

LAKE CARMİ ASSOCIATION NEWS

August, 2013.....**One Happy Lake**.... Volume 7, Number 4

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Mike Tansey Photo

The Red Team of Patton Shore/Blackwoods heads off to their starting points, beginning their championship run in the third annual Pontoon Boat Relay Race on July 3. Five teams of six boats participated in this fun event, drawing the Lake Carmi community together for a day of excitement. At the end they took their victory lap with the checkered flag. Captain Jim Pivrotto headed the teams efforts, with the assistance of Admiral Pete Benevento.

From the President

It seems like only yesterday I was preparing an article for the spring newsletter. Now it is late July and the final issue is going to press. I was just catching my breath from the *Celebrate Lake Carmi* festivities, and all the efforts for the Home & Cottage Tours, now the summer is on the downhill side.

Summer goes too quickly, but that's what they say when you're having fun and fun has been the operative word this season. From the Lighted Boat Parade to the Pontoon Boat Relay Race, to the great fireworks and then on to the Home & Cottage Tour, life at the lake has certainly been good.

We know everyone here has enjoyed themselves this summer; rest assured we are already making plans for our next summer season. Yes, some formats will change a bit (Did I hear someone say pontoon boat race?), but we will be back in 2014 with a full schedule of familiar events. Mark your calendars for July 3rd 2014 for the pontoon boat race and the fireworks, we have already reserved the date with Northstar Fireworks Company.

We are also planning to stage sailing and kayak events in 2014. We are looking for folks willing to take the lead or help others in developing these events. Please contact us, send us your ideas or come and let's discuss it.

I thank all of you for supporting our events and fundraisers, making these events so successful, bringing lots of life into summer at *Lake Carmi, One Happy Lake!*

The sponsors of the Pontoon Boat Relay Race were area businesses, gold sponsor Kevin Lothian of Boat Headquarters of Swanton and silver sponsors Kristen's North Shore Snack Bar; Park Side Grill of Enosburg Falls and The Phoenix House Restaurant of West Berkshire gets our special thanks for their great contributions and efforts.

Fireworks chair Larry Myott has reported more than two dozen sponsors in this sixth annual event. A partial list was printed in the last issue, additional sponsors are credited in this issue. It's the sponsors and friends of Lake Carmi that bring our success; the volunteers make it all happen, both financially and with their labors. Thank you again.

The Lake Carmi email list has now reached 400, communication is key to our programs. You receive this issue about a week before the paper copies are distributed around the lake. To add your friends and family to the list, simply send their name and email address to editor Larry Myott. Enjoy this special 12 page issue, full of great photos, telling the story of life at Lake Carmi.

Peter Benevento - President



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Membership Drive Under-Way

Coordinator Marion Benevento has her volunteers working hard to distribute membership materials to folks at the lake. The membership materials include the 2013 LCCA Directory and 2013 window cards. The window cards identify your cottage as a member. When the sheriff tours the lake during the winter, if something is wrong, they will know who to call.

Volunteers are also soliciting members who haven't yet sent in their dues for 2013. If you are not reached at the lake, you can send in your

dues by mail. The membership form is in past issues of this newsletter or on-line, www.lakecarmi.org, print it out and mail your check to P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. Support your association it is the key to our success.

Upcoming Event

August 3, after the LCCA Annual Meeting, a star-gazing experience sponsored by the Haston Library with the VT Astronomical Society. 9:00 p.m. at the beach area of the Lake Carmi State Park. Learn about the heavens. Rain date, August 4.

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Loons at Lake Carmi

Since spring we've had loons on the lake, they sing to other loons, entertaining us and making us seek more information. We know of no nesting pairs on Lake Carmi, but we are still hopeful. We have a big single male again this year and two other younger birds. No nest however. If you have been watching our loons, as many folks do, you've probably looked them up on the internet for more information. We said above, we have a large male loon, how do we know that? The male is the only one that calls with a "yodel." It is often used to signal an intruding loon, as a warning call. Our loon does this regularly as well as dancing on the water.

