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CVND Airboat Makes Louisiana Debut
At Giant Salvinia Awareness Day Saturday in Oil City

A Giant Salvinia Awareness Day will be conducted Saturday June 7 from 8 AM to 1 PM at Earl G. Williamson Park in Oil City. The event is co-sponsored by the Caddo Parish Parks & Recreation Department and the Louisiana Greater Caddo Lake Association.

East Texans representing the Cypress Valley Navigation District, the Greater Caddo Lake Association of Texas, and the Caddo Lake Institute will also participate in the event. CVND's new Airboat will be on display and members of the Texas Caddo Lake Spray Team will be on hand to discuss the summer herbicide application program on the Texas side.

"Our Louisiana partners in the invasive aquatic vegetation fight are doing a terrific job of educating boaters and the general public about giant salvinia and other invasives," said CLI Director of Outreach Jack Canson, who is one of the speakers on the Saturday morning program. "They also are taking some pioneering steps in experimenting with biological controls on that side of the lake, and we are looking forward to learning more about their efforts Saturday."

Other speakers include Dr. Dearl Sanders from the LSU Ag Center, Dr. Beverly Burden, an entomologist at LSUS, and Gary Tilyou, Administrator of the Louisiana Department of Fish & Wildlife's Inland Fisheries Division.

Earl G. Williamson Park is located on the shoreline of Caddo Lake off Louisiana Highway 1 at Oil City. Free hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be served.