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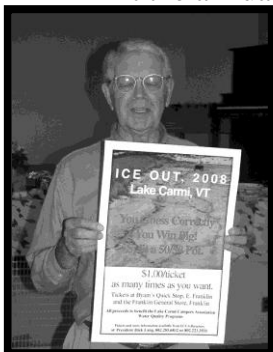
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Larry Myott, Editor

Ice Out 2008

At the annual meeting last July, President Lang announced the first annual Lake Carmi Ice Out contest. He purchased the first ticket that night.



On April 5, the ice out mechanism was placed on the ice off Sandy Bay by LCCA members Chris O'Shea and Jim Piviroto. Tickets were sold at the Franklin General

Store, Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin and other locations.



LCCA directors sold many of the tickets. As of this printing, President Lang did not have a count on the number of tickets sold. There will be a full report of the contest in the June issue.

This should be a great fundraiser for the LCCA water quality programs in years to come. Patterned after the Joe's Pond Ice Out Contest in Danville, Vermont.

Watch the local papers for the winners of the 2008 Ice Out Contest.



There was still plenty of ice on April 7. This photo comes from the website, www.lakecarmi.org. You can visit this site, all year, to get real time photos and temperatures for the day. Thank you to the Willever family on the Westcott Shore.

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See inside the back page for your dues notice for 2008. Mail in your check for \$25.00 and member information card to: treasurer Wendell Fortier, 29 North Avenue, Richford, VT 05476. Any questions call: 802.848.7744.

We welcome non-residents of Lake Carmi to support the LCCA by joining the association also.

President's Message

Camp Tours – again this year. The date is Saturday, July 19th. Please plan to join us. For information, and to volunteer, call Helen Dever at 802.285.6652.

The Franklin Watershed Committee (LCCA is a member) is hard at work developing a comprehensive plan to come up with specific proposals to help reduce the amount of phosphorous entering the lake. The plan, when completed, will be submitted to the State of Vermont for final approval. This is a giant step forward and deserves our support.

Hopefully, by the time you read this message you will know the result of our first ever Ice Out contest. Were you the winner? The contest will be held again next winter. When you are at the lake this summer, purchase your tickets for 2009.

Special thanks to Mary Witten putting together our camp directory publication and preparing the mailing labels for the newsletters. Ruth Ann Kravesky (Camp Road) is taking over these responsibilities. The camp directory will have a new look in 2008.

A word of thanks to Peter Kittell for installing some pollution control systems at his farm on the Riley Road. This allows for greater storage of the winter manure and less runoff from the spring thaw. Thank you Peter for addressing these concerns.

I wish to thank all members and officers of the LCCA, and the numerous volunteers who make vital contributions to the "One Happy Lake" experience. Please encourage your neighbors to become members of the Lake Carmi Campers Association. Being a member is an important part of being a good neighbor, helping to conserve and protect our lake.

Happy Summer Time at Lake Carmi,

Dick Lang, President

In Case of Emergency

Please remove all the old camp number signs. Those numbers have not been valid for several years. They may be a good memory, but they won't get you the ambulance or fire truck when you need it.

The Franklin Fire and Rescue departments make new 911 number signs available at very low cost. These green signs, with reflective white

numbers, should be placed in a visible location to be seen by emergency personnel.

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.

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Lake Carmi Campers Association Directors and Officers

The volunteer directors of the LCCA are elected to three year terms. The elections are held at the annual meeting each year. This years annual meeting will be held at the Franklin Town Hall on Saturday, July 12, with a pot luck dinner and program (to be announced).

The directors with terms expiring in 2008 are: Al Perry, Ruth Ann Kravesky, and Roger Vachon. Directors with terms expiring in 2009 are: Terri Carman, Larry Myott and Jim Piviroto. Directors terms expiring in 2010 are: Lee Abernathy, Peter Benevento and Dick Davis.

The officers are Dick Lang (Westcott Shore) President, Helen Dever (Patton Shore) Vice-President, Bob Rennie (Westcott Shore) Secretary, and Wendell Fortier (Dewing Shore), Treasurer. Correspondence Secretary (Newsletter Editor) Larry Myott (Hammond Shore).

Sue Baran (Black Woods) represents the LCCA on the Franklin Homestead Board of Directors.

