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NEWSLETTER FOR JULY

As of the end of the June meeting the club had 142 members including 12 family memberships. As of the end of June the club had \$8,076.63 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for June is located near the end of the newsletter.



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Well the cow's got it right, we ate more chicken. **Corey** and associates knew how to handle them big ole breasts, they weren't shy about slatherin' them up with sauces and slappin' 'em around the grill, flippin' 'em over, slapping them again and I think I even saw him giving them a little lovin' pinch 'fore he placed them in the serving tray. I'm not even goin' into the process of how he prepared the chicken tenders but I thought I saw a catfish bat and a baseball mit lyin' on the porch. He followed that up with green beans and mac-n-cheese to complete our daily nutritious dietary intake. (Iron from the can the beans came in and fiber from the box of Mac & Cheese.) Thanks Corey.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes for the June meeting, but **Dennis Myers** spoke up and said a correction needed to be made. It was reported that **Gov. Charlie Crist** approved 100 million dollars for the Heritage Parkway and in fact it was only a paltry 4 million dollars. I don't know how I screwed that one up, I mean four don't even rhyme with one hundred, but I did get the million part right, but that still only makes me half right (by

my math) so I stand corrected. Other than that the rest of the minutes were seconded and accepted.

Pres. Report- **Walt Lorraine** greeted us all and said he appreciates us all for attending the meeting. He said he made a resolution beginning this year to add a President's address in the newsletter and apologized for not writing a little blurb in the last newsletter. He said he went to the RAC meeting which was held down in Vero Beach. The **SJRWMD** has plans on putting sheet piling up along the southern edge of the access road to our clubhouse from SR192 to the levy they built just east of the clubhouse by **Platt's Ranch**. This is being done to meet with the flood plain requirements. During the implementation of this construction, they have to move the power lines and our electric service as well as our neighbors (**Hannah's**) will be interrupted. They said they'll be supplying us with a generator in the interim. Walt also asked the SJRWMD about opening up Lake Lawton to us for our use? He noted that they had complained about vandalism in the area and Walt brought up that the vandalism is probably more prevalent due to the lack of use of the facilities and if our members had access and authorization to utilize this area it would be used a lot more and seen' as our club don't really put up with rascallions and punks that abuse things the vandalism would most certainly diminish. Walt went on a step further and asked if we can get an airboat ramp connecting the western edge of Lake Lawton over the dike to Canal 40 for access to the rest of the marsh. **Doug Voltolina** said that they already had plans for an airboat access to Canal 40 and **Robert Christianson** said he was interested in the proposal of our request for opening Lake Lawton up for airboat use and thought it was in fact a good idea and couldn't "off the top of his head" see why we shouldn't be allowed access but it would have to be discussed amongst themselves before a decision could be made. Walt seized the moment and explained that we're a club consisting

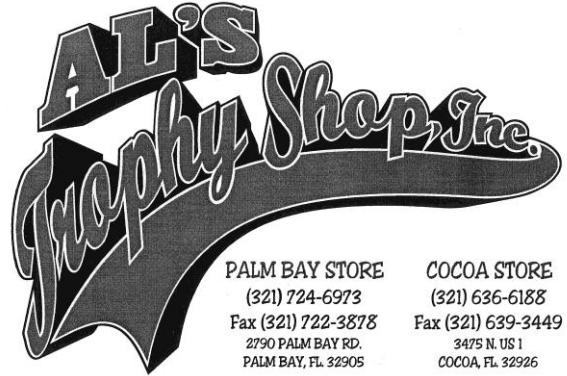
of about 150 members who would be willing to donate our time and expertise to help accomplish the task of planning the ramp and in the construction of the ramp if necessary. I applaud Walt for suggesting this because the last thing we need is another rocket ship /submarine launching ramp like the one they constructed at the south end of C-2.

