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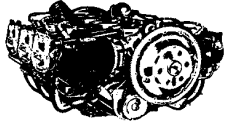

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NEWSLETTER FOR JULY

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

As of the end of June the club had \$8,432.41 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for June is located near the end of the newsletter.



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Mmmmm, Mmmmmm, Mmmmm. Hot diggity dog, we had a dinner tonight to die for; Steaks-ala-Corey, Baked taters and American cut green beans. **Tina Crowl & Corey Nail** got there early to git everythin' ready. Tina was wrappin' taters with tin foil so fast ya thought the foils was spittin' through a 0470 prop and when she slapped that foil around them taters ya thought thunder was strikin'. Corey's skill at the grill showed through once agin, he even made them there steaks any way ya wanted 'em; stick-'em-an-Moo right on up to chop-'em-for-charcoal. They was so good I didn't even use no silverware, ate that steak up like a cave man and let the juice run right offa my elbows. ('Course if'n ya ask my wife Carol she'll tell ya I eat like that anyways).

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM

Like any other proud American is wont to do, we recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America, no matter who got voted in to run our great country.

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

Pres. Report- No state of the Union Address this month from **Walt Lorraine**.

V.P. Report- **Tina Crowl** let us know that a brass plaque with **Jim Patterson's** name now rests on our memorial board of members who have passed on to a better world. God Bless him.

Not to belittle the last comment but she also hung up a fly catchin' sticky strip. (I think at last count we got about 50 flies stuck to that thing.

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

Board of Directors Meeting- **Joe Harrison** stood up to speak and as soon as his back stopped crackin' we was able to hear what he had to say. All Board members were present at the last meetin'. The track vehicle issue was brought up, more on that later. Walt received a letter from SJWMD about cleanin' the brush off the corner of our north canal. Airboat Races were brought up again but that issue ain't lookin' too good right now due to the complications on the land-ownership issue. Havin' a silent auction on **Pam Radencic's** paintings was o.k.'d. Someone, at least preliminarily (you think reading that word is hard? Try spellin' it, or, just for fun, try sayin' it three times fast.) looked into us buying some private land across the street for the races but ain't nobody sure about nothin' yet. Puttin' a water heater in the back room was also discussed.

Tom Whisner spoke up a bit on the water heater and said "seein' as we're cookin' here so much more it might be a good idea to start washin' the dishes with hot water instead a havin' that neighbor dog lickin' all the plates clean. (What?..... I thought ya'll knew why they sparkled. ☺)

Announcements & Entertainment- Mr. **Corey Nail** let us know that someone stole (or borrowed without askin') a piece of plexi-glass that helped separate the drinks in the ice cooler and it would be much appreciated if the dirty rotten stinkin' thief

would return it promptly. It ain't hardly worth kickin' your ass over, but we will if it comes to that. SJRWMD sponsored a trip to tour the **Three Forks Re-Diversion Project**. We had 'bout eight members of our club participate and they took us around in three black suburbans with the windows tinted and all like a presidential motorcade (or at least as close as I'll ever git to one). First of all, the new Three Forks Area Pamphlet won't show all the open areas 'cause changes were made after they was printed. Down at the south end of Lake Lawton they originally were gonna cut through an earthen levy (I wanna say it was Levy 74 but don't quote me) in a few spots to connect to the Mary A Area but due to cultural negotiations, (more specifically, them two old Indian Bone Mounds) they gotta wait til negotiations are reached through the federal government and the injuns. As it stands right now, the two culverts that were draining it are now plugged and the only way old dry Lake Lawton is getting' filled is gonna be by natural rainfall. They also gave an estimate of approx. two years before that boat ramp out there slides the first boat in, otherwise there's a nice park out there ain't nobody allowed in. It was mentioned that some vandals was messin' with and damaged some heavy equipment out that way too. The monster pumps they put in at the north side of the west end of the C-1 levy (Turkey Creek Canal) are ready to go except one itsy-bitsy problem, they ain't got no power, electric power from the west end of the Palm Bay grid was denied by FPL and so a dedicated power line from off of the Heild Road power substation has to be approved and conveyed to the pump site. This problem is a six month delay and an estimated \$600,000 cost. When this is done they can start diverting water from the C-1 to just east of the old C-2. That water will flood a good portion of that area and then run south back to the spillway, filtering it along the way before it makes its way back west to the St. Johns River via Three Forks.

