

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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"Big Event for July Fourth Weekend"

That's what the headline read in the July newsletter, we just didn't know how big the event would be. The St. Albans Messenger reports a couple thousand visitors out for the fireworks show, it was actually several thousand, no way to count them. As we looked at all the lights around the lake—almost every cottage was lighted and full to capacity. During the Lake Carmi Pontoon Boat Relay Race, it was amazing to see the crowds around the shore lines, cheering for their teams. The crowds grew even bigger as all the roads surrounding the lake were lined bumper to bumper, for a fireworks viewing spot.

Bar-B-Q was the food of the day on all days of the big weekend. Whether it was the Franklin Fire and Rescue 1000 person event or the little family events around the lake, everyone was happy and cheering in the holiday weekend. The big Bar-B-Q was Saturday evening, with the firemen reporting they were sold out.



That evening was the lighted boat parade with more than thirty boats, small and large. The hit of the parade was Kevin Lothian's 30 foot pontoon boat (*photo courtesy of Lauren Young*) sporting the large lighted 50, to celebrate the anniversary of the Lake Carmi Camper's Association, Inc. Sharon Larose with her husband Bob at the wheel



portrayed the role of Lady Liberty. Immediately following the lighted boat parade was the Mullen Shore

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The boats were lighted with all types of lights, some with power inverters, some with generators, some with batteries. After this great success, the 2012 boat parade is expected to be even bigger and brighter.

Following the pontoon boat relay, under bright skies, the weather began to change. In the distance nature's fireworks began. The LCCA fireworks were scheduled for 9:30 p.m. It became apparent we wouldn't make it to start time. The sky had turned black with lightning and thunder, in the distance. After a quick conference call, the show was set off at 9:00 p.m. and speeded up to double time.



Everyone agrees we had a great show, our 35 minute show lasted just 16 minutes, but



the effect was tremendous. Immediately after the grand finale the winds

threatened to blow us into the next county and the rains poured. Throughout the evening, after the Pontoon Boat Relay and before fireworks, a bluegrass band played at the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant; entertaining a very large crowd awaiting the light show. A great evening it was!

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The Biggest Event, Pontoon Boat Relay

New to Lake Carmi, perhaps even new to the world, the Pontoon Boat Relay was a huge success under the leadership of event chair Bob Lumnah. The idea was presented to the board of directors last year as a way to build up interest and spirit at Lake Carmi. It was more successful than any planners could hope for. With five teams of five boats, the action was unprecedented. The twenty five competing boats gathered at the north beach area about 6:30 p.m. preparing for the announcements and the starters signal.

As the starting competitors lined up, the other relay boats headed for their next "ball" transfer on the lake. As the signal was sounded,



the boats took off -- some of them. A little reshuffling of crew placement was necessary to

get some boats moving out of the sand (mud). They were off and speeding around the lake. In this photo, the Yellow Team Captain Joe Craig's Wildcats (above) of the Westcott/Mullen Shores make their first transfer out by the island. The green team boat (Dueling Dolphins of Dewing Road/Camp Road) awaits their partner boat to arrive. The next time this writer would catch up to the teams was on the Hammond Shore where the Blue Team (right) (Hammer-heads of



Hammond Shore) made a very quick transfer, from Captain Bob Larose's boat to Randy Farrar's boat, challenging the Red Team for the lead. By the time Farrar came around the corner at Shore Road, he was in the lead preparing to take the winners' trophy from the bigger horse-powered Red Team (Pirates of the Pontoons from Patton Shore/Blackwoods).



During the July 4th Decorated Boat Parade, Captain Bob Larose and his 16-year old pilot, grandson, Taylor Allie took a victory lap showing their colors and trophy.

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Pontoon Boat Raffle Winner



Tim King of Blackwoods was presented a check for \$1000 from LCCA president Dick Lang the day after

the Pontoon Boat Relay. His lucky ticket was drawn from the bucket full of tickets sold on the winning Blue Team. The LCCA Inc. netted a total of \$1,356.40, for the Water Quality Fund.

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The winning Blue Team of the Lake Carmi Pontoon Boat Relay was presented the winners' trophy by LCCA president Dick Lang at the annual meeting of the association on July 9. The Hammond Shore "Hammerheads," was led by Captain Bob Larose (with microphone). Event chair Bob Lumnah is standing in the left-back. The team from left to right, Paul Michel, presenter President Dick Lang, Dan Larivee (holding trophy), Tom Michel, Larose and Larose's pilot Taylor Allie. The rotating trophy will be displayed at the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant.

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PowerPoint DVD/CD Available

At the July 9 LCCA, Inc. annual meeting a PowerPoint presentation was running continuously. This 240 slide program was put together by Faith Pivrotto and Helen Dever from photos contributed by members and friends. There are old photos and not so old photos, lots of fond memories from the years past at Lake Carmi. Several folks asked about getting a copy of the presentation. Helen Dever tells me it is available at a cost of \$10. Call Helen at 285.6652.

