

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Celebrate Lake Carmi a Big Success!



Once again we report a big success for our big celebration called ***Celebrate Lake Carmi***. Big crowds were all around the lake to participate in or just watch the excitement. "Lake Carmi Days," as the celebration was first called 2011 has grown to include additional activities, becoming an attraction for much larger crowds.

This Lake Carmi Days celebration was started by a group of volunteers, including board members and campers with ideas. The Pontoon Boat Race idea was presented by Wescott Shore resident Bob Lumnah who developed it over for the first eight years. This brought on the Pontoon



Boat Relay Raffle that awarded \$1150 in prizes in 2019 helping to pay for the event and draw participants. Lumnah grew the idea, adding the Pirate Raid, which continues to add excitement to the week of activities.

This years leadership of Celebrate Lake Carmi included many of the same volunteers, including Suzi Hull-Casavant, Chris Casavant Peter Benevento, Larry Myott, Polly Gadbois, Joe & Linda Craig, Rob Evans, and many more. New leadership in 2019 included Joe Commo who carried the Pontoon Boat Relay Race. It takes

dozens of hard workers to make all this come together.

Larry Myott continued to lead the fundraising part of Celebrate Lake Carmi which included raising the money for the 11th annual fireworks.



The LCCA Board of Directors is always aware of public safety, and the State of Vermont insures that all safety measures are enforced with the laws and licensing to make us safe. Rob Evans is in charge of this behind the scenes commitment to

safety. *Photos by Mike Tansey*

Next year (2020) this celebration will mark the 60th anniversary of the LCCA!

The Governor Comes Calling!

The next big event of the summer was a visit by



Vermont Governor Phil Scott, DEC Secretary Julie Moore, and Vermont Lakes & Ponds

leader Perry Thomas, shown here with LCCA president Peter Benevento. Several legislators, neighbors and other guests also attended to make an audience of about 60 friendly faces in front the television cameras and microphones. This event was the official ceremony to turn on the switch of the new Lake Carmi Aeration system on June 27.

Paid members are permitted a free classified ad in the five issues of the season. Merchandise ads are only for two issues unless renewed. Camp rental ads can run for the whole season, but if you have no more availability, please notify the editor to stop the ad.

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Pontoon Boat Relay Race Winners

Congrats to all the pontoon boat race participants, every team is a winner! But, the winning team was the Blue team of Hammond Shore



Road, with the following owners entered in the race: Charlie Magnant, Jason Paquette (Captain), Polly Gadbois (flying with her grandson Bill Deuso at the wheel), Robert Larose, Jess Commo, and Brian Green. They are shown here having their team meeting just before the race. The Blue team HP was 560.

The winner of the \$500 raffle prize was the Perry family of Shore Road, Perry Landing.



The second-place team was the Orange Team (Vic's Crossing/Shore Road/Kings Court). The following owners entered: William Spears, Mike Derby, David Larose (captain), Eric Hendrickson, Joe Burke, and John Costa. Their Team HP was 550. The winner of the \$300 raffle prize was Tony Tussing of King Court. *Cont. on the next page*

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The Red team from Patton Shore and Black Woods gathered before the race to discuss their strategy. The red team had 580 HP. Other boat



owners were: Greg Tatro, Artie St. Onge, Rock Benoit, Craig Gilmond, Lorraine Mercy.

The winner of the third place in the raffle, for \$200 was Charles Hardy of Enosburg Falls.

The fourth team, ending the race, was the Yellow Team of Wescott and Mullen Shores. They had 395 HP, making a strong effort after



their opening boat took off at the start. The team boats were captained by Joe Craig who made a valiant effort. Additional members were Paul Betz, Eddie Deuso, Larry West, Ashley Kane, and Hillary Reed.

For choosing the Yellow team as the winner, Dennis Sheridan, co-owner/operator of the Phoenix House, who provided great concessions at the North Beach that evening, he went home with a \$150 prize.

Special volunteer at the race was Bruce Bushey who assisted Joe Commo in managing the race. Polly Gadbois coordinated the buoy points with volunteers Katie Thompson, Michael Wright, and Tammy Fitzgerald. Thank you.

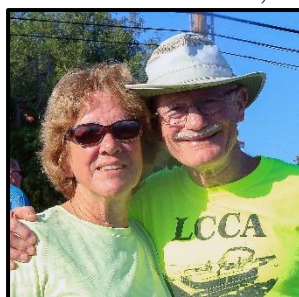
President Benevento August Report

It's incredible how time flies. Here I am writing for the August newsletter, and it seems like we just opened camp yesterday. I'll blame all the incredible activity surrounding the lake this summer. It's all good, but it sure makes the summer a big blur. To whit, I will try to give you a brief account.

