

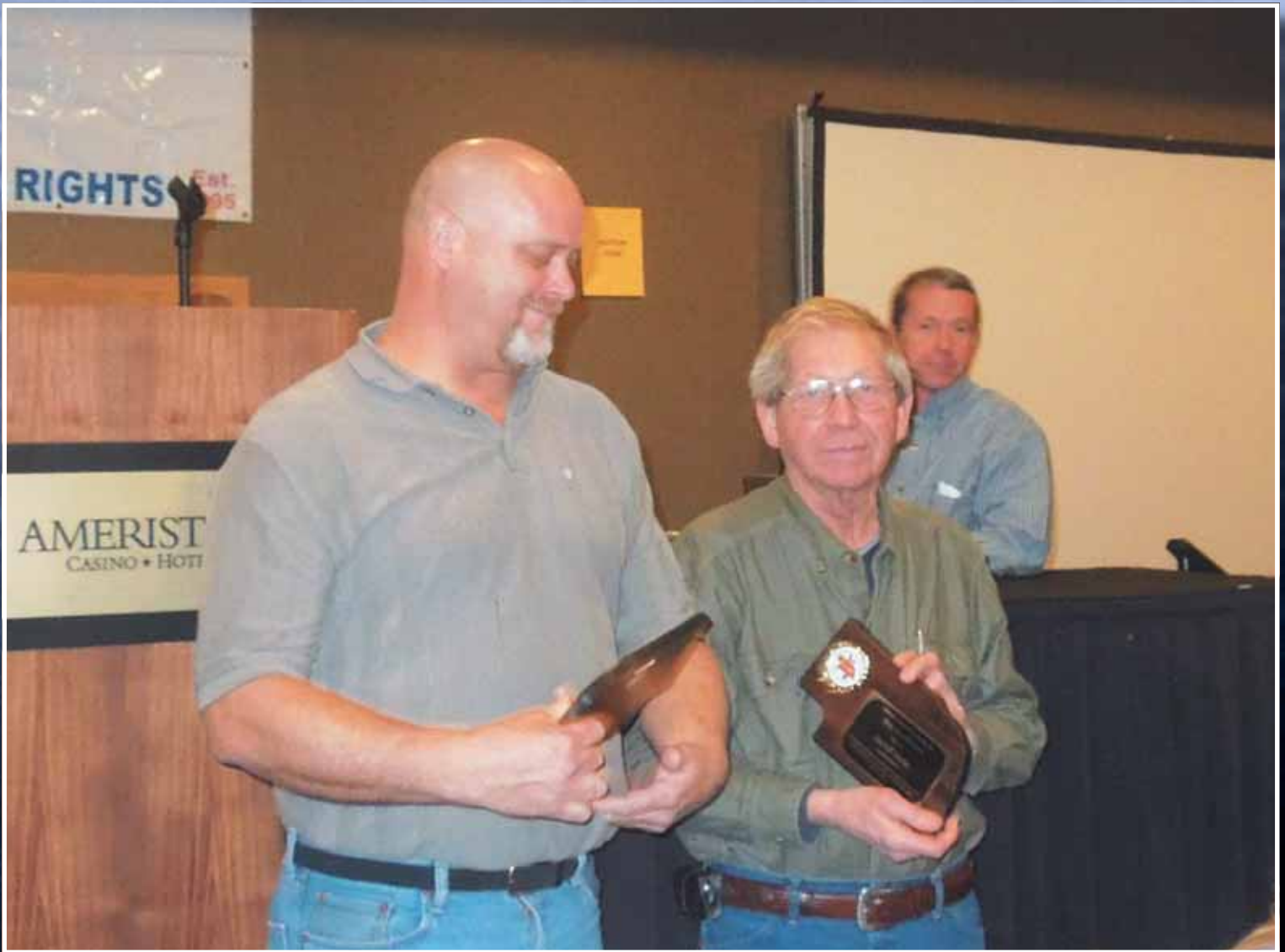
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Spring - Summer 2013



