

# Lake Carmi Association News

July, 2007.....One Happy Lake

This special edition Newsletter brought to you by the Lake Carmi Association

Larry Myott, Editor

## Association Annual Meeting

Sixty two members of the Lake Carmi Association attended the annual meeting on Saturday, July 14 at the Franklin Town Hall. The pot luck dinner was a great success.



Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Vermont, David Lane of South Hero, was a guest presenter. He reviewed several agricultural issues that are current in Vermont that may be affecting the life style at Lake Carmi. In particular, he addressed the spreading of manure and

the management of fertilizers on dairy farms in the state.

Addison and Franklin Counties are hosts to a majority of the dairy cows in the state. Therefore, the majority of the efforts in the Agency of Agriculture programs addressing farm policies and manure handling are in those counties. Visit the agency website, [www.vermontagriculture.com](http://www.vermontagriculture.com), for more complete information. Copies of Vermont's Accepted Agricultural Practices are available for download on this site. All Vermont agricultural policies are available through this site.

Mr. Lane did an excellent job of presenting the topics to the agriculturally untrained audience. Several members of the audience had thoughtful comments and questions for Mr. Lane. He addressed them in a very professional and competent manner. It was a very informational session, providing lots of education on Vermont's agricultural industry. The Deputy Secretary said any questions or complaints should be addressed to Wendy Anderson at 802.828.3475 or by email to: [wendy.houston-anderson@state.vt.us](mailto:wendy.houston-anderson@state.vt.us).

The Agency is required to address the issues within 72 hours. He said they usually visit the situation within 24 hours to access the issue and

communicate directly with the farmer. Farmers who are not following accepted agricultural practices are given a certain amount of time to resolve the issue and correct the improper practice.

David Breed of Franklin, coordinator of the Franklin Watershed Committee, presented a report on the efforts of the committee to enhance water quality. The LCCA is a member of that committee.



President Dick Lang thanked Newsletter Editor Bob "Fish Head" Everest for his eight years of service to the organization. Everest was presented with a small token of appreciation for his hard work in the position. Lang introduced the new editor Larry Myott, asking members to send the

editor news and ideas for future issues.

Officers and Directors were elected. Richard Lang (Westcott Shore) was re-elected President, Helen Dever (Patton Shore) was re-elected Vice President, Bob Renny (Westcott Shore) was re-elected secretary, and Wendell Fortier (Hammond Shore) was re-elected treasurer. Larry Myott was elected corresponding secretary as Newsletter Editor. Directors elected to three year terms were: Dick Davis (Patton Shore), Peter Benevento (Patton Shore) and Lee Abernathy (Vic's Crossing).

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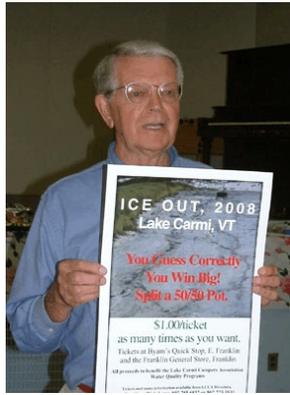
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## Ice Out 2008

At the annual meeting, President Lang announced the first annual Lake Carmi Ice Out contest. He purchased the first ticket. Tickets were distributed to directors for sale at \$1.00 each. Any one can buy a ticket and guess the date and time of the 2008 ice out at Lake Carmi. Tickets are available at both the Franklin General Store and Byan's Store in East Franklin. Lang is shown here with the new Ice Out Poster that will be displayed prominently throughout the area.



Patterned after the Joe's Pond Ice Out Contest in Danville, Vermont, this contest will provide the winner with 50% of the pot. The LCCA Water Quality Programs will benefit from the LCCA share.

The contest information and this newsletter is available on the Town of Franklin website: <http://www.franklinvermont.com/> Watch for more details as the contests develops.

