

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

MARCH 2024



Get Her Ready! The Big Bash Boat Splash
Season Opener will be here before you can say:

"Narcissus King Alfred Jumbo Daffodil."

Word from the Commodore:

Have you gone outside lately? Can you feel it in the air?

Yes, our good friend Punxsutawney Phil tells us spring is going to be here early, so it's time to clean up your boat, find that pair of flip-flops you put away last winter, and get ready for sailing. WVSC deckhands are currently working on our gateway and docks completing repairs that we're needed after the extremely low water and heavy ice on the lake. A big shout out to the guys and gals who are working on that project. We're currently only two feet down from normal lake levels.

For those of you who were wondering where I've been the last month, I was in Washington D.C. on an assignment. While I was there I ran into a bunch of fellow sailors. They have a small yacht club on the Potomac River which I visited. I was amazed that they sail on the Potomac river and they were equally amazed that we sail in Kansas.

"Not all treasure is silver and gold mate". Captain Jack Sparrow.

Troy



Above:
Narcissus King Alfred Daffodils
Commodore's photo will return
next month... as space permits.

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WVSC club members are invited to share a brief bio. and a photo. It's always interesting to learn more about our WVSC sailors. Who knows, next month it may be you. Thanks to all that have participated.

2024 WVSC Socials & Sailing Activities Calendar

March:

Get'rrrr Ready Get'rrrr Rigged Get'rrrr on the water...

**Big Bash Boat Splash
Season Opener
Saturday - APRIL 27th**

Thanks to the fine sailors listed below we now have an amazing season of Sailing Activities & Socials planned for the 2024 WVSC season.

The two- a- day practices paid off.
Well done Paul Schye and Patty Pyro
In a word, the fire show was - breathtaking!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Julie & Richard Barth, Janet Van Epps, Paul Schye, Ardie & Ernie Condon, Hector Camacho, Robert & Leana Fusco, Deann Gadalla, Francis William Nicholson II., Troy Oberly, Justus Oberly, Mike & Natalie Reynolds, Greg Rincker, Captain & Kate Brammer, Mike & Susan Shepperd, Blaine & Joan Van Dam, Kevin & Brenda Welch, Dick Caspari, Sid Rousseau, Tedd Blankenship

**Wondering what we have planned?
Here's the short list:**

**SAIL OLYMPICS - SHRIMP BOIL
SAIL JEOPARDY - OCTOBER FEST
SCAVENGER HUNT - MOONLIGHT
SAIL - BEYOND B DOCKS & THREE
DAYS ON THE WATER
CHALLENGE**



**ALL THE COOL BOATS SAIL -
WATERMELON TOSS - STEAK
NIGHT - BIG BASH BOAT SPLASH
SEASON OPENER & MEET THE
BOARD - 14.2 REGATTA**

As always, nothing is set in stone. If you have an idea for a social or sailing activity, or would like to help out, contact Tedd Blankenship, Julie Barth or any board member.



"Launching Arabella" June, 2023

Arabella is a Colin Archer-inspired, double-ended ketch designed by William Atkin. She displaces about 25,000 lbs. and has berths for up to 5 people, and despite her large size, she's easily sailed single-handed. She's 37' 6" on deck, with a 32' waterline, and will carry 816 square feet of sail.

Nearly all of the lumber for Arabella was harvested on Steve Denette's private land in Massachusetts and milled on a small portable sawmill. The boat was built from scratch in Steve's front yard and took over seven years to complete. The build process from start to finish was carefully recorded and came to be known as the "Acorn to Arabella" project. The video below is one of the first video's shot.

Want a little inspiration in your life? Watch this video! "Kids" these days...



IF YOU COULD BE ANY TYPE OF BOAT, WHAT TYPE OF BOAT WOULD YOU BE - AND WHY?

That was the question posed to the Wednesday Morning Breakfast bunch a couple of weeks ago. Note the question is not "What type of boat would you like to OWN?" But, "What type of boat would you like to BE?"

Below are the responses I got from some really good sports:

Tim Miller
505 - It's agile and sporty.

