

AV GAS VERSUS PUMP GAS

AIRBOATING

Magazine

LLC

March/April 2014

**AIRBOATING
AROUND
AFRICA**

**AIRBOAT SHOWS,
RACES & RIDES!**

**PANTHER AIRBOATS
CUTTING EDGE INNOVATION**

Upcoming Events
Club Listing

U.S. \$4.95 / Canada \$5.95



**THE ULTIMATE AIRBOAT AND
SWAMP BUGGY INFORMATION SOURCE**

PANTHER AIRBOATS

Cutting Edge Innovation – Streamlined Design



Ray Smith of Central Florida's custom Panther Airboat incorporates many new innovative features. The marine alloy, aluminum hull is a 15' x 8' Panther Thunder, with 1/4" riveted polymer on the bottom. The 2' grass rake has a 30" LED light bar custom mounted inside. The rigging is all stainless steel. The craft is powered by an 850 h.p. CBM supercharged engine with a 2.68 gear to gear counter rotator, spinning two 9-blade WhirlWind Razor X props. An Infinity® marine stereo system tops off the package.

By Katie Thomas

When it comes to innovative design and style, Panther Airboats of Cocoa, Florida, is a leader in technological advances. With over 45 years of expertise in building airboats, Panther always delivers to its customers by providing top-of-the-line products.

Panther Airboats has always pushed the envelope in design and is a pioneer in discovering new technology to make your airboat run faster, smoother and look downright kick-ass.

Panther has a mission to stay in constant pursuit of producing
20 Airboating Magazine

Photos courtesy of Panther Airboat Corporation

the finest airboats available and with options such as its gear-to-gear counter rotation, genuine GM emissions-compliant marine engines and sleek, hydrodynamic hull designs. This airboating company is at the forefront of quality-built boats.

Recently, Panther Airboats built a custom design boat for customer and Central Florida local Ray Smith. Smith's boat is decked out with Panther's advanced engineering and technology. He contacted Danny

Continued on page 21

PANTHER



The 2.68 gear-to-gear counter rotator turns two 9-blade WhirlWind Razor X props. Gear-to-gear counter rotation is a Panther patented innovation only found on Panther boats. The counter rotation cancels rotational torque and increases thrust up to 30 percent, decreases fuel consumption 30 percent and reduces noise up to 30 percent.

Continued from page 20

Bono, vice president of Panther and told him he wanted, “the baddest boat on the water.” Bono immediately got to work on Smith’s new baby.

Smith’s Panther has a 15’ x 8’ heavy-duty marine alloy aluminum hull with a 2-foot grass rake and ¼-inch riveted polymer, complete with all stainless steel rigging.

Each Panther airboat comes with a styled instrument console with lighted marine gauges that include: tachometer, oil pressure gauge, temperature gauge, volt meter, hour meter, keyed ignition and all navigational rubber-booted toggle switches. Smith’s boat console differs from other Panther boats because it is all-digital and can read engine error codes, counter rotator system, oil pressure, rpm and propeller speed. Easy to read for smooth driving and digital access.



Custom fitted with an 850 h.p. CMB supercharged engine, this Panther hauls tail, especially since it is fitted with a 2.68 gear-to-gear counter rotator with two 9-blade WhirlWind Razor X props. Gear-to-

Continued on page 22

Airboat Wireless Headsets

Crystal clear audio with the freedom of wireless.



Sonetics

Learn more at www.soneticcorp.com | 800.833.4938

Photo courtesy of John of the South



The Panther logo on the side of the grass rake is CNC machine cut out. This allows the logo to be completely illuminated, by the 30-inch LED light bar custom mounted in the grass rake where it is protected from breakage. Panther is the first and only airboating company to install this feature

The airboat is powered by this high performance 850 h.p. CMB supercharged LS marine engine.



The styled instrument console comes with lighted marine gauges that include: tachometer, oil pressure gauge, temperature gauge, volt meter, hour meter, keyed ignition and all navigational rubber-booted toggle switches. This console is all-digital and can read engine error codes, counter rotator system, oil pressure, rpm and propeller speed.

