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ON THE COVER

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NAA Director Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM at the Homefront, North Bend, NE. Roll call conducted, 14 out of 19 directors present.

March 5, 2023 minutes read aloud by Jessica Fetrow and discussed. Motion to approve March minutes was made by Todd Bailey. Second by Jim Cantor. Approved unanimously.

Financial report was provided to those present, reviewed and discussed.

- A motion was made by Kirk Westring to move \$100,000 into a CD with Edward Jones at an estimated rate of 5.5%. Second by Marty Reznicek. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve financial report was made by Matt Shaw. Second by Kirk Westring. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Decision was made to wait to dredge the pond at the Homefront until the fall.

Dave Mitchell has provided the language to include in the NAA by-laws to allow the association to remove a member should the association see fit. This was read aloud by Randy Fetrow and discussed. Directors agreed that the amendment is appropriate. This will be voted on at the next regular meeting in order for the by-laws to be officially amended.

Veteran's Ride (July 15th)

- Michael and his organization, Uplifting Warriors would like to be involved with the Veteran's Ride. He has offered to have tank tops made and would like to donate them to the NAA to be handed out at the event.
- Wounded Warriors has reached out and would like to attend the event. They have also agreed to share the event on their Facebook page.
- Pillen is no longer able to provide pork like previously discussed.

Tim Noonan will be getting 80 pounds of beef this year for the event. Marty Reznicek has lined up picnic tables. Jay Kern will work with some others to have the flags on the bank again this year.

- Discussed options for loading people onto boats this year depending on water level, sandbars, etc. This will likely be a last minute decision the week before or week of the event depending on the conditions.
- A 'last minute clean up' will be held at the Homefront the Wednesday before.

Randy let everyone know that the NAA's insurance representative plans to attend the September meeting to answer any questions and run through what our policy covers at the Homefront.

New Business:

Marine permits were discussed and it's recommended that the NAA apply for this when events are held on the river. This will include the Veteran's Ride, Poker Run, etc.

Columbus Run t-shirts were discussed. Kirk Westring asked for feedback regarding how to handle sponsorships with the t-shirts. It was suggested and agreed upon that the NAA will take 10 sponsors on the shirt, which will include the sponsor's logo. Logo spots will be \$250. There will also be 10 sponsors listed on the t-shirts without the sponsor logo. Non-logo spots will be \$100.

The concern with non-members using the Homefront was brought up and discussed. Several times, non-members have been found to be using the Homefront without a member present. Guests are allowed at the Homefront but an NAA member must accompany them. A reminder will be posted on the Facebook page.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marty Reznicek. Second by Lynden Rathje.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Scholarship "Thank You's"

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me pay for schooling. Again
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Frank Urbanski

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love for airboating and the enjoyment
the river gives me. I have grown up
airboating with my dad and grandpa
and never pass up a chance to go
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Piper Taylor

Thank you for choosing me as a
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and majoring in Sports Media & Communications.


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Jayden Lee

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Looking Back... 2013 Columbus Run

This story was taken from the Fall 2013 issue of RiverTALK. We had 85 boats on the Columbus Run that year and roughly 200 airboats ten years later in 2023! That decade went by fast!! Let's take a look back...

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.



2023-24 EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
April 29th:	10:00 am, Homefront Cleanup. Contact Randy Fetrow 402-276-0437, Matt Shaw 402-720-0007	July 28th:	Weekend Kickoff Party @ Homefront
June 4th:	1:00 pm, Directors Meeting @ Homefront	July 29th:	Columbus Run
June 17th:	Poker Run at Fremont Hwy 77 Bridge. Sign up 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Contact Randy Kassmeier 402-615-0103	July 30th:	Clarks Run
July 3rd:	Platte Run (Columbus to Clarks) 12:00 pm @ Hwy 81 Bridge. Contact Randy Fetrow 402-276-0437	August 12th:	Vets Run @ Fullerton/ Contact Mark Ulferts 308-550-0271
July 15th:	Veterans Rides @ Homefront. Setup 9:00 am, rides start @ 12:00 wpm. Contact Randy Fetrow 402-276-0437	August 19th:	Fishing Tournament @ Fullerton. Contact Mark Ulferts 308-550-0271
		Sept. 10th:	2:00 pm, Directors Meeting @ Hay Barn Bar & Grill in Beemer, NE
		Dec. 10th:	2:00 pm, Directors Meeting @ Beer 30 in Chapman, NE
		Feb. 3rd:	2024 Annual Meeting @ Ramada Columbus, NE



