

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Spring Came Early to Lake Carmi

The April issue brought you the news of the annual Ice Out Contest. The Massachusetts winner was sent a check for \$800 by treasurer Bob Baran of Black Woods. The ice officially went out on March 29 at 8:46 p.m. Chair Jim Pivrotto reported the good news the next morning.

The week before it actually happened St. Albans Messenger writer, and longtime Franklin resident, Nat Worman wrote, from an LCCA press release:

“Franklin—Far away in Florida, Larry Myott, who otherwise is a Franklin resident, is feeling the ice move. The ice in Lake Carmi, that is.

“He e-mailed the Messenger Thursday warning everyone that the ice-out contest date is looming. That means that someone will win the pot of gold under the breaking ice if they guess the right day, hour, minute and second.”

It sure did go out early, it went out and warm weather came to Lake Carmi, with 84



degrees on Saturday, April 3. It was warm enough for 12 year old Nick Jewett of the Hammond Shore to take

a dip. His Dad Steve reported, “He just jumped right in and went under. There was no ice on the lake, it had all gone out on April 1.” He is shown here relaxing with his Mom, Michelle on April 1.

Dues are Due

The annual dues are coming in. Treasurer Bob Baran reports a good response, with several new members. If you haven’t already sent in your dues; see the back page for the notice and form.

If you didn’t get this edition of the Lake Carmi Association News on line, it’s because your email address is not on the list. Anyone can get the Lake Carmi News by email, simply send an email to Editor Larry Myott and ask to be on the list, 265 already have. When sending in your dues, put your email on the form and you’ll be added. We will not send you spam or sales pitches and we never sell our list.

Membership cards and the new 2010 Directory will be delivered to cottages by volunteers beginning in mid-June.

Treasurer Baran received this letter from a friend of Lake Carmi.

“Enclosed, please find a check for \$25 for dues, My husband and I are guests each year of Bill & Cindy Peace of Shore Road. We love Lake Carmi and would be very pleased to be members.

“I have come to the lake for 6 years now. I am aware of the daily struggle to keep the lake healthy and appreciate all that is done to do so. I love Vermont and Lake Carmi, I hope that I can be a part of this experience for many years to come.

Thankyou, Vicki Meyer, Hebron, KY.”

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President’s Message

As we move toward the busy summer at Lake Carmi, I’m thinking about all the volunteers it takes to make our organization run effectively. The Lake Carmi Campers Association has a history of 50 years of volunteerism. The celebrations begin this summer.

There are board member volunteers, committee volunteers, fund raising volunteers,

and probably many many more.

Most recently, there were volunteers doing a cleanup of the north beach area. More than a dozen hard workers participated.



Dick Benton brought his tractor and chain-saw, several brought their rakes and all went to work. It sure did improve the area. Thanks to the town crew for picking up all the refuse that was taken from the lake. Two hours of hard labor made a difference.

Everyone is getting ready to put on our best face for summer visitors and friends, the photo shows the docks are going in off Hammond Shore Road.

Volunteers are now working on the July 3 fireworks show. For the third year, this show of patriotism will attract thousands of visitors to the roads around the lake. Well over a hundred boats, and lot of fun times to remember Lake Carmi. The show is paid for by volunteer donations from area businesses and residents. Of course a volunteer committee puts it all together.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, July 10th for the LCCA, Inc. annual meeting. It will be a pot luck dinner at the Franklin Town Hall. Watch for details in the July issue.

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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:

June 12 at 9:00 a.m., regular board meeting, at Ruth Ann Krayesky'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 to say you'll help. Materials have to be delivered and final memberships solicited on every camp road.

Volunteers Clean up North Beach



May 22 was cleanup day at the North Beach. A cooperative effort with the Franklin Watershed Committee and LCCA. The event drew more than a dozen volunteers. Shown here are Ray Hendrickson, Ron Danyew, Marion Benevento and Heidi Britch-Valenta. The volunteers were

spread out from one end of the beach area to the other.

Bruce Bushey and Dick Benton dragged a whole tree trunk out. The winch was great. Ron Danyew and Jim Cameron dragged a smaller tree out down the shore.



Local Events in June

Kicking off the month of June is the annual Vermont Dairy Festival in Enosburg Falls. This 54th annual event is sponsored by the Enosburg Lions Club. The rides and midway open on Thursday evening, June 3. Friday, June 4, at 4 pm the food booths open. The evening brings a Texas Hold'em Tournament at the Dairy Center complex on Rt. 105. Bingo will take place on green during the evening with entertainment in the park.

Saturday is the big day, with the huge parade stepping off at 10:30 a.m. Events continue through Sunday, June 6th.

Visit www.vermontdairyfestival.com for details.

