

# LAKE CARMİ ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Larry Myott, Editor

## LCCA Annual Meeting

President Dick Lang has arranged to have Eric Hansen of the Vermont Loon Recovery Project (VLRP) as our guest speaker. He will present a slide program titled, "*Loon Conservation in Vermont....People Make the Difference.*" Hanson is a biologist working for the VLRP since 1998, and conducted loon research for many years. He has worked in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. For two years he worked capturing loons and banding them for identification purposes.



When not chasing loons or working with Vermont's several hundred loon volunteers, he teaches courses on animal tracking, winter predators,

hawks and owls and the literature of conservation.

Although we do not have a nesting pair of loons at Lake Carmi, the VLRP notes Lake Carmi has good potential for nesting loons. This year's loon population is very active and several loon watch volunteers are living at Lake Carmi, at least on a part time basis.

The annual meeting begins with a pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to share. 6:00 pm at the Franklin Town Hall, July 12.

## LCCA Summer Meetings and Events

***July 5, Franklin Fire and Rescue Chicken Bar-B-Q*** at the Franklin Elementary School, 4 to 7 pm, tickets are \$8.00. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are available from the Franklin Telephone Company office on Main Street or from Franklin Fire and Rescue members.

***July 5, 9:30 pm. The Fireworks at Lake Carmi,*** sponsored by the Lake Carmi Campers Association Inc. and our many co-sponsors. See page 7 for details. Fireworks will be presented from the north end boat launch.

The north end boat launch will be closed from



10 am that day. Vehicles and boat trailers cannot be parked on Route 120 from Patton Shore Road, on the west side of the boat launch, to the first camp (Montague) on the easterly side of the boat launch.

The area will be marked off and violators will be towed out of the area before the fireworks set up can begin at 11 am. The highway will be closed to all traffic during the evening and until the completion of the show. Find alternate routes.

***LCCA Annual Meeting, July 12, 6:00 p.m.*** at the Franklin Town Hall. Pot luck dinner, bring a dish to share. Excellent program on the VT Loon Recovery Program. See column one.

Kick off of the 2009 Lake Carmi Ice Out Contest. Election of directors and any other business needing to be discussed.

***July 19, 1 to 5 pm. Lake Carmi Cottage Tours,*** see article in this newsletter.

***August 9 regular board meeting at Dever's Cottage, 9:00 a.m.***

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## **Volunteers Delivering Memberships**

On June 21 volunteers met with membership chair, LCCA vice President Helen Dever to pick up materials for delivery to LCCA members around the lake. Treasurer Wendell Fortier reported about 125 members had joined the association to date.

Volunteers are canvassing the cottages to deliver cottage membership cards and the new 2008 Lake Carmi Directory of Cottages. All paid members get a copy of the new directory as part of their member benefit. Non-members can purchase a copy for \$3.00. If you have not yet joined, send in your \$25.00 and member information to: LCCA Inc. Treasurer, Wendell Fortier, 29 North Avenue, Richford, VT 05476. You can join when your road volunteers come by in the next two weeks. Questions? Call Helen Dever at 285.6652.

Please submit a member information card with your dues payment. The card can be found in the April issue of the newsletter. You can download a copy of all the last two years issues from the LCCA website, [www.lakecarmi.org](http://www.lakecarmi.org). Mail your dues and member information card to Wendell Fortier, 29 North Avenue, Richford, VT 05476.

Non-residents of Lake Carmi are welcome to join the association in support of the LCCA programs. The new Lake Carmi directory can also be purchased at the Town Clerk's office and the Haston Library in Franklin.

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They can be mounted on a post or placed on the side of the cottage. The single sided sign to be attached to the camp cost \$15.00. The double sided sign, for use on the mailbox or other post, cost \$17.50.

To order send your check to: Franklin Fire/Rescue, P.O. Box 182, Franklin, VT 05457. Be sure to specify which sign you are ordering and the 911 address number to be printed. Please include your correct mailing address and telephone number.

The old camp number sign should be removed. it could endanger your family and friends.

