

Brevard County Airboat Association

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NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST

As of the end of the July meeting the club had 146 members including 15 family memberships.

As of the end of July the club had \$8,525.05 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for July is located near the end of the newsletter.



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Corey Nail was hard at work on the grill again this past month. We had a finger lickin' barbeque chickin' dinner with mashed taters that was so good ya didn't need no gravy. Corey & **Mikey Bryant** did the peelin' and **Tina Crowl** worked on the mashing. Nobody lost a finger, but I think I mighta bit my tongue when I did ask about gravy and I got one of them there "looks" from Tina that told me there weren't any. Corey got a nice round of applause for a meal well done, well, you know, not "well done" like over-cooked well done, but well done like cooked real good. Um, you guys know what I mean.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America as is customary before every meeting.

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


Pres. Report- **Walt Lorraine** says he's "been too busy" to come up with any special speeches particularly pertainin' to a President's Report but he's gonna have stuff to say here and there and

direct this meetin' appropriately. (On a side note, Walt and Patty have finally gotten moved back into their home after getting' flooded out by Tropical Storm Fay, I still remember them fishes swimmin' in their garage.)

V.P. Report- **Tina Crowl** Guess what? Nothing.

Treasurer's Report- Motion made to accept the Treasurers report as read by **Jim Rosasco**, all's I heard was "2442\$38568\$99043304\$5769243909\$30684094809\$52932" or something along those lines. (One thing I did catch on to was that **Doug Hawley** has got a check from the club reimbursing him for ice or stamps or whatnot and because it's drafted from Bank of America and he ain't got an account there so they want to charge him \$5.00 to cash the check that ain't even worth \$5.00. What kind of bank does business like that? If'n they're our bank and we wrote a check to Doug, you'd think that they'd respect our wishes and give him the monies that we want him to have. You mean to tell me that we'd have to give him an extry \$5.00 so he can cash a check that we gave him? There's some kind of horn-swagglin' begidgetry goin' on in that there American Bank, no wonder they're all a goin' outa business. It ain't enough that we're keepin' our vast fortune locked up in they're big fancy vaults so they can buy big city dwellin' buildings, noooo, they gotta charge one of our own beloved members five extra dollars to cash a four dollar check. Shame on them and theirs. I say we go ahead back to the gold standard. We'll just buy a big lump of gold and a scale and settle our debts the old fashioned way. Well, we might could use some pretty sea shells too if Doug's got a hankerin' for sea shells, or even glass beads, look how good they worked for Manhattan back in the day, right **Albert Henderson**?) Wow, I think that was the biggest parentheses statement I ever went on a tangent about, sorry 'bout that, where was I? Oh yeah, the whole motion to accept the Treasure's report, seconded and accepted.

Board of Directors Meeting- **Joe Harrison** reported that all the Board of Directors was present except **Walt Lorraine**. They all thanked **Pam Radencic** for donating one of her “labors of love”, which was that swamp painting. This painting is able to be viewed on our website and is still on active auction, the bidding is up to \$150.00. It’s a real nice painting too. He reported that the water heater situation was handled but we’ve already been through all that now haven’t we? He didn’t have anything new on the airboat races. (But we do now! Come find out at next month’s meeting, same club time, and same club venue). We will do the brush cutting at the corner of our North canal and the willows down at the end of Middle Field to C-40. He brought up about insurance available from **Charter Lakes Insurance** for boats, airboats, 4 wheelers etc. If ya’ll want to know more about it or are interested in obtaining it you can go to the link we got on our website www.brevardairboatclub.com. He said they discussed a rumor about the City of Melbourne canceling the Christmas Parade this year. He said rumor has it that they can’t afford the approximate \$30,000.00 it costs to pay the cops to be there. He noted that we’ve participated in this parade for about 10 years now. It was brought to the consideration of the board that maybe we might participate in the City of Palm Bay’s Christmas Parade instead if the Melbourne one does, in fact get canceled.

