



CCAA / *PropChatter*

March 2010 Newsletter

Minutes of February Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Springer at the bowling lanes.

Treasurer report was read by Cheryl Bailey and a motion by Tommy Anderson to accept the report was second by Bill Johns.

Joe received a letter from Citrus United Basket thanking us for our contribution. CUB was able to help 1900 kids for Christmas this year.

Ron read thank you cards from the Pixley's and Sarver's for the donation to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society made in memory of their mom Marlene Mullins and for the food trays. Also a thank you card from Patti Eldredge for the flowers sent to her father's funeral.

Thanks to all who participated Saturday February 20, on the river ride for the SWFMD/Outdoors Without Limits handicap ride. It was a beautiful day and we were very much appreciated.

March 6th is the GTO swap meet/fundraiser. We will be selling food and drinks. If you have time come and help cook and serve. If you do not know where it is give Joe or Ron a call. We will be there from 9-4.

March meeting is on the 20th at 1:00 at Skeeter's in the back. This is the annual club cookout; bring a covered dish, your drink and a chair. Dues will be due. Board

members will be announced at that time.

April 24 meeting will be in Kissimmee. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. the milk truck. We will have a short meeting and then ride.

May meeting is on the 15th and we are planning to do a Rodeo, if we have water.

Joe Springer, Ron Bailey and Don Powell went to a Basin Board meeting with SWFTMD on February 11, 2010. SWFTMD voted to remove the outer loop road in Potts. This means they will be taking out all the berms that connect the islands. Work should start as early as the middle of March.

The meeting was adjourned and we started the bowling fun.

We had 16 bowlers. We put Nick and Bill Johns on a lane by themselves so they could continue their yearly battle of the top bowler. Bill also donated \$20.00 to the winner of the 3rd game highest score. Nick and Bill's scores did not count in the bowling contest for the highest and lowest scores.

Our winners were:

1st game highest score went to Joan Bailey with a 165 and low score went to Diana Armstead with a 46.

2nd game highest score went to Skeeter Armstead with a 164 and low score went to Deb Thompson with a 67.

3rd game highest score went to Don Heideman with a 166 and low score went to Christine Bailey with a 36.

Fun was had by all.

Your President

Joe Springer



March Meeting

Sat. the 20th 1:00 pm at Skeeter's, Election results and cook out. Please bring a covered dish and whatever else you may like to bring, the club will provide the main course.

April Meeting

Sat. April 24th. The Lake Kissimmee meeting will be at the milk bus at 10:00 am. If you would like to plan on staying at Camp Mac Resort the number is 1-800-243-8013 they have rooms and a few cabins. Lake Cypress has limited rooms and camping/RV lots, their number is 1-407-957-3135. Make your reservations now!!

May Meeting

Sat. May 15th. The meeting will be at the Swimming hole. The rodeo is to follow if we have water.

BALLOTS

You should have received your ballot in the mail.

Please read instructions and fill out and return by March 9th 2010 to CCAA. This will allow time for the Committee to count them. The CCAA PO Box will be emptied on March 12th. **Any ballots received after March 12th will not be counted.**

DUES are DUE

Club renewals are due again please be sure to take care of them at the March meeting.

OWL RIDE

On Saturday February 20, 2010 several club members got together and met at the Hwy 44 ramp to do a ride taking disabled participants for Outdoors Without Limits. Kim Devary with SwiftMud had asked if a few members could attend and give rides to those less fortunate with disabilities. Ron Berry is the President of the Sumter County Chapter of OWL. He had organized this event hoping to interest enough supporters to do this as an annual function. I think he will succeed at this there was a multitude of volunteers that day. The show of boats Ron said was awesome he could not believe we were able to get so many members on short notice to come out. The Sumter county Sheriff's office sent two deputies in their airboat and FWC had three officers on an airboat as well. We all were able to take handicap participants for long rides and some of the volunteers that had never been able to take a ride on an airboat.

Jerry and I took a gentleman named Lester he was stricken with polio as a child. He rides a Harley with a three wheeler attachment and was enjoying the airboat immensely.

We had a grand time doing it and thank you to the following participants:

Joe Springer, Ron and Cheryl Bailey, Don Heideman, Don Powell, Diane Sullivan, Dale Lankford, Fred Starzinger, Larry Innis, Jerry Grimes, Heidi Watkins, Don Cihak, Nick Delong and Don Lyons.

Forgive me if I forgot anyone's name, but I think that is everyone that came.

I will get the pictures posted on our website as soon as I can get with Jan for all to see.

Ron Berry emailed me a very nice letter which I have attached for all to read.

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Heidi,

I will be sending out something more formal but for now please know that I was blown away by the help that your club provided. Unfortunately I only had confirmation of 5 boats from the Citrus Airboat club as of Friday night which is why we had so few disabled participants.

As the organizer of an event, one of my jobs is to match up resources with needs and I always have 2 worries.

One is that I will have a too many disabled show up for the amount of opportunity we have for them and the other is to have a volunteer show up to help and not have any one that needs their help.

Another challenge is that though we as the disabled participant may register for and have every intention of attending an event, our disability can cause a problem last minute which causes us to cancel.

We had 11 disabled registered not counting myself (I don't normally participate in an event that I am running) and with only 9 boats confirmed as of 9am Saturday you can imagine how I was stressing.

Then 12 boats show up from Citrus and though that was awesome, I started stressing on the other end of the spectrum. I got on the phone and tried to get more disabled there but it was too short of notice for them.

We want to make this an annual event and I am sure that with more coordination between entities that we can have a 1 to 1 ratio of disabled participants to boats. But hey, for a first time event I thought it was great and the side benefit was that a few non-disabled that had never been on an airboat before got to ride because of the extra boats and are now avid fans of the sport.

And as you know, it never hurts to win a few more supporters when there are so many that want to stop air boats altogether.

Thank you in advance for the pictures you will be sending me and if you have a list of airboat owners could you please provide that also.

I thought to have them put a star on their name tags but neglected to have that info notated on their registration form.

I also could use the contact info for the airboat club itself so I can send a formal letter indicating our appreciation for its members help.

Please explain to the other members why we were so short of participants since a thank you letter would not be the proper venue for me to do so in.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing your pictures and working with you again. Blessings,

**Ron Berry <>
President, Sumter Co. Chapter
Outdoors Without Limits
Serving The "Least"
Matthew 25:40**



GTO FUNDRAISER

March 6 is our fundraiser.

PLEASE if you can come out for a spell we would appreciate any help we can get! We are selling drinks and food. If you can help serve, cook or collect money or sit and chat it would be great.

GTO is in Ocala at 4600 W Hwy 326. You would get off at the Hwy 326 exit off of I-75.

It is right off Interstate 75; you can see it from the interstate on the west side.

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Thank You.

JAN LITERSKI IS IN CHARGE OF OUR WEB PAGE IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE WEBSITE CONTACT JAN AT 352-860-1311 or janlitterski@earthlink.net.

If anyone does not receive a newsletter please call Heidi @ 863-660-0634 or airboathid1@netscape.net or let a board member know we will get one to you - Thanks

CCAA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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April 24th- Lake Kissimmee ride meeting at the milk truck/bus at 10:00 am

May 15th- Rodeo at the Swimming Hole

Events are subject to change as necessary
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