

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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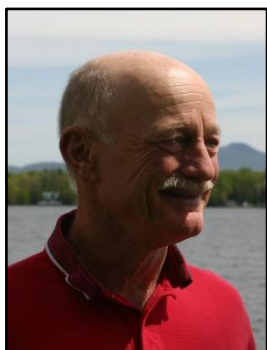
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Mid-May and the fish are biting. These fishermen and many more had a busy weekend at the lake. Beautiful days, bright sun, and the leaves starting to pop out, drawing the spring birds, baby ducks are around with lots of nesting birds. The docks and boats are going in around the lake. There's the sound of hammers & saws as neighbors are getting their camps open for the season. The snow-birds are returning, the businesses are very welcoming.

From the President...Peter Benevento

Welcome back to Lake Carmi and the 2016 summer season. The LCCA Board of Directors has been working hard on your behalf over the winter



and spring to bring you a full slate of fun summer activities and to advance our water quality goals.

The Celebrate Lake Carmi events are being finalized for the 4th of July holiday and will be as spectacular as ever. Light Up Lake Carmi will again begin the festivities and

will last throughout the weekend. The pirates lead by Captain Bushwacker will return prior to our Pontoon Boat Race and Fireworks. Later in the month the fifth Lake Carmi Cottage Tour will take place. Three sailfest events are also scheduled for the summer and the second annual Kayak Race is slated for early August. All in all a tasty menu for summer fun.

A striking difference in the lake this year is the water level which is unseasonably low. This was also an issue late last season with campers being concerned about getting their boats off their boat lift. The Mill Pond Dam controls the water level. Last fall the Franklin Selectboard initiated contact with VT DEC to develop stricter protocols for manipulating the dam and thereby the water level. This dialogue continues and we will report back to you when final.

Speaking of the Dam, the normal level of the lake is 435 feet above sea level which is the level of the lip of the dam. This level was originally marked on the side of the new outlet by the construction engineers. The mark however has unfortunately

faded. We will attempt to re-establish it so the variances in the lake level may be regularly monitored.

Another striking difference in the lake this year from last fall is the water clarity. The lake is quite clear which is normal for this time of year. A major LCCA goal is to see the lake stay this clear all summer. The LCCA has been actively engaged with the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team seeking improvements in our watershed. A focus has been to determine the availability of Federal funds to assist with Lake Carmi watershed projects. The work of the Implementation Team was recently featured in an article in the St. Albans Messenger.

Norwich University has joined us in our water quality improvement efforts. Some senior engineering students have conducted phosphorus studies over the winter. Although their final report is not yet available, they did state their work is ongoing at Lake Carmi. We welcome their association with us.

Safety over the summer is always a priority and we have asked the Town to petition the State to lower the speed limit on Lake Road. The State has agreed to review the issue and hopefully we will have more information soon. Please observe the lake area speed limits especially near the north beach and Vic's Crossing.

As President one of the perks of this job is watching our dedicated volunteers work throughout the year for the benefit of Lake Carmi and the Town of Franklin. It is wonderful to watch truly talented folks accomplish so much for so many. This year is no different. We have residents from the Town and all the shores of Carmi contributing to our efforts. All of these people deserve our thanks and appreciation. They work for no pay. They only work for Lake Carmi.

Have a great start to the summer. See you around the lake!

New Corn Growing Technology

A new technology for spreading manure and growing corn on dairy farms is being adopted by neighboring farms in the Franklin Watershed. Manure is a major by-product of the milk business and necessary to grow the crops that feed the cows. For several years now, some of our Franklin farms have adopted technology to conserve the land and cut the costs of feed production.

One of the largest dairy farms in the Lake Carmi basin is the Benjamin Dairy Farm, based in East Franklin. The Benjamins now lease much of the farm land surrounding Lake Carmi and are using this new technology to lessen the environmental impact on the lake. Last fall they planted cover crops on their corn land to help control wind and water erosion over the fallow months. As this



photo illustrates, the corn land has a substantial green crop growing. The piece of equipment is injecting the manure directly into the soil, preventing agricultural runoff. This also provides better utilization of the manure by the corn plants being grown.

