



Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

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It is the hope of your E- Board that you and your families are healthy and unaffected by this Covid-19 Pandemic. I hope you are watching the updates and getting the latest information. Our older members like myself, have a special interest in the spread of this disease. It seems older Americans have a greater risk of dying; however, statistics show 40% of these Covid-19 cases are in the age group of 22-44 years old. Your survival rate is higher, but in either case you do not want to get this. The Governor has shut down the State, Everglades, EYCC, boat ramps and gatherings to try and keep us socially distanced. Pay attention to this, and wash your hands, wear a mask if you have one and do not touch your face if possible. The information you need to protect you and your family is online, look it up and adhere to the recommendations. Be safe, stay healthy. We want to see you when they lift the restrictions.

March 28th and 29th was the dates we were supposed to have our 31st Annual Airboat Show and Festival. As you know, the Town of Davie is going with the guidelines of Broward County. They told us we could not have our show. Contingent to the town's actions, it was our hope that our show could go on. The Orange Blossom Rodeo and Fair was two weeks earlier. It was very well attended and our Air Boat Show Committee has worked hard to put on our show. The health of our members, vendors and participants was much more important to us, than having the show. The moment Davie cancelled the event we booked a new tentative date of July 18th -19th as our new show date. Yes, the weather will be hot, and there could be some rain, but we have worked around this in years past. We can do it if it is a problem. The good news after being pinned up for a few months, I hope everyone will be wanting to get back together and enjoy ourselves. I also want to thank Paul Bange and Richie Gotshall for being the show's Title Sponsor and Mr. Daryl Nowling for providing our show with the finest entertainment we have seen since John Anderson. You are not going to want to miss these Nashville Bands. Our trophy sponsors are stepping up and we have already purchased the trophies and they are fantastic. Lou Scalias out did themselves. Well, let's hope this virus is over and we can have the show in July, if not we will keep looking for the best dates we can get. Save the date, get your Tracks, Boats, Side-By-Sides, Trucks, Jeeps etc. ready for the show. Keep looking at our Broward Airboat Show website for more details.

I want to thank a few people for their ideas and generosity. E- Board Member Pete Hora came up with the idea to include in your dues notice, a sheet of paper with details on how you could sponsor a child to go to the Everglades Youth Camp. Well, we had 4 members step up, 4 children will be going to camp next summer on a scholarship. The Club thanks you and the children thank you for your generosity.

I also want to thank Greg Grubb, Nate Fischer, and Chris Andrews who participated in the Ft. Lauderdale Waterway Clean-Up. There were 4 of us representing our club. This took place at the Lauderdale Small Boat Club. We have been involved with LSBC on another clean up a few years back. Our team did very well. We brought in three contractor bags full of trash. I did not see any of the other teams do as well as we did. They are a great group of guys and gals and we look forward to doing some more things with them in the future.

Kevin Fitzgerald has been taking on more responsibilities by getting a second certification that will help us in our future plans with the Boy Scouts of America. We have already had two events with Troop #356, first a weekend at the Boar's Nest Camp and second an Archery class and shoot at the Ft. Lauderdale Archery Club. There are videos of both events on our social media. A Scout Master from Troop #411 of Miramar attended our last general meeting. He had seen our videos online of what we are doing with other troops. He wants his Troop to be part of it, and they have volunteered to help us with our Airboat Show. Last but not least, Jack Dunworth, Bishop Wright and myself went to Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Management Preserve in Area 1. The purpose to assist a Boy Scout from Troop#208 with his Eagle Scout Project. He built a floating resting area for Canoers and Kayakers at the 2.5 mile mark of a 5 mile trail. It is a really well built platform, and we were all proud to have assisted him. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a very prestigious award. We all had fun, and I am glad we could help.

Another shout out goes to Bill Stevens, Chuckie, Neil Worth and Cindi Lou who came down from Boynton Beach to fix the pump and do a little weed eating at Boar's Nest Camp. I really appreciate what you did, and hopefully we will have another project when the woods open back up. By the way our 35 ft. Light and Flag pole is out of the swamp and laying horizontally on the deck. Maybe we can fix that too. Stay Tuned.

I also want to thank Bill and Dianne Sirola who took our club trailer to the Orange Blossom Rodeo and Festival and sold over \$1,300 worth of stock. Thank you so very much for all that you do for the club. Nate Fischer and Mike Kimmel were also there with Barney McDougall's Gladesmen Corner Trailer. It was a big hit, along with the Trapper Mike and his reptile show for the second year in a row. Thanks Kirk Comanic for bringing your trucks for the parade and display. You guys make our club proud. The Town of Davie takes notice, the Mayor and Parks Director tell me every time they see me. The Town of Davie and the Davie Woman's Club have both treated us well over the years.

I am going to end by saying once again, be careful, be safe, wash your hands, wear a mask if you have one and stay home until this virus is over.

See you soon,

Bruce Ward
President
BCAHCC



April 22nd General Meeting via Zoom

An email will be sent to you with the meeting ID and Password.

April 30th Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom

If you would like to attend, please send request for meeting to
BrowardCountyAirboatClub@gmail.com

May 13th E-Board Meeting via Zoom

If you would like to attend, please send request for meeting to
BrowardCountyAirboatClub@gmail.com

May 27th General Meeting via Zoom

An email will be sent to you with the meeting ID and Password.

Jim Bowles

Memorial Tree Planting- Postponed

Save the Date More Details to follow

July 18th-19th, 2020

Airboat Show & Festival

Tentative to Covid-19 reopenings



Our Last hunt was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Also EYCC sleepaway camp has been cancelled for the summer.

Option of day camp available for those interested in attending.

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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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**

www.osceolairboatassociation.com

Do you have a place for the Club Trailer?

Our club is currently in search of a place to park our Club Trailer. The trailer is 30 foot long and enclosed.

The trailer is only used once a year for the airboat show. If you have a piece of Property where we could park the trailer, it would be of great help to the club.

We also have a Club cooker/smoker on a trailer that needs a place to stay, also.

If you can accommodate one or both of these items, or you have an idea where we could store them, please contact Bruce Ward 954-658-2714.

Thanks we really need to get these items moved.

If you have been following our BCAHCC Facebook page, you may have seen some work that has been going on at the Boar's Nest before the Ramps were closed. We had a group of members and guests, together we extracted our 35 foot light pole out of the swamp.

Well the people who saw it for the first time wanted to put it up. We of course could put a solar panel and light on it. Plus we have two spotlights that could be put on it. We could also fly a flag from it. Well, the more we talked about it, the grander our plans became.

Our newest member and his significant other just happen to know a lot about concrete. They made a template for the base, we discussed getting a sonic tube (not sure of the spelling) to put the concrete in and hauling out 5,000 lb. mix. There would have to be a ground rod and rebar also.

Well, we still haven't decided the best location, we have two very good sites. The only problem is we are going to have to mix the bags of concrete. If you have a small concrete mixer that we could use one weekend that would be really appreciated.

It is not going to happen for a while, but I thought I would mention it so we would know if there is one available. It sure beats mixing that mud by hand. Thanks Bruce, let me know. Browardairboat@aol.com



LOCAL SENIOR Shopping Hours

Publix

Tues. & Wed.
7-8 am

Walmart 

Tues. first hour
of business

 **TARGET**

Wed.
8-9 am

Winn-Dixie

Mon. - Fri.
8-9 am

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Tues. & Thurs.
9-10 am

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Daily, First Hour
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Daily, First Hour
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Mon. - Fri.
8-9 am



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