

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

June, 2011.....**One Happy Lake**.....Volume 5, Number 2

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The Weather & More at Lake Carmi

There's the old saying, "If you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes." That hasn't been true in 2011. The snow's came, with new record levels of the white stuff, so deep the ice actually got soft underneath, too much insulation.

After Ice Out, the rains came and came and came. Here we are at Memorial Day, and the docks are still sitting on the lawn. The boat is in Swanton, while the hoist makes a lawn ornament.

Lake Champlain can't take any more water. Cottages have been washed out to the lake, and roads have been destroyed. Our dam can't be opened. It would only provide more flooding in the Pike River and Lake Champlain. The television news is full of footage of disasters all across America. Lake Carmi residents are very fortunate to have a controlled water level. There are real questions about having fireworks at different Lake Champlain locations. Roads are destroyed and parking non-existent.

The few folks that put their docks in early have had to remove them; some campers lost their dock boards. If you find dock boards, send me an email, and we'll put out a notice to try and reunite them with their owner.

Board Meetings: Meetings of your association directors are held five times each summer, all LCCA members are welcome to attend. The next meeting of the season will be held Friday June 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Ann Kravesky's cottage on Camp Road. The annual meeting details are in a separate article, but mark your calendar for Saturday, July 9th at the Abbey in Sheldon.

The August board meeting will be at Helen Dever's cottage on Patton Shore, August 5th at 7 p.m. The September board meeting will be announced later.

Our Website: Just a reminder, our Lake

Carmi website provides easy access to information about Lake Carmi. You'll find four years of back issues of this newsletter. When someone has questions about Lake Carmi rentals, history and fun times, what better place to go, visit:

www.lakecarmi.org.

Special thanks to Rick Willever, of Westcott Shore, for hosting our website. He also provides the webcam so many of us visit so often in the off season. If you haven't been to the website, try it out. When there, click on "Color view of Lake Carmi." Information can be found here on all our events and projects.

The Ice Went Out April 13

Congratulations Sheila Wilson, camper on Hammond shore and resident of Enosburg Falls. Sheila bought her winning ticket by printing out tickets from the LCCA



internet website. The actual time the ice was recorded as going out was 11:08:51 p.m., April 13. Sheila's entry was 11:30 p.m. of that day, off by about 22 minutes. Committee members Chris O'Shea and Jim Pivrotto are shown here placing the ice out device on April 10th; they were pretty surprised the ice went so quickly.

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Franklin Watershed Committee



FWC Coordinator Heidi Valenta submitted this report of the upcoming summer activities. She can be reached at 285.2054 or hbv@franklinvt.net.

The summer has kicked off with a bang for the FWC! We are working on several projects within the watershed; you will be seeing us out and about.

The Franklin Septic Feasibility Study Committee (FSFSC) is about to hire a consultant to study and assess wastewater capacity potential for the lakeshore and village areas. The work is expected to begin later this month. If you have not participated in the septic survey in the past you will likely receive a phone call or visit to request your help. If you are able to mail in, or fill out your survey online it will save time and money. As in the past, the study results are confidential, and no landowners will be penalized for inadequate septic systems.

The goal of the study is to understand current conditions and learn about options for the future. Having honest answers about the existing systems can put us in higher ranking for state funding down the road. We do appreciate your cooperation.

Shoreline buffer projects are moving forward. Our sign will be out at various sites this summer marking project sites where landowners are stabilizing shorelines with plantings and work to capture storm water. A great deal of this work will take place when the **AmeriCorps** work crew is here for a month this summer.

Response from farms to enroll in our agricultural support programs has been excellent. We will be offering incentives on 240 acres to

cover crop or convert to hay on land directly around the lakeshore. We targeted this area to get the best bang for our bucks in water quality returns. This will provide for reduced run-off from annual fields.

All the rain this spring has helped us to identify a number of highly erodible areas. We will be working to develop plans and allocate funds assisting landowners with their issues. Contact us when you see erosion in your area. If funding is not currently available, we can apply for a grant next year to deal with these issues.

Summer meetings of the FWC are held in the FELCO room of the Franklin Homestead at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday. Everyone is welcome, memberships are available at no charge. On June 9th the program will be a presentation on water sampling at Lake Carmi and the results of 2010 data. Also mark your calendar for July 14 and August 11.