Please inform your guests, family and friends that we have several loons on Lake Carmi. They are a protected species. Boats, canoes, jet skis, and other recreational devices should be no where near them. Do not disturb them or try to get close to them. They are great to watch and listen to, leave them alone and we might even get a nesting pair some year.

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**Lawn Mowing, Rototilling**, Call for information. Creeks End Lawn Care, Enosburg. Fabien Parent, 933.4035.

**Yard Sale**, 2 family, Saturday, July 12, 9 am to 1 pm. Vic's Crossing. Jet boat, lift, vests, antique chairs, large awning windows, beds and more. 285.6855.

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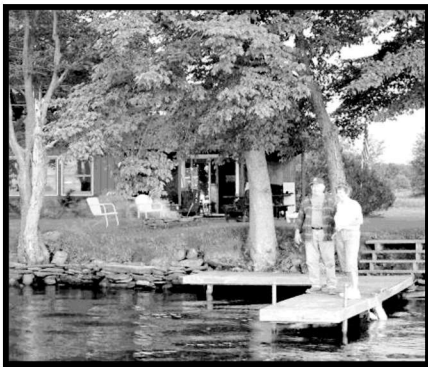
### **Lake Carmi Cottage and Garden Tour**

Franklin, VT.....Ever wonder, when driving by a lake, what life in those cottages is really like?

*Larry &  
Marion  
Beightol await  
visitors at  
Their Patton  
Shore Road  
Cottage*



Visiting the cottages at Lake Carmi in Franklin is fun and even an educational thing to do on a Sunday afternoon in July. The Lake Carmi Campers Association is sponsoring its second Cottage and Garden Tour on Saturday, July 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10/adult, \$5/ child 12 and under.



*Doug & Norma King  
of Hammond Shore  
Road are ready for  
visitors.*

Event co-  
chairs Helen  
Dever and Hilda  
Hendrickson have  
announced that

tickets are available for the eight cottage tour. Each cottage has unique features of interest. Several have special gardens. Each cottage is unique. This program is a fund raiser for the LCCA, Inc., helping to fund its preservation and water quality programs.

Each cottage visit will provide gastronomic treats by a local restaurant. Knowledgeable tour guides will be available to talk about the lake, its history and more. On the Westcott Shore the Yandow Cottage (Jeff's Seafood of St. Albans) will be open; The O'Shea Cottage (Chow Bella Restaurant of St. Albans) will be open at Sandy Bay. On the Patton Shore the cottage of the Hearne Family (Halvey's

Restaurant of Enosburgh), the Benevento Cottage (Bernie's Restaurant, Montgomery Center).

*(The Benevento's are shown here awaiting visitors on their dock.)*



The Kevin Lothian's (The Abbey of Sheldon) and the Beightol's Cottage (Park Café of St. Albans) will be open.

On Shore Road the Vachon Cottage (Somerset Inn of Enosburgh Falls) will host visitors and on the Hammond Shore Road, the King Cottage (Subway of Enosburgh Falls) will be open. Cottages are accessible by boat, car, bicycle or walking. All cottages will be signed and well marked. All tour participants get a free creamee ticket from the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant for use on that day.

Tickets and more information are available from several locations, including the Haston Library in Franklin, the Myott Insurance Agency in Enosburgh Falls, or by calling Helen Dever at 802.285.6652 or Hilda Hendrickson at 802.285.6855, or email [sailhdever@surglobal.net](mailto:sailhdever@surglobal.net). Tickets include a map and specific instructions for a fun afternoon.

### **Haston Library Summer Programs**

Campers at Lake Carmi are always invited to participate in the activities at the Haston Library on Main Street in Franklin. This is a very busy little library, with lots to offer. Hours of operation are Monday, 10 am – 2 pm; Tuesday, 2 pm – 7 pm; Wednesday, Closed; Thursday, 9 am – 6 pm; Friday, 2 pm – 6 pm, and Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm. Catch the reading bug this summer.

Volunteers are needed to help at the library. Your help is more than welcome. If interested, call or

email the librarian, [hastonlibrary@franklinvt.net](mailto:hastonlibrary@franklinvt.net).