David Reynolds
The U.S. Constitution - history,
long life



Gary Pierce
America's Cup Cat - Fast

Blaine Van Dam
12 Meter Americas Cup
fast & agile



Gene Nold
Americas Cup, 6 Meter -
great boat, sailed on Stars
and Stripes in the
Caribbean

Bill Allman
PT boat - fast



John McCabe
18' Thompson - great for
fishing

Preston Brammer
Sunfish - best fun



Tedd Blankenship
Herreshoff - Buzzards Bay 15
fast, beautiful, classic lines...
understated elegance

Kevin Welch
River Patrol Boat - shallow
draft, easy to skipper, great for
exploring up rivers and inland
waterways



Hector Camacho
Com-Pac 16, fun boat



Only 21 Days
Until Spring!



Take a Closer Look

Mystery Photo #2



Odds are, you've seen this mysterious image before Skipper - but probably only for a **fleeting** moment.

That should tell you something... Think **ahead**.

When you've got Mystery Photo #2 figured out, scroll down to the bitter end of the Windword and check your answer. Pay attention and you'll find another clue embedded.

This is the second in a series of mystery photos we've planned; it won't be the last.

If you would like to join the fun - send your Mystery Photo entries to:
teddblankenship59@gmail.com

We need: 1. your mystery photo AND 2. your mystery photo answer-photo.

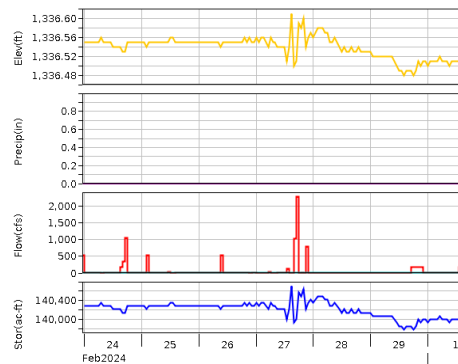
In the event of an emergency this is the address to provide EMS, First Responders:

Walnut Valley Sailing Club
4599 N E Boulder Bluff Road
El Dorado KS 67042



Click on the graph at right
for current lake level data.

Things are looking up.



El Dorado Lake Inflow-Outflow Data

CLICK ON THE GRAPH ABOVE TO VIEW
CURRENT DATA

[Read more](#)

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil

Triple Dog Dare You!

If you're curious, come on out!
We're always happy to have visitors.

