

Lake Carmi Association News

June, 2007.....One Happy Lake

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

Larry Myott, Editor

New Newsletter



At the fall board of directors meeting of the Lake Carmi Campers Association meeting, it was discussed and

decided to have a new format for the summer newsletter. In the above photo President Dick Lang, Secretary Bob Rennie and Al Perry (left) are at the table. At last Saturday's, June 9 meeting, that new format was presented and discussed and approved. Larry Myott (Hammond Shore) was appointed editor to this new summer format. The newsletter will consist of three monthly editions this summer, June, July and August. It is being distributed to each and every cottage around the lake by volunteers. If the camp has not been opened then no letter will be left, but all camps that are occupied will receive a letter.

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 that add 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. 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.

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

Board Meeting on June 9, 2007

At the spring board meeting held last Saturday, President Dick Lang (Westcott Shore) had a full agenda of points of interest for discussion and action. Of special interest were two guests, Eric Hansen, biologist with the Vermont Loon Recovery Project was surveying the lake that morning and invited to visit the board at their meeting. He and camp member Debra Bushey (Patton Shore) scanned the lake for loons and other water fowl. Loons are not nesting here, but the survey continues as it is expected they will eventually. Loons nest next to the shore line in out of the way spots. Members are asked to contact either Debra Bushey (285.6138 or 802.877.2164) or Larry Myott with reports of loon activities.

Please inform your visitors or renters that loons are a protected species in Vermont. They are in recovery. The population has doubled since 1997, now counted at 201. There were 58 nesting pairs on lakes, large and small, in 2006. About 85% of the chicks hatched survived.

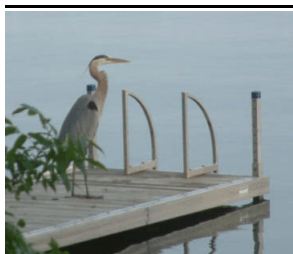
Special guest Andrew Underwood is a deputy sheriff with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. He reported on his activities working for the association during the fall, winter, and spring months at the lake. He physically checked the camps on a regular basis, but never twice on the same time schedule. If a LCAA membership card with name and telephone number is posted on the camp, any

break in or damage will be reported to the owner by the sheriff. If no membership card is posted, the Vermont State Police are notified.

Other items of this board meeting are handled in other parts of this newsletter.

Don't Feed the Birds

We are reminded to NOT feed the ducks, geese, or other birds during our stays at camp. The Fish and Game Department has noted that feeding them will attract more and this creates a problem with bird



droppings on the docks, on top of boats and more. A couple years ago the game warden reported that several ducks were killed by being fed stale or moldy bread at camp. This can create a real hazard to both campers and birds.

This Great Blue Heron, above, likes to fish from the dock on the Hammond shore.

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.** Several events have been scheduled for the summer including: **Gemstone Jewelry Class, June 26** at 6 pm, with Eva Fiske. The class cost is \$10. You will

be making your very own necklace and earrings. The **week of July 9th** is Vermont Authors week with a special display of Vermont authors books available; **Saturday July 14th** 10 - 4, a day long 100th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Haston Library.

On **Saturday, July 21** at 7 pm will be the third annual Haston Library Variety Show at the Franklin Elementary School. Advance tickets are available at the Library or will be available at the door.

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.

911 Addresses Very Important

Once again we remind you that having your 911 address on your camp, or maybe at the end of your driveway too, may save your life or the life of a friend. The old camp numbers no longer have any merit and should be removed/replaced with the newer 911 number. Please make sure your 911 address is placed on or beside the telephone so anyone can call for help when needed.

If your camp is close to the road it is OK to have the number just on your camp, but if you have a long drive, perhaps you had better put the sign at the road so the fire/rescue personnel will know where to go in case of emergency.

The Franklin Fire/Rescue Department makes these 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.

Two Big Events

Thursday, June 21 at 7 pm is the annual Ice Cream Social at the East Franklin Church, all Lake Carmi folks are invited to participate. Music will be provided by Vern Coburn. Adults \$3.00, children, \$1.50.

