



Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

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This is our April newsletter and it is hard to believe how fast this year is going by. In just a few weeks we are going to have an Airboat Show Appreciation picnic. It will be held at the Stubb Canal Boat Ramp at 10AM May 4th. We are going to have airboats there so those volunteers who have never been to our Boars Nest Camp will have an opportunity to visit. The funds they have helped raise in the present and the past has made this camp a reality. Though our appreciation picnic is a one day event, your Executive Board appreciates all of your efforts every day. Without the work of those who support our Club and Show the BCAHCC could not support our Youth Programs and all of our other functions.

Unfortunately, our Airboat Show has not had the attendance, profit or support that we had in the past. Even though all of the shows being held around the state are suffering from the same problems as us, it is my hope, with some more changes we can turn the tide. We have cut the clubs operating expenses so we can keep our Youth Programs going for this year. However, if we cannot generate more income in the future all of our programs will suffer. This is why everyone's support of the club is more important than ever. By the way, next year's Airboat Show will be March 27th 2020, save the date. It is our hope to see everyone at the May 4th Stubb Canal Airboat Show Appreciation picnic.

I want to thank Jennifer Hora-Green for all of the work she has done to update our membership records. When I became President, I asked her to invoice and give membership cards to all of our members in good standing. You may have already received an invoice for your dues and a Membership Card. I hope you like what you see, her artistic design is on your card. It may be red, yellow or blue. There is also a 4 digit number on your card after the letters BNC. If you do not know what it means contact your E- Board members, and they can tell you. Only paid Club Members should have this code. Thank you again Jennifer for making this happen. Also, thanks to our members for supporting BCAHCC with your dues. If you have any questions about membership visit our website at Browardairboat.org. Print out an application for a friend.

April 27th, there will be an Earth Day Clean up at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge. This will be the third year BCAHCC has joined with other clubs in South Florida to remove a Research Project from Area 1A. They (NPS) have not allowed airboats in this area for over 25 years. However, the National Park Service has seen the value of letting airboaters back in this area on a limited basis, and now they are the biggest cheerleaders for getting us back in Area 1 for some quota hunting and recreational use. See good things do happen to good people. If you have a boat that can haul debris, give Bishop Wright a call and see if you can join us, 561-662-6808.

Recently BCAHCC had a Youth Turkey Hunt. Three youth hunters were guided and provided for by our club. Two of the three harvested a Turkey. One young lady's Turkey was so big they have submitted the pictures and statistics to the State to see if it sets the record. In any case she will be recognized as her first Turkey in the 16 year old and under class. Thanks Jason Freeman the Huntmaster, and a special thanks to all of those who volunteered to make this hunt happen. These volunteers are special, for what they do for our youth. BCAHCC is making every effort to work with other clubs to accomplish their goals as well.

FAA is having their Unity weekend July 12th and 13th. They raise funds to pay for the lobbyist who help all of our clubs. The event will be held in Okeechobee at the KOA Campgrounds and hopefully you can join us at his event. The Friends of the NRA are having their Annual Banquet at the Signature Grand in Davie, on June 13th. Tickets are \$60 if purchased before June 1st or \$75 after June 1st. Last year, they raffled off over 42 guns. This is a fund raising event for youth target shooting programs. Hope to see you there.

Last but not least, the Light It Up Blue #4 for Airboaters Autism Awareness was on April 13th. We had members of BCAHCC there to support their efforts. Glenn Checchi made a video with Nate Fischer and it is posted on Facebook. Thanks for making it possible for all of us to enjoy. Hope you had a very Happy Easter or Passover and see you in the woods.

Hope to see you soon,

Bruce Ward
President
BCAHCC



Monthly Meetings

April 24th General Meeting 7:00pm
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive
Please arrive at 6:30 to get food and be ready

April 27th Earth Day Clean Up 7:30am
Hosted by the Florida Sportsmen's Trust Group
Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

May 4th Airboat Volunteer Appreciation Picnic 10:00am
Stubb Canal Boat Ramp- If you do not have a boat,
there will be people transporting to Boar's Nest Camp.

June 13th Friends of the NRA Banquet
Signature Grand- Tickets are \$60 each
before 6/1. After the pre-sale date tickets
will be \$75 each. See Bill Sirola for Ticket
Information.

July 12th & 13th FAA Unity Weekend-
KOA Campground in Okeechobee

Visit our website www.BrowardAirboat.org
for all of our event listings



There are no more scheduled hunts for the season.

Youths interested in participating in these types of hunts can apply online at www.myfwc.com select Youth then Youth Opportunities

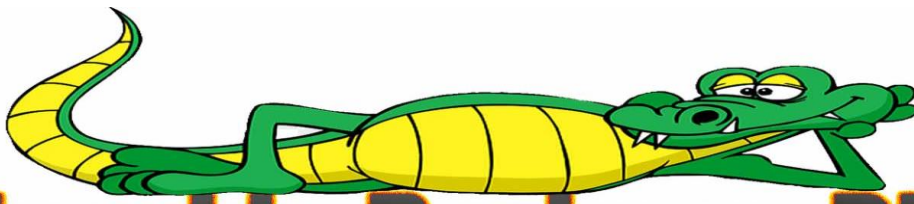
Applicants must have completed the Hunter's Safety Course and be Florida Residents in order to participate.

Looking for more information, reach out to our Youth Hunt Coordinator Jason Freeman at (954) 624-5195 and he will be happy to help.

Do you have photos and videos that would make a great addition to our website?



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