



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Fall 2011

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Calendar of Meetings & Events

Annual Meeting:

Townsend Town Hall

Date: June 23th 2012

Time: Social 9:00AM

Meeting Start 9:30AM

Annual Picnic

Date: August 11th, 2012

Host:

Boyer/Nock/Bevington/Miller/

Hall cottages: Appleton Lane

Golf Outing

Date: September 8th, 2012

Place: Nicolet Country Club,

Laona

Welcome to the Fall Issue of the Archi Times by Dick Rankin

Welcome to another fall on Archibald Lake!

Unfortunately, another summer passed much too quickly – hopefully, your family enjoyed many quality times at your cottage, on the lake. And, even though many have started to or already closed up for the winter, we hope you are able to enjoy the fall colors and the changing of another season.

You'll find MUCH information regarding the summer and fall activities in this issue of the Archi Times. I'll highlight several as follows:

- An info packed annual meeting lasted about an hour, 20 minutes. It was concise and quick flowing. We shared information, were respectful of your time commitments and had lots of handouts.
- The beginning of the flowering rush research project with spraying in June at control sites.
- A comprehensive fishing report was undertaken by the DNR. The report is due in spring, '12.
- The web site continues to improve the sharing of timely information. We have 3 new sponsors
- The continuation of EWM treatments at West Lobe sites in the spring and fall.
- Water quality evaluation is now done in both lobes 4 times a summer

THANKS to all those Association Members who volunteered their time/talents, to help the many projects of your Association proceed through to successful results. The Board members certainly appreciate the involvement of EACH of you who pitched in for the picnic and golf outing, staffed the CB/CW boat landing and Adopt-a-Shoreline, removed flowering rush from your shoreline, bought raffle tickets/contributed items, cooked brats or ate them, and participated in events – you make the Association's activities happen. THANKS AGAIN for your important contributions.

While there were several new families/individuals who got involved, as an Association we must continue to reach out to increase the % of membership involvement. Our communication to you continues to improve, i.e. Archi Times, emails, mailings, and web page. Starting in spring '12 we will increase the frequency of emails so as to inform you of opportunities for involvement shortly before each event. Our hope is that this will improve participation because you can plan within a shorter time frame. PLEASE do consider becoming involved for a few short time blocks the summer of '12. Your Association needs you, your talents/your energy/your participation. You can help make a difference!!

Do enjoy the beauty and pleasures of fall, hopefully, on our Lake. I know we all are already thinking ahead to the family fun times we will have during the summer of '12.

Sympathy by Kathy Wiggins

The Archibald Lake Association would like to express its sympathy to the families and friends of Mary Weyers, 16682 Old Camp Point Lane. Mary was a board member when the Association incorporated in 1986. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

The Archibald Lake Association would like to be informed of the passing of any members. Please

notify Kathy Wiggins so that we properly acknowledge it.

Annual Meeting: JUNE 26, 2011 by Kathy Wiggins

The following is a brief summary of the Annual Meeting minutes. Any portions that have their own article in this newsletter are not repeated below. Please refer to the web site: www.archibaldlake.com for the meeting presentation documents.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- Dick Rankin called the meeting to order, explained the meeting's procedures and introduced the board and committee members.

MEMBERSHIP: Betsy Nock

- 2011 membership: there are 150 members who have paid before this meeting; there are five new family memberships.

ELECTIONS: Dick Rankin

- Dick Rankin and Steve Fleming were reelected; Steve Wagner was elected to replace Gary Miller.
- Thank you, Gary, for your years of service to the association, many of which were as the treasurer.

CONSTITUTION: Gary Miller and Kathy Wiggins

- Consult the web site for the complete changes.
- Some of the changes include: voting, quorum, business and membership year.
- The proposed changes were approved, 40 to 0.

EWM / CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER (CB/CW) / FLOWERING RUSH

- All have further updates in this newsletter so the information will not be repeated here.

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS:

- The slow-no-wake buoys between the two lobes may need repair or replacing soon.
- There are concerns that people are not observing the slow-no-wake boating/pwc rules around the islands in the east lobe.
- The new 5:00 p.m. slow-no-wake boating town ordinance (changed from 4:00) was discussed.

Money Talks by Steve Fleming

I would like to start this article by taking a moment to thank Gary Miller for his many years of Association service. Gary retired from the board in June. He has been on the board for 11 years and the treasurer for 9. Because of Gary's work along with other association members we are in very good financial shape right now.

Speaking of our financial status, we currently have \$11,434 (+\$900 Marty/Wiggins Shoreline Restoration fund) in our checking account. Before the end of the year we should receive over \$5,000 in reimbursements from the DNR for our EWM and flowering rush chemical treatment grants leaving us with a year-end balance between \$16,000 and \$17,000.

