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President's Message

November is almost halfway over...man how time flies! Our BCAHCC Youth Hunting Program just wrapped up another successful hunt last weekend. A Special thanks to Dylan Naftal, our Huntmaster, for the weekend on the Istipoga Flood Plains in central Florida; along with all the Guides and Club Members that volunteered their weekend for the Youth Hunt Program. This hunt was attended by 4 boys and 1 girl. They harvested 2 nice bucks and a doe. There were several attempts for all the hunters to harvest game, but the experience was enough for some of them to take home this trip. Youth hunts will resume again after the New Year; with ducks up next on the agenda.

Our Ghost & Goblins Poker Run, for October was cancelled due to the bad weather conditions. The good news is we have replaced it with the upcoming "Merry Grinchmas Poker Run," which will be Saturday, December 9th at 10 am at our club camp, The Boars Nest. I hope everyone will spread the word. Please see the map in our newsletter that will map out our trip around area 2A. Poker hands will be sold outside several camps along the route, ending up back at the club camp to play the hands. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and some great food sponsored by the club. This will promise to be a great airboat ride before the Christmas Holidays start please mark your calendars so you can all join us for a fun, year-end ride.

I know it's a little early but the E-Board has set the date for our annual club banquet, which will once again be held at Tropical Acres Steakhouse on August 25, 2018, at 7pm. Please mark your calendar and follow our website WWW.BROWARDAIRBOAT.ORG to stay up to date on all club functions and upcoming events in the Airboating Community. This site is being administered by Jennifer Green who has done a fantastic job in her position with this site, our Facebook Page and also the Club Newsletter.

Please take time to read the attached press release from FWC, regarding the opening of several areas to non-airboat activities, to help with the Statewide Alligator Hunt, and also the upcoming Duck Season. I would ask if you do go in these areas, please be respectful that the water levels are still very high and the fur bearing animals in these areas are extremely stressed so please be aware of them.

Anyone that would be interested in helping out with the BCAHCC 2018 Airboat Show there will be a show meeting December 13th @ the Davie Woman's Club, beginning at 7pm. There's also a link on the in this newsletter and on our social media to sign up if you are interested in helping out this year.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Be Safe out There!

Brett Holcombe

President, BCAHCC



Monthly Meetings

December 13th

E-Board Meeting at 7pm

Buggy Show Committee Meeting

Davie Women's Club, 6651 Orange Drive

Other Events and Upcoming Hunting Season

December 9th

Merry Grinchmas Airboat Poker Run

Starts at 10am at Boar's Nest Camp
(Flyer included in this Newsletter)

2017-2018 Florida Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

Click [HERE](#) to visit calendar for details.

2017-2018 Florida Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates

Click [HERE](#) to visit calendar for details

February 24th & 25th

Palm Beach Airboat, Halftrack Conservation Club's
Airboat and Swamp Buggy Show
South Florida Fairgrounds- 9067 Southern Blvd.

February 28th 11am

Everglades Conservation and Sportsman Club's
68th Annual Wild Hog BBQ
50940 Loop Road, Ochopee FL

March 17th- 18th

BCAHCC Annual Buggy Show at Bergeron Rodeo Grounds

August 25th

BCAHCC Annual Banquet at Tropical Acres Steakhouse



Upcoming Youth Events

FWC Youth Hunt Program of Florida

Open to Kids ages 12 to 17

Must have completed Hunter's Safety Course
and be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Click link below for more information

[FWC Youth Hunt Program](#)

January 6th-7th STA1W Duck Hunt

Huntmaster Bo Moyer

January 13th- 14th STA1W Duck Hunt

Huntmaster Bo Moyer

March 23rd- 25th STA3/ STA4 Alligator Hunt

Huntmaster Jason Freeman

April 6th-8th STA2 Alligator Hunt

Huntmaster Jon Paul Conti

Anyone interested in assisting in any of these
hunts, please contact the Huntmaster listed for
particular hunt. Each hunt will need 5 guides and
the alligator hunts will need an additional 5
assistants to make the hunts a success.

November Youth Hunt at Istipoga Flood Plain



"I had an AMAZING weekend, Guiding with the Broward County Airboat and Half Track Conservation Club sponsored Youth Hunt of Florida Hunt. Being a part of these hunts are priceless. This is what makes it's worth being a Hunt Guide and a Hunt Master for our Youth. This is the texted message [below] I woke up to this morning from the Dad (Tony) of the Youth Hunter I guided this weekend. This kid was amazing and reminded me so much of me, I know that's a scary thought lol. He was so into learning and asked so many questions. I can 100% say he left this weekend learning the right and ethical way of hunting. He also left this weekend with a memory that he will NEVER forget. The boy harvested his deer about 8am Sunday morning. I wish I could write all the events leading up to his harvest but it would be a book lol. I can say out of all the hunting I've done in my life this was the most satisfying to date. This will be a weekend I will NEVER forget. I want to thank his Dad for giving me the opportunity to teach his kid the lifestyle and proper way of hunting.