Kurt (Fast-Talkin') McKinney thanked us again for our help last year with the Youth Duck Hunt and on behalf of Duck's Unlimited presented us with a plaque for "Unselfish Dedication and Significant Contributions to Waterfowl Conservation". He made a note in passin' that they could use even more boats to participate next year to better cover the 10 or 12 good duck hunting ponds in the T.M.

Goodwin area. This event is gonna happen somewhere around the 1st weekend of February. Kurt went on to say what good God-fearing, respectable, humble, caring, thoughtful, intelligent, good lookin', polite and most of all humble neighbors we are, and in light of that he wanted to invite us to a 4th of July shindig they was havin' over at **Camp Holley** with some renegade fireworks and good vittles to boot. Beer wasn't gonna be free but there was gonna be plenty to go around.



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The **FAA** is also sportin' an event at Lake Cypress on July 4th to recognize a multitude of people and organizations that have unselfishly contributed time, money and efforts toward their organization and the overall promotion of Airboating throughout the State of Florida. The FAA was also having their elections at their next meeting in Haines City the following Saturday.

Lacey Everett and **Jim Corbin** showed up here as special guests. Walt introduced Lacey who wanted to speak his piece about swamp buggies. He went on to tell us that he just recently went with officials from the SJRWMD on a ride in his track vehicles to show them just what they were about. He felt they were receptive to the prospect of runnin' track vehicles. He explained that he was only requesting areas west of canal 40 for the use of these type vehicles to tromp down the willows that are getting out of control. Walt asked him why he wants to run track vehicles. Lacy stated, "For the same reason we want to run our airboats, not just for hunting' but also for recreational purposes. Swamp Buggies help keep the swamp clean and the trails open." He says he used to stick up for Airboat running too. He talked on how he helped keep Airboating in Broward County. He said he jus' wants to help and thinks Swamp Buggies keep the land more open and because of that there will be more game around because there will be less willows. He said that

down south they had a problem with Melaleuca trees that took over similar to the willows and the authorities sprayed chemicals to wipe them out and in turn wiped everything out disrupting the food chain so severely that you wouldn't see any wildlife for miles at a time, no deer, no hog, no rabbits, no nothing. **Ann Horschel** asked; "What rules would be in place if such a thing as track vehicles were allowed, would it only be special folks allowed? What about youngin's runnin' willy nilly and tearin' things up?" Lacey's response was that only full tracks should be allowed, not 4-wheelers. He said "Full track vehicles only apply 1.5 lbs. per sq. inch imprint on the ground compared to 7.5 lbs. per sq. inch that come from ordinary foot traffic. He said the cost of a track vehicle ain't an issue either. He built two track vehicles for \$2,000.00. Walt asked what the "actual" costs of a track vehicle would be and why would anyone pay that kind of money for a "possible" chance at a quota hunt permit? **Jim Rosasco** said we would like to see the willows crushed down and agreed that it might be better than having them sprayed chemically so we do have some common ground on that issue. **Sandra Asbury** asked if a compromise on our positions could be found. **Jim Corbin** says we should support track vehicles if for no other purpose than to keep the trails open. **Kurt McKinney** says he supports the use of track vehicles also. **Walt Lorraine** stated that at the least we should discuss and take another look at this issue. **Albert Henderson** said the marsh used to be pretty because the swamp used to be burned all the time. He said back when he was a little younger he remembers the Indians used to burn it all the time too. **Harry Gardner** says the SJRWMD does spray it with chemicals but it really don't work too good. Someone said something else about 794,000 acres that we pay taxes on and the SJRWMD gets that money but still the willows are all growed up on it. Walt mentioned that it looks like we have a permit from SJRWMD to cut down the brush at the corner of our north canal for safety and for clearin' the willows at the trail connecting the south end of old C-2 with C-40 or there-a-bouts and the dates for the permit are being discussed, but will be before hunting season. Good ole' **Eddie Sliker** said "Let the track vehicles cut out the trails and we can sit back and watch."



