

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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President's Message

Welcome back to another summer at Lake Carmi. Your association has a busy season planned; the details are in this first issue of 2011.

Along with the annual LCCA Fireworks, there will be a lighted boat parade, a pontoon boat race, cottage tours and more. We look for your participation and volunteerism to make all these activities happen.

Currently LCCA is working with the Town of Franklin and the Franklin Watershed Committee on the legal process of accepting the donation of the north beach area from Ted & Peg Meunier. We wish to express our thanks to the Meuniers for their donation and to the voters of the Town of Franklin for accepting the gift. You'll be kept up to date on this, through the LCCA Newsletters. Plan on a clean-up day, for the north beach, probably in early June.

The major project, in LCCA planning stage, is the weed control program begun last summer. The various required studies have been completed; if we are to move forward, we'll have to file an application with the State of Vermont for grants and an application permit. If such a program is approved it will be for a 5 year program and significant costs. We expect to raise funds from a combination of sources – state grants, Town of Franklin, private contributions and more.

Just a reminder, our Lake Carmi website provides easy access to information about Lake Carmi. You find four years of back issues of this newsletter and information on events at the lake, including dates and information on events for this summer. Take a visit to: www.lakecarmi.org.

Meetings of association directors are held five times each summer, LCCA members are welcome to attend. The first meeting of the season will be held on Friday May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Helen Devers' cottage on Patton Shore. Later meetings will be announced.

Dick Lang President

Ice is Still There

Although the ice is still solid at the time of this writing, early in April, it won't be long before someone has won the pot of the Lake Carmi Ice Out Contest. With record snowfall in northern Vermont this year, during the early parts of the winter, and a great many snowfalls, the ice was well insulated and many projected the ice would go early, as it wasn't



“thick” ice. Time will tell who wins the pot, and there certainly isn't any rainbow to help you find it. Jim Piviroto of Black Woods and Chris

O'Shea placed the “ice out device” on the lake and reported the ice was about the same as it was in February. No worry about going through. This was taken on a cold day in late March.

Bob & Lauren Young's 7 year old granddaughter, Megan Severance, caught this very large Northern Pike on February 27. It weighed in at 12 lbs., measuring 38 inches.



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Summer Event Schedule

April 30, Hazardous Waste Day at the Highgate Transfer Station off Rt. 78 in Highgate, 8 a.m. – Noon.

Month of May & September. The Town of Franklin provides a “**Metal Only**,” dumpster at the town garage. Please, only scrap metal and items with scrap that can be recycled. NO tires, or other items that cannot be recycled or are hazardous in other ways.

July 9, Community Yard Sale at the Franklin Elementary School, 9 am – 4 pm.

Questions on these above items? Contact the Town Clerk's office for more information on these items at 285.2101 or email: townoff@franklinvt.net.

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LCCA, Inc. Celebrates 50 Years

A special 50th Anniversary Party is being planned to mark 50 years of your organization working to benefit Lake Carmi and grow its' wonderful resources. Helen Dever, VP, is chair of the annual meeting party to be held at The Abbey in Sheldon on Saturday, July 9.

Events will begin at 6:00 pm with a social hour. A special dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. President Dick Lang has a great speaker lined up. There will be special guests, presentations of the winners trophies from the July 3 Pontoon Boat Race. Throughout the evening a PowerPoint presentation will present old Franklin and Lake Carmi Photos. Photos are still needed, contact Faith Pivrotto at blackwoodsvt@yahoo.com.

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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 802.933.4096 or email: nmag58@gmail.com.

Cottage for Rent: Westcott Shore, \$625/week summer, \$475/week after labor Day. Sleeps 5, screened porch, deck, dock, spring water.. Deposit required. Pet fee. Inquire directly. Call Fran at 888-774-3485 or 802-285-2077.

Cottage for Rent, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps six, two bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting. \$500/week. Contact Kim Gates 802.285.9911 or email vera@franklinvt.net.

Cottage for Rent, right on the lake, Patton Shore Road, 2 story, sleeps nine, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Second story loft, fully furnished. Call 802-879-7517, www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401.

Cottage for Rent, Hammond Shore, Fully furnished, bring your own linens. 802.285.6737.

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

Cottage for Rent, Three bedroom, sleeps six. Dock, rowboat, canoe. Westcott Shore. \$450 per week. Call Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958.

Cottage for Sale, 76 Tanner Jct. Road, Westcott Shore. Nice View; large screened porch; open deck; Long dock; fresh water; heated; 3 bedrooms. Contact David Rood (802.309.9218 or Wendy Castilla 802.272.1955 at RE/MAX.

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Visit www.lakecarmicamp.com for photos.

