner on the picnic tables at the Shelter House in a blow reminded me of how fortunate we are to have the Afterdeck for most of our events. We had great food, great company, a nice fire in the fire pit and a few brave souls went out on the lake. The result was another successful event for the NSA Social Committee.

Several of the KBRS races have been blowouts due to the strong winds and their season is about to wind up. They have had another successful year of great sailboat racing.

This time of year is the perfect weather for sailing, so get out and enjoy your boats and the camaraderie that being a member of NSA brings. I have it on good authority that we have the beginnings of a new racing fleet, the Thistles. I understand that Jim Pierce has been elected as the Fleet Captain by a unanimous vote.

Soon, you'll be able to tune into the NSA weather right from your computer anywhere in the world. We are continuing to help the Friends of Cheney Lake (FOCL) to promote the fundraising needed to secure and install a near-real time weather station on the end of our jetty with data passed through the club's website. When complete, you and the general public can view current weather from your home computer or even your internet capable cell phone. The FOCL has collected about eighty percent of the funds needed to complete the project. Since my last Commodore's Comments, much of the equipment has been purchased and installed. What remains is to get two 19-22 inch flat screen monitors to display the data in the Afterdeck, and the software needed to capture the data and upload it to the web. Until the fundraising is complete the equipment and software needed for data capture and uplink to the web site will not be able to be purchased and implemented. We'll be able to see the real time data at the Afterdeck but not beyond until additional funding is collected. So, send your tax deductible contributions to: the "Friends of Cheney Lake" C/O Gregg Greenwood, 1239 Denmark, Wichita, KS 67212 and indicate that you are contributing to the weather station project. Do it today so the project can continue uninterrupted to its full capability. Hopefully by the annual meeting on Nov. 18 we'll be able to view the data locally at the Afterdeck and remotely on the web.

If any of you have a flat screen monitor in the 19+ size range and would like to donate that to the Weather Station Project, contact Stan Chase (722-7591) as soon as possible to determine if it will meet the required specifications. If so, then contact Gregg Greenwood (722-6051) to work out the mechanics of donating the device to the FOCL for use in the Weather Station Project.

If you haven't yet changed your Mainsheet delivery method to electronic, send an email to: Allen Johnson to let him know to switch you to electronic delivery. You can email him at: nsa_sailor@yahoo.com or drop him a note by "snail mail" to the PO Box. The list of "snail mail" deliveries continues to get shorter every month.

At the Annual Meeting, we will have a wildlife biologist from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks who will present a program on the Zebra Mussel infestation and how we can help to prevent the spread.

Flipping of the boards on the slips is progressing with the main walkways of A and B Dock complete. The center sections and fingers remain to be completed. So, the Harbormaster still needs your assistance. If you are a wet slip committee member or just want to volunteer to help, please contact the Harbormaster, Jim Honeyman. He's planning more weekends yet this year to get as much of this done as is possible. If we can't get this project done with club members before year end, we plan to hire the work out next year. To pay for that work, we expect that we will use the funds we will receive from not giving work credit to those that didn't complete their required hours and those who are not eligible for the program next year as a result. We of course, would rather see the club get the necessary work done internally. If you can help, contact Jim.

Enjoy the fall weather and I'll see you at the lake!

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Board of Governors

Minutes
Board of Governors
Ninnescah Sailing Association
October 4, 2007

Board members present: Fitzgerald, Huffman, Carlsen, Honeyman, Graves, Shull and Woodward.

Club members present: Johnson, Adams, Knox and the Hudsons.

- The meeting was convened at 7:05 pm at Quincy's in Wichita
- The minutes of the September 6 meeting were approved as published.
- Adams reported the Afterdeck building had been sprayed with sealer and that the deck would be done soon. The gravel roads along the beach and in the yards have been graded and repaired. New yellow straps for the crane-lifting cradle have been obtained. New lights have been installed at the shelter house. The mowers need maintenance, but should survive until winter. A waterline leak in the west yard has developed and is scheduled for repair. The weather station equipment and computer are ready to be installed, but a couple of flat screen monitors are still needed.
- Graves presented the monthly and year to date financial report, which was approved.
- Carlsen thanked Rob Fresh, Jack Kramer, Allen Loehr, Vic Carter, Frank Couch, Greg Greenwood, Rick Graves, Lionel Diamond, Pat Adams and Charles Bruce who spent five hours sealing the outside of the Afterdeck on September 22. He reported that the trees had been trimmed and beaver proofed for the winter. He reminds members not to leave used oil or batteries at the club.
- Honeyman reported that the main walkway boards on A and B slips have been turned. Work on the fingers continues.