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ON THE COVER

Matt Shaw & Darrell Starks receiving their well-deserved plaques for their years of service



EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<i>Saturday, June 1, 2013</i>		<i>Fishing Tournament near Cedar Lakes</i> - Hosted by Jay Kern & Jason Thiessen
<i>Saturday, June 15, 2013</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Family Fun Day</i> - Matt Shaw's place
<i>Saturday, June 22, 2013</i>		<i>Poker Run</i> - CANCELED
<i>Saturday, July 27, 2013</i>		<i>Columbus Run</i> - Make room reservations at New World Inn 402-564-1492
<i>August 3 & 4, 2013</i>		<i>Thunder On The Loup</i> - Not an NAA Sponsored Event
<i>August 10 & 11, 2013</i>		<i>River Rats Jeep Jamboree</i> - Not an NAA Sponsored Event
<i>Saturday, August 17, 2013</i>		<i>Fishing Tournament on Lower Loup</i> - Hosted by Mark & Paul Ulferts

NAA Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the river front area of Matt Shaw's place, 1 mile west of the North Bend bridge. We'll start the day around 2:00 and will have games for the kids and drawings for some great prizes for youngsters AND this year we have some great giveaways for the adults too! Bill Granger will be cooking up his fabulous BBQ pork for sandwiches and we'll have some good side dishes to go along. If you want to show off your cooking skills and bring a side dish to share, it would be welcomed too! There are areas for campers and tents as well.

If you need directions, contact Matt Shaw at 402-720-0007. Let's hope for *WARM* weather and pack up your airboat and bring your family and friends for a great day to start of our 2013 summer celebration!!

Columbus Run

Columbus Run is set for Saturday, July 27, 2013. This event is NOT a NAA-sponsored event, but we do publish the information for your convenience. New World Inn (soon to be Ramada Inn) has a block of rooms ready for your reservations at a special rate of \$62. When you call (402-564-1492) be sure to ask for the Nebraska Airboat Association block rate. The staff of New World Inn is anxious to show you a good time this July!

THE CREATION *of the* NEBRASKA AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION

Did you ever wonder how the association came to fruition? The year was approximately 1993. A gentleman by the name of Jerry Nick, who is no longer with us and I began discussing river issues and what could be done to protect the airboaters rights on the river. Over many occasions at Whis's, we decided to get the ball rolling. We thought the best way to get something happening was to enlist someone that had contact with people of like-mindedness, specifically airboat owners. What better person than Jim "Spanky" McDermott to lead the way. The association was launched into existence. Jim began contacting and promoting the idea to airboaters in the Cedar Bluffs area and I was talking to airboaters in the Fremont area. After having a few meetings and much discussion, a meeting was set up with Curt Bromm, attorney, and the By-Laws were drawn up and the association became an organization on April 12, 1995.

The incorporation of the Nebraska Airboaters Association was initially signed by: Greg McCloud, Jim Thiessen, Jim McDermott, Don Weverka Jim Marvin and myself. So began a great organization and in my opinion the best in the country. This would not have happened if it were not for all the great people in this organization past and present, with the ability to think outside of the box. Everyone knows what they have done to promote the organization. You should all pat yourselves on the back and keep up the great work you are doing to promote the ideas and conscious effort to preserve our ability to use and protect our waterways. Encourage others to do the same and to become a member of our great organization.

I wish all of you a great and safe airboating year. Remember we are all family, so let's take care of each other and our Nebraska Airboaters Association for many years to come,

Sincerely,
Mike Herring

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 myprintjob@pubprinting.com. Please put NAA Story/Photo in the subject line so it will get our attention!

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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.

VOLUNTEER WANTED!

