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Mainsheet

July 2006

Thunderbird Sailing Club
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Commodore *Corbett Brown*

Last month Beth and I got the chance to visit Santa Barbara, CA and visit our son who has been attending graduate school there. On the Sunday that we were there (Father's Day) we rented a daysailer at the Santa Barbara Sailing Center and sailed out along the coast off of Santa Barbara.

We were sailing southwest along the shore, close hauled trying to make it past a point where we could turn further south and sail along the beach that is next to the UCSB campus when a couple on a jet ski went roaring past. They got about 50 yards past us and coasted to a stop right in our path. Now it's not like it was a real crowded area and they were limited in where they could stop, we were in the **Pacific Ocean**. Our choices were to fall off the wind and head toward shore to duck behind them, or tack and head farther out in the ocean to go in front of them. We decided to tack since heading closer to shore would mean we would eventually have to tack anyway in order to get past the point. We tacked, sailed past the jet ski, and tacked back toward our original course. About that time they finished changing positions on the jet ski and again went roaring past us. Somehow in this huge body of water they just couldn't see that there were other boats around. Aw well. We didn't let that ruin a beautiful day of sailing. A June day with the highs in the mid-seventies, the view of the Santa Barbara with the mountains rising behind it, the Channel Islands off to the west, 12 knot winds, it just doesn't get much better. See you at the BH on the 15th!

Sickness and Distress:

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we announce the recent death of Dave Shumake. A Past-Commander and charter-member of the OKCSPS and member of and attorney for the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation.

Phone numbers you should know.

- ◇ Little River Marina: Bob Davis
office 364-8335 (c) 823-5077
- ◇ BoatHouse 990-5171
- ◇ BH Managment 447-4974
- ◇ Lake Patrol 425-2143
- ◇ Cleveland Co. Sheriff 321-8600
- ◇ TBird Park office 364-7634
- ◇ TBird Ranger 360-3572

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Norman, Oklahoma 73070**

Note: The TSC and BoatHouse are sharing the new PO box as listed above!

**Acting Treasurer *Doris Dewberry/
Shoemaker***

Happy July to all my sailing friends,

I have been filling in for Dave while he is motoring around up north. I hope you do not pay him...thus far I have had no money turned in, no money taken out, and no new members and therefore, no dues receipts. But personally I have had a very busy summer and it doesn't seem to be slowing down. To begin with I took nine students to Europe for 12 days. We visited Paris and the Alps. The Alps was most enjoyable. Paris was the Pits...we lost a kid and a passport. Yesterday I bought a new Corolla, red, and first thing I did was put on a new trailer hitch for my sunfish. Soon I will be going to San Francisco for my daughter's wedding. In between I hope I can take in some money for the club and enroll a new member or two. The Balance is the same as Dave left it in May \$6,054 give or take a penny.

Hope your summer is active and enjoyable!



The OMRF Dinner and a Sail Evening filled the BH dock with 8 beautiful sailboats from the Thunderbird Sailing Club!

At the right are the seventeen 2006 OMRF Fleming Scholars. Who said that you could only get on person in a Vanguard Pram? See more on page 4.



Vice Commodore Barbara Schindler

Maritime historian Paul Gilje, professor of history at the University of Oklahoma, is the speaker for the July meeting.

Dr. Gilje will discuss his recent book, *Liberty on the Waterfront: American Maritime Culture in the Age of Revolution* (available on Amazon.com). He received his Ph.D. and his A.M. degrees from Brown University and his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College.

As always, bring your friends and a favorite dish to share.



Instructor and photographer, Karen Thurston watches as two of the June sailing students learn to tie that important square-knot that keeps the mast securely fastened in the prams.



Rick Eager takes some of the parents of the June Kids' Camp for an up close and personal sailing trip to watch their kids on the final day of the camp. We thank Rick for his help!