Wanted: Old Photos of Lake Carmi, Post-cards and more. For presentation at LCCA 50th Anniversary Party. You'll get 'em right back. Contact Faith Piviroto at Lake Carmi, 802.285.6590.

Sailboat For Sale, fully equipped, trailer, 16 foot sloop. Call Tony Tussing at 285.6583 after June 15.

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LCCA Says Thank You

Jim Piviroto notes that it takes lots of folks to make any Lake Carmi event successful. He is most proud of all the folks who sold Ice Out Tickets this winter, providing lots of help to the Association. He asks that we offer a special thank you to these folks, please express our thanks when visiting them or their businesses.

*Bill & Sue Mayo, Franklin General Store
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Steve Jewett, Myott's Insurance, Enosburg
Sandi Ferland, Precious Things, Enosburg
Cathy Godin, Park Side Grill, Enosburg
Heidi Britch-Valenta, Franklin Watershed
Committee*

At Franklin Town Meeting, a dream came true when the voters of the town accepted the gift of the Lake Carmi north beach from Peggy and Ted Meunier.

It took a lot of talking and much time to convince the leadership it was a good idea. Peter Benevento wrote special thanks for those who helped make it happen: Heidi Valenta, Lynn Paradis, Dick Lang, Jim Piviroto, David Breed, Lisa Larivee, Polly Perkins and Jim Cameron for their initiative, fortitude and hard work, resulting in huge victory at Town Meeting. Lynn, Dick, Polly and David made a great presentation in front of the voters. The beach should soon belong to the Town of Franklin.

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Wright's NE Kingdom Ice Fishing Derby.

Lake Carmi was part of this derby again this year,



bringing lots of folks to the late February event. It takes place annually.

Lots of vehicles and fishing, includes folks sleeping out on the lake. According to their website, there were lots of fish, but no trophies.

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Membership Dues are Due

Many hands make light work. According to Helen Dever, who oversees the membership campaign each year, it takes lots of volunteers to visit every cottage at Lake Carmi to deliver membership cards, window cards and new Lake Directories. Helen has scheduled a brief meeting of volunteers at her cottage on May 28, 11:00 am at her cottage, 105 Patton Shore Road. She hopes to have all materials in place and ready to go. Call Helen at 802.233.9939 to volunteer. Helen's new email address: sailhdever@franklinvt.net.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the membership form on page 8, send it in with your check, and get ahead of the game. The Volunteers will just have to deliver the paperwork.

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Aly & John McHugh purchased the Carmen Cottage on Shore Road last fall. They live in Graniteville, VT.

Michael & Susan Goetz of Blackwoods sold their home to Peter & Natacha Carpenter of Montreal, QC.

Lawrence Halvorson sold their cottage at the north end, on Route 120, to his daughter Jane Boutin of Enosburg Falls.

Arthur Heath of Blackwoods sold to Leslie & Nancy Johnson of Essex Junction, VT.

Cottage & Garden Tour 2011

After two very successful cottage and garden tours in recent history, the LCCA, Inc. will again produce a tour to show off the gardens and homes at Lake Carmi. Of course volunteers are needed to participate by showing their beautiful places at the lake.

Cottages are needed, sometimes they are just unique, and others may be quite the comfort zone. It could be the architecture, the flower beds, the interior design, or something else. Owners that have been contacted in the past will be contacted again, now is the time to make plans for July 16, 2011. Your neighbors who have presented their cottages in the past have been very pleased with the process and all the new friends they made. It isn't difficult; you don't need a mansion or show place. We'd be happy to visit with you, at your cottage to discuss what's involved

An informal start up committee has begun the planning, call Hilda Hendrickson at 285.6855, Helen Dever at 285.6652 or Larry Myott at 285.6718 to discuss what is expected and how you could help present Lake Carmi to a lot of visitors, who might just become your neighbors. Committee members are needed too, wouldn't you like to help?

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Memorials

Edward Ulfik, 65, a long time summer resident of Camp Road passed away in Coopers-town, NY September 15, 2010. He is survived by his wife Catherine of Oxford, NY and his three children.

Tony Sinibaldi, 81, of Staatsburg, NY and longtime resident at the end of Camp Road. He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by a son Dean of Salt Point, NY.

Betty Hopkins, 87, a resident of Franklin passed away on February 4. She was a long time summer resident at their cottage on Tanner Jct. Road on the Westcott Shore. She leaves her daughter Fran Hopkins of Franklin and Lake Carmi and son George and his family of Marietta, GA.

Bea Ruiter, 90, of Richford passed away on March 11, 2011 in St. Albans. Bea raised her family with summers at their Dewing road cottage. Daughter Beverly Poissant of Longs, S.C. and her siblings now own the cottage.

