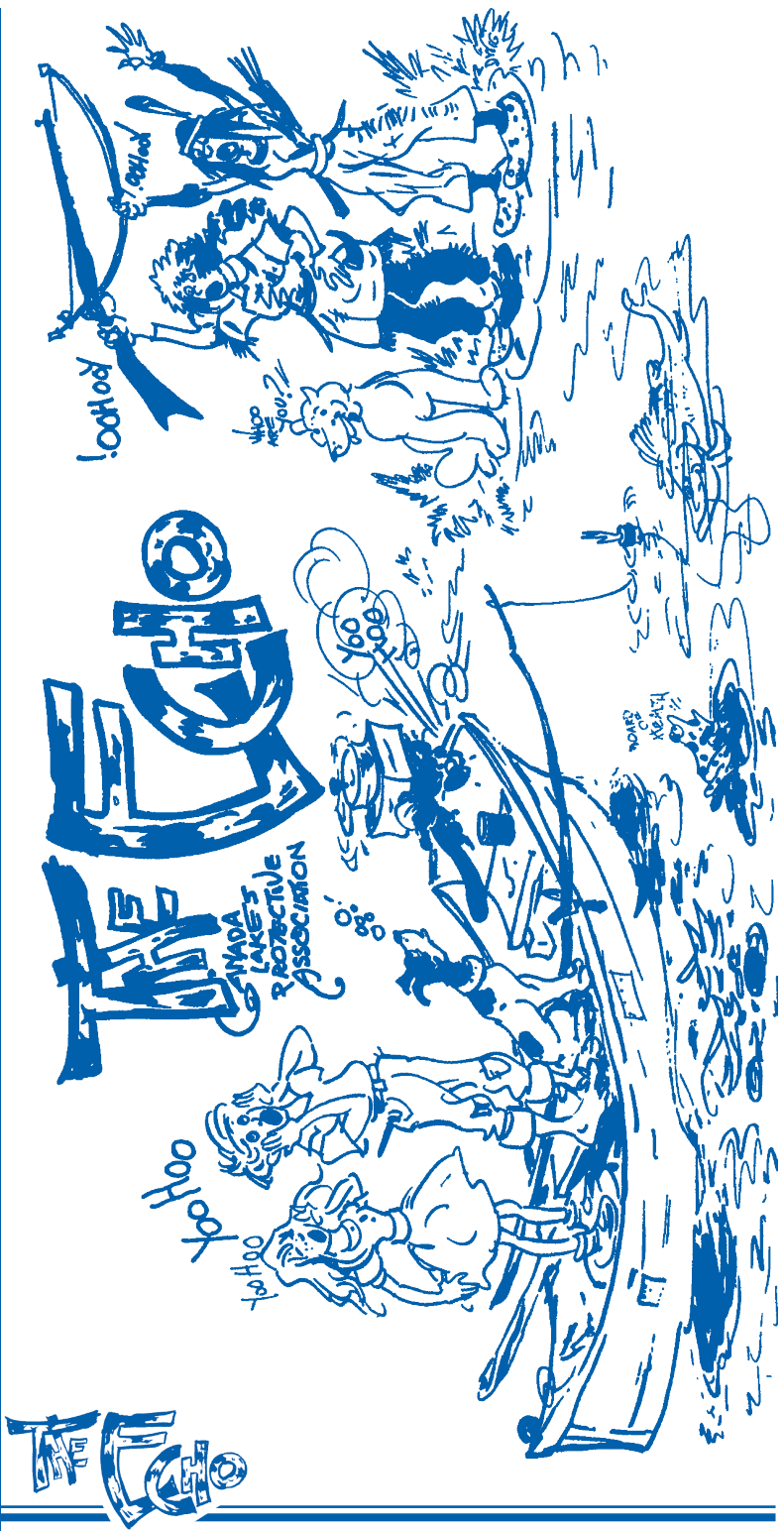


# SUMMER 2008



# Rules of the Waves

**We all can enjoy our lakes if we all work together**

*A reminder from the Town of Caroga Navigation Committee*

## IT IS COURTEOUS TO:

- Operate your craft in a manner which does not endanger others
- Operate your craft in a manner which avoids excess noise

## IT IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

- To keep your trash and litter out of the lake and it is the law
- To operate your craft away from weed beds
- To keep soap out of the lake



## BOATING REGULATIONS:

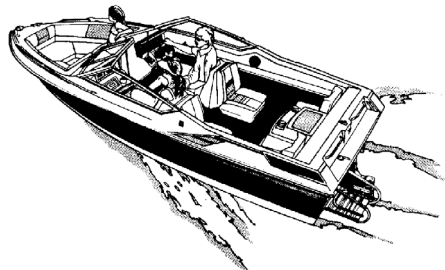
- Always ski with a spotter in the boat who is at least 10 years old
- Ski during daylight hours
- Maintain speed at or below 5 mph within 100' of shore, docks, skiers and swimmers, unless you are dropping off or picking up a skier
- Utilize navigation lights after sunset
- Provide an approved life jacket for everyone aboard the craft
- Vests must be worn by all children under 12
- A throwable life preserving device must be present in the boat
- Do not operate a craft while impaired by any drug or alcoholic beverage
- Engines on all crafts must be reasonably muffled
- Operators are responsible for any damage caused by their wakes



**For Emergencies Only  
Dial 911**

**For Information Call  
Sheriffs Department  
736-2100**

**IT IS EVERYONE'S  
RESPONSIBILITY TO  
USE COMMON SENSE  
AND ACT SAFELY**



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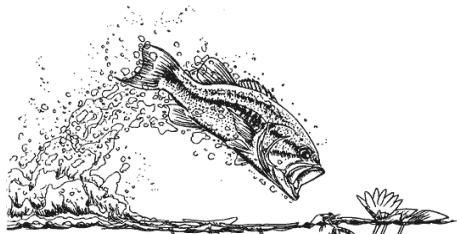
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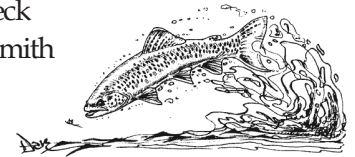
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## 2008 Committees

### Lake Activities

Linda Fake and Kristin Franz -  
Vice Presidents

### Flare Lighting

Bret Fielding - Co-Chair  
Jay Manning - Co-Chair  
Eric Manning

### Sailing

Courtney Young - Co-Chair  
Dick Loomis - Co-Chair

### Ski Clinic/Instruction

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Pete Lozier - Co-Chair  
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### Social Functions:

#### Ice Cream Social

Lane Franz - Co-Chair  
Kristin Franz - Co-Chair  
Dorothy Eifert  
Henry Eifert  
Carole Fisher  
David Fisher  
Dorothea Loomis  
Lois Miller  
Dixon Peters

#### Luncheon

Josie Roosevelt - Chair

#### Picnic

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Mike Cannon  
Mary Cannon

Dorothy Eifert  
Henry Eifert  
Brian Franz  
Kristin Franz  
Ken LaBelle  
Sherry LaBelle  
Charles Thompson  
Shawna Thompson  
Chuck Umstead  
Elayne Umstead

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Shawna Thompson  
Chuck Umstead  
Elayne Umstead

## ECHO SUBMISSIONS

**Remember, we don't have an Echo without input from lake residents.** Start thinking now about how you can contribute to the 2009 Echo. Stories and family news should be sent to Judy Moritz by March 15, 2009 (preferably by e-mail: [echo@carogalake.com](mailto:echo@carogalake.com)).

## Schedule of Events: Summer 2008

### June:

29 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Roosevelt Residence, 190 Fulton Rd

### July:

5 (Saturday) Kid's Beach Party/Activities Planning, 10:00 a.m.  
(Children 6 and under accompanied by an adult.)  
Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

5 (Saturday) Flare Lighting, 9:30 p.m.

12 (Saturday) CLPA Annual Meeting, 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Town of Caroga Municipal Building

16 (Wednesday) Ladies on the Lake Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.  
Location: Pine Lake Lodge

19 (Saturday) Water Ski and Wakeboard Clinic, 10 a.m.  
Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

26 (Saturday) 18th Annual CLPA Picnic, 1 p.m.  
Location: Cannon Residence, 230 Fulton Road

### August:

10 (Sunday) Tenth Annual Ice Cream Social, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Clark/Olm Residence, 216 Fulton Road

17 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Roosevelt Residence, 190 Fulton Rd

30 (Saturday) Flare Lighting, 9:00 p.m.

**Note:** Check the bulletin board on the porch of the Canada Lake Store for the youth calendar and updates and times of additional activities.

\* **Safe Boating Course:** June 28th and July 12th, Call Town Hall at 835-4211 to register.

## President's Message

As a lifetime boater, owning everything from a 35 foot cabin cruiser to a jet ski, my wife Josie and I have enjoyed owning several lake front properties including Florida, Sacandaga Lake, and now finally beautiful Canada Lake.

Our experience with the water level changes on the Great Sacandaga Lake encouraged us to look elsewhere in the Adirondacks. Due to the water level changes, we endured 8 years of pushing our dock in and out. The wheel falling off the dock was the breaking point, and the "For Sale" sign went up. We decided it was the time to sell and move to your beautiful paradise, Canada Lake. We have been at Canada Lake for 10 years. I think everybody laughed when we bought that run down building at 190 Fulton Road. After much hard work and too much money, we finally have our year-round home as we want it. Yes, I know I probably will be building or doing something more this year because, as my wife says, I can't sit still and relax. Our years on beautiful Canada Lake have probably been the best 10 years of my life. The people are so friendly whether you are walking the trails or on the water in your boat.

I was asked to be a CLPA director a couple of years ago but was not planning on being President later. Well, here I am hoping I can contribute to the lake association. We have adopted a liability insurance policy for coverage of all members and directors pertaining to any CLPA activities. Also, I am looking forward to hosting a meeting with the other lake associations to form a coalition to better our lakes.

I mentioned at my first directors meeting that the CLPA was not a policing agency for home or property issues between neighbors. I am pleased to report I believe all has been resolved with the exception of the "boat house" issues which are presently in court. Hopefully, this will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Thanks to the devoted efforts of Merryn and John Byrnes, we will continue to monitor the purity of the lake water. Also, Merryn's brother Bret Fielding has constructed a septic or holding tank pump-out boat for non-land accessible areas. I encourage everyone to keep our lakes'

purity a priority and contact Bret should the need arise. As I am writing this message we are experiencing another snow storm with wind. I think we have had enough! It is time for spring and another wonderful season on Canada Lake.



As a trustee of the Caroga Lake Museum, I encourage everyone to attend the social functions this year. We are expanding our museum in collaboration with the Adirondack Museum on Blue Mountain Lake. Included will be an exhibit of Nick Stoner and French Louie Seymour, Adirondack frontiersmen and guides. The Adirondack Museum is providing presentation expertise and loaning artifacts for our display. As we all know, Nick Stoner is a Fulton County icon.

Our new Town Supervisor, Gary Gifford, has resigned for personal reasons. I hope to continue our relationship with Bob Kane, the new interim town supervisor, and the town board.

I look forward to old friends returning to their summer homes for the 2008 season. I urge all residents to renew friendships with each other and make friends with our new neighbors as a few homes have changed ownership since last year. I also urge new residents to join CLPA and existing members to renew their memberships.

All CLPA members are invited to attend the annual meeting on Saturday, July 12th at Town Hall. I appreciate any suggestions as to the directions that we need to be moving toward in the future. I hope you plan to attend.

*Warren P. Roosevelt, Sr.  
CLPA President*

## Stewarts Landing Association Presidents Message

This has been a mild winter compared to last year. Although we had no major snow or ice storms, it was good for the snowmobiles and snowshoeing. Because of the heavy snow pack, the early Easter felt more like a celebration of Christmas.

As I write this, the lake is starting to open up and the first fly has been seen. We are still waiting for the red robin to announce the opening of summer.

Our regards to all,  
*Henry Eifert*

No...I Don't Know  
Who Wrote This.  
You Adirondackers  
Will Love This.....

### Adirondack Poem

It's winter in the Adirondacks  
And the gentle breezes blow  
Seventy miles an hour  
At thirty-five below.

Oh, how I love the Adirondacks  
When the snow's up to your butt  
You take a breath of winter air  
And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful  
So I guess I'll hang around  
I could never leave the  
Adirondacks  
Cause I'm frozen to the ground.

Submitted By *Anton Harazin*

## CLPA PICNIC

All members are invited to attend the 18th annual CLPA picnic. Please provide a covered dish to share, and plates and utensils for your own use. The CLPA provides soda, beer, hamburgers and hotdogs. Volleyball and games for younger children are provided. This has proven to be an entertaining event for all generations attending. We urge all members and their families to join us at the 2008 picnic scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, July 26 at Cannon's residence, 230 Fulton Road. Check the bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store for information and sign-up for adult special activities.