Representatives to the Franklin Watershed Committee include, Al Perry, Larry Myott, Helen Dever, Peter Benevento and Ruth Ann Krayesky.

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Summer Meeting Schedule

The LCCA Directors will be meeting at the Dever Cottage, 105 Patton Shore, during the summer months. Members are certainly welcome to attend and participate. Mark your Calendars as follows:

June 9 at 10:00 a.m., regular board meeting.

July 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Town Hall, pot luck dinner, bring a dish to share.

August 9 at Dever's Cottage, 10:00 a.m., regular board meeting.

Also, there will be a meeting of the membership team at Dever's Cottage on June 11, 7:00 p.m. This is to distribute the membership materials for each road. Volunteers are needed to distribute membership cards and directories as well as sign up new members. Call Helen Dever, 285.6652.

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LCCA Member

Boating Safety

Several happy campers have asked that we review the use of boats and jet skis near the shore. It is illegal to drive a boat or jet ski closer than 200 feet from the shore. This prevents injuries to swimmers and erosion of the shore.

For Sale or Rent

Camp for Rent, Hammond Shore, call Dan Larivee at 802.285.6737.

Camp for Rent, Patton Shore, Call 802.285.6568.

Camp for Rent, Patton Shore, all amenities, canoe, kayak, rowboat. Call Bill Hearne, 802.285.6748 or 585.377.3537.

Camp for rent, \$400/week, July 5 – 26. Three bedrooms, sleeps six. Dock, rowboat, and canoe. \$400 per week. Call Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or 925.818.0459 or email: hydrotox@comcast.net.

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For Sale, Stainless Chimney Cap, fits 11.5" square to 14" square. \$20, call Bob Everest, 389 Westcott Shore. 802.285.6779.

For Sale, Water Trampoline, 10 feet, like new, \$200. Doc Samson, 344 Mullin Shore, 802.285.2207 after May 15.

Dock Installation services. Site visit and free quotes, by appointment. Call Bob Mongeur evening at 802.496.8196 or email: lakecarmicamp@gmavt.net.



Post card, from the State of Vermont archives, circa 1907, Patton Shore.

Fun at Camp in the Winter too!

Lauren Young of the Westcott Shore shares some moments enjoyed by taking the younger generation to camp in the winter.



The Youngs of Enosburg visited camp on January 26 for lots of family fun. Ian Machia, age 11, caught this northern pike. It was about 38 inches and nearly 10 pounds.

Ice skating was the order of the day and lots of fun. Shown here, standing: Ally Machia, Brianna Severance, and Ian Machia. Sitting are Ann Young and Megan Severance.

Megan Severance.



If you'd like to share your special memories from Lake Carmi. Send them to the editor. Those memories are very meaningful to other residents too.

Patton Shore Road in 1932



This photo postcard was found in the State of Vermont archives, it says, circa 1932. The blowup is of the camp to left of the center. This is the Patton Shore Road, see the Lake Road on the left.



History tells us, that the camp was moved to the Patton Shore around 1912. Sure looks like we have found where it was moved to. This card, and more, are found on the State of Vermont website for the archives. Run a search for Lake Carmi. In a good copy, you can see all the details that were visible in the photo, printed in the issue last summer. If anyone has more details, please let the editor know.

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Old Bowling Alley Comes Back to Life



Through the dedicated work of LCCA member and neighbor Leonard Larose, the old bowling alley has been brought back to life as a very nice little restaurant at the north end of Lake Carmi. It has been several years since we have had such a facility. Larose opened the 26 seat restaurant in February and reports

he has been busy during these first winter months. Leonard is shown here with two of his staff, Tracy Hemond and Stacey Ferland. Reviews by local customers have been excellent.



The service is super, the prices are fair and food is good. See you there! See their ad, next page.

If you are an old customer of the former establishment and at some point you wrote your name on the wall, you may find it in the trim wood. It might be in window or door casing, or even in the counter. If you find your name, Leonard will give you a free creamee the first time.

Many stories and memories will be told this summer at the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant.

(Photos by Shawn Corrow, Franklin)

Franklin Town Clerk Retires

Susan E. Clark has served the Town of Franklin well for some 25 years. Sue began her service to the town as librarian in 1982. Many of lake residents remember her being so helpful in that position until 1994.



