

LAKE CARMİ ASSOCIATION NEWS

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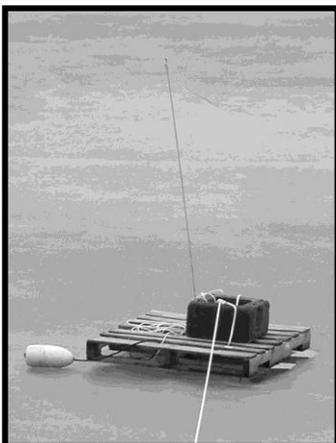
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Larry Myott, Editor

Lake Carmi Ice Goes Out Early

The ice went early at Lake Carmi in north-east Franklin County, VT. This was the earliest recorded date for ice out. Many Franklin residents reported no memory of an ice out date in March. The Lake Carmi Campers Association, Inc. founded the annual Lake Carmi Ice-Out Contest for the 2008 spring. The event helps to raise funds to support the association efforts making Lake Carmi ever more beautiful.

Contest coordinator Jim Piviroto of the Lake Carmi Black Woods area and Shelburne, VT confirmed the ice went out the evening of March 29 at 8:46 p.m. A device is placed on the ice, far



out from shore. It is tied to shore via rope that is connected to an alarm clock. When the device drops to the lake bottom, the alarm clock gets unplugged, determining the exact time of the "ice-out." The 2010 pot is \$800, going to Dianne Dellanno of Wilming-

ton, Massachusetts who guessed the time of 8:52 p.m., just 6 minutes off the actual time. She is a friend of the family of LCCA member Lee Abernathy, who sold the winning ticket. The pot is determined by subtracting the expenses from the total sales and dividing by two. Half goes to the winner, half to LCCA programs.

In announcing the completion of the 2010 contest, LCCA president Dick Lang of Montpelier, noted "this new program enhances the protection of the lake and helps the association to be a better steward of this great Vermont natural resource."

"The way the contest is growing, there is no doubt the 2011 contest will pay out more than

\$1000," said Chair Jim Piviroto. He also noted many tickets were sold that selected the correct date. These tickets ranged from early in the morning to late at night, with many entries within two to four hours of the correct day and time.

The 2009 date and time were, April 5 at 3:18 a.m. The spring 2008 event occurred on April 13 at 1:32 p.m. More information on Lake Carmi is available at www.lakecarmi.org.

[This article was sent to the media and our email list on April 2. If you would like to receive future LCCA emails, send an email to: lakecarminews@franklinvt.net.]

Dues are Due

See the back page for your dues renewal notice for 2010. New members should use the same form. Mail in your member information form and check for \$25.00 to: Treasurer Bob Baran, P.O. Box 39, Franklin, VT 05457. Checks should be made payable to LCCA. Any questions, call Bob at 802.285.6528. We welcome non-residents of Lake Carmi to support LCCA by joining the association.

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President's Message

I write this letter when it is still winter at Lake Carmi, the ice is thick and the fishermen are having great fun. Recent news reports of an invasive species of fish called "alewife" in Lake Carmi are disturbing. Read all about it in an article later in this newsletter.

A few words of appreciation to some long time Lake Carmi volunteers; who have stepped

down from leadership positions in the LCCA are appropriate. Our long time treasurer and secretary have both retired after many years of dedicated service to our association.

Bob Rennie served as Secretary of the association and also as a lay monitor for the lake itself. He decided to give someone else a chance to carry out this work. His resignation was effective December 31. Ruth Ann Kraysky was elected to serve as secretary.

Wendell Fortier served as treasurer for 22 years. He also resigned effective December 31. Bob Baran, a full time resident of Black Woods was elected to the position.



Dick & Helene Lang were caught reading the news from Franklin County while visiting the Myott's in Florida over the winter.

2010 is the 50th Anniversary of the Lake Carmi Camper's Association. There will be some special events to recognize this milestone. Contact me with ideas to help mark this anniversary.

The LCCA continues to support the important work of the Lake Carmi Watershed Committee. The committee has a report in each issue of the Lake Carmi News, to keep us up to date. This important volunteer committee is made up of folks from all walks of life in and around Franklin. Already we can see improvements being made in our water quality and recreational values.

Once again the LCCA is co-sponsoring the Independence Day fireworks at the north beach area of the lake. This is year three as the event continues to grow in size and participation. The show will be at 9:30 pm on July 3. Watch for more details and how to help by being a sponsor.

