



Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

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Here we are in October the 10th Month of 2019. Wednesday, October 23rd was our last general membership meeting of the year before we go dark. In just over 60 days it will be 2020. There is some things that have just happened, and some things coming up I want to report to you. First, we had our Memorial Run last and I was very pleased with the turnout. There were just shy of 30 boats who participated. The really good news, there were a lot of new people who showed up to support our club. We took paid applications for membership from 4 airboaters. This is a new trend as every month we are receiving new applications and some applications from previous members who are coming back. This is very encouraging. I want to thank Jennifer Green, our Secretary for her diligence in sending out notices to present and past members, and our members handing out membership applications to potential members. It is paying off.

There is no secret our club has been spending more money than it was taking in. The Executive Board and General Membership have come together to address and correct our financial concerns. A Financial Committee has been established and Jason Freeman is the Chairman. All expenses are being scrutinized and events are budgeted. In this process there are changes being made. If you attended our Awards Banquet, you would have seen a very distinct format. Previously, this event that would cost approximately \$4,000 in expense to the Club; but this year with raffles, more accurate ticket pricing, and a reduction in the cost of awards, the Club actually made \$4,000.

Our last event was the Memorial Run. This event has historically cost the Club \$400, this time we took in \$578, and with expenses deducted we will have made about \$425.

The Istapoga Youth Hunt has historically been our most expensive hunt of the year. It is the furthest hunt location from Broward and required a motor home to house the volunteers and tow trailers. With the budget of this hunt cut by 66%, it is still happening. I have seen footage from the game cameras, and there is a good chance the youth will harvest some good deer and/or hogs.

In the past two years we have had 3 attendees to the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp fail to attend. We were only told of one camper who could not make it in time, and we were able to salvage that cost. The club lost \$720 because of the other two. The entire process of having a child attend is being re-evaluated. If you receive any correspondence from EYCC in January, make sure you check with our Treasurer Bill Sirola before registering your child. The new process will have to be followed to get a scholarship for your child.

There are many rumors circulating about changes that could be made to our Southeastern and Western Everglades. Your BCAHCC, Dade County Fulltrack Club, and the Everglades Coordinating Council (ECC) are all paying attention to any changes. If anyone ever asks you, "Why should I join a club?" you can say because they fight for your right to access the Everglades. Two of your Executive Board Members were part of a coalition who met at the Two Story Camp at the end of the Microwave Canal. We heard the top officials discuss what they knew about the West Everglades Restoration Project. This project is currently dead; however, there are some things that would benefit our Club Members.

There was a plan submitted for everyone's review called the H Plan (H for Hail Mary). It was submitted by the Hydrologist Truman "Gene" Duncan from the Miccosukee Indians. He has been at his job for 31 years. He explained how the most amount of good could be salvaged from the W.E.R.P. Project. Many attending were impressed and we spent time talking with the invited attendees about the possibility of reviving certain parts. I had the representative from the Department of Interior (DOI) Adam Gelfer on my boat and I was very pleased with how he felt and what he said. There is a spirit of cooperation among the Seven Organizations, Senator Scott, District 106 Representative and Army Corp of Engineer, Colonel Polk. Stay tuned you will know what I know, when I find out. Thank you Mike Elfenbein for making it happen.

The last thing I want to mention is the Ghosts and Goblin Run Saturday, November 2nd, yes, I know it is after Halloween, but who cares, you or the kids can wear their costumes one more time. There will be 5 prizes awarded for best costumes. Come on out, have some fun, good food and fellowship with Club Members and guests. I want to specifically thank Pete Hora, Jennifer Green, Dan and Sherry Cimas, Bill Lewis, Kevin Fitzgerald and all of the people who help put up the Everglades Shade, and who make these events fun for everyone. The kids really benefit from your efforts. Hope to see everyone soon and hoping you and your families are in good health and ready for the Holiday Season.

Bruce Ward
President
BCAHCC



November 2nd Ghosts and Goblins Poker Run
10am at Boar's Nest

November 13th, E-Board Meeting
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive

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January 4, 2020 Dade/Broward Poker Run
Save the Date More Details to follow

January 11, 2020 Jim Bowles
Memorial Tree Planting
Save the Date More Details to follow

March 28th-29th, 2020
Airboat Show & Festival

Please check your mail in December as we will
be starting our Membership Drive for 2020!



STA Duck Hunt- January 18th-19th

Trail Ridge Hunt- March 20th-22nd

STA 3/4 Gator Hunt- April 3rd-5th

To apply for one of these hunts, please visit the FWC
website to register or [click here](#).

Youth must have passed the Hunter's Safety course to
participate. FWC also offers many opportunities to
complete the required Hunter's Safety course, [click here](#)
for a list of course schedules.

*For more information on hunts or if you are interested in
becoming a Huntmaster, please contact Jason Freeman,
our Youth Hunt Coordinator. (954) 624-5195*

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EVENTS?**



We are always looking for photos

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GHASTS & GABBLINS

FAMILY FRIENDLY

P KER RUN

Saturday November 2, 2019

Starts at Boar's Nest Camp 10am

COSTUME CONTEST
5 FUN PRIZES FOR KIDS
3 FUN PRIZES FOR ADULTS

LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE CLUB



POKER HANDS &
50/50 RAFFLE



2019 Memorial Run



View all of the Memorial photos on our website

<https://browdairboat.org/poker-runs>

Motor for Raffle

Osceola Airboat Association is having a raffle for motor.

**165 Horsepower
Nitrated Steel Cylinder Barrels
9.1 Pistons LW15357
H290 Performance Grind Camshaft**

Includes installation of Pacemaker Performance Electronic Ignition System, case of Aeroshell 100 breaking oil, pre-oil, initial startup and timing by Moore's Aircraft.

Retail Price: \$9,375.00 Trade In Value: \$7,000

Will be given away at the Summer Slide – **September 2020**

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UPCOMING FWC Sponsored Events

Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW)

**November 15th-17th, 2019 at Ocala Youth Conservation Center- 7325 NE 170th Avenue,
Silver Springs FL 34488 for more information contact Susan Harrass with FWC at**

Susan.harrass@myfwc.com

Or

**February 7th-9th, 2020 at Everglades Youth Conservation Camp- 12100 Seminole Pratt
Whitney Road, WPB 33412 for more information contact Susan Harrass with FWC at**

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Attention Airboat Owners



One of our members suggested this great resource on Airboat Operation, Safety, and Maintenance. I know we all know how to care for our boats, but I challenge you to check out this article and test your airboat safety and maintenance knowledge!

[FWC Airboat Operator Course Development Manual](#)



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