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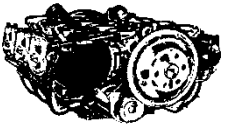
## NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER

As of the end of the September meeting the club had 150 members including 12 family memberships. As of the end of September the club had \$7,605.37 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for September is located near the end of the newsletter.

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*President's Message-* I'd like to announce that the Brevard County Airboat Club has successfully lobbied the Brevard County Commissioner's in approving a proclamation declaring Brevard County as an Airboat Friendly County. This proclamation was originally formulated by the Florida Airboat Association to get governmental entities to **acknowledge Airboating as a traditional and environmentally friendly form of recreation.** Jim Rosasco received the original format and customized it to reflect our area and club name. Dave Mannes and I went to the commissioner's meeting on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to accept this proclamation and will present it to the club at the November meeting.

Walt Lorraine

Howdy you bunch of cowpokes, looks like we got another meeting under our belt. The pre-meeting festivities included a scrumptious meal of pulled pork that was slow cooked to perfection by **Corey Nail** with sides supplied once again by **Jim Young** that included such goodies as baked beans, deviled eggs and a macaroni salad. It's always good eatin'

when these two redneck chefs get together. Corey and Jim have been hard at this cookin' gig for a while now and even though they seem to be enjoying it as much as we enjoy eatin' it if any of ya'll want to pitch in on the chores of preparin' it, bringin' in your own recipes (like Jon's Peach Pie) or stickin' around after for the clean-up it would all be appreciated. Donatin' cash to keep good meals a comin' is another way of helping out not only for the food expense but also helps out with the spices, sauces, plates, sporks, napkins, foil and general cleanin' supplies and what not. Even though it's all about the good eatin' it ain't all about the good eatin'. Thanks again to all who helped with last month's meal.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:28PM exactly.

We stood, faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance; I did notice one gentleman in the crowd that forgot to remove his hat durin' the pledge. In his defense he was busy tryin' to swallow a string a pork right quick so he wouldn't have to mumble and choke but he might want to think about either eatin' with his hat off next time or jus' eatin' quicker.

A Motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes for the September meeting, and was seconded and accepted jus' like that; I guess I got it right and won't need a correction column in this issue.

Pres. Report- **Walt Lorraine** told us **Jim Rosasco** invited a guest speaker tonight, **Dana Blickley** to address concerns about **Amendment 4**. He also wanted to address our possible takeover of caretaking for **Bozeman's Camp**.

V.P. Report- **Tina Nail** let us know that **Joe Horschel** finally came through with the fire extinguisher and it's hangin' right proudly in the clubhouse. Some of us suspect he really forgot again and just grabbed the one off of his boat to placate the Pregnant One. But no matter how ya look at it, the deeds done and we can all feel safe again. No more worrying about a ghastly fire horribly burnin' us to death and we all scream for

someone to “Git the far stingwisher!, Git the far stingwisher” or havin’ to remember to stop, drop and roll as our neighbors beat us with shovels trying to put us out, or gazing down at our burnt flesh wonderin’ ifn’ we taste like chicken, or try’n to claw our way out through the steel mesh we’ve put up on the windows with bloody fingers and ripped nails, or chokin’ to death on thick, black acrid smoke burnin’ our throats and makin’ our eyes bulge and tear up. Nope it’s all good now; hope I didn’t gross ya out but Happy Halloween!

Treasurer’s Report- **Jim Rosasco** wasn’t able to make it to the meeting; he was having a little trouble with his plumbing that wasn’t quite designed to pump stones so he had to have larger diameter plumbing installed and was consequently pumped with morphine. The Treasurer’s report was read by **Walt Lorraine** in his stead and a motion was made to accept it as read and was seconded and accepted.



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Board of Directors Meeting- **Joe Harrison** reported for the B.O.D., he said that they basically had discussions concerning improvements to the boat ramp, the airboat races at the Space Coast Fair Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, permits for cutting trails from SJRWMD and the possibility of new windows for our back porch area that became a non-issue due to the fact that the windows that were to be used turned out to be too big.

