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NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER

As of the end of the September meeting the club had 143 members including 12 family memberships. As of the end of August the club had \$7,586.74 in its bank account. An abbreviated Treasurer's report for August is located near the end of the newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello everyone, I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the meeting last month and I hope you can come to our next meeting. We have a lot to cover so here's a brief overview of what will be discussed. First, we will be hosting the airboat ground racing at the Cocoa Expo on November 6th. We also have a guest speaker who will give us some info on the proposed Amendment 4 that's on the November ballot. I think it will be interesting. Dave Mannes will tell us about his efforts to get the Brevard County Commissioners to issue an official Proclamation declaring Brevard County an Airboat Friendly County. In December we have the Christmas Parade and the toy drive.

Hunting season has started, so remember we need to stay out of the Walk in Areas with our airboats. The Lawton boat ramp is now open 24/7. We need to stay on the designated trail from the boat ramp to the jump-over at the levy to get into C-40. A big thanks goes out to Doug Voltolina with the St. John's Water Management District and his department for getting it open in time for hunting season. Patsy Gorden has asked the club if we could help him out at Bozeman's Cabin. I would like to discuss some options concerning the upkeep of this cabin. As you can see we have a lot to cover and I would like to see everyone that can, to please attend this next meeting.

Walt Lorraine

Hey ya'll, it was Thanksgiving come early at this month's meeting. **Corey Nail** set us up with fried turkeys, squashed potatoes, green beans and gravy. I heard tell them turkeys were injected with all sorts of concoctions afore they were dropped in that boilin' oil. Well I'm here to tell ya them birds was some good eatin'. Ya know, it got me ta thinkin' that facial beards might be good for soakin' up some of that oil in the Gulf 'cause I was two days getting the oil from that dinner outta mine.

Thanks you guys for another great meal.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30PM

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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


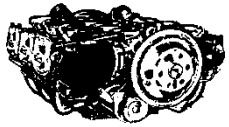
Pres. Report- **Walt Lorraine** thanked everyone for showin' up and gave a shout out to the chef for a good meal. He told us the Sheriff's Deputies were here to talk to us tonight as well as some folks from the proposed **St. Johns Heritage Parkway Project** and so we was gonna let them talk first before we got down to the regular stuff we talk about.

V.P. Report- **HEAR YEE, HEAR YEE!** Well she's a gettin' what she's been a prayin' for, she had a smile that stretched ear to ear when **Tina Nail** announced that **Corey** knocked her up so she's got one in the oven. (I reckon we can all stop the bettin' on the when now, but bets on the gender are still bein' taken.) I don't know if it was the hormones or what but Tina started bitchin' right away about not havin' that darned fire extinguisher yet and that rat or mouse shit was found by the front door in the clubhouse.

Treasurer's Report- **Jim Rosasco** read all his numbers and stuff again but what really stood out was the price of mangoes. We made \$29.26 off the sale of them mangoes (thanks **Pam Radencic**). If'n I coulda bought stock last month on mango futures I'd be rollin' in pennies right now 'cause them mangoes was a goin' fer 25 cents apiece last month and this month they was costin' 3 for a dollar.

When's this inflation gonna stop? I jus' know Obama's got somethin' to do with this but I jus' can't figure out how that health care bill and the cash for clunkers affected the price of mangoes in Melbourne, Florida. Oh yeah, Jim also said we should all expect a 20% increase in our real estate taxes thanks to the likes of **Mary Bolin** and **Chuck Nelson** getting reelected. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Jim, seconded and accepted.

Board of Directors Meeting- **Joe Harrison** couldn't be here this month he had to take a trip up to Arlington, Virginia so **Doug Hawley** told us about the meeting. He said that three new members had been approved, **Clark Taylor** had a cool new idea to improve our boat ramp and that the airboat races were on again for this year at the **Space Coast Fair** in Cocoa.

	
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Announcements & Entertainment- September 18th is the **IRAC's Swap Meet in Fellsmere**. There's gonna be live music and parts swapping and vendors.

Corey announced he ain't gonna be here for the December club meeting so we'll need a volunteer to cook up some grub. Corey's holding auditions at his house for the job.

Building Update- Corey reported that the building's doin' just fine.

Merchandise Update- We were informed that we need to place an order for shirts and hats 'cause we're runnin' out.

