

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Larry Myott, Editor

Franklin Heritage Tour in 2009

Historic buildings are an essential component of the Vermont landscape. Our red barns, white churches, and sprawling farmhouses have become icons of rural life.

On July 18, the Lake Carmi Campers Association, Inc. and the Franklin Historical Society will produce the 2009 Franklin Heritage Tour. Only 225 tickets will be available, so get them early. Tickets are \$12 each and available at several Franklin locations.

Visitors will be welcomed to homes, a business, public buildings and a big old barn, as well as gardens during the 1 – 4 p.m. tour. From 4 to 6 p.m., participants will gather at the Franklin Town Hall for some very special happenings. See article on page 5.



Historic home tours will be at the Fuller Farmstead (Wilfred Rainville Farmstead) at Morses Line on the Canadian border and the Hammond Stone House on Route 236, just east of Lake Carmi. The

Hammond barn will be open for a look at farming in the past. Both homes have under-

gone significant restoration. It will be inspiring to see the workmanship, furnishings and living history of these two homes.

The tour will include the Franklin Historical Society's Log Cabin Museum. This



1878 log home was moved to the village in 1959. It contains an invaluable collection of Franklin's

history. There will be demonstrations and very interesting presentations of Franklin's history.

The Haston Library built in 1907 with a gift of just over \$12,000 from Franklin native Elvira Haston. This colonial revival



structure now hosts the town clerk's office on the ground floor with the library upstairs, full of Vermont literature and history.

The restored East Franklin Union Church will be open for tours, and discussion of the history of East Franklin by a local historian. The church has been part of Franklin's history since 1860.

The Gates Family will host an open house at the Franklin Telephone Company office on Main Street. For some 105 years the family has owned and operated the Franklin telephone

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Tickets are \$12 each and available at several Franklin locations including: Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin, The Franklin General Store, Haston Library, and the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant. In Enosburgh, tickets are available at the Myott Insurance Agency on Stebbins Street. In St. Albans tickets are at The Yellow Door Salon, 14 Swanton Road.

The committee is made up of members and officers of both organizations. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact one of the co-chairs, Helen Dever (802.285.6652) or Hilda Hendrickson (802.285.6855).

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Lake Carmi Campers Association **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting and Pot Luck supper of the LCCA, Inc. is scheduled for July 11 at the Town Hall; 6:00 p.m. bring a dish to share. Drinks and paper goods provided. Door prizes to be won.

The directors with terms expiring in 2009 are Larry Myott, Terri Carman and Jim Pivrotto. The nominating committee will present a proposed slate at the annual meeting, July 11, at the Town Hall. See President Lang's article on page 6. The proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Corporation was warned in the June issue for your reference.

Heidi Britch-Valenta, coordinator of the Franklin Watershed Committee, will present a program on the work of the committee and plans for the future. We'll kick off the annual Ice Out Contest and lots more.

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

The August 8, Board of Directors, meeting will be held at the Dever Cottage, 105 Patton Shore Road beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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July 23, Chicken Pie Supper at the East Franklin Union Church, servings at 5 and 6 p.m. Adults \$7.00, children 12 and under \$4.00. children under six free.

Services every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and at the Franklin United Church at 10:30 a.m.

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Remember the old time Round and Square Dances? Raymond Parent and the Rhythm Ramblers play at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall on the 2nd. & 4th Wednesday of each month. \$15.00/couple, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. BYOB 802.933.6680.

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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 immediate families at the lake.

Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin and the Franklin General Store in Franklin are the weigh-in stations. Complete information must be provided on the entry form at the weigh-in station, including the name and 911 camp address of the owner.

Several good fish have already been weighed in. Encourage your fishermen to enter. Full details are in the April, 2009 issue, www.lakecarmi.org, or call Bob Everest, 285.6779.

Trophies are offered in the four species known to inhabit and reproduce in Lake Carmi: Northern Pike, Walleye Pike, Small Mouth bass



(Photo) Curtis Denton of Florida is shown here with the trophy he won for his 2007 catch of the best fish in any category. He caught a Northern Pike to win the George Rainault Trophy. He is the grandson of Jim & Sue Demietrules of the Patton Shore.

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.

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Swimming Lessons in July

Lessons are available for two sessions, July 13 thru 24, 10 am – 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. each day. Classes are held Monday thru Friday, rain or shine, unless there is an electrical storm.

Lessons are for 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. Youth swimmers are also 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 email her at: jrussell@nvtredcross.org.

Registration forms can be downloaded from www.lakecarmi.org or call the Red Cross for forms by mail.

Franklin Fire & Rescue Bar-B-Q

This year's big Bar-B-Q actually falls on the 4th of July. In 2008 the departments served 1000 dinners, get your tickets early as they usually sell out.