FLEET CAPTAIN Kerry Knowles

**Thunderbird Sailing Club
2006 Race and Recreation Schedule**

07/08	Saturday Raft-up Full Moon	6:00
07/29	West Marine Fun Regatta	8 am
08/06	Sunday Commodores Cup Race	1:00
09/10	Sunday Commodores Cup Race	1:00
10/07	Saturday Layton Regatta	10:00
Nov. 5	Sunday Hiram Douglas Regatta	10:00

And other fun and challenging events as may be deemed necessary.

Kerry Knowles, Fleet Captain

Note: Check out the article on page 21 of the July/August issue of Sailing World written by Gary Johnson. The TSC is mentioned in the first paragraph!

Secretary Mary Anne Secrist

The TSC meeting of June 17 proved to be a lovely evening after some much needed rain. The food and turnout was outstanding.

Kudos to Chad Cox, check out the updated website at www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org.

Following the dinner and meeting we adjourned to the boatyard to ewwww and ahhhhh at the new safetyboat!



Mike Klatt presents Te Woei Poon a BH shirt and hat for volunteering over 30 hours at the BoatHouse. Congrats Poon!!

ESSENTIALS OF SAILING

By: Mike Klatt

The second ever Essentials of Sailing (EOS) class took place at the BoatHouse during the weekend of June 2-4. Four students completed the class, double the number of graduates from last year's class. I was the lead instructor for the class, assisted by Chad Cox, Ryan Roggow, and Jesus Salas (a graduate of the first EOS class). Ryan came all the way from Tulsa for the weekend to help with the class, and his wife Amanda, an OSU student, was enrolled in the class. Also taking the class were Oklahoma Sailing Club (OSC) members Luisa Blanco, Tifarah Booth, and Pedro Olaya.

EOS is a new concept for the BoatHouse curriculum: Learn to sail in a weekend. The class began out of a desire for a comprehensive introduction to sailing for new members of OSC. Unlike other BoatHouse classes, EOS does not culminate in US Sailing certification. Instead, the goal is to get each student to a point where they can continue to develop their sailing skills with minimal supervision. The class is very intense, as it introduces most of the material of the week-long Small Boat Sailing classes in just over half the time.

The class began Friday evening with basic water safety (swimming and capsizing recovery) followed by the bulk of the classroom material. Saturday was an all-day session, mixing classroom presentations and sailing. Saturday's lunch break featured a cookout, a little something out of the ordinary compared to most sailing classes. Class finished on Sunday afternoon after the students had some time to practice all of their skills. Warm temperatures and strong winds challenged the students and instructors all weekend, but the four graduates are well on their way to becoming skilled sailors.



Small Boat Sailing Class

By: Mike Klatt

The first Small Boat Sailing (SBS) class of the year took place at the BoatHouse from Monday, June 5 through Monday, June 12. Five students completed the program. I was the lead instructor, and a class like this requires a large number of volunteers to be successful. The following people donated their time and experience: Corbett Brown, Chad Cox, Les Cummings, Howard Haines, Dave Karoly, Sarah Lobban, Jerry Lojka, Te Woei Poon, Jesus Salas, and Miranda Shaughnessy. The five graduates were Sarah Fox, Julie Halterman, Kirsten and Chris Lee, and Brandon Morgan.

While the Essentials of Sailing class is a sprint, SBS is a marathon. The class met on five weekday evenings and all day Saturday. Fortunately the weather was mostly cooperative and we were able to take advantage of our scheduled off days of Wednesday and Sunday. You can't go an entire week in Oklahoma without experiencing some type of adverse sailing weather, and this class was no exception. This was the hottest week of the year so far, so everyone got a real workout moving boats and equipment to and from the waterfront. Light winds early in the week gave way to heavy air just as the students were beginning to get a feel for sailing by themselves. There was a little frustration and a lot of time in irons as the students adjusted to the stronger winds. By the end of class on Monday evening, however, the winds were perfect for the students to complete their skill verifications.

This was the first time for me to be lead instructor for a class of this nature. The planning and logistics are much more involved than for Essentials of Sailing, so this was a quite a learning experience for me. I came to truly appreciate all the volunteer resources the BoatHouse has to offer. Nothing makes life easier for the lead instructor than being able to delegate a task and knowing it will get done properly, and I had no problems staffing the class even with the short lead time. Another first for the class was the inaugural use of the new BoatHouse safety/teaching boat, the Carolina Skiff J14. The boat is easy to start, easy to maneuver, and very quiet. It should be a real asset for the BoatHouse.