A few days after the manure injection, the corn planter came through and planted the crop without tillage of the soil. This no-till system is not new, but hasn't been used much in Franklin County until recent years. Following planting the producer then applies an herbicide to knock down the cover crop and allow the corn crop to grow without competition. This is a very positive step to help control pollution around Lake Carmi.

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For Sale, For Rent or Wanted

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

Cottage Rentals for the 2016 Season

Cottage for Rent, Westcott Shore, 3 bdrm, fully equipped, May – October. \$850/wk. 514.220.7079 days, 450.359.9138 ights. Email: sjones@erbgroupp.com.

Cottage Rental, Sleeps 1 to 12, fresh linens included, a/c, heat, Wi-Fi, cable, spring water, 180 ft. frontage, screened porch, kayaks, paddleboat, canoe, nlumnah@yahoo.com, Bob 603.231.0716.

Cottage for Rent, Hammond Shore Road, 2 bdrm, right on the water. \$800/week. Call 802.848.3393.

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

Cottage for Rent, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps six, two bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting. \$600/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, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath. Second story loft, fully furnished. Limited availability for 2016. Call 802-879-7517, view at www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401

Cottage for Rent. Patton Shore; 3 bdrms; Sleeps up to 15; full kitchen. New England style rustic, by the week. Includes rowboat and canoe. Pets & children welcome. Contact James Hearne at 215.205.7855 or: lakecarmicamp@gmail.com.

Cottage for Rent, 1930's era vintage lakefront camp on Vic's Crossing. Sleeps ten, 4 bdrm, with canoe & Kayaks. 802.285.2250 or email: blackbarn@franklinvt.net.

Cottage for Rent, Three bdrms. Dock, rowboat, kayaks. Westcott Shore. \$625/week, including VT Tax. Contact Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or jancushman@comcast.net.

For Sale:

Camp for Sale, 488 Patton Shore. Leased land, 2 separate lots, total \$30/year. Drilled well, large front lawn, not on the water but has right of way. 2 bdrm, laundry, renovations underway. Taxes about \$1300/year. Call 802.782.2695.

For Sale, aluminum boat rack on wheels. Asking \$1200. Located at Kings Court. Contact Jeff Richards, 802.272.3054 or email: alljobssmall@hotmail.com.

Camp Lot for Sale, Patton Shore. 89 ft frontage, 60ft deep. Lease. \$55,000 negotiable. Darlene Cooper, 802.285.6870.

For Sale, 3500 boat lift with tires, \$1900. 28 Vic's Crossing. Call 802.878.0406, Cal Wilson.

For Sale, 12' Sea King Aluminum Fishing Boat with trailer and oars. \$575, call John @ 802.363.3503.

For Sale, 16' sloop sailboat with two sets of sails, trailer and accessories. Before June 15 call Tony Tussing at 386.734.6389 or after June 15 at 802.285.6583. Crossing. Call 802.878.0406, Cal Wilson.

For Sale, 12' Sea King Aluminum Fishing Boat with trailer and oars. \$575, call John @ 802.363.3503.

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More Camp for sale ads on page 7



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Sunday Morning Brunch at St. Mary's Catholic Church three times this summer. Based on their attendance from last summer, they'll be very busy on these dates. Mark your calendars for June 19, July 24 and August 28. 9 a.m. 'til 12:30 p.m. Prices, adults \$9.00, ages 7 - 16 \$5.00, Under 6 yrs. Free. The annual Kayak Raffle to be drawn at the August brunch. A 50/50 will be held at each Sunday brunch. A good place to go meet your friends and neighbors from around the area.
Mass is at St. Mary's each Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.

Haston Library Events Begin

As usual there are ways to build on your talents at the library, make your calendar for June.