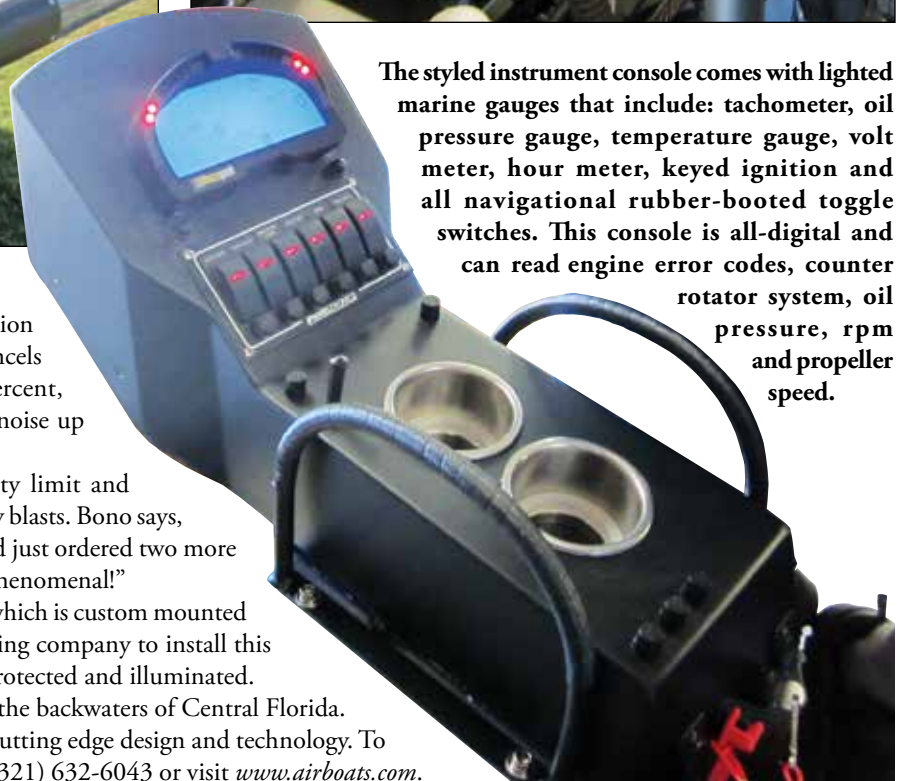
Continued from page 21

gear counter rotation is a Panther patented innovation only found on Panther boats. The counter rotation cancels rotational torque and increases thrust up to 30 percent, decreases fuel consumption 30 percent and reduces noise up to 30 percent.

Bono decided to take Smith's boat to the capacity limit and installed a marine Infinity stereo system that absolutely blasts. Bono says, "The stereo system is amazing. We put in two tens and just ordered two more six by nines for the boat. It is so clear and loud, it's phenomenal!"

Smith's boat also features a 30-inch LED light bar, which is custom mounted in the grass rake. Panther is the first and only airboating company to install this feature, which allows for the logo to be completely protected and illuminated.

Smith's boat is quite a sight to see cutting through the backwaters of Central Florida. Panther Airboats is sure to keep pushing ahead with cutting edge design and technology. To contact Panther Airboats for custom-built boats call (321) 632-6043 or visit www.airboats.com.



The Protection For Your Headers That You've been After!

PERFORMANCE KOTE

SPECIALIZING IN HIGH PERFORMANCE CERAMIC COATINGS & SERVICES & POWDER COATINGS

4101 Eirey Rd, Suite 3A
Orlando FL, 32808

www.performancekote.com **407-445-2026**

STREET STRIP SAND

ECOTEC - ALLOYTEC - LT GEN5 - LS1 - LS3 - LS6 - LS7 - LSX



CBM Twin Turbo 463 LSX



2014 Catalogs



GM LS Series Engine Specialists

Engine Building
 Engine Tuning
 Chassis Dyno
 Turbochargers
 Superchargers
 1300 hp Race LSX
 Custom Billet Parts
 CBM CNC LS Heads
 Custom Wiring Harness's

NEW!

CBM CNC PORTED COMPLETE LS CYLINDER HEADS
 LS1, LS3, LS6, LS7, LSX, L92, 241, 243, 823

CBM ECOTEC HEADER WITH MUFFLER
 "Ceramic coated" 2.2L 2.4L L61 LE5

CBM ACCUFAB 95MM LS THROTTLE BODIES
 Polished or Black Anodized Finish

WIRING HARNESS'S

- CBM L61 2.2L Ecotec complete wiring harness.
- GM LE5 2.4L Ecotec complete wiring harness MEFI 5.
- CBM LS 24x/58x manual trans complete wiring harness. MEFI
- GM LS 24x/58x manual trans complete wiring harness. OEM

Sign up for our Newsletter

cbmmotorsports.com

CBM Motorsports 9252 Hyssop Drive Rancho Cucamonga CA 91730 t 909.291.7550 f 909.291.7554





cbmmotorsports.com