Walt introduced the Sheriff's Deputies, **Sergeant Byron Keck** and **Deputy Keith Gross**. Byron told us the Captain for our area's name was **Wayne Steve** and they also had 5 reserve officers that helped patrol the marsh. Byron knew we were concerned about the interpretation of the dates for the walk-in areas and confirmed that airboats are allowed to run those areas until one day before the

beginning of archery season and then they'd remain Walk-in Areas only until the day after spring turkey season closes.

Camping times remain the same as they have been. He addressed the issue of "spark arresters" for airboats and was of the same opinion as the FWC that air cleaners/filters over the carb intake were probably sufficient and they didn't have to specify they were Coast Guard Approved.

Jim Rosasco asked if Byron really thought we needed to be license checked so often because it can really ruin a gator hunt, especially after setting baits, waiting 'til things quiet down and then ya got a patrol officer runnin' up on ya messin' up the scenario or runnin' over your lines. Jim thought, what with the budget cuts and all that maybe the Sheriff could use its resources better elsewhere and for more important matters than safety checkin' our boats for a quick peek as to "what's going on and a while we're at it let's see your license to hunt." Byron said "Nope, our resources aren't getting' so used up because of those 5 reserve officers we use and they don't cost us nothing, 'cept fuel and vehicles. **Roy Reynolds** says sometimes we're a waitin' on gators to take the bait and then law enforcement shows up and blows the hunt, them tags are expensive, \$272.00 and some hunters ain't got a lot of time to put into the hunt so it can be a real annoying inconvenience that don't seem so necessary.

The muffler thing was brought up again but nothin' new was said about that issue, I think we all got a handle on that one. Someone brought up the problem of getting safety checked a couple of times in the same day or even a couple of times in the same week. It ain't like after we're getting' checked we just up and throw our life preservers, fire extinguisher and our life saving whistle overboard. Byron said it usually happens when we encounter different officers. They're going to try and cut down on the repetitive stops by startin' to give out safety stickers ('til they run out of them) to show you've been checked. However, he mentioned that these stickers aren't to be construed as a free pass so don't throw your safety stuff away after you git your sticker.

Dave Mannes stated that there's a lot of trails out there that need trimming and it's the willows that are the biggest problem, now most the brochures

say we're not allowed to cut vegetation so how does the Sheriff's Department feel about that? Byron said that trail trimming is O.K. with him, probably makes it safer anyways and so long as it's within reason they ain't interested in giving tickets out for trimming willows. Byron said safety is their primary concern. They've noticed that certain nights seem to be more popular nights for riding the marsh than others and they'd appreciate it if the people could keep the drinking down and drive safely.

Walt thanked both **Sergeant Keck** and **Deputy Gross** for coming out and taking the time to talk with us about all that stuff and we gave 'em a round of applause.



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Walt introduced **Tuck Ferrell**, a landowner supporting the **St. Johns Heritage Parkway Project** and his lobbyist **Trey Holton** to describe to us their views on the proposed parkway. Trey said he'd like to dispel a few myths about the parkway. He said the parkway was not going to be another Wickham Road. He said the first section would be from Malabar Rd. to Ellis Rd. and would include seven intersections. He said it would not be a toll road. He said the money to build this road would come from local gas taxes, impact fees, federal and state grants and the private sector. He said this road will not increase flooding, that there were laws that would prevent that.

Dennis Myers stated that it wasn't proven yet that this road wouldn't increase flooding, that question hadn't been answered yet, would probably have to be studied by the **Army Corp. of Engineers** and the plans haven't been approved by the **SJRWMD**. Someone said our taxes are being used to build this road, is it really necessary? Trey said yes our taxes will pay for part of the road but it would relieve traffic congestion and allow access to new developments that will help the economy. The road

will have two intersections with I-95, at Micco Rd. and Ellis Rd. Someone asked if our natural resources could sustain these new developments that are planned. Trey didn't know, he only knew about the road. He said the plans for these developments are probably ten years down the road. He said if the road is built now the estimated cost to build this road is in the area of 2.5 million dollars per mile and that if we waited ten years he's estimating it to cost 10 million dollars a mile.

Trey said emergency management would benefit by offering quicker response times to some areas. He said the road would be a regional connector and eventually would like to see it continue all the way to Volusia County. **Scott Smith** asked about the road and thought that it would encourage bringing developments too close to the St. Johns River and expressed concern that our hunting areas would get encroached upon. Right now developments are further away than a .30-06 bullet can travel but with the road these developments could be within shooting range.

Walt asked about the encroachment of developments because of the new access and was concerned about the complaints of the noise of our airboats to these new homeowners/residents who may not know the area or the history of the use of the area and it might cause us problems and further constraints on our use of the marshland.