Charley (your TEMPORARY newsletter editor) is waiting for his airboat ride! Please help Charley find some extra time to airboat and do all the fun things a cat should do, like take long naps and shed and scratch furniture! Inquire about HELPING out our association! The NAA is still looking for an editor/news reporter/photo taker to help put together YOUR newsletter. If you would like to help, please contact Diane Arps at 402-641-6402 or dmarps@hotmail.com. This position could actually be held by several people as we like to gather news from across all of Nebraska!

Please keep sending your news stories and photos for future newsletters. Please email them to dmarps@hotmail.com. Even if "Charley" is replaced by someone who would like this job, the information would get forwarded to the printers. *Thank you!*



Nebraska Airboaters Association

~ Lifetime Members ~

No.	Last Name	First Name	No.	Last Name	First Name
1	Marvin	Jim	66	Daubert	Dax
2	Starks	Darrell	67	Eurek	Larry
3	Hubbard	Ted	68	Lindgren	Darren
4	Hubbard	Colleen	69	Dinsdale	Tom
5	Arps	Mark	70	Davis	Bill
6	Motter	Tom	71	Cutler	Garrott
7	Lux	Dennis	72	Ulferts	Mark
8	Delp	Stacey	73	Piti	Calab
9	Barta	Jack	74	Kavan	Randy
10	Fransiscus	Edward	75	Renaud	Curt
11	Rasmussen	Dennis	76	Roumph	Scott
12	Detweiler	Steve	77	Shaw	Pam
13	Wemmer	Bob	78	Eickmeier	Sarah
14	Ortlieb	Dave	79	River Rats Assoc.	(H)
16	Kroeger	Jake	80	Blecke	Lowell
17	Schank	Richard	81	Ulferts	Paul
18	Cole	Everett	82	Harrison	Douglas
19	Kroeger	Keith	83	Sukstorf	Skye
20	Kreikemeier	Mark	84	Greving	Gary
21	Cochran	Luke	85	Thiesen	Jason
22	Kern	Jay	86	Thiesen	Justin
23	Fuxa	Kip	87	Meck	Brad
24	Rossignol	Jamie	88	Agena	Martin
25	Smith	Stephen L.	89	Taylor	Barry
26	Leonard	Tom	90	Agena	Darwin
27	Hanson	Jerry	91	Ortmeier	Tim
28	Buskirk	Gary	92	Petereit	Joel
29	Poehling	Tom	93	McGinn	Mike
30	McDermott	Jim	94	Reeves	Ryan
31	Young	Jon	95	Perry	Ronald
32	Woltemade	David	96	Kern	Kyle
33	Shaw	Matt	97	Zeleny	Tim
34	McGinn	Seth	98	Shotkoski	Ken
35	Scharf	Bill	99	Feala	Jason
36	Kroeger	Hanna	100	Bailey	Dennis
37	Conn	Robert	101	Feist	David
38	Pokorny	Michael J.	102	Fiscus	Rick
39	Cherny	Nick	103	Havranek	David
40	Schindler	Ronald	104	Kern	John
41	Virgil	Bob	105	Sukstorf	Scott
42	Beed	Terry	106	Jurgensen	Chuck
43	Angell	Herb	107	Thiesen	Jordan
44	Thiessen	Jim	108	Feala	Seth
45	Thiessen	Rob	109	McBride	Ron
46	Schaferman	Wade	110	Reznicek	Marty
47	Stewart	Lonnice	111	Cashatt	Richard
48	Rochford	Robert	112	Sukstorf	Chad
49	Ern	Guy	113	Lux	Dean
50	Arps	Diane	114	Fleckinger	Bobby
51	Burt	Bob	115	Sahling	Scott
52	Chelberg	Steven M.	116	Parachini	Lori
53	DeBower	John	117	Russell	Mark
54	Faltin	Dave	118	Phillips	Todd
55	Johnson	Roy	119	Schank	Julia
56	Marvin	Tim	120	Reznicek	Nick
57	Miltner	Chad	121	Kassmeier	Randy
58	Mohr	Fred	122	Anthony	Myron
59	Nekl	Reggie	123	Huscher	Neal
60	Pemberton	Murray 'Rip'	124	Sullivan	John
62	Shunk	Don	125	Bennenhausen	Roger
63	VanBuren	Butch	126	Sukstorf	Ron
64	Petersen	Larry	127	Kucera	Brian
65	Stander	Dwight 'Yogi'	128	Healy	Bob