This memorial was donated by the Veskerna Family to the NAA. The late Gene Veskerna set several of these for Fremont Monument Co. This one was in storage for over 35 years. It is believed to originally be built for the Tekamah area.

Veterans Ride 2023



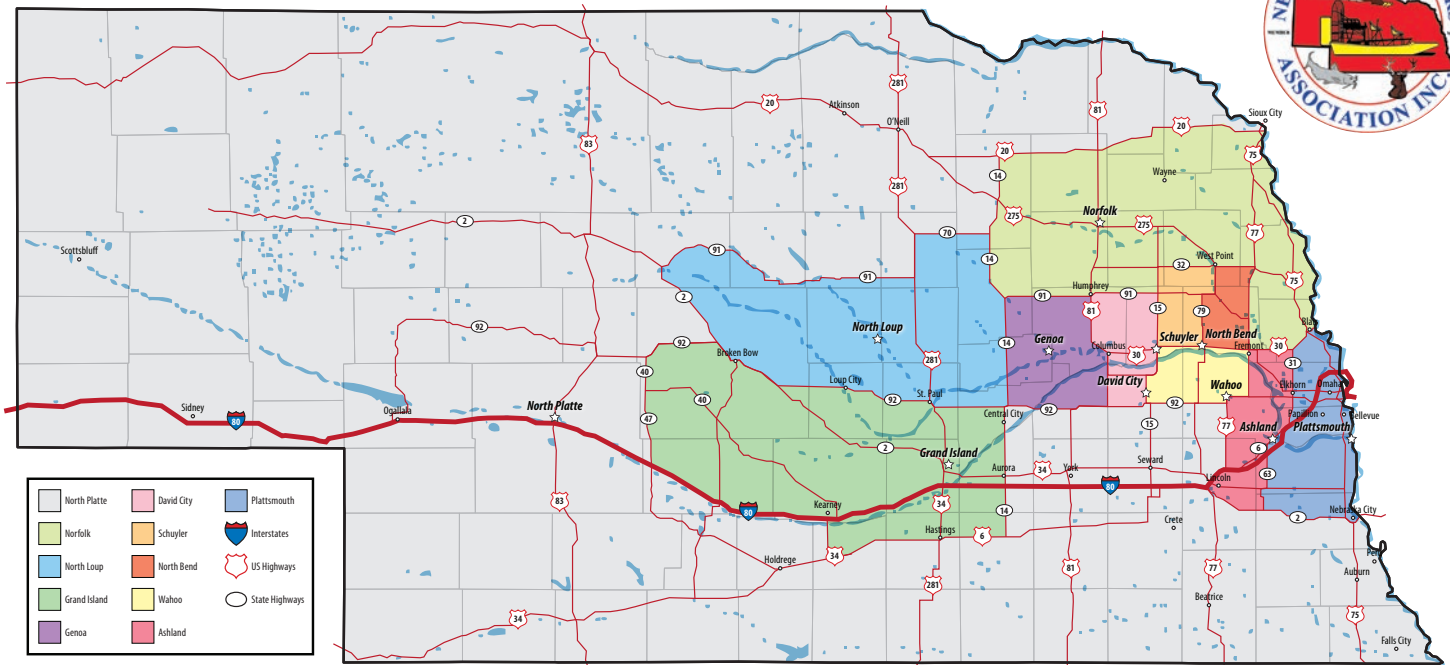
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Randy Fetrow	Genoa	402-276-0437	randyfetrow@gmail.com	P	P	P
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Matt Shaw	Wahoo	402-720-0007	shawman63@hotmail.com	P	P	P

