

# LAKE CARMi ASSOCIATION NEWS

April, 2009.....**One Happy Lake**..... Volume 3, Number 1

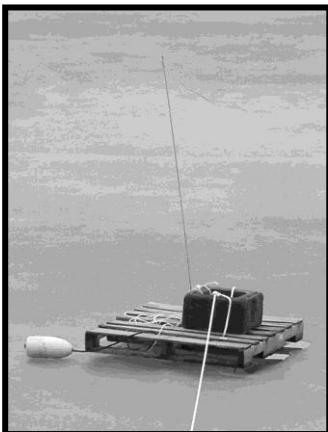
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Larry Myott, Editor

## Ice Out 2009

It happened! The ice went out on Sunday, April 5 at 3:18 am. Contest coordinator Jim Pivrotto of Black Woods and Shelburne notified President Dick Lang that morning. This set off a chain of events with a call to the editor to get the results into this April issue. At the time of this writing it is not known who won or how much. Lang noted that this is the earliest ice out known to the LCCA. Rick Willever, upon getting the results, immediately posted the news on his sponsored LCCA website, [www.lakecarmi.org](http://www.lakecarmi.org). By the time you get this news, the winner's information will be posted.

Pivrotto reported on April 1, he and "Chris O'Shea re-engineered the device and trigger mechanism for the 2009 contest. Chris worked hard last year keeping things set up with all the ice shifts, etc. So this year we rethought everything and enhanced its performance. We very carefully designed the weight and setting so it would sink exactly



when the ice went out.

(The editor took this photo on March 31 at the secret location.)

"It's been under 24 hour surveillance (for several days) to ensure there has been no tampering or any attempt to defraud the legitimate contestants, in the second year of this very popular contest. Infrared devices have been employed to help make sure this will be as accurate as an atomic clock. The Homeland Security people and Fish and Game are on alert to monitor the border and the security of the lake. It was reported that even Google Maps has

focused a satellite on the device due to the great interest being exhibited around the US and Canada. We are waiting anxiously for the results. When they come in President Lang will hold a press conference. We will advise you of the results and you will have exclusive first rights to this story and you can conduct any interviews necessary."

Thanks to the many members who sold tickets for this contest, especially the businesses participating in sales, including, Franklin General Store, Byam's Quick Stop, Old Bowling Alley Restaurant, Myott Insurance, and Young's Accounting.

It is noted, from the April 2008 issue of this newsletter, the device wasn't put on the ice until April 5 last year. The ice disappeared on April 13, 2008.

## Dues are Due

See inside the back page for your dues notice for 2009. Mail in your member information card and check for \$25.00 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 LCCA by joining the association.

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## President's Message

In 2009, instead of Camp Tours, the LCCA, along with the Franklin Historical Society will be sponsoring a Barn & Historic Site Tour. The date is July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 6 p.m. Details are



being put together now and will be publicized on the web site and in local media. Helen Dever is co-chair; call her at 802.285.6652 to help with the event.

The Franklin Watershed Committee continues to work on the implementation of their recent grant. The committee has employed Heidi Britch-Valenta of Franklin as their coordinator; she has an article in this newsletter issue. Our association is very active in the Watershed Committee. The membership has expanded to include most areas of interest. Jim Cameron is a very active chair, Larry Myott is vice-chair, Dick Benton is secretary and Susan Clark, treasurer.

The second annual ice out contest ended ticket sales on April 1. The 2010 contest will be announced at the annual meeting and tickets will become available.

Once again the LCCA is co-sponsoring fireworks on Friday, July 3. This event is being sponsored by many individuals and businesses in the area, some are camp owners, many are not. Contact Larry Myott, Steve Jewett or Tommy Michel for details.

Visit our website: [www.lakecarmi.org](http://www.lakecarmi.org). If I can be of any assistance please let me know, 802.285.6832.

I wish to observe the passing of two of our long time camper members. Helen Reinault and Sheila Fortier passed away during the winter.