On Thursday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the library. Kurt Valenta of Exordium Adventures will work with children to discover the world outside, What does my skin feel like - an exploration of tree bark?

On Saturday June 11, fiber artist Kathy Giroux will be sharing her artist skills creating a Felted Stars & Stripes Wreath. The cost is \$10/person. 9:30 a.m.

On Thursday, June 16, at 1 p.m. Valenta will present another children's program titled, "Who lives there? Animal habitat and houses."

Regular summer programs at the library have been schedules as follows. Children's Story Hour on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Little ones and their caregivers are invited to share stories, songs, crafts and more fun. A walk-in Story Hour is always held on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for impromptu stories. Ask at the desk for a story.



Every Thursday between 2 and 5 p.m. is LEGO Thursday. The Lego's are supplied, you bring the talent, imagination and creativity. Come make something great.

Learn how to knit, crochet or do needlework in this group on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Beginners welcome. Now is the time to hone your skills.

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LCCA Summer Board Meetings

Your Board of Directors meets regularly during the summer. Their first meeting of the season was held on May 28. The next board meeting will held on June 25, followed by July 30, August 27 and then September 17. Each meeting is held at the FELCO in the Franklin Homestead at 8:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend.

The annual meeting or LCCA will be held on Saturday, August 13 at the United Church Hall in Franklin. A pot luck dinner is provided by the attendees. Mark your Calendar.



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***FRANKLIN TOWN HALL ***

The annual Town Yard Sale will again be featuring a large collection of “stuff” from Lake Carmi Campers. Your donations for the LCCA sale tables will be welcomed, all proceeds go to the LCCA efforts at Lake Carmi. Bring them to Carolyn Rhodes garage on Camp Road (first camp) any time after June 15. No large appliances, electronics, or large furniture. If you want to have your own table at the sale, call the Franklin Town Clerk to make your reservation (285.2101). Sponsored by the Town of Franklin.

Camp Roads, What's the Problem?

Pollution from storm water runoff and soil erosion is a significant problems contributing to the decline in water quality at Lake Carmi. Soil erosion is one of the single largest pollutants (by volume) to our lake, and many of the erosion and sedimentation problems in watersheds originate from improper construction and maintenance of camp roads. Proper camp road maintenance helps prevent this form of pollution and preserves our splendid water resources.

Camp roads make changes in the natural storm water drainage patterns. These changes strip away the protective vegetative cover; creating a highly erodible exposed soils in the water-shed. Washing out ditches and roads sends pollutants directly into the lake, multiplying the problem several times.



Do Not Feed the Waterfowl

Don't create problems on your water-front. If you start feeding the ducks

they'll become very dependent on you and be pests all season. They will also not be afraid of people and will be easy targets for the hunters in the fall. When renters or company come to camp it may be fun for the kids, but it's bad for the waterfowl. Make sure to tell you guests, ***Do Not Feed the Ducks!***

Although there is no single cause for camp road problems, poor management of surface or groundwater is the most common cause. Before there were camps at Lake Carmi, circa 1900, surface water runoff created its own natural places to run and be filtered before it got to the lake. The very presence of the road diverts and concentrates runoff, placing it on surfaces that erode and add nutrients and waste to the water.

The problems on Lake Carmi roads are the same as on any dirt road. They are not properly constructed or maintained. Every camp road has a major problem with potholes, tire rutting, washouts and speed of the traveling vehicles. There are different causes in different seasons. Going slower on the road and avoiding the bad spots will not only make your road easier to maintain, but save the great investment you made in your vehicle.

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Birding with Debbie Bushey.....