Enrollment has begun for the next Small Boat Sailing class, which starts on Monday, July 31.

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Ed Note: Please contact Mike to lend a hand!

← **Photos of the class**

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse and TSC Hosts OMRF Fleming and Foundation Scholars

On Thursday evening, June 22, the BoatHouse was host to the annual OMRF Fleming and Foundation Scholar Dinner and a Sail Evening. Scheduled during the Kids Sailing Camp each year it allows OMRF's Les Cummings to be the official host for the annual event during his week as instructor for the sailing camp.

Nearly 50 scholars, OMRF staff, skippers, and crew were treated to a delicious dinner prepared by the OMRF Food-service department. Fried Chicken, salads, bread, and refreshments were served to all. After dinner, we had introductions of the Fleming and Foundation Scholars as well as the skippers and crew members.

This year marks the 50th year for the Fleming Scholar program where top science students from Oklahoma spend two months at OMRF working on science projects with OMRF scientists. At the end of the program they are required to present a scientific paper to the OMRF scientific staff. Interestingly, TSC member, Dr. Chad Cox, was a Fleming Scholar mentor at OUHSC some years ago. Ginger Coleman, from Newkirk, is the Fleming House-Mom for the summer.

OMRF also supports the annual Foundation Scholar program that brings in 4 to 6 science teachers from around Oklahoma to work in its labs for four weeks each summer. This experience helps them become better teachers as they learn classic scientific experiments that they can share with their students back home. Dr. Tim Mather, an excellent sailor and long-time TSC member, is the director for the summer Foundation Scholar program and is assisted by Bill Ray, a science teacher from Marlow.

The 2006 Fleming Scholars are: Kelly Anderson, Tulsa, Union High School; Jolie Britt, Edmond, Oklahoma State University; Thelben Burrell, Oklahoma City, Northwest Classen High School; Stephanie Easter, Tulsa, University of Oklahoma; Kristen Fenska, Miami, Miami High School; Geraint Harris, Burns Flat, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics; Amber Kuzmic, Oklahoma City, University of Oklahoma; Rufe Lu, Edmond, University of Oklahoma; Catalina Lupu, Oklahoma City, Classen School of Advanced Studies; Anna McGeachy, Oklahoma City, Putnam City North High School; Erin Rapp, Tulsa, University of Oklahoma; Nadia Sebastian, Oklahoma City, Creighton University; Erich Spaeth, Harrah, Harrah High School; Taryn Tate, Shawnee, Shawnee High School; Xhu Judy Wang, Ponca City, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics; Aaron Weaver, Miami, High School; and Yu Jonathan Xia, Edmond, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics

The 2006 Foundation Scholars are:

Stephanie Bailey, Midwest City High School; Sally Fenska, Miami High School; Jeffrey Hedger, Adair High School; and Jo Jones, Liberty Public Schools.

We thank skippers Joe Sparks, Kerry Knowles, Rick Eager, Mike Kelly, Paul Reynolds, Mary Anne Secrist, Chad Cox, Les Cummings and of course, all the crews!





LAKE THUNDERBIRD BOATHOUSE

*Les Cummings
Fundraising Chair, LTEF*

The summer classes and activities continue full speed ahead! Sailing classes for adults and children have been completed with more on the horizon. The June class was terrific and we expect even more success with the upcoming July Kids' Sailing Camp thanks to Chad and Pat Cox and their volunteers. Please, offer your help during the July 10-15 camp. You don't need to be a sailor or instructor, just to help move equipment, keep an eye on the BoatHouse, or help with the myriad of duties during the camp. The LTEF and BoatHouse consortium expresses its appreciation to Mike Klatt for heading up the Essentials of Sailing and the Adult Sailing Class in June!

