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# RiverTALK

"Uniting to Preserve Our River Rights"

Autumn 2013



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#### ON THE COVER

L-R: Bill and Mary, Oscar and Leah, Andrea and Matt take time out for a picture on the Columbus Run.



# EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Sunday, September 29, 2013		<b>Boaters Education Class</b> - For more information call Shelly Noonan at 402-910-4298	
Sunday, October 13, 2013	2:00 p.m.	October 6 <i>Directors Meeting</i> has been rescheduled to the 13th. Located at the Bottom Road Bar.	

### **Correction** - **Platte PEER Group**

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It was recently brought to my attention that Richard Schank and Garry Grieving had reported to your organization that they had attended several meetings organized by the Platte PEER Group.

This is not correct. They have been attending meetings of the Lone Tree Corridor. The Platte PEER Group has nothing to do with inviting or organizing these meetings. The Platte PEER Group has had a few board members in attendance at these meetings. I as the director of the Platte PEER Group have also attended a few meetings.

The Lone Tree Corridor(for want of a better name) is simply a group of individuals that would like to create public access to the Platte River from Grand Island to Columbus. They are simply brainstorming and writing down ideas.

The Lone Tree Corridor group is not an organized group, in any way. They have no officers, by-laws, mission statement, etc. etc.

Thank you for your time. Pat Carlson Director of the Platte PEER Group

# A Friendly Reminder to all Airboat Operators

It is unlawful to operate a motorboat October 15 through January 15 of each year on the following state wildlife refuges:

- Garden County Refuge, North Platte River
- Lincoln County Refuge, North Platte River
- · Dodge- Saunders County Refuge, Platte River
- · Boyd- Holt County Refuge, Niobrara River
- Lake Babcock, Platte County, closed to all vessels during the open waterfowl season

# **News Articles and Photos are Needed!**

If you like receiving the *RiverTalk*, we need **YOUR** help in getting the news to our members. If you have photos or a story that you would like to share with our members, please email to dmarps@hotmail. com or directly to our printer at

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If you have any issues or concerns, please call your local director and we will discuss those issues at our next directors' meeting.



It's a
Girl!

Avery Engelbart
Daughter of Derick
& Amanda Engelbart
(West Point Director)

### **News Editor**

Jake Kroeger has accepted the position of Newsletter Editor. Jake has been a member of the NAA since its beginnings. A lifetime member and past president, Jake is in touch with what goes on with the air boating community. "I want the Newsletter to reflect the lives of the members" Jake said.

Please feel free to submit articles and pictures to him at **info@purplepolish.org** or call **402-562-0929** with any ideas or news articles.

Jake and his wife Chriss have 3 children Hanna, Jacob and Kaleb and Jake has an older son Matt. In their spare time they are where else but at the river on the boat or just watching the water go by.



### **NAA Meeting Minutes**

#### **JULY 14, 2013**

President Tim Noonan called the July 14, 2013 director's meeting to order at the home of Richard and Julie Schank. Roll call was taken with 16 of the 32 members present. Minutes of the April 14, 2013 meeting were read. A motion to approve was made by Mike Pokorny; 2nd by Mark Ulferts. All approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Virg Crumley moved to approve; 2nd by Mark Ulferts. All approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tim reported on the Family Fun Day that all attended had a good time. Matt Shaw commented there were complaints that the newsletter was received by most after the event and Diane apologized for the delay in getting the newsletter done and had Rick Powers put out the email blast to all members that we have email addresses to notify on the Monday before.

Tim reported there has been no action on the Niobrara River and has been extended until Sept. 30, 2013.

Jay Kern reported on the Fishing Tournament held in June. There were  $12\ \mathrm{boats}$  that participated.

Darrell Starks reported on the Lower Platte River has a meeting coming up on Tuesday, June 16. At the last meeting goals and objectives were set and Darrell is involved in the conservationist group. There will be a final meeting in September. Darrell also reported on the Habitat Coalition and will vote with Option #1 to keep the coalition organized and wait if further action is needed. Gary Greiving advised on the Platte River Parkway that there have been no meetings as they had been canceled due to weather.