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Summer Event Schedule

Month of May & September. The Town of Franklin provides a "Metal Only," dumpster at the town garage. Please, only scrap metal and items with scrap that can be recycled. NO tires or other items that cannot be recycled or are hazardous in other ways.

July 2, Fire/Rescue Bar-B-Q, 4-7 pm at the Franklin Elementary School. Get your tickets in advance, as they always sell out, from any fireman or the Franklin Telephone Company office. Tickets are \$8.00, take-out available.

July 2, LCCA Lighted Boat Parade, starting at the Westcott Shore at 9:00 p.m.

A "power inverter" is available, quite inexpensively; it will convert power from your boat battery to 120 volts so you can use regular Christmas lights. Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears and other stores carry them. You can plug into a cigarette lighter or attach directly to the battery.

July 2, Mullen Shore Fireworks, 9:30 pm, best viewed from the open lake.

July 3, Route 120 at the north end of the lake will be closed from 6:00 pm until after the fireworks. No parking in a restricted area along north beach, from 10 am until 10 pm, for setup and show. By police and fire department order.

July 3, 7:30 pm, LCCA Pontoon Boat Relay Race. Five teams, see article in this issue.

July 4, Decorated Boat Parade, 2:00 pm. Details will be announced.

July 9, Community Yard Sale at the Franklin Elementary School, 9 – 4 pm. Call the Town Clerk to reserve a table or get your questions answered at 285.2101 or email: townoff@franklinvt.net.

July 9, LCCA, Inc. Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration at The Abbey, Rte. 105, Sheldon. Tickets much be purchased in advance, \$20.00. See article below.

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LCCA, Inc. Celebrates 50 Years

A special 50th Anniversary Dinner Party will help celebrate your organizations official half century of work in the Town of Franklin; benefiting Lake Carmi and growing it's resources. Vice President Helen Dever chairs this event to be held at The Abbey in Sheldon on Saturday, July 9.

Events will begin at 6:00 pm with a social hour. A special dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. President Dick Lang has a great speaker lined up. There will be special guests and presentations of the winners trophies from the July 3 Pontoon Boat Race.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for this special event, including the great buffet dinner. Tickets are \$20.00, including tax and tip. Tickets are available at the Franklin Library, Franklin Town Clerk, Hilda Hendrickson on Vic's Crossing Road.

For Sale or Rent

For Sale, Monitor Space Heater, Model 441, kerosene. Complete with oil tank, \$650. Heater only - \$550. Call 802.285.6331.

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For Sale, Water Pump, like new with pressure tank, \$125. Second pump, rebuilt and never used, \$100. Also, 10 inch table saw, excellent condition, \$75. Call Bruce Bushey, 285.6138 or 802.877.1528.

Cottage Cleaning Service at Lake Carmi. Preparing the camp for your arrival or cleaning in the summer months. Cleaning between renters. Natural cleaning products are used, references avail-able. Call Nicky Magnant 802.933.4096 or email: nmag58@gmail.com.

Cottage for Rent: Westcott Shore, \$625/week summer, \$475/week after Labor Day. Sleeps 5, screened porch, deck, dock, spring water.. Deposit required. Pet fee. Inquire directly. Call Fran at 888.774.3485 or 802.285.2077.

Cottage for Rent, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps six, two bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting. \$500/week. Contact Kim Gates 802.285.9911 or email vera@franklinvt.net.

Cottage for Rent, right on the lake, Patton Shore Road, 2 story, sleeps nine, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Second story loft, fully furnished. Call 802-879-7517, www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401.

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

Sailboat for Sale, 1986 18' Pearson Yacht, with trailer and small motor, \$2500. Call Rob at 802.393.5199.

Cottage for Rent, Patton Shore, call Kevin Lothian at 802.285.6568.

Cottage for Rent, Three bedrooms, sleeps six. Dock, rowboat, canoe. Westcott Shore. \$450 per week. Call Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or email: JCushman@chevron.com.

Cottage for Sale, 76 Tanner Jct. Road, Westcott Shore. Nice View; large screened porch; open deck; Long dock; fresh water; heated; 3 bedrooms. Contact David Rood (802.309.9218 or Wendy Castilla 802.272.1955 at RE/MAX.

