

# Brevard County Airboat Association

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## NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL

As of the end of the April meeting 100 of last year's 152 members had renewed their memberships, including 7 families. Seventeen of last year's 40 senior members have paid their discounted dues. As of the end of March the club had \$7,327.76 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for March is located near the end of the newsletter.

Howdy Folks, dinner consisted of Spaghetti, salad, bread and brownies. I not sure who made the stuff but am pretty sure it was **Jim Young's** doin'. I'm also pretty sure I made a pig outta myself but I swear I couldn't help it, I'm a spaghetti eatin' machine and got the body to prove it. I hope I saved ya'll some.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM  
We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Walt Lorraine** turned the floor over to **FWC Officer Dustin**. Dustin is a biologist for FWC. First he explained the different divisions of FWC's Fresh Water Management. He then explained the Black Bass Fishing Management Plan. He told us that FWC realizes how important the black bass is, it makes money for the state and local economies. They'd like to keep the sport viable well into the future. They're trying to keep areas that currently host these fish maintained as well as create habitats that that will continually support the fishing.

Concerning **Lake Lawton**, he said we will probably see ring dikes built around the existing Indian mounds so that **Lake Lawton** can finally be flooded. He mentioned that the fishing in the **Stick Marsh** ain't as good as it used to be. He said something about a Geotube they are using or are gonna use. There ain't so much hydrilla as there used to be. He said the combination of wind and the turbidity of water have been killing the hydrilla. He said they have been using various fish attractors. Sinking branches tied to weights will attract fish for about 5 years or so. He mentioned that a 40-50%

hydrilla coverage is good for fish populations as is bulrush and coontail. He was asked if he ever thought **Lake Hell-N-Blazes** would be de-mucked and he replied that there were no plans in the near future or in fact at all for the de-muckification (cool word huh? Just so happens it rhymes with suffocation which is exactly what's happened to the lake) of Hell N Blazes.

Thanks to Officer Dustin for talking to us.

Motion made to accept the Meeting Minutes for the March meeting, seconded and accepted.

Pres. Report- I got nuttin' on this.

V.P. Report- I got nuttin' on this either.

I must have snuck out of the meetin' about this time. As I recall I do remember **Corey Nail** hollerin' at me to get my butt back inside. It's not like we missed nothin' right? You know, Walt says stuff like thanks fer comin', we got a lot to do tonight then it's followed up by Tina whose crazy hormonal right now with the pregnancy and really ain't thinkin' about nothin' else but getting' that baby out of her and hopin' it ain't got as big a head as Corey's. Then Tina usually finds something wrong with the building like shaking toilets or missin' fire extinguishers so I probably got it covered. I'm also pretty sure Tina won't hit me for writin' this 'cause she probably ain't makin' the next meetin', is gonna be all lovey dovey with the new baby and in two months time all should be forgiven, right? At least that's what I'm countin' on.

Treasurer's Report- Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report as read by **Jim Rosasco**, seconded and accepted. This here topic was pretty uneventful this month, I know everyone usually looks forward to a really great Treasurer's report, the numbers are so mesmerizing, the tales so tantalizing, the suspense so intense and the outcomes so surprising, that you probably read this part of the newsletter first each month, just to quell your thirst for adventure. Well, I'm sorry Jim let ya

down this month, I'm sure he'll step it up a notch at the next meeting. ☺

Announcements & Entertainment- **Jim Rosasco** and **Corey Nail** said somethin' about them getting with **United States Representative Bill Posey** to make him aware of the **Everglades Headwater Proposal Plan** that's liable to shove a big stick up our taxpaying rumps and break off at about the time the fat cats cash their checks.

Happy/Sad Dollars- We gathered up some more dollars for the Christmas Parade and those people that are a sufferin' from all sorts of problems and need some help with eatin', toys for the kids at Christmas and keepin' a roof over their heads.

**Don Narmore** asked Walt why Lake Lawton is still closed to us. He was a wonderin' why we can't run that area? He said we're the taxpayers that paid for that area how come we ain't got access to all of it yet?