'Hi Jason. Thanks again for sharing your time and knowledge this weekend. We had some amazing back strap on the grill last night and Chaz was beaming because he "brought home the bacon." We had an amazing weekend and you were a big part of that. Please thank your family for us as well for sacrificing their weekend to have you with us instead of them. We look forward to seeing you sometime soon. Keep in touch and God Bless you!' ~ Jason Freeman



STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 17-48
Amendment2

**Special Regulations for the Everglades
and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife
Management Area**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution and Rule 68A-14.001(2), F.A.C., hereby establishes, by order, special regulations for the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area. These special regulations are necessary due to inordinately high water levels associated with recent storm events that have jeopardized wildlife. The special regulations are as follows:

- (1) The L4 and LS levees are closed to all public access.
- (2) Public access is prohibited in the remainder of these areas except:
 - a. Motor vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, airboats, and ATVs are prohibited, except airboats may be operated in Conservation Area 2A from the L-35B levee north to the East-West Airboat Trail and in that portion of Conservation Area 3A South located east of the Miami Canal between 1-75 and the L-67A levee.
 - b. Vessels, other than airboats, may be operated only in established canals (except for those canals adjacent to or accessible from the L4 and LS levees which remain closed to public access).
 - c. Licensed and permitted individuals may participate in the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program, waterfowl hunting, fishing, frogging, and non-native reptile removal. Persons participating in these activities may operate vessels, other than airboats, to access the area but shall maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards from any tree island or levee to minimize disturbance to terrestrial wildlife.
- (3) The taking of wildlife is prohibited except light geese, ducks and coot may be taken pursuant to 68A-13.003, alligator may be taken pursuant to the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program, frogging is allowed pursuant to 68A-15.004, and non-native reptile removal is allowed pursuant to FWC Executive Order 17-11.
- (4) Any provisions of Rule 68A-15.064 or 68A- 15.004, F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect upon signing, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by subsequent order.

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Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution Rules 68-1.009 F.A.C. and 68A-14.001, F.A.C.

Law Implemented: IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, §375.313 F.S.



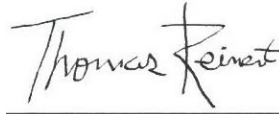
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017.

ATTEST:



Agency Clerk



Thomas Reinert, Regional Director
for Nick Wiley, Executive Director

Broward County Airboat Halftrack Conservation Club's

MERRY GRINCHMAS POKER RUN

Saturday December 9th at 10am

Meet at Boar's Nest Camp



MERRY GRINCHMAS

Poker Hands

Ugly Sweater Contest

Awards for Tacky Holiday Wear

50/50 Raffle

Poker Hands

50 / 50 Raffle

Lunch Provided by the Club



Merry GRINCHMAS
POKER Run
Map and Schedule



Stop 2
Loxahatchee Hilton
12pm-12:45



Stop 3
The Chicken Coop
1pm-1:45



Stop 1
The Naked Lady
11am-11:45



Boar's Nest
10am Starting
3pm Poker Games



Stop 4
Old Glory Camp
2pm-2:45



**First Show Committee Meeting on December 13th at 7pm
Davie Women's Club**

Interested in Helping out this year?

**[Click Here](#) to sign up and get all of the information regarding the
show and how you can help.**

Membership Business Directory

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Airboater's Code of Ethics

1. I will respect the rights of all users of the recreational waterways of the State of Florida, on public waters and on adjacent private property.
2. I will be considerate and courteous at public vessel launch ramps and docks. In an effort not to disturb other boaters, I will launch and retrieve my vessel promptly.
3. I will always operate at a safe speed in posted "No Wake" zones.
4. When approaching the shoreline, I will be especially aware of swimmers and other water vessels near the shoreline.
5. I realize that my vessel's equipment, ability, weather conditions, and especially other vessel traffic should determine my vessel speed.
6. In case of an emergency, I will volunteer assistance.
7. I am aware that my vessel creates air propeller wash and will use idle speed near the shoreline and in the close proximity to boat ramps.
8. I will ensure that all passengers in my vessel are equipped with safety equipment, including life vests and required safety equipment.
9. I will avoid unnecessary disturbance of wildlife and will not enter posted "No Trespass" areas.
10. I will pay close attention to the engine sound levels that my vessel may create and be aware of how others on the shoreline will react to it.
11. I will not litter and will bring back all trash. I will be careful in handling my fuel.
12. I will not interfere with or harass others. I realize that people will judge all airboaters by my individual actions.