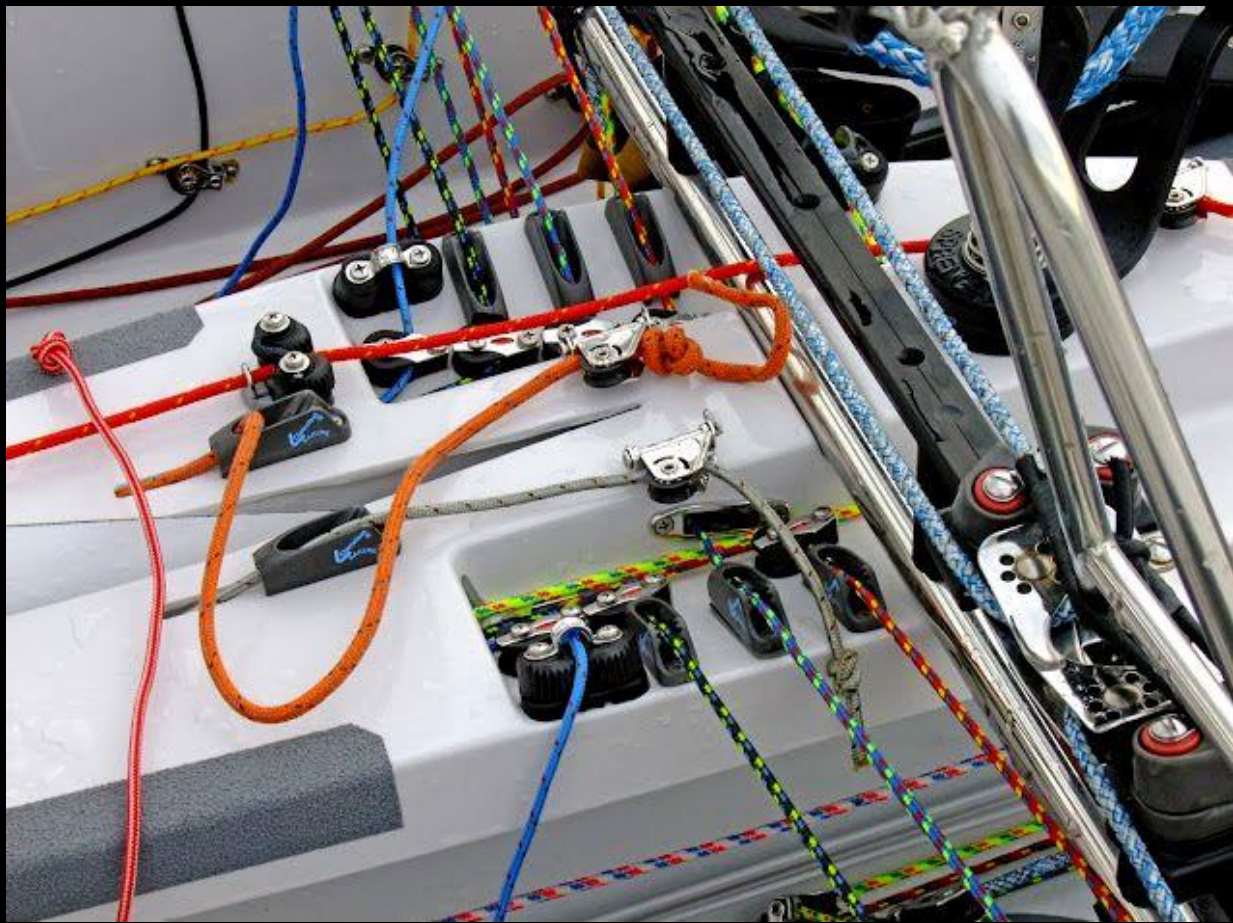
Stay 5 minutes or hang out all afternoon.
We have chairs, ice tea, day old
doughnuts and a lethargic Black Mouth
Cur, *until she's not*. Just finished gluing up
a 10 ply curved tiller. Come out and
practice *your* sanding technique!

Tedd: 316-775-1064
7:00 AM to 11:00 PM
OPEN INVITATION!
Visit anytime now through spring.
5720 SW Santa Fe Lake Road,
Augusta, KS



Essentially the boat is a boat. The
next phase involves sanding, fairing,
filing, shaping, epoxy, varnish,
painting, rigging, etc.

Tech. Tip of the Month



Keep it simple and
If you can't keep it
simple, at least keep it
organized!

If Tim Miller could BE
a boat... Tim would be
a well organized 505.

That we know.

Out on the Race Course

The WVSC 2024 Racing Season is off to a great start. We've got skippers and crew signed up for RC duty and... we're delighted to be welcoming aboard a great group of new racers.

Worth noting: We're reverting back to the 5 minutes, 4 minutes, 1 minute, start sequence. It's all good. Time to bone up skippers!

Club members interested in racing are welcome to join anytime. If you have questions, please give Blaine Van Dam a call: 316-371-4166. Or snag any sailor on the docks before or after our Wednesday night races. We're all happy to help.

Welcome aboard: Hector Camacho, Michael Shepperd and crew. We're pleased as punch to have you fine sailors join the fun!



On a side note:

Harbor Master Charlie sent us this fine photo requesting a new H/M boat. We were prepared to order a new boat tomorrow, but then we realized we didn't know **which** boat Charlie wanted. Now it looks like we've shot the boat budget on floats, flags, coffee filters and pretty soon, we're going to need more grape jelly...

WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
February 9th, 2024, 7:00 PM
Butler County EMS Station

[**Click here to view the February Meeting Minutes**](#)

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to learn more about your giant beetle collection. *Titanus giganteus* is indeed - gigantic. Actually we'd love to hear about anything you've been up to lately, collecting vintage guitars, paintings, sailboats, Wonder Woman comic books or otherwise. We're just happy to hear from you!