H = Bestowed an Honorary Lifetime Membership

Deceased Lifetime Members

No.	Last Name	First Name
61	Rochford	John C.
15	Montague	Bruce

Show Your Support for Nebraska Airboating!

Ask your director about a Lifetime Membership!

Lifetime Membership in the Nebraska Airboaters Association is available for \$325.00.

You will receive a plaque with an engraved marble insignia, a certificate of appreciation, a letter of thanks, and a special Lifetime Membership card. Plus the \$5,000.00 insurance coverage (as long as the Board of Directors approve and vote to continue the benefit year after year and the association is still in existence).

Any questions regarding this new and exciting benefit for a Lifetime Membership can be answered by your local area director or Matt Shaw at (402) 652-3487.

NAA Annual Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 2, 2013

President Tim Noonan opened the Nebraska Airboats Association Annual Meeting on February 2, 2013 at 1:00 at the Ameristar Grand Ballroom with introduction of new lifetime members and presentation of plaques. Special recognition plaques were given to Past President Matt Shaw and Past Vice President Darrell Starks for their five years of serving in those positions. They were thanked for all their hard work and dedication.

The Early Bird Membership drawing was held and John Mattson of Waterloo was the winner. Games and drawings continued until 2:00 p.m. when Tim called the official meeting to order with roll call of directors. All but four directors were present. Minutes of the December 9, 2012 meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Matt Shaw; 2nd by Mike Pokorny. All approved. Treasurer's report was reviewed and Paul Ulferts moved to approve; 2nd by Gary Grieving. All approved.

A reminder to fill out sheets that were on each table with needing member's birthdates to update our membership and also updating the email information.

Directors positions were approved for all areas with all regions full. With no opposition for any area, there was no official election.

Scholarship winners from 2012 was announced and new applications are available on the website with notice that this year there will be five \$500 scholarships available.

Nebraska Game and Parks representative Herb Angell was present and gave a presentation. He praised airboaters for their responsibility to keep the rivers clean. An article will appear in the next newsletter with other facts that he presented. Herb received a standing ovation! The association presented Herb a check for \$250.00 that we will present each year to the Games and Parks. Herb was very thankful for the donation and will use it for purchasing life jackets for children.

With no further business to address, a motion to adjourn was made by Derrick Engelbart; 2nd by Roger Reed. All approved. The auction followed the meeting, along with other raffle drawings. It was estimated that over 300 members and guests attended this meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Arps, Secretary/Treasurer*

MARCH 3, 2013

President Tim Noonan called the March 3, 2013 directors meeting of the Nebraska Airboaters Association to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Bottom Road Bar. Roll call of directors was taken with 30 of the 32 directors present.

Minutes of the annual meeting were read. Motion to approve was made by Mike Pokorny; 2nd by Nick Hansen. All approved. The treasurer report was presented. Mark Kreikemeier moved to approve; 2nd by Roger Reed. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS: A report of the annual meeting was read by Tim. Membership dues collected for 2013 was \$10,540.00; total of all raffles and the live auction were \$20,236.87 after expenses, for a total 2013 income of \$30,776.87. This was an increase of \$9,801.91 collected from the 2012 membership dues and raffles & auction.

NEW BUSINESS: New directors, Dan Czarnecki, Jim Kantor and Nir Levin needed to be formally inducted as directors. Mike Cronigan moved to approve the new directors; 2nd by Roger Reed. All approved. Tim welcomed the new directors and thanked them for volunteering.

