



UTAH AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION

Spring Scooper 2018

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.utahairboat.com).

Airboat Association members showed up to work on the duck/goose nesting project at Farmington Bay. The world is run by those that show up!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Welcome to springtime everybody! First of all, I want to thank everybody that came out to Farmington Bay to help with the duck/goose nesting project. We removed and repaired many nests that are usually missed each year due to their location and accessibility. I want to thank Jason, Rich, Blair, Chad, and all of the DWR folks for involving all of us and listening to our concerns. Cooperation like this helps to keep our marshes headed in the right direction! Another thing I want to bring attention to is the fact that our marshes, public lands, and waterways are under attack more than ever before. It is happening faster than we realize and damaging actions are being slipped into bills in our legislature before the public has a chance to oppose them. Stay in touch with groups and organizations, and get involved/support where you can. We must be willing to fight for our rights as hunters and airboaters to secure our ability to use our public lands and waters as intended so our kids and grandkids can enjoy our sport and passion like we have. Last, but not least, spread the word and mark your calendars for our **SPRING BANQUET!** We are trying a couple of new things including the venue, and have **MANY** great prizes to give away. We have some expensive projects to fund this year, and our proceeds from our banquet helps us accomplish them. Among the projects we will be doing this summer are plans to improve several airboat parking lots. We are constantly trying to improve all of our hunting and marsh experiences. I hope to see you all at our banquet...invite friends and family members...all are welcome to share a fun evening with fellow airboaters. Everybody come out and have a fun night with a great organization and an awesome group of people!

THANK YOU! -- TRAVIS VAN ALFEN –Airboat Association President

Spring Banquet –April 7th

Our Spring Banquet will be held at the Timbermine Steakhouse in Ogden (6:00 PM). It is located at the mouth of Ogden Canyon along the river parkway. **The cost of the meal is \$30.00 which includes gratuity.** Meals will be your choice of ribeye, salmon or teriyaki chicken. Alcoholic beverages are not included, but are available for purchase. Highlight of the night--Rich Hansen, manager of Ogden Bay, Howard Slough, and Harold Crane, will be speaking to us about the WMA's. **Also, this is the time when your membership is due.** Yearly dues are \$30.00 (cheap!). We will be accepting cash, check, or credit cards at the door. We also have so many great prizes that it is impossible to list, but they include full-body decoys, goose decoys, guns, ammunition, gun cases, Sitka jackets, Kings Camo, etc. –We also have Airboat Association shirts, jackets and hats for sale. This is the time for us to raise money for important projects... So bring money! ☺



Did they all fit into that boat?

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Waterfowl Management Area Update—Ogden Bay manger Rich Hansen says that he will have several thousand cows munching away at phragmites this year. They treated the water at Harold Crane for carp and, with a good kill, it should produce lots of duck food. The rest area at Ogden Bay will be get the phragmites rolled and treated this year, and having a high-functioning rest area is good for all waterfowlers!

Farmington Bay WMA manger Jason Jones reports that there will be a phrag treatment (including rolling) in the area outside the Turpin unit and near Stinky. This is a good thing for ducks and airboaters! They will also be experimenting with reseeding of native vegetation in phrag treatment areas to see if the native grasses can ever grow again. FYI- Construction is ongoing at the Nature Center and it will eventually house the headquarters for the WMA.

Other News: Airboat Association Membership Directories will be sent out in summer of 2018 to all current members. Also, troubling Utah legislation (HB272) was passed recently allowing the state to sell the sovereign lands under Utah Lake. This opens the door to selling off lands in the Great Salt Lake. NOT GOOD!

FYI: Please keep checking our Utah Airboat Association Facebook page for current events. We also keep things posted on our NEW webpage—utahairboat.com. Between these two outlets, we can more effectively communicate with our members.

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