This Kitty Emerson photo, from 2011, is a great example. It's easy to see all three of our



loons preening or wing flapping. Adult loons usually weigh

between 8 and 14 pounds. Their solid bones and powerful legs make them excellent divers for fish or invertebrates. You can also watch the loons flying, it takes them 100 to 600 feet to take off, once they get going, they fly at 40 to 75 miles per hour. Because the loons are heavy, and their legs are situated far back on the body, they are very clumsy and only go on land to make a nest. They have to build their nest close to the water, so with heavy rains the nest may get destroyed by flooding. *There may be a relationship between our fluctuating water levels and not having a breeding pair.*

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LCCA Board Meetings, 2013

The LCCA Board has set their schedule of board meetings for the summer months. They meet at the FELCO Room of the Franklin Homestead at 8:30 a.m. once a month. Members are welcome to attend. They'll meet next on August 17 and September 14. The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 3, see details in this newsletter.

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Ice-Out 2014 Contest Announced!

The 2014 Ice-Out tickets will be available at the LCCA annual meeting in early August. Director Polly Gadbois will be working with her committee to make it a very successful event for 2014. All tickets will have to be purchased by March 15. The committee is working on placement of the equipment and other details. Additional committee members are being sought.

The equipment is placed on the ice about two weeks before the anticipated ice out date, in a location not readily accessible. Tickets will be available to all campers throughout August, as volunteers canvass the shore roads. Tickets will again be available on the LCCA website.

The winner for the 2013 event was John Durkee of Highgate, he bought the winning ticket at Franklin General Store. The actual winning date and time was April 9 at 8:20 a.m.

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Camp for Sale, 46 Hammond Shore Road, 3 bdrm, one level. Large open lot, year around access. Leave message at 802.868.2231 or 802.285.6621.

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Camp Rentals for the 2013, 2014 Season

Cottage for Rent, Hammond Shore, Fully furnished, bring your own linens. 802.285.6737.

Cottage for Rent: Westcott Shore, 3 bdrm, sleeps six, Queen, full and bunk. Quiet woody setting, porch, deck & dock. A/C & heat. \$825/wk + 9% tax. Linens included. Contact Nancy or Bob Lumnah, 802.285.6620 or nlumnah@yahoo.com.

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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Cottage for Rent, Three bdrms. Dock, rowboat, canoe. Westcott Shore. \$600/week + VT Tax. Available after July 20. Contact Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or jancushman@comcast.net.

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New Culvert on Dewing Shore Road

The outlet on the Dewing Shore Road will be getting a new culvert come fall. With the assistance of a grant from the State's Better Back Roads Program, the outlet into Mill Pond will be up-graded.

Since the current culvert was installed, there have been problems with the lake level. The problem is the culvert is not large enough to handle the flow of water during large rain events. Once the flow is greater than the culverts can take, the lake level rises and with the winds the shoreline is subject to more erosion and a continued rise in the level of the lake.

The existing culverts are two corrugated metal arch pipes with total dimensions of about 38 inches high X 58 inches wide. According to the

Vermont Agency of Transportation report, the culverts are not adequate hydraulically. In sizing the new structure, according to their report, they are fitting the natural channel width, the roadway grade and other site conditions. Considering the low height from the streambed to roadway, the new culvert will be 28 feet long, 21 feet wide and 4 feet high. This greatly improves the flow rate.

“The velocity of the water is not expected to change; the volume of water is expected to change. The bottom of the existing culverts and replacement culvert will be lower than the dam spillway crest, so the normal water level of Lake Carmi will not change,” according to the VTrans document.

Pontoon Boat Relay Race Raffle

The July 3rd race raffle was once again successful in making folks happy. The committee gave away \$1,250 in five drawings. Purchasers designate which team they are buying their tickets for: Blue, Green, Orange, Red or Yellow. All tickets are divided into the right color bucket and the drawings made from those in the order of the race finishers.