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR 911 NUMBER?

IS IT POSTED IN VIEW FOR  
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL?  
Contact the town clerk to find out  
what your number is.

## FIRE TIPS

- Have at least one fire extinguisher per building.
- Have a hose, with nozzle, hooked up to an outside faucet.
- Know where the nearest fire pump (red box) is located.
  - *Sonnenberg's at 624 West Lake Rd*
  - *Warren Dennie's at 342 South Shore Trail*
  - *Lichtneger's dock at 206 Dolgeville Point*
  - *In Bill Fielding's work boat*
- Know how to operate these pumps or ask any director for instructions.
- Call 911 for the Fire Department.
- Know your 911 number when you call.

## Lake Activities Report

What a difference a year makes...in more ways than one.

First and foremost, I thank each & every one of you who donated extra monies to the CLPA when renewing this year. For the past few years as the lake activities have become more popular, our budget has been strained, particularly when it comes to youth activities. Your generosity enabled us to make existing events even better and inspired us to create new activities for all to enjoy.

Secondly, I am so appreciative of the people who volunteered their time & resources to our lake events. While the "usual suspects" could be counted on, there were a number of new, yet familiar, faces helping us plan and carry out the schedule of events. I can only liken it to an infusion of new blood. Each year, we kick off the summer with a beach party for the kids at which we gather all of the adults present and finalize our plans for the summer. This is also when we have sign-ups for readers on the island, enlist volunteers to assist with pre-planned events and come up with new ideas. 2007's party was productive indeed; we encourage you to be in attendance at this coming year season get-together on Saturday, July 5th at 10:00AM at my home (1446 State Hwy 10 – near the store).

And how about those mice? I think that the mouse trap industry has never seen profits like it did this year, and the assortment of homemade contraptions was dazzling to say the least. My daughter nicknamed one "The Spinning Bottle of Terror". The entire North Country was besieged with pesky little rodents and we all had to get a little creative when it came to our extermination methods. We joked that we should have had a contest to see who caught the most mice over the summer and had the winner receive a pound of that great cheese that the store sells.

What a change in the precipitation patterns over the previous season. We had a spectacular summer weather-wise. The lake water warmed up quickly, even with the late exit of ice, and stayed that way long into October. Most of our lake activities were blessed with sunshine and warm temperatures and we only had to cancel one outdoor event. (Nothing puts a damper on an outdoor movie night like the fear of being struck by lightning.)

July started out with a bang; in some ways, literally. This year's Flare Night would go down as one of the most spectacular ever. The fireworks were fantastic. Big thanks to all of those anonymous donors who funded the fantastic display. Thanks to Bret Fielding & Jay Manning for lighting the island and risking life & limb to entertain us.

The Sailing Club put on two clinics July 2nd and 3rd; one for beginners and one for those adult seeking to improve their skills on the water. If you are interested in sailing this coming season, please contact Courtney Young or Dick Loomis.

Storytime on the Island resumed after the Fourth of July and was as popular as ever. On average, 2 dozen happy campers were in attendance each week. Our readers this year included Ashley Miller, Marty & Maggie Newell, Jenn Ackerbauer, Sue Ackerbauer, Merryn Byrnes, Elayne Umstead, Mary Peck and Maureen Offitt. Thanks go out to Bill & Dorothy Fielding who gave us use of one of their rental pontoon boats so that we could shuttle people back and forth. Due to the limited dock space on the island, we need to "boat-pool" (thanks for driving Merry!) when possible. If you need a ride, please call me or meet me at my camp at 10:45AM. The more, the merrier!

We had an eco-friendly Kids' Krafttime this summer. Leftover salvaged slate pieces from our previous hearth were re-used and found new life as welcome signs for camps

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around the lakes. Mary Peck and Maureen Offitt helped our happy little campers find their inner Bob Timberlake and paint a welcoming scene on the stone pieces. Once again, the Peck's were kind (and brave) enough to invite slews of children with paint to their home on Green Lake. Thank you!

One of our new activities this summer was letterboxing. For those of you who have never heard of it before, it is a combination of artistry & treasure hunting. Participants seek out hidden boxes by following clues

and then record their discovery with a rubber stamp in a log journal that is contained within the letterbox. (If you log onto [www.atlasquest.com](http://www.atlasquest.com) you can learn about this international phenomenon.) Mary Cannon put her creative talents to use and enlisted her dog, Robbie, as our official mascot of the event. He clued us into letterbox locations via the CLPA bulletin board. Mary also created journals for everyone to record their discoveries in. The kids had a great time searching out letterboxes hidden everywhere from Nine Corner to Irving Pond. Sadly, someone destroyed the box hidden on Nick Stoner Island, disappointing many children who hoped to get their journals marked.

Speaking of the island, I will use this opportunity to ask for your cooperation in maintaining the beauty and usability of Nick Stoner Island. This summer saw a marked increase in the amount of garbage and debris left behind by visitors to the island. Nick Stoner Island is a "take-in/take-out" site so if you bring beverages or food items out to the island, please take all of your bottles, cans & containers back home with you. Do not leave them behind or attempt to burn them.

Also, there are no restrooms facilities on the island. Please do not leave behind personal hygiene products or diapers. Now I'll get off of my soapbox and onto the rest of the fun stuff.

Over 120 people attended our annual picnic at Mike & Mary Cannon's this past summer. The weather was perfect and the food was delicious as always. Every year I get to meet new people and make new friends and this year was no exception. Mike & Mary have graciously offered to host the

2008 picnic (amazing what hypnosis will do), so make plans to stop on by July 26th. The CLPA provides hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and place settings, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert and a hearty appetite.

This past year's water ski/wakeboard clinic was scheduled for July 28th and the weather looked a little iffy but cleared just in time for the boats to head out at 10AM. Over 30 kids kept the guys busy until late afternoon. While some learned how to ski for the first time, others worked on improving their technique or expanding their repertoire of wakeboard tricks. Remember, the clinic is for all ages so if it has been a while since you slipped your foot into a ski boot or you have always wanted to try, stop on by. As a matter of fact, we really could use another ski boat and set of instructors. If you're interested in helping out this year, mark July 19th on your calendar.

Aargh me maties! Back (again) by popular demand, the shores of Canada Lake were invaded by pirates the first weekend in August. We had planned a Pirate Movie Night on the Lawn at Alan & Mary Peck's

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*John Peck and Ashley Miller at Kid's Krafttime*

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the Friday night before but due to a massive line of thunderstorms, it had to be cancelled. A local high school let us borrow their DVD projector so that we can show movies outside under the stars. We had a trial run earlier in the week and the kids loved it even more than a drive-in movie. Look for more movie nights during the summer of 2008 for all ages.

August 4th brought almost 70 wee little buccaneers and their landlubber escorts to Treasure Beach for a day of fun and games.



Michael Ulmstead getting ready to "Set Sail" with his family for the Pirate Party

As each child entered the pirate's lair, they were given a swig of "rum", tattooed, given a new pirate name and received a pirate-themed bracelet. They then moved on to our souvenir photo station. While the Polaroid's developed, the kids made magnetic photo frames to insert the pictures into. From there, they customized their own pirate hats, decorated with baubles & jewels. "Talk Like

a Pirate Class" was a big hit once again and was followed by "Pirate Storytime". We even made the local paper and "Lake Country" magazine. Bill Ackerbauer of the Leader-Herald happened to be in attendance with his sons and submitted photographs. His musical talents also came in handy when we did the "Pirate Limbo" contest. One of my buccaneer buddies said, "Gee, you know, it is too bad we don't have any limbo music." Next thing we know, Bill appears with his guitar and starts playing. Too cool! Each child was sent home with a pirate goodie bag full of treats from the treasure hunt and pirate themed toys & rings. Judging from the response, a fourth annual party will be planned for next summer.

On August 11th, John & Merryn Byrnes led a nature hike up to Irving Pond (the major inlet for Canada Lake). If you have never been, it is a scenic, short hike up from Nick Stoner Golf Course (watch out for low-flying, errant golf balls!). John brought preserved specimens of clean water vs. dirty water insects and the kids search turned out to be very fruitful as they discovered live specimens of every clean water bug & grub. This is further proof of the excellent water quality that we enjoy on the Canada Lakes. We took the long way back, hopping from rock-to-rock down the streambed and a good time was had by all.

The next day was our annual ice cream social, and the weather (once again) could not have been better. Nothing brings out the little kid in all of us like rainbow sprinkles. Thanks go out to Dixon Peters and Wesley Franz for scooping away the afternoon. Be sure to join us next year for another chance to fill your belly with lots of Stewart's yummy ice cream.

Our last craft activity started with a hike up Kane Mt. to gather the appropriate materials and get some great exercise. Lois Miller led the group and helped the children

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create terrariums from the plant material they gathered along the way.

The summer events concluded with a Kids Field Day at the Clark/Olm camp on Fulton Road. The children (and grown-ups) enjoyed badminton, volleyball, water balloon tosses and playing in the water.



Kane Mountain Climb

We brought over the leftovers from our ice cream social and basically ate ice cream for breakfast & lunch. Not a bad life!

In closing, thank you to all of those lakeside friends who helped make this one of the best summers ever. The personal connections that we develop & nurture during these events serve us well, both now and in the future, here on the Canada Lakes. Until we meet again...blessings to you & your families.

Linda Fake

### FISH CATCHES

PLEASE REPORT YOUR FISH  
CATCHES AT THE STORE.  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL  
WHERE YOU CAUGHT THEM,  
JUST THE SIZE.

### Flare Safety

Just as you would attend a campfire, please be watchful when you light your flares for the 4th of July & Labor Day. There have been incidences on the lake where docks have caught fire and sustained significant damage.

## Fishing Report

Most fishing in Canada, Green, and West Lakes continue to improve. Both small mouth and large mouth bass are reproducing at a very steady rate, with many fingerlings noticed along our shorelines.

According to the state, lake trout and brown trout are still being stocked in Canada Lake each year. As a result of gill netting done by the state, there is no evidence that these trout are reproducing. Because conditions in our lakes are conducive to walleye and pike reproducing, I have asked the state if we could introduce them. If this were to be done by the state, it would require more years of testing by the state. Can we as a Canada Lake association stock walleye or pike on our own? The answer is yes. I have a stocking permit application, and I also have the New York State fish hatchery listings.

These fish are available in various sizes, with length being proportional to price per fish. Stocking can be done at a very reasonable rate. If you are interested in stocking fish that are likely to reproduce in our lakes, please contact me or other members of the fishing committee.

John Plantz

### HEALTH WARNING ADIRONDACK FISH CONSUMPTION

In 2005, the NY State Department of Health issued a warning urging that women of child-bearing age and children under 15 avoid eating largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, pickerel, walleye, and larger yellow perch from all water in the Adirondack mountain region because of mercury contamination. Trout, catfish, smelt and other popular food fish have not been found to have elevated mercury levels. Mercury can affect a developing nervous system in a fetus, infants and young children, according to the state Health Department.

## Water Quality Report

### **Invasive Species Update**

When I attend the NY State Federation of Lake Association (NYFOLA) meetings and see that most of the poster sessions are related to invasive species and the majority of the booth vendors are advertising equipment or products that claim to help eradicate invasive species, I realize how incredibly fortunate we are, as residents of Canada Lake, Green Lake, West Lake or Stewart's Landing, that our waters have not yet been invaded by aquatic invasive species (excessive weeds, zebra mussels, etc.).

How could we be so lucky? Is it where we are located? Is it how big or deep our lake is? Is it something we are or are not doing? Does it have anything to do with the lake chemistry?

It's not the location, as Caroga Lake is battling invasives. It is not size or depth, as the deep Finger Lakes are dealing with them. Invasive species are numerous in the Great Lakes, and they are found in small, shallow ponds. There is no real proof that our lakes' water chemistry is keeping invasives at bay. So, I believe the answer is **YES, we have been very lucky.**

Invasive aquatic species are foreign organisms that quickly spread in large numbers in a new habitat where their natural predators are absent, and thus decrease a lake's recreational assessment and aesthetic beauty. So, what can we do to keep these harmful weeds out of our lakes? Here are some suggestions:

- *Conduct a survey of our lakes.* In 2006, the Water Purity Committee initiated an Aquatic Invasive Species survey for the Adirondack Park Invasives Plant Program. However, it is getting off to a very slow start. Most of our shoreline has yet to be surveyed. The main reason is that we are lacking volunteers to sample their shorelines. We will be holding one training session in early July for those interested. You may either swim or boat along your shore to collect specimens to analyze. Contact the Water Purity Committee if you are interested.
- *Be on the look out.* If you observe a weed in the lake that you believe may be invasive, please place a sample in a

zip-lock bag and bring to anyone on the Water Purity Committee for identification. The water committee also has pamphlets to help you know what you are looking for. You can also access a quick, easy guide at <http://www.hamiltoncountyswcd.com/AqPlantBroc.pdf> or learn more at <http://adkinvasives.com>.