## This Newsletter

We ask that you post this letter at camp for the use of all visitors whether they be renters or family and friends. We are trying to make this a useful tool to all our residents and guests with lots of information on the area, events, history, news and more. As you can see we are also incorporating photos of happenings, adding great interest to us all.

Now you need to do your part. The editor needs your help to make this the best possible newsletter. The editor needs stories, photos and more. Stories can be of any length (no guarantee that all will be printed in its entirety, however). Photos and stories can be sent to Larry by snail mail or email. Email is preferred, for photos please make them at least 150 dpi in a .jpg format. Film photos will be scanned in and returned to the sender. Of course the editor reserves the right to use or not use any submission depending on space available or content. To contact Larry Myott, send mail to: 5014 Route Seven, Ferrisburgh, VT 05456 or email to: [Larry.Myott@uvm.edu](mailto:Larry.Myott@uvm.edu). Telephone, 802.285.6718 or in Ferrisburgh at 802.877.2250. It may be that the editor calls upon you to provide some materials for

the newsletters, Please, let's make this a useful piece for all.

If you would like to receive this news letter by email, in a .pdf format, simply email the editor with your request and he will send it out by email the day it is prepared. You will need Acrobat Reader to access the newsletter on email. It is available free on the web, simply follow instructions.

Any comments, letters or questions should be sent to the editor at the address above.

## Haston Library in Franklin



The Haston Library in Franklin is not only a historically significant building in the town, it is an unbelievable resource for visitors from the lake,

tourists and more. Located on the main street, it is right beside the post office and just upstairs over the Town Clerk's office. The staff at the library are always willing to help you find the right book or resource. **Hours are, Monday 10 - 2, Tuesday 2 - 7, Thursday 9 - 6, Friday 2 - 6, Saturday 9 - 1.**

On Saturday, July 14 the library board and many guests celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Haston Library. Special guests attended including the Governor of the State of Vermont, the Honorable Jim Douglas. He is shown here presenting a check in the amount of \$1,000 to librarian Melissa McKinstry (left) and assistant librarian Sandra Rooney.



Mark your calendar for a look at the Vermont skies, on **Saturday August 4** it will be Astronomy Night with the Vermont Astronomical Society. It is currently scheduled for 9:00 pm at the Lake Carmi State Park

There is a great summer reading program during the summer that all the kids from the lake are invited to participate in. Call the library for more details on all these programs, 802.285.6505.

There are many volunteer opportunities for visitors too, call the library for more information.

## **A reminder, 911 Address Signs**

The Franklin Fire/Rescue Department makes 911 address signs available, at their cost. The green double sided signs that can be mounted on a post cost \$17.50. The single sided sign to be posted on the camp costs \$15.00. They are reflective and available in either vertical or horizontal format.

To order send your check to: Franklin Fire/Rescue, P.O. Box 182, Franklin, VT 05457. Please make sure you specify which sign you are ordering and the 911 number to be put on the sign. Please include your telephone number or other method of getting in touch with you when the sign arrives.

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## **A Message from the Town**

During the months of May and September the Town of Franklin is coordinating with Hazardous Waste Collections. They will have a metal dumpster at the town garage. This is a free service that helps keep our roadsides clean and gives you a chance to get rid of the scrap metal that seems to accumulate, only scrap metal is to be placed in it. NO appliances or other non-metal items are acceptable. Absolutely no dumping of items when the dumpster is not there.

### **Franklin General Store**

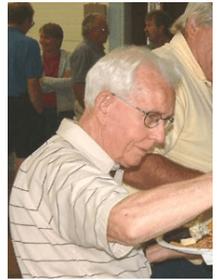
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## **Lake Carmi Campers Association Dues**

Since the June issue of the LCCA Newsletter treasurer Wendell Fortier has been busy taking in dues and adding to the list. Your association is in need of your support and membership.

*Please send your dues check (\$25.00) to LCCA: Treasurer Wendell Fortier, 29 North Avenue, Richford, VT 05476. Include your winter address, your camp 911 address and your telephone number for both camp and your winter address.*



Wendell will send you your membership card and placard for placement on your camp. Make sure your 911 address is on that card along with your off season telephone number.