Lawn Mowing & Trimming, by a young man at Lake Carmi. Call 933.2022 to schedule.

Dock Removal & Installation services. Site visit and free quotes, by appointment. Out in September, back in May, 2011. Call Bob Mongeur evenings at 802.496.8196, email: nmongeur@gmavt.net.

Cottage for Rent. Patton Shore; 3 bedrooms; Sleeps up to 15; full kitchen. New England style rustic, by the week. Includes rowboat and canoe. Pets & children welcome. Contact Ted Hearne at 1.773.728.6996, or: lakecarmicamp@gmail.com.

Large Lakefront Home for Sale, 22 Vic's Crossing. Log home, 6 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, indoor pool. Partially furnished. Well water. \$370,000. Call Hilda Hendrickson, 802.285.6855.

Home for Sale or Rent, 71 Hammond Shore Road, 3 bdrm/1 bath, fully winterized home. Permanent ROW mooring. Want to rent, call Rob at 802.393.5199. Want to buy call Kristine Stell at RE/MAX, 792-2834.

For Sale, 4 drawer file cabinet. Like new. \$25.00. Larry Myott, 285.6718.

Cottage for Sale, 237 Shore Road. 60' frontage, owned land. 2 bdrm, John Duso, 802.285.6828. jpduso@myfairpoint.net

Wanted: Old Photos of Lake Carmi and activities at Lake Carmi, post-cards and more. For presentation at LCCA 50th Anniversary Party. You'll get'em right back. Contact Faith Pivirotto at Lake Carmi, 802.285.6590.

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Membership Dues are Due

“Many hands make light work,” according to Helen Dever, who oversees the membership campaign each year. It takes lots of volunteers to visit every cottage at Lake Carmi delivering membership cards, window cards and new Lake Carmi directories. She hopes to have all materials in place and ready to go soon. Call Helen at 802.233.9939 to volunteer. Helen's new email address: sailhdever@franklinvt.net.

Annual Dues are only \$25.00 per cottage, be an active member, participate in LCCA, Inc. activities. We need you.

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to fill out the membership form on page eight, send it in with your check. The volunteers will just have to deliver the paperwork later in June.

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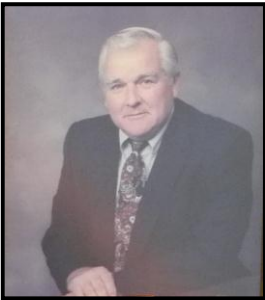
Coming to Lake Carmi for the weekend, a week or season? You'll need a fishing license if you are over 15 years old, both in-state and out of state residents. You can go to the VT Dept. of Fish and Game website and get your license, get all the rules too. Know the facts and don't get caught, www.vtfishandwildlife.com/buylicense. VT resident license is \$22, non-resident is \$45.

Franklin Reappraisal Continues

Town Listers have asked the LCAA, Inc. to remind our property owners of the continuing reappraisal this summer. The State of Vermont ordered the town to perform a town wide reappraisal due to the town's *Common Level of Appraisal* being below the State mandated 80%. Listers are in the process of inspecting all properties in the Town of Franklin. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Town Listers, and a contracted data collection person, are visiting all properties to perform a thorough inspection. They will need to enter the property. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please leave a message at the Town Clerk's office, 802-285-2101. If you might have renters in the property, please notify them of your wishes concerning interior inspection. Thank you!

Memorials



Clarence "Bud" Aldrich III, 66, a long time summer resident of Patton Shore Road passed away in Toms River, NJ February 7 at the local Hospice. He was a construction company owner and local politician (having served as Mayor of Toms River for several terms). Bud leaves his wife Pat, their son Christopher, and two daughters, Dawn and Amanda.

David Breed, 68, of Franklin passed away at his home on April 14. David was not a camper, but he



was a great volunteer for the Town of Franklin serving on the Franklin Watershed Committee, working on issues affecting the lake and town. He is greatly missed for his local involvement in town affairs. He was a Navy veteran. Dave was an

environmental engineer who retired in 2000, moving from Virginia to Franklin. He leaves two children and two grandchildren.