Saturday, June 30 is the Annual Franklin Fire/Rescue Bar-B-Q, 4 to 7 pm at the Franklin Elementary School. This event is sold out most years, advance tickets are available at the Telephone Office on Main Street or from any fireman. They expect to serve about 1000 on this evening.

New Sea Wall on Dewing Shore

After much paper work and coordination the Dewing Shore project has provided a new sea wall to stop or at least help prevent any further erosion along the Dewing Road at the north end. James Dewing skillfully handled the huge excavator, building the big rocks that were also donated from his farm and that of Peter Kittell. Chris O'Shea (Sandy Bay) wrote a grant proposal on behalf of the Franklin Watershed Committee and the Town of Franklin applying for and getting a \$7,000 grant from the State of Vermont Better Back Roads



Program. The town matched that grant, allowing for the work to proceed. Plans are in place to continue the work for the remainder of the road, about half is completed.

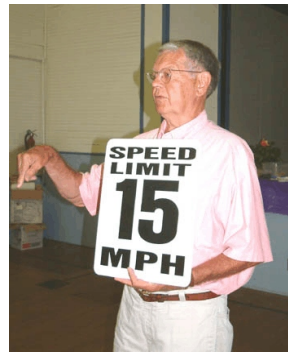
Patton Shore Campers Fix Their Road

Campers on the Patton Shore got together, took up a collection for new gravel placement and fixed the pot holes and the surface of the road. They have been taking leadership in maintaining their road for the past couple years. The leadership asks that I thank all the contributors and those who did the work too!

Another reminder, go slow on the road—15 miles per hour—to save the work that has been done and protect you family and pets. Going slow protects the

road from further damage, especially during wet periods.

Speed Limit on Camp Roads



Last year the LCCA purchased and has posted speed limit signs on all the camp roads. That limit is 15 mph. It may sound pretty slow, but if we are to protect our kids, pets, and the roads themselves, it is a very moderate speed. President Dick Lang is shown here

with one of the signs.

Please remind your visitors and guests of this speed limit. It is good for the cars, the people and roads. When it is wet, traveling on these roads will just make more and more pot holes. The splash sends the water flying and digs the holes deeper.

Lake Carmi Campers Association Dues

The winter issue of the LCCA Newsletter included a reminder to pay your Lake Carmi dues. The dues are due at any time, and your association is in need of your support and membership. At the Board meeting on Saturday, treasurer Wendell Fortier noted that 145 membership had been renewed.

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. One of the benefits is by showing your card you get free admission to the Lake Carmi State Park to launch your boat and store your vehicle and trailer for the day while you're out on the lake.

Other benefits of membership include:

- Get your drinking water at the Franklin Fire Station in the village. There is a tap at the north end of the station for you to fill your jugs with great spring water.
- The Boat access and dock at the north end of the lake.
- Winter security patrol by the Franklin County Sheriffs Department.

- Summer Fishing Contest for all ages.
- Camp Directories and related information, including this newsletter
- Weed harvester coordination and fund to help with the maintenance, in cooperation with the town
- Coordination of camp road grading with the town
- Annual Meeting, program
- Liaison with the State of Vermont and Town of Franklin

Anyone with an interest in Lake Carmi, camper or not, can join the association. We welcome new members and encourage businesses in the area and renters to be a part of our association. Volunteers are always welcome to help in the activities at the lake.

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Rules of the Water, Boating

Keeping everyone safe is always the way we try to operate, however, there are always some that like to cowboy a bit on the lake. Whether it be on a jet-ski, large power boat or small rowboat. Here are some of the rules that can make our summer safer. We ask all boat owners to please follow the rules on Lake Carmi and make sure your guests and family members also follow the rules.