We reserve the right to edit for length and/or relevance. We may hold your submission for future publications or not use it at all. No copyright materials please.

Send information to: teddblankenship59@gmail.com

Earning work credits at WVSC is easier than learning to tie a Portuguese Bowline knot.

Come on out!

\$10 per hour up to 10 hours. We need you! Work Credit hours directly reduce your annual fees by as much as \$100. Not only that, you'll go home feeling great about pitching in and helping out.

If you can only help out an hour or two here and there, no worries. That's fine. Hours are flexible, and the dress code is always bow tie and blue blazer casual.



To all of our fine WVSC friends out there working to keep the [docks afloat...](#) thanks. We appreciate your time and effort.



YOUR COUCH

Big Bash Boat Splash and Season Opener! Saturday, April 27

Our esteemed WVSC Board will be providing a delightful meal
at our season opener...we don't know just how delightful it will be quite yet.

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Why do SCUBA divers roll backwards off a boat?

Because if they rolled forward, they'd still be on the boat.

Just ask Bill Allman, he's done it all!

Boats & Gear For Sale



1980 O'day 23

Shore-lander tandem axle trailer with keel roller launch/retrieve & 1979 7.5 HP Electric Start Mercury Outboard (old but runs well). Sails: Main, Jib, Genoa, Storm Jib. Has shoal draft keel (24" draft with C/B up) In Yard Space 618 at Ninnescah Sailing Association, Cheney Lake
Hull #XDYT0514M79G
\$6000 OBO Photo above
Contact Jim Steck (316-737-9010) or Jason Kaufman (316-393-9691)

Clipper Marine Corp 26 with trailer

Main plus CDI FF2 roller-furling, Nissan NSF4A2 outboard, 4-stroke, 4 HP, jib, new running rigging, GPS, depth finder, anchors, cushion covers replaced in 2020 - currently in dry storage at WVSC. \$2300
Tim Miller 316-992-0514
John McCabe 316-644-8344





Mystery Photo Answer #2

DESPERADO is a Capri 22 and belongs to Steve & Gene Kubin.
Steve races with long time crew member - Randy Malcom.

Desperado continues to be the boat to beat around the marks...

It's official.

We reciprocate with Ninnescah Yacht Club

List your boat, your beetle collection or your neighbors dock box for sale... it's all good.

Contact: teddblankenship59@gmail.com for the Windword
or Angela at Cheney to place your free ad: editor@ninnescah.org

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February 9, 2024

Butler County EMS Station

Call to Order – 7:04 PM

Lake Level: 1336.40. -2.6 ft !

BOG members present:

Commodore: Troy Oberly
Vice Commodore: Julie Barth
Rear Commodore: Stuart Funk
Treasurer: Preston Brammer
Secretary: Doug Albro
Board Members: Robert Fusco, Blaine VanDam, Jim McEwen
Mike Shepperd is ill.

Commodore's Remarks

Commodore Oberly remarks. Lake is coming up. Our official "open date" is mid April with water being turned back on (about the 15th normally) .

January 11 BOG Meeting Minutes Approval

The minutes of the January 11 meeting were reviewed. Julie Barth moved; Blaine Van Dam seconded approval Minutes are approved.

Membership Concerns -

No BOG members have heard of any issues about the installation of cameras or security. There was no discussion at Wednesday breakfast.

Two abandoned dock boxes (and items) were removed from Slip B-15. These will be up for auction through the Windword. Bids are normally accepted by text, phone, or e-mail. This discussion is recorded under "Harbor Committee".

New Business -

Social Committee will meet on the 24th of February to discuss plans for the year.

Discussion about dock damage is recorded under "Harbor Committee". There is some damage to the docks. Compression damage near B29. Will cut out damaged metal structure, re-weld and replace. We have a skilled welder and metal worker.

Question: can this update be spread over more than one year? Question: would insurance cover any of this damage. Club can foot the labor, but will need to pay for metal damage. What is the life expectancy of these floats? The current insurance has not funded any claims at present.

We will need to monitor this.

There is interest in getting better flags (than the last ones that didn't last very long). Several members have talked about having Kent Carter make some of these for us. We have no estimate yet. Which committee funded these earlier? Buildings and Grounds will cover the cost. We will be sure to take them down when water is turned off in October.