To summarize some of the key financial events this year: we collected dues from 150 members; we

took in over \$1,300 for the association raffle; the golf outing and golf raffle brought in \$577; brat sales was another huge success at over \$1,100; and the boat landing box brought in close to \$250. This is incredible for an organization our size!!!!

On the expense side our major expenses fall under EWM and flowering rush chemical treatment. So far we have spent \$2,500 for EWM treatment and \$2,700 for flowering rush treatment. We expect to have another EWM treatment this fall. The DNR grant should reimburse us for most of these expenses. Other expenses are the picnic, which cost \$718, memberships in Wisconsin Lakes/insurance/donations, which cost just over \$1,000, and Clean Boats/Clean Waters which cost \$163.

When I took over as treasurer from Gary I started thinking that we really have a lot of money for a small organization. This is a really good situation to be in! Most organizations our size would drool over a balance like ours. After thinking about it a bit more I realized that this money is really needed to protect our future. There will come a time when the DNR will not likely fund the activities they are funding now. When that time comes we will either need to pay for it ourselves or stop controlling invasive species. I think it is imperative that we continue to stay aggressive with our fund raising activities so we are ready for the future.

Thanks again to all those who helped to raise funds at our many fund raisers and thanks to all our members who continue to support our efforts to preserve this wonderful resource though their membership dues and other financial support!

If you have questions or would like to get involved please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228.

Association Communications by Steve Fleming

As a board, we believe that Association communications is one of our most important responsibilities. We are constantly trying to improve communications while holding down costs. Several years ago we asked our members if they would be comfortable receiving some of their communications through email. 130 of 150 members now receive the Archi Times and other general communications through email. Using email to send the Archi times saves the Association approximately \$135 per mailing.

We also have a dedicated Archibald Lake Website. Because of the generous support of our business sponsors our website is a no cost method that we use to make more information readily available to our members. We urge all of our members to utilize the website (www.archibaldlake.com) to keep updated on information about the lake and the association.

At the annual meeting this past summer it was suggested that we use email more. A number of people expressed interest during and after the meeting in receiving reminders of events and more short communications through email. After some discussion at our last board meeting we believe this is worth trying. We don't want to overuse it but if we are careful we think it may be valuable. We realize that this means that there are 20 people who will not receive some of these reminders and our commitment to the membership when we started using email was that we would make sure that our members get the necessary communications. What this means for the future is that everyone WILL get all the information that they have in the past. However, email members will see some additional reminders and/or information updates on topics that have been communicated once before.

In the next membership renewal form we are going to again ask everyone for their email addresses. For those who don't have email, we will also ask if there is a close relative or close friend who has email that we could send short reminders to. We would still send the Archi Times and other essential communications by paper mail for those who don't have a direct email connection just as we do now.

Please consider this possibility for the future.

If you have questions or other suggestions on how we can improve communications please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228 or any one of the board members listed at the end of this newsletter.



Clean Boats / Clean Waters by Betsy Nock

Our 6th year of Boat Landing monitoring ran from Memorial Day to Labor Day in 2011. We are one of the original teams of Boat Landing monitors. Our goal this year was to have 150 hours of monitoring. This would enable us to continue to meet our yearly needs for donatable hours for our EWM grant. We were successful with 177 hours of time monitoring boats, trailers and autos as they came and left the boat landing.

A special thanks is given to Jiri and Paula Gabera, Dick and Joanne Boyer, Rhonda Cundy and Karen and Jeff Rugotska. Together they put in 116 of the 177 hours.

Tim Counihan, Matt Marty, Kathy Wiggins, Tom Winn and Kevin Springob assisted those totals with at least 3 monitoring times.

We would also like to thank the following people who “put us over the top” in our goal. Each of them volunteered time from their summer schedule to help us. They include: Chris and Randy Olson, Gary Miller, Steve Fleming, Marie and Mike Berger, Bob and Natalie Gehringer, Cathy and Jim Lindeman, Ray and Anna Mae Schieffen, Natalie Cyr, Dick Rankin, Tim McGuire, Richard and Lisa Dvorak, Barbara Luebke, Patti Spatcher, Dan Brown, Stan Hall, Sharon Ruck and Ted Albert.

A viable Clean Boats/Clean Water program is a cornerstone of any grants that we receive. Once again (*sounding like a broken record...*) getting and retaining volunteers is crucial to our success. I would ask that you look at family members who come to your cottage and encourage them to volunteer 1, 2, or 3 times a summer for 90 minute time periods. The new shed makes it easy to volunteer. I am available to train any person who wants to volunteer. Please think about what your family can give to this important project.

The Archibald Lake Association is grateful to Wendell and Patti Schreurs for allowing us to place our shed on their property. The shed is an important part of our program.