Debbie has been reporting her bird sighting on Facebook, her list is getting long for so early in the season. As of mid-May she has identified the following birds here at Lake Carmi: *Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Turkey Vulture, Turkeys, Osprey, American Kestrel, Barred Owl, Canada Goose, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downey & Hairy Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Brown Creeper, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Robin, Starling, Northern Cardinal, White-throat Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, House Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red winged Blackbird, Bald Eagle, Common Grackle, Blue Heron, Catbird, Eastern Kingbird, King Fisher, Gold Finch, Northern Water Thrush, Northern Oriole, Ruby Throated Hummingbird, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Ruffed*

Grouse, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Spotted Sand Piper and Yellow Warbler.



Debbie writes for June about becoming a birder. What do you need to start bird watching? Bird watching requires only a good field guide and a pair of binoculars, 7-8 power binoculars for all

around birding. Buy the best you can afford, try them out before you buy them. Seek out advice from a knowledgeable salesperson or another birder.

Sibley's Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America is my choice of guides. It is designed to use in the field, but it is also worthwhile to spend time browsing the guide at home. You should become familiar with the names and appearances of common birds in your area. Most birders develop their own small reference library over time.

Finding birds is one of the greatest challenges of this hobby. You must be alert and stealth, in order to find some birds. Be aware of your surroundings and what the birds are doing. If you have good luck at one location, make a point of going there again. Pay attention to weather and habitat. Are the birds attracted to an area because it is sheltered from harsh weather conditions? Does the site provide water, food or some other scarce resource? Paying attention to where and when you see certain birds will help you develop the ability to predict sightings and put you in the best position to find those species in the future.

Watch for the second year bald eagle on Lake Carmi this season. Happy Birding.

Card board boat races and Kid's Fishing Derby on Saturday, August 6. Details in the July Newsletter. Sponsored by the Franklin Watershed Committee.

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*** CELEBRATE LAKE CARMI ***

2016 - Summer Schedule of Events

June 27th thru July 2nd - Light UP Lake Carmi and Opening Ceremonies - Everyone is invited to light up their cottages with a theme of their own choosing. Judging will take place all week with the winners announced Saturday morning, July 2nd. Winning participants are invited to join the Opening Ceremony Parade to be held later that day. Kevin Lothian of **BOAT HEADQUARTERS**, and Captain of our Pirate Ship, will lead the parade around the lake, followed by the five (5) teams participating in the Pontoon Boat Relay Race on July 3rd the Enosburg Town Band and other boating enthusiasts. This parade will leave from the South End at 7:00 pm and will proceed around the entire lake. We encourage everyone on shore to join in and cheer on our parade participants.

July 2nd - Franklin Fire Department's Chicken BBQ - Enjoy the Best BBQ around while supporting a great cause. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from any member of the FFD, at the Franklin General Store or at the Franklin Telephone Company. This sounds like a great meal to enjoy while watching the Opening Ceremony Parade.

July 3rd - Pirate Ship, Pontoon Boat Race, Fireworks - Can Larry Myott, our MC for the evening, keep everything under control?? Be sure to buy your Pontoon Boat Relay Race Tickets in advance; they are available at Boat Headquarters, Parkside Café, Tammy's Family Hair Care and the Franklin General Store. SEEREVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILED SCHEDULE.

*** July 4th - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA ***

July 2nd - SailFest - Begins at 10:00 am - Voluntary Sailfest for all campers with sail boats.

July 23rd - Cottage Tour - You won't want to miss this event; a tour of unique area cottages and homes located around our beautiful lake. Local vendors will have samples of their wares available for your enjoyment. **NOTE:** Be sure to buy your tickets early as space is limited. More information to appear in the June LCCA newsletter.

August 6th - Kayak Race - Begins at North Beach at 2:00 pm Open to all ages; must have your own kayak and life preservers. The afternoon begins with the blindfold short course race followed by the Youth (under 16) race and the Grand Marathon to the island and back while another shorter version will also be available. Awards will be made to the following categories: SINGLES: - Youth (under 16); Male/Female (over 16); Male/Female (over 50). DOUBLES: - Youth (under 16); Male/Female (over 16); Male/ Female (over 50) and co-ed.