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Committee Reports:

Liaison

Committee Chair

Long Range Planning

Julie Barth

Blaine Van Dam

Discussion of security and Internet continues. We have some additional data. The cost would be \$25 per member per year.

We will need to slow down to evaluate and take of dock issues first. . Hold for a month and see what repairs are.

Powerboats

Preston Brammer

Bart Peace

We are making sure that the oil changes will happen. Looking for a bimini cover (only).

Harbor

James McEwen

Charlie Volk

1. Abandoned dock boxes were removed from slip B15 and placed in dry storage building. [Intent was noted in previous BOG meeting]. Suggest BOG offers for sale to membership. Miscellaneous items were in each box. Dock box 2 in good condition. Dock box 1 in good condition but hinges require repair. Photos attached at end of minutes. Maybe sell the contents with each box? Kevin Welch thought he bought his box, with stuff in it, for \$50. There may be undiscovered damage. Dunsford boat is taking on water. Zebra Mussels.
2. Compression damage to the main walkway structure was discovered near slip B29. Gene Nold noticed it during a recent visit. Kevin Welch, Hector Camacho, Gene Nold, and I looked at it last Thursday (2/2). Gene has seen this type of damage once before. The fix decided on is to cut the damaged (bent) structure out and reweld in new. Hector is an experienced metal worker and welder and will make the repair with some help when weather warms up a little. Still planning and collecting materials. Will discuss at Breakfast this Thursday and plan from there.
3. Nolan Rummel (a dock contractor) will visit this Monday (2/12) to discuss/bid.
 - Replacing missing floats on west finger of A50 (4 floats of older type that have become waterlogged or missing).
 - Binding of underwater brace in the middle of A Dock.
 - Evaluation of floatation in the middle of B Dock that appears to be low in the water and potentially water logged. Potentially large expense ROM 15-20k. Waterlogged floatation stresses the dock structure rather than support it.
 - Received quote from Insul-Bead for floatation replacement. For 4 floats and 4 spares plus delivery \$1257.29 and for 50 floats, if necessary \$5736.56.
 - Labor quote(s) unknown until Rummel visit.
4. We bought a jack and used it to free one of the six anchors bound up during the low-water last year. (The inner anchors are performing although 5 outer anchors are stuck).
5. The docks are looking better now that the water has risen but suspect there may be undiscovered issues ahead.
6. Brant Dumford has been advised his boat is taking on water again.

Activities Center

Blaine VanDam

Paul Schye

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No activity to report.

Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

No activity to report.

Sail Training

Stuart Funk

Stuart Funk

No activity to report.

Archivist

Doug Albro

Doug Albro

Received security training. Will get minutes out to the archive.

Public Relations/Media

Doug Albro

Charlie Volk

Website is working well.

Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

Reports are provided; attached at end of this document. 71 regular members. 1 junior member.

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

It is still too wet to do any weed control. No real activity occurring yet. Will try again to order some organizer boxes for small hardware, etc to do some stowing and organizing in the building. Noted that there is now a Harbor Freight store in El Dorado.

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepperd

No activity to report. Team will bring Stuart's tractor down to begin mowing when it dries a bit. Stuart and Troy will do mowing this year. For flags, cost will be applied to the Building and Grounds budget. The Patio area is going to need some repairs. Bamboo lockers are looking quite worn. We need to secure roofing material.

Installation of a fire ring will need to meet State Park Requirements (as are the new fire rings being installed across the park). Julie noted that the new ring (and the patio) may be used by general park attenders. Continuing study of installing a fire ring.

Calling (& Texting)

Julie Barth

Julie Barth

Julie is still doing texting. It is working.

Racing Activities

Preston Brammer

Blaine Van Dam

We are holding our Kick off meeting on February 17th at Andover Pizza Hut at 3:00 pm. Look to about a 2 hour meeting.

Social Activities

Julie Barth

Tedd Blankenship

Brainstorming and Planning Meeting well be held at Benton Airport restaurant on the February 24th. Trying to stay under 30 attenders (room size), if interested, come on out.