Have a Happy and Safe Summer 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. 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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The directors with terms expiring in 2009 are Larry Myott, Terri Carman and Jim Pivrotto. Terms expiring in 2010 are: Lee Abernathy, Peter Benevento and Dick Davis. Al Perry, Ruth Ann Kravesky, and Roger Vachon were re-elected at the 2008 annual meeting for three year terms.

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

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

## Summer Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the LCCA Board of Directors will take place at various places during the summer season. President Lang has announced the meetings as follows. All members are welcome to attend and

participate, the meetings are as follows:

June 13 at 9:00 a.m., regular board meeting, at Ruth Ann Krayesky's cottage, Camp Road.

June 13 at 2:00 p.m. for the membership volunteers who cover each area. Helen Dever's cottage, 105 Patton Shore Road.

July 11 LCCA Annual Meeting, Franklin Town Hall. 6:30 pm. Details in the July issue.

August 8 at Dever's Cottage, 9:00 a.m., regular board meeting.

Volunteers are needed for delivery of paid membership materials in June and July. Call Helen Dever at 285.6652. Materials have to be delivered and final memberships solicited on every camp road.

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### **Meeting in Florida**

Eight members of the LCCA got together for this photo in Zephyrhills, FL last February. They were all attending Vermont Day, with several hundred other Vermonters. Left to right, Ray & Hilda Hendrickson, Sally & Lee Abernathy, Terry Wright, Larry Myott and Terri and Buzz Carman.

### **Garbage Service Available**

The Town of Franklin has announced that they now have a weekly garbage service available at the town garage each Saturday morning, 8 am to noon. Bruce Wetherby will take garbage for \$3.60 per 30 gallon bag. He'll take recycling for free with trash drop off. If you rent your cottage please post a notice about this service for your tenants. The service started on March 7 and will continue into the fall months.

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**Lt. Col Mike Colburn** (center), a part time summer resident, was featured in the August 2008 issue of the Lake Carmi News. He is the director of "The President's Own Marine Corps Band," and was nearly at the center of attention at the inauguration of President Obama on January 20 in Washington, DC. He is the son of long time Lake Carmi owners Vern and Betty Coburn of Shore Road, he grew up at the lake.

The band is responsible for presenting the music for all White House functions and dignitary presentations. Photo by U. S. Senator Patrick Leahy for use in this newsletter.

### Fishing in Lake Carmi

Ice fishing was reported to be excellent this past winter. This photo was submitted by Steve Jewett after his February 16 outing.



This 36 inch Northern Pike weighed in at 13 pounds. Lots of good eating. Steve is well known for his walleye fishing skills in the summer time, he lives on the Hammond Shore Road all summer with his family.

### Summer 2008 Fishing Contest Results

Bob Everest, aka Fish Head, last October released the list of winners for the 2008 LCCA Fishing Contest. It was posted at the weigh in stations, Franklin General Store and Byam's Quick Stop.

If any of these winners have a photo with their catch, please send it along to the editor. It will be scanned into the computer and saved for use in a later issue. Photos can also be delivered to the Myott cottage 752 Hammond Shore Road.

The 2008 winners are as follows:

The Walter Everest **Small Mouth Bass Award** goes to Pam Deuso, 19.25 inches and 3.24 lbs.  
The Gen. Merle H. Davis **Walleye Pike Award** goes to Wendy Peyrat, 28 inches and 7.27 lbs.  
The Gen. Merle H. Davis **Northern Pike Award**, goes to Bob Everest, 33 inches and 8.34 lbs.  
The Gen. Merle H. Davis **Yellow Perch Award** goes to Jim Demetrules, 13 inches, 1.09 lbs.  
The George Rainault **Junior Fisherman Award** Goes to Sean Corrigan and Bobby Evans for their Walleye Pike entry at 23.5 inches and 4.47 lbs.