## **Our Camper Poet**

We only have this moment  
To laugh or cry  
Call a special friend  
Or bake a pie

We only have this moment  
To do what must be done  
Work and play  
Always take time for fun

We only have this moment  
To smile or frown  
The choice is ours  
To be up or down

We only have this moment  
To please you and me  
Go ahead  
Plan that special party

We only have this moment  
To curl up in our favorite spot  
Read a book  
Or go for a walk

We only have this moment  
To be all you can be  
Mow the grass  
of course, take time for tea!

*Lauren L. Young, Camp Bout' Time*

## Calendar of Summer Events /Activities

### Farmers Markets

*Enosburg Falls* on Lincoln Park in Enosburg each Wednesday, 3 to 6 pm, and each Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm, June thru October.

*Richford* Farmer Market at Davis Park, June thru September, Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm.

*Swanton* Farmers Market at Swanton Commons, Sundays 9 am - 3 pm, June thru October.

Church Services, Call the church of your choice for details.

### Lake Carmi Campers Association Meetings

August 11, LCCA Board meeting at V.P. Helen Dever's cottage, 105 Patton Shore road, 10 am. All members are invited.

### Band Concerts

*Enosburg Falls* by the Town Band, in the park every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm through the summer.

*Highgate Center* June 24, 7 pm outdoor concert in the Park.

### Red Cross Blood Drawing

**August 10, 12:30 - 5:30**

The Enosburg Lions Club is sponsoring a blood drive in memory of our past director and Lake Carmi volunteer Lion Manley Wetherbee. The drawing will be held at the American Legion in Enosburg Falls. This is the time of year that the bloods supply is short, please come and help out.

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Another Lake Carmi Camp Owner Business

This July 2007 issue of the Lake Carmi Campers Association News was written by Larry Myott, unless otherwise noted. Please send information or articles to the editor by August 10, for the next issue. Call the editor for more information, 802.285.6718 or 802.877.2250. Photos are very welcome.

## Obituaries and Memories

*Colonel Arthur J. Goss* passed away on June 22, was a long time leader at Lake Carmi. He served on the board of directors for many years and as President of the LCCA for ten years. He lived on the Patton Shore for many years.

He died of complications of Alzheimer's in the Woodbridge Nursing Home at the age of 79.

His children still have the family camp and are regular visitors at the lake. They include Christine Mears, Jerome Goss and Kevin Goss all of Montpelier.

Mr. Goss was retired from the US Army and had served his state well in many capacities. He was involved in Montpelier city politics including serving as a city alderman and as Mayor for two years.

He was buried in Green Mount Cemetery in Montpelier on June 28. A complete copy of his obituary is available on the internet, [www.burlingtonfreepress.com](http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com). Memorial contributions may be made to Norwich University's Development Foundation, Northfield, VT 05663.

*Manley P. Wetherbee* passed away on June 21 at his home in Enosburg Falls, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 82. Manley and his wife Marian have been summer residents of the Hammond Shore for 40 years. He was a volunteer at the lake who always offered to help, in any task, from membership solicitations to helping with docks and boats.

Manley served on the LCCA Board and was very active in his community here and in Winter Haven, Florida. He held most offices in the Enosburg Falls Lions Club during his 50 plus years as a member. He was honored with the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Lion, the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Three weeks before his passing Manley and Marian were honored by the Vermont Dairy Festival as founders of this great event. He was very active in the Winter Haven Lions Club as well.

He leaves his wife Marian of Lake Carmi and Enosburg Falls, his son Bill of Colchester, Daughter Ann and her husband Rick Green of Lake Carmi and Enosburg Falls, son Robert and his wife Dianna of Florida, Gary of Montgomery. There are many grand children and great grand children.