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**The Abbey Group**

### **2008 Directory Published**

The LCCA has published a new directory, volunteers are distributing it to all paid members in June or early July. Ruth Ann Kraysky is editor, she has worked very hard to make it an accurate and very usable document. Larry Myott is the designer.

This full color publication includes a cover photo by Lake Carmi artist, Carol Lyman. The back cover is a full color satellite map of Lake Carmi with all the roads named, courtesy of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission in St. Albans.

Paid members of the LCCA get a complimentary copy, non-members can purchase a copy for \$3.00. It is available at the Franklin Town Clerk's office, the Haston Library, or LCCA delivery volunteers.

Errors or incorrect information should be reported to Ruth Ann Kraysky, 285.6891 or by email: [rakray@aol.com](mailto:rakray@aol.com).

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### **LCCA Board of Directors Meet**

The LCCA board met at vice president Helen Dever's cottage on June 21. They reviewed the activities of the past year and planned for the future.

Moe Poissant of the Dewing Shore was present to discuss the maintenance of the sea wall put in place two falls ago. Chris O'Shea of the Franklin Watershed Committee was present and able to review that project and plans to complete the sea wall for the remainder of the Dewing Road shoreline. It was noted the spring fishermen have done considerable damage to that section. Much work is needed to keep the wall in good condition.

Poissant also discussed the possibility of having an "end of summer" boat parade. This has been done in years past, he volunteered to serve on a committee along with Bob Rennie. Several volunteers are needed, please call either Poissant (285.6732) or Rennie (285.6519) to assist.

The LCCA water quality fund has nearly \$10,000 in it. This money is used to fund specific water quality enhancement projects in the Lake Carmi watershed. President Lang noted that there may be some opportunity to cost share with the Franklin Watershed Committee projects in the near future.

Treasurer Wendell Fortier's report noted that there is some \$12,009 in the Century Club. Longtime director Dick Davis explained the Century Club for the newer members. It seems that some 64 members each contributed \$100 to this fund to help provide matching funds (along with the Town of Franklin) for the grant that purchased the weed harvester. Since that time, the left over monies have accumulated interest and grown to the current amount. These funds are earmarked for water quality projects.

The board voted to send \$1,800 to the Watershed Committee, as has been the practice, to assist with their work and to fund the septic tank pumping cost share project.

There was discussion of vandalism and thefts at Lake Carmi this spring. Several cottages along the north shore areas had their copper pipes stolen right from under the camps. Aluminum docks were also stolen. With the price of scrap copper and aluminum these products became attractive to thieves. Camp owners should be careful about securing their camps, come fall, to prevent easy access under the camps.

After discussion, the board voted, to not have a cottage tour in 2009. It was felt that perhaps it would be better to give it a year off.

President Lang presented the idea of doing a Lake Carmi Cookbook in 2009. This could be a multi-year project to raise funds, promote the lake and raise awareness of our "One Happy Lake."

A committee is being formed to carry out this project, working with a commercial cookbook publisher. Joe's Pond in Danville, and others have had very successful cookbook projects. It can be a great fund raiser too. Persons interesting in serving on a committee for this project should contact Newsletter Editor Larry Myott. Several members have already volunteered to serve, many hands will be needed. Contact [Larry.Myott@uvm.edu](mailto:Larry.Myott@uvm.edu), or telephone 802.285.6718.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held on August 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dever Cottage on Patton Shore Road. All are welcome to attend.



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## 2009 Ice Out Contest

Work has begun on the 2009 ice out contest. Tickets are being printed and plans made for marketing those tickets. Tickets will be \$1.00. Each ticket gets you one educated guess as to the date and time the ice will go out in the spring of 2009.

The winner in 2008 was Mattie Hayes of Cambridge, VT. Her lucky pick was Sunday, April 13 at 1:32 pm. The ice actually went out at 1:45 pm. The committee is working to establish a new marketing effort and increase sales. If you would like your business to be a sales outlet for these tickets, call Jim Piviroto at 802.285.6590 or Dick Lang at 285.6832. We need new ideas for sales too.



