

# 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- *The Board of Directors and Officers were all given copies of The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure by Dennis Myers the new Chairman. We have all decided to try to run our meetings "by the book". However, we still want to maintain the casual atmosphere we've come to enjoy. Bear with us. Walt Lorraine*

**John Kisner** and **Mike Tipton** cooked a hearty meal featurin' pork chops cooked just right, scalloped taters for a filler and baked beans for digestive purposes. Yum.

Meeting Called to Order a little late but we still pulled it off at 7:35PM.

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pres. Report- **Walt Lorraine** welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said some changes are a comin' down the pike and he's gonna do his best to keep it light but at the same time try to follow parliamentary procedure a little better.

Motion made to accept the Meeting Minutes for the December 2010 meeting, seconded and accepted.

V.P. Report-

Treasurer's Report- **Jim Rosasco** read us all the numbers again, this much came in, this much went out, funds are still low but typical for this year, etc., ad-nauseum. I'll tell ya though; one thing that did stand out was the fact that **J.D. Musgrove donated a whopping 200 smackeroos** to our kitty to help us out with the low fund dilemma. Three cheers and an appreciative thank you to **J.D.** for that generous contribution to help the club out. Motion made to

accept the Treasurer's report as read by Jim Rosasco, seconded and accepted.

**Walt Lorraine** officially reported that **Joe Harrison** resigned his position as a Board of Director at the last B.O. D. Meeting. Joe was also the Chairman of the B.O.D.

*(The following was not in the minutes but I felt some explanation was necessary for the general club membership. Joe gave numerous reasons as to why he resigned from the board (8 pages to be precise) and his feelings as to where he thought things were going in the club that he didn't believe in, he additionally thought he wasn't being supported by the other Board members or Officers at the November Board Meeting. He stated that he felt betrayed, even "thrown to the wolves" and he thought it was senseless to continue and didn't want the club to be further hurt by more bickering. Joe also said he wasn't going to continue his club membership after this year's membership is up. As most of us know, **Joe Harrison** has been a B.O.D. member for quite some time and has also served as a president of the club. Over the years Joe has done a lot for the club in the leadership capacity, helping organize events and also personally helping out fellow airboaters in times of need. Overall it's kind of a crappy way that all that stuff went down but it is what it is. Joe does have his convictions and is stubborn as all get out so we gotta go with the flow. S.S.)*

December 2010 Board of Directors Meeting- Walt reported for the Board this month. He said Dennis Myers was voted by the B.O.D. members to be the new Chairman for the B.O.D. and **Jon Radencic**, a past B.O.D. member was asked by the remaining Board members to stand-in, temporarily until the March elections when a new member can be chosen by the membership. Jon accepted the position. Walt went on to say that all the officers, by virtue of their positions should become more informed and versed concerning parliamentary procedures so that

the meetings can be run more efficiently, fairly and timely. O.K. guys, you know he didn't say it that way; it kind of went more like "The officers should read the book on Parliamentary Procedure so we get a little better at it and maybe we can try to use it some to make the meetings a little more orderly." But you got the gist of it and maybe we can follow it a bit better, but let's face it we're a bunch of rednecks that's gonna argue about stuff jus' 'cause it's fun sometimes so maybe we'll throw in a few "Point of Orders", "Move to Amends" and my favorite "Move to Recess", but overall we need to keep it simple, keep it fair, keep it moving an' "Git R Done".

The B.O.D. also decided that we're gonna have a "Sign-In Sheet" at each meeting for the purpose of attendance and so that when votes are taken we know those of who present at the meetings are eligible to vote. Walt mentioned he did some financial figurin' on our income verses our spendin' and he thinks we're comin' up about \$600.00 short of breaking even each year. He mentioned that it sure would be nice if we got some volunteers to clean the clubhouse each month, we currently spend 50 bucks a month to clean it and that would put us back even. (I glanced up from my notes to see if I could jot some volunteers' names down but nobody raised their hands. Even the people that were holdin' their heads up with their hands had put 'em down so they wouldn't be mistaken as volunteers.) Hmmmm. It was also decided that the club should have a Bylaw Committee to reevaluate our current Bylaws and discuss possible changes, modifications or updates that should be brought before the B.O.D.'s and upon approval, to the membership.

**Dave Winnett** is the honcho in charge of the **Bozeman Cabin Committee**. Walt finished up by sayin' our club needs more income, either by raising dues or by coming up with some other ways. If ya got any good ideas he's all ears, leave the cockamamie ideas at the door. **Doug Hawley** asked about the \$1086.00 per year our club spends on Officers/B.O.D.'s liability insurance and was wonderin' if it was really necessary? **Jim Rosasco** said he thought it was an unnecessary expenditure. He said this policy does not cover if the Treasurer steals as some might think. He said we should look deeper into this policy to see exactly what it covers and then decide if it something we should continue

to carry, right now it's paid for this year. He said we also currently spend about two grand on property insurance on top of the grand for the Officer's insurance.

