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Commodore's Corner

If you have driven out to the yacht club in the past few days, you may have wondered for a moment exactly where you were. Something's different, you may have thought. What could it be? Then you swerve to avoid that jaw-busting pothole that you "know" is just ahead of you, but . . . Hey, it's not there !



Parking lot (before)

That's right. The WFSC road has been repaved.

This was a project a long time in coming. For years we've patched and patched. But this year we bit the bullet and repaved the whole dang thing.

The board of directors started investigating this project six months ago or more.

Commodore Steve Priester (now past-commodore) lined up several paving companies and badgered them for their best deal. Finally we agreed on a contract to pave the main road, the parking area and the boat ramp apron. There just wasn't enough funding to pave the whole thing.



Parking lot (after)

But several club members determined to get the west side done, too, since the equipment was going to be in place. Steve and Treasurer Glenn Tole ended up with donations from 15 or so club members, and it was enough to complete the loop. Many thanks to those members for their generosity. I suppose there is still time to get in on this, if you want to donate too and help the

club defray this major expense.

There are a several other things percolating at WFSC this month.

* The April Fools Party is looking like a chili fest, with several home-made varieties to chose from. Everybody bring a side dish or dessert. It's BYOB; ice tea provided. And entertainment. Saturday evening, 4-1-17. (Full details elsewhere in this issue.)

* Racing. The schedules have been set for Big Boats and Flying Scot Fleet 170. (See dates and details elsewhere in this issue).

Any members who are curious about the racing program are urged to volunteer to help with the race committee. It's a great way to learn what's going on, and our race committee members are the ones who are sitting back having a good time while the rest of us are

Commodore's Corner (Continued)

sweating, grunting and yelling at each other. If you want to check out the club racing scene, call Deb Halter, race chairman.

rainfall is 28.9 inches.) Are we fixing to see multiple instances of water over the spillway? How high over the spillway could it go?

shoe strings with actual nylon docking lines. You can buy them ready-made at Academy Sports, among other places. Check the cleats you are using and make sure they haven't loosened substantially.



Water going over the spillway, March 2017

So, off we go into our historically most productive rainfall months. And the question arises - where we gonna put that stuff? It's a nice problem to have, I guess.

As you can read elsewhere in this issue, we have had some recent problems on the boat slips due to the very high winds (from the south AND the north) lately.

According to climate-zone.com, Wichita Falls on average receives 2.2 inches in March, 3 inches in April, 4.1 inches in May and 3.5 inches in June. (Total annual

All boat owners with a vessel in the slips should probably come out and check their stuff. Check your docking lines. Maybe replace those



Harbormaster Brunner has been examining all the fingers to see what improvements need to be made in connections and floatation. But check the areas you are using, in case he has missed something.

See you at the lake !

- Lee Havins

WFSC Spring Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the
Wichita Falls Sailing Club
Time: 5:00 pm

All cooks entering the Chili Cook-off contest: please e-mail, text or call, Steve Colley at lunk8362@yahoo.com or (940) 733-0847

Chili cooks, you will be able to prepare your chili on site as soon as you would like, or prepare at home and bring with you . Just have your dish or chili ready to serve by 5:00

"We need everyone to participate whether in the cook off or the bringing of the sides for the success of this event"

There will be three categories in which to enter your, **concoction** and win "oohs and aaahs", "delicious!", "awesome" and "what was that?"

And remember volunteers are always needed to judge, help set up, clean up, or whatever arises. Looking forward to a great event with lots of club participation

Best Traditional Chili, Most Original Chili, and Hottest Chili



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Racing Schedule

The Annual Club-wide fleet meeting was held this month and a tremendous thanks for Steve and Norma Priester for hosting the event at their home and a big thanks for all that came out to participate and support the event.

We will have an exciting and busy sailing season this year. The season will launch with a Spring Regatta and end with

the Harvest Winds Regatta.

Debra Halter is the Fleet Chairman, Dave Brunner, Big Boat Fleet Captain and Steve Priester, Flying Scot Captain.

Please mark your calendars to come on out and support or participate in the Big Boats and Flying Scot Fleet this year. The WFSail.org website will have times and dates too.

2017 Sailing Race Schedule

Spring Regatta	Big Boats	Flying Scot Fleet	Harvest Winds Regatta
Apr 29 & 30 (Times will be announced)	May 6 Jun 3 Jul 1 Aug 5 Sep 9	May 20 Jun 17 Jul 15 Aug 19 Sep 23	Oct 14-15 (Times will be announced)
Skipper's Meeting Times May—Jun 1:00 Jul—Sep 10:00			

Heavy Winds and Waves Caused Dock Damage

Recent heavy winds and waves at Lake Arrowhead has caused some damage to



Finger Dock Missing

our docks. One of the finger docks sank when the floatation devices became unfastened. Another two sections started to lose the floatation as well but are still in tact and will require repair.

Preceding the winds, a team

went out to assess the damage and concluded the finger dock would be raised up when the temperatures becomes a little warmer. The team managed to locate the dock and has no potential of causing any damage.



For Sale Section



1978 San Juan 21

Please Call 940-704-5320



1971 Catalina 22

Please Call 940-704-5320



1984 Hunter 22 Clear Title, with trailer and 7 HP Suzuki \$800

Please Call Nick at 940-224-1224

To list items in the for sale section, please contact Secretary

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Upcoming Events

- Apr 1, 2017, WFSC Spring Kickoff Event—Chili Cook Off
- Apr 5, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7PM
- Apr 29-30, 2017, Spring Regatta
- May 3, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7 PM
- May 6, 2017, Big Boat Race
- May 20, 2017, Flying Scot Fleet Race

T-Shirts Sale

We still have t-shirts available, both Harvest Wind Regatta and the One Design shirts. Please contact Stacey Meany at 940-782-6495 for size availability.

Harvest Winds T-Shirts on sale for \$10 each