We hit the ground running in May planning for our Celebrate Lake Carmi events. This year a triathlon was added to start the week of activities. The triathlon originated from the Town of Franklin Recreation Department with the LCCA joining as a co-sponsor. To us, it was a perfect event to showcase both the town & the lake. It included a 6K run, a bike ride around the lake and a kayak race. Individuals, as well as teams, participated. The triathlon was a big success and will be a terrific opening event for our future celebrations. I'm already training for next year!

The events of July 3rd certainly did not disappoint either as they provided a very entertaining night. The pirates raided the lake shores with their cannon and shotguns blazing. It wasn't one-sided, however, as many a spectator fought back. It was rumored that they were ambushed as they tried to enter Perry Landing. I'm sure they will be back with a vengeance next year.

The Pontoon Boat Race has become an iconic event at Lake Carmi, and this year it did not



disappoint. The Blue Team once again regained the trophy and bragging rights until next year. This race was designed to generate a bit of community spirit and fun competition among the various lake shores. It remains, I believe, the only Pontoon Boat Race in the country that is also something to brag about. *Photos by Mike Tansey*

The fireworks were the highlight of the night and have become the signature event of the evening. It was a spectacular display, so fitting of the celebration of our nation's independence. It draws many people to the lake, and it never ceases to amaze me to see all the cars leaving on Dewing and State Park Roads. It looks like Broadway!

None of the events on July 3rd or the triathlon would occur without the hard work and

many hours spent by volunteers. They are too many to list but certainly deserve our thanks and gratitude. You are the best!

The aeration system is up and running; in spite of a few hiccups it is now delivering much-needed oxygen to the deepest parts of our lake. The oxygen will bind the phosphorous to sediment at the bottom of the lake, preventing it from fueling algae blooms. At this writing, the water quality is terrific. I've spent a lot of time in the water, enjoying it with family. It's a great time



to be at the lake. *Peter is here with Gov. Phil Scott, Neil Kayman, Julie Moore for the ceremonies to turn on the aeration.*

In addition to the water, the weather has provided much opportunity to enjoy the beautiful area that surrounds our lake. Whether you walk, jog or bike, the scenery around our lake is vintage Vermont, there to enjoy. We are some very lucky campers.

Earlier in the season, I heard rumors that the fishing in the lake was not as good as in prior years. I did a little investigating and found quite the opposite. Available fish surveys conducted by VT Fish & Wildlife depict a very healthy fish population. Moreover, fishermen leaving our lake at the boat launches report having attained their limits of walleye, indicating "you just need to know where to fish." Anglers come from as far as Montpelier, or beyond, for the walleye at Lake Carmi. That tells you something!

I have requested the most recent fish survey from Fish & Wildlife, which I hope to present at our annual meeting and Pot Luck Supper on August 10th at the Franklin United Church. We will also have an update on the Aeration Project and reports on other lake matters so please join us. Bring a dish to share, doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 pm.

The lazy, dog days of August are some of the best times at the lake. Enjoy! See you around the lake! ...*President Benevento*



A New Library In Franklin

The first big/little news in Franklin was posted last month it was the unveiling of the newest branch library. The Haston Library offered the Lake Carmi Campers Association a "Little Library," it just needed to find a home. It didn't take long for David & Diane Larose to find a home and install it at the junction of Patton Shore and Lake Road. Shortly after they provided a mailbox for magazines to be shared. Hilda Hendrickson was found dropping off some books and magazines recently.

Visit the library, take a book, give a book. Books and magazines do not have to be brought back; they can be dropped in another little library somewhere, given to a friend or simply recycled. Please do not leave any donations outside of the library. Please leave only a couple of books at a time.

New Librarian Josh Worman

Josh Worman is a native of Franklin, the son of Nat & Nini Worman. He recently came home



to help his parents and has become our librarian. He has library training and experience in other libraries, including the

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If your information hasn't changed in the past year, just send your dues check. Thank you.

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CHASE AROUND THE LAKE

In April, a group of energetic young women from the Franklin Recreation Department contacted the LCCA to discuss the possibility of coordinating a triathlon to showcase our beautiful lake as part of *Celebrate Carmi week*. That's APRIL folks when the seed was planted and the planning began! To pull this off was a feat in itself, but to have the first Annual "Chase Around the Lake" be successful in its first year was a miracle. We had 29 teams, either solo or relay, participate in the triathlon which was a 5K run; a 13.6-mile bike race and a 2.3-mile kayak race.