- All canoes, kayaks, boats and other vessels, less than 16 feet in length must have a life preserver for each person on board.
- No person under 12 years old may operate a power boat with more than 6 horsepower
- Persons under the age of 12 must wear Coast Guard approved life vests at all times while on board
- A person under the age of 16 must wear a Coast Guard approved life vest while riding a sail board
- A person under the age of 16 is prohibited from riding a jet-ski and all jet-ski riders and operators must wear a life vest

- It is prohibited to use a jet-ski on the lake more than ½ hour after sunset or more than ½ hour before sunrise
- No vehicle may be operated closer than 200 feet from the shoreline, a person in the water, other vessels, anchorage of rafts or docks except at a speed of less than 5 miles per hour and does not create a wake
- When water skiing, it is required that you have an observer that is at least 12 years of age.

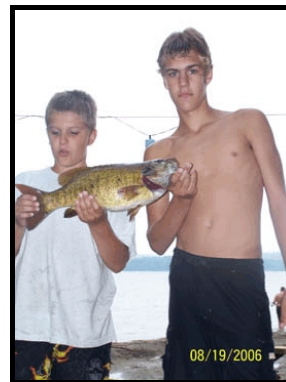
Not a rule, but common sense to protect our lake shore from any further erosion. When departing the shore do not run the motor until you are at least 200 feet from shore. This showboating only stirs up the bottom mud and causes further erosion of the shore. Please drive slowly until you get out in the deeper water.

Lake Carmi Fishing Derby

Each year the Lake Carmi Campers Association sponsors a fishing derby in five categories. The contest begins on June 1 and ends Labor Day (September 3, 2007). Trophies are given to the top entry in each category. The categories are, Smallmouth Bass (won in 2006 by Jeremy Doe with a 19.5 inch, 3.66 lb.), Walleye (won in 2006 by Terri Benton with 25.5 inch entry that weighed 5.93 lbs.), Northern Pike (won by Ernie Englehardt with a 31.5 inch 7 pounder), The Perch winner was Jim Demetrules with a .94 lb entry.

The Junior Fisherman Award went to Alex Deuso, age 11 of Franklin with a Smallmouth Bass weighing 4 lbs. And measuring 20.5 inches. Alex is

shown here (left) with his big brother Bill. They are the children of Howard and Pam Deuso of Franklin. If you (or your guest fisherman) is a winner from 2006, you need to pick up the trophy from the Everest Camp on the Westcott Shore, call 285.6779 to make arrangements.



Not a winner, but certainly a contender for the 2007 edition of the Junior Fishing Contest is Molly Rooney Corrow of Franklin who caught this smallmouth bass on June 10. It's size is being kept secret until the end of the contest. She was fishing off the dock of her grand parents cottage (Larry & Diane Myott) on the Hammond Shore. She is shown here with her Mom Sandy Rooney.



New in 2007, Cottage and Garden Tour

A new item for 2007 at the Lake is a Cottage and Garden Tour, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 21, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. These open cottage tours will be

fun, informational, and take care of your hunger too. Helen Dever and Hilda Hendrickson are co-chairing this great new event that will allow folks to check out our lake from a new angle, from inside the cottages they have been admiring for a long time or a short time. Ten cottage owners have signed up to participate and ten area restaurants have signed on to promote their gastronomic talents.

You can visit the cottages by water or camp road. Each of the cottages have docks to tie up your yacht. If traveling by road, the parking may be short for some of the stops, but they'll find you a place to park. Ticket prices at \$10 adults, \$5 for children.

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

We anticipate a large turnout for the opportunity, the tickets are available in advance from cottage tour participants, the co-chairs Helen Dever at 285.6652 and Hilda Henrickson at 285.6855, during the

Fire/Rescue Bar-B-Q on June 30 at the Franklin Elementary School. They will also be available at the annual meeting of the association on Saturday, July 14 at 6:30 pm in the Franklin Town Hall.

Any questions, offers to help, etc. call the co-chairs please.

