

# Brevard County Airboat Association

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## NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER

As of the end of the September meeting the club had 148 members including 15 family memberships.

As of the end of September the club had \$8,161.65 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for September is located near the end of the newsletter.



Dinner was once again prepared by **Corey Nail** and his Fiancé, **Tina Crowl** (Notice the cool little marky thing over the "e"? I just now figured out how to do that ☺.) We chowed on some tender pulled pork and we had tater chips for our veggies. Thanks again to both of them love birds and their commitment to serving us vittles every meeting night. Also thanks to all the members that have been chippin' in some money to keep this new tradition happening.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM

The Pledge of Allegiance to our United States of America was soundly repeated by all in attendance. A Motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes for the September Meeting, seconded and accepted. Pres. Report - **Walt Lorraine** attended a **Brevard County Commission Meeting** on ATV usage on private property. Apparently a lot of ATV riders have been riding on un-posted private property in the county and it was aggravating property owners on adjacent properties. As politicians are wont to

do, it was brought up that maybe an ordinance ought to be drawn up to limit ATV use on private property to family members only, if more than family members were to participate, these property owners would have to show a minimum of something like a \$100,000.00 of liability insurance. Walt spoke up and said the proposal was too restrictive and not fair to property owners. Anyway, the proposal didn't pass. The Commission then asked for volunteers to look into the possibility of providing an area in the county for ATV use.

V.P. Report - **Tina Crowl** (soon to be considered her maiden name) actually had two something's to report this month and it wasn't pretty, no siree it wasn't pretty at all. The first thing was; "Whoever shit all over the men's bathroom sucks. It was totally gross. There was crap all over the bathroom floor and on the tank of the toilet." The second thing was a giant cup of coffee was spilled all over the place and whoever did it didn't even bother to clean it up. A discussion ensued and it was a consensus that we doubt it was a member that was that inconsiderate, or at least it better not have been. We recently have been having problems with the automatic door closer and so it ain't been closing all the way unless you intentionally pushed it closed on the way out. I spoke up and mentioned that on at least two or three occasions on my way in or out from gator huntin' I found the door partially open and had to shut it. I even said I forgot to push it closed once myself and then Tina hit me with her wooden hammer. (ouch ☹) Then I told her I went back for something and did close it so she shouldn't have hit me with that hammer before I finished my story. She didn't say sorry though, nope, she was too hoppin' mad about the whole thing and had to take it out on someone and I was closer than Corey so I ended up takin' one for the kipper. Then Corey said "We had a bottle of Crown Royal stolen out of our Storage Room and it was apparent from the

marks on the door jamb that someone forced the pins out of the hinges after they couldn't force the locks. We had to weld the hinge pins in now because of those two-bit thievin' punk coward good-for-nothing scumbags. Or maybe it was just one scumbag but ya get my drift. **Doug Hawley** said he'd fix the outside door closer thing. Walt asked all the members to help and keep an eye out on the clubhouse. I think Walt said this too; ♪Grand pappy told his pappy, back in his day son, a scumbag had to answer for the things that he done. Find all the rope in Florida, find a tall cypress tree, round up all those bad thieves, and hang 'em high in the leaves, for all the airboaters to see.♪ (If Toby Keith is reading this I'm just borrowing it, not

Announcements & Entertainment- **Albert Henderson** acknowledged the passing of **Benny Rotgers** on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 at age 87. Benny was a member of our airboat club and still received our newsletter to keep up on our happenings even though he moved to the Florida panhandle. He made and operated one of the first airboats in the St. John's River around here. The hull was cypress, the engine was from an old Model A Ford, water cooled and the prop was hand hewn with an axe and whittled 'til it was jus' right. Albert told me it never could get up on a plane, but it didn't need to 'cause it was mostly used to gig frogs. Benny also donated the fill dirt to cover the concrete rocks and debris that filled in the creek/canal that now supports the foundation of our present day clubhouse. God bless you Benny and thank you for your past service, may you rest in peace.

Camp Holly was having a Corn Hole Contest on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm. The notice was posted inside and on our events board outside. It's over by time ya get this.

Hey, here's something that ain't over yet; **Camp Holly** is having a "**Florida's Big Buck Contest**".

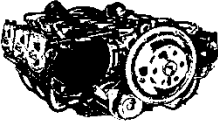
It started on September 26<sup>th</sup> and final entrees are accepted on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 2009. 1<sup>st</sup> Place will get you a cool thousand bucks, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$250. There is a kids under 12 years old category and a **Wild Hog Category** too. It costs fifty bucks to enter. The awards ceremony is on Jan. 30, 2009 at Camp Holly. There're rules and registration required. For more info you can check one of our event boards or contact Camp Holly @ 321-723-6901 or e-mail Kurt at [McKinnney@cfl.rr.com](mailto:McKinnney@cfl.rr.com)

No pun intended, but on the lighter side of things, Kurt's feeling better and even lost 50 pounds.

