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**ON THE COVER** Photo taken by Lexi Sindelar by the North Bend Bridge @ dusk. For a full color view please visit www.AirboatNE.com.

# 👂 EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	DIRECTOR MEETINGS	
Dec 3, 2017	Ashland, Greenwood, Parker's Smokehouse @ 2pm	

#### Have a Suggestion for an Event in 2018? Would You Like to Host an Event?

Contact your area's director or become a 2018 director.

# **NAA Meeting Minutes**

#### July 23, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was held at John Sullivan's, Fullerton, Neb. The meeting was called to order by president Kern at 2:05pm.

Roll call was taken. Showing 22 directors present, 12 absent. It was noted that Bob Herring and Justin Herring turned in their resignations as directors on July 18, 2017.

Copies of the minutes were handed out to be read. Roger Reed moved to approve the minutes. Second by Jim Kantor. Motion carried.

Dan Mensik gave the financial report. Reviewed past activity in the checking account. Reviewed the CD's. Discussion took place on adding funds to the mutual funds with Mike Struebing of Headley Financial Group.

Discussion also took place on moving money out of the checking account to the CD that's open for renewal, leaving a balance of approximately \$15,000 in checking.

Justin Thiesen moved to add \$15,000 from checking to the mutual fund account with Headley Financial Group.

Second by Mark Ulferts. Motion carried.

Discussion took place for boat inspections with the Nebraska Game and Parks. Gary Greving made a motion to table this until the December meeting. Second by Roger Reed.

Dan Mensik reported numbers on the Poker Run and Swap Meet. Poker Run had 115 hands sold. Took in \$1,070. First place pay out was \$350, Second place pay out was \$200, and third place pay out was \$50 with \$25 being donated back to the scholarship fund. \$225 was taken out for food reimbursement. \$245 was deposited into the NAA checking account.

Swap Meet totals were - \$190 for entry fee's, Apparel sold \$345, and food sold \$169.

Gary Greving reported on eight boats that helped give rides at the Cattleman Ball on June 3, 2017. Great success.

Discussion took place on security for the overnight parked boats for the upcoming Columbus Run event. Blue

Knight Security was contacted. They agreed to provide two people with 4-wheelers from 10pm to 7am. Cost of \$398.79. Roger Reed moved to hire Blue Knight Security out of York for the event with the NAA picking up the cost. Second by Randy Kassmeier. Motioned carried.

Discussion took place on adding women's tank top apparel to the clothing line. Michaela Eurek will pursue this with Wade Schafersman. Justin Thiesen moved for Michaela and Wade to purchase tank tops at their discretion. Second by Michaela Eurek. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on Family Fun Day and Potluck, 2pm on August 26, 2017. It was asked if this event should be moved around, no response to hold event anywhere else. It will remain at Gaughen's Bottom by Cedar Bluffs. Jay Kern reminded for the need of volunteers to help set up.

The property by the North Bend Bridge that has been allowed for use by airboaters was discussed. Matt Shaw reported on cleaning up the property. Justin Thiesen moved to pursue legal advice on liability before spending any money on the property. Second by Gary Greving.

Discussion took place on organizing the state into areas for director positions. Todd Bailey reported on the number of current members living in the areas presented at the May meeting. After a lengthly discussion, Virg Crumley moved to have Dan Mensik send out two to three options to the directors via email to evaluate. Second by Rob Thiessen. Motion carried.

Discussion took place that the next newsletter will be out the 1st week of September.

Next meeting October 1, 2017—Reg's 7 Mile Steakhouse, Columbus, Neb. @ 2pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Roger Reed. Second by Mark Kreikemeier.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Mensik, Secretary/Treasurer