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Lead Sinkers Banned

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SUMMERS AT THE "POND"/ LAKE CARMi IN THE LATE 40s AND 50s by Lee Abernathy and Terri Carman

Remember going to the "Pond" in the late 40s and 50s? As young people living in Enosburg, Richford, Franklin and surrounding towns the lake was the place to meet friends, swim, roller skate, bowl or just "hang out." Swimming and hanging out were free. At the Bowling Alley roller skating was probably 25cents for all day and bowling may have been as much as 10 cents per string. If you wanted to make a little money while at the Bowling Alley you could set pins for a few cents. Of course hot dogs, soda, popcorn and ice cream was available should you get hungry.

The camping season traditionally began on Memorial Day weekend when cottages were opened

for the season. The weekend included a dance at the Lake Carmi Pavilion where summer and local residents renewed friendships with neighbors from away.

Throughout the summer season weekly dances were held every Thursday night with music by Sterling Weeds Orchestra and later by Benoit's Orchestra. The dances were a highlight of the week for campers and locals alike. Many summer romances were known to have bloomed at these dances.

A few of the young people (who we can recall) that spent a great deal of time at the lake included Lee Abernethy, Buzz Carman, Justin Lawyer, Norman & Peggy Mullen, Letti Aldrich, Lou & Carol Gerard, Helen Goodrich, Chuck & Sue Metzger, Raymond & Cynthia Rublee, Buzz McDermott, Mike Hayes, Norm Larivee, Ted Benoit, Dick Ewins, Carrol John Murray and his Davis cousins. Several of these boys had boats and enjoyed water skiing and were even known to race one another on occasion with as much as 15-25hp outboard motors! Those without such

powerful motors just "cruised".



Speaking of "boats" the one built by Ralph Demers, "Tugboat Annie," was a mighty

vessel. How many remember the red, white and blue boat that skirted the shores of the lake during the summer months of the late 40s and 50s? Boy, does that bring back memories! Some of us who were fortunate enough to spend our summers at the lake had the opportunity to enjoy many hours on the deck of this might vessel.

This boat was the brainstorm of Ralph Demers who, with the help from local and summer time friends at the lake, opted to construct a large cruising boat to launch at the lake. Building began at Ralph's father's farm in North Enosburg. It was constructed on an old truck chassis all intact and included a re-built flathead 85hp Ford engine from Sears Roebuck. All of the wooden frame material

was "borrowed" from the farm to the dismay of Ralph's father. Fifty gallon barrels kept it afloat and it measured 24 feet wide by 60 feet long. A 12 inch brass propeller was installed on the drive shaft of the chassis. A mighty furrow in the sand was made when it left the north end beach.

To get it from the farm to the lake required an escort from West Enosburg to the lake. It wouldn't fit through the iron bridge near Ralph's farm in North Enosburg. From Route 108 it followed Route 105 to Dodd's corner in Sheldon and then to the lake through Franklin village.

For many years Tugboat Annie was enjoyed by both the residents of the lake and local visitors. On Sunday afternoons campers would line the shores with people coming from miles around waiting for a look at the boat passing by. A small group of us equally enjoyed the opportunity to play some Dixieland music from the bridge of the boat.

When the group of young summer residents finished their higher education and left the lake for their chosen futures, Tugboat Annie was abandoned at the north end and slowly fell apart. Finally the State required that it be removed and Ralph had it burned with the remaining metal taken away. Even now on a calm, warm summer evening, if you listen closely, you may hear "Moonlight in Vermont" fading in the distance.

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Visitors at Lake Carmi love to be on the water, swimming, boating and just hanging out. These campers know how to have some fun! Canon Ball!!!!!!

Annual Meeting Coming Up

The Lake Carmi Association annual meeting will be held on July 14 at the Franklin Town Hall. The 6:30 pm event will be a pot luck dinner, followed by the business meeting at 7:30 pm. This



years speaker will be Phil Benedict of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture who will address the farm laws in

Vermont that regulate manure spreading.

President Lang has announced that there will be music provided before the dinner by a local group calling themselves the Foothill Bakery Group. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, your appetites, smiling faces, plates and silver ware. The attendees, above, had brought everything they needed.