William L. Bonnette, Jr., 67, of Lake Carmi passed away after a long battle with cancer on April 28. Bill was born in Virginia but grew up in Richford, graduating from Richford High School in 1961. Bill served in the Navy from 1961-1964. He served with the U.S. Border Patrol in many positions around the nation from 1964 to 1995. Bill and his



wife, Melissa, have lived at Lake Carmi for the last two years. They owned and operated the Pine Cone Restaurant in Berkshire. Bill leaves his wife Melissa, two daughters and eight siblings.

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Pontoon Boat Relay Race, \$1000 Raffle

This \$1000 raffle is based on who's the winning team in this new activity at Lake Carmi. Tickets will be purchased for a particular team to win. When a team wins, the winning ticket will be drawn from the group of tickets purchased for the given pontoon boat team. There will be one winner of \$1000. Each team will have five boats circling the lake twice, stopping at five relay points, to pass the relay ball. Teams are: Westcott/Mullen Shore with Team Captain Joe Craig; Patton/Blackwoods with Team Captain Jim Piviroto; Hammond Shore Road with Team Captain Bob Larose; Dewing/Camp Roads with Captain Richard Mercy; and Vic's Crossing-Kings Court/Shore Roads with Captain David Larose.

Tickets are available at several locations around the area, including Enosburg Pharmacy; Green's Ace Hardware; Enosburg Country Club; The Old Bowling Alley Restaurant; The Boat Headquarters in Swanton; Franklin General Store; Byam's Quick Stop in E. Franklin; The Crossing in Richford; and Wetherby's Quick Stop in Richford.

LCCA, Inc & the FWC, Inc. Septic Pumping Program. It is important to keep your septic system operating properly. To assist you with this task, we will pay you \$50 toward your pump out cost. Call 285.2054 for details.

Protect Our Waterfowl



The best way we can protect the waterfowl at Lake Carmi is to not feed them. Those ducklings are cute when small, but they don't need humans to feed them. Each year many ducks die from eating moldy bread or other foods that make them sick. Please don't feed the waterfowl and advise your guests to not feed them.



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Welcome to Boat Vermont!

Who Needs a Vermont Boating Safety Education Certificate?

•Anyone born after January 1, 1974, must successfully complete a boating safety education course to legally operate any motorized vessel, including personal watercraft, ie. a jetski.

•Successful students are issued a certificate by Vermont State Police which is valid for a lifetime. No one under 10 years of age may receive a certificate. Those under 12 years of age must take a classroom course.

If you or someone in your family needs a safe boater course, go to www.my.boat-ed.com and get all the details. For this program, there is a one-time \$29.50 fee, after you pass. When you pass, you immediately print out a temporary certificate, which will serve as your 60 day temporary operating permit.

It's a simple registration process; the course lasts about 3.5 hours. You can log in and log out of this secure website.



With all the spring rains, cold weather, huge winter snows, we are really dreaming of the days at Lake Carmi like this scene from July 4, 2010. Eric & Diane Norman of Hammond Shore and Montreal are in the foreground.



This Sapsucker Woodpecker was very lucky to have a flying accident at a “birders” home. He’s been very active around Hammond Shore Road. Recently he flew into a window of the Bushey Cottage. We heard the crash and went out to find him unconscious. Debbie is a birder of some renown. He came to, but was very stunned for a while. She set him on a tree stump to regain his balance; he then took off going back to work.

Septic System Health Tips

What you put into your septic system will have a direct effect on whether or not you have a healthy, long-lasting and trouble-free system. Your septic system is not a disposal.

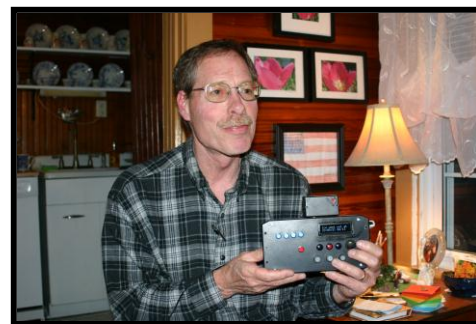
- Conserve water, especially in these times of high ground water. Be sure to fix any leaky toilets or faucets and use low flow fixtures.

- Do not use caustic drain openers for a clogged drain. Use boiling water or a drain snake to open a clog.
- Do not use septic tank additives, commercial septic tank cleansers, yeast, sugar, etc. These products are not useful and may actually be harmful.
- Use commercial bath and kitchen cleansers and laundry detergent in moderation. You can clean your sinks, tubs and toilets with a mild detergent or baking soda.
- A garbage disposal can be used in a modern and working septic system. Do not use one if your system is outdated and not working correctly.