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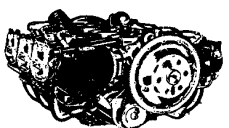
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Announcements & Entertainment- Well, this already happened but it was part of the meeting so the Saturday after our last meeting was the **Indian River County Airboat Club’s Airboat Rodeo** in the East Marsh. It started at 9:00 AM. The poker run kicked it off. There was good food, a “low boil” which consist of sausage, shrimp, corn, onions, potatoes etc. and on the side was baked beans, bread, frog legs and gator tail. After that there was

an airboat barrel race and frog gigging’ contest. Also that Saturday the **Osceola County Airboat Club** was having a ride at 9:30 AM starting at **Camp Holley** and running both the south and north of SR-192. **Jim Kuhman** announced that there was gonna be an Antique Bike Show Saturday Aug. 22nd. Beer was only \$2.00 and I think a ride was also involved. He had a poster on the bulletin board if anyone wants more info.

An airboat was stolen off **Corbin’s** property. It was parked behind a locked chain link fence on Sunday and stolen by Monday morning. Sorry, I didn’t get a description on that boat for ya’ll to track down them thieves and hang ‘em.

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Lacy Everett sent a letter to the club to let us know that there weren’t no hard feelin’s on the whole track vehicle issue. He wanted to let us know that being an avid hunter and airboat enthusiast he does support our club, appreciates the many things we do to promote airboating and wildlife conservation and would like to become a member. He also got with some other folks that said they wanted to join up too. He regretted he wouldn’t be able to make many meetings though, seein’ as he lives kind of far off. Walt mentioned that **Kurt McKinney** had a heart attack but that he was recovering just fine for the time being. I ain’t got out that way since the meeting to check on him and he didn’t set up voice mail on his phone so I can’t say as how he’s doin’ now but word is he’s still talking faster than ever. Get well soon Kurt.

Building Update –**Doug Jones** donated a “Brand new, in the box” 30 gallon water heater upon asking me if we still needed one. One phone call to **Tom Whisner** later I told him we did indeed still need one. **Dave Porterfield** said the water heater has already been installed. (Oops. “My bad.”) In order for it to work you gotta flip the breaker about 10 minutes before you wanna use it. Upon further

investigation, it was discovered that the water heater wasn't workin' after all. It wasn't a big drawn out investigation either. There wasn't no C.S.I. involved. No fingerprinting, DNA analysis, hair fiber comparisons or even photographs taken. Nope, none of that. We just turned on the hot water tap, waited 10 or 15 minutes and "Presto" no hot water came out. Now Dave swore it was workin' after they hooked it up 'cause he could, get this... "hear the water heatin' up". Now if'n a watched pot never boils water, we now know a heard water heater never gets hot neither. I reckon it's probably one of them algebraic formulas we shoulda known from school days. So, anyways, Dave, **Jon Radencic** and **Dennis Myers** said they'd take another look at it and if need be we'll use Doug's who says "the other one is ours regardless." Thanks Doug. And thanks to all you guys for puttin' in the effort to hook it up.



Merchandise Update- **Jim Kuhman** sounded out that he found a whole bag of club hats that weren't even lost. Now I gotta ask ya, If'n they weren't lost, how was they found and if they was lost, how do ya lose a whole bag of hats in a 3 foot by 8 foot storage locker room? He also mentioned that we're waiting on some new artwork before we re-order any new merchandise.

Old Business- Walt spoke up and said that he appreciated **Lacy Everett** coming to the club last month and discussing track vehicles, enlightening some and enragin' others as it turns out, but nonetheless he took the time to come to the meeting and gave his point of view. **Dave Porterfield** and **Don Narmore** both stated that they remembered when track buggies were allowed out in the swamp around these parts and they (the track vehicles) completely flattened the swamp. They stated that those tracks squished everything, not just the willows but every damn thing out there to nothing.

Tommy Knecht spoke up and questioned the Rules of the Meeting because he thought we already had a vote taken on whether or not we (as a club) wanted track vehicles permitted out there and that this matter should have been settled. Walt says we gave Lacy time to last month to argue his point and that it was only brought up again as "Old Business", not to reconsider, but to set this issue to rest.

Jim Rosasco clarified that we are in the process of obtaining a permit to chop willows at the corner and down by canal 40. We had to pay \$107.50 to get our insurance policy to cover the **SJRWMD** and the endorsement is only good until November of this year. He noted that the **SJRWMD** wants it done before hunting season begins and he proposes we do it between September 11 and 21st. We all seemed to agree that that's when we would do it. Chop, chop (no pun intended) It's time to get the work party together and clear these areas up. We'll be lookin' for all you volunteers next meeting.

