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NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST

As of the end of the June meeting the club had 141 members including 12 family memberships. As of the end of July the club had \$7,502.69 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for July is located near the end of the newsletter.



Jim Young brought the side dishes of green beans and scalloped taters, **Jon Radencic** supplied mangoes pie and **Corey Nail** grilled the pork chops. Don't ya jus' love it when good grub comes together? Thank ya'll for another fine meal. Now Jon knows I'm allergic to mangoes and he keeps tellin' me it's really peach pies he's a bringin' but I ain't fell for it yet. I'm gonna have to keep an eye on him cause the next thing ya know he'll be showing up with funny lookin' sweet potatoes.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Pres. Report- **Walt Lorraine** thanked us all for showin' up. He let us know that we had a lot to cover and brought in a special guest, FWC officer **Lt. Travis Franklin** to fill us in on new hunting regulations, FWC concerns and would be puttin' up with some of our questions.

V.P. Report- **Tina Nail** said we still ain't got that fire extinguisher, she said **Joe Horschel** promised to have it here by this meeting but jus' didn't

deliver. She was very disappointed and threw in a scowl to really get her point across. That scowl made its way to the kitchen, bounced off a few cabinets and the frig and hit a side wall then made its way back to the front of the room like a submarine sonar wave. I even saw a few people shiver. I wouldn't want to be Joe if'n we ain't got a fire extinguisher come this next meetin'. She then went on a smilin' away, like death didn't jus' roll over us, as she told us she noticed the pot hole in the pavement on the drive to club had been filled. On her last note she told us that **Jon and Pam Radencic** had brought in a bunch of mangoes that they were lettin' go for 25 cents a piece and donatin' the money to the club. Thanks guys. Hope ya understand why I didn't buy none.

Treasurer's Report- **Jim Rosasco** read off the numbers but made special mention of **Jon Radencic** who donated 12 man hours of labor to completing the secure storage area upstairs in the attic of the clubhouse. Jim also mentioned that we're runnin' out of money in our general fund and might have to start dipping into our reserve funds. He said this situation is pretty typical at this time of year jus' like the county government. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report, seconded and accepted.

Board of Director's Meeting- **Joe Harrison** wasn't able to be here tonight due to a death in his family and all of us at the club would like to express our sincerest sympathy and condolences for their loss.

Doug Hawley didn't make it to the B.O.D. Meeting in July but was here for this meeting but couldn't report on last month's B.O.D. meeting because he wasn't there and didn't know what happened and so the report on July's B.O.D. meeting was tabled until this next meeting where we'll get a report on both the July and August B.O.D. Meeting. Got it? I'm not really sure I follow but there it is.

Old Business- **Mike Helms** had volunteered to complete the club's books audit and completed the

task. He said everything was in order and it appeared that Jim did an outstanding job. No slush fund was found. You go Jim.

We're gonna install the soda pop machine and ain't no money gonna be spent to do it neither. The only cost is gonna be the electric juice to run it & that's approximated at \$20.00 per month.

Eddie Sliker still wants an ice machine.

Wayne Pushman's two engines still ain't been accounted for. They were stolen from inside his shop. A trailer with a GS-0480 and a 0540 Straight Valve w/fuel injection. A Reward is being offered for info leading to an arrest of the scumbag(s) who did this. Please call **Wayne Pushman** @ 321-537-1959 with any info, or **West Melbourne Police Officer Cullen** 321-723-9673



Brandy Hall Search- Still no word on Brandy, God Bless her.

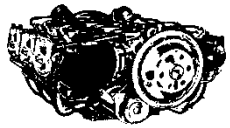
Boat Ramp- Somethin' new on this coming up next meeting.

New Business- **Lacy Everett** asked to make motion whether we're in support of tracked buggy use south of SR192. Someone said that that motion had already been defeated by a vote of the membership. (May 2009 meeting.) But Lacy said "Oh, no, that was for access during hunting season, now I'm askin' the club somethin' different." Well the cork was popped and Walt had his hands full keepin' the commotion down to a dull roar. He finally had to let everyone know that we were gonna entertain the notion of the motion and asked people to speak one at a time with no interruptions as they were called upon to take the floor. So, of course everyone started speakin' at once. Well, Walt got it back under control and then **Chuck Russell** asked everyone who all knew about buggy huntin'? He said them animals ain't afraid of no buggies and ya can jus' sit right there an' slay 'em like ducks in a pond. **Don Narmore** spoke up next and said "back