- Fitzgerald, on Garvey's behalf, reported that the website was down due to lightning but will be back up soon. Work continues on Mainsheet advertising and delivery projects. Allen Hale and Ray Fox are developing a NSA cookbook, which will be sold at the Ship's Store. A new Yearbook chairman will be needed next year as the current chair has sold his boat and is leaving the club.

- Huffman distributed a draft Long Range Planning report for review and discussion. He also reviewed several fee increase proposals for future consideration by the board.

- Woodward discussed the work credit program and the need for the LRP, Board and general membership to review its current effectiveness and possible revision or elimination. He advised the fire alarm system is done and awaiting for activation by the security company.

- Fitzgerald discussed a draft "Jr. Sailing boat use policy" drafted by Pierce; it will be distributed to the board for future consideration.

- The board discussed revising the mooring fee structure; it will be passed to the LRP to review along with its study of the mooring field redevelopment. The Board also discussed the placement of a wave attenuator and slips in the main cove between Stone's and Adam's jetties.

- Members are reminded to turn in their work credit vouchers by October 15.

- Huffman advised he'd been in contact with Congressman Tiaht concerning additional funding for Cheney Reservoir.

- A slip transfer between Wessel and Knox was approved.

- The Long Range Planning Committee will meet on October 11, at Quincy's at 7:00 pm.

- The October BOG breakfast is October 16 at the Beacon at 7:00 am.

- The Next BOG meeting is November 1, at Quincy's at 7:00 pm.

- The annual meeting of the membership is November 18, at the Afterdeck at 3:00 pm, followed by a covered dish dinner.

- The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Ninnescah Sailing Association Board of Governors Proposed Meeting Dates and Locations 2006 and 2007

November 1, 2007	Quincy's
Annual Meeting	
November 18, 2007	Afterdeck

Operations - Social Committee Calendar

11/18 Sun- Annual Meeting at 3:00 PM
12/08 Sat - Holiday Party

From the Editor:

-Announcements of scheduled events (such as dinners and races), ads, and any items that need to be typed must be received by Thursday, November 1st.

-Only items on IBM formatted discs or e-mail will be accepted until 6:00 p.m Monday, November 5th.

-Any late material will be published the next month.

Bring or mail your material to the Editor, Mark Reeves at 3240 Country Club, Wichita, KS 67208, (316-685-7425), **or E-mail it to: nreeves@cox.net** (E-mail is preferred)

Please note the deadline schedule:

WANTED



New Yearbook Editor!!

(Preferably Alive!!)

Call Sony for details. 210-7731

notices:

* **Afterdeck Reservations**

If you are interested in reserving the Afterdeck for NSA activities or renting the facility for a private function, please contact Past Commodore Alan Huffman via e-mail pastcommodore@ninnescah.org or phone 316-832-9662

* **E-mail MAINSHEET**

Remember, the E-mail issue of the MAINSHEET usually arrives at your computer on the Tuesday following the Thursday BOG meeting. It is in color, and you can still print out your own copy if you wish. Every e-mail subscription we enlist will save the NSA time and money that we can use for other projects, and it will help keep your dues from increasing more.

* **Yearbook Editor**

NSA is looking for a new yearbook editor, if you are interested in this position please notify Sony Garvy at 210-7731.



CORN Regatta Ninescah Sailing Association September 2-3, 2007

Fun and Fleet-Building in the Mid-America District

On Sunday and Monday of Labor Day Weekend, eleven Thistles from Kansas and Oklahoma converged on the CORN (Cheney One-design Regatta at Ninescah) regatta, on Cheney Reservoir, outside of Wichita, KS. Skippers and crew from six different sailing clubs participated: Ninescah SA, Kansas SA, Windycrest SC, Oklahoma City BC, Walnut Valley SC, and Oklahoma State SC.

Cheney Reservoir is known for its strong steady breezes. We sailed, however, in a variety of conditions that ranged from light and shifty to extremely light and extremely shifty. The Race Committee did yeoman work getting in five races.

Sunday's winds were generally in the 3-6 knot range, sometimes less. The first race was a test of the sailors' creativity and ingenuity, as the wind shifted from 170° to 70° during the first beat, turning much of the initial "beat" into a broad reach, and the second leg into a short beat. Tim Fitzgerald (who borrowed both Larry Bigus' boat and Larry) did the best job adapting and took the gun, followed by District Champ Terry O'Hara and Joel Erickson. Races #2 and 3 did not bring wind shifts quite so dramatic, but were an exercise in finding the best "patches" of breeze among many flat spots. With Ninescah SA Commodore (not to mention, Tim Fitzgerald's dad) Schoen Fitzgerald aboard as expert tactician and wind-hound, David Eisenberg won both races. In Race #2, it was Fitzgerald 2nd and Steve Elliott 3rd; in Race #3 it was Elliott 2nd, followed by Fitzgerald.

