

# **Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club**

# Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

# **NEWSLETTER**

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#### President's Letter

September is here, the ninth month of the year 2019.It won't be long 2020 will be here. So what is going on with BCAHCC? The most current event coming up is our rescheduled **Memorial Run**. We will honor four of our members who have passed: Jim Martin, Charles Morehead III, Jim Bowles, and Steve Klingenberg. We will also honor non-members Billy "Jiffy" Edwards, John "Beefy" Bertelsen, Ferron "Foots" Harwell, Bruce Harwell, and FWC Lt. Patrick McDonald. All of these men have had a significant impact on our Gladesmen lifestyle. Come join us in Celebrating their lives and contributions. We will miss them all, but we will not forget them. This Celebration of Life will be October 12, 2019 at the Boars Nest Camp Area 2A. There will be food, 50/50 and Poker Hands. Starts at 10 AM.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our Annual Halloween **Ghosts and Goblins Run.** This will be held at the Boars Nest Camp. Bring yourself and the kids and wear your costumes another time. You or your kids may win a prize. Starts at 10 AM. There will be food, 50/50 and Poker Hands, see you there.

Your officers have been very busy improving the BCAHCC to be even better. Our Awards Installation Banquet was a great success with 97 supporters in attendance. For the first time in over 20 years the event did not cost the club anything and we actually made money. We have seen success in similar raffles, such as the Friends of the NRA and the National Wild Turkey Federation. Two guns were raffled, 4 NASCAR tickets as well as some other very nice prizes. As always, the centerpieces were in demand and raffled. Entertainment was live with "Country Kirk" Comanic and Eddie Alves singing live and with a DJ, it was very enjoyable. Thank you Chrissy Freeman for everything you and your group of volunteers did to make this such a success. If you could not be with us this year, we hope you can join us next year. I know you will have a good time.

At the last General Meeting the body passed a motion to start using an updated logo for our club. This will be the third logo our club has adopted for use since we were founded. You may have seen it at our last Airboat Show. It was developed as a show logo; however, it says more about what our club is today. This design has everything our last logo had, without the animals in the background. Also, the propeller is a carbon fiber instead of wood, there is an Airboat and Full track on the blades of the propeller and it stresses Conservation Club with a heron in background. I hope you like the new logo, but if you prefer the last logo we still have many shirts with our previous logo on it in our club store. We have all three of our club's logos stored electronically so they can be recalled and printed if needed.

As many of you remember our club members only wore red shirts. Our members have gone back to wearing red shirts to events we attend. This makes the club members easily recognizable. This also shows other clubs we are supporting their events as well. Non-members can still purchase shirts with our logo, just not red shirts. Recently, our club was asked to attend a press conference. Governor DeSantis was announcing an upgrade to the python hunting efforts in South Florida Everglades regions. Fifty people were in attendance and twelve were club members wearing red shirts. It was easy to see BCAHCC was "in the house". When I raised my hand to ask a question of the governor, he called on me. I know it was because of all of the red shirts in the crowd, and he realized we were supporting his efforts. I wish one of the featured speakers would have been wearing his red club shirt, Ron Bergeron would have looked good standing next to the governor with that big python and his red club shirt. Maybe next time.

All new members receive a red t-shirt with our club emblem. If you are a current member and need a red t-shirt, you can purchase one at cost. Just contact the club and tell us your size and we will get a shirt to you. It will cost around \$10 (depending on size) plus shipping if you are out of the area. Also, if you would like to purchase one of our existing shirts in stock, let us know the size, short sleeve or long sleeve and color. We will check our inventory.

The Executive Board has picked a date for our next Airboat Show. It will be March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2020. I know there may be other things happening that date next year, there always are. There is no weekend something is not happening. I spoke to the Palm Beach Club and there is no conflict with their show dates. I would ask you to save this date. Your club will need your support as always. If you are going to make any improvements to your Buggies or Airboats, use this date to have it completed by. We would love to have your current, updated or new equipment in the show.

Lastly, I have been asked when they will reopen 3A. The answer is I do not know. However, if you would like to monitor the water levels, you can do that easily. On your computer you can go to the <u>Army Corp of Engineers</u> <u>Jacksonville District</u> website. I hope you and your family can make it to our upcoming events. I also hope we do not have any more hurricanes approach South Florida. Our next General meeting will be Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, hope to see you there or in the swamp.

Bruce Ward President BCAHCC



October 9th E-Board Meeting
Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive

October 12- Memorial Run Rescheduled Save the Date More Details to follow

October 23<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting 7:00pm Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive Please arrive at 6:30 to get food

November and Ghosts and Goblins Poker Run Save the Date More Details to follow

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



Istokpoga Hunt- October 25th-27th

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 <u>click here</u>.

Youth must have passed the Hunter's Safety course to participate. FWC also offers many opportunities to complete the required Hunter's Safety course, <u>click here</u> 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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# 2019 Club Banquet



The Banquet was a great success!

Thank you to Chrissy Freeman

for all of your hard work!









Pioneer Award: Bill Ashe

10 Year Membership: Mikey Hall & Chris Andrews

5 Year Membership: Glen Checchi & Frank Carieri



Thanks Kim for accepting Mikey's Award













# October 12, 2019 Starts at Boar's Nest at 10am



Honoring Those we've lost

Jim Martin, Charles Morehead III, Jim Bowles, Steve Klingenberg, Billy Edwards, John Bertelsen, Ferron Harwell, Bruce Harwell, & Lt. Patrick McDonald

Poker Hands & 50/50 Raffle Lunch provided by the club

# FAMILY FRIENDLY



Saturday November 2, 2019
Starts at Boar's Nest Camp 10am



### **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
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February 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Everglades Youth Conservation Camp- 12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, WPB 33412 for more information contact Susan Harrass with FWC at Susan.harrass@myfwc.com

## 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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