



MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION

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THE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES AN AWARD

On behalf of all the volunteers that have given their time to preserve our chain in it's natural state, I have had the distinct privilege to accept a CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION from the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department/Committee Aquatic Invasive Species Program. The award reads: "For Outstanding Vision, Dedication, & Commitment in protecting Oneida County Lakes From Aquatic Invasive Species".

Congratulations and thank you plus accolades to our member and non-member volunteers who valiantly manned the Moen Lake boat launch site this past season. Our chain remains invasive species free at this moment due, in part, to their efforts. KATHY WINKLER, our aquatic invasive species coordinator, has done another superlative job. I hope you all recognize the efforts put forth by these dedicated folks. We can always use more volunteers that love the chain and value their property. More volunteers available would reduce the need to call on you during the season. C'mon folks, even if you're only up for a week or a weekend, an hour or two of your time and \$20.00 is worth investing in your chain. Call Kathy: 369-1868, and help out.

The zebra mussel plates have been distributed evenly to volunteer households throughout the chain. They will be removed and inspected this fall for signs of the mussel and the results recorded and reported to the DNR.

Your Board has been seeking members to fill our vacant standing committees. Two were recently filled. LIZ RICHMOND and SALLY LATIMER volunteered to co-chair the PROGRAM and EVENT committee. They are currently working on a pennant (see below) that will reflect the origins of our Association and represent all five lakes. T-shirts, caps and other memorabilia may be available in the future. A historian would be nice!



for us. Take a peek: moenlakechain.org. This site will compliment our ability to communicate with our members and nonmembers. The additional content will be added over the next few weeks

SAVING THE LAST WILD PLACES

The northwoods is slowly yielding to those pesky subdivisions. The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLTL) is one way of doing somethin about it. Placing a **Conservancy Easement** on your property, allows you to continue to own, manage, sell or pass the property to future generations. You determine how the land will exist in the future, not a developer. Of particular need for protection are the lake and river shorelines. My wife and I are utilizing a Conservancy Easement to prevent any future development on 120 acres of natural forest land. Once the Easement is in place we will donate the easement to the NWLTL who will monitor and enforce it in the future with all current and future owners. Raw land will continue to appreciate and will be in great demand by buyers for recreational use such as hunting, trails, etc. If you own a large tract of land that you would like to protect for futue generations contact Bryan Pearce at the Northwoods Land Trust in Eagle River for more information at 715-479-2490 or at: nwlt@northwoodslandtrust.org or call me with any question you may have.

**Annual Dues: \$20.00
(Due January 1)
Mail to: El Felton
4182 Shady Lane
Rhineland, WI 54501**

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

- Always remember that you are unique. Just like everyone else.
- Never test the water depth with both feet.
- If at first you don't succeed...sky diving is not for you.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.

LETTERS TO THE ED

by L. Richmond

Saturday, of Labor Day weekend, ROSS YOUNGELL and LLOYD RICHMOND, of the Channel Markers committee, were busy doing maintenance on all of the markers. Holes were drilled in the tops so that the caps would sink if torn from the pipes by wind or waves. In addition markers were straightened where possible. All the pipes were painted fluorescent orange so they can be seen better when the marker caps are off. Also, it will make the posts that are bent over by the ice and are under the water surface more visible in the spring.

After the project with the markers in the Moen Lake narrows was completed, Lloyd, Ross and wives LIZ and KATHY enjoyed the appropriate libations on the way home to Fourth Lake! Who says work can't be fun? If traffic reports are correct, virtually every one of you with a pontoon boat or other craft went by them at least once. They said it was great to see so many of you out enjoying the especially nice weather we had that weekend. Thanks to all the boaters for the courtesy and patience shown the work crew.

CRIBS

by Lenny

Gescheidle

There has been a change in the classification of Moen, Fourth and Fifth Lakes affecting the requirements for placing cribs. In the past you could place a crib and register it's position with the DNR. Now, a permit is required to place a crib in these three lakes. It's not possible to place them in Second and Third Lakes because they are recognized as navigable river. Why the change? The DNR feels that cribs offer no advantages to a lake's quality. They are strictly for the convenience of the fisherman.

WATERSPORTS

By T. Cutler & L. Richmond

With the many interests and uses (of our chain - ed) all property owners and visitors have, the Association strives to emphasize respect and consideration for all of our neighbors. Keeping in mind that the Association has no law or rules enforcement capacity (nor desires any), it does attempt to preserve and enhance our lake's health and safety.

A leading concern expressed (in the Summer Newsletter - ed) to the Association is centered on recreational vehicles, whether land, water or ice related. We are all aware (we assume - ed) of the laws regarding excessive speed or driving too close to other boats, piers and the shores. These actions may create dangerous situations as well as being potentially destructive to shorelines and vegetation. Except for all of us being informed and considerate neighbors, and reminding others who may not be, the only other recourse is the sheriff's department, which is prepared to respond if contacted.

