



ALTON MOTORBOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

275 MEMBERS:

151 REGULAR

119 SOCIAL

5 HONORARY

QofH: \$3,100+

OFFICERS:

Commodore	Wyatt Smith
Vice-Commodore	Rhone Gillis
Secretary	Mark Gibbs
Treasurer	Rich Wille

DIRECTORS:

Board Chairman	Jim Neumann
Bar	CPT Ron Jenkins
Dock Assignment	Nick Holmes
Dock Repair	Matt Knight
Entertainment	Suzie Fill
Grounds	Chris Ontis
House	Dan Fitzgerald
Membership	Cliff Rushton
Special Events	Jim Dunham

THE BOAT CLUB MOURNS THE LOSS OF:

MEMBER MIKE LAWHON
RANDY NELSON'S MOTHER

CHAIRMAN (JIM NEUMANN 314-580-0538)

At press time, we do not have all the financial numbers for November, but they look promising. Thank You everyone that participated in the Big Tent activities, we have counted lots of coupons I'd like to Thank Jim and Michelle Dunham, along with Dan Fitzgerald, Red Dunham and the many other volunteers that made this year's Turkey Shoot a success. Don't miss the membership meeting on the 17th... We are getting close to a building presentation; we just need a few more facts in order to present the package to the Membership. A nomination committee has been selected for our upcoming January Election. Please see a Board Member if you would like to step up and take on an Officer or a Board position. Thanks Again for All of Your Support. This Club only excels because of its dedicated members.

UPCOMING ELECTION DETAILS

Our annual election will be held on January 21st, 2020. This time, 5 of our 9 board positions are up for grabs. Chairpersons Jenkins, Holmes, Fill, Knight, and Ontis will have fulfilled their commitments and may step down or campaign for another 2 years. Chairmen Neumann, Fitzgerald, Rushton, and Dunham each have another year to serve. All 4 officer positions will be available as they are each year. The nomination board will soon be posted in the "smoke shack" at the Club. A nominating committee of 6 has been formed by the Board of Directors and will include Rich Wille, Dan Fitzgerald, Steve Stutz, John Dooley, Rhone Gillis, and Jim Neumann.

TEXT MESSAGING

Our text messaging service is in full swing and has shown to be a great purchase. We are currently sending messages to 261 cell phone numbers. If you're not getting these text alerts, visit our website at www.altonboatclub.com to sign up. Enter your name and cell number. It's that easy.

PAST EVENTS

17 October – Last Steak Night of 2019

The guys from Premier erected the tent the morning of the 17th and just hours later, we threw a party in it. Members went to work: The bar was set up, coolers full of beer were brought in, and everything came together quickly.

19 October – Halloween Party with Flip the Frog

Flip the Frog is booked every weekend all over the area and it's no surprise. These guys are great. We had a few folks in costume and a lot of fun.

27 October – Trunk or Treat

Thanks to all the trunk decorators, all the kids had a great time. There were plenty of decorations, games, and snacks. Having the pinata in the tent added another level of fun. Next year we'll have several pinatas. Thanks to Nona Warford for putting all this together, awesome job.

10 November – Turkey Shoot

Our awesome Turkey Shoot was, first, made possible by all our amazing member volunteers. Secondly, we had an awesome giant tent, and we hit the "Weather Jackpot!!" The temperature reached 64 degrees on Shoot Day, and the very next day we had a low of 17. The shooting line ran through 23 rounds, and we completely sold out of turkey dinners, and all other food. The meat and cheese raffles were a success as well as the bar. Mark Woulfe won the Stoger Shotgun, and Eric Hagedorn was lucky enough to win the S&W 9mm and the \$100 cash. Thanks to everyone who came and thanks for bringing your friends.

30 November – Cameron Barton Fundraiser Concert

The kegs were wide open Saturday night in the Giant Tent. We owe a big thanks to Cameron Barton, Dave Wilmouth, and Kene Turcott for donating their time and talents. What a great show!! Around 100 people enjoyed the huge heated tent, a TON of food, drinks by our fantastic volunteer bartenders, the best entertainment, and of course, friends. A lot of work went into making this happen, but it was a total success. Plus, there's more - *Spoiler Alert*- Cameron and The River Rats may be back to perform for our Grand Opening next year.

CLUB HOURS: QUEEN OF HEARTS THURSDAYS, MEETINGS, AND EVENTS.