Tickets are available at the Franklin Telephone Company office on Main Street in Franklin or by calling Polly Gadbois at 802.933.2022. The price remains the same, \$8.00 per person. Take outs are available. Serving from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Franklin Elementary School.

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Another Lake Carmi Camp Owner Business

From President Dick Lang

July 11th 6:00 p.m. Pot luck dinner for the annual meeting of the Lake Carmi Campers Association. This will be a pot luck supper followed by the annual business meeting, including elections.

Business this year includes action necessary to change the By-Laws to qualify for 501c(3) non-profit status. The proposed amendment was warned in the June newsletter. Please refer to that letter, www.lakecarmi.org.

The Board of Directors has voted to prepare a "Lake Carmi Cookbook" for 2010, the 50th anniversary of the LCCA, Inc. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the project, market the advertising; and send in recipes especially meaningful to your camp experiences. Get in touch with your newsletter editor, Larry Myott, at lakecarminews@franklinvt.net.

Volunteers are now distributing membership materials for 2009-10. If you haven't joined, you can when one of these friendly folks calls on you. Make sure you get the **Safe Summer Guide** poster and post it in your cottage. Rental cottages should also post it for all the safety and general lake information.

If a volunteer doesn't visit you soon to deliver your new LCCA Directory, window card and

poster, call Helen Dever at 285.6652.

Sailing for Fun is the name of the game for the sometimes annual "Sail By." Last year it was pretty impressive with several boats traversing a pre-marked course in the lake center. The unofficial regatta type sail is coordinated by The McDermott's and their friends. Call 285-6708 for details. There is no official registration. Plan on August 1.



(Photo) Tim and Sam Murphy of Montgomery take some time on Lake Carmi in June, aboard *The Queen Maev*.

Helen Dever announces the possibility of a new cottage tour to help mark the 50th anniversary of the LCCA next summer. Tentatively the tour would take place on the third Saturday of July, 2010. If you would like to consider being a tour host cottage, please get in touch with Helen soon (285.6652). Helen says, "the only way we can have successful events like this is with willing volunteers. We are ready to start planning."

Dick Lang, President

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Special Program for Tour at Town Hall

The Franklin Heritage Tour on July 18 will be a big event for the town and a good fund raiser to assist the Franklin Historical Society and the Lake Carmi Campers Association. This partnering has brought new ideas to both organizations.

The reception at the Town Hall on that day (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.) should be a highlight with exhibits, history, specialty foods, local crafts and locally grown foods. This long time center of town wide activities is home of a recently restored theater curtain, a joy to see. There will be family quilts on display, an art photo display of Lake Carmi wildlife by Carol Lyman. Norma King's original watercolors and Bob Webster's paintings will be on display.

There will be ideas for making photographic memories of life. Also, a display of historic prints of life in Franklin.

Lots of foods will be sampled, including Vermont milk, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Franklin Popcorn, Franklin Foods Cream Cheese dips, and Cabot cheddar cheese. Sugar-on-snow in July by Franklin County Sugarmaker's will be a special treat. Of course there will be lots of fresh veggies for munchies and more.

Lots of door prizes have been contributed by area business and friends of the lake association and historical society. Tickets are required for participation in all parts of the tour. Tickets cost \$12 each and are available at the Haston Library, Myott's Insurance Agency in Enosburg Falls, Yellow Door Salon on Swanton Road in St. Albans, Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin, Franklin General Store and the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant at Lake Carmi.

More July Fun Events

July 9, Franklin United Church Ice Cream Social 6 to 7 p.m., Band concert 7 to 8 p.m.

July 18, during the Heritage Tour, rain garden demonstrations from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Historical Societies log cabin.

July 23, Chicken Pie Supper at the East Franklin Union Church, serving at 5 and 6 p.m., see page 3.

August 4, Helene Lang is Agatha Christie, presented by the Haston Library in the FELCO Room at the Franklin Hometead, 7 p.m.

Band Concerts in the park, Enosburg Town Band, Enosburg Falls, every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. until August 18th.

Railroad caboos and freight station (Depot Street, Enosburgh Falls) open every Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Franklin Watershed Report

Lakeshore landowners have received a letter from the Franklin Watershed Committee, outlining the 2009 septic and shoreline survey. This survey will take place in the next six weeks, by volunteers from both the FWC and the LCCA. We are asking for your help as we work to clarify the most important issue to lake residents. We will be using the information gathered to plan future projects, and apply for funding. This information is only for FWC use and won't be shared without landowner permission. The letter has been well received. We have heard from several people who have given permission to access their property in their absence. This is especially helpful so we can get started collecting information as soon as possible.



Volunteer surveyors getting training from the Agency of Natural resources at a recent session include (left to right) Dick Benton, Marion and Peter Benevento and Carolyn Rhodes.