*Announcements & Entertainment-* Walt brought up the recent 13,000 acre fire down by **Lake Lawton** and the south end of **Canal 40**. It was still smoldering and is now basically a muck fire. Lake Lawton access is gonna be closed until the fires out. (It has since been reopened.)

**Roy Reynolds**, our prestigious BCAA FAA Delegate (How's that for attachin' letters to a name? Doctors ain't got it that good.) reported that the next **FAA Meeting** was coming up on Saturday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at **Loughman's Lodge**. They're doin' **Operation Airboat** and presenting the **Gator Shoot-Out** awards. He said there's gonna be foot stompin' music and gut fillin' food.

**Camp Holley** was a havin' a wild game cook-off on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Indian River Airboat Club** was having a ride from Fellsmere up to **Camp Holley** on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and everyone's invited.

**Marsh Rider** had a story on our races in Cocoa in their magazine.

**Jon Radencic** announced that **Boy Scout Troop #365** wanted to do a camp out in the marsh. He's lookin' for volunteers with airboats to dump these kids off to fend for themselves for a day or two then gather up what's left of 'em and bring 'em back. This date has been tentatively set as the morning of Saturday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and finishing off sometime Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jon. I'm in.

**The Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival** was startin' on Thursday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> and running thru Sunday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Tina Nail** paraded around the room and worked the crowd with the **Happy/Sad Dollars** to start collecting money for next year's Christmas hurrah.

**Valerie Carl** spoke to us on behalf of the **Second Harvest Food Bank** and wanted to thank us for all the help we gave with the Christmas Parade. She said she collected 1,379 toys and 1,370 meals and even got some pet food. She mentioned the cash value but I didn't quite hear her and forgot to ask after the meetin' and that ain't what it's about anyways so never mind. She said a total of 21 volunteers helped out. She wanted to pass on that the President of the Christmas Parade said she was

very proud of our club's sponsorship and participation. They're goin' so far as to offer us the Title (Lead) Float again next year and the first meeting for that will be in August with a slated Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Parade date. We all gave a big applause from around the room and the cat-calling and whistlin' was kept to a minimum. **Tina Nail** followed that up with saying that all who participated had a really cool time. She wanted to put a shout out for **Cliff Casper** who had the mini airboat, **Corey Nail's** stand up monster gator, **Doug Hawley's** RV for the restrooms and **Jim Rosasco** for the use of **Bill Robson's** airboat. She thanked everyone who helped and we all clapped like little children again.

Building Update- Urinal needs fixin'; Corey says he's on it.

Bozeman Camp Update- **Dave Winnett** said he's been a gatherin' lumber up to be redoing the floors at the cabin, he said it looks like three different floors all stuck together in some big ole jumbled up mess under there. It appears he's got it handled so far but wouldn't mind if any of ya'll could donate some lumber and whatnot to help out with the repairs and upkeep. If ya got stuff for him, give Dave a call on his pager at 321-690-3184, or his home at 321-728-9677.

**Camp Holley** announced that they now are tryin' to offer fuel sales 24/7. The catch is that after normal hours ya gotta call **Mike Passini** about an hour ahead a time at 321-684-8317 cause he's gotta wake up and get to the pumps for ya. He's workin' this gig on tips so make it worth his while guys.

**Camp Holley** is also having the **Ducks Unlimited Auction** on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** with food and music.

Merchandise Update- Ain't nothin' been decided, sounds like a pain in the ass. Can anyone help us out here?

Old Business- The December meeting minutes were amended to reflect **Joe Harrison's** written comments/corrections and filed with that month's meeting minutes.

**The Youth Duck Hunt** is **Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Camp Blackbelly**. Any of ya'll that want to help out get a hold of Walt at 321-863-3256. Anyone that can help is invited, if ya got an airboat to shuttle kids to the blinds or can help set up duck blinds or decoys for the kids please get involved. The meeting for BCAA club volunteers for this is Thursday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM at the Clubhouse.

Brandy Hall Search- Tina mentioned that she heard rumor of a news crew going south river somewheres. She said she heard that a nationally known TV channel is doing a story on Brandy's disappearance. **Sid Ladow** is still actively pursuing the case.

Boat Ramp- The idea of improvements to the ramp has been put on hold until a material list, cost and plan gets submitted.