August 13th - LCCA Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner - Begins at 5:00 pm at the Franklin United Church Fellowship Hall. Watch your newsletter for further details.

*** WE ARE "ONE HAPPY LAKE" ***

*** JULY 3rd Detailed Schedule of Events ***

6:00 p.m. - INVASION OF THE PIRATES

Hold onto your loved ones; keep your valuables under lock and key and have your Pontoon Race tickets in hand; **the entire lake, every shore, will be under siege - THE PIRATES ARE A COMING!!** First, thirty pontoon boats will arrive to secure the waterfront. Then the Pirate Ship, with guns a blazing, will approach the North Beach. These dastardly Pirates are on a mission to find a lost Treasure Chest. They will be relentless in their search, taking hostages along the way as ransom for their lost Treasure. You will be safe from capture if you hold a Pontoon Race ticket; so **BUY EARLY, BUY LOTS** in support of your favorite team; it's your only guarantee that you won't be taken hostage. So, keep an eye to the South and an ear tuned for around 6:00 pm the Pirate Ship will approach. This event will be fun for young and old alike. Come early, (suggest before 5:00 pm) bring your favorite chair, stake out a spot and enjoy the evening. Lise Gates, of Dairy Center Enterprises, will be catering hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda and other goodies at North Beach.

7:00 p.m. - PONTOON BOAT RELAY RACE

Five (5) teams will participate; six (6) boats per team or 30 pontoon boats.

Note: Following is a list of each team, Shore represented and the team's Captain.

RED TEAM: Pirates - Patton/Blackwoods; Jim Pivrotto
BLUE TEAM: Hammerheads - Hammond Shore; Bob Larose
GREEN TEAM: Dueling Dolphins - Dewing/Camp Rd; Rich Mercy
YELLOW TEAM: Wildcats - Westcott/Mullen Shore; Joe Craig
ORANGE TEAM: Carmi Vipers - Vic's Crossing/Shore Rd/King's Ct; Bill Spears

Each team will fly their team colors so sit back, cheer on your favorite team and enjoy the race. The start/finish line is at North Beach and start times are based on total team horsepower so you will see participants taking off at staggered times. Teams are required to navigate buoys placed at different areas on the lake and must complete three (3) laps around the lake. There will be five checkpoints; this is a relay race and participants will each run a designated leg which will be monitored by LCCA Staff who will "sound the horn" for the next team member to start. This change was implemented in response to safety concerns on hand-offs. Updates by LCCA Staff monitoring the these five checkpoints will be radioed to our Emcee on the North Beach who will then announce the team standings to the anxious onshore crowd. This is always a fun-filled event. The winning tickets will be announced at the end of the race while the winning relay team takes a victory lap around the lake. **\$1,250 in prize money will be awarded so have your tickets ready: 1st Place-\$500; 2nd Place-\$300; 3rd Place-\$200; 4th Place-\$150 and 5th Place-\$100.** The rotating trophy will be presented at the annual LCCA Pot Luck Dinner on August 13th.

9:30 p.m. - FIREWORKS at North Beach - Presented by NorthStar.

NOTE: Please UNPLUG your outdoor lighting before the fireworks on July 3rd.

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Franklin Watershed Committee

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 18 the Committee is sponsoring a “*Water Festival*” from noon to sunset at various location around the village. In the parking lot between the homestead and the town garage there will be a food truck and Tree Givaway. From 2 to 4 p.m. there will be an environmental fair, along with guest speakers at the Town Hall.

In the Homestead’s FELCO Room will a water quality session from 1 – 2 p.m. There will also be educational displays from noon to 3:00 p.m.

The Lake Carmi State Park public beach area will be the starting point for a 5K run at 3 p.m. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per adult, \$3 for children under 15 years. There will also be a State Park social and sunset sit starting at 5:30 p.m. until sunset. State Park entry fees do apply.