See the article below to order a new camp number sign.

Have a Happy and Safe Summer at Lake Carmi,

Dick Lang, President

Safety at Lake Carmi

To get emergency help while at the lake the telephone number is simply 911.

A reminder, if you still have the old LCCA camp number sign on your cottage, it could create a major problem if the police or ambulance were trying to find you. Please remove the old sign and make sure you have the current 911 sign on the cottage where it can be easily seen.

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.

To order, send your check to: Franklin Fire/Rescue, P.O. Box 182, Franklin, VT 05457. Be sure to specify which sign you are ordering and the 911 address number to be printed. Please include your correct mailing address and telephone number.

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The directors with terms expiring in 2010 are Lee Abernathy, Peter Benevento and Dick Davis. Terms expiring in 2011 are: Al Perry, Ruth Ann Kraysky and Carolyn Rhodes. Director's terms expiring in 2012 are Terry Carman, Jim Piviroto and Bob Baran.

The officers are Dick Lang (Westcott Shore) President, Helen Dever (Patton Shore) Vice-President, Ruth Ann Kraysky is secretary, and Robert Baran is Treasurer (Black Woods). Correspondence Secretary (Newsletter Editor) Larry Myott (Hammond Shore).

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

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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:

May 29 at 9:00 a.m., regular board meeting, at Helen Dever's cottage, Patton Shore Road.

June 12 at 9:00 a.m., regular board meeting, at Ruth Ann Kravesky's cottage, Camp Road.

June 12 at 2:00 p.m. for the membership volunteers who cover each area. Helen Dever's cottage, 105 Patton Shore Road.

July 10 LCCA Annual Meeting, Franklin Town Hall. 6:30 pm. Details in the July issue.

August 7 at 9:00 a.m., regular board meeting at Helen Dever's cottage.

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

Camp for Rent, Patton Shore, Call Kevin Lothian at 802.285.6568.

Camp for Rent, Patton Shore, fully furnished, 2 bedroom & loft, w/d, deck & dock. Available week of July 4 and more, no pets/smoking. Call Sharyn Abbott 802.527.7861 or email: tabbott@surfglobal.net.

Camp for rent, Available June & July. Three bedrooms, sleeps six. Dock, rowboat, canoe. Westcott Shore. \$400 per week. Call Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958.

Camp for Rent, Mullen Shore, 2 bedroom, large living space. Deck right on the water. Washer/dryer, dock, canoe. No pets or smoking. Available for July. Call Jane/Paul 802.730.2951.

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For Sale, Dock sections (2), pressure treated, adjustable, removable decking, \$200 each or \$350 for pair. Bob Mongeur, 802.496.8196.

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. Questions, call Heidi at 802.285.2054 or email her at hbv@franklinvt.net.

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Meeting in Florida



Ten members of the LCCA got together for this reunion photo in Zephyrhills, FL last February. They were all attending Vermont Day, with several hundred other Vermonters. Left to right, Larry Myott, George Kane, Diane Myott, Anne Green, Ray & Hilda Hendrickson, Bob & Sue Baran. In front is Rolande Kane and Marion Wetherbee.

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Sad News:

Faustine Garrow, 76, of St. Albans and a long time resident of the Hammond Shore Road passed away on January 27. Condolences to the family: 144 High Street, St. Albans, VT 05476.

Irene Mudgett, 94, a long time resident of the Westcott Shore with her husband Frank, passed away on February 16 in Bennington.

Results Summer 2009 Fishing Contest

Bob Everest, aka. Fish Head, has released the list of winners for the 2009 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 2009 trophy winners are as follows:

The Walter Everest *Small Mouth Bass Award* goes to Ernie Englehart, 19 inches, 3.17 lbs.

The Gen. Merle H. Davis *Walleye Pike Award* goes to Steve Jewett, 26 inches, 5.8 lbs.

The Gen. Merle H. Davis *Northern Pike Award*, goes to Rick Willever, 31 inches, 6.29 lbs.

The Gen. Merle H. Davis *Yellow Perch Award* goes to Brandon Neilsen, 13 inches, 1.15 lbs.

The George Rainault *Junior Fisherman Award*, Matt Wright, age 14, Walleye Pike, 22 inches, 3.75 lbs.

Trophy winners are asked to contact Bob Everest after June 15 to arrange to pick up your trophy, 802.285.6779.