Announcements & Entertainment- **Jon Radencic** mentioned that the windows that are too big for the clubhouse could be had for a good price ifn anybody was interested in them? He said they’re 3 ft. wide by 64 inches tall; give Jon a call if ya want ‘em.

Walt introduced **Dana Blickley** and gave her the floor to talk to us about **Amendment 4**. She started out by tellin’ us she’s running for the office of Brevard County Property Appraiser in the elections

on 2012. She said she’s been doing county audits for 20 years now. She basically keeps track of where our tax money is being spent. Dana thanked us for letting her talk to us and explain what Amendment 4 is about. It was started by **Florida Hometown Democracy** who states that growth and comprehensive land use changes should be decided by local residents by referendum by voting at elections. Their proposed Amendment 4 to Florida’s state Constitution sounds pretty simple. It would require voter approval of changes to the lengthy and complex comprehensive plans that guide development in cities, towns and counties across the state, giving voters a direct veto over decisions by elected officials. They consider it a simple matter of giving voters the ability to rein in what they describe as runaway development. Dana says that this amendment would cost a lot to us taxpayers who have to pay for the elections and ballots. She also feels that it would stop growth, thereby slowing the economy and reducing jobs. Dana gave an example of how all of Brevard County people would have a vote on what each individual wanted to do with their property. She said she ain’t too familiar with Airboating, but she feels like she shares the same passion to ride 4-wheelers and land use changes could affect both these activities. Dana answered some questions from us and thanked us for the great food.

**Dave Mannes** reported that he and Walt went to a meeting with **Andy Anderson** and brought the proposed **Airboat Friendly Proclamation** so they could discuss it and possibly bring it to the other commissioners.

**Jim Young** recently won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Airboat with Aluminum Hull, **Hamant Airboats Inc.** got 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Manufacturer and **Joe Prohaska** received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Hunt Boat at the FAA’s fourth annual show.

**Eau Gallie Mud Park** is having its Grand Opening on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, it’s located on Sarno Extension on past the Flea market, it’ll cost ya \$12 to git in and ya can bring your own food and beverages. They got mud bogging goin’ on and lawnmowin’ racing too.

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> is the SJRWMD R.A.C. meeting at their Palm Bay Office from 6-8PM.

**The Lawton Boat Ramp is now open 24/7.** The SJRWMD is also allowing us access to Canal 40 via a trail they cleared just south of the ramp going west

to a newly built airboat crossover (called Walt's Jump). They're asking of us to please stay on the trail and not to "dry load/unload". Hat's off to the SJRWMD for granting us this access and the hard work by Walt Lorraine for pushing the issue.

The **FAA** quarterly meeting is slated for the last Saturday of October, the meeting will be held at The Marsh Landing Restaurant in Fellsmere where they're gonna have a President's breakfast and then their regular quarterly meeting immediately following the breakfast.



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Building Update- Corey reported that all is in good standing as far as our building is concerned. No breakers broke, no paint peeled, no frig warmed up, no nothin'.

Merchandise Update- Still need stuff.

Old Business- The trails out there still need trimmin'. It's startin' to git a little cooler out so we need to start plannin' on getting some of those willows chopped down. The only thing holding us back right now seems to be the airboat races and the Christmas Parade.

Speakin' of the Christmas Parade, **John Kisner** announced that he's fixin' to start workin' on the float Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at his Dad's house (next door to Walt's) He's askin' that anybody interested to get with him.

Brandy Hall Search- I ain't heard diddley squat about the goin's on pertaining to Brandy but if'n any of ya hear tell of anything please let me know.

Boat Ramp- There's supposed to be some new developments/improvements coming up about this but I ain't seen nothing yet.