The FWC is currently participation of at least five shoreline properties for participation in the Lake Wise program this season. Earn your award by becoming more environmentally friendly at your cottage. More information about Lake



Wise will be available at a leader training session on June 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. Contact Chelsea Roston of the FWC for more details, rostonch@gmail.com.

Shoreline stabilization will still be partially funded by grants from the Vermont Department of

Environmental Conservation in this season, however additional lake friendly practices may be required. There is a required cost-share on these projects. To learn more about how this works and what may be required, contact the Franklin Watershed coordinator at franklinwatershed@gmail.com.

A Volunteer Opportunity with the Franklin Watershed is out there. It was noticed during the spring water sampling that our tributaries need to be cleaned up. The goal is to walk all tributaries that feed into Lake Carmi and pick up any refuse found. Volunteers should contact the FWC email addresses to participate.

The Franklin Watershed Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the FELCO Room at the Homestead. Volunteers and participants are always welcome. More information on the work of the FWC is available by contacting them at the above email address.

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Enosburg Opera House a Busy Place

Dance Camp for Children will take place on June 13 – 17, 4 to 7 p.m. A week of fun with movement culminating in a performance on June 17. Cost \$75 per student, Additional students are \$50.

Theater Camp for a fun week in the Opera House. June 20 – 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is open to all ages 6 to 13 years. \$100 per student, \$60 for each additional student. This week long camp will introduce students to all aspects of putting on a show, led by experienced director and playwright Em Frappier. The camp ends with student performances on June 24.

Additional events will take place throughout the summer and fall. Watch this newsletter for more details as the summer goes on. Follow the Opera House on Facebook or go to www.enosburgoperahouse.org for an up to date list of events. You can call 933.6171 for more info.

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
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June 11, 2016 is a free fishing day, no license is required for anyone, however all fishing laws and rules remain in force. At Lake Carmi that also means the walleye slot is in force. Open Season: First Saturday in May to March 15th each year.

Length Limit: Minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17-19 inches must be released)

Daily Limit: 5 fish limit provided only 1 can be over 19 inches.

To get a resident fishing license any person has to have been a resident for more than six months immediately prior to applying for a license. The applicant cannot have claimed residency anywhere else during that time period. A non-resident student who is enrolled in a high school or college is eligible for a resident license.

Getting Ready for 2016 Fireworks

As we prepare for all the big events of *Celebrate Lake Carmi* the committee thoughts have been on fundraising for some time. Since 2008 the annual fireworks show has been the "really big" event at Lake Carmi with Tom Michel in the lead. Some years later the board, thinking outside the box, developed *Celebrate Lake Carmi*, under the leadership of Robert Lumnah. Both events have gotten larger and larger as new leaders have taken over and brought in more and more volunteers. The Celebrate Lake Carmi events are still under the leadership of Robert Lumnah and now Larry Myott and several more volunteers. Lumnah is still the force behind the "only one in the world" Pontoon Boat Relay Race.

It does take dozens of volunteers, from boat



owners and drivers, to safety officials, firemen, rescue

personnel, ticket sale people, pirates, and a pirate ship owner who enjoys the fun. Shown here are two of the pirates with their captive Princess Linda Craig.

Fundraising involves getting enough money in the pot to make it all happen. Sponsors have been contributing some major money now for eight years. Major sponsors contribute \$300 each, for this they get a really big show and their company or personal names listed on the advertising. Each year, more and more sponsors, giving anywhere from about \$50 to more than \$300 elect to help out. To join this elite group, send your check made out

to LCCA, to P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457 or get it to chief fundraiser Larry Myott on Hammond Shore Road.

Last season several folks in expressing how much fun they had at all the events to send checks this season. Now is the time folks; volunteers are the key to making



it all work, but money pays the bills.

Cathy Emch fireworks photo.

Become an LCAA member for the 2016 season. The dues are just \$50.00 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 pristine 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, or send the editor your thoughts for sharing at your director's board meetings. Become an official member of the Lake Carmi community. Send your membership form and dues check, payable to **LCCA, Inc.** to LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.