And, once again, we would like to thank Tim Counihan and Richard Dvorak for their volunteer work in providing the DNR with water samples for water quality data and results. They now test both lobes of our lake for water quality. Tim and Richard are on the lake 4 times a year to do this sampling and we are grateful for their help in keeping our water quality data current. Archibald Lake is one of the pioneers in water quality testing. We just, this past year, received the go ahead to test both lobes of the lake. We are grateful to the DNR for providing us with the resources and data collection that will enable us to have a clearer picture of the water quality on both sides of the lake in the years to come. We are also grateful to all of the people through the years who have helped us collect this data.

Adopt a Shoreline - An Update by Matt Marty

One year has elapsed since The Archibald Lake Association initiated this new program for monitoring the initiation and spread of aquatic invasive species in our lake. In the first month of its existence several patches of Eurasian water milfoil were found. These were added to the existing locations and were treated or hand pulled. Again this summer additional patches were located along with a number of single plants. Some of these single plants and patches were in relatively deep water (over 10'). This goes to show you that even though the lake has been surveyed by professionals several times it can

slip through the net. We do not have what would be considered a large infestation but because of the number of patches and single plants found indicates our lake has the water chemistry capable of supporting a huge infestation. This also shows why it is doubly important that we stop any new infestations at the landing through boat inspections. We are miles ahead if we can prevent any additional AIS infestations in our lake.

I am retiring as chair of the committee and will be replaced by Joe Warnacut. However, my wife Kathy and I will still be on the committee looking for AIS.

I would like to thank the volunteers who have spent many hours scouring the near shore area in canoes and kayaks looking for these weeds when they probably had other things they would rather have been doing. If you see these folks around and about would you please thank them as well? **Joanne Boyer, Suzie Hall, Scott Birkholtz, Steve and Karen Fleming, Cathy Lindeman, Bob and Natalie Gehringer, Scott Allard, Tim Counahan, Tim and Lynn McGuire, Richard and Elissa Dvorak, Matt Marty and Kathy Wiggins.**

Eurasian Water Milfoil by Steve Fleming

Eurasian water milfoil, EWM, was first identified in Archibald Lake during early summer 2009. EWM, as you hopefully know, is an invasive plant that has been known to crowd out native plants in shoreline areas of Wisconsin lakes. We chemically treated the original EWM colonies under the DNR Rapid Response grant in the fall of 2009. In an effort to make sure we killed the plants we treated the same areas again in the spring of 2010. Our first year treatments were very effective, eliminating most all the known plants. During the summer of 2010 we found several new areas and treated those in the fall of 2010 and spring of 2011. Again, those areas have mostly disappeared. This past summer our adopt-a-shoreline program found several new areas which will be treated again this fall and spring.

Our original hope was that we could eradicate this invasive plant from the lake. It is looking like total eradication is an unlikely expectation. As is the case with all invasive species, once you have this plant it is very hard to eliminate. The best you can hope for is to control it so it does not impact the way the lake is used in the future. The way to control it is to continue to do what we have been doing. We need to be very diligent with respect to finding and removing single plants and if larger colonies start we need to find them as soon as possible and continue to chemical treat them.

EWM spreads very easily by plant fragmentation. Because of this it is important that we get more people involved in identification and location. The adopt-a-shoreline program that we have started is our most important defense with respect to our control efforts. All our association hours spent doing adopt-a-shoreline come back to us at a rate of \$12/hour in the DNR grant. In addition to doing the shoreline surveys, it would be great if everyone who has shoreline property knew how to identify this plant.

It is also very important that we continue to grow our association funds. The DNR grant runs out in two years and at that time we will need to either pay the treatment bill out of our funds or get another DNR grant. With the recent state budget cuts it is unlikely that we will get another grant.

If you have questions or would like to get involved please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228

Flowering Rush by Steve Fleming

This past spring the Association entered into a multi-year flowering rush research and control program with grant support from the DNR. We have partnered with Peter Rice from the University of Montana

to help guide the activities. We selected two shoreline areas for chemical treatment with dense flowering rush growth. The two areas were chemically treated on July 11th. The area by Olson's, the old YMCA camp, was treated with Renovate and the area by the boat landing was treated with Aquathol. These two chemicals were selected based on previous research done by Peter Rice and others. Before treatment, both areas along with a control area were surveyed to determine the current plant densities. Even though we would all like to see rapid results we have been told that the true test of our research can only be measured in the spring of 2012. At that time we will re-gather the plant density data to determine the impact of the 2011 chemical treatment. From these results and the results of other research being done in Minnesota and Montana, we will develop our plans for 2012.

As with all DNR grants we are required to pay 25% and the DNR will pay 75% of all expenses up to the amount of the grant. Our 25% can come in either direct funds or in "donated labor" for which we can apply at a rate of \$12/hour. If you are doing any work removing, mapping, or locating flowering rush please let me know.

