

# LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Larry Myott, Editor



## LCCA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Lake Carmi Campers Association was deemed a big success by the 87 members and guests who attended. The meeting was held at the

Franklin Town Hall with a delicious pot luck supper before the annual meeting.

Immediately following the wonderful pot luck supper, Eric Hansen of the Vermont Loon recovery Project (VLRP) was introduced for a great program on loons, their life styles and much more. Hansen is a biologist, he has been working for the project since 1998. His program, titled "**Loon Conservation in Vermont....People Make the Difference**" was a big hit with the largest group to attend the annual meeting in anyone's memory.

Although we do not have a nesting pair of loons at Lake Carmi, Hansen noted that Lake Carmi has great potential for the future. This summer there have been at least four loons in residence. Two of those four are a possible pair as they are usually seen together. One is much larger than the other indicating that they might be a male and female. A large single loon has been a regular visitor around the camps all summer. It is believed to be a male.

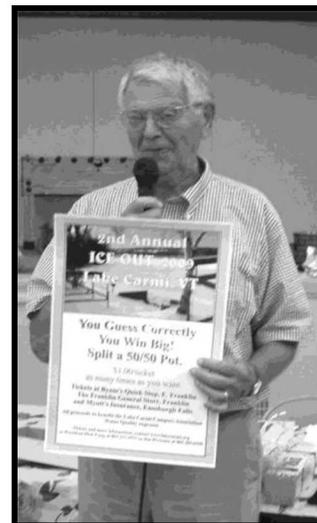
The LCCA business meeting took place after the program. Treasurer Wendell Fortier presented the 2007 annual statement. (See page 3)

Elections were held for the Board of Directors and Officers for 2008-09. Directors Albert Perry, Ruth Ann Krayesky, and Roger Vachon were all re-elected to

three year terms.

The officers were also re-elected as follows: Dick Lang as President, Helen Dever as Vice President, Bob Rennie as Secretary, Wendell Fortier as Treasurer, and Larry Myott as Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter Editor).

President Lang announced the 2009 Lake Carmi Ice Out Contest. Tickets are available now from members of the board of directors and several other members. You can buy the tickets now at Byam's Store in East Franklin, the Franklin General Store, Myott's Insurance in Enosburgh Falls, or any of the LCCA directors.



We suggest you buy your ice out tickets before closing camp for the season. Email: [lakecarminews@franklinvt.net](mailto:lakecarminews@franklinvt.net) or call 802.285.6718 for tickets. If you would like to order your tickets by mail, send your check and estimates of the time and date the ice might go out in 2009 to newsletter editor Larry Myott, 752 Hammond Shore Road, Franklin, VT 05457. Tickets cost \$1.00 each, five for \$5.00, etc.

Enclose a stamped self addressed envelope to get your ticket stubs back in the mail.

The ice out date for 2008 was Sunday, April 13 at 1:32 p.m. The winner received a check for \$500.00. We anticipate a much bigger pot for 2009.

Lang also reported the annual septic tank pumping project continues in cooperation with the Franklin Watershed Committee. Pump your septic tank, send your receipt into the FWC treasurer and you'll get a \$50.00 rebate. You must be a member of the LCCA Association to qualify. Call the watershed treasurer with any questions, Pauline Favreau at 285.2228. You choose the pumping service, but get a receipt.

## LCCA Summer Meetings and Events

August 9 regular board meeting at Dever's Cottage, 105 Patten Shore, 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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new Lake Carmi directory can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office in Franklin for \$3.00. Paid members get the directory as part of their membership.

Errors? If you have found an error in the new directory, please call volunteer Ruth Ann Kravesky at 285.6891 or by email: [rakray@aol.com](mailto:rakray@aol.com).

## **The Camp Road Road Gang**

All that's missing are the ankle chains and the armed guard. Last summer the Camp Road Road Gang gathered to spread gravel, filling in the pot holes and smoothing the bumps in the road.



Shown here is Guy Breault, Foreman, standing in the dump truck, and his volunteers. From left to right, Josie Leuci, Ruth Ann Kraveski, Carolyn

Rhodes, Howard Rhodes and Vito Leuci. Photo by Nancy Breault.

It takes a lot of volunteerism to make a home at Lake Carmi a better place. We recently saw Dan Larivee mowing the roadsides on the Hammond Shore Road. Attaboy's to all the folks who help out in many different ways. Great job!

