

# NAUTICAL NEWS

WHNC Membership Meeting  
February 2012

COMMODORE	David Smith	968-0338
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**WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB** meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of every month at the Winter Haven Rotary Club – 530 6<sup>th</sup> St NE, Intersection Ave B. For the 2012 year

Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM (Bring a dish to pass) Meeting will begin at 7 PM.

Website - [www.whnc.biz](http://www.whnc.biz) webmaster: John Valich 559-5887

WHNC phone number: 863-288-0366

Commodore, David Smith, called the meeting to order with 25 members in attendance. Minutes from the January Board Meeting and the Treasurer's report were read and approved.

## **ACTIVITIES: Susan Hutchinson, Chairperson**

Susan thanked those who attend our first **LEO – Let's Eat Out** – there were 26 people in attendance at Miller's Ale House on South Fla Ave in Lakeland. We had a great time and all look forward to our next dinner out as a group.

Our first **Land cruise for 2012 will be led by Bob and Rosemary Krencisz** and we will be going to see **Winter the Dolphin on February 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you were not at the meeting and want to go along, please contact Rosemary and Bob at 863-421-8588 as soon as possible. We will meet at TA's truck stop, exit 10 off I4 and depart at 8:30. Our destination is 300 Cleveland St, Clearwater, if you don't want to drive over, you may be able to hitch a ride with someone else. The cost is \$12.95 for adults, \$11.95 for seniors over 60 and \$10.95 for children 3-12. This price includes both locations, seeing Winter as well as the aquarium. Hope you can attend.

Our next **LEO will be February 17<sup>th</sup> at Em drew – Spice Thai restaurant at 3615 S Florida Avenue, Lakeland**. Susan will send out the time for dinner as we get closer to the date. Please contact Susan and let her know if you plan to attend. (Phone number is above)

David and I will be attending the **Miami Boat show the weekend of February 17** and I have found some rooms at a Marriott. If anyone else is interested give me a call.

Please mark your calendars for **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to help out with the Orange Cup Regatta** – This is in conjunction with the Lakeland Sail and Power Squadron and is our big fund raiser for the year. The races are held in Lakeland on Lake Hollingsworth and this is an opportunity to help the club and have fun at the same time. If you were not at the meeting, please contact David Hutchinson or David Smith if you can help out for any part of the weekend. FYI, Emily Hutchinson will be racing!!!!

Upcoming Land events in March – **LEO on March 16<sup>th</sup> and the Antique Boat Show in Tavares March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Hope you can join us!

## **CRUISES: Mike Hall, Chairperson**

Our first cruise for 2012 is the **Red Flannel Cruise to Palatka** on January 21 & 22, 2012, David Smith was our cruise leader. We meet at Love's Saturday morning, departing around 8am with 6 boats and 16 people, Double Nickels, Jo Fish, Awe\$um Duck, Bob's Garage, Bob 'N' Roe and Magnolia Lady. We trailered to Ed Stone Park with our normal bathroom break at Wal-Mart with no incidents to report. The cruise up the St Johns River to Palatka was uneventful after a few minor issues which were quickly corrected. We traveled to the Quality Inn, settled in and began to take over the lobby of the restaurant, some playing cards and some just watching. Took a break for dinner and continued with the card games after dinner. The restaurant is now a Beef O'Brady's so this is a one stop destination now! We had great day and evening. Sunday started off with a couple of boats needing fuel and then we started back. Unfortunately Magnolia Lady began having problems and had to be beached at the launch ramp in Astor. Her crew stayed on board and enjoyed the sites while Joe went back with Bob's Garage to get the tow vehicle. Once everyone was trailered Bob Beckner and the Smiths went over to help Joe and Linda get Magnolia Lady trailered. Everyone stopped for dinner and made a safe trip home – one of the warmest Red Flannel Cruises we have enjoyed in a long time. Hope everyone will be able to join us next year!

Our next cruise was a day cruise on the Harris Chain of Lakes to Mt Dora on Saturday, February 4, we met at Love's and it was a joint cruise event with multiple leaders throughout the day. More information on the cruise will be provided at the March meeting.

**Upcoming Cruises in March – Coleman's Landing to River Ranch on March 10<sup>th</sup> and Captain Hiram's March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope you can join us!!**

## **COMMITTEES**

### **SHIP'S STORE: David Hutchinson, Chairperson**

David has shirts in many sizes and colors for purchase. Since we no longer need to make much of a profit on the clothing the cost of the T-shirts and tanks has dropped to \$10 per shirt. David can order more shirts as he gets request but does have to have a minimum so if you want a size or color not currently available please let David or Susan know and an order will be placed when the min is met. Other items can also be purchased just let David know what you might want. Key chains are also available with the club name and e-mail address and David has done a great job making WHNC decals you may be interested in.

### **TELEPHONE: Sandy Ross, Chairperson**

Sandy and Phyllis will be our phone committee for the year Susan B and Rosemary have offered to help when needed.

### **WEB-SITE: John Valich, Chairperson**

John began making changes to the web site to remove information about the clubhouse. We need pictures and other information to put on the site. Please contact John if you would like to write an article or provide information to promote the club. And as always send him any pictures you think others might enjoy seeing. This web site will be more important than ever now that we no longer have the building so we need to make it exciting and direct everyone to the site to find out what we are about.

### **Membership:**

I passed out the membership pages to those members present, if you don't expect to see us during the next month, please let me know and I'll put yours in the mail if you have paid your membership. I will be updating the membership information as more members re-join. **The Board determined membership for the 2012 year will be \$50 + tax which totals 53.50;** A big drop from previous

years since we don't have a building to care for so hoping everyone will re-join. We are requesting the remainder of the year's membership be paid by April 1<sup>st</sup> for those who have already paid for the 1<sup>st</sup> three months. Also if you run into previous members please talk to them about the changes with the club and invite them to the meeting or other event that might be coming up soon.

### **SUNSHINE: Marty Kidwell, Chairperson**

Wes had a couple of stents put in last week and was home Wednesday. Arlene's back surgery has not progressed well and she is still in much pain hoping to find out soon what else can be done. The Valichs oldest daughter has been diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer and has undergone surgery, she begins Chemo on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep all these people in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Old Business**

We need chairpersons for the Land Cruises and for 50/50, please contact David if you are interested in helping.

Margaret and the **Audit committee**, David Hutchinson and Loretta Bise met with Arlene to go over the club finances. Margaret presented their findings and thanked Arlene for a great job. Thanks to Margaret, David and Loretta for handling the audit.

### **New Business**

Calendars are now available, at \$7 per calendar and as in the past \$5 of each goes to the club. Arlene will handle getting our membership with the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce and the Board also approved sponsorship of Kayla's ball team. It is felt the best way to rebuild the club is to do some advertising this year so if you have any ideas please let one of the Board Members know about the idea. I will be putting together new business cards and we need to get a new promotional brochure created. If you have any ideas on what might go on the brochure, please let me know (Becky). John suggested putting an ad in the Inside Polk magazine and David asked Susan if she might have the name and number of the reporter who did the story on the club to see if she might do a follow-up story about the changes and where we are now meeting.

**Thank you Margaret for providing the birthday cake for the February babies....anyone what to volunteer to bring the cake for March?**

That's all for now, please let me know if I've forgotten anything. Becky