



Leesville Lake Association Newsletter

April 2009

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Sherwood Zimmerman

Spring is here and it is again time to start getting ready for fun times on Leesville Lake. In preparation we are conducting our annual Beautification Day. This will be our sixth year to join together making a sweep of the lake to collect floating debris. Thanks to numerous volunteers and sponsors, we have made a tremendous impact on debris removal on Leesville Lake. Boating and recreation on our lake are much safer and more enjoyable because of these efforts.

This year we will be conducting **Beautification Day on May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. There will be three "drop off points" where debris can be taken to be off loaded to dumpsters: **Brumfield boat ramp, Tri-County Marina and Runaway Bay boat ramp.** Each site will be manned by volunteers to help off load the debris you are able to collect from the lake. If you are unable to go out on the lake to collect debris you can still participate by volunteering to work at one of the drop off sites or by working on the shore at your home or helping a neighbor.

Your association is pleased to announce that **Mr. Bob Rankin** will again this year be designing our **Sixth Annual 2009 Beautification Day T- shirts.** Bob has provided us with beautiful and exciting designs for the past two years and we are very happy that he has agreed to serve his association with his talents again this year. This kind of dedication and support is what makes our association great. As a way of saying thank you, all volunteers and sponsors will receive a **free 2009 Beautification Day T-shirt** and will be invited to an **Appreciation Picnic on Sunday, May 17th at the Tri-County Marina at 2:00 p.m.** Your association will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks and you are asked to bring a covered dish such as a salad, vegetable, fruit or dessert. There will be entertainment and recognition of sponsors and volunteers.

Anyone wishing to help **sponsor Beautification Day** may participate at any one of several levels: **Diamond-\$2,500, Platinum-\$1,500, Gold-\$500, Silver-\$300, Patron-\$150.** These donations are tax deductible and will be used for lake cleanup.

You do not want to miss this opportunity to improve our lake, meet other Association members and have a lot of fun. See you on May 16th and 17th for an important event and a great and fun time!

Your association hired Lakeside Services to remove large debris from the lake this winter. Mr. Pete Cox, owner, has reported that a large amount of debris has been removed from the lake and other large debris fields have been identified for further removal. Below are pictures taken by Mr. Cox of the work that has been done. We are very pleased to see the progress that has been made and are excited that more and more debris is being removed from our lake. We can all be proud of the work that has been done in making our lake safer and more enjoyable for all who live and play at Leesville Lake. We thank our sponsors, volunteers and Appalachian Power Company for their support in helping to make this possible.



Barge Loaded With Debris



Canoe, free to good home, needs minor repairs

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

By: Julie Moore

Our association membership is growing slowly, but steadily. Thanks to everyone for your recruiting efforts. We currently have 340 members. Members renew at a fairly consistent rate of 82%. Our objective for the 2008-2009 fiscal year is 35 new members. From September 1, 2008-April 9, 2009 12 new members have joined. We'd like to recognize and welcome the new members who have joined since our last newsletter.

Kathryn Carson	Running Cedar RV Resort
Bob & Peggy Scarth	Cindy Shumate
David & Carol Skeen	Brian & Joan Tierney
Joe & Dotty Walker	Joe & Diane Whitmer

FROM THE TREASURER

By: Gerry Caprario



Just a short note to let you all know that we are right about where we are supposed to be regarding our budget against our fiscal year. Two items of interest: 1) we spent \$20,000 on contracted lake debris removal, and 2) at this past General Meeting there was a vote passed to spend an additional \$20,000. This contract is for mostly larger debris such as trees and logs. An all-hands effort on Beautification Day will really help get our lake ready for summer fun.

Fishing, Fishing, Fishing

Dennis F. Boley, aka Cherokee

April	May	June
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Assuming water temperature is at least 54 degrees, Stripers and other fish should be going crazy this time of year. Crappies find coves, etc. with sunken trees and females are very aggressive. Catfish, as water gets hotter, provide great fishing off of docks or shoreline.