Election of Officers: For Secretary/Treasurer: Matt Shaw moved to re-elect Diane Arps; 2nd by Mark Ulferts. Nominations closed. All directors approved. For Vice-President: Darrell Starks nominated Jay Kern for re-election; 2nd by Jason Thiessen. Nominations closed. All directors approved. For President: Jerry Hanson nominated Tim Noonan for re-election; 2nd by Nick Hansen. Nominations closed. All directors approved.

Location for the 2-1-2014 annual association meeting was discussed. Bids for the meeting were presented by Ameristar, New World Inn of Columbus, Divots Convention Center of Norfolk, Mid-American Center in Council Bluffs and Scott Convention Center. Derrick Engelbart also had rates from the Nielsen Community Center in West Point. Due to the increased cost of room rental and waiting bids from several other options, it was decided to gather the other quotes and table the decision for our next meeting.

CALENDAR OF 2013 EVENTS: Board Meetings were set for the following dates: Sunday, April 14, 2013; July 14, 2013 and this date will be held by Central City at Richard & Julie Schank's home; Sunday, October 6, 2013 and Sunday, December 8, 2013. These will be held at the Bottom Road Bar with the exception of the July meeting.

Other Events:

Saturday, June 15, 2013: Family Fun Day at Matt Shaw's place.

Saturday, June 22, 2013: Poker Run, hosted by Jake Kroeger & Tim Noonan; North Bend/Schuyler area.

Saturday, July 27, 2013: Columbus Run. Make room reservations at New World Inn 402-564-1492

August 3 and 4, 2013: Thunder On The Loup (not an NAA Sponsored Event)

August 10 and 11, 2013: River Rats Jeep Jamboree (not an NAA Sponsored Event)

Saturday, August 17, 2013: Fishing Tournament on Lower Loup, hosted by Mark & Paul Ulferts.

Saturday, August 24, 2013: Fishing Tournament near Cedar Lakes, hosted by Jay Kern & Jason Thiessen.

Garry Grieving & Richard Schank have been attending several meetings that are being organized by the Platte Peer Group. They hold meetings the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Central City. We will ask our lobbyist to look into this group & contact Gary or Richard with findings.

Rick Powers advised that the NAA website hosting company is going out of business. Rick is transferring the site to GoDaddy.com, so there may be some down time on the site in the near future.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Hanson; 2nd by Bob Herring. All approved.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Arps, Secretary/Treasurer*

APRIL 14, 2013

President Tim Noonan called the April 14, 2013 directors meeting of the Nebraska Airboaters Association to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Bottom Road Bar. Roll call of directors was taken with 23 of the 32 directors present.

Treasurer report was presents. Gary Grieving moved to approve; 2nd by Mike Pokorny. All approved.

Minutes from the March 3, 2013 meeting were reviewed. It was noted to change the date of the Cedar Lakes Fishing Tournament to June 1 for better water. With that change, Paul Ulferts moved to approve; 2nd by Darrell Starks.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of the location of the annual meeting. Two locations were presented. Diane Arps presented a bid from New World Inn in Columbus who proposed to host the event with free room rental for the courtyard that can seat up to 975. The other bid was returning to Ameristar. Jerry Hanson met with the staff and he said the room rental was for \$2000 + 7% tax & 20% gratuities in addition to the room rent. Room would be rented from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ballots were handed to each director to cast their vote. There were

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3 proxy votes submitted. 15 directors voted for Ameristar; 11 directors voted for New World Inn. 2014 meeting will be held at Ameristar.

Darrell Starks is representing the NAA in the Lower Platte River. He will be attending the meeting on May 21 and will report at the next meeting. Darrell is also representing the NAA in the Nebraska Habitat Coalition as there has not been a director involved since Gary Navrkal resigned as director. Darrell attended the teleconference meeting. There is some consideration of disbanding and if this would happen, the funds would be dispersed between the members.