The first ticket out for, the winning red team (Pirates of the Pontoons), was for \$500. The lucky winner was Roxanne Lovelette of Midland, VA, Roxanne is a native who comes back regularly for some Vermont refresh. She bet on the Patton Shore/Blackwoods team.

The second place Blue team winner is Jennifer Brown of Vergennes, taking home \$300. Jen is a regular on the “Hammerhead” shore.

The winning ticket for the third place team, Green (Dueling Dolphins) provided Bill Spears of Vic’s Crossing with a \$200 prize. The Orange team from Vic’s Crossing, Shore Road and King’s Court (Carmi Vipers) provided a 4th place \$150 to Amy Gokey of Patton Shore

Lynda Chaffee of Derby Line won \$100 by choosing the yellow team (Westcott/Mullen shore Wildcats).

Treasurer Bob Baran noted that the race netted nearly \$1,500, after expenses. Several businesses sold tickets for this raffle, including; Franklin General Store, Byam’s Quick Stop, Park Side Grill, Kristen’s North Shore Snack Bar, Phoenix House Restaurant and more.

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More Fireworks Sponsors in 2013

In the July issue, twenty-six great LCCA sponsors were named for putting on the great July 3 show. This was as of the July 23 writing date, after that date and before the July 3 date, several more sponsors signed on to make it be greatest show we have had, with a total 34 paid sponsors and some anonymous sponsors. Thank you to all these sponsors who were not identified in the June issue:

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Ruth Ann Krayesky



Photographer Mike Tansey of Patton Shore Road has many beautiful photos in this issue of our newsletter. This photo you will see again. Note the couple in the water, watching the show, taken from the Benevento dock.

Celebrate Lake Carmi - Photo Album, 2013

These photos are wonderful memories of the events of 2013, all are taken by Michael Tansey of Patton Shore Road and Ottawa, Ontario. These are only a few of the photos Mike has available, Contact Mike at michael@tancom.ca. Also available on [facebook.com/tanseypictures](https://www.facebook.com/tanseypictures). Visit this website for the full array, <http://www.tanphoto.ca/Carmi/>.



Waiting for their turn at the baton, a Red team confers with a Blue team.



David Larose (yellow shirt) and Ron Jackson lead the way!



Tommy Michel passes the baton, from Paul Michel's boat to the team on Randy Farrar's boat at a buoy. Bob Baran's Red team is ready to pass the baton to the next boat.

Below, Larry Tatro moves out with baton safely on board and two yellow team boats make a safe transfer.





The lighted boat parade was championed in 2013 with this entry from Vic's Crossing by the Giroux and Spears families. They were judged the champs for their entry begging the sun to come back and the rains to leave. It worked. Tansey Photo.



Greg Lamoureux of the County Courier took this great photo at North Beach at the beginning of the fireworks show. Many thousands of residents and visitors came to many parts of Franklin to view the show. The EMT's and sheriffs kept us safe.



The floating band concert, Larry Myott's photo, even brings the music to the picture. The Enosburgh Town Band played all around the lake for docks and lawns full of people enjoying the break in the stormy weather. Just minutes before the parade, a storm put the parade in doubt, but it cleared for a fun tour around the lake. Fireworks photo, left, and photo below by Mike Tansey.



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Franklin Watershed Committee Event

If you've wondered about rain gardens and maybe would like to make one. Mike Avery and FWC volunteers will be presenting a program at Carolyn Rhodes cottage, 23 Camp Road, on Saturday, August 3, at 9:00 a.m.



Rain gardens allow storm water to run off safely, to filter through the soil and reduce pollution into the lake. You'll get a free rain garden manual and learn how to design a rain garden for your lot. They also provide lots scenery and green-scape. You can sign-up to have one installed this summer. A great time to get your questions answered, and start making your plans.



Long time LCCA volunteer, Carolyn Rhodes, is shown here working on her rain garden in 2010. She reports a very successful cure to the run off problem she used to have.

The Franklin Watershed Committee has been Caring for Lake Carmi since 1994.



