

# Newsletter

AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA

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## PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hello AAOF  
Members,

Another year has passed with no airboating events. Yet we still have the airboat club to enjoy and the Everglades to ride in. The water is back up again and we are again faced with soft grounds. We did have another successful workday on September 18th. Thank you to

all the members who showed and worked that day and to the four young men doing their community service hours.

We are still watching and monitoring DOT with their road improvements and South Florida water Management district and their water deliveries. These are ongoing projects that directly impact our club grounds.

We are still the proud owners of assumed to be recognized culturally historic site. These 10 acres need constant attention. We

need to be proud of our club when hosting outside groups like the scouts of America, the ham radio club, the FWC youth python hunts, and other guest events.

When you come out to use the ramp to go riding look around if something needs to be done and you can do it, then please do. If not make plans to come back. Call me I'll come help.

Thank you for supporting the AAOF, your airboat club.

Keith Price  
President of AAOF  
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## EVENT CALENDAR 2021 – 2022

### January

(Dates are subject to change, visit organizations website for details.)

\*Homestead Rodeo – January 28, 29, & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, [www.homesteadrodeo.com](http://www.homesteadrodeo.com)

\* Everglades Roots Festival – January 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2022, [www.evergladesrootsfestival.com](http://www.evergladesrootsfestival.com)

### February –

\*Everglades City Seafood Festival – February 11 -13<sup>th</sup> 2022, [www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org/](http://www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org/)

\*Wild Hog BBQ –February 26, 2022, [www.wildhogbbq.com](http://www.wildhogbbq.com)

**AAOF club meetings are held the last Thursday of each month –**

November and December - NO AAOF general Meetings.

## Airboat Association of Florida – Officers

Keith Price, President - Bill Miner, Vice President - Charlie Erwin, Secretary - Mark Kendall, Treasurer

Board Members – Roy Applegate, Bruce Eckel, Renae Larkins, David Ringwald, Paul Bailey, Wade Harper, Donnie Onstad, Rick Sanda, Carter Burris,

Karla Larkins, Mary Parker, Judi Washington, Bill Wilson Jr.





# AAOF ELECTIONS 2021 - 2022

Club members that were nominated to run are as followed

- President
  - Keith Price
- Vice President
  - Bill Miner
- Treasurer
  - Mark Kendall
- Secretary
  - Charlie Erwin



- Board Members
  - Paul Bailey
  - Davie Balman
  - John Crouch
  - Julio Herrera
  - Getty King
  - Amanda Lopresti
  - Mary Parker
  - David Ringwald
  - Michael Salvatore
  - Rick Sanda
  - Judi Washington

**Voting Instructions:**

- Elections will be held on October 28, 2021, at 8:00 pm.
- To be able to vote you **MUST** have your **Membership Card** and be present on October 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting.
- The people with the top 6 vote totals will be elected.

## Kids' Corner!



*Do you have a High School student looking to Complete Community Service hours?*

*Well, we have lots for them to learn and earn. To be able to set up dates and time, come out to the next General Meeting and we will arrange in getting those hours completed by Graduation.*



Sadly, long time member Chris Hirsh passed away early Tuesday morning, September 7th, after a brief illness that resulted in a two-week stay in the Intensive Care Unit. Courageously Cass, his wife, was by his side as he earned his angel wings.

To know Chris was to know a man:

- who** worshipped Cass and the life they shared together.
- who** was immensely proud to be showcased by the Food Network on Guy Fieri's television shows Diners, Drive-In's, and Dives, Guy's Grocery Games, Guy's Family Road Trip, and the DIY Network's show The Vanilla Ice Project.
- who** was eternally fueled by pleasing those around him with an amazing meal.
- who** enthusiastically owned and operated Scully's Tavern for over 32 years on a daily basis, rarely taking a day off.
- who** never met a stranger, could strike up a conversation with anyone and find something in common to discuss.
- who** had infinite compassion for everyone he knew and even those he had never met.
- who** would eagerly jump at the opportunity to help someone in need, whether he knew them or not.
- who** had such zest and zeal for life with all it had to offer and never wanting to miss out on a new experience.
- who** never sat still...always running off to tackle that one last thing on his daily written list of things to accomplish.
- who** was kind, generous, and always nurturing to everyone around him.
- and the man **who** originated "Pay It Forward" in countless ways, such as his traditional Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve dinner feast, free to anyone that walked through the door of Scully's Tavern for 32 years.

Chris will be missed by literally an endless number of family, friends, and acquaintances.

Since Chris didn't have medical insurance coverage, Cass is now faced with an exorbitant amount of looming medical bills.

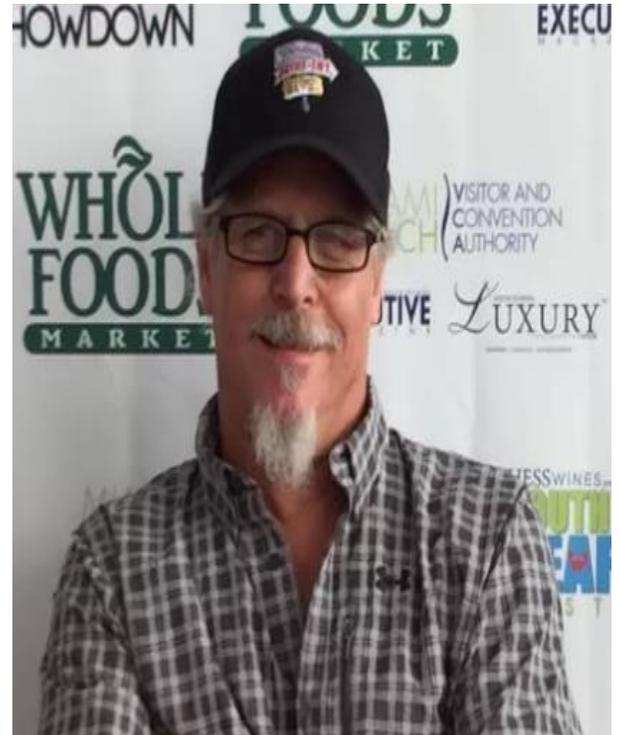
The lingering effects of Cass's spinal cord injury last year and this tragedy have been additionally compounded by the daily struggles of keeping Scully's Tavern open during COVID with high rent costs, staffing issues, and the necessity of having to exhaust their savings. Like Chris, now's the time for us to "Pay It Forward". Therefore, we're asking donations to be made to the Scully's Tavern Chris Hirsh GoFundMe account.

We greatly appreciate all your support, phone calls, text messages, thoughts, prayers, well-wishes, etc.

Donations by check should be made out and mailed to

The Cassandra L. Hirsh Irrevocable Trust  
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