Under her direction, the library expanded to the third floor, and designated a children's room in the main library. She also implemented an extensive program of children's services, which continue.

In 1995 Sue was elected Town Clerk and began her career as keeper of the town records. She became a *Certified Municipal Clerk*, joining a select few town clerks in Vermont. Sue retired as of January 4, 2008.

For many years Sue was a camper at Lake Carmi (Patton Shore). Perhaps she join us again. We're always looking for help, Sue!

The new town clerk is Lisa Larivee, previously serving as assistant town clerk. She is a happy welcoming face in the town offices.

Open Cottage Tour Again

This is year two of the Lake Carmi Campers



Association Open Cottage Tour. It will take place on Saturday, July 19. Helen Dever is once again chairing the event, she is shown here reviewing the 2007 event with Hilda Hendrickson. Last years tour was a big hit. Nearly 200

friends of Lake Carmi participated.

Helen has been lining up restaurants to cater, and is still in need of cottages to serve as hosts. Contact Helen at 802.285.6652 to volunteer to help as a host or with the event itself. We still need friends to assist on the day of the tour, selling tickets, and providing publicity. Email: sailhdever@surfglobal.net.



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Ruth Toof, Do You Remember?

In the August 2007 issue, the editor asked if someone would share their memories of long time Franklin Telephone Company operator, Ruth Toof. Martha Sheperd (Lynde) of the Dewing Shore wrote and submitted the following. Any others would be more than welcome.

Ruth Toof, Franklin Telephone Company

Of course I remember Ruth Toof from the 1950's and early 60's. Who could forget the wonderful Franklin Telephone, the 20 party line, with pay phone, at the Bowling Alley at Lake Carmi.

The room in the back of the telephone building on Main Street, is etched in my memory bank. It housed Ruth and her mysterious switchboard with tentacles of cables and ports to plug them into, her cot, and her huge piles of newspapers on top of an upright piano (do I really have that right?) and her cat(s).

But, most wonderful of all was Ruth herself. Command central for all the comings and goings of the people of Franklin and surrounding areas too. She knew who was born, who died and why, who was sick, and who was visiting their sister in Burlington and where everyone else was. Kids could pick up the phone after school and ask Ruth where their mother was.

Most summer evenings from 1946 to 1960 my mother and I or my brother would walk up the hill from our camp, milk pail in hand. We'd go to the Dewing's barn for milk. Dolph would dip out the fresh rich milk from the bulk tank. He would often entertain me by squirting milk directly from the cow into the mouth of one of the many barn cats lined up for the treat.

In the summer of 1961 I was a camp counselor at a sailing camp on Cape Cod. I needed to get a message to my parents at our camp. We didn't have a phone. My phone operator in South Orleans, Cape

Cod, called the operator in Hyannis, who called Franklin and got Ruth Toof. The conversation went something like this; Use this coupon for \$5.00 off

Me: (from a pay phone) "Operator, I need to place a call to the JA Dewing farm in Franklin, Vermont."

So. Orleans to me: "One moment please."

So. Orleans to Hyannis switchboard: "Operator, this is South Orleans."

Hyannis: "Go ahead South Orleans."

South Orleans: "We wish to place a call to the JA Dewing farm in Franklin, Vermont."

Hyannis: "Thank you Operator."

(Pause, accompanied by clicks, soft popping sounds and static)

Ruth Toof: "Franklin Telephone Exchange."

Hyannis: Operator, we wish to place a call to the JA Dewing farm."

Ruth: "I can do that if you want, but there's no one there 'cept the hired man down tah the barn. They all went tah the church supper over tah the Congregational Church."

Hyannis: "South Orleans, there is no one home."

South Orleans to me: "There is no one home. Do you wish to place the call later?"

Of course I heard the whole exchange and had all the information I needed without having to put one nickel in the phone in South Orleans.

Then there was the time in the 1950's that my husband's family got a surprising call from Ruth at their home in Enosburg. This, right after the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department had been organized.

Jay's family picking up the phone: "Shepard's"

Ruth: "The Sheperd camp is all afire and the Fire Department has been summoned"....click....

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2007 Lake Carmi Fishing Contest Bob Everest, a.k.a. *Fishhead* (Westcott Shore) has run the Lake Carmi Fishing Contest for many years. He puts in a lot of time and effort to make it all come together, thank you Bob.