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Please register your Email address; you'll get the season's Newsletters by email and other useful information, but no spam or advertising: (Please Print) _____

Contributions to the annual LCCA Fireworks are gratefully accepted, \$_____.

Contributions to LCCA Water Quality Fund are very welcome: \$_____.

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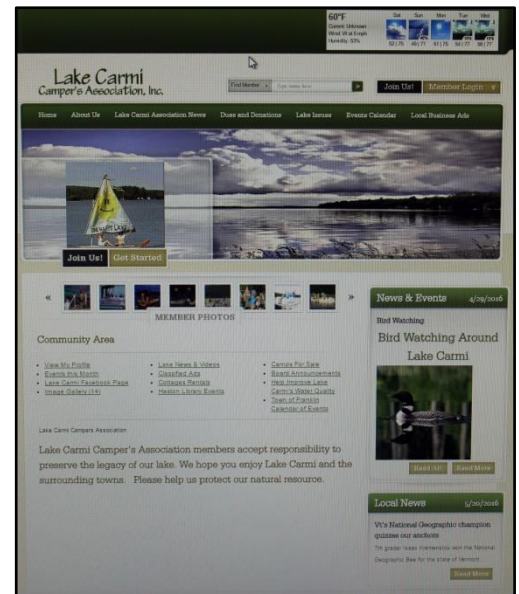
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Of course, we are looking for new ideas for the page, send us a note or make a call. More photos will be posted very soon as the development continues. Great thanks to Rick Willever for his

years of service to the LCCA! It is not a public site, but most everyone can get on it right now. Details coming on email.





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For lots of the Lake Carmi news go to the Lake Carmi Campers Facebook page above. When you get there, you'll like it, click on like to encourage the folks who run it. Again this is a community service. Thank you Nancy Mongeur for your great efforts.

Did you loose a four seater paddle boat last season? In late August one floated up at North Beach, it stayed there for several days, even after an email was sent to all campers. Finally, a good samaritan picked it up and stored it for the winter months. If it might be yours, call Bob Baran at 285.6528.



Note that Lake Carmi made this political cartoon during the winter months. It tells a story.

Editorial by Larry Myott, Retired UVM Extension Agricultural Specialist.

Change has been coming to Vermont Agriculture for more years than I can remember, when I began work with the Vermont dairy industry there were over 12,000 dairy farms in the state, today there are about 900 producing dairy farms. During my nearly 30 years of work with the Vermont, national and international agricultural industry, including both dairy and maple production, the only thing that has stayed the same is there is always change.

The issues of the last couple years in our watershed are the result of not adopting change. Whether it be campers or agricultural producers, those problems could have been mitigated by adoption of change. Campers have adopted change; septic systems have been replaced at a fairly rapid rate. Streambank erosion control is a constant topic; road erosion at the lake is a major topic now.

As technology is adopted by the players, we know the pollution problems are better understood by those players. Even those players called bureaucrats in state government, the legislators, and the local public servants too, are looking forward to solutions. The legislators took action and required the bureaucrats to enforce that action; Now the rules are to being enforced. The same issues, if followed by the players around Lake Carmi, will bring enforcement to repair the damage here. Although not a short-term solution, it is a start to a better future of water quality.

Not accepting the do nothing attitudes of the past is the only way we can make progress. Just recently the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture and the Secretary of Agency of Natural Resources came to Franklin to discuss the most recent rules and the enforcement actions coming down the road. Getting to sit at the same table and interact with the bureaucrats is a step in the right direction.

As we see the rules of better water quality being violated, we are told by the enforcement folks, we need to take action. Getting enforcement in the past has been very difficult, hopefully the bureaucratic language is real this time. Our action is to make sure the rules are known to everyone, both campers and agricultural producers. We also need to thank those who are doing the right thing. We need to recognize the good things that are happening with all our neighbors and yes, say thank you!

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