### Septic Tank Pumping Rebate

Once again the LCCA is providing \$50 rebates to cottage owners who get their septic tank pumped. You choose who does the pumping and send your paid receipt to Franklin Watershed Coordinator Heidi Britch-Valenta for the rebate. You'll need to be on the paid membership list. You can call Heidi at 285.2054 or email her at [hbv@franklinvt.net](mailto:hbv@franklinvt.net) with any questions.

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## **2009 Summer Fishing Contest**

The Annual Fishing Contest – Junior and Senior Divisions – is sponsored by the LCCA for members and their guests at the lake. The contest opens on June 1 and runs through Labor Day. Note: smallmouth bass cannot be taken until the season opens on June 13.

Fish Head Bob Everest coordinates the contest and awards. He announced that the contest will again have weigh-in stations at Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin and the Franklin General Store in Franklin. Complete information must be provided on the entry form at the weigh-in station.

The senior division offers trophies for fish in each of the four species known to inhabit and reproduce in Lake Carmi: Northern Pike, Walleye Pike, Small Mouth bass and Yellow Perch. The junior division offers a single trophy for the most outstanding fish of any of the four species landed by a person aged 15 or under. Entrants in the junior division are also entered in the senior division.

Are you a 2008 winner? Call Bob Everest, at 285.6779 to arrange to get your trophy, after June 15.

### **The Summer of 2008**

It rained and rained and rained;  
the average fall was well maintained.  
And when the trails were simply bogs;  
it started raining cats and dogs.

After a drought of half a day, we had a most refreshing shower, and then the most curious thing of all, a gentle rain began to fall.

Next day was fairly dry also, save a deluge  
from the sky;  
Which wetted the party to the skin, after that  
the rain set in. (Author Unknown)

## **Vermont Loon Stats 2008**

Eric Hanson of the Vermont Loon Project reports that 2008 marked a record year for Vermont's Common Loon population. Although Lake Carmi does not have a nesting pair, yet, we are still hopeful. Lakes across the state supported 74 known territorial Loon pairs. From 61 nesting attempts, 75 chicks hatched (a record high), and 55 chicks survived to fledgling age as of Sept. 1. Three new nesting pairs were confirmed last summer, Derby Pond, Maidstone Lake and Norton



Pond. Volunteers, including those at Lake Carmi, counted a record high number of 225 adult loons statewide on Loonwatch Day in July.

Please, always be on the lookout for our loons, enjoy their calls, and claim them as your loons to protect. Make sure to warn all your friends and family about our loons, stay away from them, enjoy them from a distance. It is confirmed that at least two Vermont loons died from lead poisoning.

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## **Franklin Watershed Report**

By Heidi Britch-Valenta



Ice out, along with the returning snow birds, are the surest sign of warmer weather and as welcome as the first crocus or blue bird in spring. The town is

infused with new energy as old friends return and

all residents come out of winter hibernation mode.

Like the lake itself, which never totally goes dormant, the Franklin Watershed Committee (FWC) continues to work toward improving water quality throughout the winter months. Our committed volunteers have shown the same energy toward our common goal during the short days of winter, as they exert through the summer months.

Regular monthly meetings have continued and much planning has taken place that will put FWC in an excellent position to be your partners in caring for Lake Carmi this summer.

The FWC was awarded a Federal Funding grant from the USDA in the fall of 2008. This money allowed the group to hire a coordinator for 20 hours per week, that would be me. My name is Heidi Britch-Valenta. I was hired in November to support the group in their efforts. I have had a wonderful time getting to know the farmers and land owners of Franklin. I look forward to meeting the campers this summer. Please feel free to contact me at 802.285.2054, or email [hbv@franklinvt.net](mailto:hbv@franklinvt.net), to share your ideas and concerns.

The focus for 2009, will be achieving the action items in our grant which include, septic outreach and maintenance, shore land erosion management, stream assessments and identifying phosphorus reduction projects, storm water runoff, and developing positive relationships with farmers, and all land owners.

