

# Brevard County Airboat Association

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## NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY

As of the end of the December meeting the club had 149 members including 12 family memberships. As of the end of December the club had \$4,604.80 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for December is located near the end of the newsletter.

*President's Message-* To keep everyone better informed Dennis Myers suggested we include the Board of Director's meeting minutes in our newsletter which we are doing starting with this month's issue. Walt Lorraine

Hey everybody, good times were a happenin' at this here meeting. It started off a little late and was all Corey Nail's fault 'cause them darn chicken's jus' wouldn't cook quick enough. Of course it mighta helped if'n he'd killed and plucked 'em first so they would of stayed still on the grill. I think that's the trick right there. But Corey pulled it off and them cow's would have been proud of the way we chowed them chicken's down. Jim Young was the man responsible for the tasty taters, beans, deviled eggs and also them frosty chocolate cupcakes. Jon and Pam Radencic was the fine folks who brought the mango pies. Yum, thanks guys for another great meal.

If any of ya'll that are eatin' at the meetin' and ain't chippin' in to help support it, start puttin' your money where your mouth is and spit a few bucks in that there donation jar and it'll be kindly appreciated.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:45PM by Tina Nail, she took over Walt's presidential whatnots cause he was out watchin' that Okie From Muskogee. So after Tina got done chastising her husband for getting' dinner late to the table, we stood and she led us in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. She did jus' fine too, knew all the words and everything but I couldn't be sure if she was crossing

her heart or jus' resting her arm on that pumpkin she's been carrying around.

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

Pres. Report- None

V.P. Report- None

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

January's Board of Director's Meeting- Dennis Myers' reported that all B.O.D.'s were present. They had a guest, Vanessa Genovese, V.P./Agent of Pruitt Insurance (our Clubs insurance company) spoke about our officer's/board member's wrongful acts insurance. All the B.O.D.'s voted to keep the insurance. They discussed and approved Albert Henderson's motion concerning the 65+ membership dues. They discussed the FAA Meeting. Dennis let us know Herky Huffman passed away and the SJWMD was honoring him by renaming Bull Creek as Herky Huffman Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area. The Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> RAC meeting date had been set. The Everglades Headwater Refuge meeting was discussed. The board approved two club sanctioned events, The Boy Scouts assistance drop-off and pick-up from the marsh for their camping trip and the Ed Bozeman's Cabin Poker Run.

The Frog Leg Festival was also commented on and it was decided that we just didn't have the time or committed volunteers to participate in it this year.

O.K. Ladies and Gents, now that we're done with that B.O.D. Meeting, it looks like your gonna have to hear about another B.O.D. meeting in this month's newsletter. That's right we're catchin' ya right on up to this month's B.O.D. meeting so's ya'll have a better idea on jus' what the hell's goin' on a little bit quicker. To stay in line with keeping this newsletter as our meeting minutes, I've been writing the B.O.D. minutes as they've been reported at the last meeting. Well, that's been keepin' ya'll behind some (about a week) on the goin's on at the

last current B.O.D. Meetings and then ya don't know 'til the meeting night some of the issues that get brought into discussion. So it was decided that from now on, the last B.O.D. Minutes (abbreviated) would be included in the current newsletter. I'm gonna write them last, after the actual general meeting minutes so's ya know stuff that's been done after last month's general meeting. Got it?

Announcements & Entertainment- **Harry Gardner** let us know **Bruce Hackett** passed away. Now I didn't know Bruce, and Harry didn't get back with me to elaborate, so after snoopin' around a bit I've come to find out that most everyone that knew him, knew him as **Nigger**. I checked the roster and **Nigger** wasn't a current member and as far as I can tell through the records there never has been a **Nigger** on the roster, but ya never know, he mighta been at some time in the past 'cause from what I understand he was as old as Harry is, and by gum when your that old you've probably done a lot. Another thing I learned about **Nigger** was that he always seemed to show up when some important issues were gonna be hashed out so he could put his two cents in and try to set the record straight. Godspeed **Nigger** and our condolences go out to you and yours.

The clubhouse is rented out on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for the life celebration of **Bruce (Nigger) Hackett**. **Dennis Myers** let us know that **Ed Bozeman** also passed away. Ed passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at the age of 84. As you all know Ed was one of the founding members of our club and was the caretaker of the hunting cabin named after him on Bulldozer Canal. Ed was a great airboater before there were great airboats. He loved hunting, fishing, NASCAR and most of all, his loving wife **Shirley Bozeman**. Ed genuinely cared about the St. Johns River and its conservation. God Bless him and rest his soul. He'll be sorely missed by friends, family and the airboat community.