New Business- **Eddie Sliker** wanted to know when we're gonna start trimmin' trails; he said he can't wait to start workin' on that project or maybe he said he can't wait 'til someone starts workin' on that project. A short discussion ensued and it was generally accepted that it would start shortly after general gun huntin' season was over on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Walt handed over the Chair to V.P. **Tina Nail** so he could make a motion that the club spends \$350.00 to purchase the dinner for the kids at the **Youth Duck Hunt** sponsored by **Ducks Unlimited**. **Sandra Asbury** said she'd volunteer to try to maybe solicit people for free food. **Jon Radencic** suggested we put a donation jar out for donations at the next meeting and that money could go towards the food. Walt's motion was seconded, voted on and approved by majority voted.

The annual **Neil Ridenour Clean-Up** is coming up again on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Albert Henderson** made a motion that all members 65 years and older should pay 1/2 the regular dues instead of being a member for free. There was some discussion, Jim Rosasco said there was about 44 members that were 65 y/o + and that accounts for about 1/3 of our membership. Jim wanted to amend the motion to have all members pay the same but wasn't seconded. There was some more trivial discussion. Albert's motion was seconded. It was voted on by the membership and passed by majority. It now goes to the B.O.D. for approval.

**\*NOTE: This motion was approved at the last Board of Director's Meeting. This is a proposed Bylaw change. It now must pass a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote of the membership present and consisting of a quorum at two (2) consecutive regular meetings to affect a change to the Bylaws. The first vote will be at the Feb.2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 general membership meeting at the clubhouse. The second vote will be at the following general membership meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.**

**Saundra Asbury** made a motion to form a Bylaws Committee to evaluate our current Bylaws and recommend changes if necessary. Seconded and approved by majority vote. Volunteers were solicited, the following agreed to be on the committee; **Jim Young, Walt Lorraine, Saundra Asbury, Scott Smith, Bill Lynn, Jim Rosasco, Roy Reynolds, Joe Tice** and **Dennis Myers**.

**Scott Smith**, (a.k.a. me) proposed a Poker Run to get funds for **Bozeman's Cabin** maintenance sometime between the end of General Gun season and the Spring Turkey Hunt. Someone suggested we tie it in with the Boy Scout Camp-Out. I'm good with that, so **March 12<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Poker Run**. The time has yet to be announced. Albert made a suggestion that we do a 50/50 split of the proceeds, 50% to go towards Bozeman's and 50% towards our clubs general funds. It's all good and that's the deal.

**John Kisner** and **Corey Nail** formed an airboat race committee. Anyone wanna help get in touch with those there fellas.

Nominations have started for the March elections for Officers and Board of Directors for the club.

Three new membership applications were approved by the B.O.D. and brought to the membership for us to size up; **Pat Cooper, Richard Hagerman** and **Ryan Miller**. Well we got to lookin' these boys over and after the squirrel shootin' contest, seein' who could spit the farthest, and who could tie the fastest hangman's knot we figured they'd fit right in so's we went on ahead and voted 'em all in. ☺

Safety Tip- If'n you're cruisin' south on the trail from Susan's Chair towards Preacher's Camp ya better be careful ridin' the grassy berm on the west side of the trail tryin' to avoid the dry 'cause if'n ya ain't careful, them willows'll suck ya right on in to them. I hear tell there was a young fella got caught up in it jus' this past weekend. Remember, it's all fun and games 'til someone gets an eye poked out.

**Ron Carl** came up with the winning ticket for the 50/50 this month.

**Jon Radencic's** name was called for the book and he done forgot to play so's the book rolls over and starts next month at a whopping' \$21. He said one good thing came out about his name bein' called; at least he knows his name is in the cards.

Meeting adjourned at some where's between 8:30pm. & 10pm. I forgot to check the time or write

it down but it had to be in that time frame somewheres. I know after BSin' I left a lot later than that, or was that the Board meetin'? Well it don't make no never mind, it's all over now. See ya at the meetin'.

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.

FOR SALE

220 GPU, 1994 Aluminum Hull Air Boat  
\$5,600

This 220 is a good strong engine, block stamp date of 3-14-68. This engine was in the crate two years ago, it's only got about 250 hours on it. It's a single mag, with a Holley 2 barrel 500 CFM carb. The 12' 2" Aluminum Hull is 7' wide for tight trails and has tall 21" gunwales for forgiving mistakes or getting all your equipment to camp in one shot, this hull has been used hard, by me and has many dents, dings and scratches, but the polymer is still in good shape however the hull does leak some. It's a great hunt boat and will definitely run the hill. Has working tach, volt, mech. oil press. and oil temp. gauges, water/fuel separation filter, aux. elec. fuel pump, bilge pump, good battery and battery switch and mufflers. New Teleflex steering and new cage built about two months ago, brazed and ready for your color paint. The 72" Whirlwind carbon composite prop is in excellent condition. The

single axle tilt trailer is perfect for unloading dry or wet, has bearing buddies and is included in the price of the boat. This is a good honest deal.

Scott 321-508-7959

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*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.*

*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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