Although we will survey only 50 to 75 properties this summer, we will continue the project for a several years. All owners will eventually be contacted. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. If you would like to schedule an appointment to have a volunteer complete the survey with you, contact the program coordinator. Help is available in planning septic or erosion control projects around the lake shore, if you wish to be considered for assistance on a specific project please let us know.

We will be expanding on this septic focus with an outreach event, July 4th at the Franklin Fire and Rescue Bar-B-Q, from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the Franklin Elementary School. There will be an advanced treatment septic system demonstration model on site along with samples of phosphate

free products. Come check us out and pick up some up-to-date literature on proper septic usage and maintenance.

FWC continues the Septic Pump-Out Program, with the help of the LCCA. Any landowner within the Lake Carmi Watershed is eligible to receive the \$50 rebate for having their septic pumped. We have chosen to expand this program to allow lakeshore residents to also receive a once a year \$25 reimbursement for port-a-let rentals for large gatherings. The goal of the program is to encourage those residents that may be taxing their septic system during special occasions to provide other facilities for guests. To receive your rebate, mail a copy of your receipt to Susan Clark, 55 Richard Road, Franklin, VT 05457. Funding for these programs is fixed, so reimbursements will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

FWC is joining forces with the LCCA and the Franklin Historical Society to do a rain garden demonstration at the Historical Societies log cabin on July 18, during the Historic Sites Tour. Visitors can view this newly installed garden designed to capture storm water runoff on the site. Emma Melvin, of UVM Extension will be on hand to describe her design and the process which any landowner can follow to create an attractive catchment for excess rainwater.

FWC next monthly meeting will be July 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the FELCO Room at the Homestead. Join us to hear about other projects and find out how you can be a part of the team of volunteers working to improve water quality in Lake Carmi.



(Franklin Watershed Committee coordinator Heidi Britch-Valenta can be reached at 802.285.2054 or hbr@franklinvt.net)

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NOTE

The boat launch will be closed from 10:00 a.m. on July 3 until approximately 10:30 p.m. Please use the Lake Carmi State Park Boat Launch during that time. State Route 120, at the north end of Lake Carmi, will be closed from about 3:00 p.m. until after the show. Please find alternate routes to avoid the congestion and possible safety hazard. Rain date - July 11, same time.

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Lake Carmi Website

Rick Willever of the Westcott Shore hosts www.lakecarmi.org for us at no charge. Thank you very much Rick. Visit the Lake Carmi website, put it on your favorites list. You can access the past three year's newsletters, ice out contest information and more.

When you're away from the lake in the winter you can access the site and not feel the cold at all. You'll get the current Lake Carmi temperatures and weather. Of course you'll see real time photos of the lake. I particularly enjoyed the fall foliage at the lake from our home in Florida last fall. We saw the ice fishermen, vehicles on the lake, the dog taking a walk, and the "waves" the day the ice went out in April.

Travel Across the Border

Many lake residents regularly travel into Quebec during the summer for shopping, restaurants, sightseeing, etc. This year it's not quite so easy. To come back into the United States you'll need a passport. So when coming to camp, bring your passport just in case you want to take a side trip to our northerly neighbors.

It's easy to get into Canada, but not so easy to come back home to Vermont.

There are fairs, wine fests, music fests and lots of activities in close proximity to Lake Carmi. It is always fun to tour a winery, visit a museum or just look in Canadian Tire.

The Loons are Back

Last summer we had at least 5 loons that stayed with us all summer. A couple of them didn't return this summer. The large single loon is back and, recently, a couple has been feeding around the lake regularly. The loon watch folks have been watching them carefully. Stay way from them. They are very private and don't like to be disturbed. We still don't have a nesting pair on Lake Carmi, but maybe some day. Last summer we identified some possible nesting spots, but romance hasn't come to fruition at Lake Carmi for the loon population.



This pair visited around the Hammond Shore on June 24. Photo by Larry Myott.

They have been active the last few weeks, we hear their voices regularly in the evenings. Have you ever wondered what they might be saying? According to the Vermont Loon Recovery Project and Eric Hanson, here is the scoop:

- **The mournful "wail"**ooohh ahhhh.... Mates calling one another or birds identifying each other; a more friendly call.
- **The laughing "tremolo"** ...a trill or series of trills (cackling laugh)A sign of distress or alarm caused by a person, a nearby predator, and unknown sound, or an unwelcome loon.
- **The crazy wild "yodel"**Watch out; the male territorial call. The call is usually directed at unwelcome loons.

Get the Lead Out

A reminder, lead sinkers are illegal. Take them out of your tackle box and don't let anyone else use them. They have been proven to be hazardous to waterfowl and other wildlife.

Deadline for Next Issue

All articles, photos, ideas for the August issue must be at the editors, not later than July 22. Email, lakecarminews@franklinvt.net. Questions? Call Larry Myott, 802.285.6718.