Manley requested that contribution in his memory be made to American Cancer Society, Vermont Division, 13 Loomis Street, Montpelier,

VT 05602, or the Franklin County Home Health Agency-Hospice Program, 3 Home Health Circle, St. Albans, VT 05478.

A complete copy of the obituary is available on line at: [www.spearsfuneralhome.com](http://www.spearsfuneralhome.com).

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### **Burning Trash Illegal in Vermont**

Violators can be fined up to \$500 for illegally burning household and other trash and garbage. You can also lose your fishing license for up to a year.

Today's trash contains metals, plastics, and other synthetic materials that, when burned, can emit fumes and harmful quantities of dioxins known to cause cancer, emphysema and other chronic illnesses.

Dioxins emitted from this burning settle on crops and our lake causing pollution and possible health hazards. Backyard burning can increase risk of heart disease, aggravate respiratory ailments such as asthma.

State and local officials may issue penalties to individuals who burn trash. Violators are subject to fines as well as community service. If the penalties are not paid, convicted burners will lose their license for 10 days and may lose their fishing license for up to a year.

For more information on trash burning, please visit: [www.dontburnvt.org](http://www.dontburnvt.org).

### **Visit the Franklin, Vermont Web Site**

The webmaster of the Town of Franklin web site let us use a portion of the town web site. We are on the World Wide Web (WWW). Janet Norcross has already posted the June issue of the Lake Carmi Association News and this issue will be posted by the time you get it. You can access our newsletters and all the town postings, at any time, by going to the website at: <http://www.franklinvermont.com/>.

If you don't have access to internet while at the lake, you can visit the Haston Library and use one of

their computers. They are on DSL too. Get to know this great facility, borrow a book, make some new friends. Their hours were posted in the last issue of the newsletter, or go on line for complete information.

### **Visit Lake Carmi any Day of the Year!**

Through the wonders of the WWW, you can visit our lake at any time. Rick Willever of the Westcott Shore has a web cam at his camp. He checks local happening anytime he'd like from his home in New Jersey, or anywhere in the world.

For those of you not so computer savvy, a webcam is a little camera that takes a photo every few minutes or so and sends it out to a web site that can be accessed over the internet. I understand that Rick got to see the Deputy Sheriff on his rounds last winter.

Rick has offered all of us to access his regular photos of Lake Carmi, go to [www.lakecarmi.org](http://www.lakecarmi.org). The Willever Family registered the domain name a couple of years ago. They have offered to allow us to use the site if we can get a computer savvy volunteer to post items for us. Stay tuned for upcoming details.

### **Classified Ads: Free to LCCA Members**

- Two Camps for rent on Hammond Shore, call Dan Larrivee at 802.285.6737
- Camp for Rent on Patton Shore, Call 802.285.6568
- Camp for Rent on Patton Shore, all amenities, canoe, kayak and rowboat included. Call for details, Bill Hearne, 802.285.6748 or 585.377.3537.
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### **Cottage and Garden Tour, This Weekend**

From all indications the first annual Lake Carmi Cottage and Garden Tour will be a big success. At the annual meeting on July 14, Co-chairs Hilda Hendrickson and Helen Dever were very pleased with ticket sales and interest being generated not only around the lake, but in the community. Last Sunday's Burlington Free Press carried an article announcing the event.

If you get this newsletter in time and would like to participate, tickets are still available. Call Helen Dever at 285.6652 or Hilda Hendrickson at 285.6855. All the participating cottage owners also have tickets available. Ten cottages are open for tours with great food being served by area restaurants. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Tickets are required for entry to any of the cottages.

This new event is enhancing the image of Lake Carmi and offering our friends and guests a chance to see behind the scenes of the cottages. Each cottage has been paired with a local restaurant who will serve some samples of their specialities during the 1:00 to 5:00 pm event.