Getting Pumped Out

Once again the Lake Carmi Campers Association is sponsoring a rebate program for getting your septic tank pumped. LCCA members can get a refund of \$50 by submitting their paid receipt for a pump out to the Franklin Watershed Committee treasurer Pauline Favreau. Call her at 285.2228 for details.

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Traveling Into Canada?

If you like to visit Canada during your stay at the lake and the new passport rules are scaring you, don't worry. At least not this summer. Those rules have not gone into effect, you can still cross, and come back to the U.S. with just a drivers license.

By January, 2008 it seems like the new rules will go into effect and you will need a passport for those little trips across the boarder. This summer enjoy the international travel.

Classified Ads: Free to members of the LCCA, for the July issue send them by email to the editor, not later than July 10: Larry.Myott@uvm.edu.

—Two Camps for Rent on the Hammond Shore, call Dan Larrivee at 802.285.6737.

—Camp for Rent on the Patton Shore, call 802.285.6568.

Directory of Services

Garbage Rubbish Removal:

By the bag, by the week or by the month.

Bruce Wetherbee, Richford, 848.3053

Jim Burns, Enosburg, 933.7715 or 777.5938

Lawn Mowing:

Paul Greenwood, East Franklin, 933.5044

Martins Lawn Care, Ryan Martin, Franklin,
782.2644

For other services at Lake Carmi, we would like to have campers let us know who these services are and how good they are. We would like to include more services, ie. Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians, etc.

Recreation Idea

How about the Rail Trail? You can walk or ride your bike for 26.4 miles from St. Albans to Richford and then ride 26.4 miles back. From St. Albans, pedestrians arrive in Enosburg Falls. There is lots of history of franklin County along the Rail Trail as it follows the Missisquoi River thru much of the distance.

There are parking areas along the way for you to leave your car and get on your bike or just go for a walk. The trail is built on the old railroad bed with the first phase of it being constructed in 1996 from St. Albans to Sheldon. The second phase was completed the following year going from Sheldon to Richford.

You can get a copy of the new Guide to the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail which includes an excellent map of the area, call the Regional Planning Commission at 802.524.5958.

Ice Out at Lake Carmi, 2008

Don't worry the ice is out, but when will it go out in 2008? The leadership of the LCCA is betting that there will be lots of folks who would like to place a wager on that date and time.



The hugely successful ice out contest at Joe's Pond in Danville each year takes in more than \$9,000 in guesses as to when the Ice Out will take place. President Dick Lang is to chair the first ice out contest, with the assistance of Jim Piviroto, they have been working hard to develop the contest. They have visited Joe's Pond and gathering the details and mechanical knowledge needed to make it all work.

When does the ice go out? Sometime between the end of March and the end of April. You can place your bets (perhaps guesses is the better word) and wait to see who wins. The winner gets half the pot, less expenses. The association gets the other half, less expenses, for assisting the Lake in the many ways that the association does.

This is exciting, I wish I could provide photos to help in explaining the program. Some time in late March 2008 a cement block will be placed on the ice in a remote place in front of a remote cottage. That cottage will have an alarm clock plugged into an outlet with a cord to the cement block. When the block falls to the bottom of the lake the clock is disconnected, that is when ice out occurs. The cottage resident knows the date the block disappears, the clock says the time the block disappeared.

The winner with the closest guess to the date and time walks away with half the pot. Tickets are being printed and will be available at upcoming events at the Lake and in Franklin. Each ticket cost \$1.00 and gives you one guess, you can guess as many times as you wish on as many tickets as you buy. The Joe's Pond contest has gotten them international fame and fortune too. We have lots of opportunities for volunteers to assist.

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

July 14, Annual Meeting at the Franklin Town Hall, Pot Luck dinner at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share, silver ware, plates. Music to dine by, interesting speaker and the business meeting at 7:00 pm.

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, every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm through the summer.

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

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