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NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER

As of the end of the November meeting the club had 149 members including 12 family memberships. As of the end of November the club had \$4,731.23 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for November is located near the end of the newsletter.

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President's Message- I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year. The last couple of meetings have been somewhat contentious and I hope that is all behind us and we can look forward to the new year and get back to focusing on airboating and the camaraderie that our unique sport provides us.

Walt Lorraine

First things first, I'd like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** (Except them Muslim Terrorists or Jihad people haters, they can all go to hell for all I care, I mean, do they really think they're gonna get a bunch a virgins to lay down under their stinkin' selves for killing innocent people? Heck, they probably couldn't get laid in a monkey whorehouse with a bunch of bananas anyway so that's why their doin' it in the first place.)

Mikey Bryant stepped up to the plate and took over the grillin' and cookin' duties for **Corey Nail** seen'

as he needed to get away on a new huntin' adventure. The grub he laid out was cheeseburgers and hotdogs and **Joe Horschel** brought some delicious Stuffed Duck wrapped in artery cloggin' bacon strips. So we was fed and ready take our nap at the meetin'.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pres. Report- **Walt Lorraine** welcomed everyone and thanked us for attending tonight's meeting. He asked if the membership wanted to accept the Meeting Minutes as written in the Newsletter for the November meeting and **Joe Harrison** stood up and said no, he thought some corrections needed to be made, specifically on stuff that he said he thought he was misrepresented and/or misquoted on in the minutes. He then thoroughly read three pages of his corrections to the assembly. **Jim Rosasco** asked to address the corrections but was denied. Walt stated that we're done with these discussions and wanted to put it to rest, he said we've got other issues we've got to tackle tonight. Jim objected to the chair's decision but let it slide for the benefit of moving on. Joe made a motion to accept his corrections to the minutes, it was seconded and a vote was taken and affirmed for the corrections to be added to the minutes.

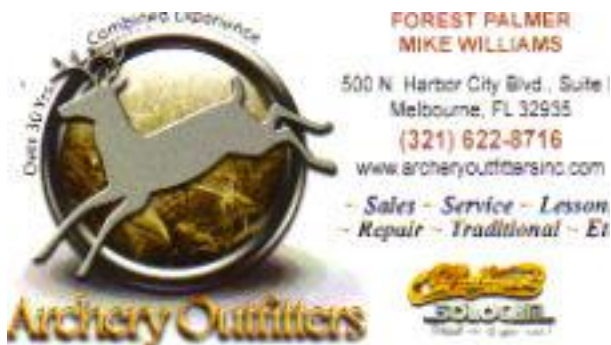
V.P. Report- **Tina Nail** told us so far she's collected \$440.00 towards donations for the **Christmas Parade**.

Treasurer's Report- Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report as read by **Jim Rosasco**, seconded and accepted.

Board of Directors Meeting- Walt discussed the goings on at the B.O.D. meeting, Joe Harrison tendered his resignation. They discussed and executed the **Bozeman's Cabin Agreement** with the **SJWMD**. They also yapped about the Christmas Parade and some of the stuff they still needed to coordinate to carry on with our noble and traditional involvement in the parade. **Doug Hawley** mentioned a request from **Kurt McKinney**

to possibly use some of our parking area during the Lion's Club Wild Game Cook-off they're putting on February 19, 2011 at **Camp Holley** as a possible overflow parking area during the event.

Announcements & Entertainment- **Albert Henderson** told us that right after **Bulldozer Canal** was dug, that's when those cabin's started bein' built along there. He said he built the first one and he recalled when the canal was full up with hyacinths and that made it harder to get down to the cabins. He started chucklin' and told us that he remembered one time he was with **J.D. Musgrove** and they loaded up a bunch of plywood on JD's kicker boat to get that plywood down there for the cabin. Well, JD couldn't get through all them hyacinths in the kicker boat so they figured they'd pull it with Albert's airboat. Well they also reckoned that the airboat was gonna blow that plywood so's JD said, "no problem, I'll just lay on top of it and hold it down and you can just pull us on through. And so they did and Albert said he started up and was a pullin' that kicker boat right on through them hyacinths. Albert said when he turned around to take a look see, he saw JD doing all he could but he was just short of flyin' tryin' to hold that plywood down, it was one of the funniest things he ever saw. According to Albert the second cabin was Bozeman's Cabin and was originally built by **Conrad Armand** and **Bobby Green**. He said there was also a two story cabin built out there but couldn't recall who built that one.



Building Update- Matt **Bouck** said he adjusted that urinal in the men's room twice now and it still ain't workin' right so we need to get a plumber in to fix it. He said the pump water we're using is probably screwin' it up.

Merchandise Update- **Jim Rosasco** is looking into a new supplier for our hats and shirts.

Old Business- **Tina Nail** spoke to us about the Christmas Parade. It's officially on December 11th. Our clubs gonna have the lead float in the parade this year and that's just what we're gonna be hauling all the toys on this year. Our floats gonna be sportin' a Marsh/Swamp motif and anyone that could give a helpin' hand is asked to get a hold of Tina 'cause she could use some help. Also anyone with creative ideas was asked to contribute. So far there are two boats that volunteered to participate. On a second note, **Ron Carl's** wife **Valerie** just so happens to be in charge of the local **South Brevard Food Bank** and will also be in charge of distributing the food we've donated to starvin' people that ain't got no regular food to eat and so's they're real glad that we care enough to donate some of ours to help them. We owe a big thanks to Ron and Valerie for donating their time and efforts for such a good cause.

