

“Dedicated to Preserving the Everglades”



My Name is Bruce Ward and I am an Executive Board Past Treasurer and Life member.

- I am pleased to be here to tell you about the Broward County Airboat Halftrack & Conservation Club, Inc.
- The BCAHCC was formed in 1952
- It is the second oldest Sportsmen Club in Florida
- The charter members formed our club 64 years ago, they had been Gladesmen long before this. Things have changed some. I will tell you about the Club and its members today.
- We work hard so we can provide recreation and education to our members and the Public.
- I hope this presentation enlightens you as to how we use Area 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B and the STA's 2,3/4 and Istapoga Flood Plain for the good of everyone.

Our Purpose is in our By Laws, we have governed ourselves for 64 years using these as our guide.

BROWARD COUNTY AIR BOAT, HALFTRACK & CONSERVATION CLUB, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this Association shall be the Broward County Airboat, Halftrack & Conservation Club, Incorporated, a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE II Purpose

The purposes for which this corporation is organized shall be to:

1. To promote the conservation and wise management of fish, wildlife and other public resources.
2. To advise the public and its representatives on matters relating to the management of wildlife and other public resources.
3. To encourage sportsmanship and compliance with all laws regulating fishing and hunting.
4. To protect, support and promote the rights of sportsmen for continued use of public lands for recreational activities to include airboating, half tracking, hunting, fishing, camping, birdwatching and other related activities.
5. To purchase, receive, pledge, lease or otherwise acquire, own, improve, use or otherwise deal with real or personal property or any interest therein wherever situated.
6. To engage in any other lawful purpose not for pecuniary profit or not in conflict with the above expressed purposes or with Section 501 of the United States Revenue Code.
7. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section or any future federal tax code.

Broward County Airboat & Halftrack Conservation Club, Inc.

- From the beginning the BCAHCC has spent time, sweat equity and money towards the conservation of the Everglades.
- The Club is a Charter member of the Everglades Coordinating Council (ECC)
- BCAHCC is a Charter Member Florida Airboat Association.
- We send members to attend meetings like the South Florida Water Management, Florida Wildlife Commission or any organization that has information concerning the Everglades.
- Our Club will remain active in all efforts to promote and protect the conservation and preservation of the Everglades.
- Our Club has helped to create the Airboater's Code of Ethics.

What are we doing out there?

- There are many things we do in the Everglades. One of our favorites is Airboating.
- There are 76 Camps and one Broward College property registered with the State of Florida. They each have a lease for the footprint of the camp.
- There are areas where you can sit in the water and meet up with other members of the airboating Community.
- There are people who have Full Track vehicles that can travel across the soft mud and sand. They are able to access the swamp when the water is very low or non-existent.
- Sometimes we have fund raising cook outs, we get together and share the fellowship of others who enjoy the Gladesmen Lifestyle.



What are we doing out there?

- Fishing, frogging, photography, Bird watching , Star gazing, Bicycling and Hiking are the things Families most enjoy.
- Several of our members enjoy hunting. FWC issues special hunting permits for Alligator, Deer, Duck and Python hunting. We help in the elimination of exotic invasives. Plant or Reptile.
- Tourists are fascinated by the Everglades, whenever they see us at the boat ramps we are asked many questions about the Everglades and its inhabitants. We always enjoy telling them about Florida's Everglades.



What do we do that benefits the Everglades?

Hosting FWC seminars concerning the health of the wildlife in the Everglades



Picking up trash inconsiderate visitors leave behind, especially at the boat ramps and Levees.



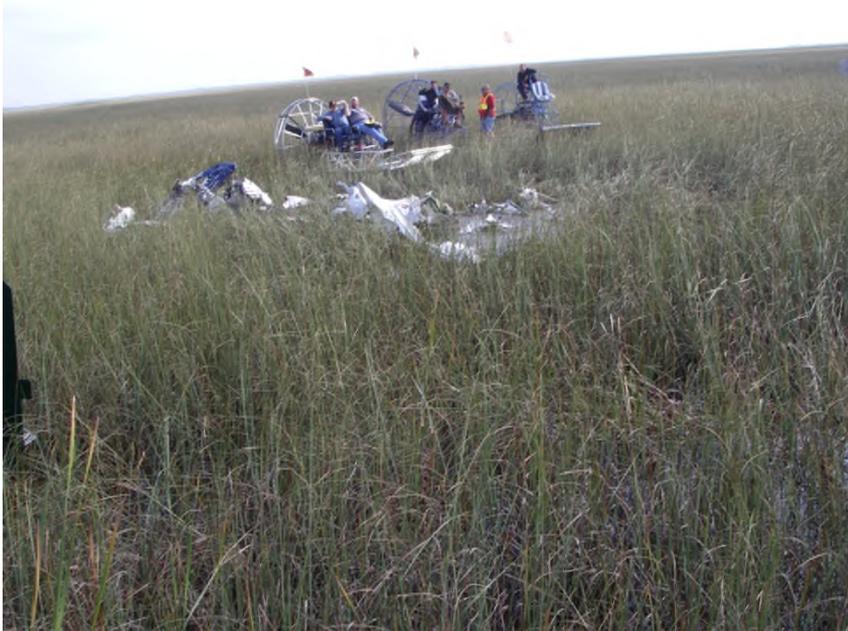
People gathered to learn about conditions in the Everglades at one of our Seminars.