Stripers--so many ways to catch these Leesville giants; give me a call at 540-420-4517. I will give and/or meet for full advice.

Fishing (cont.)

Things to do.....

Smith Mountain Dam Visitor's Center: Watch how the dam was built and Leesville was made; there's a picnic area and restrooms. It's about an hour long, pleasant drive so bring lunch and coolers and charcoal. Grills are on site. This trip is worth the drive. It's a beautiful park and you or your children will have room to run, play ball, roller skate, in-line skate, or walk your dogs. Water release will amaze you.

Fishing advice: The old Shoprite building just off the intersection of Route 122 and Hendricks Store Road in Moneta is the home of master turf fishing host, Bob King. The building houses many booths with fishing instruction, magic show for kids, and striper videos full of advice. I also give tips and shows out of this building. For fisherman and families, this trip will keep you coming back for more.

Always your friend, Cherokee

SAFETY COMMITTEE

By: Gerry Caprario

By the time you get this, the Safe Boating Class in Hurt will have already been held. Why weren't you there? The next class will be in Lynchburg on May 2. Just to remind everyone, PWC operators 20 years and younger need this class to operate a PWC after June 30, 2009. That's this year. Call me at 656-9082 or e-mail at capgerry@hotmail.com.

Have you noticed that there is much less debris in the manner of trees and large branches? That being said, you should maintain a good watch as you pilot your old "Leakin' Lena" up and down the lake. Small limbs are not always visible from a distance and larger "stuff" seems to find its way into the water almost every day. While small debris may not hurt your hull, they can surely tear your propeller apart and seriously hurt your wallet.

Speaking of your wallet, did you know that spending 20 minutes with me might save you some serious cash? Do you remember "Vessel Safety Check"? I am available to perform a VSC on your boat. It is not mandatory, it is free, and only takes about 20 minutes. Wouldn't you rather I advise you of some

missing or malfunctioning equipment as opposed to the game warden? If he gives you a citation, it'll cost you. Call me at 656-9082 or email at capgerry@hotmail.com.

Navigational Aids Committee

By: Pete Pettit



I have great news! David Laurell of Campbell County acting as our agent has applied for and received the \$25K earmarked in the Game and Inland Fisheries State Budget for navigation purposes on Leesville Lake. Since Appalachian Power Company has agreed to fund the basic navigation system, these funds will be utilized to augment our system to mark hazardous obstructions occurring during the changes in 13 feet of elevation. Boating safety being an important issue on Leesville Lake, some of the funds will be used to fund and support associated programs and to consider installing navigation lights on Toler's Bridge. David, we would like to thank you for being proactive with the state in securing these funds. LVLA greatly appreciates your efforts.

We have two new volunteers for our "Adopt a Mile Post Program". Joe and Diane Whitmer have volunteered to care for Mile Post 14 and Stan Goldsmith has agreed to look after Mile Post 6. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to support this program--for only with your support will this program be a success. I'd also like to make a correction to information published in our last newsletter—Bud and Cathy Adkins adopted Mile Post 9.

For the relicensing of Leesville Lake (see update below for more info), the draft Environment Impact Statement, which includes FERC staff's comments and recommendations, is available. The Navigation Plan will be reviewed and comments will be submitted by the Association by their due date of May 11.

WATER MONITORING

By: Doc & Kitty Wasicko – Co-Chairs

Water Quality Monitoring will begin on May 15th. Four teams have volunteered for testing every other week until September 4th. Additional testing will also be made after every large rain event. There are 8 monitoring stations starting at the Pigg River,

and working back to the Leesville Dam. A word to the wise-- "A stitch in time saves nine"--an old saying, but absolutely true when it comes to septic tanks. It would be extremely wise and far less expensive to remove sludge from a septic tank every 5 years, than to replace an entire leach field. For the welfare of Leesville Lake and for the welfare of the entire community, by reducing a chance of seepage into the lake, seriously think about this simple investment.