The runners-up for each category are:

Smallmouth Bass, Taylor Sisson, 18.25 inches,

3.16 lbs. *Yellow Perch*, Steve Jewett, 13 inches,

1.13 lbs. *Walleye Pike*, Kevin Rooney, 24 inches,

4.8 lbs. *Northern Pike*, Kameron Cyr, 28 inches,

4.11 lbs.

Chris O'Shea Writes

"The ice-out device did indeed sink on March 29;



the actual (total) ice-out on the entire lake wasn't until yesterday, April 2. When a south wind and record warm temperatures swept the rotting ice into the north end,

it quickly returned to water. Loons, eagles, ducks, gulls, and herons have already returned, as have the peepers and bullpout seekers." *Eagle photo by Shawn Corrow at the State Park on April 2.*

Deadline for the June issue of the Lake Carmi News is May 15. Contact Editor Larry Myott at 285.6718, email: Larry.Myott@uvm.edu. Your editor is always looking for ideas for articles, contributions of article too. Historic photos and documents are a great help.

Ice-Fishing in Lake Carmi



Twelve year old Nick Jewett, and his dad Steve, of Hammond Shore Road and Montgomery participated in the Wright's Northeast Kingdom Ice Fishing Derby in February. He is shown here with his two entries, a 29.5

inch Northern Pike (5.84 lbs.) and a 21 inch Walleye (2.62 lbs.). The weigh-in was in Newport. Nick's Northern was the third largest fish in the youth category, earning him a nice trophy. Dad Steve didn't place. More than 100 youth under age 14 registered in the 21 lake and pond derby.

On January 30 Nick caught a 24 inch, 5 lb. 10 ounce Walleye. Nick wrote, "I pulled up (my line), my dad told me to go slow with it, as I brought it up the hole. Right then the fish swam up the hole and flopped out onto the ice.

2010 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 12.

Fish Head Bob Everest coordinates the contest and awards. He announced 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 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. The contest is open to all LCCA members and their immediate family only.

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Alewife in Lake Carmi

In January, the first Alewives were found in Lake Carmi by some ice fishermen from the Lake Champlain Islands. They caught a Walleye that had a strange looking minnow in its mouth. Biologists with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources confirmed the species as an "Alewife."



Biologist Brian Chipman said, "We don't know how this alewife got into Lake Carmi, but one way or another, someone broke Vermont baitfish laws." Chipman added that it's possible an angler illegally moved baitfish from another lake without knowing that alewives were in the bait bucket, or purposely caught alewives and illegally released them in Carmi in hopes of establishing a population there.

Alewives are kind of like junk food for humans. As a fish food there are more negatives than positives, according to an article in the Burlington Free Press in January. They are known to displace other fish species and often become the dominate forage fish in a lake.

To learn more about alewives and Vermont's baitfish laws, go to: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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Lauren Young writes:

Dated September 4, 2009... While walking my dog this morning, halfway up the dirt road, two fawns leaped across the road. I stopped; started walking again and to my right, standing very still, were a doe and spike horn. In fact; the doe turned back and then changed her mind, she crossed the road. When they crossed I could hear their hooves hit the dirt. The doe stopped and raised her right hoof, she studied me. They then both leaped through the grass and disappeared into the woods. I am thrilled. Then just before getting back to camp, cursing under my breath because I have to leave camp, a small voice in my head said, "Look up."

Gliding barely over the tree tops the adult eagle flew right over my head. The wing span and white crest is a sight I will always remember. I turned and watched in awe as the magnificent wonder flew out of sight. My Labor Day thrill, indeed! (Editor's comment, "It's our heaven.")

Franklin Watershed Report



By Heidi Britch-Valenta

The Franklin Watershed Committee celebrated the arrival of spring with the return of several of our lakeshore residents to our monthly meeting in March.

It's noted the first weekend in April is like summer, lights are on in the evening, folks are cleaning up the yards and the bullpout fishermen are at their posts.

We have been busy since the fall and there are many projects in the works for the summer. We received our 2009/2010 funding through a state grant, we'll be able to maintain our effort at the same level as last year.

We held a community brunch on January 30 to highlight the year's efforts and take public input.



(Jim Cameron is shown here reviewing the activities of the previous year.)