Government Relations

Jim McEwen

Gene Nold

As stated. .

Security

Mike Shepperd

Mike Shepperd

No new info.

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Sailing Activities

Blaine Van Dam

Troy Oberly

Meetings are coming. We are working to keep activities in the mornings to de-conflict with other activities. Will do some 14.2 races and a distance race. MOB training/activity. "Overnight activity". It was nice having a dinner after the 14.2 race.

Business Calendar –

Insurance is due in April. Boat registrations are ready to go. State census has been completed. Need to send in the Tax Return. State registry is every other year.

Old Business -

There was no old business.

Motion to Adjourn -

Blaine Van Dam moved to adjourn; Preston Brammert seconded. The motion was passed.

Next meeting is 14 March at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Albro – Secretary



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	Nov '23 - Jan 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Training Revenue	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Initiation Fees	200.00		
Interest Income	18.19		
Member Activities	960.00	3,000.00	-2,040.00
Membership Fees			
Membership Dues	26,215.00	24,750.00	1,465.00
Work Credit Adjustment	-2,000.00		
Total Membership Fees	24,215.00	24,750.00	-535.00
Miscellaneous Income	222.00		
Rentals			
Dry Storage Rental	11,400.00	11,300.00	100.00
Slip Rentals			
Slip Rental - One Year	32,300.00	31,950.00	350.00
Total Slip Rentals	32,300.00	31,950.00	350.00
Total Rentals	43,700.00	43,250.00	450.00
Total Income	69,315.19	74,000.00	-4,684.81
Expense			
Annual Meeting Expense	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Annual Awards/Trophies	296.74	500.00	-203.26
Committee Expenditures			
Training	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Fleet Maintenance - Sailboats	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Activities Center	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00
Buildings & Grounds	5,122.00	7,500.00	-2,378.00
Dry Storage	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Fleet Maintenance- Power Boats	199.95	700.00	-500.05
Government Relations	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Harbor	90.00	4,000.00	-3,910.00
Membership	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Public Relations	525.00	1,400.00	-875.00
Racing Activities	40.15	500.00	-459.85
Sailing Activities	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Security	172.56	1,500.00	-1,327.44
Social Activities	1,223.96	6,000.00	-4,776.04
Total Committee Expenditures	7,373.62	32,200.00	-24,826.38
Insurance	0.00	26,100.00	-26,100.00
Taxes			
Property Taxes	1,851.25	4,200.00	-2,348.75
Total Taxes	1,851.25	4,200.00	-2,348.75
Fees/Dues/Licenses/Permits/Rent	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
General & Admin	460.10	3,000.00	-2,539.90
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Utilities			
Electricity	865.11		
Water	7.34		
Utilities - Other	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00
Total Utilities	872.45	5,500.00	-4,627.55
Total Expense	10,854.16	78,500.00	-67,645.84
Net Ordinary Income	58,461.03	-4,500.00	62,961.03
Net Income	58,461.03	-4,500.00	62,961.03

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Walnut Valley Sailing Club Treasurer's Report

December 1/31/2024 update

Membership

New Members:

Resigning:

Paid Members: 1/31/2024

71 Regular Memberships

1 Junior Memberships

Affiliate Memberships

Inactive Memberships

3

4

➤ Cash in Bank – Checking- \$99,478.15

➤ Cash in Bank – Savings- \$48,147.87

Check	Payee	Amount	Account	Additional info
4361	Alert 360	57.52	Security	January Service
4362	US Postal Service	176.00	General Admin	PO Box Renewal
4363	Ardie Condon	101.35	Annual Awards	Commodore award
4364	Blaine Van Dam	40.15	Racing	Horns
4365	Zant Technologies	369.00	Public Relations	Web Account Upgrade
4366	Preston Brammer	199.95	Fleet maintenance-	Ropes
4367	Preston Brammer	380.00	Annual Meeting	Re Issue Check
Ach Debit	KS Dept of Revenue	1779.38	Sales tax Payable	4 th qtr. payment
Auto	Evergy	316.00	Utilities	December Electricity
	Total	3419.35		