

Broward County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades

NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

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First and foremost we hope you and your family are all well. This Corona Virus has really changed all of our lives quickly and dramatically. If you are quarantining in your home, like myself, I guess you have caught up on some of those programs you did not have time for. I have been asking our members if they know of anyone associated with the club has it. The answer has been NO. Maybe our club members and families will all be safe.

I have received a few calls recently inquiring about the Airboat Show. The E-Board met May 13th and after discussion it was decided to officially cancel the July 18th Airboat Show date. We have reserved a March 28-29th date in 2021, for the new Airboat Show date. There were many reasons to cancel but the safety of our members, vendors, participants and guests were the main concerns. Let us hope this Covid-19 issue is over by next year. Be safe everyone and don't let your guard down. The other issue is the people who sent in money to us. We are contacting everyone and either returning the uncashed checks or for those checks we have cashed, letting them decide if they would like the club to issue them a check or let it ride until 2021. Some or all may need the money back because of the financial issues this pandemic has caused. We want to continue the great relationship we have with everyone who makes the show great each year. I want to publicly thank Daryl Nowlins, Paul Bange, Richie Gotshall, Trophy Sponsors, Vendors, Entrants, Palm Beach County Airboat Halftrack Conservation Club, Kevin & Samantha Fitzgerald, Friends of the NRA, the Show Committee and everyone who was helping to make the 2020 Airboat Show outstanding. Hoping March 2021 will be even better for everyone.

With us not being able to physically assemble in a club meeting, the Financial Committee has authorize the purchase of a contract with ZOOM. This service allows you to join our meetings by simply following the instruction our Secretary Jennifer Green posted in this newsletter or the directions our Treasurer Bill Sirola will message you on our Dialer. Your phones also work. If you have a camera on your computer or phone, we can see you, and you can see us. We have had three meetings on this ZOOM program, it is a good and inexpensive solution to our problem. Our next General meeting will be May 27th. Please join us there is plenty of room. The meeting will be short as there is not a lot going on right now, but it will be great just seeing everyone again.

May is the month we open Nominations for our 2021 Officers. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member there is a link to our digital nomination form. The nominations close from the floor next month with elections at our July 22nd general meeting. Write-In Option will also be on the ballot. I am hoping someone would like to be President, I would help you learn by being a mentor. If you are not sure and would like to talk to me about it give me a call, 954-658-2714.

We have had to fill three positions in our club structure because of an E board member resignation. Jason Freeman held several positions in the club. E-Board Member, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Youth Hunt Coordinator. We appreciate all of the good things he did for our club and wish him the best. First the E- Board position itself was filled by Gregory Grubb. Grego was a past E- Board member and had the highest number of votes from last election. A guorum of E-Board members elected Gregg to complete the vacated position. Thank you Gregg. The second position of Chairman of the Finance Committee was filled by our Secretary Jennifer Green, she has a degree in Accounting. She was elected by the Finance Committee. Thank you Jennifer. The third position was Youth Hunt Coordinator, Sean McCann has volunteered to fill the position. He will oversee a group of Hunt masters for our Youth Hunts. Sean is experienced and has a good group of Hunt Masters and Volunteers to maintain the quality program we currently have. Thank you Sean.

As we are all aware there is little water in the Everglades, hopefully this will continue to change. We are all chomping at the bit to get back out there. When we do, I am asking that everyone be courteous to each other. Some reports have surfaced that comments have been made on Social Networking that has caused some hard feelings. We need to pull together as a community. I am telling you anytime you type in words like Airboat, Track, Halftrack, Side by Side, etc. Big Brother is watching, they have paid monitors to watch these posts. Sometimes we can be our own worst enemy. I would also suggest you do not post pictures of anyone breaking the law, molesting wildlife, drinking, etc. As our club found out the hard way, we had to go to court years ago, and they had pictures from our website to use as evidence against our member. After that we make sure any picture we post on our website is violations free. Just a reminder that times are different, be careful for your own sake.

Hopefully we will be riding soon and events we postponed like the planting of a tree at Westberry's camp for Jim Bowles will be back on. Keep an eye on our Club Website for information and updates. Again Be safe, and hoping to see you and your Families in the woods. We can still Social Distance easily out there.

Be safe Bruce Ward President **BCAHCC**



May 27th General Meeting via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID-813 2173 1328 Password 254686

June 10th E-Board Meeting via Zoom
If you would like to attend, please send
request for meeting to
BrowardCountyAirboatClub@gmail.com

June 24th General Meeting via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID-813 2173 1328 Password 254686

Jim Bowles

Memorial Tree Planting- Postponed

Save the Date More Details to follow

Memorial Run- TBD

Nomination Form for Officer Positions https://forms.gle/WbUZeaZzwhP98Nnx7



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 <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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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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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





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