Walt said after he went to the Board to request funds to support the Christmas Parade he was informed by a member that he and the board didn't have the authority to borrow monies from the building fund to subsidize the Christmas Parade. Even though the board approved, it really needed to be approved by the membership. He said he apologizes for authorizing money and it was to have been paid back to the general fund from proceeds from our recent airboat races. Walt also mentioned that he had about \$300.00 in receipts for the race and he was donating his reimbursement back to the club for the Shop with a Cop program.

New Business- **Joe Harrison** said it wasn't a good idea to dispense our By-Laws via e-mail. He said the recent by-laws he received were an outdated version. Walt said that we got a lot of stuff going on right now and we do need to get a little more organized and pay more attention to the by-laws and parliamentary procedure. He requested that all officers should definitely attend the next Board of Directors meeting, that we all have a lot to do. Walt summed it up by saying "ask not what the club can do for you but to ask what we can do for the club."

Walt Lorraine said he'd like to form a committee for the chores associated with maintaining **Bozeman's Cabin** now that we've reached an agreement with the **SJRWMD**. He asked if'n there were any interested parties (not; "any interesting party's") that would take on the responsibility of

assessing needed maintenance, procuring materials, organizing the work force and keeping the club informed on the upkeep and future plans or monies needed to keep this old huntin' cabin well maintained to preserve it for present swamp goers and future generations to enjoy? Well, no sooner did he ask when Ole **Dave Winnett**, or was it **Dano Winnett**, (I don't know which one's which yet) but anyways I guess it's safe to say one of the **Winnett** brothers raised their hand and said they was a more than willin' to tackle the task and not only that but they'd already been a workin' on the old place and tryin' to get her into shape. And so-it-goes, it was a no-brainer and Walt went on to say that he already heard that they had **Potsy Gorden's** blessin' on bein' good people an' all so's they're gonna be the top dogs figurin' out the what's and how's of it all. Thanks to the **Winnett** brothers for steppin' up, **Potsy** for the work he's done keepin' it goin' 'til now and **Ed Bozeman** for gettin' involved with that cabin in the first place and keepin' that place standing for the last 40 years or so. The club thanks ya for entrusting the safe keeping and continued support to help preserve some of the heritage we got goin' on out in that there swamp. Can I get a Hallelujah? At least an Amen?

Jim Rosasco stated that we now have insurance that covers members of the club doing maintenance on the cabin that runs us \$107.50/yr. and in addition we also have insurance that covers club sanctioned trail and water body access clearing/trimming for an additional \$107.50/yr. that names **SJRWMD** as an additional insured.

Joe Horschel asked if we need copies of the insurance papers and the **SJRWMD** authorization when we're trail trimmin'? I think I'm supposed to get that to persons involved in the trimming or workin' on the cabin but I'm not sure. I ain't seen neither yet but I'll look into it.

Dennis Myers brought up a proposal that I submitted for a change to the By-Laws and mentioned that any member in good standing can propose changes. I told him I thought it was a good idea but I knew it had to go to the board of directors first. **Jim Rosasco** said he also thought the by-laws needed to be updated, that these past month's arguments between him and **Joe Harrison** basically revolved around the basic question: does the board of directors do what the membership wants or does

the membership do what the board of directors wants. Walt said that this matter is going to be discussed and hopefully resolved at the B.O.D. meeting and then it will be brought to the general membership meeting for a vote. If anyone's interested in the discussion please come to the B.O. D. meeting. Walt said he doesn't want to bring this up at the meeting again tonight. **Joe Harrison** asked for an apology from **Jim Rosasco** for some e-mails that were flyin' back and forth and Jim said no way, he ain't apologizing for nothing, he said he stated it as he saw it. Well, then unruly discussions started floatin' about and **Dennis Myers** stepped up (and because **Corey Nail** weren't here), he declared himself the Sergeant of Arms (by virtue of being a big shot Director and all) and asked everyone to shut the hell up. He then profoundly ended the discussions. **Albert Henderson** spoke up and said that this club had these same kinds of problems about 15 years ago and that nobody should really fret about it, it was just growin' pains and it all worked itself out then and it'll all settle down again. **Jack Horschel** mentioned that if'n your gonna be trimmin' them darned willows to take 'em outta the swamp and dispose of them or burn 'em up 'cause if ya just throw them cuttin's on the ground they're a gonna sprout right up into a new tree.

Boat Ramp- Ya'll just wait and see, as soon as some unexpected happenstances get un-happenstanced we're gonna make that improvement to the boat ramp. Can't ya just feel the excitement in the air? That's right folks, it ain't hope and change like **President Barak Hussein Obama's** hope and change, this is something that's really gonna happen, and I think your gonna like it.

Safety Tip- Man, I'm tired and want to finish this here newsletter. I've been rackin' my brains and can't think of nothin' for the tip this month so how's about we just go with usin' good common sense out there and try to think about someone other than yourself when your ridin'.

50/50 Drawing- **Kristy Demond** won the 50/50. The Book was at \$230.00 and **Bryant Floyd's** name was called for the book and by golly that sumbitch was here and played last month too so he done won it. Merry Christmas Bryant!

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm.

Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

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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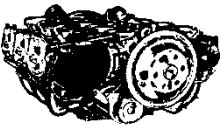
AIRBOATER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- 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 adequate distance before powering up, and where possible no power loading.*
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