Broward County Airboat, Halltrack and Conservation Club

NEWSLETTER NEWSLETTER





ON SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND THE BCAHCC HAD THEIR ANNUAL MEMORIAL RUN HONORING THE PEOPLE WE FEEL HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR CLUB MEMBERS. THIS YEAR THERE WERE THREE PEOPLE WE HONORED. THERE WERE 17 AIRBOATS WHO MET AT BOARS NEST CAMP. THEY BROUGHT OUT APPROXIMATELY 45 GUESTS, THE CLUB SUPPLIED LUNCH FOR ALL ATTENDEES, WE ALSO SOLD 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS. THE RAFFLE WAS WON BY GEORGE WATSON WHO WAS A LIFELONG FRIEND AND HUNTING BUDDY OF SEAN MC CANN. GEORGE DONATED BACK ALL HIS WINNINGS TO PAY FOR A SPECIAL PLAQUE TO SEAN. AFTER LUNCH AND THE DRAWING, THE ATTENDEES GOT ON THEIR AIRBOATS AND HEADED TO THE GAS TREE. THIS HAS BECOME OUR ANNUAL DESTINATION; THE GAS TREE IS CONSIDERED AS ALMOST A SACRED SITE FOR US. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE HAD THEIR ASHES PLACED HERE. BRUCE WARD GIVES US A HISTORY OF THE SITE, HOW IT GOT ITS NAME, AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE. WE TALKED ABOUT THE THREE MEMBERS WE ARE HONORING AND WHY. EACH YEAR ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF AUGUST, BCAHCC HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEMORIAL RUN FOR ANY MEMBER WHO HAS PASSED IN THE CURRENT YEAR. WE. ALSO INCLUDE A MEMORIAL F O R NONMEMBERS OF BCAHCC WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR LIFESTYLE. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED THE LIFE OUR LIFE MEMBER SEAN MCCANN. HE WAS AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, OUR YOUTH HUNT DIRECTOR AND OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FLORIDA AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION. SEAN ALSO WAS A MEMBER OF SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE NRA AND SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL. HE WOULD HELP ANY ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTED EDUCATION AND HUNTING. HE WENT TO WASHINGTON DC TO SUPPORT ISSUES HE BELIEVED IN. SEAN WAS ALSO A CAMP OWNER AND HAD A LEASE IN THE MICCOSUKEE UNIT IN 3A SOUTH. HE WAS VERY WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA. SEAN WAS A QUIET MAN BUT WHEN HE SPOKE YOU KNEW YOU WERE GETTING ACCURATE INFORMATION. EVERYONE RESPECTED HIM FOR T H E HARD WORK HE DID FOR ALL OF US. A CELEBRATION OF LIFE WAS HELD FOR SEAN AT UNCLE AL'S IN DAVIE. IT WAS ATTENDED BY HIS FRIENDS, FAMILY AND HIS TWO BELOVED STEPSONS. HIS FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE OF FLORIDA C A M E TO HONOR HIS SERVICE. SEAN IS MISSING; A PLAQUE WAS PURCHASED TO DISPLAY AT BOARS NEST CAMP. HIS DEAR FRIEND GEORGE WATSON DONATED THE FUNDS FOR ITS PURCHASE.



The BCAHCC also recognizes others who are fixtures in the Everglades. They are not necessarily current members of the club, but we feel their contributions merit recognition. The two names that will be placed on the plaque that is displayed at the Boars Nest Camp are Dave Bowman and Sparky Warhurst. Dave Bowman and his wife Sue attended many of our fund-raising events. Dave was always fun and enjoyed every minute he could in the Glades. He had many friends, and he was always ready to help anyone he could. Dave particularly enjoyed long rides and hanging out with air boaters, especially at Hawk's Camp. His family were Glade's men, and they passed it on to him. Dave's friendly face and smile are surely missed. The next person to be honored is Sparky Warhurst. A Machinist and lifelong resident of Hialeah, where Full tracks and Wheel buggies were the preferred method of Hunting. His entire family waited for track season. Each year he would be at the L-5 Levee for the Track hunt. He was a big man and hard to miss. Everyone in the glades knew where to get help if you needed it. Always a great example of what and how a Glades men should act. He belonged to the Full track Conservation Club of Dade County. As mentioned earlier, his family were all about tracks. He and his family were known for their creative fabrication abilities. One fabrication he built was a Jig to make geared sprockets for the tracks. This jig was also adjustable and could cut out from 12-to-15-piece sprockets. The next innovation he and his family were known for was they personally fabricated from scratch a Front Drive Track. This front drive had internal brakes. This is the kind of dedication they had to Full track's and they share their knowledge with all the track owners. If there are Full tracks in heaven, you can be sure you are trying to improve them. Sparky not Only are you missed by your family, the Full track club, our club but also everyone who knew you.

PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

HELLO, MY NAME IS CIAN CAMPBELL, YOUR NEW PRESIDENT. I'D FIRST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ENTRUSTING ME WITH THIS POSITION. I'M TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT I'VE RECEIVED SO FAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR NEW AND SEASONED TEAM TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS FOR THIS CLUB.

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR ANNUAL AIRBOAT SHOW IS MOVING ON TO A BIGGER AND BETTER IMAGE. IT IS NOW CALLED "THE EVERGLADES EXPERIENCE"! THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT MARKHAM PARK ON APRIL 11TH OF 2026. IT WILL SHOWCASE THE CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND ADVENTURES OF THE EVERGLADES. TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE COMMITTEES, SPONSORS, AND VENDORS. THIS EVENT WILL SHOWCASE AIRBOATS, FULL-TRACKS, AND THE USUAL INVENTORY. THE GOAL IS TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE PEOPLE, HISTORY, AND WILDLIFE THAT MAKE OUR EVERGLADES SO SPECIAL. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN MAKE THE "EVERGLADES EXPERIENCE" AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, SPONSOR, OR REGISTER AS A VENDOR, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK STEVE LO AND THE REST OF OUR HARD-WORKING MEMBERS AND FUTURE MEMBERS. THE PROGRESS THEY'VE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE OBSERVATION DECK AT BOARS NEST IS ASTONISHING, AND TO ALL OUR CURRENT MEMBERS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU STAY UP TO DATE WITH YOUR RAKLET ACCOUNT, IT WILL HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED REGARDING MEMBERSHIP, EVENTS, DONATIONS, AND MORE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE NEW MEMBERS; REMEMBER, WE'RE NOT JUST AN "AIRBOAT CLUB". OUR OVERALL APPEARANCE AND GOAL ARE A CONSERVATION CLUB. SO, REACH OUT TO ANYONE WHO IS INTO THE EVERGLADES CULTURE LIKE WE ARE AND HAVE THEM JOIN US.

THANK YOU, CIAN CAMPBELL







IN THIS NEWSLETTER WE ARE INCLUDING INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN ACCESS A VIDEO YOU MIGHT FIND OF INTEREST. THE VIDEO IS ON YOUTUBE AND IS TITLED "FLORIDA PANTHER TRIES TO ATTACK HUNTERS" THE VIDEO WAS PREPARED BY SWAMP N STOMP OUTDOOR TV. IT TAKES PLACE IN SOUTH FLORIDA ON PUBLIC LAND. (DINNER ISLAND) IT SHOWS SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES YOU MIGHT ENCOUNTER WHILE ARCHERY HUNTING. HUNTING ETHICS ARE MENTIONED, THE VALUE OF BEING PREPARED AND KNOWING WHERE YOU WILL FIND BUCKS ALSO, HOW YOU MIGHT BETTER APPROACH DEER WHILE SPOTTING OR STALKING A DEER FOR HARVEST. HOW DOES TURKEYS AND DOES AFFECT YOUR HUNT. THE VIDEO IS 21 MINUTES LONG. THE FLORIDA PANTHER SHOWS UP AT 16:40 TO 17:26 MINUTES OF THE VIDEO. PANTHER AND BEAR ENCOUNTERS ARE BECOMING MORE FREQUENT. THE CAMERAMAN WAS DRESSED IN FULL CAMOUFLAGE, AND THE PANTHER WAS NOT SURE WHAT IT WAS LOOKING AT. THEY SHOWED THE FILM TO A PANTHER BIOLOGIST, AND HE SAID WHEN THEY SQUAT AND LOWER THEIR TAIL, THEY ARE READY TO ATTACK. HE STATED THIS PANTHER WAS READY TO ATTACK. THE CAMERAMAN IN THESE FILMS IS BRUCE WARD'S SON. HE TOLD ME HE WAS SURE THE PANTHER WAS AFTER THE DOGS WHO WERE THERE JUST PRIOR TO THE ENCOUNTER. MY SON TYSON RAISED HIS HAND AS TO WAVE, AND THE PANTHER REALIZED SOMETHING WAS WRONG. THE PANTHER WAS ABOUT 6 YARDS IN FRONT OF HIM. WE HOPE YOU WATCH THE ENTIRE VIDEO. THE REASON WE INCLUDED THIS VIDEO IS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SAFETY PURPOSES. WE HOPE YOU GET OUT IN THE WOODS OFTEN BUT BE AWARE MORE PANTHERS WILL BE SHARING AREAS WHERE YOU HUNT. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE SOME INFO ON THE INCREASING BEAR POPULATION IN EVERGLADES AREA 3A. BE SAFE AND HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE WOODS.





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