	2017-18 Officers & Directors							
DIRECTOR	AREA	CONTACT NUMBER	ANNUAL MTG	MAR MTG	MAY MTG	JULY MTG	OCT MTG	DEC MTG
Jay Kern	Cedar Bluffs	402-510-2600			Р	Р		
Kyle Kern	Cedar Bluffs	402-699-4489			Р	Р		
Anthony Trotta	Columbus	402-279-6648			-	-		
Randy Fetrow	Columbus	402-563-4134			-	Р		
Wade Schafersman	Elkhorn	402-720-9439			Р	-		
Tyler Bruhn	Elkhorn	402-657-3001			-	Р		
Kevin Aurora	Fremont	402-720-7318			Р	-		
Ron Bachmann	Fremont	402-727-7499			Р	Р		
Mark Ulferts	Lower Middle Loup	308-536-2854			-	Р		
John Sullivan	Lower Middle Loup	308-550-0107			Р	Р		
Michaela Eurek	Leshara	402-669-7999			-	Р		
Craig Hittner	Leshara	402-510-2259			Р	-		
Jim Kantor	Louisville	402-660-9068			Р	Р		
Yogi Stander	Louisville	402-234-2313			Р	Р		
Dave Havranek	Memphis	402-699-5001			-	-		
Nir Levin	Memphis	402-480-1631			Р	Р		
Virg Crumley	Monroe	402-495-3195			Р	Р		
Roger Reed	Monroe	402-495-2034			-	Р		
OPEN	Niobrara	N/A						
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Darren Lindgren	Norfolk	402-720-1194			-	-		
Jordan Thiesen	Norfolk	402-510-0844			Р	Р		
Dan Mensik	North Bend	402-720-9777			Р	Р		
Justin Thiesen	North Bend	402-909-2004			-	Р		
Randy Kassmeier	Schuyler	402-615-0103			Р	Р		
Todd Bailey	Schuyler	402-615-0552			Р	Р		
Nick Hansen	Valley	402-720-4882			Р	-		
Mike Denny	Valley	402-320-5108			-	-		
Kenneth Meyer	West Point	402-380-3839			Р	-		
Mark Kreikemeier	West Point	402-380-1133			Р	Р		
Garry Greving	Western	308-380-1740			Р	Р		
Doug Schneiderheinz	Western	308-390-4669			Р	Р		
Rob Thiessen	Yutan	402-672-7249			Р	Р		
Dan Bundy	Yutan	402-430-6779			-	-		

President......Jay Kern Vice President......Matt Shaw Secretary/Treasurer....Dan Mensik

If you have any issues or concerns, please call your local director and we will discuss those issues at our next directors' meeting.







### Have a Story or Photo You'd Like to Share with NAA?

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# **PHOTOS** from the **PAST** Can you name these people?

Thank you to Lewis "Louie" Morgan for sharing these photos from the Fremont Airboat Club.

Do you have photos you'd love to share of past or current events with other members? Please email your photos to your treasurer, Dan Mensik at dmen06@nntc.net, or directly to our printer at myprintjob@pubprinting.com. Don't forget to include a caption or list of those photographed, and NAA Photo in your subject line.



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## **PHOTOS** from the **PAGE 5**

Picture 1 (L-R):	Norm Garrard, Jack "Jacko" Wagner, John Kern, Ron Hirsth, Myron Anthony, and Charlie Hurley	
Picture 2 (L-R):	Jim Brown (back turned), Larry Porter Sr. (back turned), Myron Anthony, Ron Hirsth, River the dog, and Norm Gerrard.	
Picture 3 (L-R):	Airboats docked at the Fremont Airboat Club sometime around the 1970's.	
Picture 4 (L-R):	Norm Gerrard, Ron Hirsth, Jim Brown, Rez Rezenac, and Larry Porter Sr.	
Picture 5 (L-R):	Norm Gerrard, John Kern, Jon Kern (child w/back turned), Rez Rezenac, Mystery Man, Jacko Wagner, Rick Gerrand (child), Myron Anthony, and Ron Hirsth.	
Picture 6 (L-R):	John Kern and son Jay Kern (about 1967).	

#### **LETTER** from the **PRESIDENT**

Sharing pictures and memories from the past. Can you believe those pictures are about 50 years old? Those old time airboaters built their own boats or helped each other put a boat together. Those guys remember the days when you went to the junk yard to get a motor or parts. They could put a boat together for a few hundred bucks and some horse trading with other boaters.