in the 70's, (the 1970's, not the 1870's, 'cause we really don't know how old he is) them there buggies took down jus' 'bout every tree there was out in that there swamp. **Bill Sandberg** picked up the flag after that and told us that big rich doctors and whatnot told him they run over everything. Another person said tracks used to run over everything. **Chris Chardt** brought up that he was just a youngin compared to some of the other old geezers in the club and that he weren't around when these buggies were allowed in the swamp and thought he might like to check it out and thought maybe some controlled areas wouldn't be such a bad idea. Someone said the first deer he ever shot out in the marsh was in the middle of a track trail. **Doug Hawley** asked Walt what are we accomplishing with this here bickerin'? Walt said apparently we're deciding whether our club supports the use of tracked buggies on a limited basis in the swamp. Someone else said it don't matter what we think on the matter, it ain't up to us no how, it's up to the SJRWMD. **Roy Reynolds** piped up and gave us the old "I've been runnin' this marsh since I was knee high to a three legged red-nosed pit bull" (Actually he said 14 years old but it didn't sound as good). He said the way he views the motion is that it sounds like the "trackers" (not to be confused with crackers, although they can be both) are wantin' to use a few select trails to use and maybe the marsh out there could use some track use, like a handful or so to help control some of the willow growth. He said that the old ways of voodoo and the lawlessness of the Wild West is times past and that shit jus' ain't happenin' no more. You can't git away with the stuff he, I mean, those guys, got away with way back when he was 14. He thought maybe 8-10 tracks usin' it on a probationary basis might'n not be so bad. **Don Narmore** spoke back up and said you bet your last dollar it would happen again and don't make no mistake about it. **Jim Rosasco** said he was against track use up until about six months ago but admitted that maybe he was wrong and uninformed on the issue and would support track buggies for limited use. **Dave Mannes** said he was invited to go a huntin' on a track vehicle back in the old days and said the way they presented it, it was a slaughter. He went and thought they'd drop him off somewheres to hunt but they told him they shoot the game on the fly. When

he asked about shootin' off a movin' vehicle they said don't take no never mind to what ya heard, they were used to runnin' and gunnin' in the 'glades with law enforcement choppers watchin' from above with no ill consequences. Lacy says what he's talkin' about is runnin' from canal 40 (I think he said canal 40) to SR520 and that these track vehicles will keep them trails open. Besides that he said the SJRWMD spends upwards of \$750,000 to a million bucks killing willows out there in the marsh and these tracks would keep their growth down. He thinks tracks are a good thing overall. Walt said he believes these buggies should definitely not be allowed on the marsh during hunting season, but this time a year he wouldn't be aloof to it. Roy asks, "So what we're discussin' is if buggies should be in the swamp"? And the motion was officially worded by Lacy Everett *Do we support a limited test period, with a limited number of permits for the use of track buggies out in the marsh south of SR 192.*

A vote was taken by show of hands, Tina counted and the results were 19 for and 19 against. Just before the motion, Joe said it should not be a motion per se, but just a question for the members that are present tonight.

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Announcements & Entertainment- Walt introduced **Lt. Travis Franklin** and was given the floor. He started out lettin' us know he brought us the NEW Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area regulations' pamphlets for the 2010-2011 hunting season. He told us the most recent change was the additional \$5.00 fee for a deer permit to hunt deer in the marsh. Well most of us had heard about this comin' down the pike but there were more than a few murmurs heard going around the room. On a more positive note he told us that the reason behind the fee was to help study and promote better deer management practices. Lifetime

and Gold Sportsmen hunting permits have the deer permit included. The season dates have also been changed in different areas of the state to better suit the rut. Hunting will start in the marsh on Sept. 25th and on private lands on Oct. 18th. **Chuck Russell** asked if there would be any special night hunting opportunities added to the regulations☺. Travis jus' shook his head. Also new this year was that the commission wouldn't be mailing quota hunt permits to anyone. You could either print it off of your computer or go to the county tax offices to get it or licensing agents. Concerning gator hunting, gator season started on August 15th one hour before sunset. Gators were still on the federal endangered species list. If a person doesn't have an Agents License they can still drive the boat and they can still hold lights. He stated that licensed agents cannot be in a separate boat hunting gators if they hold a different area tag but can assist in loading of the gator. **Kane Minks** told Travis that he got ticketed at the south end of Lake Hell N Blazes on his way to Bulldozer for having his tips on his harpoons. He said he clearly wasn't hunting but got ticketed anyways for huntin' out of area. Travis said if you're out of area, you should have the tips off your harpoons and your gear stowed. He said you can carry a loaded concealed weapon in the marsh at any time of the year with a concealed weapons permit, he also said you can have a weapon in your possession so long as it is securely encased and unloaded even if you don't have a concealed weapons permit. **Jim Rosasco** asked just what the boundaries of Lake Hell N Blazes are. Travis could only state that we'd have to use our common sense as to those boundaries.