The **SJWMD** did a controlled burn from **Hannah's Camp** south to **Bulldozer** and did a great job.

**Roy Reynolds** didn't make it to the FAA meeting but **Dennis Myers** did. Dennis said they're raffling off a **GTO engine** and an **AR-15 rifle** this year. Also, some Senator proposed to have airboat noise checked for proper decibel levels but the FAA wasn't so sure of their position on that issue.

**Kurt McKinney** let us all know that he was having a **Wild Game Feast at Camp Holley** on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

There was a meeting for club members participating in the **Youth Duck Hunt** this year held at the clubhouse. They needed airboat participants at 3AM in the morning on Saturday. **Doug Hawley** says ya ain't gotta worry about any insurance issues because it's a club function and participants would be covered by our club insurance. In the past we were covered by **Duck's Unlimited's** insurance policy but they ain't gonna be a part of the Youth Duck Hunt this year.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> **Annual Neil Ridenour Swamp Clean-up** is gonna be on April 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Each year that we've been doing this clean-up, it seems there has been less and less trash to pick up out there but that doesn't mean it's been any easier. The trash ain't just out there with big signs on it sayin', "Here I is, come pick me up!" Nope, it's getting a bit harder to find and although that's a good thing, it means we've gotta put out a little more effort to "go the extra mile" and to go off the "beaten paths", stop the boats in the trail more often and reach down into some of them sticker bushes or gooey stuff to git the rest of that trash outa there. **Keep Brevard Beautiful** is working their magic and will be helping us with years clean-up again.

We're gonna be having a **Poker Run** on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Here's how it's gonna work; First of all, this Poker Run is gonna be for the support of **Bozeman's Cabin** to help raise funds for the maintenance and general upkeep to keep that old raggedity thing together. Second thing is **Albert Henderson** stipulated in the motion for this run that 50% of the proceeds are gonna go to the club and the other 50% will go to the cabin maintenance so's we're gonna need a really good turn-out to make this ride worth the while to git some cashola up for the purpose of the run. The third thing, and probably the most important thing is, we've decided, with **Shirley Bozeman's** blessing, to honor **Ed Bozeman** by calling this function the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ed Bozeman Poker Run. Seein' as I'm the big mouth that brought this idea up, I guess I'm gonna be the head cheese on this poker run. I'd really like to see a good turn-out for the run and I'm hoping all of ya'll that can show up to support and show your respect for Ed and his contributions to the club, our swamp, his family and the cabin. If'n

any of ya out there got ideas ya wanna run by me or if'n you're wantin' to volunteer to git this event goin' let me know & call me, **Uncle Scott at 321-508-7959**.

We're also gonna help out **Boy Scout Troop #365** on the same day, March 12<sup>th</sup>. They're wanting to do a camp-out in our swamp on Saturday and so we're gonna need to get these kids out to the campin' grounds on Saturday and then what's left of them back in on Sunday. We'll need a few folks with airboats willin' to take 'em out and get 'em back so ya'll that's got the gusto, airboat, fuel and ambition to do so please call **Jon Radencic at 321-508-4637** to make this happen.

The **Airfest** was on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at Valkaria Airport. Admission was 10 bucks and there was to be an airboat exhibition.

Happy/Sad Dollars- **Saundra Asbury** was as happy as the goose that laid the golden egg to go on about collecting those happy/sad dollars. She stepped up and did it this month so Tina could go on bein' the Grand Poopah for the meeting. Remember ya'll, the money from these happy/sad comments helps with this year's Christmas for the kids.

Building Update- Corey had the urinal fixed in the bathroom so's we ain't got to hear anymore about that 'til it breaks again.

(What's up with the soda pop machine? Anyone know anything? It's been installed in its hidey-hole now for a few months but it don't look like it's makin' any money. Them sodas ain't gonna jump in there by themselves.)

Bozeman Camp Update- **Dave Winnett** said that the cabin ain't burnt down after the controlled burn.

Merchandise Update- I hear tell we're getting' new hats.