A Leach Field doesn’t require maintenance. However, it does need to be protected. To prolong its life, follow these simple rules:

- Plant only grass over your system. Roots from trees or shrubs may clog and damage the leach field.
- Never drive or park over any part of your septic system or leach field. You might compact or crush your system.
- Make sure all waste water from your home is directed into the septic system. Any grey water can and does contain disease causing micro-organisms or environmental pollutants.
- Keep roof drains, basement sump pump drains and other rainwater away from the leach field. Flooding of the leach field will prevent the soil from naturally cleansing wastewater, which can lead to groundwater and/or nearby surface water pollution.

Ice-Out Contest for 2012 Already



Contest Chair Jim Pivrotto, talks at the May Board of Directors meeting about the Ice-Out

Contest. He is holding the computerized clock used to time the actual event, built by his son Thomas. The 2012 tickets will be available at the annual meeting in July. The device times it to the nearest tenth of a second.

We need you as a member of the LCCA, Inc:

Become an LCCA member for the 2011 season. The dues are still just \$25.00 per year. LCCA members are committed to our wonderful lake in many ways. Some are volunteers who help out wherever and whenever they are able; some are simply here to enjoy a week or more in this beautiful setting. We only ask that you become a member of your association and do what you can. Your comments are always welcome, contact any of the directors, they are listed on page seven of this newsletter. Please become a member of the Lake Carmi community, send your membership form and dues check made payable to LCCA, Inc. to: *LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.*

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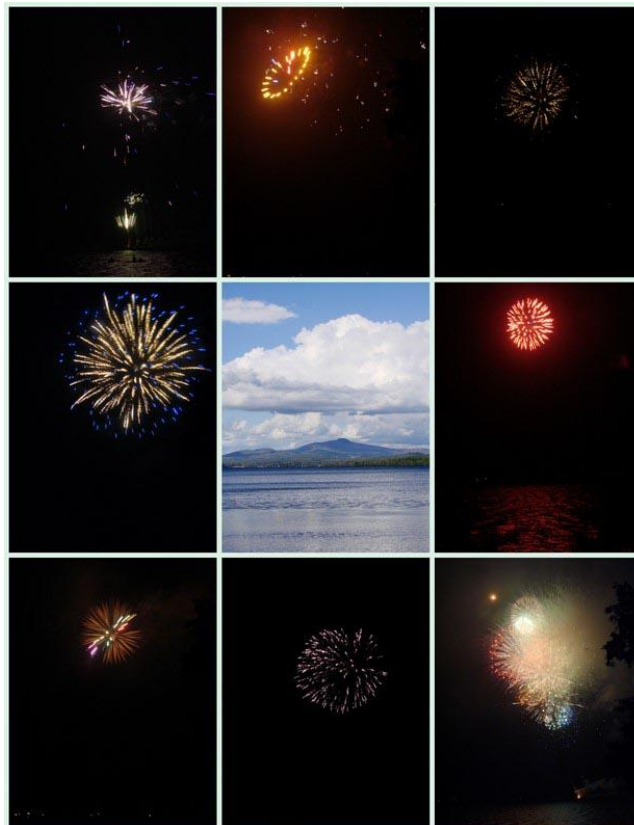
Lake Carmi Fireworks, July 3, 2011

The biggest event of the season, certainly attracts the largest crowd of family and friends. For four years the LCCA, Inc. has sponsored the Fourth of July fireworks at 9:30 p.m. on July 3rd.

Each year this program has been co-sponsored by many area businesses and individuals, some with residences on the lake and some just wanting to help out and enjoy the show. Each year we have posted the sponsors in the local papers and announced all the sponsors in the July issue of this newsletter. If you would like to become a sponsor, here is how:

The larger business sponsors contribute \$300, individuals have contributed anywhere from \$400 down to \$25.00. Every contribution is welcome. Mail your check, payable to LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. You'll be properly recognized.

There are handy donation jars at The Old Bowling Alley Restaurant, Byam's Quick Stop and Franklin General Store. Drop in what you can afford, your help is needed. *Enjoy the Show!*



Photos of the 2010 Show by Larry Myott