Brandy Hall Search- Hey Brandy, we're thinkin' of ya and hope you're gonna turn up any day now.

St. John's Clean Up- Nothing official on this front, for the mean while ya'll keep pickin' up after yourselves.

Boat Ramp- Doin' fine for now.

New Business- Corey asked "Whose responsibility is it to keep the road up besides the clubhouse because he noticed that it keeps washing out?" Walt replied that it's not the county's responsibility as some suspect, but the **SJRWMD** is the responsible party. However, in reality it is usually our club that gets together and voluntarily fills it in and re-grades it. So, Corey up and volunteered to fix it this time.

I believe it was **Jim Rosasco** and/or **Doug Jones** that brought to our attention that for those of us who ain't been down that way lately, the **SJRWMD** took the structures down at the C-40 so now you can once again go from the C-2 right to C-40. They mentioned that the **SJRWMD** did a great job cleaning it up but the willows have really gotten thick in a few spots.

Danny Emmons filled us in a little bit on that airboat accident they had down in Fellsmere about a week before our meeting. First of all he let us know that there wasn't no alcohol involved, nobody had been drinking. It appears that it had just been bad timing in the area of a "blind corner". From what I

gathered it was at the corner where the Zig-Zag Canal passes the Survey Trail coming from Blue Cypress. One woman was killed in that accident, her first time ever on an airboat.

It's time for the **2nd Annual Sawgrass Swapmeet on Sept. 19th**. Our Club has decided we will participate again and we'll need volunteers to do it. Any takers? Well, **Tina Crowl** jumped right on that bandwagon.

About this time we took a five minute break.



Safety Tip- Blind Corners, scary thought right there. Ya'll know we've taken them a time or two a little too carelessly. If ya ain't sure of the area you're driving, those kinds of corners can come up on ya right quick. Even knowin' the area they seem to sneak up on ya if ya ain't payin' attention. Let's all try to be careful out there, slow down or stop and listen if possible.

Dennis Myers is the lucky man to finally win the book; ya couldn't have smacked that smile off of his face with a brick. Not that any of us would have wanted to, I mean what, jus' 'cause we all have been tryin' for it for over a year and it's the biggest pot we ever had? Nah, we ain't like that. Well the balance was \$555.00, and after the club's cut of 25%, Dennis got a check for \$416.25 and now that it's all gone to that lucky bastard we gotta start over. (Actually it couldn't a happened to a nicer guy.)

Mike Helms won the 50/50 Drawing.

Last minute note,: Corey was talkin' about a fish fry at the next meeting but he couldn't catch any fish, something about it being blowed out, bad weather, sun was in his eyes, run outa gas, bad bait, birds nests in his reels, motor wouldn't start, you know just plain bad luck this go around, so if ya was plannin' on bringin' your favorite fish fry

batter, stow it, maybe we'll be able to use it for the October meeting instead.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:31PM.

Scott Smith, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2009

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF
JULY 1, 2009** **\$8,432.41**

RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues	\$200.00
Late Fee	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Book	\$27.00
Fifty/fifty	\$46.00
Clothing Sales	\$35.00
Building Rental: Tina Crowl	<u>\$100.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$468.00**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Waste Management (One months Service)	\$46.73
Central Florida Printing (June Newsletter)	\$38.16
James E. Rosasco (June Postage)	\$70.40
Florida Power & Light (One month's service)	\$47.27
Postmaster (Annual P.O. Box Rental)	\$60.00
Tina Crowl (Plaque for Jim Paterson)	\$5.30
Pruitt Insurance (SJRWMD Endorsement)	<u>\$107.50</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **\$375.36**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF
JULY 31, 2009** **\$8,525.05**

RESERVES:

Building Fund	\$3,962.30
Book (75% of \$524.00)	\$393.00
Check 1570 Doug Hawley (Frog Festival Exp.)	\$4.82
D & O Liability Insurance (10/12 of \$1,174)	\$880.50
Property Insurance (8/12 of \$2,090)	\$1,393.29
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There will be food, live entertainment and boating demonstrations to enjoy, as well as a chance to network with attendees and vendors

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**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 7:30 PM**

**RUMOR HAS IT THAT COREY'S
COOKING AGAIN THIS MONTH**

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