**Roy Reynolds** spoke up and said, son, let me simplify it for ya, the SJRWMD owns it, they're the land managers of that there prime real estate and they're the ones that decide these issues. He went on to say that we don't own it but we do own it. Thanks for that simplification there Roy.

Someone else mentioned that the **Lake Washington** boat ramp just got recently re-graded but they did it with a real rough rock that's tearin' up the polymer on peoples boats.

**Dave Popplin** told us that the jump over at the C-2 was just re-done. He said it's a little tough going into the C-2 but its nice coming out of it.

Building Update- **Corey Nail** said the woman's bathroom toilet is still broke, that it was all shaky and everything. He also said the kitchen sink is leaking underneath.

Bozeman Camp Update- **Dave Winnett** told us he's a plannin' to start some serious renovation work on **Bozeman's Cabin** come the end of Turkey Season (which happens to be about the time ya'll are readin' this here rag) so those people that want to get involved by either donating material, slapping your tool belts on, transporting stuff out there, pointin' fingers like a guvment worker, (on second thought we probably don't need no finger pointers) or whatnot, get a hold of Dave or show up at this next meetin' to find out jus' what's goin' on.

Merchandise Update- We got new hats.

Old Business- **Dennis Myers** brought up the issue concerning **Joe Harrison** saying he was not gonna renew his membership in the club via e-mail and should he now have to submit a new membership application? **Roy Reynolds** also asked about Joe Harrison's resignation from the club. Dennis Myer's explained the Bylaws article concerning his "tendered resignation". Specifically:

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NO MEMBER, HAVING BEEN SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED, OR HAVING TENDERED HIS/HER RESIGNATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE RE-INSTATED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION UNLESS AND UNTIL A WRITTEN APPLICATION IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD BY THE APPLICANT. THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO IMPOSE SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE FOR RE-INSTATEMENT. NO APPLICATION FOR RE-INSTATEMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT ANY REGULAR MEETING UNLESS AND UNTIL ANY/ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RE-INSTATEMENT SHALL HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH. A MAJORITY VOTE OF TWO THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANY REGULAR MEETING SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR RE-INSTATEMENT AND SAID RE-INSTATEMENT WILL BE ASSESSED THE STANDING INITIATION FEE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dennis's question was if Joe's resignation was tendered, by definition: **ten·der 1. offer something formally in writing: to present something formal or official, in the form of a document** • *tender a resignation*. Dennis wanted to make sure the B.O.D. was correct in accepting his dues and continuing his membership and not be in violation of our bylaws. **Jim Rosasco** said Joe wrote he wasn't going to renew his membership, not resign his membership. Walt said it's a dead horse so we should quit beating it.

The poker run for **Bozeman's Cabin** went well, we earned a few bucks for the maintenance on the cabin, ate some good vittles and enjoyed a nice ride. Ole' **Albert Henderson** even got his airboat out. After dustin' off the cobwebs, kickin' a few young whipper-snappers outta his way, cussin' me for invitin' him and loosin' his map tellin' where the cards were set out at, he managed to make his way around the swamp like he never ever left it. He didn't even bitch too much when it was over and we gathered back at the clubhouse to determine the winner. We were startin' to wonder if'n he wasn't feelin' quite right when he never even called

nobody a cheater, a scallywag or snot nosed good-fer-nuttin' uppity greenhorn. Now I'm not gonna stretch the envelope and say he was actually nice or somethin' contrary to his nature, but it sure was good seein' him out there. ☺ Thanks ya'll for participatin' and hope ya had fun.