President Randy Fetrow
 Vice President Kyle Kern
 Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Fetrow/Ronda Thiessen

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COLUMBUS RUN 2023



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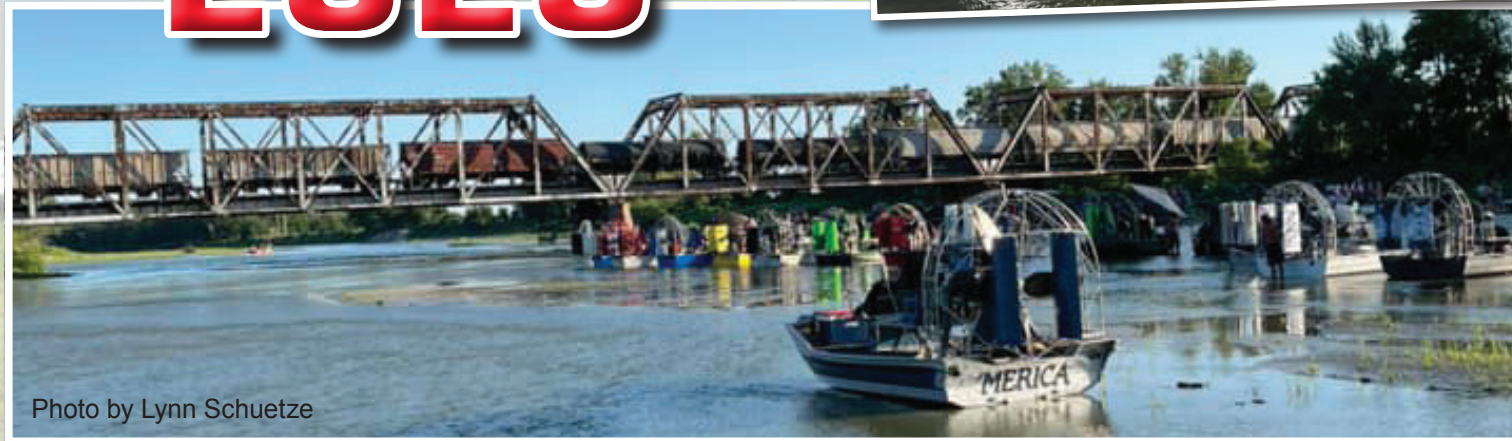


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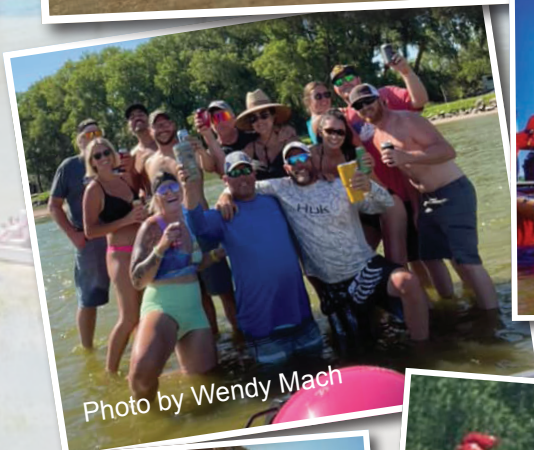


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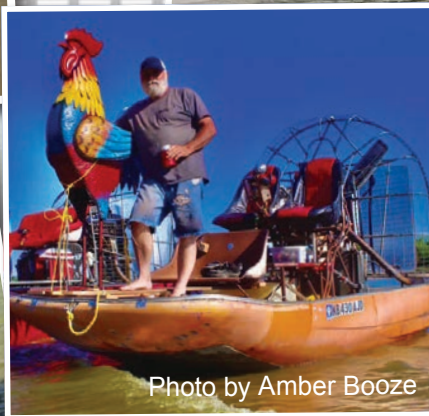


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