Upcoming events includes the West Marine Fun Regatta scheduled for Saturday July 29. This regatta is coupled with the CSSA Jr. Regatta and we expect a large contingent of sailors from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. Your help during the event will be greatly appreciated. Roger Elliott is heading up the food committee and needs assistance as well as Howard Haines who is serving as Principal Race Officer. As regatta chair, I ask your help to make this another successful event!

The recent death of Dave Shumake, LTEF Board Member and Board Attorney, is a great loss for the LTEF, the BoatHouse, and boating safety programs in Oklahoma. As mentioned in my article on page 6, Dave has been an ardent supporter of the LTEF and its mission to provide affordable boating safety and sailing programs for children and adults. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and by many who have enjoyed the fruits of his labor in support of the BoatHouse and its programs. Each child who sails the prams David S. or the Miss Billie will benefit from his love of boating and his wonderful generosity. Please keep Dave's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, the CAST for Kids fishing derby for handicapped children is scheduled for Saturday, September 16. This event sponsored nationally by the CAST for Kids Foundation and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is always a highlight of the year for these special children and for all those who lend a hand. We always need pontoon boats for the children in wheelchairs and of course general help around the BoatHouse.

Happy Sailing!



Howard instructs the June sailing camp students in the fine points of rigging the Vanguard Prams. These terrific little boats are great for the classes as they are built very sturdy, have oarlocks that can be used to teach rowing, and sail very much like their racing cousin, the Optimist Pram. We thank the donors again for these boats!

C.S.S.A. Representative: Karen Mellgren

Here we go! The Central States Sailing Association racing season starts right here at TSC!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 321-7968.

July

- 1 CSSA Junior Regatta # 3 @ NSA (J)
- 8-9 USODA Great Plains Optimist Regatta @OCBC (J)
- 15-16 Hobie Prairie Regatta @NSA (O)
- 22-23 Whitecap Regatta @NSA (S)

**29 West Marine Fun Regatta/CSSA Junior #4 TSC (J)
(Please bring your kids/grandkids and come out to help)**

August

- 12-13 CSSA Junior Championship Regatta @WLYC (J)
- 26-27 Cat Chase @NSA (O)

September

- 2-3 C.O.R.N. Regatta @NSA (A)
- 23-24 R.O.C.K. One-Design Regatta @ Kaw City OK (A)

October

- 21-22 Frostbite Regatta @)OCBC (S)

November

- 4 CSSA Annual Meeting @ NSA (U)
- 5 **Hiram Douglas Regatta @TSC (A)**

Note: TSC EVENTS ARE IN BOLD

In Memoriam
David S. Shumake
 By: *Les Cummings*

I have known Dave for nearly 15 years. Initially as a student in the annual Boating Safety class of the Oklahoma City Power Squadron where he was an instructor and past-commander as well as a charter member. Dave always made his presentations interesting, usually spiced with 'sea stories' along the way. He always liked to explain that there was the right way, the wrong way, and the Power Squadron way!

Nearly ten years ago, as the TSC was developing the plan to build the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, I began consulting with Dave for his knowledge and input both as an attorney and as an ardent supporter for boating safety. So many times, when I became frustrated with the beauraucratic and political walls that were constantly being put up to slow us down or to deter us from our goal, Dave would be able to set me straight with his encouragement, support, and wonderful sense of humor.

Shortly after forming the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation, Dave graciously joined the board and agreed to serve as its attorney. His personal help to acquire financial support from the Oklahoma City Sail and Power Squadron was a great help and added a wonderful base to the BoatHouse support in the region. His financial support continued even after he conceived and initially funded the Dave Shumake Endowment Fund for the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation. His legal assistance has been instrumental in the successful mission of the LTEF.

One of the most moving experiences for Dave was the surprise christening of two beautiful little Vanguard Prams back in the spring of 2005. When the names of the David S and the Miss Billie (named for his deceased wife) were uncovered for the first time, it was as close to tears as I've ever seen Dave. He happily assisted with the christening ceremony and always asked how the boats were doing.