- *Inspect boats entering our lakes for any attached plant and animal matter.* If your boat visits any waters other than ours, inspect your boat before launching in our lakes to be sure there are no plant fragments or zebra mussels attached to the boat or motor. Be responsible for inspecting any other boats owned by visiting family or friends, as well. The best practice to remove particles is to thoroughly wash your boat, preferably by pressure washing. Dispose of any material in the garbage away from water bodies.

These simple procedures could save us an enormous amount of time, money and frustration in the future. Please be vigilant.....

### **Bacteria Monitoring Program - 2007 Season**

The CLPA has successfully conducted its first season of bacteria monitoring since the implementation of its own bacteria monitoring protocol (published in the 2007 Echo) in July. Our committee collected approximately 50 samples at various shoreline locations throughout the summer. Of these samples, four locations showed repeated elevated total coliform levels. Total coliforms include bacteria that are found in the soil, in water that has been influenced by surface water, and in human or animal waste. Additional samples were collected at these four locations and analyzed for Escherichia coli (E. coli) bacteria, the best indicator of fecal pollution from septic systems. Each of these samples showed levels of E. coli bacteria well below 200 counts/100ml, which is the NYS Health Dept Swimming Guidance Level for public beaches. This means that none of the locations tested showed signs of septic pollution at the time they were sampled. Keep in mind, however, the time of sampling, recent rain events and the specific

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spot along shore the actual sample was collected are all factors that could alter results for a given area.

### **You can help to prevent harmful bacteria from entering our lake:**

- Make sure your septic system is functioning properly. If you don't know if your septic is in good working order, schedule an engineer to inspect your system.
- Follow a regular pumping schedule. A pumping service is now available for all septic tanks that can only be accessed by boat. Contact Bret Fielding at 835-2143 for more information.
- Maintain your septic system. Review the tips published on Page 47 of your 2005 CLPA Directory, and on the last page of your 2006 Echo.

### **CSLAP Program - 2006 Season**

It is finally time to report on the water quality of our lakes in 2006, the year of the Flood. As a reminder, we are typically two years behind in reporting the results from samples collected due to the extended time frame for analysis by the laboratory, then final reporting by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). DEC typically submits the report to the CLPA in late spring or early summer, after the Echo has gone to print.

The 2006 water quality report for Canada Lakes indicated that compared to previous sampling seasons, water clarity was lower than normal, and phosphorous readings were higher than normal. This is not surprising, since flooding is a result of a lot of rain and heavy runoff. Runoff brings an increase in sediments to the lakes, reducing the clarity of the water, as we all witnessed for the remainder of the summer. Phosphorus is introduced from an increase in sediment from runoff and shoreline erosion, as well as from runoff of chemicals from lawn fertilizers and leaking or overflowing septic systems, all of which likely occurred to some extent as a result of the flood.

Phosphorous readings in our lakes have historically been significantly below state guidance values. This is most likely the main reason for the usual good clarity and lack of weeds that make our lakes so aesthetically

pleasing. Remember that we have a beautiful lake now, but that can change very quickly if we don't take care of it. The most important thing we can do for the lake is limit phosphorous inputs via septic tanks, lawn fertilizers, stormwater runoff, soil loss, and other materials loading to the lake. This means:

- Limit or eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides on your lawns and gardens. Consider using organic fertilizers, especially those with less phosphorous. The phosphorus levels of the soils in this area are typically not lacking to begin with.
- Plant shrubs, bushes and other vegetation along your shoreline to prevent erosion and minimize surface runoff.
- Maintain your septic system. See tips on Page 47 of the 2005 Directory and last page of 2006 Echo.
- Do not feed the waterfowl. Waterfowl introduce nutrients to the lake through their feces.

Other parameters such as chlorophyll and pH were slightly higher than normal, and water conductivity was slightly lower than normal. Again, this was most likely a result of the flooding.

Overall, recreational assessments of our lakes for the 2006 season ranged from somewhat impaired to pleasant, with most assessments being similar to the previous years, placing them again mostly in the 'could not be nicer' category, despite the flood. The results of the following 2007 sampling season are yet to be reported, and will show if any of these variations from the normal results were limited to the flood event or if these variations become a new trend we will need to watch.

Future goals of the Water Purity Committee include collaborating with other monitoring programs being conducted on our lakes to get the best possible information, as well as researching new programs/methods for monitoring the lakes' water quality. As always, we are looking for residents to help with all of our efforts.

Merryn Byrnes



# PERMITS

Permits are required by the Town of Caroga for the following, but are not limited to:

- Demolition
- Swimming Pools
- Heating Devices
- Tanks
- Certificate of Compliance
- New Construction
- Signs, Awnings, Canopies
- Garages, Carports
- Plumbing
- Mobile Homes
- Building
- Additions
- Subdivisions
- Sheds
- Chimney Repairs
- Certificate of Occupancy
- Excavation
- Alterations
- Roofs
- State Environmental Quality Reviews
- Fences
- Decks
- Windows
- Renovations

## SANITATION AND HOLDING TANK REGULATIONS

As of June 2003, drawings from an architect or other licensed professional are needed for new installations, repairs, alterations to septic systems and holding tanks. Sanitation permit cost is \$25.

Local Law requires owners of a holding tank to have it emptied by June 1st of each year and/or when it becomes 75% full or except on appeal to the Sanitation Officer. Proof of pumping must be provided to the town clerk by August 1st of each year.

For a list of registered sanitation pumping businesses, contact the Caroga Town Clerk or the Town Sanitation Officer at 835-4211.

## Canada Lake Sailing Club

A veritable armada of vessels roiled the waters of Canada Lake during the 2007 CLSC sailing season. Well, actually, a total of 8 Sunfish sailors participated during the summer—familiar faces all: Perennial favorite, Commodore Court Young and his Commodaughter, Amanda Ward; Co-commodore and CLSC Art Historian Allen Farber; sleepy-eyed Dan Lawrence and occasionally his sister, Lisa of the long tresses; CLSC Treasurer and Choreographer Nancy Long; and Commodore-No-More Dick Loomis (soon to become Commodore-Once-More in 2008, sharing the duties with Court). Even Tim Mahoney showed up once at the starting line.

Often, a flashing Mylar sail dissected the fleet as Bob Lawrence performed screaming reaches on his sailboard through the sluggardly Sunfish. He wasn't competing, merely humiliating us. Mary Kate Farber started and scored the races and barked orders from Franzport, for which we are all most grateful.

Ideally we race four Saturdays each month, and awards are given for the July and August series based on participation and race results. Since Dan Lawrence was the only sailor who came out for both Saturdays we sailed in July, he was declared the winner of the July series. August was a bit more competitive. Nine races were sailed over three weekends and Commodore Court took first place honors with a low total of 1.1 points. Followed by Dick Loomis in second—1.5; Nancy Long, third—2.07; Allen Farber, fourth—3.07; and Dan Lawrence, fifth—3.25. As you can see, some positions were hotly contested—fourth and fifth positions by only 18/100 of a point!

Hopefully '08 will bring more sailors out of the woods and onto the lake. If you are interested in joining us, please attend the Sailors Meeting, July 4, 10 a.m. at the Farber camp, Ficklebrook. We will discuss the season activities, including sailing lessons and clinics, and collect dues—\$10 per Sunfish. Hope to see you there!

*Dick Loomis*



# Summer 2008 Calendar

**Friday, July 4**

Sailors Meeting  
at Allen Farber's camp, 10 am

**Saturday, July 5**

Fourth of July Races

### July Series Races

#### Saturdays

<b>July 12</b>	Races 1, 2 & 3
<b>July 19</b>	Races 4, 5 & 6
<b>July 26</b>	Races 7, 8 & 9
<b>August 2</b>	Races 10, 11 & 12

### August Series Races

#### Saturdays

<b>August 9</b>	Races 1, 2 & 3
<b>August 16</b>	Races 4, 5 & 6
<b>August 23</b>	Races 7, 8 & 9
<b>August 30</b>	Races 10, 11 & 12

**Sunday, August 31**

Blueberry Brunch & Awards  
at the Long/Loomis camp, 10 am

All Races start at 2 pm from Franzport.

Cancelled Saturday races will be sailed the next day, Sunday, whenever possible.

**SAILORS MUST  
WEAR LIFE VESTS  
WHEN RACING IN  
CLSC EVENTS**

## Canada Lake Store & Marine News

November was an unusually frigid month in 2007 so Canada Lake froze in the first week of December, more than a month earlier than last year. In spite of all the rain & freezing rain that seemed to fall weekly during the course of the season, everyone could somehow engage in their favorite cold weather activity. To date the snowfalls have not been significant but accumulated enough for some roofs to be shoveled.

In December our marine mechanics, Howard Dutcher & Chris Piehuta, went to Mercury School in Philadelphia to be updated on the four stroke Mercury engines. They've been busy installing new boat floors, performing gel coat repair, and fixing marine engines during



the winter months. Hope Piehuta has been tending the store four days a week as well as handling her secretarial duties for the marine business.

With the clock springing ahead so early now, it's time for us to spring into action too. People are stopping in, the phone is ringing, & the e-mails are coming in regarding boat, motor, & trailer sales as well as boat & camp rentals. Awaiting the warm weather, the new water toys are stocked, particularly the O'Brien Wakeskate for surfing behind ski boats. In the gift shop, we've added Northern Wilderness Adventure books that come with cute stuffed animals and also we have a laminated version of the Adirondack Map Poster available. Also to treat your pet, fancy flavored dog biscuits that are made locally will be featured.

Our store staff for the summer of 2008 is as follows:

Kari Clavette - Dolgeville  
Ashley Foster - Salisbury  
Kristina Gardiner - Pine Lake  
Nicole Jarvis - Bleecker  
Kelsey Palcovic - Caroga Lake  
Christian Rohrs - Gloversville  
Mackensie Rohrs - Gloversville  
Brittany Sprung - Caroga Lake  
Katie Sullivan - West Lake  
Sam Sydow - Gloversville

In January, Merryn, John, Anika, Kaelyn & I had a marvelous time in Utah visiting the rest of the family who work at The Canyons ski resort in Utah. Thanks to Papa (Bill) & Aunt Heather, Anika & Kaelyn are enthusiastic skiers now. Merryn has also taken on many responsibilities in improving the operation of the store, and we are most grateful for her dedication. After a fall of exciting river raft guiding in West Virginia, Heather resumed ski instructing at The Canyons. She'll be back to operate The Lake Effect Café this summer (refer to her news). Last fall, Eric was hired by Air Tran airlines which is based in Atlanta. He plans to spend as much time as he can at the lake this summer. Bret will help us in the marina again after another winter on The Canyons ski patrol staff. Along with his O'Brien demo program, he will be selling a tournament ski boat line for the passionate water sports enthusiasts. His septic tank barge service will also resume operation (refer to his news).

As our 35th summer approaches we want to thank our loyal customers & friends for their support & friendship throughout the years and let them know that we wouldn't be here without all of you. We hope you all have a very relaxing, pleasant summer at our beautiful Canada Lakes, hopefully without so many mice!

*Bill & Dorothy*

## Lake Effect Café News

With just a few more weeks left of an incredible ski teaching season, I've been having dreams of this coming summer, and fresh ideas for The Lake Effect Cafe.

Growing up on the lake, Memorial Day weekend always felt like the kick off to summer. The Cafe will be open for that weekend and holiday. I look forward to reuniting with you as the camps around the lake re-open for the summer.

After the Holiday weekend, I will be traveling to Idaho for another rafting trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. I feel very fortunate to be invited on this section of protected river corridor.

The Lake Effect Cafe will then be open for the summer 8am-5pm from June 26th through September 1st. You can expect all the great treats you have loved in the past, as well as other new daily surprises (except Wednesday, when I am closed). With the addition of a new appliance in my kitchen, I plan to offer special orders of baked goods, pies and salads for your parties or just special treats to share with your neighbors. As always, pies by the slice will be available Fri, Sat and Sun.

I would like to extend a big Thanks to all the musicians who played for the "Pickin' on the Porch". Let's keep that tradition as the Cafe starts its 5th summer. We will have music every Thursday and Saturday from 2-5pm.