## Cutting Ice on Lake Carmi

.....Memories from Buzz Carman, Shore Road

We now watch to see when the ice will go out. Back in the early days of tourist cottages at Lake Carmi, they watched to see when they could cut the ice for storage. This storage was to supply the camp ice boxes during the summer. The above file photo shows the lake harvest in the early 1900's.

Before refrigeration at Lake Carmi, ice was harvested in the winter and stored in the Ice House at the Donald King Farm (now the Rainville Farm, across from Kings Court). As you read this in the summer heat of July, think of the times of below zero weather out on the lake to put up the ice for the summer people.

Harvesting ice was extremely labor intensive requiring teams of horses, and several men for weeks on end. Of course the weather conditions had to be right. The colder the weather and steadier the freezing, the cleaner and harder the ice was. One thaw at the wrong time could ruin the ice crop for the season.

First the snow had to be removed from the area to be harvested so that the ice would freeze clear and clean. Harvested blocks were about 2 X 3 feet in size and as thick as the ice was. Grids were laid out on the ice and an ice saw (see photo above) was used to cut them. The saw was nearly 5 feet long with large teeth. The men with the forks separated the blocks and kept them from refreezing. Getting the first block out was the most difficult as they weighed about 200 lbs. each. Once the block was floating free, they would use large tongs to grab the block and pull it from the water.

From there the blocks were taken to the ice house, and stored in several layers of sawdust for insulation, until it was needed in the warm summer. Much of the sawdust used at the King Ice House came from the sawmill on the Mill Pond.

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# **Fireworks!**

## **at Lake Carmi**

### **Sat. July 5, 9:30 p.m.,**

### **North End Boat Launch\***

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**Presented by North Star Fireworks of Barre,**

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\*The Boat Launch will be closed from 10 a.m. on July 5 until approximately 10:30 p.m., please use the Lake Carmi State Park Boat Launch during that time. State Route 120 at the north end of Lake Carmi will be closed from about 4:00 p.m. until after the show. Please find alternate routes to avoid the congestion and possible safety hazard. Rain date, July 6.

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As the campers arrived at Lake Carmi and needed ice to keep things cold, they placed a card in the cottage window telling Mr. King they needed ice and how much.



The ice man would weigh the block of ice and bring it into the cottage, placing it in the ice box. The ice box consisted of a large insulated wooden cabinet about 4 feet tall with two or more doors on the front. Usually the smaller door on the top front was where the ice was placed. Behind the larger

door was the “refrigerator” part of the ice box to keep food cool and safe. A block of ice might last for 3 or more days. The melting ice produced water that went into a pan below through a hose. Some folks drilled a hole through the floor so the water ran under the cottage.

*Editors Note:* Do you have a photo of your camp with the old ice box? How about a photo of the ice harvest? Send them to the editor. Original photos can be returned, but it is suggested that you send copies (or even better) a digital copy on email.



LCCA Secretary Bob Rennie, Westcott Shore (right) and newsletter editor Larry Myott (Hammond Shore) got together in Deland, Florida last winter for a good visit. They are shown here picking some of that Florida sunshine from the neighbors orange tree.

## **Fun Facts About Loons**

--The bones of most birds are hollow and light, but loons have solid bones. That is why they sit so low in the water, they are heavier than ducks and other water birds.

--The extra weight also helps them dive, as deep as 250 feet, to search for food. They can stay underwater for up to five minutes.

--Because their bodies are heavy relative to their wing size, loons need up to a 600 foot runway in order to take off from a lake.

--Loons can fly at up to 75 miles per hour.

--Scientists think loons live for 30 or more years.

*Come to the LCCA annual meeting to learn lots more about loons. July 12, 6:00 pm pot luck dinner, Franklin Town Hall. See page 1.*

## **Deadline for Next Issue**

The next issue of the Lake Carmi Association News will be published for delivery to cottages on or about August 1. Materials including articles, classified advertising, and photos need to be delivered to the editor by July 21. We need photos of Lake Carmi activities, large fish caught, fireworks, etc. Email your ideas or materials to Larry Myott , [lakecarminews@franklinvt.net](mailto:lakecarminews@franklinvt.net). Call Larry at 285.6718.

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