Monday, the winds were a bit steadier (at least the shifts generally were no more than 20-25° at a time), blowing 4-7 knots out of the SSE. Blair Dryden – who had heretofore taken a hiatus from racing this season, and was kind enough to take out some inexperienced Thistlers as crew for this regatta – played the shifts perfectly and won going away in race #4. Mike Duff finished 2nd, with Erickson 3rd.

The fifth and final race was highlighted by a bit of a train wreck at the final leeward mark, as seven boats rounded in close quarters, amid colorful but mainly polite conversation. Fitzgerald led a pack out to the right side of the final beat, Eisenberg played the left, and they finished first and second, followed by O'Hara.

When all was said and done, Tim Fitzgerald, who was fast and consistent in the tricky conditions, took first-place honors with finishes of 1-2-3-4-1. In second place was David Eisenberg, with finishes of 5-1-1-6-2. Rallying for third overall after a tough first race was Steve Elliott, who shared driving duties with Oklahoma State SC stalwart Drew Bohan, and finished 9-3-2-5-7. Finishing fourth and fifth, both a slender two points behind Elliott, were Mike Duff and Bob Hyland.

The Ninescah SA's hospitality was superb, as were the on-shore activities. A Pig Roast dinner on Sunday was capped by an incredible spread of home made pies and home made ice cream. The air-conditioned club house and outdoor terrace made for comfortable dining. The fireworks that followed were fantastic, and our sailors enjoyed sitting on the beach in the lagoon area and relaxing all evening. There was camping within walking distance of the boats, and several of our group stayed in lake cabins that are about a three-minute drive from the boats.

We were also tremendously pleased to have a number of Ninescah sailors join us as crew for this regatta, and they enjoyed themselves, notwithstanding the challenging conditions. While the club currently does not have a Thistle fleet, following this event, there is now at least one person planning on buying a Thistle and possibly a second.

The regatta was also very much a family affair, as Kansas Citians Bob Hyland, Blair Dryden, Joel Butner, and Toni Peterson, brought along their families, who spent the weekend and enjoyed the club and park facilities. 10-year old Chaney Butner, who crewed with Mike Duff and dad Joel, did a great job as forward crew, but all weekend neither Mike nor Joel could come up with a satisfactory response to Chaney's question, "Can I hike yet?"

A highlight of the non-racing activities came shortly after the racing on Sunday – when, of course – the wind suddenly decided to pipe in at 10-15 mph. (Don't you just *hate* that???) Seeing this as a golden opportunity, the Dryden family, with Larry Bigus aboard as guest skipper, set out on the lake for a daysail. This was the first time ever on a Thistle for Dryden daughters Maddie (age 3) and Audrey (19 months). In Blair's words, "Maddie was tentative and called it 'bumpy' and wanted me to hold her most of the time, while Audrey, unlike her sister, had a continuous smile and loved having her dad hold her by the belt and legs over the rail so she could get splashed by the waves!" All in all, this was a tremendously enjoyable event, which is likely to become a fixture on the Mid-America Thistle circuit.

David Eisenberg #3761

Reprinted from the September 2007 issue of *The Circuit*:





Still Only:
\$25 per
person

Christmas Party

Saturday December 8, 2007

Afterdeck

Social 6:30

Dinner 7:00

Dance 8:00 - 11:00

Music by Bill Harshbarger

Menu

*Main Dish: Hand-carved Mulberry Smoked Beef,
Pineapple Glazed Ham,*

*Sides: Potatoes, Corn, Salad,
Pasta salad, Coleslaw, Fruit,
French bread.*

Desert: Assorted pies, cakes & cookies

*RSVP: Roger & Joan Gibson 620-633-5572
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Deadline 8pm Nov. 30th*