Thank you also to everyone who helped me to turn this old Post Office space into something fun and very special to me.

*Heather Fielding*

## Canada Lake Barge Service Newsletter

Statistics:

- 16 Service Calls to 13 Canada Lake Residents
- Pumped 6950 Gallons of Septic Waste
- Facilitated the replacement of 4 septic systems

## Canada Lake Barge Service Newsletter

- Transported 2 new septic systems to Dolgeville Point
- Transported 1 track hoe to Dolgeville Point
- Transported several new power poles to the south shore

I am happy to report this news to the residents of Canada Lake. The first summer for the Canada Lake Barge service has been a success. I am proud to be offering this service for our lake. I have felt it has been needed for a long time and your positive response has been great.

To all the residents who took advantage of the pumping service, I thank you for your business, and I thank you for thinking about the quality of our lake. We are all so fortunate to have Canada Lake in our lives. Let's make sure we give back to the lake that has given us so much.

I would be happy to take a look at anyone's septic system and give my opinion on its condition and any recommendations I have for service. I have learned much in my first pumping season and have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly.

I hope to take the barge on the road in the future to offer my services to other lakes in the area that have residents with no road access and similar needs.

*Bret Fielding*

### GARBAGE PICKUP

All garbage must be placed in clear plastic bags which may also be placed in a 20 gallon can with handle locks to keep animals out.

Garbage may not include recyclables or trash such as diapers, kitty litter, yard debris. These items can be taken to the Transfer Station. Special hazardous waste collections are scheduled by the town or county.

See Town of Caroga Directory for transfer station hours.

## Snowmobilers and the Economy

My parents have a camp on Green Lake, so I guess I'm kind of a shoe-string contributor. I'd like to talk to you about what's happening with snowmobiling in the Adirondack Park. Years ago (in the 70's when my hair was a different color than it is now), there were over 1300 miles of snowmobile trail in the park. In the 90's there was a voluntary cap of 848+ miles of trails. These trails connect communities together and are an economic engine for businesses and municipalities during the winter months.

Currently, the APA is trying to set a hard cap on miles based on this 848 mile figure (which many snowmobile clubs dispute as inaccurate). This cap would not take into effect lands purchased by the state and added to the park. As an example, if the state buys land that currently has 50 miles of trail on it, those trails would go away or other trails would have to be closed, severing connections between areas to stay under this cap.

We feel that the cap should be adjustable to account for lands gained as opposed to penalizing businesses, municipalities and snowmobiling tourists. There are certain groups within the park that are opposed to any motorized use. Snowmobiles ride on a blanket of snow and do not destroy or change the Park as opposed to hiking, mountain biking, ATVs and so on. Current snowmobile technology

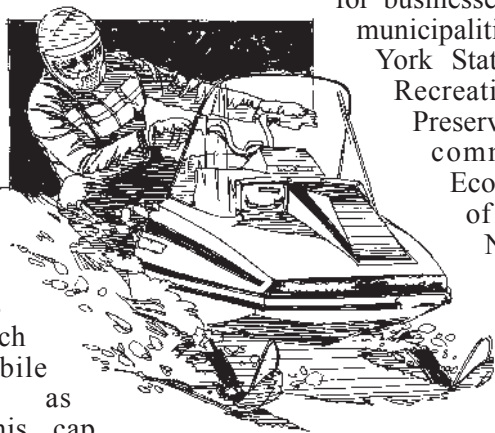
has snowmobiles running cleaner than ever before. In fact, all major manufacturers have already exceeded the minimum standards for pollution set by the Environmental Protection Agency for 2010.

Bottom line, for a lot of communities in the Adirondacks, snowmobiling is their lifeline during the winter months. Snowmobilers buy fuel, oil, parts, food; rent hotel rooms/cabins and so on, generating income for businesses and taxes for the municipalities. In 2003, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) commissioned an Economic Impact Study of Snowmobiling in New York State. This study concluded that the economic impact of snowmobiling in New York State was \$875,000,000 per year. I can only assume that these figures have increased since then.

We, the snowmobilers of New York State, need your assistance when this issue rears its head. Please don't allow a small group of people to decide how and when the rest of the citizens of New York State can use the Park without your input. For more information on this issue and other snowmobile related issues, please go to [www.nyssnowassoc.org](http://www.nyssnowassoc.org).

Gary J. Broderick  
Vice-President, New York State  
Snowmobile Association

E-mail: [NiagaraDirector@frontiernet.net](mailto:NiagaraDirector@frontiernet.net)



## Sherman's Remembered, 1943

It was one of those very pleasant summer evenings. Somehow we had arrived at Sherman's at Caroga Lake. We had a couple dollars in our pockets and were looking forward to a fun time with the array of amusements prominently displayed along the "midway", anchored by the famous Sherman's Yellow Popcorn stand with its very attractive blonde attendant, and at the other end by the music of the Merry-Go-Round, with its carved (from Germany) wooden animals, and the "brass ring grab". And then there was the Dance Hall with the Lester Lanin orchestra blaring on the second floor above the restaurant.

Sherman's beach and rental boats were closed after dark. Strolling down the midway we were heading for the Arcade when we met some friends and decided to ride the bumper cars – what fun! You needed eyes in the back of your head to try to evade your attackers! Then there was the shooting gallery! (With .22 rifles!) It seemed easy to hit the targets, but they wouldn't fall down. Likewise at the baseball throw.

Finally we entered the Arcade with its myriad coin-operated gadgets, from the toy derrick that refused to pick up anything, to the boxing ring where you would swerve your boxer in position to activate the two fists in hopes of landing the lucky blow to the chin which toppled your opponent. Fortunes were forecast by the Gypsy in her faded bandana, and friends would get you to try another pinball machine, or the football or baseball game. Yikes we're out of nickels! Back to the popcorn stand! Someone mentions your name, and several new acquaintances are made. We amble up the long stairway overlooking the lake to the Dance Hall. The band knows what we want to hear and effortlessly grinds out the big band

hits (In the Mood, String of Pearls) as we hug and twirl the evening away.

Where has the time gone? We get rides to take our dance partners back to their camps. After saying our "good nights" and "see you again soon", we walk the road with a wonderful anticipation of the next visit to Sherman's; the evening has cast its magic spell. We revel in the youthful joy of making new acquaintances, and wonder what will happen next time. Our youthful thoughts seem reflected by the lake as we rest in the reflected moonbeams. Then, calls of loons punctuate the solitude. What are they saying to each other? What are they saying to us? The moon is suddenly shielded by high, wispy clouds, then reappears, brighter and larger than before...

And then, faraway, we hear sounds of the warplanes, getting ready...

Dick Ireland

*Dick Ireland, currently of Southborough, Massachusetts and Canada Lake, his brother Bob, three brothers-in-law, three cousins, and most of his high school friends (Johnstown High School, Class of '43) served in the Armed Forces in World War II. Many were in the "Great Crusade" invasion of Europe. Three were killed, four severely wounded, losing feet or limbs, due to landmines.*

*Dick was trained in aviation ordinance and combat aircrew and went to the Pacific aboard CVE 68, the Kalinin Bay, as occupation forces. Don Curtis, of Johnstown and West Stoner Lake, landed at Omaha Beach with the 10th Mountain Division and fought on up to Norway. The late Fred Saunders, also of Johnstown and Canada Lake, served in Alaska and later developed the Royal Mountain Ski Area.*

## The Year of the Mouse

### Hungry for Flip Flops:

From **Roxy O. Babcock**: After fighting with the mice all summer we finally closed for the season. I carefully got rid of anything edible, (even though they ate my flip flops during the summer) and taped the kitchen cabinets shut so they would not be tempted to run though them yet again.

Between the dryer sheet and carefully putting things away I thought at last I had the upper hand. Upon our next visit to the lake in the winter to check on things, we discovered the refrigerator had been left ajar with a small plastic bag containing a few coffee beans. The mice had eaten the beans and left their calling cards. Just what we need, mice with more energy.



### Look Before You Pour:

The **Petrie-Davis** camp trapped about 80 mice. Jane caught one in the living room with a plastic container; that one had a reprieve. Hilary was sleeping in the bunkhouse when she felt something snuggle up in the small of her back. It was a mouse. She stopped sleeping in the bunkhouse after that. Another time, a mouse ate one of her chocolate bars and was in a doped stupor. It stayed that way for two days and finally succumbed.

The worst story is the olive oil disaster. I had a large can of olive oil and misplaced the top. I put aluminum foil tightly around the top. The next week when I went back to the lake I decided to make eggplant parmesan. When I poured olive oil in the fry pan, a horrible, putrid smell arose. We took the can outside and discovered a

bloated dead mouse floating in the oil. Because of that experience, I don't think I'll ever buy a large can of olive oil again. It's nice to be able to look inside the bottle.

### Pail/Ramp/Peanut Butter/Water:

From **Dick & Judy Arthur**: Last year, as everyone knows, there was a bumper crop of mice. During the month of August alone, we caught 52 mice in the crawlspace, and we were gone for the first week! We have a cat so you would assume mice might avoid the first floor, but our timid cat came across one and chased it into the bathroom under the baseboard heat. We locked the cat in the bathroom for about two hours, checked in and noticed the sleeping cat near the baseboard (mouse still in hiding). Relieved of his duties, I set the usual trap (Pail/ramp/peanut butter/water), went to bed and the next morning, sure enough, the mouse was in the water at the bottom of the pail. Swimming was never an attribute of mice.

### Praise for the Breed:

From **J B Breen**: Praise for the breed! Although the AKA is slow to recognize the Jack Russell terrier as a legitimate breed for the Westminster Show, Canada Lake should extol the breed. Macushla and gentle Annie Breen have done yeoman-like service presenting numerous corpus delictus of the Canada Lake recognized breed of mouse to their friends and masters (?) Allison and Joe Breen. In addition, the intrepid terriers are also presenting moles that evidently have lost their way in the snow and show up quite confused on the deck. None

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of the victims have been mutilated; perhaps because Macushla and gentle Annie are quite content to dine on turkey bacon and 85/15 Hannaford Angus ground beef. This only demonstrates that they are hunters, almost sportsmen, err women. These Russell's are of the Irish breed, shorter of leg, and not confused about their raison d'être like the longer legged British breed who presume to be fox hunters.

### Fifteen Minutes of Fame:

From **Mary Cannon**: Michael and I were at the Lake Store one day last summer. Michael went in to buy a few mouse traps. We were asked "Do you have mice too?" I then decided to get on the internet.

First trying the cooperative extension with no success, I was linked to the Adirondack Ecological Center. I e-mailed the director and told him of our "mouse explosion" on Canada Lake. Within a few days, a biologist from the center e-mailed me with the news that this was not an isolated situation to our lake; it was all over the Adirondacks. She said a bumper crop of berries and other foods caused the mice to breed "aplenty" while their predator's numbers had dwindled in previous years. Without their natural predators, they were free to multiply in tremendous numbers and enter our homes, boats, cars and wherever.

Charlotte, the biologist, called me a few weeks later and asked if I would talk to a reporter from the Times Union. Sure, I said! He called, and I told him that the talk of the lake this summer was mice, and lots of them. We heard stories of some people getting a dozen mice in one night, hundreds for a family during the summer. I was unaware this was an Associated Press reporter and that my quotes and name would appear in newspapers nationwide. My

brother called from New York City and said I was in the New York Times. My quotes were also in Chicago, Los Angeles and Boston. So my fifteen minutes of fame was for a MICE story and not a very NICE story.

To read the AP article on Mary go to: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/2007-10-03-1871751263\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/2007-10-03-1871751263_x.htm)

### A Better Mousetrap:

From **Dick Ireland**: After 71 years of battling mice at Canada Lake, it's too late to give up. Should we scare them away with sonar? Should we trap them? Should we poison them? Should we repel them by putting Paradichlorobenzene (moth balls) in beds, drawers, cabinets, closets, furniture, along the baseboards? Should we stuff steel wool in these holes? Should we call in the exterminator? Should we import cats? We need more owls, snakes, and weasels.

We have a photo of 3 mice in traps just 2 feet from an ultrasonic repeller which is also in the photo. We have large coffee tins marked "mice poison" and "moth balls" with holes chewed in the plastic covers by eager, ever hungry mice. We have caught brown mice, tan and white mice, black mice, gray mice, a mole, and a shrew.

In May '07 we opened up camp. We had 12 single traps and two 4-holer traps. After setting two traps in the large bedroom while returning to the kitchen for more traps I heard "snap", "snap". We caught 9 mice that night, 4 the next day, and 7 the following night; 29 mice that week. Now we use a bucket with three inches of water/anti-freeze with peanut butter smeared around the inside. Wooden blocks are provided to aid the rodents in their quest....A recent issue of Adirondack Life described a wire cage to store bedding, clothes, etc.