New Business- **November 6<sup>th</sup> we're hosting the "Thunder in the Stadium" Airboat Races** again at the **Cocoa Expo's Space Coast State Fair**. We got a couple of new sensors this year and can now record the time and speed of the driver and print it out. It's gonna be timed class races so the word is ya don't need a 400 H.P. engine to win. Sounds

like it's gonna be determined by your reaction time. Walt would like to see a lot of our clubs boats ('cept mine for some reason, maybe 'cause it ain't pretty or probably 'cause it hardly gets out of its own way) out there racing. There's a \$60.00 Entry Fee and that fee will get ya 2 admissions (worth \$12 each) to the fair too. **Dennis Myers** is in charge of security again this year, **Corey Nail** is the dictator in charge of determining the race classes, **Bill Lynn** is the light tree technician extraordinaire and **Dave Porterfield** is charged with the racetrack set-up, coordination and grass trimmin'. Walt's gonna do the announcin' and is pleadin' for someone else to take that position over if'n they want. **Tina Nail** is gonna be the one at the gate in charge of registration and seein' as how the doctor said she's on bed rest 'til the stork arrives ya might find her snuggled up hidin' under cover. We're gonna have a race meeting every Wednesday night for anyone else that's a willin' to help out. This is gonna be a Marsh Boat Race so the rules is; Race whatcha brung! For anyone interested in **Vending opportunities please call Joe Giles @ 321-639-EXPO.**

Walt brought up the concept of our club startin' to maybe take care of **Bozeman's Camp**. **Potsy Gorden** is currently in charge of the maintenance and upkeep of Bozeman's and a couple of months ago he made a suggestion that it might be easier for our club to support the maintenance and manpower required for the upkeep of the cabin. **Ed Bozeman** was present at the meeting and said that cabin's been there for over forty years and he and a few other fellas kept it going as long as they could but finally it was left in his hands and over time he had turned it over to Potsy when it became too much for him to handle. He'd like to see the cabin continue to be cared for and kept up. Due to the nature of things nowadays, the **SJRWMD** wants us to sign a Cooperative Agreement for the right to maintain this property. We would also carry additional club insurance covering our activities at the cabin. Walt said he wants the Board of Directors to review the agreement and the insurance policy for a recommendation.

**Tina Nail** started up with the Happy/Sad Dollar thing but really pulled at our heartstrings this time by giving us a sob story about lil' kids with no parents, livin' in cardboard boxes with only two

sides and eatin' cereal with a fork so they could save on milk. According to her them kids was playin' marbles using acorns, skippin' rope with rusted barbed wire and Corey was only payin' 'em 25 cents every two years for tossin' sod from dawn to dusk seven days a week. Well after hearin' that story she gathered herself up a bunch more dollars for the Christmas kitty.

**Safety Tip-** Be aware that wildlife may be present on the boat ramp when you're coming in. If you're pulling up on the ramp and them ducks, peacocks, coons etcetera don't get out of your way, don't risk your life by pulling off the ramp and maybe crashing your boat, you may have to make a life and (or in the duck's case) death decision by runnin' over the duck. However, if it is possible to avoid the duck and not have to wring its neck to finish it off, please feel obligated to avoid the duck. It's a moral decision that could save your life, (*pause for effect*) or the ducks.

Once again **Dennis Myers** requested I put his losing bet in the newsletter, apparently it's a humiliation part of the bet, kind of like havin' to wear a red and white striped tie around your, er, never mind, well enough of that nonsense, Dennis has informed me that he bet Walt Wiseman again this year that Dale Earnhardt Jr. would accumulate more points in the Cup Race than Jeff Gordon. Well, it appears that Earnhardt Jr.'s 3,606 points couldn't hold a candle to Gordon's 5,795 points. So it goes, Dennis wagered \$25 and is matching the \$25 for a total of \$50 to be donated to the Christmas Fund for the kids as his penance. Sorry about your loss Dennis, but that's like 400 years of work for them poor kids so you're doin' the right thing.

**Michael Allen** and **Sandy Stafford** were voted in without a dissenting vote and we'd like to welcome them to the club as new members. Who's gonna tell them about the wearing of the red and white striped tie?

**50/50 Drawing-** **Jim Young** won the 50/50 drawing and donated the winnings to the clubs general fund.

**The Book-** **Corey Spivey's** name was called for the book but wasn't here so the book rolls over and starts at \$190.00 next month.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm or so, I think, actually I forgot to look at the clock, it could've been 9 O'clock, but whatever, we all know it ended.

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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 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.*