Lacy Everett asked if the lands of the SJRWMD south of SR192 and north to SR520 were sovereign lands and Travis said as far as he knew they were. **Doug Hawley** asked if a K&N air filter can be used on an aircraft engine as a spark arrester. Travis said that so long as you have an air cleaner on your carb it is usually good enough, that the FWC uses the Coast Guard rules for safety. Someone asked and he stated that you still need a flag at night. Someone asked about whip lights instead of a flag but he said he wasn't familiar with whip lights and the requirements were to have a flag. You can probably have a flag on a whip light. Officially camping can commence during hunting season and

only in designated areas. There was some other stuff brought up and Lt Travis hung in there answering our questions as best he could. We thanked him for coming out and talking to us and for his patience in puttin' up with us.

The FAA's 4th Annual Airboat show will be at East Lake Fish Camp on Oct. 2nd. John Anderson will be in concert there also.

For those who knew him, **Gene Dinkins** past away a week before the meeting and our condolences go out to his family. **Ronnie Nail's** club ride to the Oak Head got postponed, turns out he can't make it and most people were thinkin' it was too damned hot anyways.

Building Update- The storage area upstairs was completed by **Jon Radencic** and his sidekick **Eddie Sliker**.

Merchandise Update- No update but **Mike Tipton** was fillin' in for **Jim Kuhman** who couldn't make it.

Walt announced we had a new member application for **Jerry Matthews**; apparently he likes our cool stuff and so was voted in.

The Book- **Bryant Floyd** was drawn for the book but he wasn't here last month so he had to suck it up and the book rolls over and starts at \$146.00 next meeting.

Safety Tip- Ya'll be careful & listen before leavin' on that south (or north for that matter) entrance to the river from Byrd Platt, even though it's been trimmed up some ya gotta be careful of boats zoomin' in from the river side. Of course they shouldn't be comin' in that fast from the river but they're usually comin' off a plane. Remember the rule, if ya encounter another boat comin' at ya, ya supposed to pass port to port, in other words take that right and head for the bushes if ya have to, chances are ya can git yourself out of the willows, but ya probably won't make it out of a turnin' prop, at least not in one piece. Go slow enough for caution and fast enough to retain steerage.

50/50 Drawing- Lucky **Jim Young** took the pot this month so maybe it's gonna be asparagus spears with a nice hollandaise sauce and a sprinklin' of paprika for our side dish next meeting ☺.

Meeting adjourned at around 10:30-11:00pm, I didn't right the time down but I know it was a late one.

Scott Smith, Secretary

A word from the President- Thanks' to all of you who showed up at last month's meeting. If you think that meeting was fun, wait 'til you see what we stirred up for the September meeting.

I'd like to give out a big thank you to Lt. Travis Franklin of the FWC for taking the time to come to our meeting last month and explaining the different changes that were made concerning this year's hunting season. He spent over 40 minutes answering our questions.

We have a lot of stuff coming up. First, the Christmas Parade is just around the corner. V.P. Tina Nail is collecting the donations such as new toys and cash. She's also using the Happy/Sad collection money every month to help out with this endeavor. So far she's collected about \$200.00 and I think she's shooting for a goal of about \$500.00 so if you can donate to the cause please let Tina know. We've also been invited to manage the airboat races again this year, The Thunder in the Stadium II (affectionately known as the 2nd Annual Cracker Invitational Airboat Races) at the Cocoa Expo Stadium. The date for those races will be November 6th, the opening weekend of the fair. We got the lights now thanks to last year's races so let's put them to good use. We'll need volunteers again this year and had a pretty good showing last year so please help us out by volunteering.

Walt Lorraine.

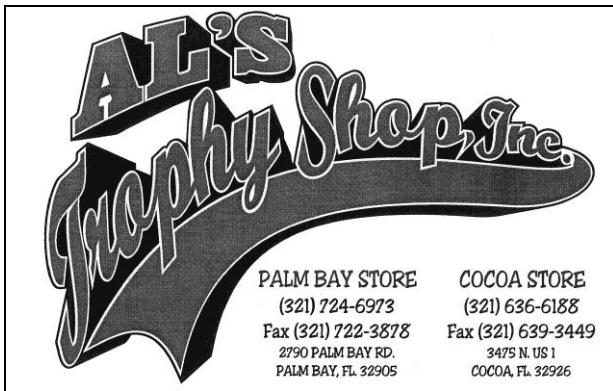


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Remember how the book works: To win you have to be entered the month your name is drawn **and** the month before. If there is no winner the donations to the book are carried forward until there is a winner. At that time the winner will get 75% of the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

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