HEALTH CORNER

By: Sue Glasscock

Spring is trying to return to our beautiful lake. Soon, we will be able to be outside more than we are inside. We all want to enjoy living here as long as possible. The following information will assist us as we play in and around the lovely lake. Here are a few suggestions:

- Be as smoke free as possible
- Maintain a comfortable weight
- Stretch and walk as much as possible
- Monitor your blood pressure
- Eat meals and snacks loaded with fruits and vegetables, fresh or frozen, whole grains, and lean proteins
- Limit alcohol consumption to less than 2 drinks daily. Pay special attention to not using alcohol while captaining a boat or otherwise playing in the water.
- Focus on the present. Don't spend extra energy on worry about the past or future. Learn to live fully in the present. Choose to respond to each situation as it unfolds, rather than reacting out of habit.
- Nurture your soul. Think or read spiritual literature daily.
- Laugh a lot. Do something you enjoy daily. We live in an area where we can walk, boat, swim, fish, etc.
- Encourage each other, stay safe and stay grateful for our lake.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings and outside enjoying the lake this summer.

Relicensing Update

By Mike Lobue

On March 27, 2008, Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian) filed an application for a new license to operate and maintain the Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project, which includes both Leesville and Smith Mountain Lakes. On March 27, 2009 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) released a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Project. The draft EIS documents the views of all interested parties and Commission staff. It contains Commission staff's evaluation of the applicant's proposal, as well as alternatives for relicensing the Smith Mountain Project. Comments on the draft EIS are due within 45 days of the notice date in the Federal Register and should reference Project No. 2210-169. Please check out the following Tri-County Relicensing Committee (TCRC) web site for more information and a copy of the draft EIS.

www.relicensingnews.com

The Commission staff proposed making a number of relatively minor changes to the plans in the license application and rejected most of the Tri-County Relicensing Committee's (TCRC) major recommendations. There is, however, some good news in the draft EIS for Leesville Lake.

- The *Aids to Navigation Management Plan* will include a requirement that Appalachian install and maintain a **lighted** navigation system on Leesville Lake. Other provisions in the Plan include: (a) working with the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission in managing markers outside the defined navigation channel, (b) coordinating with various entities to develop an educational program, a heavy debris warning system, and a maintenance program, as well as remove unauthorized buoys, (c) developing navigation maps, (d) forming a technical review committee, and (e) coordinating the plan's implementation with other plans.
- To assist with monitoring water quality in the lakes, Appalachian proposed to contribute \$50,000 annually (adjusted according to the CPI) towards the on-going program on Smith Mountain Lake and a new program for Leesville; \$25,000 for each lake. The Smith

Mountain and Leesville Lake Associations would administer these programs. Commission staff recommends modifying the proposed *Water Quality Monitoring Plan* to include a provision for lake monitoring so that these programs would be a license requirement. While Appalachian Power would ultimately be responsible for lake monitoring, it could choose to implement this provision in any manner it may choose, including contracting with the associations.

- Commission staff proposed modification to the proposed *Recreation Management Plan* include, among other things, a requirement to install permanent toilets (Appalachian had proposed portable toilets) at all existing public recreation facilities that do not currently have them and to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of providing (a) a fishing pier at the Myers Creek Boat Ramp, (b) additional parking at the Leesville Dam Fishing Access/Platform, (c) a canoe access facility on the lower Pigg River, and (d) a boat ramp and fishing facility on the north side of Leesville Lake.
- Commission staff rejected the Leesville Lake Association request for three debris removal off-load sites. The proposed *Debris Management Plan* would, however, include provisions to (a) improve existing debris removal program, (b) on-going evaluations for debris off-load and capture sites, (c) continue with lake clean-up program, (d) work with various entities to implement educational and enforcement measures, (e) form a technical review committee, (f) coordinate the plan's implementation with other plans, (g) develop annual reports, and (h) modifying the plan as necessary.

