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## Food Bank Benefit and Hot Stuff Regatta Set for July 11

By Lee Havins, WFSC Scty

Here's a splendid excuse to take a nice drive in the country, enjoy our lush WFSC Club Grounds and help your fellow man - all at the same time !

On July 11, WFSC is hosting a Food Bank Benefit Burger Feed in conjunction with the Club's Hot Stuff Regatta.

The racers will gather at 10 a.m. for a skippers meeting before they head out to race, weather permitting, of course. Any club member can race any boat. It's one big fleet under handicap rules.

There is no entry fee, but you must attend the Skippers Meeting.

Then, starting at about 1:30 p.m., WFSC will start serving deluxe grilled burgers to everybody who brings in a substantial donation to the **Wichita Area Food Bank**. This could be cash, check or a big bag of canned and/or dry-staple food items.

The Food Bank Benefit is going to go on, rain or shine. All the proceeds from this event will go directly to the **Wichita Area Food Bank**.

We will be providing the burgers in individual containers including meat, bun, condiments and other fixings and a bag of chips. That way we can avoid standing around in the usual food line.

We will have some tables scattered around for your use. If you don't want to stay, you can call ahead on your way out to the club and we'll bring your order directly to your car (Steve Colley, 733-0847, or Lee Havins, 704-1474).

This event should continue until about 6 p.m.

In addition to the benefit burger feed, we may have a little informal Hot Rod Car Show in the Pavillion area to add to the entertainment value.

I'm sure many of us already support the Food Bank. It is an excellent organization that has low overhead and provides a lot of service to people in need. Due to the pandemic, the Food Bank hasn't been able to hold many of its usual fundraisers (in the mall, etc). Meanwhile, the demand for its services has greatly increased.

Earlier this year the Club made a donation to the Food Bank, but we wanted to do more. Our goal for this benefit event is \$1000.

We may continue the Food Bank Benefit on Sunday afternoon, July 12. More details on that to come. *(Two great Yacht Club burgers in a single weekend - WOW ! That's like a dream come true !)*

We won't turn anybody away who just happens by, but this event is not advertised to the general public. You can bring your friends. It is designed for WFSC members and their guests.

Put this on your calendar now. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy the Club and help our less fortunate neighbors. Under the current circumstances, there are more now than ever.

## FOURTH OF JULY

The Club's social program has been restrained thus far in 2020 by the virus pandemic, but we will put our toe back in the water on July 4.

There's always a lot of activity at the Club on The Fourth, including sailing, camping and, of course, fireworks.

This year the Club will also be providing a hotdog feed in the Pavillion area. Food service should begin about 2 p.m.

No hotdog-eating contest is planned, and hopefully no Heimlich Maneuver demonstrations will be required.

As usual, it is suggested that fireworks be handled in the boat ramp area. Please don't blow up anybody's car or boat. Please pick up your fireworks trash.

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## COVID 19 STATUS

All of WFSC's facilities are open currently, although a recent surge in Covid 19 cases is causing great concern locally and nationally.

For that reason, it is contingent on all of us to use discretion when using the Club. Everybody knows about "social distancing", frequent hand washing and to stay home if you aren't well.

It is suggested that we continue to keep crowds inside the Clubhouse to an absolute minimum.

As you probably know, the Texas governor earlier this week ordered all bars to close and banned gatherings of more than 100, among other things. Even stricter edicts are likely if the number of virus cases and hospitalizations continues unabated.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We have again added some new members to the Club.

**Glen Spadin** and wife **Maja** were voted in at the last board meeting. Glen is retired from the U.S. Army. They have six children 14 and under, and have been sailing Flying Scot #2701.

Glen's mother, **Gaile Spadin**, also joined the club and is part-owner of the Flying Scot.

It's great to have more family activity at the club.

Commodore Steve Colley and Larry Ahlhorn have been completing a new finger, which will be added to the docks soon, giving us one more slip. The slips are now full, and the possibility of expanding them will be discussed when the board meets again July 2.

Another issue is some roof leaking in the Clubhouse, which was revealed by the recent heavy rainfall.

Also on the agenda will be what do about the two trees in front of the Club (east side), which appear to be dead or dying (see photo).





*So many boats, so little time . . .*

Matt Baker, who like many of us owns several boats, spent his birthday at the Club recently working the bugs out of his Hobie 16 with - gasp - New Sails.

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## LAKE LEVELS

The lake level has remained remarkably high this year, and the recent heavy rainfall brimmed it off again.

Officially, according to [www.lakelevels.info](http://www.lakelevels.info), Lake Arrowhead is several inches above spillway level and Lake Kickapoo is eight inches or so below spillway, as of June 27.

That's a lot of lake to play on!

## SERIES RACING NEWS

WFSC's two racing fleets will take up their pandemic-shortened series with dates in August. The series run through October (see full race schedule in the racing tab at [Wfsail.org](http://Wfsail.org)).

Thus far, the Big Boat Handicap Fleet has managed to get in one race. Several other attempts were thwarted by too little wind, too much wind, etc.

The scoreboard shows Steve Colley leading that series, with Larry Ahlhorn in second and Ronnie Brasket in third.

Flying Scot Fleet 170 has completed four races. The scoreboard shows Steve Priester and Lee Havins tied for first, Dave Brunner in third and Glenn Tole fourth.

Each series has attracted a maximum of eight boats.

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*With just a dash of color, this stand of silverleaf nightshade down by the gate offers a gentle contrast to the thick jungle growing behind it.*