July 4th Weekend Schedule

Advance schedule for the BIG July 4th Weekend, here at the highlights and time schedule:

Saturday, July 2nd

Fireman's Bar-B-Q, 4 to 7 pm, Franklin School
Lighted Boat Parade, 8 p.m.
Mullen Shore Fireworks, 9:30 pm, best viewed from the water.

Sunday, July 3rd

Route 120, North Beach area, will be closed to traffic from about 6:00 p.m. until after fireworks.
Pontoon Boat Relay Race, 7:00 pm
\$1000* Race Raffle Drawing, 8:30 pm
LCCA Fireworks, Boat Launch, 9:30 pm
Music by Missisquoi River Band at the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant.

*\$1000 Raffle Award-the raffle is based on the winning team in the Shoreline Boat Race. Raffle tickets picking the winning team will have one winner of \$1000. The winner will be drawn from the canister of tickets sold for that team. Each team will have five boats that circle the lake twice, stopping at five relay points to pass the relay ball. Teams are: Westcott/Mullen Shore; Patton/Blackwoods; Hammond Shore Road; Dewing/Camp Roads; and Vic's Crossing/Kings Court/Shore Roads.

Septic Feasibility Study

The Town of Franklin, in collaboration with the Franklin Watershed Committee has established the *Franklin Septic Feasibility Study Committee*. The Committee will draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) to study the feasibility for small-pipe community septic systems for the Village and Lakeshore.

The grant to conduct the study would be given in the form of a deferred loan. If the Town of Franklin moves ahead to install community septic systems upon completion of the study, the cost of the study will be incorporated into the cost of the system and the deferred loan repaid.

"There is great value in performing this study now, as opposed to later," explained Jim Cameron, chair of the committee. "First, the study will identify possible solutions around the village and lake. Second, having a plan in place will allow the town to take immediate advantage on any stimulus funds that may possibly become available for "shovel-ready" projects."

To date, the Franklin Watershed Committee has made great strides in informing and educating the public. The Committee has provided numerous workshop and outreach events in Franklin. Since 2009, 90 septic surveys have been completed, identifying 45 inadequate septic systems.

"We understand Franklin residents will be concerned with the study, as well as the costs identified in the study. We plan on keeping this as transparent as possible and will work diligently to keep the public informed," explained Cameron. The committee will meet throughout the spring and summer month to draft and finalize the RFP.

Members of the study committee are from the Franklin Select board, Planning Commission, Franklin Watershed Committee, Lake Carmi Camper's Association, and other village and lakeshore residents.

For more information on upcoming meetings contact Heidi Britch-Valenta of the Franklin Watershed Committee, 802-285-2054.

Protect Our Waterfowl

The best way we can protect the waterfowl at Lake Carmi is to not feed them. Those ducklings are



cute when small, but they don't need humans to feed them. Each year many ducks die from eating moldy bread or other foods that make them sick.

Please don't feed the waterfowl and advise your guests to not feed them.

Franklin Historical Society Notes

You can help support the Franklin Historical Society, says Sue Clark, Society President. If you are a customer of *TDBank*, your bank will donate money, as part of their Affinity Membership Program, to benefit the society.

It cost you nothing and is totally confidential. Each year *TDBank* will calculate .005% of all member checking accounts and .025% of all member savings, money market, CD's and IRA balances. That money is then donated back to participating non-profit community organizations.

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2010 LCCA Fishing Contest Results

Long time LCCA fishing contest coordinator Bob Everest, a.k.a. Fishhead, released the results of the 2010 contest in October.

He pointed out that entrants in the annual event must be members of the LCCA, Inc or immediate family of a member. The winners are as follows:

The Walter Everest Small Mouth Bass Trophy
Steve Cameron, 19.25" – 3.28 lbs.

The General Merle Davis Yellow Perch Trophy
Ernie Englehardt, 12.5" – 1.02 lbs.

The General Merle Davis Walleye Trophy
Phil Bissonette, 27" – 6.13 lbs.

The General Merle Davis Northern Pike Trophy
Robert Brenton, 36.5" – 9.58 lbs.

The Rainault Family Jr. Fisherman Trophy
Mary Miller, Walleye Pike, 20.5" – 2.94 lbs.

Runner-Up Category

Smallmouth Bass, Scott Rogers, 19.5" – 3.01 lbs.

Yellow Perch, Kameron Cyr, 13" – 0.95 lb.

Walleye, Tom Cheney, 23" – 3.55 lbs.

Northern Pike, Ernie Englehardt, 31.5" – 7.65 lbs.

Jr. Fisherman, Alexis Cyr, Walleye, 21" – 2.56 lbs.

Trophies are to be presented to the winners during this 2011 season. For more information on the contest, contact Bob at 215.493.6401 or 802.285.6779.