O.K. ya'll, ya know we're organizing the airboat races at the **Space Coast State Fair on November 7<sup>th</sup>**. We can use all the help we can get to assure we put on a good race. It's called the "**1<sup>st</sup> Cracker Invitational Airboat Drag Races**" We've established a schedule board at the clubhouse for signing up for participation. If you visit the website ([www.brevardairboatclub.com](http://www.brevardairboatclub.com)) on the homepage, click on the racing boat and all the information on the races magically pops up. (The flyer that you can print out and hand out to friends and family, the general rules, racing registration form and race boat classifications) This race is taking place on the

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stealin' it and I'll give it back when I'm done.)  
Treasurer's Report - As **Eddie Sliker** likes to say, "Ole' Jim Rosco" was out a huntin' up Georgia way so he wasn't able to make an appearance at this meeting. The report was read by **Walt Lorraine**. **Dennis Myers** finally cashed his Book winnings and put it in the bank hoping President Hussein Obama don't spend it before he gets a chance to. A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded and accepted.

Board of Directors Meeting - **Joe Harrison** fell ill all of a sudden before the meeting and wasn't able to make it to the meeting so Walt covered Joe's butt too and reported the jest of what went on at the meeting. O.K. here goes; T-shirts are now \$10.00 apiece 'til they're gone. Another topic brought up was the lack of use and participation of our website ([www.brevardairboatclub.com](http://www.brevardairboatclub.com)). There's some useful info on that site but it requires active participation to keep it current and interesting. Please take the time to visit it and contribute to the forum and postings. Hope you're feeling better Joe.

baseball field in front of the Grand Stands. It's gonna be loud, fast and furious. It's taking a lot of time and effort to see this through so even a small amount of help from some more of our members would definitely be appreciated.

Now that I've dropped the line and I got you interested in volunteering to help the club with this function, **Corey Nail** would like to set the hook and sinker on another upcoming event that we'd like to present; "**The Monster Fish Tournament**". This function is just now in the preliminary stage of development but depending on the interest generated may become an annual event. In any case, if you think this would be a good idea or you want to help in the coordination and planning please contact: Corey @ 321-258-2320 or e-mail him at [thesodfather@aol.com](mailto:thesodfather@aol.com)



**im Rosasco** received word that somebody tried to steal some deer stands north of Lake Washington. They were chained up and couldn't be stolen but evidence of a bunch of beer cans was also found at the foot of the stands. If I remember right, the day before general gun season last year, about 14 deer stands were also stolen from the same general area. What's goin' on around here? It sure seems we get safety checked by FWC and the Sheriff so much more often this year, maybe a little more effort needs to be directed to discouraging vandalism and theft. About this time someone did the nasty, that's right, their phone rang and **Joe Horschel** promptly collected a dollar. Tsk, tsk.

There was a SJRWMD RAC Meeting on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. The IRAC, Indian River Airboat Club (formerly IRCBA Indian River County Boat Assoc.) had another Airboat Rodeo on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> was the FAA Officer Elections at Fat Boys in St. Cloud. Walt said he'd be attending.

**Jim Young** won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Automotive Airboat and 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Rudder Art and **Doug Jones** won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for "Hunt Boat" in IRAC's Airboat Show at the Sawgrass Swap Meet, congratulations Doug and Jim.

Building Update – **Tom Whisner** still ain't feeling up to par on keeping up with the building maintenance. **Jim Kuhman, Corey and Ronnie Nail** and **John Kisner** all helped with some much needed re-grading along the road by the clubhouse. Thank you guys from all of us.

Merchandise Update- **Jim Kuhman** mentioned that **Jim Patterson** (R.I.P.) used to be his backup when he couldn't attend the meetings. Now that Jim's moved on to greener pastures, he needs a volunteer to help him out with the merchandise. **Mike Tipton** agreed to assist and help out when necessary.

Now I don't know who said this, I just heard it and when I looked up everyone's mouth was shut, but this is what I heard "The hydrilla in the Mary A is so bad it looks like a bomb went off."

A yellow advertisement for Dakota Airboats, Inc. It includes an ASE logo and a small illustration of a person working on a boat. The text reads: "Dakota Airboats, Inc. Welding and Fabrication 6963 W Nasa Blvd #68 West Melbourne, FL 32904 321-863-2312". It lists hours of operation: "Monday-Friday after 5:30 Saturday after 1:00 Sunday by appointment". It also lists services: "Custom made seat packages, cages, motor stands built out of square tubing, DOM, round, conduit, and stainless. Built to fit your boat. Custom built lawn trailers. Custom built airboat trailers." Contact information includes "http://www.dakotaairboats.com" and "Dakotaairboats@aol.com". A note says "Specialize in turn key rerigs."

