



Mainsheet

February 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Mary Anne Secrist*

According to David Seidman in The Complete Sailor, there are many who sail, but few sailors. I feel fortunate that I learned to sail on a Sunfish. The terror of "that's far enough" eventually gave way to the struggle of making the thing go, then to learning the basics. It had its great moments and disasters, but balancing wind and resistance was always a thrill. Continuing the pursuit has provided benefits on and off the water.

Sailors appreciate the opportunities the sport offers youngsters as a life long pursuit. It combines art and science, skill and passion. There is always more to learn and something new with each outing.

I can think of no better gift for our community than the Kids Sailing Camps. I hope each of you becomes involved in some way with the fine educational programs the BoatHouse will be offering this year. The weeklong Kids Sailing Camps will again be held in June and July this summer with Les handling the June class and Chad the July class. You will be amazed to see how quickly the kids pick up their basic boating and sailing skills, especially on the last day of their class when they show their family how they can sail across the lake and back!

Please contact Chad Cox to find out more about the BoatHouse Management Committee or Karen Mellgren to learn about Planning and Publicity.

The theme of February's membership meeting will be Mardi Gras, so dig out those Cajun recipes and bring a dish to share. Hope to see you on the 17th to welcome Terry Gibson as our guest speaker, and please lend a hand at the BH boatyard work-party that same day!

Membership Information

If any of your membership information has changed or if additional TSC membership information is needed, please contact:

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Note: The TSC and BoatHouse are sharing this PO Box.

President, LTEF: *Roger Elliott* *Annual Meeting Notes*

The annual LTEF board meeting was held on January 25 with all board members present except for Janie Davis who lives in Salem, Mass. (Hurry home Janie!)

The meeting was brought to order and a moment of silence was asked in honor of past-board member and board attorney, David S. Shumake. David was involved early on, a major donor, a confidant, and was instrumental in the development of the LTEF's Endowment Fund.

We are very pleased to announce the election of Glede Holman, Development officer for the OCU Law School, an officer of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a member of the TSC. Glede is also active with the Sea Scouts in Oklahoma City and just recently returned from a cruise in Florida at the Sea Scout Camp.

In addition to Glede, we welcome TSC Commodore, Mary Anne Secrist serving her one year board stint representing the TSC. We also thank Corbett Brown for serving last year!

The un-audited end-of-year financial report follows:

Income:	\$15,628.83
Expenses:	<u>9,567.89</u>
Fund increase:	\$ 6,060.94
Fund Balances:	
Checking:	\$ 9,308.02
Endowment	13,691.90
Money Market	<u>5,448.36</u>
Total	\$28,448.28

All LTEF board members will continue to serve except for Dr. Howard Haines who will step down from the board after some 10 years of active involvement with the LTEF and BoatHouse. We express our appreciation to Howard and look forward to him rejoining the board in the future. Officers are Roger Elliott, Pres, Dr. Frank Lawler, VP, Dr. Chad Cox, Secretary, and Connie Divine, Treasurer. We thank all those who donated and volunteered in 2006!

Treasurer: *Dave Craigie*

Not much to report this month what with the lousy weather and all. The good news is less evaporation from our beloved lake and perhaps a little moisture to add to the water level.

Summer will be here soon and we will be planning our adventures on where to tow *Incipient*. We plan a return trip to Canada's North Channel for at least two weeks in the last part of July. But I am also planning a trip to cruise the Cumberland River that runs through Tennessee and up into Kentucky. If you take any interest in trailer/sailing please get in touch with me and we can talk on that subject. You might never get to sail the Caribbean on a fifty foot yacht. But sailing in North America on your trailerable sail boat is a definite goal that every sailor can achieve.

Again, if you are interested in trailer/sailing, please visit www.trailersailor.org. We have just had a new webmaster take over and the site is very different. In addition, there is an album chock full of pictures of the 2006 North Channel Cruise. Joyce and I, and our grandson Jonathan, are in many of the pictures.

Finally on the trailer/sailing subject. If you subscribe to Sail magazine there is an article on the Trailer/Sailors Association in the North Channel in the Feb issue. Odds are if you look close enough you will see a few pictures of yours truly and my first rate first mate, Joyce.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR TSC DUES!

Sorry, but the following is a repeat from last month. If you were kind enough to already have paid your dues, you do not need to read the following. Thanks

A big **Thank You** to those who have taken the time to pay their annual dues. However, we still have a large number of well meaning members who have not paid their dues at this time. Please, take the time today to pay this pittance. The good that it does will far outstrip the guilt you have by delaying. We need your support!!

If you are a **former TSC member** and you are interested in becoming an active and supporting member again, please contact me and find out what is needed.

If you are a **current TSC member** and you do not wish to renew your membership, please contact me.

If you know someone that would like to be a **new TSC member**, please contact me, or any officer for a membership application.

A smooth sea never produced a skillful sailor!