By working together and talking with others who may not be aware of their actions, we will continue to enjoy this wonderful chain of lakes with courtesy and safety.

HEADLINES OF INTEREST

The great Lakes Compact has passed all eight Great Lakes states (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania plus the bordering Canadian provinces. The U.S. Senate also passed the Compact and the House of Representatives is expected to pass it soon. President Bush promises to sign it. Forty one other water agreements in forty five states and the District of Columbia have been approved in the past. The Great lakes Compact is the largest interstate agreement in the country.

The emerald ash borer has been found in Washington and Ozaukee counties and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. State officials have placed limits on the transportation of wood, especially firewood, to State properties. Ash and some other wood products (trimmings, etc.) have been quarantined in Washington, Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Fond du Lac counties. It is illegal to transport these wood products beyond their respective county borders.

The deadly fish virus (viral hemorrhagic septicemia VHS) has NOT spread in Wisconsin.

ADVICE

1. Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud.
2. Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells and bait containers.
3. Do not move fish from one body of water to another.
4. Dispose of leftover bait in the trash, not in water or land.
5. Buy your own minnows from Wisconsin bait dealers or catch your own and fish the water where caught.
6. Wash your boat and equipment with high pressure or hot water or let it dry for five days.

MO-EN vs "MOON"

by CHUCK GOOSEN

Growing up in Rhinelander, we always heard it as "Moon's Lake". I never knew why until I studied Norwegian.

Norwegian (and Swedish) family names were often place or farm names. "Mo" refers to a moor (low barren field) or a parade ground. The Norwegian vowel "o" is pronounced like the English "oo" in "book" or "took". The ending "en" makes the noun definite - "the moor". So the pronunciation would be "moo-en" - really two syllables. The sound of the long English vowel "o" is written as "aa" in Norwegian or Swedish.

Thank you Chuck. I guess the American penchant for contractions holds sway here. Moo-en to Moon. ed.



I hope you noticed the change in the Newsletter format with the summer mailing. To include color, the cost of the mailing approaches \$300 each quarter. We reduced the cost somewhat by eliminating the envelopes but as you can see, the cost is still high. In 2008 there are 289 recipients on our mailing list, currently only 52 members are paid vs 100 in 2007. I think we could do better. **Membership follows our fiscal year, January 1 to December 31**, so remember that dues are due on January 1 each year. If you enjoy the Newsletter, and haven't paid your 2007 or 2008 dues, please do so now. There, you're reminded. Nonmembers join up and be part of the action. Make your voice heard. Get into the swing of things. Fill in the application at the end of this missive and send to El Felton, Treasurer 4182 Shady Lane, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Do it now while you're thinking about it. Without member support, this organization cannot survive. If you prefer to NOT receive the Newsletter, inform me by phone (715-369-9142), check the box in the application below, e-mail - wegager@pol.net or write to 3302 Cottage Road, 54501. Thanks.

Beginning with the winter issue in 2009, the Newsletter will be sent to all paid members quarterly. Nonmembers will receive the spring issue each year. Also, if you have an e-dress, please send to me soon. Electronic delivery of the Newsletter is planned for the future. All members with an e-mail address - Send it to: bonniesmetanoia@aol.com

BREAKING NEWS & SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

A survey is included with this Newsletter. It is stamped and need only be completed, folded, taped or stapled and mailed. Please help us achieve our mission.

The Association is still looking for an attorney that would be willing to be our "legal beagle" for occasional guidance.

At the Spring Board meeting KATHY WINKLER gave a summary report on the activities of the CLEAN BOAT/CLEAN WATER sub committee for AIS control. 77 individuals from 49 families participated in the boat launch site inspection activity. This translated to 397.5 hours of donated time in 136 - 2 hour shifts. The ADOPT-A-SHORELINE program was begun but folks evidently didn't understand what it entails. All you have to do is inspect your shoreline once a week for debris, foreign matter (AIS plants) etc. and report the time to KATHY WINKLER or DAN KUZLIK. Your time counts toward our grant requests.

USELESS INFO

Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.
There are about a trillion bacteria on each of your feet.
The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.

IN SUPPORT OF MR. LADER

In a written communication from Betty Riek of Moen Lake Road Betty writes: "Mr. Lader has it right! Frosty's dad was a teenager when our property was purchased and knew the Moen Family. He always insisted it was pronounced 'Moon' ". So, there you go! Thank you Betty.

The 2009 ANNUAL MEETING is at Pine Valley Lodge JULY 11, 2009 at 10:AM . The program will be announced next spring.

The Board of Directors, the committee Chairs and I want thank all the volunteers for the efforts they put forth on our Chain's behalf this past season and wish all members (and nonmembers) the happiest and healthiest of the approaching Holiday Season.

Walt Gager - Editor

MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Dues: \$20.00 on the first of each year)

NAME(S): _____ DATE _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

RHINELANDER ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ e-MAIL: _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

INTERESTS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ UNSUBSCRIBE _____