2011 Summer Fishing Contest

The annual fishing contest – Junior and Senior Divisions – is sponsored by the LCCA for members and their family guests at the lake. The contest opens on June 1st and runs through Labor Day, September 5. Small-mouth Bass cannot be taken until the season opens on June 11.

"Fishhead" Bob Everest coordinates the contest and awards. He recently announced the contest weigh-in stations will be Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin or The Franklin General Store. Complete information must be provided on the entry form at each 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, Smallmouth Bass, and Yellow Perch.

The Junior Division offers a single trophy for the most outstanding fish in any one of the four species landed by a person aged 15 or under. Entrants in the junior division are automatically entered in the senior division. The contest is open to all LCCA members and their immediate family only.

See Bob Everest's phone numbers, above, for more information or email: njbob2@verizon.net.

Moving the Hoist

Last summer found Bob Larose of Hammond Shore Road moving this boat hoist from Dewing Shore Road to the far end of Hammond Shore. Floating down the lake was no big deal according to Bob. It just took four large barrels for floatation and the right helpers.



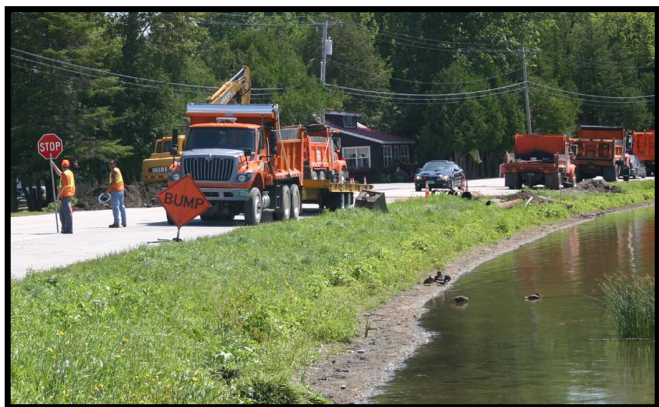
Note the two riders on the hoist.

Franklin Watershed Winter Report

Coordinator Heidi Britch-Valenta provided this summary of the Franklin Watershed Committee activities for the winter of 2010-11. For more information on the FWC contact Heidi at 802.285.2054 or hbv@franklinvt.net.



The Town Meeting Day vote allowing the Town of Franklin to take ownership of the Lake Carmi north beach area makes that area truly public land. The vote, 75 yes and 17 no, was the result of a lot of work from many people. The Public Beach Committee, led by Dick Lang of LCCA, presented information to the voters that led to such a positive vote count. We thank Ted & Peggy Meunier for this contribution to the public trust.



The north beach area, at it looked last summer when the state was replacing the culverts.

For the Septic Feasibility Study, see article earlier in this newsletter, we are working with the Town of Franklin to study the village and lakeshore. This study gives a better understanding of possible solutions to septic inadequacies in those areas.

The Shoreline Buffer Project will be moving forward with more projects, including rain gardens, rain barrels, bank stabilization and aeration of selected sites. We will be guided through the process Master Gardener Jeff Young and Laura Killian of UVM Extension and Amy Picotte of the State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Through the State's Agricultural Best Management Practices Project, the FWC will be offering agricultural incentives to Franklin farms

to encourage implementation. An agricultural information session was held on March 26 with Dr. Eric Young of Miner Institute for Agricultural Research, Chazy, NY, presenting. Thirty five attended.

With the receipt of a Better Back Roads Grant from the State of Vermont; the town will Be complete the second half of the Dewing Road project, preventing further erosion in that area.

Three lake shore culverts upgrades were completed on the Patton Shore Road in the late fall.

We are currently working to secure a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps crew to assist us with projects in the summer of 2011. They have been very helpful and accomplished much in the two seasons they have been with us for their two week stays.

AmeriCorps Volunteer Polly Perkins

Welcome to our new volunteer with the Franklin Watershed



Committee, Polly Perkins is a recent graduate of the University of Vermont Environmental Sciences program. She'll be helping out throughout the summer, accomplishing many tasks

for the FWC, from septic surveys, to coordinating other volunteer activities. Perkins is a native of Virginia. She will be with us until August and off to California to earn a Master's Degree. She has already succeeded in getting more help for the FWC, details in the June issue.

LCCA Officers and Board Members

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Become an LCCA member for the 2011 season. The dues are still just \$25.00 per year. LCCA members are committed to our wonderful lake in many ways. Some are volunteers who help out wherever and whenever they are able; some are simply here to enjoy a week or more in this beautiful 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 on page seven of this newsletter. Please become a member of the Lake Carmi community, send your membership form and dues check made payable to LCCA, Inc. to: *LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.*

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