

UTAH AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION



Spring Scooper 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: As I sit at my desk I can look to the East and see the Wasatch Mountains with tons of snow ready to melt and hopefully make its way to the Great Salt Lake. This could be a phenomenal year for water in our wetlands. I'm optimistic about the coming year.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Our annual dues are \$30.00 per year. They are due at the time of the Spring Banquet (April 7th). 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).

UAB LOSES A FRIEND:

Longtime member, and Airboat officer Mark Briggs passed away in February. We extend our condolences to his family...he will be greatly missed.

With the Farmington Bay goose nesting behind us we look forward to our annual banquet. Please come and join us for a nice evening. These events are a great opportunity to meet fellow members and enjoy a meal with like-minded people. Don't forget to bring the kids.

I feel like we have a great group of members and I take great comfort in knowing that when I'm stranded out in the marsh, help is just a phone call away.

Thanks for your friendship and support. See you at the banquet.

Kerry McCloud

Spring Banquet –April 7th

Our spring Banquet is going to be held at **Granny Annie's** in Kaysville. The address is: 268 No. 400 W. Kaysville, UT. It is located right near the Kaysville exit off of I-15. We will start the festivities at 6:00 PM. This is a nice, clean place that will serve a Roast Beef Dinner or a Chicken Breast Dinner. As usual, we will have great prizes to give away (including a bowfishing rig, guns, coffins, decoys, etc.). And, for those of you that like the "Mystery Box" auction, there will be something special in it for you! The dinners will cost **\$15.00 per person**, and please bring family and friends. Your attendance helps us fund projects!

Airboat Association Happenings

We hauled in 75 tons of rock at Pintail Flat Airboat Ramp (again) to help improve the parking area.

We had our goose nesting /bratwurst cookout at Farmington Bay.

We participated in a dike clean-up at Farmington Bay.

Tips to keep you out of trouble

- *It is illegal in Utah to shoot from a moving vessel (airboat) at any animal (this includes ducks, coots, coyotes, raccoons, etc). People are watching!
- *It is tempting to drive over deep snow-covered phragmites, but be aware that it will tip your boat over very easily.
- *Cracked mud beneath 3" of water looks safe, but it can (and will) stick you solidly.
- *Always carry an 8' board to pry you out of trouble. A 100' tow rope is a must.
- *Ease into sticky or unknown areas at 1/2 throttle...you may need the other half to get out.
- *Carry your Airboat Membership Directory with the text-alert numbers in case of trouble.
- *Airboat hunting is quite crowded nowadays, but courtesy towards others will go a long way. That guy you yelled at for being too close may be the fella that rescues you!



Hard at work!



2017 Goose Nest Crew!

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OGDEN BAY WMA UPDATE--Rich Hansen the OB Manager has this to report:

There is a new rest area located just west of the OB headquarters. He will be replacing 84 water control structures this year. The goal is to have 2000 pairs of cattle this year if water allows it. The new North Run impoundment will be finished this year. With help of State Lands Division, they will be re-treating and rolling more acres outside of Harold Crane. They treated 1500 acres near Howard Slough last year. And they will also be installing more duck nests on interior units of OB. Big thanks to Rich Hansen for all he is doing over at Ogden Bay WMA!

GSL Wetlands:

The Division of State Lands intends on spending more time on the phragmite situation this year with about \$350,000 in funds. They will be working along with our WMA's on projects like the Howard Slough and Harold Crane projects. Water levels are going to be a bit higher this year, but a hot summer could evaporate much of it back down, so it is too early to tell what next waterfowl season will bring when it comes to water levels. Davis Sewer District is experimenting with mowing and channeling an out-flow. They will monitor it and determine if it is feasible to continue the efforts...If it works, we will press for more projects like this one!

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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