## Kid's Korner

### Spend a Beatrix Potter Kid's Day at the Caroga Museum

Join us for a wonderful day of crafts, stories, slides and a tea time with Beatrix Potter and her friends - Peter Rabbit, Hunca Munca and Je mima Puddle Duck. We'll expect to see you at the Caroga Museum on Thursday, August 7 from 10AM to 2PM. This workshop is open to kids grades 2 - 6 for a fee of \$5 payable to The Caroga Historical Museum. Please send a check with name(s), address and phone number to Judy Smith, PO Box 434, Caroga Lake, NY 12032. Marilyn Peterson, a Canada Lake resident and member of the Beatrix Potter Society, will be the presenter.

### WWW – Wesley Will Work

You may be too busy or your kids may have kept you up the night before so you can barely do the usual work around the camp. So that's where I come in.

*Call Wesley at 835-2522.*

I can walk dogs, help parents with young kids (personally I think I'm great with kids), yard work and much, much more. I should arrive around July 1st and will leave in August. Have a great summer and I'll be waiting for that call.

*Wesley Franz*

### The Power of the Flush

"You never really know what you've got until it's gone." This common quote has been even further engrained in my memory after my school vacation last February. While many of my classmates were heading to somewhere hot and tropical, my family and I were making the two and a half hour drive to Canada Lake. We planned on staying in our semi-con-

verted garage. Eighteen feet square. Six people. No plumbing. This was going to be interesting.

Although these thoughts loomed above us as we drove farther and farther from our well-furnished home, we were in the spirit before we knew what happened! Spending a weekend in that primitive garage has been one of my favorite vacations, and I give all the credit to those things that everyone loves about Canada Lake.

First, it's that feeling of adventure. Shoveling through a six foot high snow bank to turn on our puny space heater gives you quite an edge. And then, you open the door to your cabin, and the familiar scent hits your nose. It's a combination of dampness, wood, and mothballs, but it smells like home. As my sister Elizabeth and I climbed into the loft where we would sleep on two frozen mattresses on a plywood floor, we couldn't help but feel excited. Later on, that loft became a little cozy corner where we would relax after our long day, and spend time with my other siblings, Anne and Jack.

The next morning, there was the mad dash to pack up for the day and get to the Country Kitchen for breakfast. Not necessarily for the food, but for the flush. After a delicious breakfast, we hit the slopes. We skied at Royal Mountain and were very pleased. Conditions were great and the lift lines barely existed. But what really won us over was the small, family feeling. Everyone was so polite and friendly. My sister recalls talking to the owner and learning that our great-uncle Jerry Wood helped clear the trees off one of our favorite trails.

After we'd skied until our toes were numb, we headed to Vrooman's for dinner. It was pretty quiet, and we received a nice family table in

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the corner. The waitress was very friendly, and we stuffed our faces with food. Afterwards, we relaxed and played pool... and attempted to play darts (we had to admit defeat eventually for fear of damaging the walls). As the late afternoon became dusk, which became evening, which became late evening, we all knew it was time to head home. For most of us, that wasn't a problem; a cozy cabin whose temperature had probably hit about eighty degrees by then sounded great. But for a few, it was a disaster. Every family has those notorious members who need to go to the bathroom every hour or so. Unfortunately, the most complex plumbing in our cabin was leaning over the rail to avoid hitting oneself. My mom and sister Anne spent the night peeing every two hours or so.

Never the less, they too enjoyed our vacation. Looking back, the phrase "You don't know what you've got until it's gone," really could be interpreted differently. You don't realize the great things you have like family and a wilderness retreat until you take away the extra stuff, like electronics, heating, and most importantly, plumbing. It just goes to show you how strong the power of the flush really is.

*Kara Freeman*

*(The Author is finishing her freshman year at Longmeadow High School, in Longmeadow Massachusetts)*

### 2007 Story Contest

#### **Award Winner**

*Submitted by Mary Offutt (age 9) of Scott Lodge – 380 Kasson Drive*

On one sunny day there where to guys named Jim and Paul and they where fishing on West Lake then Paul said I think I got one and he did but the fish pulled to hard and

pulled Paul in the lake. Then Paul said Jim help then Jim pulled him back in the boat but Paul said we will have a trout for dinner tonight but Jim kept on fishing. It started to get dark then. It got cloudy and then there was white caps and then it started raining and lighting with thunder but Paul and Jim had to paddle trough he storm but they couldn't find land because of the fog so they waited til the next day. It was still stormy for the next day and they thought they were stranded on there canoe but Jim and Paul kept on paddling then the waves kept on pulling them the wrong way and the wave got so big and the rain was so bad they stopped paddling but finally they fell asleep and when Jim woke up the water rose so high but for some reson the lake store diddent get flooded but Jim and Paul got stuck on the roof of the lake store.

#### **Honorable Mention**

*Submitted by Jessica Szymanoski (age 8) of Camp Pine Cone and Fairport, NY*

There were to men in a canoe. They were fishing for the biggest fish in the lake to win a fishing contest. They came across some huge fish and cot 3 of them. Now they wanted to go home but they cep fishing and cot a biger fish. The jug came and they won. But gust for fun they still wonted to fish and cot 10 black bas and two rockeys. The End.

**PLEASE DRIVE  
CAUTIOUSLY & SLOWLY  
WHEN TRAVELING  
ON THE ROADS  
AROUND CANADA LAKE  
THIS SUMMER**

**Caroga Historical Association & Museum  
2008 Schedule of Events**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**June 29 1-4 pm** **Museum Opens** – Ice cream social, music, games demonstrations.  
**Adirondack Trappers** is our big, new exhibit – a cooperative effort with the Adirondack Museum of Blue Mt. Lake, featuring the legendary Nick Stoner and French Louie.

**CONCERTS**

**July 26\* 7 pm** **The Swing Docs** – Performance at Wheelerville School. Professionals from the Albany Medical Center who play swing, big band and rock selections.  
Admission: Adults - \$4.00,  
Children under 12 - \$2.00

**August 15 7 pm** **The Bobcats** – Performance at Wheelerville School. Vocal music from the 30's – 70's.  
All admission: \$2.00

**CRAFT FAIR**

**July 19 10–3 pm** Bake Sale, Raffles, Food, Demonstrations. Music by Durey Creek Blue Grass Band. In case of heavy rain, Craft Fair will be held at Caroga Town Hall.

**SPEAKER**

**July 24 7 pm** **Remembering Nick Stoner** – with Don Williams.

**WORKSHOPS**

**July 17 10–3 pm** **Painting Wild Roses on Porcelain** – with Dottie Peck.  
Additional charge for materials is \$12.  
Class limited to 6.

**July 24 10–3 pm** **Basket Weaving** – with Eileen Wrightsman. Bring shears, measuring tape, clothes pins, awl, small tub and pencil.  
Additional charge for materials is \$15.  
Class limited to 12.

**July 31 10–3 pm** **Beginners Beading** – with Joanne Clark.  
Additional charge for materials is \$20.  
Class limited to 15.

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**August 7 10–2:30 pm** **A Day With Beatrix Potter** – Presented by Marilyn Peterson. Designed for children ages 7 – 12. Bring a sandwich. Beverage provided. \$5.00 (only charge). Class limit 20. Registration deadline August 1.

**August 14 10–3 pm** **Painting Berries on Porcelain** – with Catherine Graves.  
Additional charge for materials is \$12.  
Class limited to 6.

The cost of each workshop is \$20.00 for Museum members and \$25 for non-members. Bring lunch.

To register: Send your check with name, address and phone number to:

Judy Smith  
P. O. Box 434  
Caroga Lake, NY 12032.

Make check payable to Caroga Historical Museum.

Please register early as workshops fill up quickly.

\* *This concert is made possible in part by public funds from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Tri County Arts Council.*

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**Filling The Lake**

Each spring, the DEC closes the Stewart's Landing Dam as soon as the ice melts on Canada Lake. The DEC will not close the Dam until every bit of the ice is melted. They hear from residents on the lake daily, then sometimes hourly when it is close. If the ice goes out on Saturday or Sunday, the DEC may not close the dam until Monday morning; otherwise, it is the same or next day. Typically, this is the third week in April; however, it could be as early as the last few days in March or as late as the first week in May.

The water will then rise only as quickly as there is water to fill the lake. Some years, we see a rise immediately; other years it may take a few weeks.

## Nick Stoner/ French Louie Exhibit

The Caroga Historical Association and Museum, in collaboration with the Adirondack Museum of Blue Mountain Lake, will present a special exhibit opening June 29 at 1PM. The exhibit will explore early pioneer life in the Adirondacks through the experiences and personal artifacts of our local icon, Nick Stoner, and the famous Adirondack guide, French Louie Seymour.

The name "Nick Stoner" is recognized by most Canada Lakers because our island, two nearby lakes, the local golf course and an important road are named for him. But many don't know that he was an iconic frontier hero of the Adirondacks: soldier (at the age of 14), trapper, Indian fighter, adventurer, farmer and early Adirondack guide. Born in 1762, his life spanned 94 years that included the American Revolution and the War of 1812; he served in both. There is a wealth of documented information about Nick Stoner because one of the earliest American historians, Jephtha Root Simms, wrote "Trappers of New York" in 1850. It was essentially a biography of Stoner who was still alive and supplied much of the material himself.

French Louie Seymour, born about 15 years before Nick Stoner died, was a colorful trapper, adventurer and Adirondack guide who lived to age 80. He died in 1915. He saw the development of mining and logging change the Adirondacks from the wild forest Nick Stoner knew to a well explored place where wealthy sportsmen came to relax, hunt and fish with help from experienced guides like Seymour. The Adirondack Museum is contributing a wealth of information and artifacts relating to French Louie.

This special exhibit opens a page of local history seldom visited. Please include it in your plans this summer.

*John Widdemer*

## Overlapping Jurisdiction in the Adirondack Park

The need for a permit depends on the land use area in which the property is located – proximity to water bodies, streams and wetlands.

The following activities in the Adirondack Park may require an APA Permit, and ALSO require contact with the Town of Caroga Code Enforcement Officer:

- Selling or gifting a portion of your land.
- Filling, excavating or otherwise impacting a wetland.
- Altering the natural flow, level or condition of a stream, lake or pond.
- Constructing a retaining wall, deck, or other structure within 100 feet of a shoreline.
- Cutting vegetation within 35 feet of a shoreline.
- Clear-cutting more than 3 acres of your land.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The most efficient method for providing CLPA members with important, up-to-date information is through e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, and it is not correct or does not appear in the CLPA directory, please provide that information to Secretary Mary Jablonski ([jjablonski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jjablonski@nycap.rr.com)).

## REMEMBER!!

**A non-motorized craft  
always has the right-of-way**

## A BIG ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY THANK YOU!



John, Chris, and Roy would like to thank the many volunteers who helped on our pickups in 2007. Many hardy souls gleaned trash from the roadside on 5 mornings during the summer. We could always use more help. If you would like to join this dandy intrepid crew, please call John Broderick (835-6150) or Chris Moritz (835-3003).

## The Canajoharie Connection

Hooray! We finally opened the Arkell Museum at Canajoharie on September 24, 2007. Our opening exhibits included beautiful pastels and oils by the likes of N.C. Wyeth, Georgia O'Keefe, John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, Winslow Homer and Norman Rockwell. (I know Rockwell seems out of place, but we have a wonderful advertising piece he did in 1938 for Beech-Nut). Our Beech-Nut archival exhibit includes a fun interactive exercise, film exhibits and other interesting items from the early days of the company that Bartlett Arkell founded in 1902.

As I've said before in these pages, the Arkell is a world-class cultural destination only a half hour drive from Canada Lake. Add to that several highly regarded restaurants for lunch and dinner, and Canajoharie is well worth a trip.

The Beech-Nut Corporation, the Arkell Museum and the Arkell Foundation owe their existence to members of the Arkell Family who lived in Canajoharie from about 1800 through the 1950's.

In last year's edition of the Echo, I explained that I had come across some very old Arkell family films showing Bartlett Arkell and his sister Bertelle swimming in Canada Lake. The camp shown in the footage is easily identified as that currently owned by Lars and Marit Kulleseid. How could I have missed the connection? Bertelle Arkell was married to Frank Barbour and she built the camp (on Barbour Road). Frank Barbour was an executive at New York Central Railroad who then went to work as vice president of Beech-Nut after marrying into the family. Lars and Marit said they understood Mr. Barbour used to ply the waters of Canada Lake in his sail boat complete with fedora. I can sure believe it.