NEW BUSINESS: Yogi Stander found a company that was interested in doing clothing apparel. There was not enough information presented in order to make a decision so they will be asked for more details. No decision was made and the item was tabled.

Matt Shaw said the NAA banners that were lost were returned to his camper at the Thunder On the Loup this summer.

FAMILY FUN DAY is scheduled for Saturday, June 15 and will be at Matt Shaw's river frontage. Thank you to Matt to host. Jerry Hanson will contact Bill Granger to make the meat. Tim Noonan suggested to allow funds for better prizes and to include some adult prizes. Jerry Hanson moved to allow \$1,000 for prizes: \$500 for adults; \$500 for kids (including some of that for the coin dig). Motion was seconded by Jim Marvin. All approved.

There is a new proposal out for the Niobrara River that could declare these waters off limits for motorized watercrafts, including airboats. Tim checked with lobbyist and he was directed to federal contacts, Adrian Smith and Deb Fischer. A meeting will be held on April 18 in Niobrara. Jay Kern, Jim Marvin, Tom Poehling, Matt Shaw, Dan Czarnecki and Jim McDermott will attend. They will take a list of our members and the River Rats Association to show we oppose this plan. If there is need to organize a coalition similar to what was done with the Nebraska Habitat Coalition, a motion was made by Matt Shaw; 2nd by Jerry Hanson to allow up to \$5,000 to fund. All approved.

Tim reviewed the summer events, noting the change in the Cedar Lakes Fishing Tournament on June 1 instead of August 24.

Garry Greving asked that a special thank you be sent to Sara Eickmeier who is one of the new owners of the New World Inn in Columbus and a lifetime NAA member to thank her for her consideration in bidding the annual meeting. Diane will send a thank you.

With no further business to discuss, Jerry Hanson moved to adjourn; 2nd by Nick Hanson. All approved.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Arps, Secretary/Treasurer*

LETTER from the PRESIDENT

It has been a long winter and a even longer spring so bring on the sunny weather and the airboating season. Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting in Council Bluffs. It was a huge success with a lot of new lifetime members and we made a lot of money even though we had a limited time table but we seemed make it work without too many complaints. It was decided this year to look into other possible sites to have our annual meeting, due to the cost of what we pay every year at Ameristar and we looked at different offers and we decided to vote on two sites which one was New World in at Columbus(new owners) and at Ameristar and it was a close vote between the directors but in the end it was Ameristar that received the most votes. We have already looked into the contract and we will not be rushed like we were last year and we will have a much higher bar tab than most years so we need our members to support us like we have in the past. We have a lot of events scheduled for the summer with the first one is Family Fun Day in June which has good food and some prizes so please come support the events.

This year the association has been watching some new groups and new regulations coming up that are major concerns to the airboaters of Nebraska, one of which are new regulations on the Niobrara river and a new group called the Platte River Parkway Trust and we are watching these very closely to make sure of no new regulations aimed at limiting airboater rights. Our lobbyist has been watching these issues and appropriate people such as senators have been contacted as well as local and county officials in these areas, we will keep people posted on these issues. Also there is a committee formed for the Lower Platte management group that Darrell Starks has volunteered to sit on to represent the NAA. We have several other members that our watching these other issues as well and they are Gary

Greving and Richard Schank for the Platte River Parkway Trust and Tom Poehling on the Niobrara.

Last year we had a few accidents that involved airboats and we received a few complaints on some airboaters running late at night and running too close to the river banks. Please keep in your minds that not all people care for airboats like our members do so we need to be respectful of everyone on the rivers. If we respect the rights of the land owners and we airboat cautiously , we can have a fun and safe summer of boating.

I would like to offer my thanks to Jay Kern and Diane Arps for helping me with the checks and all they do and I would like to thank all the directors for their help also. Hope all have a safe and enjoyable summer. There are a lot of fun times to be had and a lot of enjoyable people to meet. Also remember to keep the river cleaner than what you found it so we do not have someone complaining about the airboaters, because we want people to hear the good stuff about airboaters and not the negative. Also if you know of someone who is airboating and not a member of the Nebraska Airboaters Association, try making them a member, it can not hurt to get all the members we can.