For this first year we had two categories: "In It To Win It" and "Enjoy The View" prizes were awarded for two places in each category. Everyone who participated seemed pleased with the format.



We learned a lot and will incorporate some of the suggestions made

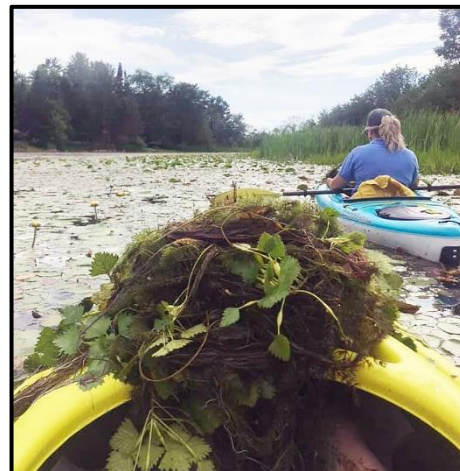
by the participants in next year's event.

None of this would have been possible without the following: Event Sponsor was Wright's Excavating; Town of Franklin; Franklin Highway Department - for the beach cleanup; Franklin County Sheriffs Department; Franklin Fire Department; Franklin First Response; the Commo Family who set the buoys and served standby with their boats for the kayak portion; Enosburg Ambulance; Grizzly Graphics and volunteers from the Franklin Recreation Department and the LCCA.

Mark your calendar, Saturday, June 27, 2020, for the second annual "Chase Around the Lake."

Water Chestnut Update, Mill Pond

For many years volunteers have been trying to eradicate the invasive weed Water Chestnut from the Mill Pond, certainly from spreading into Lake Carmi. In the last several years Diane Larose and friends have pulled great amounts of this noxious pest. In late June Diane & David Larose and Pauline & Ron Jackson spent time pulling plants.



In mid-July another group came to the Mill Pond and continued the effort. Many more weeds were pulled in July, probably because the weather was

so cold in the spring that the weeds were not visible at the time of the first volunteer effort. The combined efforts proved to be successful with the harvest of some 314 plants total. Diane Larose heads up this effort at Lake Carmi and has received training by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Contact Diane for information on how you can volunteer to help with the group of VIP's (Vermont Invasive Patrollers). DEC provides training at several locations around the state.

-Chicken Pie Supper-

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**Menu: Chicken Pie, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots,
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The pirates who raided the lake July 3rd, they have way too much fun! Captain Rob Evans, Aaron Krycki, Michael Boomhower, Dean Tipper, Chris Casavant, Marty Fletcher, Luc Shippert and Will Barbeau. Front, Rhonda Fletcher, Suzi Hull-Casavant and Mary Ann McDermott. We understand that at one of the raids the pirates were ambushed by a large family group, well-armed and prepared for them. We were relieved to know there were not any injuries. *Linda Craig Photo*

Continued from the July LCCA Newsletter

How I can Reduce my Footprint!

-Here is more information on how you, as a camp owner, leaseholder, or renter at Lake Carmi can reduce your watershed footprint, and help your community reduce our impact on the environment.-

Reduce or Offset Impermeable Surfaces

Impermeable pavement can be very problematic for local watersheds, particularly in areas with large amounts of pavement. As an impermeable surface, it forces rainwater and melting snow to runoff across its surface and down storm drains, rather than being naturally absorbed into the ground. When runoff occurs, the soil is unable to act as a natural filter for pollutants found in precipitation. Therefore, when constructing pathways on your property, use alternatives to pavement whenever possible. When paving an area is necessary, use the porous pavement to mitigate the negative consequences of asphalt. If you're building a shed with a certain amount of surface area, make sure you offset with the amount of impervious material

on your property. Dirt and gravel roads are generally not more porous than a paved road.

Upgrade Water & Septic System

Drip irrigation reduces water usage by applying water directly to the root zone of plants, eliminating runoff and evaporation that occur with traditional sprinkler systems. Be aware of what is going down your drains, flushed down the toilet, and into your septic system. Try to avoid harsh chemicals, food scraps, and grease. If you are worried about your septic system, get regular septic system inspections. Make sure everything is working as it should!