We had a most exciting and interesting opportunity this year to obtain a very early pictorial and written record of Canada Lake. Rufus Grider was a teacher in Canajoharie who was also a

landscape painter. His work has become well regarded as a significant folk art/historical record of his time.

Grider traveled to Canada Lake in 1896 and created a "Souvenir of Canada Lake N.Y." a hand illustrated scrapbook consisting of his description and history of the lake, a number of watercolor sketches and a written recollection by Henry Snyder of a trip he made to the lake as a boy in 1822. Snyder was a civil engineer with considerable experience and familiarity with the area who "frequently went into the woods with Nick Stoner."

In recollecting his 1822 trip Snyder describes the area as primeval forest with a lake untouched by human activity. The writing style is descriptive and evocative, transporting the reader back to the untouched wilderness: "What an enchanting seen (sic) met my view! The LAKE! The MOUNTAINS & the WOODS! They were sublime! And every time I have been there since I have been reminded of that visit." Also "We... found it covered with pine trees from 70 to 90 feet high and varying in dimensions from 18 inches to 4 feet at the base. The land on which they grew was as free from underbrush as a park...the soft atmosphere, heavily loaded with the scent of pine trees, combined to make it a most delightful retreat."

Snyder often remarks about the conspicuous changes between 1822 and 1896, especially the loss of hemlock and spruce which he attributed to the "march of civilization."

We're working to reproduce this wonderful piece of history. It will make a great memento of the lake.

Perfectly timed for summer visitors, the Arkell Museum will be presenting "Wyeths from the Farnsworth Art Museum Collection" featuring works by N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth, June 27 to September 21. It will be a wonderful complement to a lake visit.

*Joseph Santangelo*

## Beaversprite

At only three places on this continent can you see up close many families of those fascinating creatures, beavers. One is Beaversprite, only 23 miles from here. And even among those three places, Beaversprite has got to be unique because of the fascinating story behind it. During almost 70 years it has attracted more than 100,000 visitors. Among them people from Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Italy, Japan, Sweden and other nations.

Dorothy Richards, who founded Beaversprite and has become legendary, died at age 91 in August 1985. Thus ended her near-lifelong practice of such closeness with beavers that some occasionally joined her in her living or dining rooms and lived in her cellar. The legacy she left was detailed observations of 43 years of careful chronicling of beavers and her interactions with them. Her activities were recounted in articles in *The New York Times* and other U.S. publications. So have been her important findings – for example that a beaver's ideal life span is well over 20 years, rather than the 12 commonly accepted from experience with captive beavers in zoos. Famous naturalists, like Edwin Way Teale and Clifford Amory, have written of her.

Her fascinating book, "Beaversprite", first published 31 years ago, is still in print. Its first sentence is arresting: "I'm writing this with a 60-pound beaver on my lap." At Beaversprite, near Dolgeville, her avid devotion to conservation continued, and with a bit of luck you can see families of beavers up close, as well as deer and other wild animals on the tract which Beaversprite occupies as part of the 1,700-acre Florence Jones Reineman Wildlife Sanctuary

Because Beaversprite is a site for conservation, the management requires that only small groups visit, to avoid trampling of flora or frightening of fauna. So it's a good idea to telephone (315) 429-3785 for reservations. Visits

are free. Beavers usually emerge in late afternoon and evening. But a few non-conformist beaver families keep a bit earlier afternoon hours.

Nearby is the F. J. Reineman Nature Center, also free. It offers programs and exhibits on many aspects of wildlife conservation, a library, a nature trail and a theater that can accommodate nearly 100. Reservations aren't required to attend the programs, but appointments to the center can be made by phoning (518) 568-7101.

Beaversprite began almost by accident. Mrs. Richards and her husband Al lived and worked in Little Falls. Both loved nature and during the Depression years rented an abandoned farm for picnics and get-away-from-it-all enjoyment. Beavers weren't among their paramount interests.

That interest was piqued by the visit of a college friend of Al's, a mammalogist. By 1900, years of demand for men's beaver hats and women's luxurious beaver fur coats had rendered the animals almost extinct in New York. Their visitor was working on a state plan to repopulate them. He persuaded the Richards that their overgrown property, with two streams – Little Sprite and Middle Sprite – would be ideal. They agreed and in spring 1935 two live beavers were delivered. Mrs. Richards named them Samson and Delilah. Their descendants are believed to be among the five families of beavers that were counted there last fall.

That old idiom, "busy as a beaver," proved apt. Just 4 1/2 months after they'd arrived, the Richards found that the beavers had built a dam of branches and sticks across the Little Sprite, creating a pond that covered many acres. Dorothy became preoccupied with observing them (a bit later her husband was converted to her absorption) and the other wild animals, birds and plants that the pond attracted. Soon, after hours of watching and with bits of apples and twigs, Dorothy succeeded in establishing a trust

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with the beavers, so they'd take from her hands. When they produced offspring, the kits assumed their mother's trust and nuzzled up to Dorothy. Though they looked identical, she came to know them with their individual idiosyncrasies.

Beavers guide their young in rather complex matters, the Richards found. For example, beavers are not naturally incestuous, so when kits approach adulthood they begin looking for another beaver colony to join and find a mate. Their parents sometimes take them to the area of that other beaver family and make clear they're to join it. This avoids physical or mental problems that might develop should a kit stay home and mate with a sibling. Usually the parents, who mate for life, press them to leave home when they're between 1 and 2. That makes way for another batch of kits.

Beavers came to understand the Richards' simple home routines and instructions. For example, a beaver would carry out Dorothy's request to fetch a cushion and deposit it on a chair. She also became convinced that they had some means of talking among themselves and to her, though she couldn't understand. They signal danger and alarm by slapping their tails against the ground. They express disapproval by hissing or blowing. To them she attributed qualities of devotion to one another, ingeniousness, inventiveness, intelligence, jealousy and mourning after the death of a mate. She found, too, that they had a sense of humor, and liked to tease.

When they build a waterproof "lodge," of sticks, stones and mud, the families occupy it only for a few years until the surrounding food potential is reduced. Then they move onto another site and start anew. They don't hibernate, as other creatures do, but live during the winter in their lodges, entering and exiting into the pond underwater. The Richards were able to stand on the ice and see them. In the winter, they live off

food stocks – "Panties" Mrs. Richards called them – sticks and grasses they'd accumulated and stored during the warm season.

Eventually, the Richards introduced two beavers into the cellar of the house through a gateway. The beavers built a lodge in what had been the coal bin, and a small pool for them was dug in the former fruit cellar. Progenitors of Beaversprite "house beavers," they were able to come and go, but their base was the house. Outside, a large 100 by 200 foot pond, fed by the Middle Sprite, was constructed near the house and inhabited by "wild" beavers. There, visitors can watch them.

Mrs. Richards's long "obsession with" and "addiction to" beavers (her words) turned her into a reflective naturalist/philosopher who deplored humans driving one species of animal after another to extinction. Ensuing years seem to indicate she'd also become a prophet. Her husband, who shared her avid interest in beavers, pre-deceased her.

The other two major places where beavers are guaranteed safety are Beaver Lake Refuge in New Brunswick, Canada, and Unexpected Wildlife Refuge in Newfield, New Jersey.

Directions for Beaversprite: South on Route 10. At Rockwood, turn right onto Route 29 west and continue west. Go through the intersection with Route 331. Continue 4 1/2 miles past the intersection. Turn right onto Sweet Hill Road. Go 40 feet and turn left onto Lotville Road. Go 2.3 miles on Lotville Road and turn right onto Richards Road, Beaversprite's driveway.

For the FJR Nature Center: Follow Route 29 from Rockwood as above. After about 14 miles, you'll see a sign for the Florence Jones Reineman Nature Center. Turn right onto Belden Corners Road and proceed to Wyman Road, on right.

*Bill Ringle*



## The Other Wonderful Season

The majority of the lake population leaves when the water turns hard. There is a stillness and peacefulness as the snow builds and builds. A student of mine hiked Kane Mountain in February to see the sunrise and explained the beauty he saw from the top. He described the scenery as “a winter wonderland.” He stated, “You could see all the camps clearly...the scenery was unreal, and it looked like a painting.”

When I first became a year round resident, I felt very isolated, and now I can't imagine living anywhere else. Winter in the Adirondacks can be peaceful and serene but can come alive with the right ingredients from Mother Nature. Just enough chill in the air and falling snow brings a wealth of activities that fall upon those of us who stay.

Winter is truly a magical season for many lake activities. The snow allows us to go sledding, skiing, snowshoeing, ice-skating, snowmobiling, and ice fishing. We even have picnics with campfires on the ice and make s'mores...yes... s'mores in the winter. Just as in the summer, people gather throughout this season.

Being in the Adirondacks is a great gift we can give our children. It can give them a deep love, respect, and understanding of nature in all the seasons. It helps shape their values and builds character. Come see what the lake has to offer you and those close to you in the “other season”.

Mary Farber Peck



John Peck (top),  
Liam Ackerbauer



Abigail &  
Benjamin Olm



Not Ski Friendly



Cross Country



Pete Lozier, Lauren  
Lozier, Alan Peck,  
Mary Peck, Linda  
Clark, Mike Mitchell



John Peck, John Byrnes,  
Anika Byrnes, Joshua Peck,  
Trevor Beaudet

## The Perils of Plumbing

My friend Bob & I drove to my camp on Stewarts Landing for a weekend of camaraderie and work. Mostly work. Bob had turned on the pump for the well that sits halfway out the long driveway. He walked the rest of the way as I turned the Jeep around to position it so that it would be easy to transfer the plumbing supplies to the house. He spied the big maple across the top of the shed as he walked in. “Probably ought to take care of that too,” he said, pointing out the damage.

“Hurrmph,” I grunted, signifying acknowledgement without agreement. There was plenty more to do. We had come to rectify heinous crimes against nature that were perpetrated by previous owners of the place. So to become a bit less hypocritical about caring about the environment, we were there to reroute much of the plumbing under the house.



A small portion of the magnificent plumbing job. Get off my back about the insulation!

Actually being there to do the job was Bob's fault. “You know you're never going to fix your plumbing mess unless you set aside a weekend and just do it.” And as much as he hated plumbing, to punctuate his assertion, he volunteered to help make things right. So this was the big weekend. I was not looking forward to the work, but I was looking forward to having the job done. So we spent the first 12-hour day scoping out the job, discussing the relative merits of different approaches, and buying materials. We decided that the big pump I had brought along wasn't necessary after all, particularly after seeing how difficult it would be to install it under the place. When you are plumbing, gravity is your friend. So even though it was a long run down to the septic system, we decided to put our faith in friendship. You'd never know by looking at it, but the house is really a remodeled trailer with the superstructure and axel underneath to prove it. Crawling around under the structure, I took a few pictures to help our scholarly discussions.

The next day, we whacked and hacked,

drilled and filled, glued and screwed. Eight of my 12 hours were spent in the tiny dirty crawl space underneath. To cover the dirt so that I wasn't kicking up any more dust than I had to, I spread out an old tarp that had been sitting in the garage. About 20 feet in, I realized that I was not the only one thinking that the tarp was a good idea. And the ants weren't particularly happy that I had disrupted their nest.

Just before sunset, I emerged from my dungeon, finally finished with all the cutting and fitting and, in particular, the gluing. More than enough fumes for one day, mask or not. We even tested the work to find no leaks. Hallelujah! Celebration in order.

The next day, we gathered our stuff together and got ready to leave. It was Father's Day and we had families to return to. While packing the car, I remembered the tree. Soon the ladder was

up and, I was up on the shed roof, wet from the previous night's rain. My trusty bow saw was going to dispatch the offending limbs and we'd be on our way. But the tree was bigger and heavier and wetter that I had realized, and it soon became apparent that my little handsaw was really not up to the task. Just then, my neighbor showed up from next door. “You need the chainsaw,” he informed me. “Want me to go get it?”

I've read about hypothermia victims. It's not usually one bad decision that kills them, but a series of them. Saying yes at this point was well down the list of bad decisions. I was in a hurry to get up on a wet metal roof with an unsecured tree so that I could cut limbs with an unfamiliar chainsaw (are you counting with me?). And of course, the main thing that should have tipped me off that something was wrong: I listened to my neighbor.

The first two limbs came off pretty well. Bob pulled on the rope we had tied to the biggest limb to keep the limbs from falling on the new roof right next to the shed. The third and last limb kept binding the saw, so

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I moved to a position on the peak where I could change the angle of the cut. As soon as the last limb let go, the trunk sprung up and away, no longer balanced by the weight of the limbs that had held it flat against the roof. It struck me full in the chest, and I was shoved backward toward the edge of the slippery roof with a running chainsaw in my hand.