What do we do that benefits the Community?

Rescue and Recovery of Downed Aircraft. We formed the Joint Airboat Rescue Emergency Deployment.(JARED)

The JARED team was formed by our Club Members. Originally working only with the NTSB it expanded to include all Government services with Airboat capabilities from Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.



What do we do that benefits our Community?

BCAHCC members assisted FWC in finding and recovering this Airboater.



Rescue Spotlight
Imagine being missing among the vast 671,831 acres of the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area! That's exactly what happened to a South Florida man whose airboat became stuck on his way to a camping trip. Luckily, he had his cell phone on hand and was able to alert local authorities. However, it died during the call and they were no longer able to reach him. The next morning, our officers responded by airboat to assist in the search. Several hours later, Officers Michael Albert and Austin Warne found the man. Though he had been missing for 16 hours, he was in good condition, thanks to his preparedness! He was then transported to his campsite, where he and his friends made arrangements to recover his airboat.

#Rescue #Everglades #SoFL #Airboat #Camping

FWC Photo by Mike Albert



What if this airplane went down in the Everglades?

Each A380 costs \$432.6 million, and can seat up to 853 people per flight

What do we do that benefits our Youth?



- The BCAHCC is very active in the Youth Hunting Program of Florida. In the past year Our Club hosted 2 Alligator, 1 Deer or Hog, and 2 Duck Hunts. We have sponsored two Hunt Master Classes and we have 12 Hunt Masters currently in BCAHCC. We also help other Sportsmen Organizations with their hunts.

How do we teach the next generation to Cherish the Florida Everglades?

Each year BCAHCC sends up to 15 Youth Campers to The Everglades Youth Conservation Camp. BCAHCC built the original cabins at this Camp in JW Corbett. We have been sending Youth campers here since 1957. Free of Charge.



BCAHCC sponsors Ladies who want to attend the FWC Becoming an Outdoor Woman weekend. Free of Charge



Our workshops are designed primarily for women; however, it is an excellent opportunity for anyone 18 years of age or older to learn the outdoor skills usually associated with hunting and fishing, and a variety of outdoor pursuits.

These workshops focus on the learning of outdoor skills. We strive to offer a variety of topics in our workshops, balanced between hunting/shooting, fishing and non-consumptive (canoeing, camping, etc.) activities.

This workshop is for you if . . .

- you have never tried these activities, but have hoped for an opportunity to learn.
- you are a beginner who hopes to improve your skills.
- you know how to do some of these activities, but would like to try your hand at some new ones.
- you enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.

A workshop consists of four sessions, lasting three and one-half hours each. The workshops are held at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp in the JW Corbett management area and Ocala Conservation Center in the Ocala National Forest to keep costs to a minimum. These are rustic camp facilities. Lodging is dormitory-style. Meals are served at designated times, cafeteria-style.



The registration fee for these workshops is \$200, with a \$50 early registration discount; however, the fee will ultimately be determined by the availability of facilities and the number of volunteer instructors. The registration fee typically includes instruction in the topics you choose, program materials, use of demonstration equipment, lodging and all meals starting with lunch on Friday through lunch on Sunday. Workshops and topics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit the [Visit the International Becoming an Outdoors-Woman website](#) .



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Where do we get the funds to pay for all of these projects?

Each year in March we have the “Worlds Largest Airboat Show and Festival.” The proceeds from this event and some other minor fundraising events make all of these things possible. No member of BCAHCC is paid. We are a 501 C 3 organization and everyone associated with our events or projects are Volunteers. Without the hard work of hundreds who help us all year, the work we do would not be possible.

The one common denominator of all of our members is our love of the Everglades and the Gladesmen Lifestyle.

Thank you for letting me tell you about our Broward County Airboat Halftrack & Conservation Club.



**27th Annual
Broward County
Airboat Show &
Festival**

March 5th and 6th, 2016

BERGERON RODEO GROUNDS * 4271 Davie Road, Davie, FL

Saturday –
11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
\$15.00 Admission

Sunday –
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
\$10.00 Admission
Kids under 12 free
No food, drinks, coolers or pets allowed

**AIRBOATS - BUGGIES - JEEPS -
FULL TRACKS - MUD TRUCKS**
All competing for trophies in selected classes
TROPHY FOR BEST IN SHOW
\$25 Entry fee - includes 1 free gate entry per day
Registration closes at 10:00 am Saturday

Trophies awarded on Sunday

Live Local Bands Featuring

Otter John Show - Saturday

VENDOR BOOTHS
SUPER SLIDE * RC CARS
CARNIVAL GAMES
FOOD/BEER/SODA
DAISY SHOOTING RANGE
ANIMAL REPTILE FARM
RAFFLES ALL DAY

SUCKER PUNCH

JESS TAYLOR

Hired Gunz
All American Band
Moonshine

RAFFLE donated by Diamondback
A pair of Pistols DB9FDE & DB9HP

Sunday Raffles
65" HD TV
Pair of DB9 pistols
Drone

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