Those cottage owners and restaurants participating are as follows: Bob & Nancy Everest (Westcott Shore) with the Crossing, Jim & Faith Piviorotto (Black Woods) and Bernie's, Helen Dever and Dieter Schelling (Patton Shore) with Jeff's Seafood, Paul & Judy Boutin (Patton Shore) and the Highgate Manor Inn, Richard & Lee Davis (Patton Shore) and the Franklin General Store, Ray & Hilda Hendrickson (Vic's Crossing) and Back Inn Time, Al & Marcia Perry (Shore Road) and the Park Café, Carol Gerard (Camp Road) and Chow Bella, George and Rolande Kane (Hammond Shore) and the Abbey, Larry & Diane Myott (Hammond Shore) and Halvey's Cafe.

A summer day out by the island. These camp visitors were having a great time. The family Schondube from Leicester, VT included Aaron, Julie and 2 year old Walter.

Julie caught a 37 ½ inch Northern Pike. Certainly a contender in the Lake Carmi Association Fishing Contest. It was measured and weighed at Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin.

Contest chair Bob "Fish Head" Everest informed the annual meeting that fish can be weighed and measured at both Franklin Stores, the Franklin General or Byam's Quick Stop.



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### **Loon Watch at Lake Carmi**

The Loons have been under special watch all spring and summer and even had a visit from the Vermont Loon Recovery people for a survey of the lake in early June. Once again no nesting Loons have been spotted, but we'll keep hoping and looking.

The nearest nesting loons in Vermont are in the Northeast Kingdom on such ponds as Brownington, Long, Newark, Bald Hill, and Lake Memphremagog. Loon chicks tend to return to within 30 miles of where they were hatched out. Thus, our happy lake is somewhat distant from breeding loon lakes.

We are asked to stay vigilant. Loon Watch volunteers at Lake Carmi include: Nancy & Dick Bouffard, Richard Carr, Marilyn Corlis, Betty Coburn, Josephine Leuci, Debbie Bushey and Larry Myott.

## Directory of Services

### *Garbage/Rubbish Removal:*

By the bag, by the week, by the month.  
Bruce Wetherby, Richford, 848.3053  
Jim Burns, Enosburg, 933.7715 or 802.777.5938

### *Lawn Mowing:*

Paul Greenwood, East Franklin, 933.5044  
Martins Lawn Care, Ryan Martin, Franklin,  
802.782.2644

Other Services: We are seeking a listing of other services to be placed free in the August issue of this Newsletter. Who handles docks, winterizes camps and boats and more?

## Get the Lead Out

Lead is a toxic metal. To reduce human exposure, the United States no longer allows it in gasoline, paint, or plumbing. Many wildlife species are also harmed by lead. Loons, ducks, and other waterfowl can die of lead poisoning after swallowing lead sinkers.

Research in the northeastern U.S. and Canada, where loons breed, has found that lead sinkers or jigs account for 10 to 50 percent of all dead adult loons. Research in New England indicates more loons die from lead poisoning than from tumors, boat strikes, fractures, infections and conflict between loons.

As of last January 1, it is illegal to use lead sinkers weighing one-half ounce or less to fish in Vermont. All lead products should be removed from the tackle box.

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## The Cottage on the Island



A visiting fisherman from Morrisville, George Robson, helps to move the buoy back to the island, marking the hazard for boaters. The ice had raised the buoy and allowed it to

float to the mouth of Marsh Brook, near the State Park beach.

Long a topic of discussion at Lake Carmi is the mystery of the cottage on the island off the Westcott Shore. This writer has heard many tales about that cottage. It existed before any of the current residents spent summers at the lake.

The first mystery is who owns the island? The island is owned by Coralyn Whiting Samson and her husband Dr. Olin Samson. Lyn Samson has spent her summers on the Westcott shore for more than 70 consecutive years. In an interview with Mrs. Samson, she talked about playing on the island as a child. She began summering at the lake in 1937. She remembers the cement footbridge between the islands, though much of it was disintegrating by then.

So what's the scoop? The cottage on the island was built in 1908 and only used as a camp for a few summers. In 1917 it was moved across the ice by W.E. Patton to the Patton Shore.