Immediately, I knew there was no way I could remain on the roof. As I spun around from the blow, I flung the chainsaw as far as I could. If it wasn't so dangerous, I'm sure this would be an Olympic event. The combination of motor sports and discus has real mass-market appeal. The chainsaw airborne, I had one more step before the edge. Stopping was out of the question, but I had turned 180 degrees so I could at least plan my dismount. Add gymnastics to the new event. Thinking that some lateral movement would be good to help me roll upon landing, I jumped.

Perhaps I didn't really believe that I was about to die. Or maybe that business about having your life pass before your eyes is really a bunch of bunk. All I know is that I only had one thought in my head as I sailed off the roof. "This is REALLY gonna hurt."

I hadn't realized how pretty the delicate flower of *Trifolium repens* can be. You walk over the little white flowers of the clover plant and never really give them any notice until you are lying with your head among them looking for anything to divert your attention from the pain in every muscle in your legs and back as you gasp to regain your wind.

"Should I call the ambulance?" asked Bob. "Not yet," I replied, in a perfectly calm manner that masked the pain. Well, maybe not perfectly calm. I was correct about how much the leap was going to hurt, but miraculously, I was soon able to climb into a chair and take stock. Lots of pain, sure, but everything seemed functional.

Sitting there, not ready to move, I conducted a review of the event. I began to realize just how lucky I was. I was bruised but unbroken after violating every relevant safety rule. I could have fallen awkwardly and landed in a multitude of disastrous ways. Even with a decent landing, I could have broken several different bones or minor structural details like my spinal column. The tree could have

followed me down and crushed me instead of getting wedged between the stump and another tree. And I don't even want to think about the chainsaw.

Providence had protected a fool. However, the Darwin Awards being an indication that His patience with fools is not infinite, I realized I needed to mend my ways. So extending my not-quite-post-mortem, I began to think about other close calls, and realized



that there was a common thread in all of them. I was in a hurry.

I used to think that any elderly person I might pass on the highway was not in a hurry because he was old. Maybe that is not the case. Maybe he is old because he is not in a hurry.

Since my "3-Meter Roof Dismount and Chainsaw Fling," I have been keenly aware of just how much I tend to be in a hurry. Fidgeting in line, impatient in traffic, rushing to get things done...It's a wonder I've lived this long. But there is another key factor in this particular mishap. And that's plumbing. PVC cement, to be exact, is the real culprit in my poor decision-making. And it's all right there on the label.

"May cause irritation to the eyes, skin, nose, throat and respiratory tract. May cause coughing, sore throat, difficulty breathing, headache, dizziness, nausea. Long term repeated overexposures to solvents may cause damage to the brain, nervous system, reproductive system, respiratory system, mucous membranes, liver, and kidneys."

Hmmmm... "...overexposure to solvents may cause damage to the brain..." It all falls together now, doesn't it? Right down to the point that Bob was holding a rope instead of a video camera!

*John Fredlund*

## Area Resident Developed Local Ski Area

Frederick Ralph Saunders was born to English immigrants in Gloversville around 1907. His father, William Saunders, worked as a master glove cutter. His mother, Mary Warwick, was from Yorkshire. Fred's brother, John Howard Saunders (Hod for short), was a master tanner with Bleyl Leather Co. Fred was on the Gloversville High track team, and active with YMCA, graduated from Cornell University in Civil Engineering, Class of '28, ROTC program, active in Cornell Glee Club, and President of the Seal & Serpent fraternity.

Fred's first job was engineering assistant during construction of the Conklingville Dam creating the Sacandaga Reservoir which is used to control the water level of the Hudson River. Fred then became Assistant City Engineer for the city of Johnstown around 1933. Fred attended summer camp in the Army Reserve and was called up two weeks after the Declaration of War against Japan. (Two days later, Germany declared war on the United States.) Fred was assigned to the Corps of Military Police and stationed at the Port of Embarkation, Charleston, South Carolina. The plantations of Middleton Gardens, Magnolia Gardens, and Cypress Gardens were utilized for munitions and equipment storage for the Lend-Lease Program, whereby the U.S. provided materials to the Allies. When off duty, military personnel were known to hunt in peripheral areas, which abounded in deer, turkey and other game.

While at the port, Fred welcomed a neighbor of Canada Lake, Carl Nehr, returning from our first battle, at Kaserine Pass in Algeria. Fred was later assigned to the port at Biloxi, Mississippi, and then as the Provost Marshall at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Interestingly, Fred's uncle, Jack Warwick, was with the Alaska Fish and Game Commission.

After the war ended, Fred worked on the New York Thruway design with

Vrooman Engineering Co. of Gloversville and then worked with Viking Automatic Sprinklers in Orchard Park, New York. In 1956, Fred got talking with Don Curtis, who had been in the ski troops of the 10th Mountain Division in Europe. The 10th had trained at Vail, Colorado. Don had in mind a good ski hill back home, which he had scouted out.

Fred and his wife, Eleanore Ireland, bought the hill from Howard Stock in September 1956. On December 31, 1956, Royal Mountain\* Ski Area opened for business with a rope tow, 2 trails, the lodge and parking area, thanks to the combined efforts of Caroga citizens, enthusiastic skiers, and the many friends who supported the project.

Mr. Constam, Swiss inventor of the T-bar and chairlift, visited Royal around 1957 to engineer new lifts for new trails. After Fred passed away in April 1971, Eleanore, his widow, sold the area to Jim Blaze of Scotia, New York. Jim further enlarged the area, and installed snow-making equipment, resulting in a really fine ski area. Jim introduced motocross, uphill racing of motor bikes, to generate year-round activity. Jim remains the owner of Royal Mountain Ski Area today.

Fred was an active member of the Army Reserves and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In the 60's he helped Monty Mason organize the Canada Lake sailing association. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and builder, creating the stone wall at the waterfront of his South Shore property, a cabin, and a garage. Fred was an active Freemason and for several years was active in Barbershop Quartet singing, competing regionally. The Saunders camp is now owned by the Ireland family.

*Dick Ireland*

\*Royal Mountain was named by the loyalists during the Revolutionary War.

News from the **Brodericks**: Our family has had a good year overall. The most exciting news we have is that our oldest granddaughter Christine Bryant and her husband Craig are going to have our first great grandchild in May. We can't tell you how pumped we are. We can certainly see ourselves as great grandparents but, what we have difficulty with, is knowing our son is going to be a grandfather! Her brother, Stephen, is set to graduate from SUNY Albany on the same date she is due. I can see us doing some mad dashes to and from Albany and Middletown.

As you can see by the article he sent to the Echo, our son Gary, was elected Vice President of the N.Y.S. Snowmobilers Association. He has traveled a great deal this past year in that capacity.

John and I have each had knee surgery this past February and we are both recuperating very well. We have to get ready for our trip to Spain, Portugal and Morocco the end of March. After we return, we will travel to Indianapolis to visit our son Alan and his family. They moved into their new home and are anxious to show it off. Our grandson, Ryan plays on the lacrosse team at his new school and seems to be making a name for himself. Stacey, the daughter of our son, Bill, is graduating from high school in Rensselaer and is planning on attending Drexel University in Pennsylvania for Interior Design.

We hope all of you have had a good winter and look forward to seeing everyone and relaxing at our oasis of calm, Green Lake.

The rest of the Mouse e-mail from **Mary Cannon**: So Chris, that's my story... Hope all is well with you. We love it here in Louisiana! Our neigh-

borhood has many lakes, although I call them ponds. There is lots of open space for Robbie and me to walk. Great neighbors! It was already 86 degrees last week. Michael is really enjoying his new job, very challenging, but is very happy. Tell Judy, I have taken up painting again. I did a very large abstract over the fireplace and am currently doing a landscape in oils. Of course I miss my kids terribly. Allie and Jeff arrive in May, once they both finish their graduate studies for the year. David just graduated from the Culinary Institute. He is living with Michael's brother on Long Island saving \$ to move to Australia. At least that is the plan for now. Grampa and Carmen arrive in April. We love our house, it has 12 foot high ceilings which is a challenge when decorating, but fun. Warren and Diane Robbins from the lake visited last month in their travels from Texas to Florida. We plan to be at the lake in July.

**Hilary Davis** writes: Here are my updates – I finish my MBA in June, 2008. Sadly, that's the only news I have because school has consumed my life for two years! I can't wait to get back in the swing of things, celebrate my freedom with my family and all my favorite friends at the lake, waterski with the gang, nap in the hammock, jog my favorite trails, go to millions of parties... Bliss.

From **Mike Kane**: Last summer Mabel Kane's children each enjoyed vacation time at the Kane Camp on Canada Lake and look forward to returning this year. Bill Kane (Newton, Mass.) was the first resident, in late June, followed by sister Barbara and her son Alex (Nashville, Tn) in July.

Bill Kane was back for two weeks at the end of August, and Michael (Newton, Mass.) had several fall weekends and closed up camp in late October. The Kane family members shared the camp with a fair number of small 4-legged visitors that we hope will not be back this year.

**Rosemary Lee and John Leonforte** of Dolgeville Point celebrated the birth of Luke Daniel McCormack, our grandson on October 22nd, 2007. Todd and Jennifer McCormack are the proud parents, and older brother Logan Lee McCormack is very excited.

William and Diana McCormack, our granddaughter Elizabeth Claire, and Diana's mom Clara Asaro, moved into their new home in Bedford Hills just in time for the holidays. Family dog Fian, in true form for a German shepherd, took up watch on the doorstep.

**Jud & Barbara Lincoln's** grandchildren have had a busy year. Rebecca & Bill, daughter of AnnaSue & Joe, had a baby girl, Charlotte, on June 18, 2007. Diette, daughter of Sally & Gary, is getting married in Columbia, Md. on June 12, 2008 and will be living in Australia. Amy, daughter of AnnaSue & Joe, will receive her PhD in Biology in May 2008. Shaun & Jessica, son of Wayne & Patricia, are expecting a baby boy in July 2008. Our third great grandchild! Alexandra, daughter of Jay & Tressa, will graduate in August with her certification as a nuclear technician.

We're looking forward to another summer at Canada Lake.

From the **Long/Loomis** Camp: Dick retired last June after 39 years with his ad agency, The Paige Group. He will continue to do free-lance design

from his home studio. He is also doing "portraits" (paintings) of summer homes in the Adks. Nancy completed her 26th year running the dance program at Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica. Ali completed her second year as the choral music teacher for Waterville Central Schools, highlighted by a most enthralling production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She is also getting her masters degree at Ithaca College during a 3-year summer program. Casey just graduated from Skidmore College with a degree in dance and has the world literally waiting at her feet. She spent her spring semester in Paris which of course made it imperative that Nancy and Dick visit her.

Nancy and I intend to spend most of the summer here at Canada Lake (our family's roots) surrounded by friends and family with occasional side trips to dance concerts and art museums. And we hope to see more Sunfish sails flitting about during Saturdays' races.

**Petrie/Davis** news: We're all looking forward to returning to the lake. Millie turns 90 on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and there are plans for celebrations with family and friends. She's presently healthy and able to get around. Hilary will receive her MBA from the U. of Albany in June, and Tori will be working on the Breadloaf English master's program on the Santa Fe campus. She was at Oxford U. in England in 2006 and Middlebury, VT in 2007. Parker and Igoe are carrying on in New Hampshire and Mass. Tony did a great deal of skiing, and Jane filled the winter with hiking, platform tennis, book clubs and bridge. In April, Tony and Jane had a nice visit with Tori in Jacksonville, FL and then spent time in the keys.

## Echoes

From **Audrey Smith**: Here's Roy Smith on his 70th birthday demonstrating how to water-ski using a walker. The photo was taken by Mary Cannon.



After a wonderful summer at the lake with our daughters, sons-in-law, and granddaughters from Colorado, Long Island & Pennsylvania., we took a fabulous 11 day bus tour from Las Vegas thru Utah, Wyoming, Montana, S. Dakota and Colorado visiting all the national parks. Ending in Colorado, we spent an additional week with Sharon & family. We're looking forward to another summer and fall at beautiful Canada Lake.

From the **Yuenger/Michaels** camp: Charlie and Barbara Michaels enjoyed a surprise 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration at Buca der Peppos' restaurant in Salt Lake City, Utah on Dec. 29, 2007. Friends from Park City and Salt Lake enjoyed a wonderful dinner given by daughter Francine Hoffman and Son Bill Michaels. Also, new this year at the Flycreek Cider Mill - Bill and Brenda Michaels have created an on-line store. Charlie Michaels has finally finished restoring an old 8' dinghy complete with center board, rudder, pair of original oars and a 14' mast with sail. It has a new cover. All you "old boat" aficionados must see this one.