Old Business- Trail trimming is getting' started. It's been happening every Sunday at about 9AM at the hill then goin' on to south **Middlefield** at the south end of **Center Trail**. This trail ain't been used in about 10-12 years and them willows have grown over like a dyke's armpits. The trail starts there and finishes up at **Bulldozer Canal**. So far we've cut .31 miles or so (at the time of this writing) and we've got a total of 1.38 miles to go. It's a dry run out there for a about a half mile, a chainsaw full of gas is getting' us about 30-35 feet at a clip, there's mud that sucks your boots off, the skeeters ain't too

bad yet but the spiders are thick, there's hidden holes in the muck that drop ya down 'til your crotch stops ya, and it takes two people clearing debris for every man on a chain saw, so that might give ya an idea of what we're up against. Now if'n we could just get more than 3-4 people out there to get this done we're lookin' at some good times. Getting' to the glass is half-full part of it, we're reclaimin' a good trail & we're clearin' it good enough that it's not gonna need trimmin' for years to come. It's dry enough right now that we're able to cut them damned willows right on down to the roots and can even pull some of them roots right out. We're cookin' burgers and such on-site and get to tell lies and old stories whilst we're takin' breaks. We've got all the dancin' girls, hookers and whiskey you could ever want and it's all free. I heard tell of a pot O' gold at the end of the rainbow and there are rainbows at every turn. There's also 27 virgins waitin' on ya should ya get killed helpin' us out, (that is if'n ya strap a bomb to your chest runnin' ahead of us guys with the chainsaws) Disclaimer: This could be just a rumor I heard on the news or from somewhere or another. So yeah.... good times, whataya say?

**Jim Rosasco** spoke to us about the **Everglades Headwaters Proposed Refuge**. He's attended their meetings and he said quite frankly that this proposal is a waste of taxpayers' dollars, 704 million of those dollars and possibly upwards of a billion.

**Roy Reynolds** asked us all to get involved by letter, by phone or by e-mail to our representatives to oppose this refuge.

As far as the **Bylaw Committee**, a time was getting' set after this meetin' to start getting' stuff done.

Brandy Hall Search- Nothin' new on this front.

Boat Ramp- There's some plans floatin' around right now for a rail to run along the south side of the ramp.

New Business- Corey, who's the new big shot in charge of the **Airboat Race Committee** said they're getting' stuff done.

**Corey Nail** also made a motion to support a 5K run for a possible fund raiser and it was seconded and voted on; 54 for the motion, 3 against.

**Jim Rosasco** made a motion to change the dues for members to be \$50.00, no discounts allowed to members who have been here longer. The family

membership would be \$75.00. Seconded by **Bill Lynn**. Vote taken by show of hands; approved 55-2. According to Article III, Sec.3 of the Bylaws MEMBERSHIP DUES AND/OR INITIATION FEES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH APPROVAL BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANY REGULAR MEETING.

This item moved to the B.O.D.

Tina directed us to the Nominations for Elections.

President- Nominated = **Walt Lorraine**

Vice President- Nominated = **Tina Nail**

Secretary- Nominated = **Scott Smith**

Treasurer- Nominated = **Jim Rosasco**

Sergeant at Arms- Nominated = **Corey Nail**

Board of Directors- (2 Positions open)

- 1.) **Jon Radencic's**, a temporary position filling in for **Joe Harrison's** resignation, this term election is for the remainder of Joe's term; 3 years, expiring in 2014.
- 2.) **Doug Hawley's** position, a full 5 year term up in 2016.

Nominated = **Jon Radencic**, (much to Pam's chagrin)

**Dave Porterfield**

**Tina Nail**

Nominations are still open at the beginning of next month's meeting, including the nomination for anyone that wants to take over the prestigious, overly compensated, exceedingly pleasing position of Secretary that offers astonishing insight into all facets of club membership as well as superb front row seats at all general and board meetings. You'll have the chance to enhance your typing skills and the opportunity to use your secret desire to file records and important papers in places other people, including yourself may never again find them. Don't miss your chance at such an exciting opportunity.

Safety Tip- If'n your takin' the trail by **Union Camp** and passing **Susan's Chair** and headin' south towards **Preacher's Camp**, be careful ridin' the berm on the west side of the trail. (You're tempted to do it 'cause of the mud and shells) It'll pull ya to the west and once ya get sucked in, it pulls ya right on onto the willows. Two anonymous airboaters (**Eddie Sliker** and **Dave Popplin** Ooops!,

not anonymous any more.) have fallen prey to this mischievous trick of the trail.

50/50 Drawing- Sorry, ain't got it in my notes, must of missed that one. I know someone won it. I mean, like that's one that wins every month right? (That's rhetorical.) So shoot me or better yet, let me know at this next meeting who won it so I can forget again and not report it in the next newsletter.

The Book- That bastard **Roy Reynolds** won it and I know some kind of underhanded, commie, cold-war spy ring was involved with the U.N.'s goal of total world control and domination. But if that's what it takes Roy to win it then so be it. Thanks Roy, now we start off with zero next month. ☺

Meeting adjourned @ 8:50pm.

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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Don Narmore

723-8450

### ***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.*

*Protect natural resources and do not needlessly disturb wildlife*

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