It was terrific to have been present at the 2005 OKC Sail and Power Squadrons Clam Chowder Dinner when Dave received the Boating Safety Award from the President-elect of the National Water Safety Congress. He was so surprised and of course shared the award with his squadron's fellow-members. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the boating community. Following are some photos of Dave to remember him by.



MERCURY**MERCURY**

New Safety Boats Added to the BoatHouse Fleet!

After many months of planning, writing grant requests, and obtaining funding we now have a beautiful new 14' Carolina Skiff and Mercury Marine 15 hp engine. The project started off with the terrific donation of a new Mercury 15hp 4-stroke long-shaft electric-start outboard engine by Mercury Marine of Fond de Lac, Wisconsin. We express our appreciation to Mr. Karl Kaukis and Ms. Cindy Marshall from the Stillwater, Oklahoma Mercruiser Plant and Mr. Jim Hubbard, Chief of Staff and Ms. Jenny Butt both of Mercury Headquarters at Fond de Lac. Jenny has been very helpful throughout the process even having the controls and cables donated by Mercury as well. The boat was purchased from Alliance Boating in Roanoke, Texas a suburb of Dallas-Ft. Worth.

In addition, we express our appreciation to Rick Green, Lynn Hoehman, and manager, Royce Harlan for all their terrific help to install the outboard, steering, and engine controls. They also installed a new deep-cell battery and discounted their work over \$600 for the BoatHouse!

Thus far the engine and boat have performed flawlessly. The recent Adult Sailing Class headed up by Mike Klatt was the first opportunity to use the new safetyboat and Mike was very impressed with its electric start, quiet operation, and ease of use. The Carolina Skiff makes for a very stable safety platform and the boat and engine can be launched and retrieved without great effort at the BoatHouse.

We all need to express our appreciation to the BoatHouse, LTEF, and Thunderbird Sailing Club for donating the funds to purchase the boat! Finally, we also need to thank Paul Reynolds and Howard Haines for their time and effort on this project. This terrific boat and engine will help our on-water programs and events to be more safe for all.

We also express our appreciation to Mr. Jerry Hargis for the fine donation of a terrific 16' boat, trailer, 25hp engine and trolling motor! We made terrific use of this boat during the recent Kids Sailing Camp! THANKS JERRY!



June Kid's Sailing Camp Report

The June Kids' Sailing Camp was an unqualified success again this year! For some unknown reason, we only had 7 students, but this allowed us to provide more individual attention than in previous years. As a result, we had all our young sailors 'solo' on Wednesday afternoon, a full day earlier than usual.

We saw the results of their abilities when the fleet was hit with 20+ mph winds on Thursday afternoon and each child sailed back to the BoatHouse without issue and without any capsizes. All students successfully completed the written exam and all were very proficient with tying their knots as well. This skill enabled the rigging duties to be completed safely and quickly.

On Monday morning we were pleased to have Trooper Tony Nelson of the Lake Patrol come out and give a demonstration and safety-talk on PFDs. This was a great way to kick off the class knowing that each student had a well-fitted PFD and knew the importance of wearing it.

Saturday's award ceremony was prefaced by the usual rigging and sailing demonstration by the students for their relatives and friends. The kids did a terrific job and we thank the following for their efforts on behalf of the June sailing camp.

Chad Cox	Pat Cox	Howard Haines	Karen Thurston	Tom Weider
Barbara Cummings	Lee Smith	Laura Smith	Gavin Howard	Roger Elliott
Tad Thurston	Bill Brackett	Rick Eager	Tony Nelson	Kerry Knowles
T. W. Poon				

Please offer your help to Chad and Pat Cox during the Kids' Camp starting on July 10! Contact Chad at 329-8860 to sign up, he will appreciate your help.

Photos from the 2006 June Camp are shown below:





NOTICE OF RACE

CENTRAL STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA #4



THE **WEST MARINE FUN** REGATTA

The Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, Thunderbird State Park,
Norman, OK
July 29, 2006

RULES. The regatta shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of each class concerned (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.

CLASSES. Optimist, Sabot, Sunfish, Laser (Full and Radial), Club 420 and Others. All classes are "bring your own boat." A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.