Birthdays for February/March

If your Feb/March birthday isn't listed, please update your information with Dave Craigie. Thanks

February:

Virginia Fitzpatrick	2/05
Gray Graham	2/08
Glenda Anderson	2/09
Liz Hedrick	2/13
David Hendricks	2/20
Florence McCann	2/23
Fabiola Spens	2/25

March:

Paul Reynolds	3/14
Rachel Agin	3/18
Ann Luppens	3/19
J. Alva Brockus	3/19
John Ford	3/20
Barbara Cummings	3/21
Catherine Morin	3/21

Happy birthday to all!

Wanted: Server Host and Website Manager

We have three domain named websites, one for each LTEF, TSC and the BoatHouse. All three have been hosted on a server that Bill Etchieson maintains. He, understandably, would like to be relieved of that duty. I run another website that is hosted by a university server system but does not have a domain name. In fact, we could maintain websites like this on space that many of us have supplied by our internet providers. Preferably, we would like to have a host server that will support domain named websites (eg, www.LTEF.org vs www.cox.net/chadwick.cox/LTEF). We can pay for this service but it could cost us funds that are needed for other uses and most commercial servers require use of their managing programs which can be fairly complicated. If you know of an organization that has a server that might host our websites let me know.

Furthermore, I have been operating our websites for several years and would like to be replaced. Operating a website is not that complicated but does require some time. I can help get you started. We, again, thank Bill for all his help over the years!
Chad

Vice-Commodore: *Ted Streuli*

We get a second shot with Lake Thunderbird State Park Assistant Manager Terry Gibson at the February 17 meeting. Terry will be giving us an overview of the park and plans for 2007, some of which he says we just might want to take part in.

He'll also talk about that annoying water level problem and tell us what needs to happen to get our boats floating up where they should be. The short version: 20 inches of rain in a reasonable amount of time. At the moment, the lake's holding steady, which is better than the ever-expanding beaches we've been seeing since summer.

Speaking of ever-expanding beaches, look in the April issue of *Sail* magazine for a brief story and a photo at the front of the book in the *Under Sail* section about the woes of Lake Hefner sailors this year.

Forthcoming programs are taking shape and we're going to have some fun. The folks at Sailing Horse winery at Lake Eufala have agreed to come pour us some of their wine and talk about which varietals are best for cruising. The real answer, of course, is the one in the bottle on your boat, but we might learn something new nonetheless.

We've also got a tentative cooking demonstration lined up, but it's lacking a catchy title. Cruiser Cuisine? Sailor Snacks? Boater Barbeque? Don't you just love a little alliteration? I'm hoping that will include the steaming of a Dungeness crab or two and that Les will thence become enlightened regarding which coast has the better crustaceans.

We're waiting to hear back from Charles Maupin, an Oklahoma City filmmaker, who we're hoping will give us a screening and discussion of his 2004, 30-minute documentary *Liquid Wind* about wind-surfing and kite-boarding on Lake Hefner.

We're also waiting to hear from Douglas Kelley, who won the Oklahoma Book Award for his first novel, *The Captain's Wife*, which was published by Penguin in 2002. The epic historical novel follows the true story of a remarkable heroine, Mary Patten, who found herself in one of the most dangerous straits of sea in the Western Hemisphere, Cape Horn, with a ship of mutinous sailors to command and a deathly sick husband, her captain, to care for.

I know this will disappoint everyone, but we've also been in contact with an Oklahoma brewery that might be willing to provide a beer tasting. I'm hoping we can do that soon so we know how best to stock our coolers.

Hope to see you on February 17!

BoatHouse Cups For Sale!

The LTEF has available for sale approximately 150 of these terrific 11 oz. white ceramic with blue graphic BoatHouse cups. They are priced at \$2.50 each or highly discounted at \$5.00 for two (2), (smile). Get 'em while they last.

These are the same cups that were provided to those attending the 'launching' of the BoatHouse back in 2001 and have also been used to express our appreciation to our many excellent speakers over the past 5 years.

They make very nice gifts for friends and family and are guaranteed microwave and dishwasher safe.

Please contact any member of the TSC or LTEF board of directors to purchase your supply of these terrific collectables!

The graphic was drawn by Mr. Mark Gandy, architect with Miles Associates, who drew the plans for the BoatHouse back in 2000.

Funds will go to the LTEF to help with the costs of the planned library remodel project which will add wall-mounted storage cabinets on the north and south walls of the library and additional cabinet storage on the west wall. In addition we will add storage and improved lighting in both restrooms. Make your checks out to the LTEF!