Tim reported that he has left messages with Ameristar and they have not yet responded back as he had some questions and concerns before the contract is signed on the Annual Meeting location.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tim read a letter submitted by Diane Arps with her formal resignation as temporary news editor. Diane stated that she does not have the time available to put out a regular newsletter. With no offers of a volunteered position for news editor in the past years since Terry Tilson had to resign due to health reasons, the board discusses making this a paid position and what amount should be offered. Mark Ulferts moved to offer \$500 per issue and to have 3-4 newsletters per year; Darrell Starks 2nd and all approved. Jerry Hanson would call Jake Kroeger if he would accept the position.

Columbus Run is July 27 and 31 rooms were reserved at the New World Inn. They did open 10 more rooms at the block rate of \$62.00. Use caution on the river with the low levels. Tim also mentioned the Thunder on the Loup the first weekend of August and River Rats Jamboree the following weekend. All of these events are non-NAA events.

Jerry Hanson asked if gun for the Annual Gun Raffle should be ordered now as prices continue to rise. Jerry moved to budget \$3000 for guns; 2nd by Mark Ulferts. All approved. Jerry and Matt Shaw will be on the committee and order through Ron Schindler in North Bend.

August 17 is the Fishing Tournament sponsored by Mark and Paul Ulferts. They have camping available.

Jerry Hanson reported he was able to contact Jake Kroeger and he accepted the position of new editor. Thank you to Jake for accepting this position and please submit any news articles to him and help him with any news on the river.

Next meeting is October 6, 2013 at Bottom Road Bar. With no further business to discuss, Bob Herring moved to adjourn; 2nd by Roger Reed. Following the meeting, a delicious meal was served by Rich and Julie Schank and the River Rats. A big  $THANK\ YOU$  to Rich and Julie for opening their home to the directors and to them and the River Rats for their hospitality!

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Arps, Secretary/Treasure

#### LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Wow summer is almost over, it has gone by fast. So far there have been no bad accidents to report on, thank you everyone for boating safe and I have not heard of any complaints as of yet, thank you. Our outings this year have been successful even though the water at times was quite low. Family fun day held at Matt and Pam Shaw's was successful, thank you Matt and Pam for hosting it once again ,and yes we will be working on the newsletter so it will be out in advance so people will know of the events ahead of time. The director meeting at Central City at Rich and Julie Schank's place was fabulous with great food and company and at the meeting, we found a new person to edit the newsletter and it is Jake Kroeger and we know he will do a great job. The Columbus run went well with no accidents that I am aware of and at one time I counted 89 boats. I did not attend but had heard that Thunder on the Loup went well. There were also two fishing tournaments, one at Cedar lakes and one at Fullerton and there were the River Rats that held their jeep jamboree at Central City which they have not called me for my jeep so I guess I did not win the jeep. Would also like to say thanks to all the out of staters that came up for the Columbus Run and Thunder on the Loup. We had people from Florida, Kansas and Oklahoma on the Columbus Run and heard there were other states represented at Thunder on the Loup as well. Fall is fast approaching but there is still plenty of time to be on the river. If you know of someone who is not a member try to give a good sales pitch to join a great organization that has a lot to offer for \$25 bucks. Friendly reminder to make plans for first Saturday in Feb. as this is our annual meeting to be held at Ameristar once again. We are still watching two areas of interest, the Niobrara area and the area out by Central City that could have some concerns for our members there and we will keep you posted once again. Remember it is a privilege to be on the river so please respect it and try to keep the river cleaner than what you found it.



(Left to Right) NAA President Tim Noonan, his wife Shelly, sons Aaron Eilers and Zach Noonan.

Thank you!
Tim Noonan
Nebraska
Airboaters
Association
President

# There's a New Biz in Town!

Long time auto body man Matt Shaw recently was looking for something to do after the decision to sell his body shop last year. Matt decided to combine two things he loved, entertaining people and air boating and created River Life Airboat Tours.