## **Speaking of Volunteers**

Many volunteers have been canvassing the cottages for membership dues. They are delivering membership window cards and directories to those who paid their dues by mail. (See page 8)

These volunteers may still be trying to find you. If you haven't gotten your new directory or window membership card, call coordinator Helen Dever at 285.6652 or email her at [saildever@surfglobal.net](mailto:saildever@surfglobal.net). You can send the \$25.00 dues and member information to: LCCA Inc. Treasurer, Wendell Fortier, 29 North Avenue, Richford, VT 05476.

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## **When was the Lake Carmi Camper's Association Founded?**

The official date of the Constitution was July 25, 1961.

## **Fireworks in 2009?**

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**Camp for Rent in 2009**, Vic's Crossing. Two bedrooms, sleeps six. Call Nancy Mongeur at 802.496.8196 or email: [lakecarmicamp@gmavt.net](mailto:lakecarmicamp@gmavt.net).

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\*Classified ads are free to paid members of the LCCA, Inc. Business ads are paid.

## Treasurer's Report, for the year ending 12/31/07

General Fund Balance, 1/1/07 \$6,736.69

### Receipts:

Dues	\$4,240.00	
Donations	185.00	
Newsletter Ads	425.00	
Interest	<u>231.12</u>	<u>5,081.12</u>
		\$11,817.81

### Disbursements:

Postage, supplies	106.00	
Sheriff contract	2,824.00	
Corp. fee	15.00	
Newsletters/Dir.	1,743.62	
Docks	100.00	
Trophies/Awards	106.52	
Water Bill	255.00	
Annual Mtg.	<u>43.19</u>	<u>5,194.33</u>

Balance, 1/1/07 \$ 6,623.48

Water Quality Fund Balance, 1/1/07 \$ 8,759.77

### Receipts:

Dues	1,060.00	
Cottage Tour	1,824.14	
Ice Out Contest	133.00	
Interest	<u>300.53</u>	<u>3,317.67</u>
		12,077.44

### Disbursements:

Watershed Comm	1,800.00	
Weed Harvester	898.90	
Ice Out Contest	290.10	
Cottage Tour	<u>151.96</u>	<u>3,140.96</u>
		8,936.48

Century Club Fund Balance, 1.1.07 \$ 11,490.51

### Receipts:

Interest	<u>394.21</u>	<u>394.21</u>
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### Disbursements:

None	<u>0.00</u>	
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Balance, 12/31/07 \$ 11,884.72

Total All Funds \$ 27,444.68

Checking Account, \$1,411.64

Money Market Account \$8,666.45

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*Wendell Fortier, Treasurer*

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## The Lake Carmi Regatta

We were surprised on the morning of July 19 to find marker flags in various parts of the lake. Rumors quickly spread about a last minute unofficial attraction to the Cottage and Garden Tour, scheduled a year ago.

Seven boats competed in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual race for the Lake Carmi Cup on a course layed out by coordinator Gordon Brevner of Montgomery with assistants Bob and Patty Anderson of Enosburgh Falls. The 2009 race will be announced in the July newsletter, as the leaders are seeking more entries for next year.

## Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

As a long time resident of Lake Carmi, I wish to thank the LCCA and the coordinator/contributors for the cottage and garden tour held on July 19.

It was a wonderful day to view cottages on our beautiful lake, make new acquaintances and benefit the LCCA projects.