Littering/Dumping By Julia Moore

In our last newsletter we mentioned Bedford County's littering/dumping law and promised information to follow on the other counties. For all three counties these laws apply to anything—trash, garbage, trees, stumps, appliances, animals, etc., whether thrown in the woods, on the ground, or in the lakes and waterways. The laws also apply to any person, company, or contractor who violates

them. In brief:

Bedford County: Misdemeanor resulting in up to a \$1,000 fine and/or up to 6 months in jail.

Campbell County: Misdemeanor resulting in a fine not less than \$250 or more than \$2,500 and time in jail not to exceed 12 months.

Pittsylvania County: Misdemeanor resulting in a fine of \$25-\$500 and up to 30 days in jail.

If you see dumping or littering occur you can report the activity to the county sheriff's office, the county supervisors or Ken Stump with AEP. Ken's number is (540) 489-2543. Thank you for helping keep our lake clean.

CALENDARS, HATS, SHIRTS



Our 2009 calendar is gorgeous and available. The profit we make on the calendars helps fund our projects. Buy one

for yourself and/or they make wonderful gifts.

Calendars can be purchased at any meeting or from a Board member for \$10.00. If you would like to order by mail they are \$10.00 for the calendar plus \$3.00 for shipping for a total of \$13.00. Your check should be mailed to Leesville Lake Association, PO BOX 68, Altavista, VA 24517-0068.

Hats are \$10 if picked up from Julie, (434) 369-6630, or at any meeting. They can be mailed for \$13.00. Contact Sherwood (434) 656-1826, to purchase t-shirts from this past Beautification Day. If picked up in person or from a meeting they are \$5.00.

Thanking our Veterans

In our October newsletter issue (published just before Veterans Day) we would like to thank all our local veterans. If you have family or friends serving in the armed services please submit their names to lakedoughbegone@msn.com and we will mention them in the October newsletter.

FROM THE SECRETARY

By: Phyllis Garlick

I just want to remind our members that meeting minutes are available on our website at www.leesvillelake.org. They are a great way to help you keep up with lake activities between newsletters.



NEWSLETTER

Any of our readers are welcome to submit an article for the newsletter. The topics could be any lake related subject that you think should be shared with readers or that readers would enjoy. Our newsletter is quarterly and articles are due the 15th of January, April, July, or October. Submit articles to lakedoughbegone@msn.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

2009 Meetings and Events

- **Annual Meeting & Picnic:** July 11, 4 pm to 6 pm, Tri-County Marina
- **Board of Directors Meetings:**, February 12, March 12, May 14, June 11, August 13, September 10, November 12; 7 p.m., Altavista Train Station
- **General Membership Meetings:** January 8, April 9, October 8, 7 p.m., Altavista Train Station
- **6th Annual Lake Beautification Day:** May 16

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The Association thanks Cathy Dalton and **Chris Lobue for their time and effort in getting this newsletter to you.**

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LEESVILLE LAKE ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT

All Leesville Lake residents, property owners, and lake users are encouraged to join the Association.

We are working on:

- Lake clean up/debris removal
- Mile markers and navigational aids
- Safety
- Water quality monitoring

Your membership dues go toward helping accomplish these goals.

Thank you for your help.

_____ \$25 tax deductible, annual dues (make check payable to Leesville Lake Association and mail to address below)

_____ Optional tax deductible donation (list amount and include with your dues check or write a separate check)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

County where lake property located _____

Preference for receiving quarterly newsletter: Regular mail _____ E-mail _____

_____ Corrections to information if already a member

_____ Comments: What issues surrounding the lake are of concern to you?

Leesville Lake Association
P.O. Box 68
Altavista, VA 24517
www.leesvillelake.org

6th ANNUAL LEESVILLE LAKE
BEAUTIFICATION DAY

ORGANIZED BY THE LEESVILLE LAKE ASSOCIATION

WHEN:

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (LAST LOAD TO BE BROUGHT IN BY 3:30 P.M.)