To start the thought process we held a septic workshop in January where knowledgeable speakers discussed how other rural communities have addressed their septic concerns. We will continue to work with various agencies to further this effort. Septic surveys will be taken, the pump out program continues, along with for further outreach this summer, to get people thinking about their septic systems.

We held a similar session for agricultural issues with very beneficial conversations discussing potential projects and programs that would serve our Franklin farmers. We all learned a few new things about techniques that have shown promise in the very difficult battle to keep phosphorus from entering our waterways. Continued water testing in tributaries will keep

giving us information on the non-point sources of phosphorus. Previously gathered information allowed us to develop our TMDL (phosphorus reduction plan).

Work also continues on storm water runoff. We are learning about simple changes that each of us can make to reduce runoff and stabilize our soils. Volunteers will be rolling up their sleeves and donning mud boots to plant trees, and complete other projects that will help to keep erosion at a minimum.

There is so much to be done; success is really dependant on your involvement. No special skills are required, any contribution of time is appreciated. Please attend one of the evening meetings, always the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Homestead dining room. Minutes and agendas are posted to our website, [www.franklinvermont.com](http://www.franklinvermont.com) at the watershed link. Please contact me if you would like to receive updates of project dates, special meetings, or general information. I look forward to working with all land owners this summer. Enjoy your time on the lake.

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## Swimming Lessons at the State Park

Drowning is one of the preventable tragedies we know we can avoid. There will be two sessions of swimming lessons at the State Park public beach, July 13 thru July 24, 10 am – 10:45 and 11 am to 11:45 each day, The classes are held Monday thru Friday, rain or shine unless an electrical storm prevails.

Lessons are for children ages four to thirteen years of age. Children under 4 are not allowed for safety reasons. All children under the age of six must have an adult present but parents are not required to be in the water. Parents of youth 13 to 16 are welcome to volunteer.

The cost of each swim session, per student, is \$45.00. Checks should be made payable to American Red Cross Swim Registration.

This learn to swim program is sponsored by the American Red Cross, 29 Mansfield Avenue, Burlington, 05401. Any questions can be directed to Jennifer Russell at the Red Cross, call 1.800.660.9130 x113 or by email at: [jrussell@nvtredcross.org](mailto:jrussell@nvtredcross.org).

Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.lakecarmi.org](http://www.lakecarmi.org) or call the Red Cross for forms by mail.

## North End Clean Up!

Last fall a dozen or so volunteers spent half a day cleaning up the so called north end beach area. Truck loads of brush, tree trunks and just plain garbage were removed. Special thanks to all the

volunteers from the LCCA and the Franklin Watershed Committee. There will be another



clean up this spring. We'll need some help. Special thanks



to Dan Larivee for the brush hog and Dick Benton & David Breed for their trucks.



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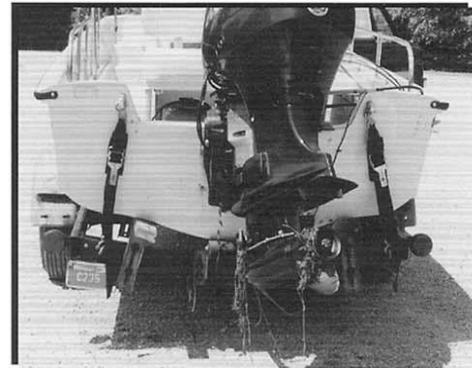
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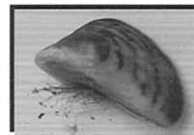
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**We need you as a member of the LCCA:**

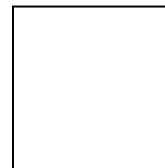
Become an LCCA Member for the 2009 season. The dues are just \$25.00 per year. LCCA members are committed to our wonderful lake in many ways. Some are volunteers that help out wherever they are able; some are there simply here to enjoy a week or more in this wonderful setting. We only ask that you become a member of your association and do what you can. Your comments are always welcome, contact any of the directors, they are listed in this newsletter. Please become a member of the Lake Carmi community, send your membership form and dues check to:

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Patton Shore Bay in the 1920's