Become LakeWise Certified

The Lake Wise Program is an Agency of Natural Resources initiative that awards lake-friendly shoreland property, including that of state parks, town beaches, private homes, and businesses. The goal of Lake Wise is to establish a new normal, a new culture of lakeshore landscaping that is proven to help protect the lake. A property that earns the Lake Wise Award represents a "model" shoreland property. The Lake Wise Award certified

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Krayeski Wedding on Camp Road

On Wednesday afternoon, July 10, a group of friends and family gathered at Ruth Ann Krayeski's cottage to celebrate the marriage of her son David to Katelyn McKenzie. After a great party of friends and family, they stayed at Lake Carmi for some relaxing before heading back to their home in Slippery Rock, PA. David & Kate also own a cottage on Camp Road. *Photo by Kathy Rouleau*



What about Lake Carmi

Photo by Larry Myott

Lake Carmi is one of Vermont's jewels. Nestled among hills less than a one-hour drive northeast of Burlington, this 1,400-acre lake is a popular destination for anglers, birders, boaters, and campers. Lake Carmi State Park offers 173 campsites as well as a boat launch, day-use picnic area, swimming beach, and trail walking and more. During 2017, Lake Carmi's summer recreational season was cut short by intense, prolonged cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) bloom causing many to ask what actions had been taken to improve water quality and what else could be done.

This webpage serves as a central location for information about monitoring and management of Lake Carmi's water quality, with emphasis on actions in the watershed. All the state and local information on the crisis at Lake Carmi are in this location, provided by the Department of Environmental Conservation. Visit here for the facts: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/restoring/carmi>.



Some Facts about Lakes in General

- There are some 117 million lakes on earth. Some 90 million are smaller than two football fields in size.
- There are lakes on all seven continents; they can be found in all kinds of climates and environments.
- Added all together, the shorelines of all the earth's lakes roughly equal 250 times the length of the equator.
- The deepest and oldest lake on Earth is Lake Baikal in Russia at 5,387 feet deep and more than 25 million years old.
- The deepest lake in North America is Great Slave Lake in Canada at 2,014 feet deep.
- The Dead Sea in Israel is the world's lowest lake at 1,371 feet below sea level.
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To combat the spread of invasive species, the legislature passed a series of laws that makes it illegal to transport invasive species from one body of water to another. In Vermont, there are 12 high priority water-based invasive species, including the spiny water flea, alewives, and Zebra Mussels.



Spiny Waterflea and alewives have been found in Lake Carmi, so far, not the Zebra Mussel. This is just one of the

reason we have a lake steward at the boat launches, to help with inspection and education of boaters about the hazards of transferring invasives to and from Lake Carmi.

After taking your boat out of the lake, and definitely before putting it into another body of water, make sure you have cleaned the boat with hot, high-pressure water. Further, drain all the water from your boat, engine compartment, or other equipment used with lake water. Dry anything that was used in the body of water in the sun for several days before taking the boat to another body of water. If that is not possible, rinse your equipment with hot, high-pressure water. *Cont. to the next page*



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The rules for boats continue for kayaks, canoes and any other watercraft. As long as they are on the lake, they can still transport invasives of various species. Don't just take them out, put them on top of your or track, and put them in the water elsewhere tomorrow. When you get

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This Newsletter is the last printed letter of the season; the September issue will be emailed only. It's been great fun putting all the photos and news together for 2019. It takes a lot of helpers each

month. Who will volunteer to help in 2020? You won't have to do it all alone.

Further, the design and production are not locked in. There are more and more folks producing the great photos now. We need writers and producers. The Newsletter is printed at the Vermont State Prison in Newport, with the order being emailed to them, they print it, staple, fold it, and get it delivered back to Franklin on time.

This is my 13th year publishing the Lake Carmi Newsletter. I need some help. Call me for any questions or discussions. 802.285.6718.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

On Saturday, August 24, you can bring your hazardous waste to the Park & Ride at the Franklin Town Garage. The time is 8:00 a.m. 'til 2:00 p.m. The following articles will be accepted into the recycling program.

- All batteries, including auto accepted at no charge.
- Mercury Bulbs
- Stewardship Paints including, latex/oil paint, varnishes, stains, wood/concrete waterproofing liquids.
- Non-stewardship paints and coating, including auto, marine, industrial coating & paints, asphalt coating, thinners, aerosols.
- HHW materials: kitchen, bathroom, auto, and marine products; pesticides; aerosols; used oil; antifreeze.
- Other materials: fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, old filters, propane cylinders, light fixture ballasts, mercury-containing devices, used vegetable oil.



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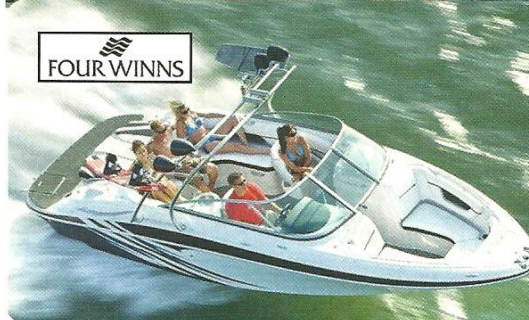
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