Tuck piped up and said he would like it to be a beautiful scenic highway. He also said that he liked airboats and he's had that property on the south side of SR192 for quite some time and never even heard the noise from the airboats before. Trey told us the road would be nice like SR192 and asked **Doug Hawley** how he liked 192? Doug flat out told him he hated 192 and all the turn-arounds so screwed up and too far apart. Dennis asked, "Wouldn't be better to just widen I-95 if evacuation was the issue?" Trey said no, it would be too expensive. Scott said that he remembered they were talkin' about this roadway about ten years back and it was originally suggested to be an evacuation route with about 2-3 access points, now it'll have at least seven in the first phase? It seems it's more about development than evacuation now.

Dave Hart asked if the development would be on the west side of this parkway. Trey said no, according to the comprehensive plan, there would

never be development on the west side of the road. He said the phase that brought the road from Eau Gallie Blvd. to Washingtonia will be 5 years down the road, west Viera would then be connected and then it would go on from there to the Stadium Parkway. Dave said he thought this road would bring in too much development and the reason he bought his house west of I-95 was to be secluded and now he felt like if these plans went through he'd have to sell his house. **Jim Rosasco** told us that although Trey said the current comprehensive plan shows no developments allowed on the west side of the road now, that we have to remember that comprehensive plans change so that doesn't mean development wouldn't be allowed at a later date.

Jon Radencic asked that even if the money is found to build this parkway, after it's built aren't we the ones who are gonna have to pay for its maintenance, repaving and repairs for the life of the road? Where are we gonna get the money for that? Trey said there wasn't any funding procured for the upkeep and all that. Let's remember too, as a paid lobbyist his job and involvement is selling us on the road so it can be built, he doesn't plan it or build it, after it's constructed, additional funds would have to be found to maintain it.

Old Business- **Tina Nail** and **John Kisner** will be working on the float for the **Christmas Parade** this next month. We ain't got the soda machine installed yet.

Camp Holly's selling Aviation Gas now, they're charging \$4.05/gallon.

Brandy Hall Search- Nothin' new on **Brandy**, anybody heard anything?

Boat Ramp- A new idea's cropped up but don't know where we're at on that.

New Business- We've been asked to help out with the **Triple Canopy** races this weekend Sept. 4th.

Walt Lorraine, Doug Hawley and **Bill Lynn** will be going down and checkin' out a few new tweaks on our race lighting system. Our club has been invited to put on the airboat races again at Cocoa Expo Stadium for the **Space Coast State Fair on November 6th**.

Walt and **Mike Tipton** went to the **United Waterfowler's** meeting.

We've got a few new victims, I mean people approved by the board of directors that have applied

for membership; **Eric Kleinschnitz, Jimmy Smith** and **Jim Evers**, all voted in unanimously.

Safety Tip- If you're helpin' a buddy pull up a trolling motor that ain't coming up easy, make sure you ain't got your fingers on the blind side of the motor by the folding mechanism for when it decides to spring up easy and lock in place on your finger.

50/50 Drawing- **John Kisner** got lucky on the 50/50 tonight.

The Book- **Potsy Gorden's** name was called for the book but he didn't show up tonight so even though we know he wanted this extra money to help keep repairs a goin' on Boseman's Camp, we gotta let this pot roll over and start at \$175.00 next meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00pm.



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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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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 are 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.

We learned another valuable lesson about airboat insurance this week. Last weekend Scott Smith and I were gator hunting. We got one on the bait and when Scott tried to lift my trolling motor it got stuck. It came loose all of a sudden and Scott crushed his ring finger in the mounting bracket. He didn't have any medical insurance so we tried going to one of those Urgent Care facilities to minimize the expense. The doctor took one look at his crushed finger and immediately sent us to the Emergency Room. I remembered reviewing my insurance policy's declarations page from the renewal I got a few days before and that one of the coverage was for Medical Payments. When I got home I checked my policy and confirmed with the insurance agency that Scott's medical bills will be covered under my policy up to a \$10,000 limit with no deductible. So to give you an idea what airboat insurance costs here are my coverages, deductibles and premiums:

Physical Damage-Agreed Value	\$15,000	\$500	\$338
Liability Coverage	\$500,000	\$0	\$150
Medical Payments	\$10,000	\$0	Included
Personal Property	\$2,500	\$100	Included
Uninsured Boater	\$500,000	\$0	Included
Trailer	\$1,500	\$100	\$23
Towing	\$1,000	\$0	Included
Pollution Liability	\$500,000	\$0	Included