A new 20-foot Hamant Aluminum airboat with seating for 13 was brought back from FL this spring and the rest is air boating history!

Construction is underway on a Party Pavilion complete with restrooms and kitchen facilities for get togethers, wedding receptions, family reunions, etc.

A spring grand opening is being planned and Matt is booking dates for 2014 already so if you or anyone you know is looking for a fun way to spend the day with family and friends call Matt at **402-720-0007** and book it now!

A lifetime member of the NAA, Matt realizes the importance of our organization and what it does for the future of air boaters and encourages anyone who is not a member to join today.



# LOWER PLATTE AIRBOAT RACE 2013

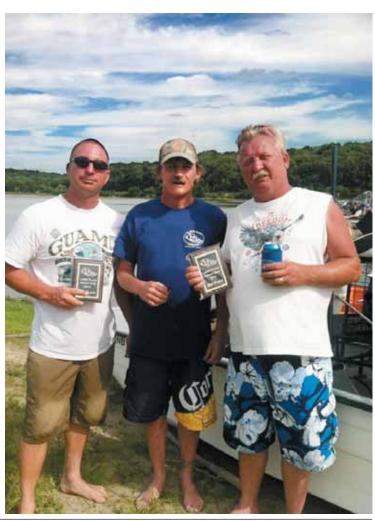
**1st Place** Ed Fransiscus

**2nd Place** Joel Petereit

**3rd Place** Kip Fuxa

**Powder Puff** Tammy Leonard

Congratulations to this year's winners! Thank you to all who participated!



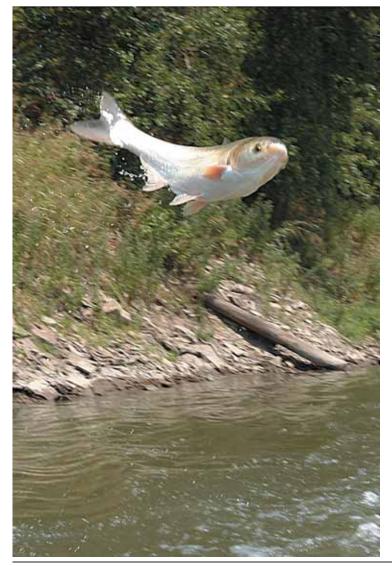
# **Asian Carp Invasion**

Many of you have probably noticed as my kids call them "jumpin carp" as you cruise through deeper water on the river. These are officially known as Asian Carp. First introduced by fish farmers in the South in the 70's to control algae growth at Catfish farms. Flooding allowed the fish to swim north up the Mississippi River and the rest is history.

They have been known to actually jump in the boat and have caused injuries to people that have been hit by them. Also I have seen them narrowly miss hitting someone while sitting in a "swimming hole"

Rumor has it they are good to eat but I personally have yet to attempt to cook one. Here is a recipe for those who want to give it a go!

\*See article "What's Cooking" for Smoked Carp Recipe on pg. 10



# **Log Planter**

Here is a great spring project for anyone's cabin along the river. Recycle some of those driftwood logs lying around into a beautiful planter.

Send us your pictures of any unique ways of recycling items to beautify your piece of heaven by the river!





# **2013 COLUMBUS RUN**

July 27th saw over 85 airboats making the annual Columbus Run a real success. It was a rather cool ride but everyone had a great time with very few mechanical problems. We had boats from NE, KS, OK, and FL just to name a few. The vast majority were members of the NAA even though this is NOT a sponsored event.

The best part was seeing nothing left but footprints on the sand as air boaters are very responsible when litter is concerned.







# **2013 FAMILY FUN DAY**

June 15th was the annual Family Fun Day held at Matt and Pam Shaws west of the North Bend Bridge. The weather was cool like it has been all spring and most of the summer. 35 boats showed up with kids ready to dig for coins and get some awesome prizes. Shelly Noonan was in charge of the prizes and she did an excellent job.

The meat was cooked by Bill Grainger and was done to perfection as usual. From the smiles on everyone's faces a good time was had by all.