## Echoes from the Past

*Many of our families have spent summers on the lake for generations. Below are unedited news excerpts selected at random published 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago in The Echo.*

**1968**

Bears we have had recently, and now it's wolves ... real timber beasts. Millie and Bruce **Busch** can show you color slides of the 85 pounder that was killed on the road at Caroga Lake last January. Mistaken by some people as a pet dog, he was later identified by Albany authorities as the kind of pet Red Riding Hood knew all about.

Paul **Franz**, son of Si and Dotty Franz, passed his engineering training course for Pan Am at the head of his class. A real high flier.

The John **Kasson** family says: Sheila, (Mrs. C. Victor Sammons) expects her second child in June, hopefully a boy. Burt is doing great at Nichols Business College. John, Jr. graduates from Gloversville High this spring. He is currently track Captain and will attend Babson Business College come fall.

Anne **Loomis**, daughter of Russel F. Loomis, will attend Canton Agricultural and Technological College in September, pursuing a course in Nursery Education. Brother Richard is working with the Government in Washington, D.C.

Chris **Rohrs** is finishing his freshman year at Notre Dame and can't wait to get back to the lake. Judy Rohrs Donnelly had a little girl, Jeanne Marie, in January.

Cindy and Tom **Willard** and son (in January) E. Thomas Willard, have moved to Johnstown where Tom is doing market research for a manufac-

## Echoes from the Past

turer. They now hope to spend more time at the lake.

The Arthur **Yuengers'** report that son Dan spent the whole winter at Canada Lake, fishing Lily and West lakes with his new snowmobile. Sister Mrs. Barbara Michaels, her husband Charlie and their children Francine and Billie visited in below zero weather and insist the camp was comfortably warm. All young, of course.

**1978**

The Alberta L. **Travis** Family report: After spending sixteen summers on Center Lake (hidden near Canada Lake), the Travis family has become year-round residents. Although the children, with the exception of Winnie, have all married and flown, Mr. Travis and I bought the Nixon log cabin on Rte. 10 and have spent a very snowy winter. It has been an extremely interesting one, however.

We have discovered red polls, chickadees, nuthatches, a three-pawed raccoon, and temperatures not only below freezing, but 35° below zero. And snow that reached almost to our eaves.

Needless to say we are looking forward eagerly to a very warm summer. Although our family is grown, we are now sharing the wonders of the lakes and woods with our grandchildren. And that's the way life goes.

We have been members of the C.L.P.A. for many years and now look forward to being able to attend more of their meetings.

From Barbara **Leaf**: Doug and I got away from winter for a while and spent ten glorious days in St. Croix in celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dee-Dee joined us in Ft. Lauderdale for Easter, and Cindy winged her way to Sunny California. For all of us, a warm finale to winter.

Dee-Dee completed her freshman year at St. Lawrence U., and Cindy is about to complete her first year as a 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade teacher in Bethel, Conn. See you all in early June!

We received a note from Barbara **McMartin**. She and Alec spent a month in Africa visiting Tanzania, Kenya and the Seychelles. They also spent Christmas and New Years at Canada Lake.

**1988**

The **Freeman's** Canada Lake news: Work parties from our family will appear at the Lake in late April. Jon finished Penn Med in May and is staying on as a surgery resident. Anne continues as an Associate with APM, a Manhattan-based hospital consulting firm. Greg graduates from Yale and will probably apprentice to a high-tech firm for a couple of years before continuing his education.

The **Halverson's** big news is that son Ward will be a freshman at Hamilton College in the fall, and daughter Liana will continue at Wellesley College.

This will be the 69<sup>th</sup> year at Canada Lake for the **Rohrs-Healey** family.

For the **Petrie-Davis** family, Jane reports "Parker has finished his sophomore year at the University of Pennsylvania and is now a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is going to work on Martha's Vineyard for the summer. Hilary will be working in the Canada Lake Store and is so happy to be able to spend the whole summer at the Lake. Tori and grandma Milly will also be spending the entire summer at the camp. I've been busy singing at weddings, church solo work and am now in the midst of rehearsal for a Cole Porter review. It's been a century turning point for Tony. We celebrate in May with a big

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surprise party. We both hope to spend long weekends at Canada Lakes.”

### 1998

Bonnie and Neil **Van Wagenen** news – We have a new grandson, Mitchell Scott born Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1997. We now have five grandchildren that will be visiting us this summer. Parents are Denise and Scott Virkler. Denise is our daughter. They recently moved to Clifton Park so will be close by. The grandchildren are Johnny, Neil, Maria and Claire. They visit often and would enjoy playing with other children.

John and Josephine **Brower** write that they are the fourth generation to be staying at Canada Lake.

News from the **Fisher-Smith** camp at 214 South Shore Road is that it is now just the Smith camp. After a lifetime of sharing camp space, and inherited co-ownership of this place since 1990, Dave Fisher and his sister have split (most amicably!), with Dave, Carole and Kate now in their own place at 172 South Shore Road, the former Rosenthal and, before that, Carsky camp. Linda and Hub with their children, Allison and Steve and their spouses, will spend much of the summer “settling-in” and making 214 truly their own place; built in 1894 and bought by the Fishers in 1952.

Steve Smith was married to Lynn Connors on October 25, 1997, in Little Compton, RI. In addition to the Fisher, Parkhurst and Smith Family relatives in attendance or participating, long-time friends from Canada Lake who were there included Rett Boswell, Hillary Davis, Jen Egan, Alex Evans, Merry Fielding, Stacey Jung and Bill Willard. Steve and Lynn are now happily ensconced in Portsmouth, NH; Allison and Bruce (Williamson) are settled in Seattle, WA; parents Linda and Hub (Smith) are still in Amherst, MA.

## Remembrances

### John Martin Kasson

John Martin Kasson passed away peacefully, on Valentine’s Day, 2008. John was a life long summer resident of Canada Lake and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He spent his first 35 summers on Canada Lake at his family’s camp, “The Open Door” on Hutchinson road, before buying the “Wigwam” on Kasson Drive, in the mid 1950’s. He was a former Fulton County Clerk, an active member of the Canada Lake Protective Association and for years ran an AMF/Alcort dealership, selling Sunfish from the garage at the Wigwam.

Canada Lake always remained uppermost in John’s heart. Right before he passed away, he awoke in his Arizona hospital bed to see his son John Jr. sitting at his bedside. He said to John Jr., “I just got back from the nicest boat-ride around Canada Lake that I have had in a long time.”



The picture is of John, during his first boat ride on Canada Lake, in 1919. He is between his parents, the former Grace Adams Martin, and Burt Z. Kasson who at that time, represented the area as the New York State Senator, from the 35th district

*Susan Sheedy Kasson.*

## Remembrances

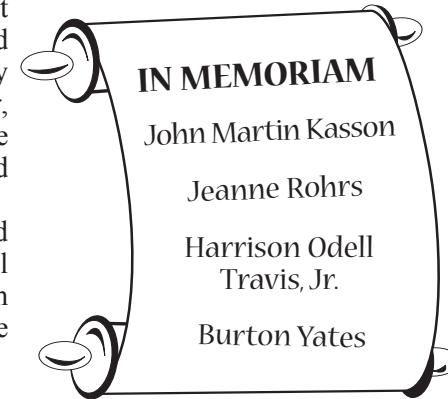
### Jeanne Rohrs

Jeanne Rohrs passed away this February at the age of 95. She married George Rohrs in 1937 and never missed a summer at Canada Lake over the past 71 years. She loved to swim and play golf at Nick Stoner, often with Alice Schumacher and Margaret Auerbach. The Rohrs and Healey families will miss her great, warm spirit and celebrate her memory.

*Chris Rohrs*

### Harrison Odell Travis, Jr.

Harrison “Bud” Odell Travis, Jr., a former longtime resident of Point Breeze Road, Mud Lake, New York, died on June 26, 2007 at the Extended Care Facility at Nathan Littauer Hospital in Gloversville, New York at the age of 89. He left five children and their spouses, Barbara and Tom Pace of Brooklyn, Ann and Richard Aulisi of Caroga Lake, Nancy and Ron Olinsky of Gloversville, Harrison and Leasa Travis of Carrollton, Texas, Win and Mike Del Pizzo of Orange Park, Florida and Michael Emma of Scotia, widower of his daughter, Liz. He also left seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His loving wife of 61 years, Alberta Lobdell Travis, predeceased him in 2006.



Mr. Travis had a B.S. degree in Engineering from the New York State Merchant Marine Academy, a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Cooper Union, and an M.S. degree in Ocean Engineering from C.W. Post College. He

was licensed as a Professional Engineer and as a Chief Engineer (Unlimited) by the U.S. Coast Guard.

He joined the faculty of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1943 after serving on

active duty with the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II. He served as Professor of Engineering for over 30 years, as well as several years as Commandant of Cadets, and Academy Training Representative in New Orleans. In 1975 he was appointed the Director of the National Maritime Research Center at Kings Point. For several years after his retirement from the Academy he was a consultant to several companies in the maritime field including MARAD, CAORF, Eclechtech, Simship and Norcontrol. He retired in 1998.

Among his volunteer activities were service on the School Board of the North Shore School District in Glen Head, New York, as vestry member of All Saints, Great Neck and St. Luke’s, Sea Cliff, and the Zoning Board of the Town of Caroga.

*Barbara Travis Pace*

## RESPONSIBLE ILLUMINATION

In the spirit of being good neighbors, we should all periodically assess our nighttime lighting to see if we are doing the best we can to not shine excess light onto our neighbors' property, out over the lake, or into the sky. The use of proper lighting fixtures and shields can re-direct light downwards, thereby reducing the wattage we need for a given task, reducing troublesome glare for friends who come to our docks at night, and generally improving the natural environment of Canada Lake.

For further information visit the International Dark-Sky Association ([www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)) and/or contact Alan Fiedler, 835 - 4351

## Lake-Friendly Soaps?

There really is no environmentally friendly way to lather up in a lake. A few generations ago, taking a bar of Ivory soap down to the lake for a bath created a fairly small human impact on a big body of water. But there are more people now, more pollutants in the water, and more chemicals from the shore washing into the lake.

Soaps can create algae blooms, which greatly alter the health of a lake. Even products that contain only natural ingredients may affect ecological balances in unintended ways.

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## Drive-in Movies in New York State

From Inger McDaniel

Director, Caroga Historical Museum

I'm trying to assist a researcher collecting information on the approximately 150 drive-in-movies that existed in New York State. My part is just the one located on 29A near Caroga Lake in the early 50's.

Does anyone remember just where it was located, when, or for how long?. Better yet, does anyone have a ticket stub, a picture, an ad, or other proof that it existed?

If so, please give me a call at 835-4067. It would be most appreciated.



## RECYCLE

First and third Friday of each month  
Put out by 6 am

Pick up your Town of Caroga Directory at the Post Office, stores, or Town Clerk's Office

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lake Activities Vice Presidents Linda Fake and Kristen Franz are always looking for additional volunteers. If you would like to help out, please call Linda [Home: (315) 429-3911, Lake: (518) 835-2447] or Kristen [Lake: 835 - 2522].

## PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- Each person on or being towed must wear a life jacket (PFD)
- The PWC must have a USCG approved backfire flame arrester.
- If so equipped, the engine cutoff lanyard must be used.
- No operation between sunset and sunrise.
- No PWC may be operated within 500 ft. of a designated swimming area except when launching and then 10 MPH (straight out).
- Safety equipment such as a distress signal or horn must be on board.
- New York State Law prohibits:
  - weaving in and out of traffic
  - intentional last minute swerving except to avoid collision
  - wave jumping
- Anyone operating a PWC in New York State must complete a safe boating course.
- Beginning in 2009, the minimum age for operating a PWC will be 14. Until 2009, children 10-13 may operate a PWC if they hold a boating certificate and are accompanied by someone over 18 who also holds a boating safety certificate.

## Town of Caroga 2008 Directory

Please be informed of the Town of Caroga's codes, permit requirements, tax information, garbage and recycling pickups, transfer station information, and other valuable local services and events available to you!

This information and more can be found in the Town of Caroga 2008 Directory. Copies are available at the Town Hall, the Post Office or the Canada Lake Store.

## Safe Boating Course

The Safe Boating Course is scheduled for June 28th and July 12th at town hall – call 835-4211 to register.



R. Loomis

## NICK STONER ISLAND

CLPA has the responsibility for maintaining the Island. Enjoy but please clean up after yourself.

- Take your garbage off the Island
- Clean up after your dog
- Make sure fires are out