Wind Damage

After a wind storm recently, Steve & Lynda Cameron's home on Lake Road didn't look so good. The next day, the was removed and the roof was patched. Repairs were made within a couple days.

The Franklin Watershed Committee, in cooperation with the LCCA, provides an incentive to have a working septic system. Pumping out your system will be subsidized with a \$75 payment, submit your paid receipt to the FWC treasurer for reimbursement: Martine Gates, 5431 Main Street, Franklin, VT 05457.

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Robert "Fishhead" & Nancy Jean Everest are absent from Lake Carmi so far this summer. Several folks have been asking about them. A little research has found that both have experienced some health issue in the last few months, they currently cannot travel. The word is, as soon as the doctor says go, they will be on the road to Lake Carmi. Cards and notes will be much appreciated: 6 Central Drive, Yardley, PA 19067.

Doris "Dottie" Bresnahan Passes

Dottie passed away on July 15 at the NW Vermont Medical Center in St. Albans, at the age of 84. Dottie spent most of her life in Richford, where her husband was in the Border Patrol. In



recent years Dottie has lived with her Daughter, Sharon and Robert Larose, at their cottage on Hammond Shore Road. She leaves a large and loving family, including two grandchildren here at Lake Carmi, Kristen Weiss and Ryan Larose.

The funeral took place at the Catholic church in Enosburg Falls on Saturday, July 20. Burial will be in Glenwood, FL at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Carmi Camper's Association, P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457; Enosburg Ambulance Association or the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers.

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Annual Meeting - Official Notice

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Immediately following dinner, guest speaker Kurt Valenta will present a short program on the **Franklin Bogs**. Kurt is coordinator of the Franklin Watershed Committee and a naturalist who teaches great programs around the area.

Next will be the presentations of awards and trophies. Members of the Pontoon Boat Relay Race Red Team are asked to be there to accept the large rotating champions trophy. The Lighted Boat Parade winners will be presented their awards, as well. The ten prize raffle drawing for the Home & Cottage Tour program will also be drawn. Last minute tickets for the raffle will be available.

These award presentations will be followed by the annual meeting of the LCCA, Inc., chaired by President Peter Benevento.

The meeting agenda has been sent out to the email list of 400. Reports of officers and committees will be heard. A very important item on the agenda is to take action on proposed revisions to the L.C.C.A. Inc. Constitution and By-laws. The treasurer's annual report was presented in the July issue of the newsletter, it too will be acted on.

Pumping your septic tank is only a short term fix, if the system has failed, the tank will fill again rapidly and you are back to square one. Contact a professional who can help design a working system.

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On the Waterfront

I was sitting on the deck the other day when a kayak glided along the shoreline. A young woman was piloting the boat, her young son sitting in front of her. Suddenly about twenty yards from her boat a loon emerged from the water with a fish in its mouth. It was a beautiful sight, a mother sharing the experience of nature with her young child. I'm sure, similar scenes take place daily around the lake, but it reminds me of how fortunate we are to live by a lake, and how important the quality of Lark Carmi's water is to our day to day activities. Whether it is fishing, kayaking, sailing, water skiing, tubing or wake boarding, the quality of our water is essential to meaningful recreational activities.

The LCCA is committed to monitoring and improving the water quality of Lake Carmi. We sample the lake water weekly and continue to seek more effective ways to deal with our Eurasian Milfoil problem. Currently the mechanical weed harvester is our primary means of addressing the milfoil issues, but we feel we can do better, as we continue to evaluate biological and chemical means of control. Much of our fund-raising dollars are deposited to the water quality fund, used to help finance the harvester and other water quality initiatives. We also contribute significantly to the Franklin Watershed Committee, as a partner in our work here at the lake. The FWC has focused on shoreline initiatives, culvert and stream repair, water conservation, cover cropping and septic improvement.

Another area that needs significant improvement is our system of gravel roads around the lake. Many of the roads need continuous management, especially after a rain event that sent road materials into the lake. This means we have begun the process to learn how we can permanently improve the roads.