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17 December – Membership Meeting at Lockhaven
Lockhaven Golf Club has graciously offered to host our membership meeting on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30pm. At this meeting, we will ask the membership for approval to tear down the existing building and to spend the money to build a new clubhouse. Our Club has 156 voting members. We ask that if at all possible, you attend this important meeting.

RECENT QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWINGS

ROUND-WEEK	DRAWING DATE	NAME DRAWN	CARD REVEALED	POTENTIAL WINNER'S POT
4-7	10/17/19	DAN FITZGERALD	A HEARTS	\$2,254
4-8	10/24/19	STEVE RAY	2 HEARTS	\$2,356
4-9	11/1/19	RICK SOBOLWSKI	7 SPADES	\$2,544
4-10	11/7/19	CPT RON JENKINS	Q DIAMONDS	\$2,654
4-11	11/14/19	DAVE DARE	9 SPADES	\$2,744
4-12	11/21/19	STEVIE RAY	A DIAMONDS	\$2,849
4-13	11/30/19	YVONNE PEALER	3 SPADES	\$2,988

On 11/7/19, CPT Ron Jenkins won \$265 by revealing a Queen of Diamonds.

FUTURE QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWINGS

Due to the weather, and our lack of facilities, the Queen of Hearts drawings will be temporarily suspended. The Board of Directors are considering options on the continuation of drawings and will keep you up to date.

DOCK REPAIR (MATT KNIGHT 618-407-9890)

GROUNDS (CHRIS ONTIS 618-781-2001)

ENTERTAINMENT (SUZIE FILL 618-781-4558)

HOUSE (DAN FITZGERALD 618-806-3708)

We're moving out of the clubhouse and there is a LOT to move. There will be a work party soon. We'll need to load our trailer and sheds and we will need all the help we can get. Do you have some free time now? Contact Fitz, he has a list of work to be completed.

MEMBERSHIP (CLIFF RUSHTON 618-781-1156)

The work hour list will soon be compiled. If you still need some work hours, don't be concerned. Your help will be needed in a big way moving all that is left out of the Clubhouse. While we don't have an exact date for that work party yet, we hope to announce it at the December 17th membership meeting. Are you a social member who wants to upgrade to a regular member? It's an easy process and can be done for only \$8.33 a month more. Our New Clubhouse is on the way and will be better than ever.

BAR (CAPTAIN RON JENKINS 314-852-7860)

Our Club hasn't sold a beer inside the clubhouse since Steak Night, May 23rd. Since then, our volunteer bartenders and cooks have stepped up and kept this Club alive. Thank you so much for your time and efforts. We have a makeshift bar set up in the smoke shack at the Club. You'll be on the honor system. Beers are still only \$2

SPECIAL EVENTS (JIM DUNHAM 618-466-7126)

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with the Turkey Shoot. This day truly takes a team, a large team.

DOCK ASSIGNMENT (NICK HOLMES 618-980-4913)

There are several docks available. They're all first come first serve. If you're ready for the convenience of your boat always being ready, contact Chairman Holmes now.

FROM THE TREASURER

With the tremendous success of the Turkey Shoot and the Cameron Barton Fundraiser Concert, our Club has achieved positive cash flow for the month of November. Continued support by members made this possible. Get all the details at the December 17th membership meeting at Lockhaven.

FROM THE COMMODORE

We lost one of our own on November 16th. Mike Lawhon was a longtime and very active member of our Boat Club. Mike joined the Club in the early 90's and had been a regular member since 1998. He served as Chairman of the Board for several years as well as on other Board positions. Mike had his own seat on the NorthWest corner of the Boat Club Bar, and he helped us keep our large stock of Crown Royal cycled and fresh. Mike will be missed by all of us. Keep Mary and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

All members and spouses are welcome to our membership meeting at Lockhaven on December 17th. We have 156 voting members which includes regular members and honorary members. We'll vote to tear down the old building and allocate the money to build our brand-new Clubhouse. This will be a roll call vote, meaning we will call your name and you'll say "yes" or "no" to the proposal. Barring some unforeseen situation, this will be the biggest Boat Club vote we as members will ever take part in.

Our tent was a money-maker, our Club is in a good financial situation, and we have money set aside for the harbor. Stay positive, this process has a lot of steps, but we're about to see some visual progress. See you soon.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 LRPC MEETING 6PM @ CLUB BOARD MEETING 7PM @ CLUB	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 BOARD MEETING 6:30 @ CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 @ LOCKHAVEN	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT LOCKHAVEN GOLF CLUB DECEMBER 17TH @ 7:30PM VOTE TO BUILD NEW CLUBHOUSE			

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