



## **Bishop's News Sept-Oct 2008**

### **FAA Second Annual Airboat Show**

#### **Gold Sponsors:**

Kissimmee River Valley Sportsmens Association

[Broward County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Club](#)

Palm Beach County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Club

Diamondback Airboats

#### **Silver Sponsors:**

Florida Sportsmens Conservation Association

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Water Walker, LLC.

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#### **Bronze Sponsors:**

Osceola Airboat Association

Airboat Association of Florida

Lake County Airboat Association

[United Sportsmen Airboaters Alliance](#)

North Florida Conservation Airboat Alliance Club

GTO Performance Airboats

#### **Your FAA Show Committees**

**Steering Committee;** FAA executive board

**Vendor committee;** Dawn Patterson, & Charity Chardt

**Advertising committee;** Dawn Patterson, & Byron Maharrey

**Sponsor Committee;** Laura Hasty, Charity Chardt

**Parking committee;** Osceola Airboat Association, Jeff Breisinger, Jeffery Breisinger, John Partin, and Wayne Partin.

**Gate committee;** United Sportsmens Airboat Alliance, Jerry and Cheryl Wetherington.

**Drink committee;** Kissimmee River Valley Sportsman Association, Danny and Jennifer Brantley, Lonnie and Carol Yates, Tiff Yates, Kim Tucker, Jimmy John and Sondra Wills, Mike and Megan Mills, Maryann Westwood, Junior and Lucille Jurnigan.

**Raffle committee;** Charity & Cassity Chardt, Mike Wills and Jeff Patterson

**Entertainment committee;** Water Walker, LLC. Bobby and Patty Corey

**Show committee;** Florida Sportsman's Conservation Association, & Broward County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Bishop and Carol Wright, John Storms, Melody Orth, Dave Johnson, John Halvorson, Jimmy Newton, Ed Deibler, Mike Reaves, Todd Byers, Mark Dombroski, Todd and Mary Hallmen, and Mary Kruger

**Cleanup committee;** Broward County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation, & Palm Beach County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation, John Storms, and Bishop Wright Jr.

**Tee Shirt Committee:** Laura & Matt Hasty

**C.A.T. Program:** Jeff & Dawn Patterson and Cassidy Chardt

**Activities Committee** Lake County Airboat Association, Jim Brown, and Vickie Cruz

**MC Committee** Broward County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Club, Frank "Hollywood" Herbert

**Permitting, Law enforcement, Porta Potties, and Dumpster Committee;** Byron Maharrey, Billy & Debbie's Farkus and Jamie Sanders

## **Trophy Sponsor's & Winner's**

### **Best of Showboat**

Thank you to Florida Airboat Association for sponsoring this class & the winner was Tom Sarver

### **Best Power Plant**

Thank you to Diamondback Airboats for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 GTO Performance Airboats
- 2 Tom Sarver
- 3 John Rogers

### **Rudder Art**

Thank you to Water Walker, LLC for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Tom Sarver
- 2 Diamondback Airboats
- 3 Tie Between > Curtis Waller & Wayne Bradbury

### **Manufacturer Class**

Thank you to Marsh Rider for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Diamondback Airboats
- 2 Panther Airboats

3 Airboat Inc.

### **Automotive engine Fiberglass**

Thank you to [Broward County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Club](#) for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Curtis Waller
- 2 Kevin Roberts

### **Automotive engine Aluminum**

Thank you to [United Sportsmen Airboaters Alliance](#) for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Diamondback Airboats
- 2 Mike Hoadley
- 3 GTO Performance Airboats

### **Six-cylinder aircraft Fiberglass**

Thank you to [Osceola Airboat Association](#) for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Vernon Wynn
- 2 George Bryant
- 3 Hugh "Dudley" Randall

### **Six-cylinder aircraft Aluminum**

Thank you to [Kissimmee River Valley Sportsmens Association](#) for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Eddie Parrett
- 2 Justin Adams
- 3 Chris Tillas

### **Vintage**

Thank you to [Florida Sportsmens Conservation Association](#) for sponsoring this class & the winner was:

- 1 Dave Johnson

### **Four cylinder aircraft**

Thank you to [Airboat Association of Florida](#) for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Airboat Pro's
- 2 Lonnie Yates
- 3 Todd Hallman

### **Hunt Boat**

Thank you to [Everglades Coordinating Council](#) for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Wayne Bradbury
- 2 GTO Performance Airboats

### **Workboat**

Thank you to [Alumitech, Inc.](#) for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 John Halvorson
- 2 Chris Chardt

3 Bob Hoover

### **Race boat**

Thank you to Lake County Airboat Association for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 John Rogers
- 2 Rat Dees

### **G. P.U. boat**

Thank you to Palm Beach County Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Club for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Bill Pabst
- 2 Jimmy John
- 3 Daniel Shaner

### **Mini boat**

Thank you to Airboat Pro's for sponsoring this class & the winners are:

- 1 Darin Collinsworth
- 2 Ronnie Deshamps
- 3 Dustin Deshamps

### **FAA President's Message**

**Thank you to all who either supported or participated in the FAA 2nd Annual Airboat Show. Without a doubt it was twice the show we had last year in more ways than one. This year's executive board members have been on one heck of a roller coaster ride. So when you see them make sure you pat them on the back, because they deserve it. They were asked by others to come up with some jumping out of the box ideas and they did and it paid off in a big way.**

**One thing I will say is be careful what you ask for. All I heard for the last year and half was when are we going to get some rain? Because of a tropical storm most of our Airboating areas have gotten lots of welcomed water. Which means the Lycoming & Car motor boys can now keep up with the Continental boys. If the area you're running does not currently have water on it, I can promise you this, their not sovereign waters.**

**FWC will be taking comments in February of 2008 for proposed rule changes and regulations for 2010 hunting season. As you can see, it takes a year to change a rule so don't miss out on this opportunity. I will be setting up a rule committee to put together some rule proposals for 2009 January meeting. Whereas a group we will accept or not except the FAA endorsement. I will also be putting together this year's legislative committee working group.**

**Coming up may be one of the most important meetings of the year. Especially if you have concerns with Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. You will need to plan on attending this meeting of the (SFWM) WRAC Recreation Issues 2008 Workshop on Monday, October 6,, from 5:00 until 8:00 pm We are not asking you to speak, just be present in the audience because**

**your presence stop others from making fools of themselves. We will have important speakers pressing for our issues, we just need warm bodies to show their support.**

**As you can see our next FAA meeting is Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM and will be full of information. So come learn what we know on the upcoming past and present situations. There is a lot on FAA's plate so we can always use a helping hand or just a good pat on the back thanking us for fighting for your rights to Airboat another day.**

*Bishop Wright, Jr*

### **FAA Raffle Ultralight Hull**

**The FAA is raffling off a Diamondback Ultralight hull. Tickets are on sale now until the drawing in May at the Osceola Airboat Association's Jamboree. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. You do not have to be present to win. If your club is interested in selling tickets, let us know. We will have an FAA Booth set up at the show. If you would like to purchase tickets, send your check or money order to FAA Raffle Boat P. O. Box 2086, Bartow, FL 33831 and we will gladly send them to you**

### **Panther Update**

September 2008

Big Cat Field Stories

Panthers Verses Hurricanes *by Mark Lotz, FWC*

No, this is not an announcement of a charity sports event between professional hockey (Florida Panthers) and college football (Miami Hurricanes). Actually, I'm often asked how hurricanes affect Florida panthers. The short answer is: they don't. Wildlife is well adapted for the extremes of the environment. Humans, on the other hand, while being technologically superior, are far less adaptable on a large scale when forced to live without electricity, shelter, or clean running water. While hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to a human landscape in this regard, the damage inflicted upon natural areas in terms of the ability for wildlife to adapt is much less severe. Of course, there are exceptions to this generalization. For example, hurricane Hugo devastated extensive areas of red cockaded woodpecker habitat when it hit the Carolinas in 1989. But Florida panthers are habitat generalists and have large home ranges which make them quite capable of coping with temporary habitat alterations caused by hurricanes. In all likelihood, panthers seek refuge in thick saw palmetto patches, which are surprisingly resilient and adept at blocking wind during a hurricane. Without walls and rooftops to fall on them, panthers are probably safer in the woods than we are bunkered in our homes. Although trees may topple, the chances of a tree falling on a panther are pretty remote and this is one cause of death which has never been documented in Florida panthers.

Tropical storms such as Fay, which recently came ashore near Cape Romano, pose a different threat. While hurricanes pack high winds and travel quickly, tropical storms tend to move more slowly and produce copious amounts of flooding rainfall. This inundates vast areas of the environment. However, many areas in south Florida are typically already under water during the summer rainy season. This is a natural, seasonal event, to which wildlife has adapted and many forms actually rely on. So, in general, the effect of a tropical storm on panther









- 5. Unload guns when not in use.** *Leave actions open; carry firearms in cases and unloaded to and from the shooting area.*
- 6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.** *This includes never using the scope as a pair of binoculars.*
- 7. Never climb a fence or tree or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.** *Unload a gun before you use a treestand or climb a fence, or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm towards you by the butt, not the muzzle.*
- 8. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water.** *If a bullet ricochets you can never tell where it may go.*
- 9. Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.** *Store each in secured locations beyond the reach of children and careless adults.*
- 10. Avoid alcoholic beverages before or during shooting.** *Also avoid mind- or behavior-altering medicines or drugs.*

## **The S.M.A.R.T. Rules of Safety**

- S**afe Direction: *Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.*
- M**ake Sure: *Positively identify your target.*
- A**lways Check: *Know what's beyond your target before shooting.*
- R**espect Firearms: *Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.*
- T**rigger Caution: *Don't touch the trigger until you are ready to shoot.*