Ginny Burleson, Hammond Shore

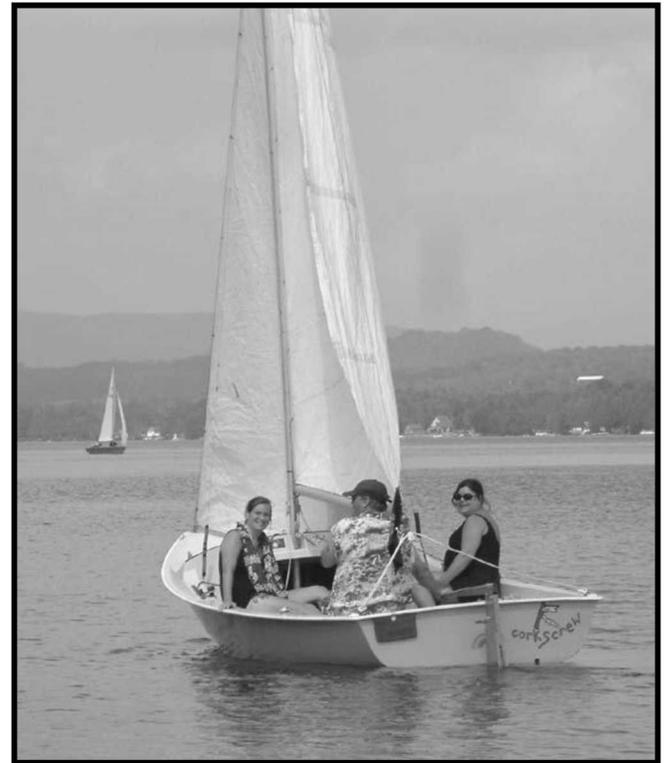
Dear Editor,

Just a quick note to let you know what a great job [we feel] you are doing with the newsletter, it seems each issue you have answers to things we have just been talking and wondering about. Thanks again.

The fireworks were wonderful, of course the great weather didn't hurt.

Joyce and I did the cottage tour, got to meet new neighbors, enjoyed the cottages, it was a fun time. Lyle and Joyce wanted you to know that they send their thanks too.

Mary & Leo Fortin, Dewing Shore



Captain Bob Anderson, first mate Patty of Enosburgh Falls and sailor Roxanne Brown Bender of Maryland are aboard the *Corkscrew*, off the island, on Saturday, July 19. They were heard to be singing the official Regatta song, a little known pirate song.

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- >Estate of Westley Ryea to Rosanne Rathburn & Thomas Ryea, Princeton, NJ, ( 65 Camp Road)
- >Linda Depatie to Stephen Depatie, Enosburgh Falls, VT, (123 Vic's Crossing)
- >Jeffrey & Stacey Choiniere to Kathy Morton, St. Albans, VT, (95 Shore Road)
- >Regina Sinozich to Maija Rejman, Silver Springs, MD, (52 Sanday Bay Road)
- >Valerie Sullivan, Trustee to David & Kathleen Emerson, Westford, VT, (400 Mullen Shore Road)
- >Luba Borsch to Andrew Semenak & Marguerite Stewart, Toronto, ON, (129 Scottish Lane)
- >Marian Wetherbee to Elizabeth Ann Green, Enosburgh Falls, VT, (524 Hammond Shore)
- >Estate of I. Boutler to William Boucher and Cartherine Fregeau-Boucher, Franklin, VT,
- >Laurent Estate to Dwayne Feeley & Beatrice Lussier, Enosburgh Falls, VT, (Hill Road)
- >Henry & Karen Cheney to Derick & Deborah White, So. Burlington, VT, (287 Westcott Shore)
- >Irmalee Kane to Jeffrey & Shannon Kane, Andre & Linda Gagne, Tom & Nancy Kane, David & Sherry Underwood, (659 Westcott Shore)
- >Edith Richards to Jeffrey & Ellen Richards, Barre, VT, (55 Kings Court)
- >Thomas Michel to Randy Farrar, Richford, VT (66 Jenne Drive)

## Deadline for Next Issue

The next issue of the Lake Carmi Association News will be published for mailing to all cottage owners about April 15. Materials including articles, classified advertising, and photos need to be delivered to the editor by March 20, 2009. Email your ideas or materials to Larry Myott , [lakecarminews@franklinvt.net](mailto:lakecarminews@franklinvt.net). Call Larry at 802.285.6718 (summer), 813.779.6195 (winter)..



## Fireworks Huge Success

The huge fireworks display of July 5 was the biggest event ever held at Lake Carmi. Shown here, at the north end boat launch setup, is (from left) Tom Oliver, pyrotechnician of NorthStar Fireworks of E. Montpelier, Franklin Fire Chief Howard Deuso, and LCCA committee members Tommy Michel, Steve Jewett and Larry Myott.

Donations from businesses in the area and local residents provided for the \$4,000 show. Cottage owners were amazed at the turnout, the boat traffic, and spectacular show, lasting about one half hour.

LCCA co-sponsors included Byam's Quick Stop, Feeley Well Drilling, Myott of Insurance, Progressive Auto, The Boat Headquarters, McDermott's Trucking, Desautel's Paving, Normand Gervais and Son Dairy Equipment, Green's ACE Hardware, James Mullen, Enosburgh Falls Lions Club, Stone's Texaco, Champlain Dairy Equipment, Champlain Valley Equipment, and Spear's Funeral Home.

Individual donors included the Aldrich Family, Helen Dever & Dieter Schelling, Ray & Hilda Hendrickson, Dan & Jackie Larivee, Christina Lesley, Paul Michel, Larry & Diane Myott, and

Bob & Lauren Young, all of Lake Carmi.

