

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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The six boats of the Hammond Shore Hammerheads gathered for their final coaching from Captain Bob Larose, just prior to the big race on July 3rd. The pilots stood as their crew performed the last minute checks. The six boats ranged from 40 hp to 115 hp. The teams were ready, prepared for a tough race, when they departed for the starting line. When it was all over they were two time winners, in the two year history.
Photo by Kristin Larose Allie.

WOW, What a Week!

That's what many folks were saying after the big 4th of July week at Lake Carmi. Lake Carmi Week is all about fun and lots of activity for all our residents and guests.

It's so nice to see all the lights on around the lake during the evening, lots of bonfires and happy noise too. Whether it's the lighted boat parade or the now Annual Pontoon Boat Relay Race, could it be more fun? This writer thinks not, from every angle the happiness comes out. The friendly competition takes place for two events. The Lighted Boat Parade has a big winner, the Gervais Family of Vic's Crossing raised the bar on decorating, by bringing out their pontoon boat looking just like a large train engine, even with the smokestack smoking. There are a couple of Honorable Mentions too. Awards will be presented at the LCCA, Inc. Annual Meeting, August 4th.

Also to be presented will be the awards for the Pontoon Boat Race. Event Chair Bob Lumnah will present the Winner's Trophy to Captain Bob Larose and the Hammerheads from Hammond Shore Road.

I again remind all the community, these events are for fun and recreation and shouldn't be

taken too seriously. We are all friends when we begin and all friends when we complete the events. Lots more photos of the 2012 Lake Carmi Days in this issue.

This is the last issue of the 2012 summer season, special items will continue to be forwarded to the more than 360 folks on our email list. Anyone can be added to the email list, without worry of your address being sold to spam; the list is confidential and private.

Articles are always welcome for the L.C.C.A. News, however the editor reserves the right to edit and use it a future issue. Send email ideas and articles to larry.myott@uvm.edu. The next full issue will be April 2013.

.....Larry Myott, Corresponding Secretary

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Membership Drive Under-Way

LCCA membership chair & Vice President Helen Dever notes the annual membership drive is underway, with volunteers knocking on doors, delivering window cards and 2012 Directories to all paid members. They are also soliciting memberships from those who have not paid. The annual dues of \$25.00, were due in June.

Members get their new camp window card for identification throughout the year. When the sheriff visits your cottage in the winter and finds something wrong, they know who to call and where.

LCCA Members can be proud of their lake community and all the activities and events that take place during the summer months. Your board of directors and many volunteers, work all year, planning, producing and packaging events for the seasonal folks and town residents to enjoy. The annual Lake Carmi Days and Fireworks are only part of what happens around the lake. ***Become an official part of our community.***



Getting Ready for the Big Show

The start of the annual fireworks show begins each July 3 around noon with the arrival of the pyrotechnicians and a UHAUL full of fireworks and equipment. This photo shows the setup progress in the late afternoon. Our crew (above) is Tom Oliver of Sheldon, Howard Deuso of Franklin and Andy Pond of Richford.

A special thank you to the folks who provided security for the fireworks show and the Pontoon Boat Relay Race, the Franklin Fire Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Vermont State Police.

Stargazing Party at Lake Carmi

Saturday, August 4 at 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Carmi State Park. This session is hosted by the Haston Library with the Vermont Astronomical Society presenting. More information at the Haston Library, 285.6505. Rain Date: August 11.

Raft Safety?

Several questions have been raised about rafts at the lake. We have fewer than ever before, perhaps related to our feathered friends who like to use them to roost, or perhaps a safety issue.

Keeping the seagulls away is not easy, but can be done. Fake owls are quite effective. They can be purchased at McCuin's in Highgate Center. Another item is a "Spider," several are used on boat canopies, they'll work on rafts too. They are available at Boat Headquarters in Swanton.

As for safety, make sure your raft is not placed out in the lake too far. The recommendations are to place them inside the 200 foot range for swimming, making sure they are marked well. Reflectors on every corner, both sides, are needed too. If you are in what could be a boat lane, the raft should have a warning light after dark, just to be safe. There is one properly marked on Hammond Shore. Put the raft close to shore for the weaker swimmers and please keep track of who is using the raft.

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Cottage for Rent, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps six, two bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting. \$500/week. Contact Kim Gates 802.285.9911 or email vera@franklinvt.net.

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LCCA, Inc. Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors of the association will meet regularly over the summer and have announced the fixed meeting dates: The board meets in the FELCO Room at the Franklin Home-stead at 7:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Friday, August 24, Friday, September 7

Annual Mtg., Sat., Aug. 4 - Town Hall

6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper, bring enough for at least eight serving to share. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Mark your calendar. The big item will be the presentation of the Lake Carmi Days awards, including the Pontoon Boat Relay Race Awards, and the Lighted Boat Parade's "Directors Award." Call V.P. Helen Dever for more information, 285.6652.

Byam's Raffling a Fishing Rod & Reel

Arnie and Lou Byam of Byam's Quick Stop want to get a head start on the 2013 fire-works fund. They have begun selling raffle tickets on a quality Fishing Rod and Reel; the equipment is on display at their store. Tickets are being sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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The Lighted Boat Parade

Although this photo won't look good in B&W, those of you who see it on the website will enjoy the colors. Nearly 20 lighted boats started, due to electrical failures or a mouthful of bugs, several of the boats abandoned the course before completion. We are learning how to do this; it was a great show with some very nice decorating by all. David Larose and friends. ▼



Robert Larose Family presentation, below, included Lady Liberty, Uncle Sam, a handicapped veteran and more. ▼



▲ The Blouin Family entry (above) was very well done and attracted a lot of attention.