Old Business - We accomplished the cutting down of the brush and willows on the corner of the north canal, both the northeast and southeast corners. I heard someone brought some Mexican labor out there and when they mentioned they couldn't swim they were asked "How were they getting back?" On another front, I understand a certain female driver drove her male seated passenger directly into a willow stand and he had to cut them back out. (At least he didn't get hit with a wooden hammer.) The last incident I recall hearing about was someone got off their boat in the water and weeds to cut brush and had a real hard time getting back in their boat. As far as the cutting back of the willows on Canal 40, most of our manpower was utilized at the north canal and only two members went to canal 40. Really though, the safety factor of the blind corner on the north canal was the priority, it was hot as hell

and all who participated did a fine job. Thank you to all who participated.

Brandy Hall Search - A few of us did bring up some memories of her at camp and we'll just have to settle for keeping her alive that way for now 'cause I still ain't heard nothing new.

Boat Ramp - Thank goodness the concrete extends down aways, because that water's dropping faster than President Obama's approval rating.

New Business - The Christmas Parade was brought up. **Ann Horschel** said we might have to pay soon to be in the parade. It appears we're still gonna enter but it's still unsure whether we'll try to enter in the Melbourne Parade as we've done in the past or the Palm Bay Parade. Tina volunteered to shop for toys for the children again this year after we "pass-the-hat".

Our club recently purchased a new "toy". The purchase presented itself, amazing from **Eddie Sliker**, and it wasn't an ice machine. He came upon a fellow that was selling a "Christmas Tree". Now before you start bickering about why we need a Christmas tree, it ain't the kind your supposin' it is, it's the light and control system for the airboat races. It tells the ET, Speed in MPH and other cool stuff, but most importantly it tells the racers when to go and who won the race. We asked for volunteers to help with operating it and **Bill Lynn, Doug Hawley** and **John Breisinger** stepped up. **Roy Reynolds** volunteered for something or other but I didn't write it down and don't remember either but we're holding him to it.

Walt mentioned that we need to get a couple of culvert pipes over to the stadium to cover up a swale for the races and Corey said he'd do it. Walt also stated we need to do another walk through of the race area and need more volunteers, or did I already mention that?

New Member(s) - Two new members met our stringent standards of good character and upstanding morals and were voted in; **John Morgan** and **John Burchinal**, a.k.a., the two Johns.

Safety Tip- Remember to put your oil filler cap back on after adding oil. Also it might be a good idea to bungee cord Yankees coming down for gator hunts to your boat so they don't get over zealous and fall overboard while on the hunt.

**Roy Reynolds** name was called for the book and he was present and everything, but he said he didn't

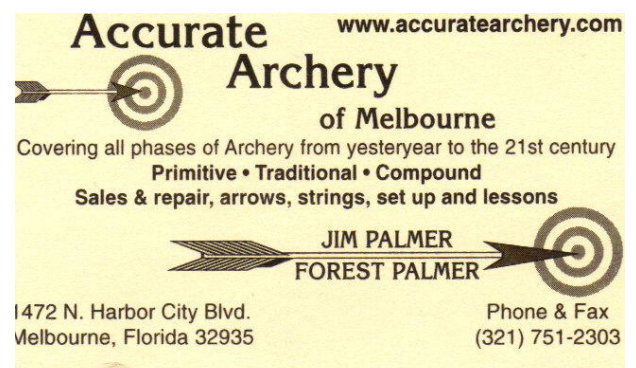
want the money so he donated it back to the Book so it's gonna roll over and starts at \$35.00 next month.

Jim Young won the 50/50 Drawing. Like winning first place twice wasn't enough?

We had another bid on **Pam Radencic's** Painting by **Gary Smith** and now he holds the top bid of \$210.00. If you're interested in the painting you can see it on the homepage of our website ([www.brevardairboatclub.com](http://www.brevardairboatclub.com)) It's really a great painting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30PM.

Scott Smith, Secretary



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Tina Crowl	863-7336
Don Narmore	723-8450

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.

# TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 **\$8,469.71**

RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Book	\$22.00
Fifty/fifty	\$27.00
Clothing Sales	<u>\$80.00</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$279.00**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Waste Management (One month's Service)	\$46.73
Central Florida Printing (August Newsletter)	\$61.06
Florida Power & Light (One month's service)	\$65.15
Dennis Myers (Book Payoff 75% of \$555)	<u>\$416.25</u>

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$587.06**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 **\$8,161.65**

RESERVES:

Building Fund	\$4,012.30
Check 1570 Doug Hawley (Frog Festival Exp.)	\$4.82
D & O Liability Insurance (12/12 of \$1,174)	\$1,174.00
Property Insurance (10/12 of \$2,090)	\$1,741.61
Real Estate Taxes (10/12 of \$1,044)	<u>\$869.98</u>

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**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM**

**RUMOR HAS IT THAT COREY'S  
COOKING AGAIN THIS MONTH**

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