We have a right to clean water, but clean water is not free. We have to work hard to find the means to improve our water quality. Again the LCCA is dedicated to this end. To borrow a saying from our watershed neighbors, the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, we want our water, "clean not green." If anyone has ideas or is may be willing to help in our efforts, please contact me. Thank you and see you on the lake.

.....Peter Benevento is President of the LCCA and Vice-Chair of the FWC. He has been a hard working volunteer at the lake for several years, including weekly water sampling for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. You can call Peter at his home on Patton Shore Road.

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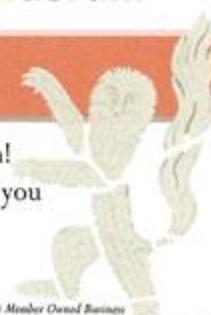
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Ruth Hayes comes to her neighborhood picnic, bringing her wares, a crockpot pot full of a favorite recipe, chair, towels and more. The annual Vic's Crossing picnic was reported to be a big success with lots of fun.

Very Important: Don't drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic leach field. Doing so will compact the soil in the field or damage the pipes, tank or other septic system components. Don't plant trees, they may clog your system and that is expensive. Flooding the drain field with excessive water/rain slows down or stops the treatment process. Don't wash vehicles where the water will drain onto the leach field.



With all the hot humid weather in July, came some beautiful sunsets.

The photo below, was taken at a birthday party on the Hammond Shore, honoring three birthdays,



Frances Hammond and Ginny Burselon celebrated turning 80. Jackie Larivee (center) didn't share her age.



These two Lake Carmi gals have been front and center in LCCA promotions this

summer, They were incorrectly identified in a previous edition. Ann Hutchins (left) of Lake Road and Allie McHugh of Shore Road are the ***“One Happy Lake”*** gals on posters and tickets. They were found on the Home & Cottage Tour at the Bokan/Senior cottage on Shore Road. The original photo comes from the decorated boat parade of 2012, which they missed by a day. They had a great time anyway, even if a day late.

Larry Myott Photos



This photo, taken during the Pontoon Boat Relay Race, was taken by Melissa McDaniel-Costa of Long Beach, California, on her second visit to Lake Carmi. Great action photo of the passing of the baton between boats of the blue team!

Protecting Our Loons

July 20 was loon count day, nationwide. We searched and searched and could only find the big single male; he's been with us each summer for several years. All summer, until the last few days, we've had two younger loons, not a pair, but they were always together. If you see them, let us know. They may have taken off for a quieter lake or pond, it would not be the first time. They may come back, we'd appreciate knowing if you see them. Call Larry Myott and leave a message. There is an active group of birdwatchers at Lake Carmi, please help us know what happening.

For boaters and picture takers, here are some rules for you – and loons – to live by:

- Never boat toward a loon, especially repeatedly.
- Drifting towards the birds, might be harassment.
- If any loon begins calling because of your presence, please back-off immediately, they are being stressed.
- To get a photo, use a telephoto lens or go on line to buy a great loon photo.

L.C.C.A. Inc. Home & Cottage Tour 2013

Kirsten Hayes (far left) of Wood Meadow Market in Enosburg Falls presented her organic foods at the Bokan-Senior Cottage on Shore Road. Gillian Senior is shown here talking with a visitor. Top right, Jim Cameron is explaining his construction of a very unique cottage on Dewing Shore Road.



Paul Harrison (left below) of the Phoenix House Restaurant and Bakery was a very popular person with his gourmet samples, here with Sally Abernethy. Right, is Bryant Reynolds at his little camp on Lake Road, with few of the very interested visitors.



Below left, Dick & Polly Gadbois discuss the renovations to their large Federal Home on State Park Road, Bill & Sue Mayo provided the great foods. Below right, Diane Larose tells about the history of their home, built by generations of her family.



Erich Marn, owner and vineyard manager of DueNorth Vineyard in Franklin provided sampling of their wines at the Bruce & Debbie Bushey cottage on Hammond Shore Road. Ann Laroche leads the tour of their beautiful home on Vic's Crossing.