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

Thank you!
Tim Noonan
Nebraska Airboaters
Association
President

Garden of Mushrooms

Cory Bennett, Brent Backman, and Jeff Elsasser hunted for mushrooms for about 3-4 hrs around Leshara, NE Friday May 10th. We're guessing we found some where between 20 and 30lbs. A lot of them were the size of beer cans. It was something that you hear people talk about but never get to see yourself. For us, it was by far the greatest year we've ever had. A couple of days before we went out Brent asked his mom what a good gift for Mother's Day would be? She said, if you could find me some more mushrooms that would be a good gift. So out we went and boy was she in for a treat. We stopped at one spot and I bent down to grab 3 and saw 4 more, but when I looked up I couldn't believe what I saw! Thirty yards in all directions were huge mushrooms.

Jeff and Brent also found themselves in a "garden of mushrooms", as we came to call those kinds of areas. If we would have started our hunt 1 hour earlier Brent could have finished his "mushroom garden".



Photos courtesy of Cory Bennett, NAA Director in the Yutan area.

Raffle Ticket Winners

- Browning Silver Hunter 12 gauge:**
..... Frank Oshel, Ames NE
- Ruger M77 Hawkeye .270:**
..... Dean Gerths, West Point NE
- T/C Triumph, 50 caliber:**
..... Zach Schmitdt, Waterloo NE
- Remington 870 12 gauge:**
..... A. J. Shotkoski, Palmer NE
- Ruger Camo 10/22:**
..... Liz Shotkoski, Palmer NE
- \$100 Cash:**
..... Arlene Shotkoski, Fullerton NE
- One Night Stay @ Holiday Inn at Ameristar:**
..... Greg Boruch, Osceola NE

Congratulations to our winners! To all those curious on the three Shotkoski winners, yes---the barrel was shaken up in between drawing tickets and different individuals drew each of the tickets. They were just lucky!

Thank you to all who bought tickets!



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A Special Thanks!

Thank you to Doug & Angie Backens of Fremont for their generous donation of \$500 in addition to Doug upgrading his annual membership to lifetime member. We thank you for your donation and have set it aside in special donation funds for future use.

Special Guest Speaker

On February 2nd the Nebraska Airboaters Association's 2013 Annual Meeting was a great success. I am guessing the room could hold about 300 to maybe 325 and I would say it was 80% or better full. Everyone was having a great time. Awards and the club's thanks were given to our long time former president Matt Shaw and vice president Darrell Starks. Thank you gentlemen for all your years of service and sacrifice for the club.

The guest speaker was one of the Nebraska Game and Parks Officers, Herb Angell. Herb gave a very light hearted and enlightening talk. One attendee said "Isn't he amazing!" Herb said "that even though airboats are a small percent of the registered boats in Nebraska he knows that every airboat has a trash bag on board and comes back with it filled at the end of the day". Also he thanked the airboaters for their time, sacrifice and being willing to assist in the time of need even though it costs them to help in searches or flooding.

Herb accepted a donation from the Nebraska Airboaters Association on behalf of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission from club President Tim Noonan.



Guest Speaker Nebraska Game and Parks Officers, Herb Angell



Tim Noonan Presenting Herb Angell with a donation from NAA



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NAA ANNUAL MEETING



Jim McDermott purchases the prop painted by Terry Taylor of Howells, Nebraska at the NAA Auction.



Randy Haseman joined the NAA at the Annual Meeting and he purchased this Terry Redlin print at the NAA Auction.



Chance Fousek joined the NAA at the Annual Meeting and won this great flat screen TV!



Lifetime members that joined in 2012 received their plaques at the Annual Meeting.





