



UTAH AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION

Fall Scooper 2017

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Our annual dues are \$30.00 per year. They are due at the time of the Spring Banquet, but we can accept them anytime.

PLEASE send in your dues to Utah AirBoat 6680 South 475 E. South Weber, UT 84405. We can also take your credit card over the phone or use the PayPal option located on our website (www.utairboat.com).

Airboaters helped Wasatch Wigeons remove the "Can Opener" at Willard Spur. Big thanks to Wasatch Wigeons for their good work!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: As I think back to our Spring Banquet with all that snow still deep in the mountains and the run off starting to peak what a great feeling that was to know we have all that water coming to our marshes very much needed after several previous dry years. It's been a hot summer but as we start to wind down summer and her heat, it's looking like we were able to maintain a good portion of our water from our great winter snow fall and fairly wet spring

I am pretty optimistic about our upcoming water fowl season this year!!! We should see more water in many areas and improved conditions flyway reports show waterfowl numbers are stable and improving consistently on most species our "duck Factory" had a great wet spring also great for water fowl that visit us through the season.

Let's hope for another great snowpack this winter, we are not 100% back where we need to be the GSL has plenty of storage room there will still be some dry areas and other safety concerns out there, one concern I want to throw out there is tall phrag and visibility in a lot of high travel areas this year. More water is going to allow mud boats and airboats to use the same areas this year and travel paths such as the channels and around corners etc. Let's be safe, slow down, and always expect to have someone around the corner because nobody wants to get run over or do the running over! With some extra water and little more space, let's be courteous and spread out a little and not set up quite so close to your neighbors .

We have a great group of members I feel very fortunate to belong to such a awesome association and people and serve as president I'm very new and green at this btw, but learning some new things as I go with the secretary and officers help for sure. Thank YOU everyone for your support and your friendships!!! Let's be safe out there and bring on the 2017-18 waterfowl season with a BANG BANG BANG!!!!!! See you all at the fall get together come out shoot some trap, visit, and have some burgers and brats. THANK YOU -- TRAVIS VAN ALFEN

Fall Banquet –September 28th

Our Fall Banquet will be at the Lions Shooting Range in Bountiful. Meet at 6:00 for shooting, hamburgers, bratwurst, duck ka-bobs, and refreshments until 8:00. No charge for members, but non-members will cost \$10. The trap shooting will not be free, but it will be fun!

Youth Fair September

The annual Youth Fair will be held on September 9th (8:00 AM) at Farmington Bay WMA. We have several Airboaters volunteering in this important event! It is free...bring a kid!



Flower petals or goose butts?

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Waterfowl Management Area Update—Ogden Bay manger Rich Hansen says that the outflow from Pintail Flat has had water on it most of the summer but is now dry. This means that the flow will be seriously overgrown and we will need to plow through the phragmites in order to get out. The airboat association has offered to help pay for spraying if possible. They currently have 1200 pairs of cattle out there munching away in an effort to clear things out for birds and hunters! Duck and goose production was way up this year on the WMA and there is a lot of new growth to feed them!

Farmington Bay WMA manger Jason Jones reports that he has been working to repair damages to the J-Dike that occurred this spring. They will also spray and roll the phrag in this area this fall/winter. Construction has begun on the Nature Center and it will eventually house the headquarters for the WMA. The GSL has been quite low in the FB area this summer, but there is still plenty of vegetation outside the dikes for hunters to chase waterfowl.

Airboat Association Membership Directories will be sent out in September to all current members. We will also be purging the text-alert list and removing non-members in an effort to be more streamlined. We may need to do some test texts as we work through it...thanks in advance for your patience!

FYI: Please keep checking our Airboat Facebook page for current events.

We also keep things posted on our webpage. Between these two outlets, we can more effectively communicate with our members.

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