Waffles were served to 29 people who enjoyed the relaxed conversation between village residents and farmers, which we believe will lead to improved understanding of the roles each

landowner must play in the cleanup of the lake. A planning session was held to set goals and guidelines for agricultural project funding for the construction season. There will again be a cover crop incentive program. Applications for various other projects to benefit water quality are available from the coordinator. We will fund what is feasible from within the group or help the landowner connect with an agency that may fund the project. If there is not currently a funding avenue we will use the information to plan for future funding applications.

The FWC and the LCCA spent the morning of March 7 at the Franklin Firemen's Pancake Breakfast conducting public relations and getting folks to guess the day and time of the annual Lake Carmi Ice out. Nearly 1,700 folks attended giving us a great opportunity to meet and greet.

Over the winter we have applied for many grants to continue our work to improve water quality. We worked with the Town of Franklin to secure \$10,000 from the Better Back Roads Program to improve the serious erosion issue along the swamp Road.

Our application for an AmeriCorps volunteer for the summer was successful. We have completed the interviewing process and selected Sam deWahl, of Enosburg. He will be assisting us with improving the website, writing articles, conducting surveys and working on demonstration projects. He will be a great addition to the group.

Once again volunteers will be conducting shoreline surveys around the lake. A letter will go out to lakeshore property owners asking for cooperation in achieving this goal. This information, added to last year's data, helps to determine the most important issues around the lake, structuring future plans.

The committee is looking for lakeshore properties owners interested in addressing storm water runoff and erosion issues at their site with vegetative buffers, rain barrels or a Rain Garden. Please contact our coordinator to find out more details.

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Lake Carmi Weed Committee

Last fall Peter Benevento, Carolyn Rhodes, Helen Dever, Hilda Hendrickson and Ruth Ann Kravesky were formed into an ad hoc committee of the LCCA, Inc. to study the weed problem in our lake. There were several meetings to review and discuss forms of weed control. Primarily they looked into three means of weed control, milfoil weevils, pulling by divers, and herbicides. Their emphasis was on finding divers and a source of weevils.

Slightly frustrated, the committee decided to seek help from the state. On March 11, three members, Carolyn Rhodes, Helen Dever and Ruth Ann Kravesky met with Ann Bove, aquatic invasive species specialist, in Waterbury. The meeting was very fruitful. During the discussion it was suggested our best method of approach would be to hire a consultant to study our lake and give us the best options for getting rid of our weeds. Ann gave us a list of consultants; we are in the process of contacting them to see if they will come to our lake and what they charge. She also provided a list of divers and information on lakes that had successfully used herbicides.

Milfoil took a long time to make the foothold in our lake; it will probably take a long time to deplete it. In reality, we will never be able to get rid of the milfoil completely, but the hope of this committee is to lessen its impact on the lake and to keep in under control.

We also found that no permit is needed to remove milfoil by hand. If you have problems with the weeds in your swimming area invite your neighbors,

friends, and family to pull away.

This ad hoc committee will continue to keep you informed of any progress, via the news letter. So let's continue to be patient and look forward to a future healthy, weed controlled lake. (Ruth Ann Kravesky)

Jim Pivrotto and "the device"



Ice-Out chair Jim Pivrotto and his wife Faith installed the ice-out device on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. They

had a cold but beautiful day for the work. Only twelve days later it was on the lake bottom. Thanks Jim for all the hard work!

Franklin Historical Society--Pres. Sue Clark

On behalf of all of the members of the Franklin Historical Society, we express our appreciation for the cooperative efforts of the LCCA in making our first Heritage Tour a grand success. The homeowners, businesses, and organizations that opened their historic buildings provided us with a glimpse of our past and present community. May we build on our success to provide future historical and community endeavors.

Our major effort for 2010 is a program focused on our Civil War veterans. We are pleased to have support from the Vermont Council on the Humanities and the Haston Library in this endeavor. We plan a rededication of the Marsh Civil War Monument, in honor of its 100th anniversary, in Veterans Park. The program will replicate the original event of 1910. Following the program, noted historian Howard Coffin will provide a program on "*Vermonters in the Civil War*" at the Town Hall. Our goal is to have the descendants of as many of the Franklin Civil War veterans as possible in attendance. Please contact any of the Historical Society's officers if you can assist in the effort.

Thanks to our talented historian, Brian Rainville, we will exhibit at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge the last weekend in June. The exhibit will honor the East Franklin Church; as it celebrates its 150th anniversary.

We need you as a member of the LCCA:

Become an LCCA Member for the 2010 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 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, payable to LCCA, Inc. to:

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