PURPOSE:

REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM LEESVILLE LAKE AND SHORELINE

HOW:
DISPOSAL:

DEBRIS CAN BE BROUGHT BY BOAT OR OVER LAND TO (3) LOCATIONS FOR

TRI-COUNTY MARINA

RUNAWAY BAY COMMUNITY BOAT RAMP

BRUMFIELD COMMUNITY BOAT RAMP

(MILE MARKER 10)

THE ABOVE DROP-OFF SITES TO BE MARKED BY SIGNS

VISIBLE BY WATER.

YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE BY CLEANING AREAS CHOSEN BY YOU
AND DISPOSING OF DEBRIS YOURSELF

PICNIC:

CELEBRATION PICNIC TO HONOR PARTICIPANTS TO BE HELD

SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 2:00 P.M. AT TRI-COUNTY MARINA

PLEASE BRING A DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

DRINKS, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND FIX-INS TO BE SUPPLIED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:

SHERWOOD ZIMMERMAN

434-656-1826 OR 434-429-9237(MOBILE)

SPZIM@PMTNET.NET

OR

FRED TANNEHILL

434-369-5126

TCM@LYNCHBURG.NET

LEESVILLE LAKE'S 6TH ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Saturday, May 16, 2009

9am - 4 pm

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT:

1. Name of individual or contact person filling out form:

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

All supplies and T-Shirts will be packaged under your name. Please inform volunteers participating in your group to not duplicate by submitting another form. Thank you.

2. If representing a large neighborhood group, indicate name of subdivision

3. Include your name and the names of volunteers and their T-Shirt size

4. Is there a specific area you would prefer to clean? No _____ Yes _____
Where? Please be as specific as possible

5. How many from your group plan to attend the cookout on Sunday May 17? _____

Please return registration form as soon as possible to:

Sherwood Zimmerman
3514 Summerset Rd North
Gretna, Va. 24557
434-656-1826
spzim@fairpoint.net

LEESVILLE LAKE BEAUTIFICATION DAY

2009 marks our 6th year of Lake Cleanup effort by the entire Lake Community. We would like for the whole community to come together for this event, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009. Individuals and businesses can fill out the enclosed form or can contact Sherwood Zimmerman at (434) 656-1826 or Sam Skillman at (434) 309-9988 for more information.

Deadline for Sponsorship is April 30, 2009.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Diamond - \$2500

- Company Business Card on our Web Page with quick link to your Web Site
- Company name listed on T-Shirts - Large Bold Print
- Recognition at Cleanup Picnic/Sponsorship Board
- Recognition in Local Newspapers
- Inclusion of Business Card for one year in Leesville Lake Newsletter
- Four(4) Leesville Lake Hats
- Wall Plaque recognizing Contribution

Platinum - \$1500

- Company Business Card on our Web Page with quick link to your Web Site
- Company name listed on T-Shirts - Large Bold Print
- Recognition at Cleanup Picnic/Sponsorship Board
- Recognition in Local Newspapers
- Inclusion of Business Card for one year in Leesville Lake Newsletter

Gold - \$500

- Company Business Card on our Web Page with quick link to your Web Site
- Company name listed on T-Shirts - Large Bold Print
- Recognition at Cleanup Picnic/Sponsorship Board
- Recognition in Local Newspapers

Silver - \$300

- Company Name, Address and Phone # on our Web Site with quick link to your Web Site
- Company listed on T-Shirts in smaller print
- Recognition in Local Newspapers
- Recognition at Cleanup Picnic/Sponsorship Board

Patron - \$150

- Company Name on our Web Site
- Company recognition at Cleanup Picnic/Sponsorship Board
- Recognition in Local Newspapers

LEESVILLE LAKE BEAUTIFICATION DAY
SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name_____

Company Name_____

Company Representative_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Fax_____

Sponsorship Levels

Diamond - \$2500

Platinum - \$1500

Gold - \$500

Silver- \$300

Patron- \$150

Deadline is April 30, 2009

Please remit to: Leesville Lake Association

Mail To: PO BOX 68

Altavista, VA 24517

If you would like to contribute like kind services, please contact:

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