ELIGIBILITY. Open to all persons who do not turn 20 years of age during calendar year 2006. Optimists/Sabots are sailed in two fleets: Green Fleet – for novice sailors; and Red Fleet – for experienced sailors. Maximum Skipper age in Optimist/Sabot fleets is 15. Membership in a class organization is not required.

REGISTRATION. Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending a registration form to:
Les Cummings, Regatta Chairman, 717 SE 29th, Edmond, OK 73013, (fax) 405 271-3541,
Les-Cummings@mail.omrf.ouhsc.edu

Registration at the regatta will be conducted Saturday, July 29, 2006, between 0830 and 1000. Execution of a **Release of Liability, Health Care Release** and **Depiction Release** shall be required.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be provided at the registration and at the Skipper's Meeting. If published in time, they may be posted on the CSSA website.

ENTRY FEE. An entry fee of \$15 per competitor will be collected at registration. This fee includes lunch and dinner for participants. Meals will be available for non-competitors at nominal cost.

SKIPPER'S MEETING. The Skippers' meeting will be held at 1030, Saturday, in the conference room of the BoatHouse.

RACES. Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, five races are scheduled. There will be no throw out race for scoring purposes. No race will be started after 1800.

LIFE JACKETS/PFD'S. All competitors shall be required to wear PFD's at all times while on the water. PFD's shall be worn outside all clothing.

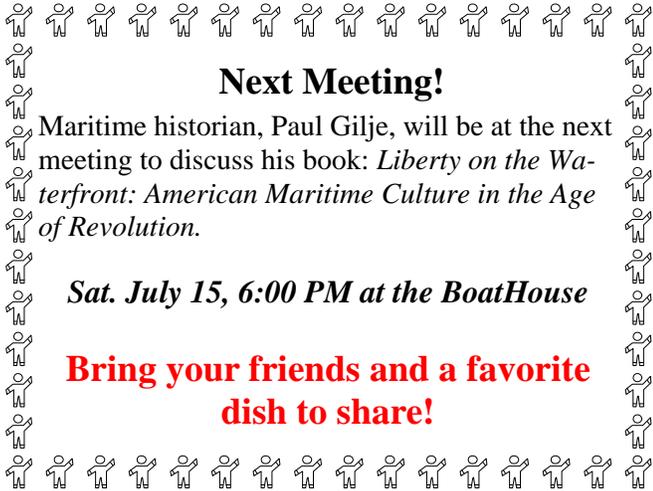
SCHEDULE Saturday, July 29

0830-1000	Registration in the BoatHouse conference room
1000	Racing Clinic for beginners
1030	Skipper's Meeting
1125	Warning Signal for the first race, other races to follow
~1700	Dinner and Award Presentation

AWARD PRESENTATION. Presentations will be held after dinner or approximately one hour after the last race or protest hearing is completed. Participation awards will be presented to all competitors.

DIRECTIONS. See www.lakethunderbirdboathouse.org/bhmap.htm

FURTHER INFORMATION. Contact -- Les Cummings, Regatta Chairman, (h) 405 341-2382, (o) 405 271-7188, (fax) 405 271-3541, Les-Cummings@mail.omrf.ouhsc.edu



Next Meeting!

Maritime historian, Paul Gilje, will be at the next meeting to discuss his book: *Liberty on the Waterfront: American Maritime Culture in the Age of Revolution.*

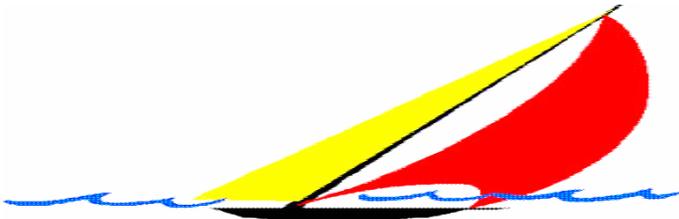
Sat. July 15, 6:00 PM at the BoatHouse

Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!

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Aint' we got a lot of fun?



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