More than 100 boats were on the lake for the show, with hundreds of cars lining the highways with views of the lake.

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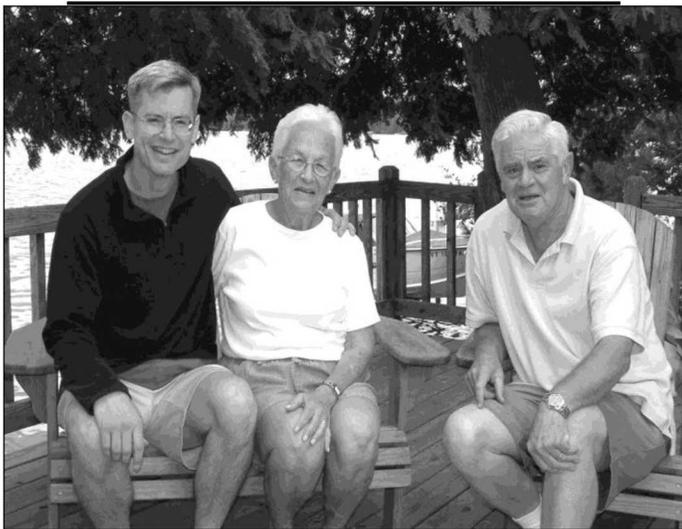
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### **Lt. Col. Michael Colburn Honored**



Mike Colburn (LEFT), 43, grew up at Lake Carmi. His parents Vern and Betty Colburn of St. Albans bought their Shore Road cottage in 1971 (when he was 6 years old). So Mike, his sisters and parents were fortunate enough to spend their summers on the lake.

In a recent conversation, on the deck overlooking the lake, he relived some memories of his summers, riding bikes, swimming, and getting into mischief he wouldn't divulge.

His memories include the many summer days with Clark and Betty Hubbard's children, of the same age. They were always playing at the lake or at the Hubbard's Franklin farm. One particular memory was the swim lessons at the lake with Erwin Weiss. Mr. Weiss taught generations of Lake Carmi families and friends to swim at the, then North Beach. He remembers a lot of music practice too, and the annual

talent show at the Franklin Town Hall.

Mike Colburn was the subject of a full page article in the *Burlington Free Press* on July 20. He is the director of "The President's Own Band." Col. Colburn was recently presented the Legion of Merit, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. This award is the 6<sup>th</sup> highest award that can be bestowed by the military.

The band is responsible for presenting the music for all White House functions and dignitary presentations. He noted that the biggest honor is to work with such professionals as make up the U.S. Marine Corps Band.

He is a 1982 graduate of BFA St. Albans. He joined the band in 1984 and became conductor in 2004. Colburn is now sharing the joy of Lake Carmi with his children, Jack, 14 and daughter Claire, 12. His wife, Nancy, is also a St. Albans native who has been coming to Lake Carmi since she was 17.

### **Successful Cottage and Garden Tour**

Helen Dever and Hilda Hendrickson send their very special thanks to the cottage tour hosts. Your generous hospitality in allowing more than 200 folks to visit your homes at Lake Carmi made for a big success. The gardens were spectacular! The cottages were all very special.

So many of the visitors commented on the diversity of the cottages and the history presented by their owners. Each cottage had spectacular views on

a magnificent summer day.

The LCCA and its host committee express a great thank you to the 2008

participants:  
The Yandow's,



O'Shea's, Paulsey's, Beightol's, Benevento's, Lothian's, Vachon's, and the King's.

Of course the restaurants play a major role, Jeff's Seafood, Chow Bella, and the Park Café, all of St. Albans. Halvey's, The Somerset Inn, and Subway all of Enosburgh Falls, and the Abbey of Sheldon.

Thank you to Melissa McKinstry and her staff at the Haston Library and Steve Jewett at Myott's Insurance Agency in Enosburgh Falls for helping to sell tickets.

We hope each and every host had as much fun as

your guests. We must mention the great creamees provided by the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant to each of the cottage tour participants, Thank you. David Larose, of Coca Cola, provided the bottled water to the cottages. What a fantastic community effort.

### **Why the Name, Lake Carmi?**

A question often asked, and few know the answer. Silver Lake was the original name, Franklin Pond followed. Many still call our lake Franklin Pond. But, we should inform them that it has been Lake Carmi since 1910 and it's time for them to catch up with the times.

In Thompson's book, *History of Vermont*, published in Burlington in 1842, it is written, "The township is injured very much by a large pond which lies near the center." Of course, at the time, the town was nearly all woodland and wilderness, life was very different from today. It is understood the main users of the lake were the local Indians.