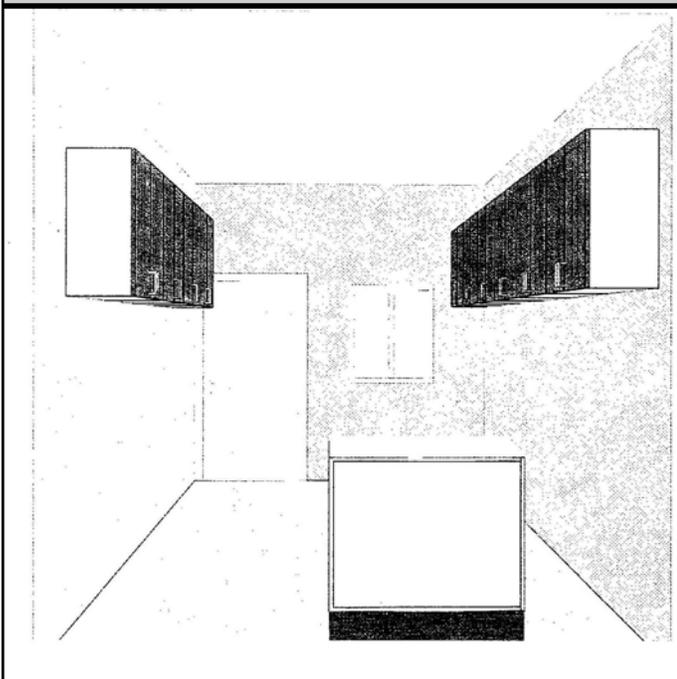
**THE HIRAM DOUGLAS
"2006"**

We thank Vice-Commodore Ted Streuli for providing these terrific photos taken at this year's Hiram Douglas Regatta. This regatta is in memory of Hiram Douglas who was a long-time lake patrolman stationed at Lake Thunderbird. He was a friend and supporter of the Thunderbird Sailing Club. The regatta has been held each year since his death and always ends the year's CSSA racing season on the first Sunday in November! See more pics at photomeo.com



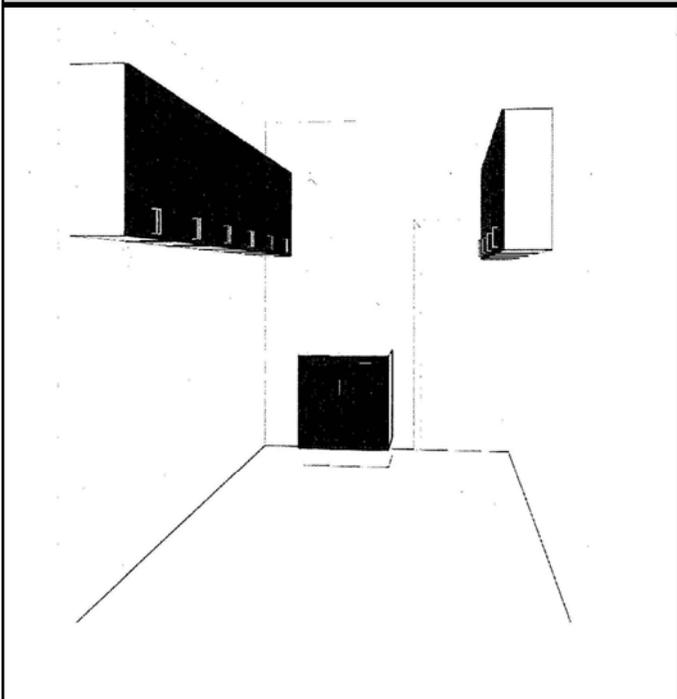
Proposed Library Upgrade (View #1 below)

Looking east toward lake
Wall cabinets on north and south
walls with floor cabinet on west end.



Proposed Library Upgrade (View #2 below)

Looking west toward hallway.
Wall cabinets on north and south
walls with floor cabinet on west end.



Boatyard Work Party!

Saturday, February 17, between 1:00 and 5:00 PM, prior to the general membership meeting. Let's start with straightening up the yard and bailing out some boats. Put a couple batteries on chargers. Pump up some tires. Fix the Widgeon's bench backrest, centerboard tackle, and replace a batten (materials are at the yard and the jobs do not require fiberglass). Replace and carpet some trailer 2x4 supports and rig the latest multi-trailer for 3 Sunfish. The shed and shipping container need your ideas for better organization. Bring rakes, flat shovels, and a saw.

See you there, Paul Reynolds

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

One source of support for the BoatHouse is the Combined Federal Campaign. This last year we received approximately \$38 per month from CFC based on their collected funds for 2005. We did not apply for these funds in 2006 because of my misunderstanding of this monthly award as opposed to the previous one lump award in the past. I will be applying for support for 2007. The amount of the award is in part decided by designated donations similar to those for United Way. That is, when a donor specifies our organization, we receive those funds. The designated donations are added to our split of the undesignated donations.

If you or acquaintances work for a federal agency, your donations can be designated to LTEF using the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation's CFC number **9078**. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Chad

We welcome our new members!

Please join with us to welcome back to the fold Michael and Teresa Galoob. Mike and his son completed the BoatHouse adult sailing course several years ago and we are pleased to have Mike and Teresa join the club!

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Starwind 19 *Queen Denial*

Next Meeting!**Sat. 6 PM Feb. 17 at the BoatHouse****Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!****Guest Speaker!*****Terry Gibson, Asst. T-bird Park Mgr.
and a true friend of the TSC and LTEF*****2007 Executive Committee**

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Meet your 2007 TSC officers!

On the left are the 2007 TSC officers: From the left, Phil Moershel, Fleet Captain; Tim Agin, Secretary; Kerry Knowles, Rear Commodore; David Craigie, Treasurer; Mary Anne Secrist, Commodore; Corbett Brown, Past-Commodore; and Ted Streuli, Vice-Commodore.

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