#### WHAT'S COOKING?

#### EASY CROCKPOT POTATO SOUP

- Submitted by June Starks, wife of NAA Director Darrell Starks

- 1 (30 oz.) bag frozen hash-brown potatoes (I use the squared, southern style)
- 2 (14 oz.) cans chicken broth
- 1 (10.75 oz.) can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2c chopped onion
- 1/3 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 (8oz) package cream cheese (softened)

Garnish: minced green onion

#### Directions

- 1. In a slow cooker, combine potatoes, broth, soup, onion, and pepper.
- 2. Cover, and cook on low for 5 hours.
- 3. Stir in cream cheese, cook 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until combined.
- 4. Garnish with green onion.

#### **COYOTE DROPPINGS (Caramelized Cheetos)**

Submitted by June Starks, wife of NAA Director Darrell Starks

- 2 c brown sugar
- 1 c butter
- 1/4 c white corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 15 oz cheetos (puffs)

#### Directions

- 1. Put Cheetos puffs in LARGE bowl. Butter a large cookie sheet (10x15 or larger). I have been baking mine in my roaster so they don't fly every where when I stir them. Works much better. Wish I had tried this before.
- 2. Bring sugar, butter and syrup to a boil, boil and stir for 5 minutes. Remove from fire add baking soda, stir quickly. Pour over Cheetos and mix well, make sure each puff has syrup on it. Pour into buttered pan, spread out as much as you can. Bake 1 hr @ 250\*, stirring every 15 minutes. Pour out onto waxed paper, foil or I used freezer paper because it is so much bigger. Quickly separate Caramelized Cheetos. (Try to resist the temptation, but I guarantee you cannot!) Store in large zip lock bags.

Great snack for the "Bow Pad Buffet"

#### SMOKED ASIAN CARP

- Submitted by Jake Kroeger

 $5\ pounds$  Asian carp steaks or fillets (skin on)

1 cup kosher or pickling salt

1 cup brown sugar

Charcoal for smoker

Wood chips (cherry or apple)

Mix salt and sugar in a bowl. Roll fillets in salt/sugar mixture until coated. Seal fillets in a re-sealable plastic bag and place in the refrigerator for 2 hours. Flip bag over and refrigerate for an additional 2 hours. Remove fillets and rinse under cold water. Place fillets on a cooling rack until water dries.

Soak wood chips in water one hour before smoking. Light charcoal and let it burn until covered with a light ash. Fill smoker's water pan to create steam in smoker and keep fish from drying out.

Lightly oil the grill and position brined fish skin-side down on the rack. Add a handful of wood chips to charcoal and close smoker. Replenish chips every 20-30 minutes. Most fish will be cooked in 1-2 hours, but times will vary with the outside temperature and the number of coals.

Finished fillets will have a golden honey to mahogany color, depending on the type of wood chips used. Cooked fish will flake easily and be opaque on the inside. Allow fish to cool and serve "as is" or use in recipes that traditionally call for smoked salmon.

Makes 20 servings.

## Thank You from Joyce Kruger, Fiancé of Randy Brezina

On behalf of myself & the entire
Brezina family, thank you so much
for caring + for your support!

You have helped me also lighting
an airboater. I consider all of you
my family, so many good times &
good times to come:

we will mice Randy! Everywhere we look, we see his laughter, his

love of life and he did not wade any of it!

He lived life!

Please donate thick 2500 to the association! He would have wanted it that way!

S might set up college fund in future on behalf of the association of Randy!

Thank you! Figures funds

### 2013 NAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER\*

We apologize to Blake Cherny for a mistake printed in the last (Spring - Summer 2013) issue of the NAA Newsletter.

Congratulations, Blake!

Blake Cherny - NAA Member Nick Cherny (father)

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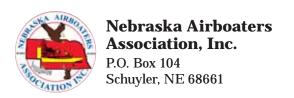
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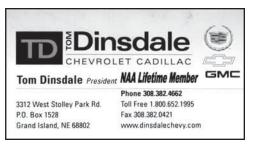
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