



# MOENBEAMS

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## WELCOME!

### 2013 New Members:

Bob & Sue Arendt  
Troy & Edana Beck  
Tom Dixon  
Scott Easton  
Deanna & Tom Grade  
John & Laura Hansis  
William & Eva  
Hinnendael  
David & Joan Kaul  
Chuck & Sue Komp  
Jim & Pauline Lenz  
Jim & MaryAnn Mahaffey  
Dave & Beth Natter  
Edward Paloyan  
Jane Richardson &  
Steve Dennis  
Vern & Rosie Schaller  
Timothy Williams  
Todd & Jenny Willman  
Judy Wincentzen

*Summer song,  
Summer long,  
Summer sounds  
of summer throngs*  
Alice Anne Gordon

You really have to experience a summer in Northern Wisconsin to appreciate the often repeated phrase, "if you don't like the weather up here, just wait a day and it will change". This past week I tried to spend as much time as I could submersed in the cool, copper colored waters of our beautiful chain of lakes, as temperatures topped the 90 degree mark and the humidity was so thick you could cut it with a knife. Some mornings I would swear that it was not fog rolling across our lakes, but steam! Now, just a few days later, as I key up my President's column, today's predicted high will be 69 and overnight temperatures are predicted to be in the upper 40's. Did we go directly from July to September and I missed August?

The good news is that there is still plenty of summer left for the seasonal activities we all enjoy by living on the Moen Lake Chain. Some of those activities are directly connected to your lake association. On July 6, we had another successful MLCA annual meeting. The morning was filled with interesting committee reports, board and officer elections, enjoyable networking with fellow association members and fun door prizes for many lucky attendees. We welcomed Nancy Sattler as a new board member and approved MLCA officers for 2013-2014 as follows: President, Dan Kuzlik, Vice-President, Tony Sattler, Treasurer, Gary Berweger and Secretary, Sally Latimer. Yes, I did agree to stay on one more year as President, but the search for a new president for next year begins now, so think of how you might lend your leadership skills in that position. The business meeting was then followed by a great presentation on loon behavior and habitat by loon expert Alan Schwogler. Several association members mentioned to me that they really felt that the committees are doing great work and demonstrating strong involvement and stewardship by our lake association members. And several more commented on the interesting loon program presentation.

Of course, contrary to this weekend's fall-like weather, summer is not over and there are more MLCA activities available to you. On Sunday, August 11, we have scheduled the annual MLCA summer picnic starting at 3:00 pm at the Birchwood Lodge. Bring a chair down to the beach, along with your favorite foods and beverages, or purchase them from the Birchwood's menu. Sally Latimer has volunteered to provide dessert for all. Join your fellow MLCA members for a good time to include fun, food, drink and music performed on the Birchwood deck.

And lastly, don't forget to do your part by volunteering a time or two as a Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) inspector at the public landing. Call our new CBCW Coordinator Serena Kuczarski at 715-360-5294 to schedule yourself for a two hour inspection slot.

Have a great summer. I will look forward to seeing you at the annual picnic.

Dan Kuzlik, President

**President:** Dan Kuzlik, **Vice President:** Tony Sattler, **Secretary:** Sally Latimer, **Treasurer:** Gary Berweger  
**Board of Directors:** J. Pederson '14, Dave Hanson '16, Sue Ohman '14, George Schroeffer '16, Keith Kelling '15, **Committee Chairs:**  
Tom Cutler, Gary Berweger, Dan Carlson, Bill Disbrow, Sally Latimer, Jim Pederson  
Walt Gager, ed, Bonnie Montgomery, Co-ed

## NEW.....MLCA FACEBOOK!

In the past few weeks the MLCA facebook page has been up and running. Here are some things that you should know about how it functions:

1. Page name: "Moen Lake Chain Association"
2. Intention: To keep members (and others) up to date and allow a place for an open forum on chain related events, post photos, ask questions, meeting times and places and more.
3. Postings will not be IMMEDIATELY visible. They must first be "allowed" by the page manager. Postings will be viewable within 24 hours. This "allows" time to identify and filter out spam, outside solicitations, etc.
4. All "allowed" posts will be shared with the general public unless you specify that your posting be to the page alone. Include a message to that effect.
5. Direct any questions to Bonnie Montgomery.  
Co-ed.

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### MARKERS

The new markers have been received very well. In fact folks like them so much that they have asked why the remaining markers can't be replaced with "floaters" as well. Dan Carlson is working on changing as many as possible.

Also, a recent suggestion from a member is to attach small solar powered lights to them for night navigation. Comments?

#### IN MEMORIAM Passed Members :

**Paul Dean**  
**Paula Fawley**  
**Leo Stutz**

Our sincere  
condolences to the families  
They will be missed

### WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

Be careful when reading health books,  
you may die of a misprint. Mark Twain

Only Irish Coffee, in a single glass,  
provides all four essential food groups:  
alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.  
Alex Levine

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until  
noon. Then it's time for my nap.  
Bob Hope

### SUM NUZ

The Oneida County Planning and Development Committee's amendments to the County's Pier ordinance have been presented to the County Board for approval. When that action will take place is unknown but here are the results of the proposal.