If you have questions call Mr. Everest, after June 15 at 285.6779. You can pick up your trophy at the Everest Camp 389 Westcott Shore. Call ahead please.



The senior Northern Pike trophy goes to Bobbie Evans, 11 years old, son of Robert and Maureen Evans (Patton Shore) of Essex Jct. (27.5 inches/5.57 lbs). Bobby Evans is shown here with his trophy fish. He is assisted by neighbor Chelsea Rood.



The runner up was Tom DeRycke. The Small Mouth Bass award went to Ross Allen, brother of LCCA members Rod and Carol Allen (Westcott Shore) of E. Fairfield (20 inches/3.91 lbs). Second place goes to Ernie Englehardt of North Middlesex. The first place Walleye and Yellow Perch trophies go to Scott Rogers (Westcott

Shore). He entered four great fish. The Walleye came in at 24 inches/4.65 lbs, and the Perch at 13 inches/1.17 lbs. He is the son of Gary and Anita Rogers of Montpelier. Runner up in the Walleye category was Bob "Fishhead" Everest (Westcott Shore) and Yardley, PA (21.25 inches/2.91 lbs). The yellow Perch runner up was Wendy Peyrat of Essex Jct. (13.5 inches/1.09 lbs).

The George Rainault trophy for the best fish in any category for an entrant age 15 or under goes to 11 year old Curtis Denton for his Northern Pike. Curtis, of Florida, is the grandson of Jim & Sue Demetrules (Patton Shore). Second place in the junior division goes to Mary Miller, age 11, who entered three great fish, her largest wins the award. Thirteen of the thirty entries were children having a wonderful time at Lake Carmi. They won 2 trophies and two runner up positions. Congratulations. [Editor's note: Junior entries are automatically entered in the senior category]

Become a Member. It's time to join the Lake Carmi Campers Association for 2008, be part of the action. The dues are a very reasonable \$25 a year. You get the Newsletters are now 4 times a year. This spring issue is mailed, the summer issues are delivered direct to your cottage door. Your new lake directory is being prepared in a new format and will contain a brand new Lake Carmi Map with all the roads named. LCCA works hard on many issues, including water quality, water safety, the fishing contest, the Open Cottage Tour, the Ice Out Contest, and much more. We need your help and participation to keep Lake Carmi the wonderful place that it is. Your membership card will be delivered to your door by a volunteer in June. Please fill out the form below and mail it with your check to: **Wendell Fortier, 29 North Avenue, Richford, VT 05476.**

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Announcing, the 2008 annual Fishing Contest

From June 1 through Labor Day the Lake Carmi Association conducts the annual fishing contest. Trophies will be awarded (see page 7 for 2007 results) for the longest and heaviest fish in four categories: Smallmouth Bass, Walleye Pike, Northern Pike and Yellow Perch. Eligible fishermen/women must be members of the LCCA or an immediate family member. The Junior trophy goes to the fisherman, age 15 or under, who lands a particularly great fish in any category. The decision is made by our panel of experts.

Take your entry to the Franklin General Store or Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin to be weighed and measured. Complete the entry form, move fast, don't get the pies wet. Entrants must indicate their age, mailing address and cottage address on the entry form. If you can take a photo of your entry being held by the fisherman, for possible use in the Lake Carmi News, it would be much appreciated.

Walleye Pike - 17" to 19" are not legal, minimum length is 15". Smallmouth Bass season does not open until Saturday, June 14. Bass must be 10". Northern Pike must be 20".

To release your entry alive, remove it from the watered container to a wet towel at the weigh station. Measure its length. Weigh the towel and fish together. Return the fish to water. Deduct the weight of the towel for accurate fish weight. Aerate your water container by blowing into a hose (it does work).

This April 2008 issue of the Lake Carmi Association was written, designed and edited by Larry Myott (Hammond Shore Road) unless otherwise credited. The editor encourages contributions from members and guests alike. Share your memories of Lake Carmi in days gone by or suggest an article for a future issue. Contact the editor at Lake Carmi after May 1, 802.285.6718, or by email: Larry.Myott@uvm.edu. To be added to the list to receive future issues of the Lake Carmi News by email, simply send your request to the editor via email. You can then forward it to your friends and relatives, around the world, with a couple key strokes. Photos by Larry Myott, unless otherwise credited.

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