Airboaters back in those days were just trying to figure it out, by trial and error. They really were pioneers in the history of Nebraska airboating. They always had fun and enjoyed the freedom of the river. What a community of family and friends they made out there on the river. Just think of the pictures our kids will share in the next 50 years.

The Fremont Airboat Club and the NAA are both great organizations built on family and friends. I thank everyone who sponsored, hosted or supported an event this year. Let's keep the enjoyment and freedom of the river going.

> Jay Kern NAA President



## **Airboat Poker Run**



The June 17th Poker Run hosted by Randy Kassmeirer and Justin Thiesen had about 40 airboats, with 115 poker hand participates. The run went from the Fremont Hwy 77 bridge to the North Bend Hwy 79 bridge, with a couple stops in-between. Everyone enjoyed grilled pork sandwiches, with some fixin' on the side. This event raised \$250 for the NAA. Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants who made this event a Great success! Randy and Justin will be holding this Poker Run on the 3rd Saturday in June next year as well.

Mark your calendars & Save the Date!

6/16/18 two pair again, sure to be another winner.



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# **AIRBOATER'S CODE** of **ETHICS**

- 1. I will respect the rights of all users of the recreational waterways of the state, on public waters and on adjacent private property.
- 2. I will be considerate and courteous at public vessel launch ramps and docks. In an effort to not delay others, I will launch and retrieve my vessel promptly.
- 3. I will always operate at a safe speed in posted "No Wake" zones.
- 4. When approaching the shoreline, I will be especially aware of swimmers and other water vessels near the shoreline.
- 5. I realize that my vessel's equipment, ability, weather conditions, and especially other vessel traffic should determine my vessel speed.
- 6. In case of an emergency, I will volunteer assistance.
- 7. I am aware that my vessel creates air propeller wash and will use idle speed near the shoreline and in close proximity to boat launch ramps.
- 8. I will ensure that all passengers in my vessel are equipped with safety equipment, including life vests, ear protection, eye protection, and required safety equipment.
- 9. I will avoid unnecessary disturbance of wildlife and will not enter posted "No Trespass" areas.
- 10. I will pay close attention to the engine sound levels that my vessel may create and be aware of how others on vessels and on the shoreline will react to it.
- 11. I will not litter and will bring back all trash. I will be careful in handling my fuel.
- 12. I will not interfere with or harass others. I realize that people will judge all airboaters by my individual actions.

# Nebraska Airboat Association 05/1995

The NAA was formed in May 1995. Its purpose is to preserve and protect the rights of airboat owners, by working with public and state agencies. We also need to be good stewards of the river and surrounding land, encourage safe and responsible recreation. Protect its watershed from degradation and increase the community's appreciation of its natural beauty.

**Defend Our Rights:** We have a lobbyist for the association to watch for changing legislation.

**Promote and Enhance Good Stewardship:** Encouraging others to join the NAA and always trying to improve our organization.

**Encouraging Safe and Responsible Recreation:** We look out for each other and assist boats and passengers in trouble. Make sure everyone gets home safe to boat another day.

**Protect Watershed from Degradation:** Be mindful of what you put into the river. Keeping our waters clean and clear of debris and trash will keep our rivers beautiful. Working to protect banks and property is a challenge but worth the fight to preserve our lands next to the river.

**Community Appreciation for the River's Natural Beauty:** By bringing our family and friends to the river for a fun outing teaches others of our states great resources, while just simply out for a good time together. Teaching our children who will be the next generation of boat owners ensures that the tradition carries on.

The purpose of the NAA is to be good guardians for the rivers we love.



# 2017 NAA Family Day



Anymore Jumping Frogs?



Launching Apples



**Frog Jumping Contestants** 

## **River Riddle?**

What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

iA nisqmuA :rowsnA

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

hotod nistqmud v diiW :rowanA

# **2017 NAA Family Day**



# **VETERANS RIDE**



A Veteran's Ride was held on August 12th west of Fullerton. This non-sponsored NAA event was hosted by Paul and Mark Ulferts. Paul and Mark along with John Sullivan, Bryan Dubas and Arron Wetovick, gave rides to seven Vet's and three employees of the Grand Island Vet's Home. This group of Veterans had a great time and loved the Loop River.

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