The committee recommended that new language be drafted to be conversant with the state laws which allow boathouses to be within the "exclusive riparian zone (ie: 75' from the ordinary high water mark [OHWM]) and allow decks closer to the water's edge.

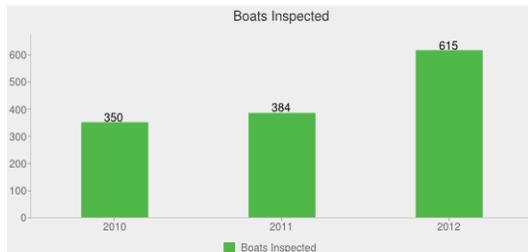
Oneida County pier ordinances, including size, placement, lighting and marinas, have been in place since 1998. A prolonged discussion of whether or not the County should have these ordinances or not took place. Suggestions were made to "get out" of the business of pier regulation and allow the state standards to govern. One reason given was that the DNR regulations were different [than the County's. Ultimately, voting favored the County keep it's pier regulations

Two amendments finally passed: New boat house construction would allow flat roofs and horizontal expansion of decks within 40' or more from the ordinary high water line.

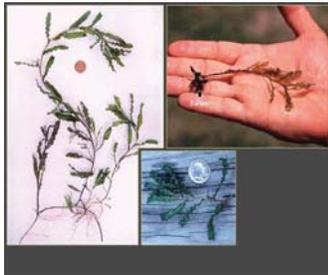
## DID YOU KNOW.....

Many of our neighboring waters, including Lake George, Pelican Lake, Squash Lake, The Rhinelander Flowage, Lake Minocqua and others have been infested with Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pondweed, invasive snails, and/or zebra mussels. Thanks to Kathy Winkler and YOU, our volunteers, the Moen Chain remains essentially clean. Our number of volunteers has been steadily rising and we need to continue this trend.

Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed spread easily and grow quickly, forming dense mats near the surface. They crowd out native plants, diminish fish habitat, can reduce property values, entangle in boat propellers, external part and trsailors and interfere with swimming and fishing.



Eurasian Milfoil



Curly Leaf Pondweed

The Chinese and Banded Mystery Snails both form dense aggregations. Both can carry parasites which can cause mortality of largemouth bass embryos when they invade nests.



The smaller Banded Mystery Snail

Zebra Mussels attach to all hard surfaces, including boats and docks. These little critters take plankton out of the water that young fish rely on for food. They will produce tens of thousands of young mussels each summer.



Thank you again to all who have volunteered to help in this effort. For those who have not yet, can you spare an hour this summer to monitor that launch? Easy instruction will be provided. Do you have 15 minutes when you are here to monitor your own shoreline and record your findings? Together, we can keep our chain clean!

B. Montgomery, Co-ed.

## WISCONSIN BATS, WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER

There are 1,240 species of bats, Wisconsin has eight. They measure 20% of all the mammal species on the planet. They are insectivores. All the bat species fall into one taxonomic family: (try this one): Vespertilionidae. Each species has a specific, unique echo wavelength. The echo is often used to identify the individual species.

Our eight species of bats are: hoary, silver-haired, red, big brown, little brown, eastern pipistrelle, northern myotis and the indangered Indiana bat. The little brown bat can devour 90 pounds of mosquitos in it's lifetime. Now is the time to begin a deep respect for the little fellows.

There are two categories of hibernating and roosting bats: tree and cave. The red, silver-haired and hoary are tree roosting bats. All of the remaining are cave roosting bats. A survival problem for the cave bats occurs while roosting or hibernating. They are exposed to the White Nose Syndrome (WNS). This is caused by a fungus. this disease is transmitted from bat to bat, settles in the soft moist mucous membranes (nose and mouth), causes breathing difficulties and worse awakens them from slumber. Infected bats usually die within a year. However, recent observations has found some infected bats have survived past the predicted date of demise. WNS has spread westward from New York over the years.

The first bats that arrive in the spring are the big brown. Bats, in general, are active from 7:30 to 10:30PM. The very first to come out at night are the silver-haired bat. They are often seen even before the sun has set.

Ongoing studies of bats in Wisconsin are present close to home. The University of Wisconsin's Kemp Natural Resources Station just south of Woodruff off highway 47 is host to a number of varied studies. There are programs for volunteers and/or folk just interested in learning more: Acoustic monitoring, Roost counting, back yard bat houses. lectures, etc. Attend the annual Bat Festival. (<http://www.wisconservation.org>).

Wanna see 'em up close: Cave of the Mounds, Eagle Cave, Ledge View Nature Center, Maribel Caves County Park, Platteville Mining Museum, and Badger Mine and Museum. Enjoy, ed

### MOONBEAM HOME HELP(LESS?) TIPS

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop!

Apples, not caffeine, are more important at waking you up in the morning!

Most dust particles in your house are from dead skin!