James L. Fritz

(March 16, 1946 - Oct. 23, 2012.)

James was born March 16, 1946, in Fremont to Theodore and Delores (Melton) Fritz. Jim grew up in Fremont. He previously worked at Valmont Industries in Valley and then for Hormel Foods Corp. in Fremont for 16 years. He owned C & J Upholstery from 1981 until retiring in 2011. He married Dorothy Reeves on Jan. 1, 1990, in Fremont.

James was a member of the Fremont Berean Bible Church, the Fremont Airboat Club and IMCA and NASCAR Racing member.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy; two sons, James J. "JJ" (and wife, Nichole) Fritz and Lukas (and wife, Liz) Anderson, all of Fremont; two daughters, Jayme "Brenda" (and husband, James) Hughes of Phoenix and Angela (and husband, Patrick) Burke of Fremont; stepson, Christopher Reeves of Fremont; stepdaughter, Cori (and husband, Paul) Wegener of Minneapolis; brother, Don (and wife, Jo) Fritz of Fremont; six sisters, Judy (and husband, Curt) Rohrig, Teri (and husband, Ken) Rohloff and Sheila Panko, all of Fremont, Veronica Stevenson, Mary Jackson and Barbara (and husband, Bob) Lewis, all of Denver; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



Ronald R. Grigsby

(June 10, 1957 - April 14, 2013)

Ronald R. Grigsby, 55, of Central City, NE died Sunday, April 14, 2013, at Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital in Central City.

Ron was born on June 10, 1957 in Aurora, NE, to Robert L. and Raymona (Page) Grigsby. He grew up in Central City and received his education there, graduating from Central City High School in 1975.

He was united in marriage to Marla K. Johnson on April 14, 1979 in Central City, NE. Two sons were blessed to this marriage, Joe and Zachary. The couple later divorced.

Ron owned and operated Grigsby Custom Excavation and farmed. He worked hard and played hard. He loved his children and grandchildren, and the Platte River, near which he made his home.

Ron was a member and founder of River Rats Association. He was also a member of the Eagles Club, Sons of American Legion in Central City, and an active member of Airboaters Association. He requested to have his brother Rick sing "The Chair" at his funeral.

Survivors include his two sons, Joseph Grigsby and special friend, Jamie Harlow,

of Hastings, NE; and Zachary Grigsby of Central City, NE, two grandsons, Evan Grigsby of Grand Island, NE; and Jace Hajny of Glenvil, NE, fiancé – Cindy Hines of Central City, NE; Marla Johnson - mother of Joe and Zachary Grigsby; brother and sister-in-law – Rick and Rita Grigsby of Central City, NE; Uncles – Bill Grigsby of Aurora, NE and Paul and Charlene Page of Broken Bow, NE; Dave Hines of California; Godchild – Taylor Lewis of Central City, NE; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; dogs – Zoey, Allie, and Reba.

Preceded in death by his parents; one brother- Steven Grigsby; Grandparents – Ray and Helen Grigsby and Raymond and Lucille Page; three dogs – Trinity, Jesse, and Lexi.

Randy A. Brezina

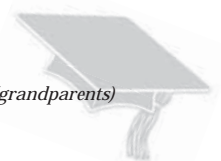
(June 13, 1954 - November 23, 2012)

Preceded in death by father and mother Joseph and Jeanette Brezina. Survived by long-time fiancée Joyce Kruger son Jeremy (Lesley) Clark granddaughter Kennedy Clark grandson Kellan Clark brothers Terry (Sandy), Johnny (Jeanette), Ron (Regina), Tim (Holly), Jimmy (Dar) Brezina sister Jenny (Ed) Kovitch brothers-in-law Robert (Shelly) Noonan, David (Diane) Noonan sister-in-law Theresa Noonan numerous nieces and nephews Randy was a talented carpenter. He loved his two dogs; Jake and Casey, and enjoyed driving his air boat and giving rides up and down the Platte River near his home.

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