The SJRWMD said they may have also discovered a third Indian mound. Doug Voltolina mentioned that due to our concerns about being able to hunt until dark at Lake Lawson they have changed the hours when they will not lock the gate until 8:30pm. Also brought up was the new speed limit of 35MPH on the C-54 canal imposed by SJRWMD and the elimination of future sanctioned boat races on the C-54. They cited the past Sea-Do races held there and mentioned that they had a lot of those rowing teams practicing in the C-40 Canal. It seems they were waiting for a rebuttal on this topic but the Sea-doers or their representatives weren't present. **Jim Rosasco** noted that it was interesting that the SJRWMD had set a precedent that they have sanctioned high speed races on their property so maybe we could eventually have some airboat races on Lake Lawton?

V.P. Report- **Tina Nail** reported that she cleaned the frig and the storage room and discovered a speaker in there that was plum ate up by soda pop bein' spilt all over it. She said she still ain't seen the fire extinguisher that was supposed to be replaced and gave **Joe Horschel** one of them looks women give that are usually reserved for husbands comin' home late on poker night. Joe then mumbled like a husband comin' home late on a poker night that there need be no worry and we'd have our fire extinguisher lickity split.

Secretary Report- There ain't really no report from the secretary but Walt keeps askin' if'n I got anything to say and asks for a report from me so's I figured I'd quit fightin' it and add a report this month. I attended the **Fort Drum Marsh Review Team** tour on June 17th. These tours are sponsored by the SJRWMD. This area consists of 20,869 acres and is located south of SR 60 & north of the Florida Turnpike in Indian River County about ten miles east of YeeHaw Junction. It's part of the Upper St. Johns River Basin Project. Most people tend to think the headwaters of the St. John's River

begin at the Stick Marsh but in fact it begins at Fort Drum Creek at the south western edge of this conservation area. They allow fishing, hunting, horseback riding, canoeing and hiking. It's a Type I Wildlife Management Area. The main lake there is Lake Cara at the north entrance, there's another lake called Horseshoe Lake on past a locked gate a little further south that's really a horseshoe shaped canal and primitive camping is allowed in designated areas. Access through the gate is available by contacting the SJRWMD. The gate was installed to help control illegal dumping due to the remote area. There is a cattle lease of about 2,000 acres on the western edge.



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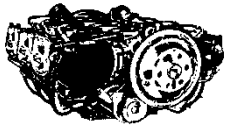
asurer's Report- **Jim Rosasco** declared that our annual in-house audit will be performed by **Mike Helms**. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Jim, seconded and accepted.

Board of Directors Meeting- **Joe Harrison** said they didn't have no meeting last month, no business was discussed, they didn't get nothing done and unlike the government they did all this without costing us a dime.

Announcements & Entertainment- Walt said we offered an Honorary Membership to **Leroy Wright** and he accepted it. It was approved by the Board of Directors who didn't do nothin' last month. It was brought up to the membership for a vote asking if we would accept Leroy Wright as an Honorary member, he would have all the rights of a member except voting rights. A vote was called and he was voted in unanimously.

July 17th is the **FAA's** 3rd Annual Airboater Appreciation day. October 2nd the FAA is sponsoring an airboat show & concert starring **John Anderson** at **East Lake Fish Camp** in Kissimmee.

Tina Nail told us she got \$114 bucks so far from the Happy/Sad scam she's pulling on us for the Christmas Parade. She told us we can do better than that. Then, in total contrast to the look she gave Joe earlier, she gave us all the look made famous by **Antonio Banderas** as the "Puss-n'-Boots" character and asked us to think of the poor children who deserve toys at Christmas and we scoffed up another easy \$23 dollars for the cause.

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Now I don't remember who, but it was either **Gary Smith** or **Harry Gardner** that said it would be nice if we can use some swamp buggies out there to help clean up the trails.

Lacy Everett commented on the airboat ride some of us took up north of SR520. He asked about the cow issue up that-a-ways. This topic was brought up just prior to the RAC Meeting and **Doug Voltolina** stated that there were indeed legal leases and agreements made with the local cattlemen in the area to allow cattle in that part of the swamp. Lacy mentioned something about some lady hangin' out at the dock when he tied off his boat and by the time he got back to load his boat he said this girl was in her birthday suit on his boat with some guy taking pictures. Now Lacy bein' the gentleman he is just asked her to politely exit the boat while avertin' his gaze elsewhere. You go Lacy, but on the other hand, there were a few other guys that were waiting for just such an opportunity but their stomachs got the best of 'em and they couldn't wait around any longer. I guess the way to a man's heart really is through his stomach.