The liquid inside coconuts can be used as a substitute for blood plasma

## DOOR PRIZE DONORS

Judy's Twin Pines  
The Birchwood  
Mel's Trading Post  
Rhineland Cafe &  
Pub

The Fishing Hole  
Trig's Ace Harware  
Bonnie Montgomery  
Walt & Donna Gager  
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If you visit one of  
them, say thank you  
for their generosity  
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(even if you didn't win  
one)



Mom & Pop and two Baby Loons on North Pelican #5

Photo by B. Montgomery

## LOON FACTS

Common Loons are  
of five species in the  
genus *Gavia*  
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The name "Loon" is a  
reference to the birds  
clumsiness on land  
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Loons can dive up to  
200'  
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It takes up to a  
quarter mile for a  
loon to get airborne

## July 6, 2013 ANNUAL MLCA MEETING

President **Dan Kuzlik** opened the meeting. The agenda, previous and meeting minutes were quickly approved.

**El Felton's** Treasurers report was approved, the Association is viable. (When you consider that our dues are only \$20 – remarkable. ed.)

**Nancy Sattler**, who will take over as the CB/CW Coordinator at the end the summer, presented a very informative report from the Oneida County AIS section. **Tim Plude**, DNR Aquatic Plant Management Specialist, presented results of the "Clean Sweep" program (available before the meeting for residents to bring samples of water plants or animals for identification). All samples were native, no Invasive species were present.

**Dan Carlson** reported on the status of the DNR supporting grants. He also announced that he was installing a storage bin at the boat launch kiosk to store the monitor materials and a couple of chairs. The DNR is covering half the cost of the markers. More "floaters" may be able to be used.

In the absence of **Jim Peterson**, no water quality report was given

**Gary Berweger** confirmed that the DNR will stock walleyes in the chain in September. They will be 6–8" in size. Approximately 4,000 in Moen Lake and about 5,000 in North Pelican Lake (4th & 5th).

**Sue Ohman** gave a membership report with the results of the mailing. Membership continues to increase, now at 134.

**Walt Gager**, asked for more input for the Newsletter. He also announced that **Bonnie Montgomery** will assume the position of Co–editor.

**Tom Cutler** announced the creation of a new committee to follow up on the recommendations of the ad hoc Long Term Planing Committee.

Also, a **Lake Committee** is being instituted. The committee is have too one individual on each lake (Moen may have to have two) as a "go to" person for lake residents. A sort of ombudsman. The lake chairman will be an elected member of the Board. However, since the Bylaws must be amended to encompass this move, the initial representatives will be appointed by the President.

**Sally Latimer** presented and sold MLCA logo products at the checkin area. She introduced new Tote Bags (\$14), can coozies (\$4) and new pennants made of better material and longer lasting ink. As Chair of the Program and Event Committee, Sally announced that the annual picnic will be held at the Birchwood on August 11th. Picnic time and more informaion will come later.

Certificate of Appreciation Recognition was given to resigning officers and board members:

**El Felton, Sue Ohman, Bonnie Montgomery** and **Tom Cutler**. **Kathy Winkler** was absent and has resigned as AIS co–ordinator. She will receive a certificate later.

**Tom Cutler** presented the slate of new officers: **Dan Kuzlik**, President; **Tony Sattler**, Vice President; **Gary Berweger**, Treasurer, **Sally Latimer**, Secretary and **Nancy Sattler**, elected a Board of Directors.

**Miscellaneous:** discussion included the SNW item. Since the townships are resistant, the subject was tabled.

**Alan Schwoegler**, from the Loon Watch group gave an interesting and informative presentation on loons life.

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## (Order blank and Membership application)

Accessories with logos may be ordered directly from **METRO PRINTING**, 510 Lincoln St., Rhinelander, WI 54501 (715-365-3195). To order from MLCA: call Sally Latimer: 715-362-1714



	Qty	\$\$	Total
PENNANTS (Brand new soft material, washes easily, great colors)	_____	20.00	_____
CAPS (multiple colors available)	_____	17.00	_____
<b>TOTE BAG</b> (New Item):	_____	14.00	_____
CAN KOOZIES (New Item):	_____	4.00	_____

**SILK SCREENED APPAREL**, White Cotton (EMBROIDERED APPAREL is available at a small extra cost):  
 Large MLCA logo on front with red M and Black Chain

CIRCLE ITEM, COLOR & SIZE:	CHOOSE COLOR*	SIZE	QTY.	\$\$ (ea)	TOTAL
TEE SHIRT	Grey	Small	_____	12.00	_____
LONG SLEEVE TEE SHIRT	White	Large	_____	18.0	_____
CREW NECK SWEATSHIRT	Khaki	XLarge	_____	23.00	_____
HOODY SWEATSHIRT		XX Large	_____	_____	_____
				Sub Total:	_____

**ORDER MODIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

- LARGE LOGO ON BACK ONLY
- SMALL LOGO ON FRONT ONLY

SMALL LOGO ON FRONT, LARGE LOGO ON BACK WITH STANDARD RED "M" & BLACK "CHAIN" - ADD 3.00

**DARK COLORS:** require different MLCA logo colors. Check with METRO for materials & logo colors.

**METRO** requires a minimum order of 12 items before processing dark colors.

\*NOTE: You may request different light colors with standard red "M" and black "Chain".

ORDER TOTAL

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RHINELANDER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW

RENEW

UNSUBSCRIBE

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_