Us helpin' the **Boy Scout Troop #365** went pretty good too. **Dave Popplin** got a few of the Scout Masters out there the night before and made sure they'd be set up alright, he even chopped them boys up enough firewood to last most of us campers about two weeks. Well I guess they musta had to earn their "How to make a Bonfire Badges" 'cause they burned it up all in one night. There's a bunch of us that helped get them out there and a bunch that helped them get back the next day and I'm glad we all showed up too. (If'n I had the time and inclination, I'd name all of ya'll that helped out but I guess this one's gonna have to go down as a selfless contribution to a good cause.) I'll tell ya though, if'n we were the airlines and charged for baggage, we could a cleared a few thousand bucks for all the stuff they dragged out there and back. It was all good though as they seemed to have a grand time campin' out, hiking, finding critter tracks, cookin' in the great outdoors, sleepin' under the stars and swappin tales of the skunk ape and other boy scouty stuff.

Brandy Hall Search- The Discovery Channel had its show related to Brandy air this month.

Boat Ramp- It's getting all messed up again, same story every year. The holes appear along the edges, it needs more marl, etc. ad nauseum.

New Business- We're havin' our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Neil Ridenour Swamp Clean-up** on April 30<sup>th</sup>. As I explained at the meeting, we're gonna dispense with the prizes and all this year. We've been doing such a good job of policing the swamp over these past few years that it's getting' harder to find the trash. It's still out there though, but we're gonna have to walk a little further to find it, stop the boat a little more often to pick up that single can and stray some off the main trails to gather a bunch up. We are planning to have a good time doin' it though. **Keep Brevard Beautiful** is still partnering with us on this event and we'd like to see as many of ya out there that can make it. Any of ya'll that can bring a covered dish, snacks, veggies or whatever ya think is gonna be good eatin' bring it on to the clubhouse.

It's gonna kick off at 8 am Saturday were ya sign in and then go on and find your trash. We'll pick up trash until about 12 noon then high-tail it back to the clubhouse to dump and start diggin' in to the food everyone's brought. We've been doin' a great job out there, let's keep it up and keep that swamp green. See ya there!

New Members- **Dave Popplin** was approved by the board to become a member. Dave's already helped us out by volunteering to help with the trail trimming, the Poker Run and The Boy Scouts before he was even a member. Cool Beans Dave, hope ya keep it up and welcome to the club.

Safety Tip- Hey ya'll, what am I the damn safety officer here? Throw me a few safety tips now and then will ya? All's I can think of at the moment is don't run with scissors on the airboat, how's that? Sometimes you guys really push my creativity.

50/50 Drawing- **Bill Robson** won this month.

The Book- **J.C. Scarborough's** name was called and it jus' so happened that he decided not to show up at this month's meeting so the books gonna roll over and start at \$37.00 next month.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm.

Remember how the book works: To win you have to be entered the month your name is drawn **and** the month before. If there is no winner the donations to the book are carried forward until there is a winner. At that time the winner will get 75% of the balance in the book including that month's donations. The other 25% is donated to the club.

We've started distributing the newsletter via email and this has saved us over \$50.00 per month. If you have an email address but have not been getting a copy of the newsletter electronically please send Jim Rosasco (jrosasco@msn.com) your email address so you can be added to the distribution. There is also several email notices of interest to club members sent during the month which you are missing if you are not on the distribution list.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**If you have not paid your dues this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Any dues not paid will also be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. If your dues are not paid by the end of the May meeting your membership will expire and a new**

**application will be required before your membership will be accepted.**

*Protect natural resources and do not needlessly disturb wildlife*

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***AIRBOATER'S CODE OF ETHICS***

*Respect the right of everyone to enjoy Florida's waterways.*

*Learn and observe all State of Florida boating regulations, navigation rules and vessel safety equipment requirements.*

*Recognize that the noise generated from an airboat propeller and engine exhaust system may annoy others.*

*Equip the airboat with an automotive-style muffler and operate it in a manner that will reduce engine exhaust sound levels.*

*Operate at a slow speed on or near boat ramps and move away an adeequate distance before powering up, and where possible no power loading.*

*Use slow speed to reduce noise near residential and public use areas.*

*Be extra cautious to reduce sound levels during nighttime hours.*

*Understand that the public will judge by one individual's action all airboaters.*

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