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Grayson Padrick from **Central Florida Trophy Hunts** is offering 10% off of his equipment to club members. (After the meeting **Scott Swartley**, who runs **Custom Adventures & Equipment**, made the same offer to club members.)

John Radencic says he's offering his wife, Pam Radencic's paintings for silent donations as a donation to the club and so he can (I'm quoting now) get some of that crap outa my house, unquote. (Snicker) But seriously, he presented a bid sheet ya can sign up on and the bidding starts at fifty dollars and it goes up in five dollar increments as you sign your name. The paintin' they're displayin' right now is gorgeous and if I got it right it's from an area down around the way to Bulldozer from Lake Hell N' Blazes. Last I looked the bids were up around \$90.00 but I hear tell someone's gonna slap a little more money down on that one. (Check the club's website for a photo of the picture)

Building Update – There's the water heater thing and I think that's it this month.

Merchandise Update- Got Merchandise?

Old Business- I ain't got nothin' on this

Brandy Hall Search- Son of a bitch, ain't we never gonna hear nothin' on her where-a-bouts? Ain't we got a cop or two in the house now that might be able to keep us up to date on at least somethin' goin' on with this?

St. John's Clean Up- All I know is it's already getting' a little messy out Bulldozer way.

Boat Ramp- Still there, still lettin' boats go in and out. I guess we're alright in this here department.

New Business- I tell ya, I don't even know where new business fits into this whole scheme of a newsletter this month. I reckon it coulda been the water heater thing, or maybe the swamp buggy thing or maybe the permits to cut willows shoulda been here but I wrote the notes how they was presented and so there ya go. Feel free to read this

in any order ya want, I'm almost done with it & I ain't changin' things around just to fill in some blanks. If'n ya don't like it don't vote for the acceptance of the meeting minutes at the next meeting.

Safety Tip- Ya'll want a good safety tip this month? I got one for ya, passed on from an anonymous source. It seems like if'n you're out there ridin' on Wednesday or Thursday nights you might be more apt to run into a safety check than has been common over the past few years. So if'n ya want a free safety check from one of the authorities patrollin' our swamp git on out there and get yourself and your boat checked out free of charge, unless of course somethin' ain't right and then there's liable to be a charge or charges.

Shawn & Michelle Ryalls were called for the Book and weren't here so the book rolls over and starts @ \$ 524.00. That's right, you read it right, five hundred twenty four dollars if'n your name gits called next meeting and ya signed up last month. I do believe this is the highest we ever had our book so good luck to all of ya'll.

Bobbie Harrison won the 50/50 Drawing.
Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30PM.

Scott Smith, Secretary



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**TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF
JUNE 30, 2009**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF
JUNE 1, 2009** **\$8,321.49**

RECEIPTS:

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| Membership Dues | \$200.00 |
| Late Fee | \$10.00 |
| Building Fund | \$50.00 |
| Book | \$32.00 |
| Fifty/fifty | \$46.00 |
| Clothing Sales | \$40.00 |
| River Clean-up and Bar-b-que | <u>\$170.00</u> |

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$548.00**

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Waste Management (One months Service) | \$46.73 |
| Central Florida Printing (May Newsletter) | \$57.24 |
| James E. Rosasco (April & Mail Postage) | \$138.60 |
| Tom Whisner (Building Supplies) | \$124.83 |
| Florida Power & Light (One month's service) | <u>\$69.68</u> |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **\$437.08**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF
JUNE 30, 2009** **\$8,432.41**

RESERVES:

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| Building Fund | \$3,912.30 |
| Book (75% of \$497.00) | \$372.75 |
| Check 1570 Doug Hawley (Frog Festival Exp.) | \$4.82 |
| D & O Liability Insurance (9/12 of \$1,174) | \$880.50 |
| Property Insurance (7/12 of \$2,090) | \$1,219.13 |
| Real Estate Taxes (7/12 of \$1,044) | <u>\$608.98</u> |

TOTAL RESERVES: **\$6,998.48**

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE **\$1,433.93**

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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