Where was it moved to on the Patton Shore? That topic is up to some debate. The History of Franklin, published in 1989, by the Franklin Historical Society, says that the first of the Patton cottages were built in 1899. These cottages were rented to folks from the city who came to Franklin Pond by train, for a summer in the country.

Another story has the island camp being moved to the Patton Shore in the area of the current Shore Road. This story explains that the building went through the ice and was heavily damaged. Local farmers and several teams of horses were used to remove it from the lake, hence it was dismantled and build into one of the first cottages of that section of the lake.

The Franklin History tells the story in this way, "In 1907 a Dr. R.W. Adams of Newport bought the Island from W. J. Riley. He build a round cottage

there where he and his relatives enjoyed the island”.....Miss Dorthea Patton remembered that about the round camp and the Adamses. Mr. Patton bought the round camp. “One winter they maneuvered that camp, intact, onto rollers and maybe a farm sled, and drew it on the ice with a team of harm horses down to Patton West Shore. Mr. Patton took it down and used the lumber to build a camp still standing (as of 1989), the first camp on Camp Road.”



*(Note the dock on the north end of the island with a row boat tied up. The building on the south island is reputed to be an out-house. The porch goes all around the camp. There is a tall flag pole on the roof and a chimney showing too. This photo is reprinted with permission of the Franklin Historical Society.)*

Mrs. Samson writes that she and her friends had lots of fun on the islands in the 1940's with picnics, sleep-overs, swimming parties and more. But, when the next generation came the island became more of a “party” place with a lot of drinking and offensive language. No one seemed to know who owned the island.

Lyn Samson’s father researched the ownership of the island and found it was still owned by the Adams family in Newport. He negotiated the sale of the island and purchased it for somewhere between \$250 and \$400. The island became the property of Walbridge O. Whiting and Helen Mudgett Whiting, the parents of Lyn Samson.

Mr. Whiting posted the island because of the chronic abuse of the place by those who used it. She notes that it became especially bad after the state park came in being in 1959. Visitors were of the impression the island belonged to the state, it became used as a mid-lake rest room.

Mr. And Mrs. Whiting passed in 1980 and the island was willed to Mrs. Samson sister Wanda Robinson of Dallas, Texas. It was for her to have a

little piece of Vermont, where she had spent her summers into the 1960's. Mrs. Samson’s sister felt it was a liability and gave it to Lyn and Dr. Olin Samson. They own the island to this day and pay taxes on it to the Town of Franklin. The Samson’s have been retired for about 15 years and spend their full summers on the Westcott Shore.

(Editors Note: Dr. Samson’s father was a Doctor in Franklin, his mother Mrs. Rachel Samson was a teacher at Franklin School. The editor was a student of Rachel Samson in grades 1 & 2.)

### **Franklin History Book Available**

The History of Franklin, 1789 - 1989, published by the Franklin Historical Society in 1989 is available for the sum of \$20.00 from the Society. It is also available at the Haston Library.

This very comprehensive text was authored by Martha Hanna Towle, long time Franklin Town Clerk. She was born in 1906. She published this book, for fun, when she was 83.

For further information on the Franklin Historical Society contact Brian Rainville at 285.6688.

***Patton Shore Camper Bruce Bushey*** continues to enjoy the weather at Lake Carmi. After a very dry



and warm start to the summer season, the rains have come. Luckily, very light rains have been soaking in and not flushing into the lake..

Bob Renni (Westcott Shore), volunteer water sample taker, reported at the annual meeting this is the first time since he has been sampling, that the

water has been so clean and clear so late in the season. Renni takes samples at pre-set locations around the lake at regular intervals. Perhaps all the efforts to clean up the waste practices of the farms and septic systems around the lake are paying off.

**August Issue Deadline:** the deadline for materials for the next issue is August 10. Volunteers are needed for distribution on each shore road. Call the editor, Larry Myott, 285.6718 or 802.877.2250.