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Cottage for Rent, right on the lake, Patton Shore Road, 2 story, sleeps nine, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Second story loft, fully furnished. Call 802-879-7517, www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401.

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Cottage for Rent, Three bedrooms, sleeps six. Dock, rowboat, canoe. Westcott Shore. \$450

per week. Call Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or email: jancushman@comcast.com.

Cottage for Sale, 76 Tanner Jct. Road, Westcott Shore. Nice View; large screened porch; open deck; Long dock; fresh water; heated; 3 bedrooms. Contact David Rood (802.309.9218 or Wendy Castilla 802.272.1955 at RE/MAX.

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Cottage for Rent. Patton Shore; 3 bedrooms; Sleeps up to 15; full kitchen. New England style rustic, by the week. Includes rowboat and canoe. Pets & children welcome. Contact Ted Hearne at 1.773.728.6996, or: lakecarmicamp@gmail.com.

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The BOD will meet at Franklin Homesteads' FELCO room on Friday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. The September meeting will be held on Friday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m., at the same location. The September meeting will be for planning next year's dates, events, budget and more.

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Memories from Ed Hubbard

Ed Hubbard, son of Guy Hubbard, and formerly of Enosburg remembers some great times at Lake Carmi from 1945 to 1954, “right after the great war.” He writes: “Upon return from the service my parents purchased a camp at the north end of the lake. Each summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day we spent at Lake Carmi. The main activity location during this period was the bowling alley.



“Felix LaFlam owned the business where you could roller skate all day for a quarter and bowl for a quarter per string. On weekends cars were parked on both sides of the road from West

Patton Shore to Vic’s Crossing. Soft drinks, popcorn, and hotdogs were the menu. Swimming was popular at the beach. A diving raft was located in the deeper water. Bath houses were available for changing.

“The business prospered for quite a few years: Old Felix smiled when he went to the bank. He sold the business around 1950 because business declined; probably due to television coming into favor.

“Lake activities were mainly fishing, boating and swimming. For us, fishing was the prime activity on the lake. Perch and bass fishing were popular. There was an over an over-abundance of perch and they were caught anywhere in the lake. In fact the perch population was out of balance with only small ones being caught. As a result, the Vermont Fish and game Department, stocked Northern Pike around 1950 to control the perch population and achieve the balance.

“Jon Anderson, a fish biologist (for the State of Vermont), told me they shock tested the lake and turned up 40 – 50 lb. northern pike. I was assured the photographs were on file.

“Boating was primarily for fishing. Most outboards were in the 3 to 10 HP range. There were no camps in the southern parts of the lake, just a few in the area of the island. Boating was mostly in the north end.

“As you would expect, life was simple, enjoyable and great to reflect on as one grows older.” *[Editor’s note: this trip down memory lane was not copied in its’ entirety. Thank you Ed Hubbard]*



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Franklin Septic Survey Report

The Town of Franklin's Septic Feasibility Study is underway. Surveys were mailed to Lake Carmi property owners on July 14. Thanks to those who have already responded to our questions about water supply and wastewater treatment around the lake. If you have not yet filled out your survey, we ask you to please complete it right away and mail it back soon. In early August we will begin following up with property owners around the lake who have requested on-site evaluations via the survey. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Britch-Valenta, FWS Coordinator (hbv@franklin.net, 802.285.2054) or Amy Macrellis of Stone Environmental (amacrellis@stone-env.com, 800.959.9997, X-236).

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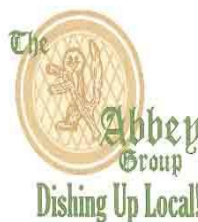
The annual Loon Watch took place on Saturday, July 16 with two Loon Watchers participating at Lake Carmi, Debbie Bushey and Larry Myott. A few days before the official watch, Kitty Emerson of Mullen Shore witnessed this pair frolicking in front of their cottage. Only two single Loons were officially recorded on count day. Two days before this pair and the large "floater" we've been seeing all spring and summer. Call 285.6718 if you see our loons near your cottage or while you are

touring around the lake.



Also, be on the alert for the Eagles. We have seen two juveniles and one adult. One

photo has been shared, thank you Susan Blouin of Hammond Shore Road. Keep your camera ready, set at the highest resolution.