Walt has asked an FWC officer to talk to us concerning new rules and regulations this coming hunting season at the next meeting.

Action Gun has bought out **Accurate Archery**. Word is that **Forrest Palmer** is gonna be opening a new archery shop across the street from Boat Discount on US 1. **Accurate Archery** is closed for

now. There is also a new bow shop behind Gator Pest Control.

Building Update- **Dave Porterfield** and **Doug Ashmore** changed out the breakers for the refrigerator in the storage area and said everything appears to be working good now. Thanks you guys.

Merchandise Update- NADA

Old Business- **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. Please Help!! A Reward is being offered for info leading to an arrest of the scumbag(s) who did this. There is a video that shows two people in the area. White males medium build & stocky that are considered persons of interest. Please call Wayne Pushman @ 321-537-1959 with any info, or West Melbourne Police Officer Cullen 321-723-9673

Brandy Hall Search- I ain't heard nothin' new about Brandy in a while, if'n ya got any news please let me know.

Boat Ramp- The boat ramps doin' jus' fine for now.

New Business- **Albert Henderson** made a recommendation to see if our club can acquire some sort of a "right of way" for the old SR192, he thinks maybe we can get ownership of it.

Jim Rosasco asked "What would we do with it?" **Albert** countered with; "Why more Parking and additional space for our functions." **Ann Horschel** asked what would the taxes for that cost us? **Walt** stated this will be brought up at the next board meeting for further discussion.

Someone mentioned that mud bog races have been approved on the **Sarno Road Extension** so would that open up an opportunity for us to have airboat races there too? I ain't got nothin' in my notes on a response to this question.

Jim Rosasco sent a nasty e-mail to the **NRA** opposing their possible endorsement of **Senator Harry Reid**. **Joe Harrison** said that we should wait and see if Harry Reid gets endorsed. If we wanted to be pro-active, any member of the **NRA** can write a letter to the **NRA** opposing Harry Reid's endorsement.

Jack Horschel asked if we can bring a speaker to the clubhouse. He would like to request if **Rick Scott**, candidate for governor, can come speak to us about politics and stuff.

Eddie Sliker wanted to say something and did.

Jim Rosasco has invited Tres Holton to speak to the club about the Heritage Parkway at our next meeting.



Dave Mannes spoke on behalf of the newly formed BCAA Volunteer Corp and informed us that we have received a consolatory nod to our request to start cutting willows in the marsh. The SJRWMD asked us to provide a map of the areas we wanted to cut for formal approval. **Jim Rosasco** asked our insurance company what the cost would be to name the **SJRWMD** as an additional named insured and found that it will cost us \$107.00 to provide the insurance should this requirement be necessary. The trails out there have been getting mighty tight and some of them have all but disappeared. It's a comin' time that we need to get off our ass and get out there and start trimming these trails to keep 'em open and break through some of the older trails that have gone by the wayside. We'll probably be puttin' together another work party to get this done and we're hopin' to have a good turnout. If ya ain't got your boat runnin' or can't afford the fuel or ain't got a boat it ain't an excuse, ya can ride with someone else. If ya feel ya already did it a lot over the past years, too bad, ya oughta still be doin' it. Too old? Ain't no such thing, ya can at least hand us water while we cut. Broke arm or leg? Use the other one, God gave ya two. Got a funeral to go to? They ain't goin' nowhere, they'll wait. 'Fraid of getting' dirty? Get out of the club. Eddie says there's a good map of the swamp at McDonald's on Babcock in Palm Bay?

Ronnie Nail proposed a Club Ride at the Oak Head on the first Saturday in August, August 7th at 12 PM (NOON)

Safety Tip- Might be time to check your fire extinguishers charge.

50/50 Drawing- **Bobbi Harrison** won the 50/50 and donated the money to the Happy /Sad collection for the Christmas shindig, thank you much Bobbi.

The Book- **Frank Weare** was picked for the book but he didn't play so the book rolls over and will start at \$127.00 next month.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm.

Scott Smith, Secretary

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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