So, how did we get the name Lake Carmi? The Marsh Family owned a farm at the south end of the lake. That farm is now the Lake Carmi State Park. Their son Carmi L. Marsh was born in 1842. He joined the 18<sup>th</sup> Vermont Volunteer Infantry of the Union Army to help fight the Civil War. Below is a photo of his grave marker at the Missisquoi Cemetery in Enosburgh Falls where his family is buried.



So why Lake Carmi? After the Civil War, Carmi Marsh's mother traveled to Virginia where she found a very sick and wounded son. She hired a local woman to nurse him back to health good enough to get him returned to his beloved home in Franklin, on the southern shore of the pond. [This of course meant travel by horseback, wagon or stage coach, a pretty rough ride.]

After recovery he farmed successfully for many

years and then went into business with the Kendall Spavin Cure Company in Enosburgh Falls, making and distributing horse medicine across the nation. He was a most successful businessman. He built a big house in Enosburgh, just south of the current Bob Young home on Main Street.

The Franklin history, published in 1989, tells us Carmi Marsh did not forget his beloved farm or Franklin and the soldiers who served in the Civil War with him. To show his appreciation to the men he served with, from the Town of Franklin, he presented the town with the large Soldier's Memorial Monument standing in Memorial Park in Franklin (formerly called Marsh Park).

In 1910, the year of his death, the Town of Franklin petitioned the Vermont Legislature to change the name of Franklin Pond to Lake Carmi in honor of the memory of Carmi L. Marsh. That name change was immediate upon the passage of the resolution that year.

The information provided in this article is mostly from *A History of Franklin*, by Martha Towle, 1989. Copies are available from the Town Clerk's Office or the Franklin Historical Society.

[Editors note: Why the name Carmi and not Marsh? Marsh would indicate a marshy or swampy area, certainly not the beautiful Lake that we are so privileged to be a part of today.]

### **From the Enosburgh Food Shelf**

Please don't kill the messenger, but believe it or not, summer's end isn't too far away. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July – which was spectacular on the lake this year – is barely visible in our rearview mirror. Back to School displays are popping up in all sorts of stores.

When you're going through your camps and figuring out what to do with that leftover, non-perishable food, please consider donating it to the Enosburgh Food Shelf. Our food shelf opened in October 2007, and we learned very quickly that there are many people in the area who are in dire need of help when it comes to just getting the basic staples of a healthy meal. Any help you can give would be very much appreciated.

We're also organizing a benefit lawn sale/flea market for sometime this fall, and we would be glad to accept any clean, useable items you no longer need and don't want to haul back home.

Feel free to drop off any food or lawn sale/flea market items at the County Courier office, located at 342 Main Street in Enosburg Falls, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Best wishes for a fun end of summer and a wonderful autumn,

**Ethan Dezotelle**

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Those membership materials include a membership card, window card for security purposes and identity to the authorities. In

case of emergency it includes the off season contact telephone numbers.

LCCA vice president and membership chair Helen Dever extends her thanks to all the folks who have volunteered and helped distribute membership materials. Many new members have been picked up as well.

There is always room for more volunteers, please let us know you'd like to help. She lists Anita Rogers, Olin Samson, Elaine Yandow and Norma King as new volunteers. The regulars also get special thanks for getting the job done, Marion & Peter

Benevento, Lee Abernathy, Ray Hendrickson, Cynthia Forsyth, Roger Vachon, Ruth Ann Kravesky, Debbie Bushey, Lee Davis, Larry Myott and, of course, Helen Dever.

The membership drive is still in progress. If you haven't yet gotten your membership materials, call Helen Dever, she'll pass the word to the volunteers.

Checks for membership should be mailed to Treasurer Wendell Fortier, 29 North Avenue, Richford, VT 05478. Make sure you send in your cottage address and emergency phone number for the winter. Please include your winter address too.

## Helene Lang is Beatrix Potter

*Beatrix Potter Revisited* is the title of Helene Lang's presentation at the Haston Library in Franklin on Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

She will use books, props, and a bibliography to present the life of Beatrix Potter, highlighting her artistic talent, her writing ability where every word is appropriate and perfectly arranged, and finally, her years as a country woman raising Herdwick sheep.

The presentation takes her from her Victorian childhood, through the years of her "little books," to her final thirty years of farming in England.

The program is sponsored by the Vermont Council on the Humanities, hosted at the Haston Library.

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