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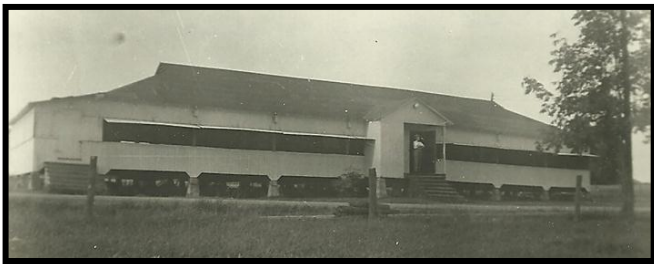
Since last summer this committee has been studying the weed problems in Lake Carmi. Much of the information gathering has been thru meeting and talking with the experts and folks from other lakes with similar issues. On July 14 the committee traveled to Lake Morey to meet with the Lake Morey weed expert and chair of their committee, Don Weaver. Before the 2.5 hour meeting, the committee toured the lake, seeing a crystal clear water with no milfoil or algae. Ten years ago Lake Morey was nearly unusable due to these problems, which included high levels of phosphorus. They tackled the phosphorus problem first, with application of alum, sealing the lake bottom. Treatment of the lake for weed control began in 2008, beginning their five year plan. Shown here are (l to r), Larry



Myott, Peter Benevento, Helen Dever, Ruth Ann Kravesky and Hilda Hendrickson at Lake Morey's crystal clear public beach. The

Lake Morey Inn is in the background.

Lake Carmi Pavilion



What do you know about the Lake Carmi Pavilion, shown here, circa 1942. It was the local dance hall for at least three decades. Share your memories, please. Send details to the editor. Some memories have been shared and will be used in a 2012 issue. More memories have been promised, send them on over—the article sounds like fun so far.

Membership Materials/Dues

Volunteers are delivering the new directories and membership materials around the lake. If you haven't yet paid your dues, now would be a good time. The volunteers will give you your membership card and window card too. By mail, send your check, *payable to LCCA, Inc.* to P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.

LCCA Event Sponsors, ThankYou!

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There were more than 20 individual sponsors listed in the July issue of this newsletter and several contributors who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you all very much, you make it possible. What a wonderful long weekend at Lake Carmi!

Several road name signs have recently disappeared, If found, leave at garage please. If you are missing a road sign call town clerk, Lisa Larivee, 285.2101.

Weed Harvester Working



Our weed harvester with new operator Ryan Patterson, 28, of Enosburg Falls has been putting in lots of hours since late June. The weed situation

has gotten worse this year, especially at the south end area and along the Hammond Shore.

Former harvester operator Kyle Lothian, now a Franklin Selectman, has been helping Ryan through the learning process. Kyle was presented a Certificate of Appreciation at the LCCA annual meeting for his three years of service.

AmeriCorps Volunteers at Lake Carmi



Volunteers are working in Franklin on conservation projects. They are shown here at the north end of the lake, putting in a

rain garden. With them is AmeriCorps Volunteer Polly Perkins (second from right), assigned to the Franklin Watershed Committee. They are working on pollution abatement and water runoff problems including several projects at the north beach area. Perkins will be leaving her post in mid-August, heading to graduate school in California. Thank you Polly!

New Bulletin Board



Thanks to an unknown contributor we have a new bulletin board on the corner of Dewing and Hammond Shores Roads.

Several more are needed, take a look.



2012 Calendar Ready

The new **2012 Lake Carmi Photo Calendar** was released at the LCCA annual meeting on July 9. It is available in local stores; some of the association directors also have them.




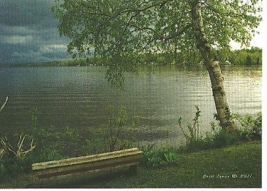

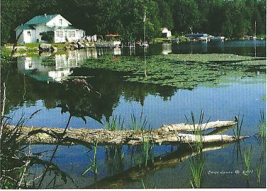
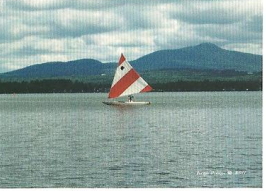


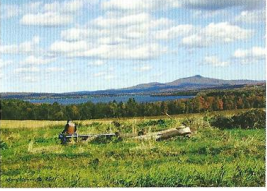


In its' second year of publication, the Association attracts a lot of attention as this piece travels around the country. With 14 beautiful professional color photos, all scenes to bring back memories and enthusiasm for our lake, this calendar is a great gift for any occasion. If you're having a special guest, this would be a great reminder of their time at the

lake. Don't forget former Lake Carmi folks who would like to remember.

The 2012 photos are all by Lake Carmi photographers. Calendars can be purchased locally, for **\$10.00 each**, at Byam's Quick Stop and Franklin General Store in Franklin; in Enosburg Falls at Precious Things and Park Side Grill--both on Main Street. At Lake Carmi see Larry Myott, Carol Lyman, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Bob Baran or Peter Benevento.

You can order your calendar by mail, send your check, payable to LCCA, Inc., to P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. For one calendar, add \$2 shipping & handling, for two calendars add \$3. For more than two, email Larry.Myott@uvm.edu for a price. Remember to include your mailing address and phone number in case of questions.

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