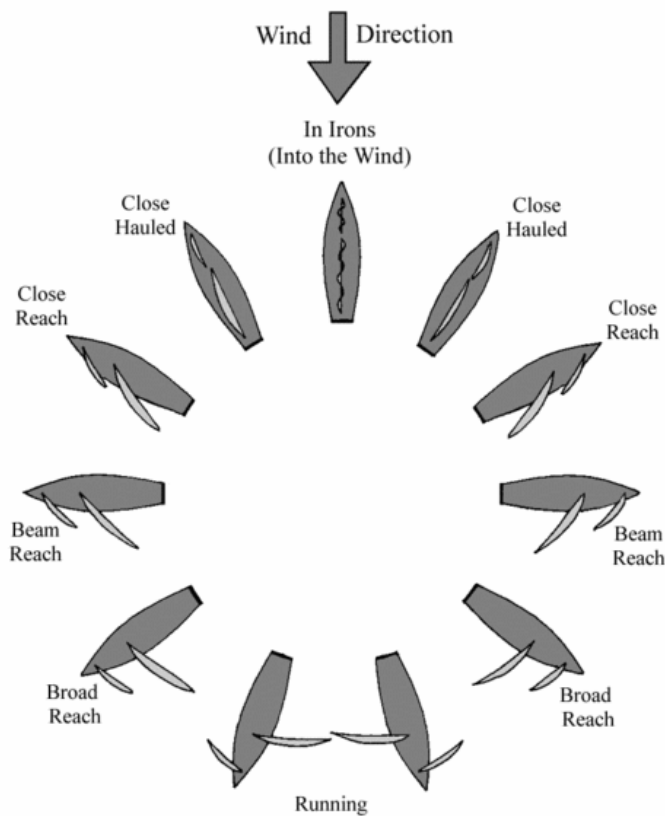
Low Country Boil

We had a Wonderful evening on October 6th, at our Low Country Boil. A GREAT meal, with a fabulous group of people. Even though it was a warm and very windy evening, we still had our Bon Fire. A Special Thanks Goes out to Mary Kearbey and Summer, John Graves, Kelsey and Jim Riff, Patty and Ralph Hudson, Jack Kramer, Allen Johnson and Jim Pierce. Thanks to all for coming out to another Dinner at our NSA Club.

The Plans are under-way for the Annual Christmas Party Saturday December 8th at the Afterdeck. Please mark your calendar. We 're planning a more formal atmosphere, with linen tablecloths, real plates, Traditional Holiday Meal-Christmas and Dance Music by the Bill Harshbarger Quartet. Seating is limited -We have room for the first 100 reservations, so get several couples together, line up your designated driver, and join your friends at the Annual Christmas Party.

Roger and Joan Gibson

Points of Sail



This just reminded me of the great sailing at Cheney the last few weekends. Can anyone remember such a gorgeous fall with so much wind? - Editor

THE MAINSHEET Classifieds



J/24's For Sale. Many great J/24's are available for sale both Regionally and Nationally for very reasonable prices. If you are interested, contact Schoen Fitzgerald at 316-685-9225 or Dan Acridge at 316-687-2471. Call us or stop by the slips, we'd be happy to take you out to test drive one of these great one-design racers. J/24 "The ultimate One-Design"

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Cape Dory Typhoon. 1973 - This rare, classic 19' full keel boat is in excellent shape and has been lovingly taken care of. The hull topsides, Deck, and bottom are in excellent shape. All running rigging replaced in 2007. Comes with newly restored set of sails(2007-Sailcare), Main, Jib, Genoa, Spinnaker, and a brand new storm tri-sail. The boat comes with a beautiful 2004 Triad Trailer with the float off package and tongue extension. The trailer is galvanized with stainless brakes and brand new 'D' rated heavy load tires. The boat trails easily! The boat is a joy to sail and launches and loads easily at any ramp. The boat also includes a 2005 Nissan 3.5 HP outboard. My family has grown so much that the five of us cannot sail in her comfortably any more, so we are moving up to a larger boat. The boat is in

the water and may be viewed on C Dock. Have \$10,000 invested, but will consider any reasonable offer. Make offer. Call Matt @316-708-2800 or email me at matt@itieng.com.

Catalina 22 - 1976 - with trailer. 4 horse outboard in near new condition. Boat is clean and in dry storage in the east yard. Good solid boat. \$3000 OBO Contact Dave or Tony at (316) 691-9405 or (316) 772-1216 Email: dave.theotherside@hotmail.com

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Hobie Outback SUV Kayak – 2006 - with TrailEx aluminum trailer. The boat with options cost \$2000, the Trailer \$800. Asking \$1800 for both. The Kayak includes beach wheels, sail kit, and outriggers. This is the sit-upon kayak with peddles, paddle, and sail. Go to Hobie.com to see a movie about the peddle feature, it is remarkable. Call or email, Frank Hopper, 316-641-6136, fhopper@cox.net.

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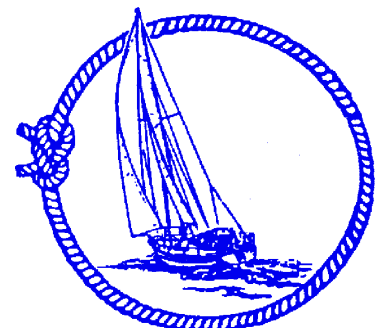
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