▲ Mike, Sam & David Gervais build a large pontoon train engine, with cow catcher, smoke stack and much more. They will receive the special Director's Award at the LCCA annual meeting on the evening of August 4. The event will begin with a Pot Luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. See more details on Page 4. *Jen Ladue photo.*

The Blouin entry and the Robert Larose entry will both receive special Merit Awards.

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Tickets sold like hotcakes for several days before the race, at the ticket outlets; those members who took a little time to visit their neighbors sold out quickly. Treasurer Bob Baran reports sales of over \$2500 in tickets sold; everyone placing wagers on their favorite racing team. The tickets were placed in buckets as they were sorted by the team colors.

When the blue team won the race, the blue bucket was brought forward, for LCCA President Dick Lang, to draw the winning ticket. Event Chair Bob Lumnah then announced the winner of \$1000. Michelle Sanborn of Swanton, who had purchased her ticket at the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant, just before the race.

Monies from the raffle paid all the expen-

ses of the Pontoon Boat Relay Race with the surplus going to the LCCA general fund.

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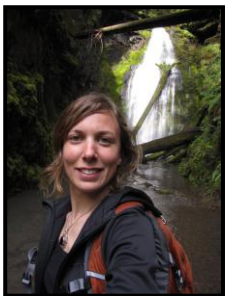
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Franklin Watershed Report



Amy Soriano, interim Watershed Coordinator presents this monthly report. Amy will be leaving the Watershed Committee on September 1, this report announces the position opening. Please notify anyone who might be interested or qualified to fill this important position for the Watershed Committee.

The Franklin Watershed Committee is excited to kick off this August with help from AmeriCorps Volunteers. They will be out and about working on Shoreline restoration and Water Conservation Projects, as well as projects in other parts of Franklin.

The FWC is launching a new program to save local residents money by saving the longevity of their septic systems, reducing water use, and improving water quality through the reduction of water entering the lake. In support of this goal, we

will provide and install **free** water efficient aerators and showerheads to lakeshore property owners. Also we can provide financial incentives to property owners who need a toilet upgrade. For more information about this program look for our AmeriCorps Volunteers, they'll be stopping by. More information is available from Amy Soriano at alsoriano21@gmail.com or 607-351-8963.

FWC Now Hiring, to fill two positions. They are seeking a Watershed Committee Coordinator and Watershed Technician! For full job description or questions regarding these position please visit the website at <http://www.franklinwatershedvt.org/> or email FWC Chair Jim Cameron at greendolphinllc@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending the FWC Annual Meeting, Thursday, August 9, 7 p.m. in the FELCO room of the Franklin Homestead. It will be an ice cream social too! Everyone is welcome. The program will be announced soon.

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LCCA President Dick Lang led the Parade of Champions on July 6, with co-pilot Bob Rennie. Kevin Lothian's big pontoon boat provided a safe platform for the Enosburg Town Band and a fun trip for all. About 14 band members played.



Thank You Fireworks Sponsors

(Updated since the July Newsletter)

The show, produced by North Star Fireworks of East Montpelier, was again big hit drawing campers and friends from a wide area. Sponsored by the Lake Carmi Camper's Association, Inc. the show is co-sponsored by many area businesses and individuals in the area. The association offers special thanks to the following business sponsors: Champlain Dairy Services; Coco-Cola Bottling Company of No. Vermont; Community National Bank; Jeff Jewett Trucking Company; Myott Insurance Agency; Art & Lorraine St. Onge; Green's ACE Hardware, Inc.; McDermott's Trucking;

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More information on Lake Carmi activities is available on www.lakecarmi.org.

Pontoon Boat Race Huge Success

David Larose piloted the Pace Boat for the second annual race. He is watching a blue team boat as it



This red team boat flies down the lake. Heading to the next pass.



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Two yellow team boats passing the ball early in the race.

Above it's an exciting ball pass at full

speed. Each team had their own plan to win.



All the teams had their own styles, including team colors and techniques. Here the yellow team's Kane girls of Westcott Shore are showing the rest of the community how to make fun during the race. *Tim King Photo.*

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The Pirates red boat, piloted by Jim Pivirotto, overtakes the orange team racing to the next marker.

Green is moving on the way to the next marker. The crews were having fun and thinking about the finish line after three laps around Lake Carmi.



The North Beach was very crowded the evening of the Pontoon Boat Race. Thirty fast boats were prepared for a fun time as they waited for the starting signal from Event Chair Bob Lumnah.



Crowds of family & friends packed the docks and filled the lawns after family Bar-B-Q's. They had bought their tickets and now await the cheering time for their favorites.



A blue team boat races, by the island, trying to catch that red team boat.



The blue team succeeds in making their ball pass, at full speed heading toward the next marker.

Capt. Bob Larose and grandson Taylor Allie celebrate by waving the flags during their victory lap. Dan Larivee had pulled off the victory on the last leg of the race, beating the second place red team by a small margin.



Congratulations, Hammond Shore Hammerheads, Lake Carmi Pontoon Boat Relay Race Champions. 2011, 2012. On to 2013 and a new ball game!