June 19, the Annual Haston Library Variety Show, themed "Old Time Radio Show." 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tickets available at the door, \$5 adults and \$3 for children.

June 22, Composting Workshop at the Haston Library, 6:00 p.m. Learn how to make your own compost.

June 24, Ice Cream Social at the East Franklin Union Church, 6:30 p.m. A great social, fun and good too!

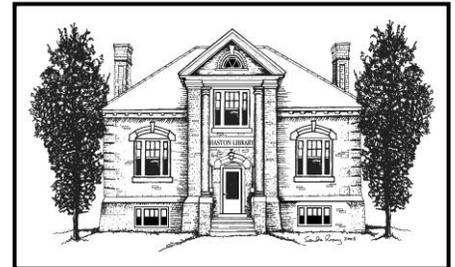
Card Parties at the FELCO room in the Franklin Homestead, every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. for a 500 tournament.

July 3, Franklin Fire and Rescue Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Franklin Elementary School, 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available from any Fire and Rescue member or the Franklin Telephone Company office, \$8.00/person. Takeout available. Followed by Fireworks at the lake!

Would you like to have a **yard sale**? The town-wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, July 10 on the village green beginning at 9 a.m. You can reserve a table or get more information, call the Town Clerk's office (285.2101). No charge.

Haston Library Busiest in the Summer

Our little library in Franklin is a very busy place all year, but in the summer, when the visitors come back to the lake, it is busiest. What



a place to visit for local history, borrow some great summer reading, have the kids participate in summer activities, attend a workshop or historical presentation. You can also use one of their computers to check your email or write a letter. They have WiFi so you can take your own laptop to access the internet.

Haston Library hours are 10 am to 2 pm on Monday, 2 pm to 7 pm on Tuesday, 9 am to 6 pm on Thursday, 2 pm to 6 pm on Friday, and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday. For information call 285.6505.

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Cottage for Rent, at the end of Patton Shore Road, 2 bedrooms, large living space, full kitchen. Four adults, well behaved pets and house broken children are welcome. Available June thru August, rents starts at \$600/wk. Les/Josee at 514.365.8348 or email: lesjot@videotron.ca.

Cottage Cleaning Service at Lake Carmi. Preparing the camp for your arrival or cleaning in the summer months. Cleaning between renters. Natural cleaning products used, references available. Call Nicky Magnant 802.933.4076 or email: nmag58@gmail.com.

Cottage for Rent, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps 6, 2 bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting. \$500/week. Contact Vera Gates 1.415.235.8685 or email vera@franklinvt.net.

Cottage for Rent, right on the lake, Patton Shore Road, 2 story, sleeps nine, 2 full bedrooms, 2 bath. Second story loft, fully furnished. Call 802.8797517, www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401.

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

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

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

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Cottage 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, 16 foot sloop sailboat, fully equipped, includes trailer. Call Tony Tussing at 285.6583 after June 15.

Schwan's Foods will deliver at the lake, right to your cottage. Schwan's is delivering the ice cream, steaks, etc. every two weeks. Call Bruce Perry to have a catalog sent to you, 802.730.4208. On July 3, the Schwan's Truck will be at the Franklin Telephone Co. office on Main Street. Proceeds of this special sale will go to the Haston Library. Call Linda at 285.9911 for details or times.

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Woods. The weather was terrible, windy, cold, sleet, snow-basically not very nice. Although loons winter

on the ocean off Massachusetts, they decided to spend a little time with us. It was calm on the Black Woods shore when Tim King shot this one.

Franklin Watershed Committee

The very active Franklin Watershed Committee was honored on May 3, in a special ceremony in Montpelier. They received the award from Governor Jim Douglas for their outstanding efforts with the *Phosphorus Reduction Campaign*. They were cited for "Environmental Excellence in Earth Stewardship and Resource Protection." Representatives receiving the award from Governor Jim Douglas (left) are: FWC Chair Jim Cameron, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Susan Clark, and Peter Benevento. In back is Jonathan Wood, Secretary of the agency of Natural Resources.



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Sad News:

Howard Rhodes Jr., 74, long time resident of Camp Road and key volunteer at Lake Carmi passed away on April 9 in the hospital in Burlington. Howard and Carolyn had been married 40 years. He retired from the US Customs Service in 1998. They resided in Punta Gorda, FL winters. They had four children. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, 434 Hurrican Lane, Williston, VT 05495.

Frances Clark, longtime camper on the Hammond Shore passed away on April 11, at the age of 84. She was the wife of Homer "Bud" Clark, who passed away last summer. She was a lifelong teacher in area schools. She and Homer had been married for 61 years enjoying their five children and 12 grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Franklin County Home Health, 3 Home Health Circle, St. Albans, VT 05478 or Richford Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 326, Richford, VT 05478.

Maurice "Moe" Poissant of Dewing Shore and Longs, South Carolina and former longtime resident of Connecticut, passed on April 19. He was a Richford native and long time summer resident at Lake Carmi. Moe was retired from Aetna Insurance Companies. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Beverly. They had two children. Memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5022, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Summer 2010 Fishing Contest

The 2010 fishing contest starts on June 1 with trophies available in the following categories:

- The Walter Everest *Small Mouth Bass Award*.
- The Gen. Merle H. Davis *Walleye Pike Award*.
- The Gen. Merle H. Davis *Northern Pike Award*.
- The Gen. Merle H. Davis *Yellow Perch Award*.
- The George Rainault *Junior Fisherman Award*.

The Annual Fishing Contest – Junior and Senior Divisions – is sponsored by the LCCA. 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. 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 as indicated above. 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.

Questions, call Bob Everest, 285.6779.

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Franklin Watershed Report



By Heidi Britch-Valenta

We are very proud of the volunteers that make it all possible. The entire FWC is volunteers in action. The award presented to the committee on May 3, by

Governor Douglas, speaks volumes about the work being carried out to enhance our environment.

In April Mike and Deanna Benjamin hosted a tree planting effort on their Middle Road farm as part of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) project. They welcomed more than 30 second and third grade students and teachers from Franklin Elementary. This was a first hand lesson on stream bank stabilization and erosion control measures; demonstrating how phosphorus makes it to the lake. It was a strong message of the importance of keeping cattle out of the streams and waterways and connecting to the next generation of leaders in our community.



Sam deWahl, an AmeriCorps Volunteer from Enosburg was demonstrating how to plant the trees at Riverview Farm.

At the May meeting of the FWC, Susan Warren of the Department of Environmental Conservation presented the results of the 2009 tributary water sampling program. This information helps us to understand where the greatest amount of phosphorus is concentrated and how it fluctuates

during the season.

Peter Benevento, who manages the program for the FWC, provided specific information regarding site location and sampling procedures to the large group in attendance.

The program to survey the shoreline around the lake has begun again. Those who didn't participate should have received a letter inviting them to take part. It is a brief process with a volunteer visiting the site and filling out a questionnaire. If you can't be there, the questionnaire can be filled out by phone or email and the volunteer can make the visit alone.

Volunteers who would like to help with this program should come to a meeting at Ruth Ann Kravesky's cottage, 97 Camp Road, on June 2 at 10 a.m. Several more volunteers are needed.

There will be a *Shoreline Buffer Workshop* on Monday, June 28 at 6 p.m. This will be a site visit on the Patton Shore to look at possible buffer improvements and storm water runoff. This will be a practical session with literature and a presentation on the value of shoreline buffers for erosion control and improving the health of our lake.

The FWC meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Homestead FELCO room. The next meeting will be June 10. For more information call Heidi at 285.2054.

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Sam deWahl is a volunteer serving as a Watershed Technician with the Franklin Watershed Committee, he is a native of Franklin County and resident of Enosburg. He graduated from EFHS in 2005. He is a student at McGill University in Montreal; currently taking time off from his college studies to gain the experience of a life time as an AmeriCorps volunteer.



He is helping the FWC to plan and carry out several project to improve the health of the watershed of Lake Carmi; including shoreline restoration, stream back stabilization, cover crop planting, and septic system surveying.

For more information on AmeriCorps go to: www.americorps.gov.

Membership Drive in June and July

Call Helen Dever, LCCA Vice President, to help with delivering the membership materials to paid members and seek new memberships. We need to visit every cottage around the lake. Call 285.6652. It's just visiting with your neighbors. You'll deliver directories, member cards, be a good neighbor. volunteer.

Memories from Camp

Before I begin, let me say I love all God's creatures...some more than others. Except for the domesticated species, they should all stay in their own environments-not mine. In our 30 years at Lake Carmi, we've had more than our share of uninvited creature guests. Here are two examples.

First is the airborne variety. One day I found a bat in the upstairs bedroom. I mistakenly believed that by opening the windows at both ends of the bedroom, the trouble maker would leave. It flew from end to end, but would not exit the open window. That is when I got the badminton racket, thereby making the little bat a "birdie."

For the land based creature. I know mice are dirty and we don't want them in our homes. I do, however, feel bad when we have to remove them. One weekend, my brother and his wife were visiting us at the lake. My wife, Pauline, found a mouse on the kitchen countertop and let out a scream. After a great deal of effort...we finally won. It wasn't more than a few minutes later that the rest of the mouse family showed up; 3 or 4 cute little mice, barely able to walk. That's all it took. Pauline went home to Waterbury and I finished the weekend entertaining my family and the mice. Isn't life great at camp.

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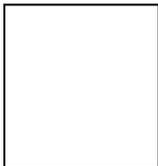


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