If you have questions or would like to get involved please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228.

Fund Raising Update 2011 , by *Tim Counihan*

SUPERVALU Brat Fries

Members of the Lake Association staffed the brat and burger stand at the Lakewood Super Value. We started off slow but then hit a couple of very nice weather days in August. That helped us raise a total of \$1,143.00 for the 4 dates.

A big thank you to our cooks and servers Tim McGuire, Glen Hoppe, Stan Hall, Dick Boyer, Kathy Wiggins, Lisa & Tony Antkowski, and Shelby & Kim Counihan.

It was also great to see many neighbors from the lake stopping in to show some support and hanging out under the tent.

Thanks to Terry & Dave at the SuperVALU for their help. We will be announcing the dates for the 2012 cook outs as soon as they are finalized.

Boat Landing, by *Tim Counihan*

Proceeds from the donation box located at the boat landing for 2011 YTD is \$269.52. Nice job by the CBCW volunteers for reminding everyone as they launched that the box is there.

Apparel Sales, by *Betsy Nock and Joanne Boyer*

We have concluded our apparel sale for this year. However, if you would like to order items for Christmas, you can do that by contacting Betsy Nock before November 1 and she will make arrangements for delivery of those items.

The website has the Apparel items shown as well as an order form that can be printed out. You will notice that the prices of many of the items have changed. This is due to price changes from our supplier.

We will again do summer orders next year. There will be one or two new designs and items will be available in some new colors. Order blanks will be available again at the Annual Meeting for a July 4th deadline. Samples will be available for your perusal. Those items will be available about August 1st.

Thank you to those who have ordered this year.

Social Events by *Kathy Wiggins and Betsy Nock*

The summer/fall season for the Archibald Lake cottage owners began with the Annual Meeting on June 25, 2011 and concluded with the Golf Outing on September 10th.

We used a new format for our Annual Meeting in an effort to meet our goal of a 90 minute meeting. We provided much of the information and material before the meeting on our web page so that members could be informed before the meeting and come prepared to discuss important issues. We have received many positive comments on our new format and will continue with it as we fine tune it. We welcomed Steve Wagner to the Board as we bid Gary Miller goodbye after his "more than a decade" of service to our Association board.

On August 6th 110 people joined us for an Annual Picnic. It was a fine picnic and we thank Ken and Paula Schwebke for hosting it again this year. Next year's event will be at the end of Appleton Lane, hosted by the Boyers, Nock, Bevingtons, Millers and Halls. Our raffle raised over \$1000 for our EWM fund. Thanks to those people who donated items and baskets for the raffle, to Susan Nock for creating the basket packaging and to those who bought tickets. The raffle winners are:

Party basket: Ken and Paula Schwebke	Plant stand and plant: Katie Pocnor
Wine bag: Nancy De Bennette	Breakfast basket: Yvonne Miller
Wooden clock: Abby McGuire	Pottery vase: Gary Gevaert
Musky fishing basket: Barbara Harvancik	Fishing basket: Suzie Hall
Jim Beam fishing decanter: Greg Maes	Wooden bench: Ken and Jan Springob
Framed loon photograph: Bill Adamietz	Children's fishing basket: Yvonne Miller
Duck print: Barb Sauve	Handmade cribbage board: Dave Smit
Christmas basket: Paul Brusky	\$50.00 Cabella's gift card: Rick Peters
Scrapbook basket: Cay Brusky	Loon print: Barb Sauve
\$50.00 Townsend Shell gift card: Suzie Hall	Packer football: Judy Strenger

On September 10th, the Golf Outing was held at the Nicolet Golf Course in Laona. Mark Hesselink, Ted Albert and Larry Market and their families did their usual fine job masterminding the event.

There were 20 golfers and 28 people at dinner afterwards. The golfer awards were:

- Team winners: Tim McGuire, Mark Torzewski, Joe Warnacut, Joe Warnacut, Jr.
- Shortest drive-men: Scott Mau
- Shortest drive-women: Kathy Wiggins
- Longest drive-men: Mark Torzewski
- Longest drive-women: Randa Albert
- Longest put-men: Scott Mau
- Longest put-women: Kathy Wiggins
- Closest to the pin from the tee-men: Tim McGuire
- Closest to the pin from the tee-women: Elaine Mau

The raffle raised over \$500 for the Association. Special thanks to Lynn McGuire for the basket packaging and to those who contributed items for this raffle. Here are some of the businesses who contributed items. When you do business with them, please thank them for their donations.:

12 pack of Coke: Citizens Bank

Martini set: Lakewood Shell

Gift Certificates \$50,\$20,\$20: Lakewood Super Value

Fish Cleaning board: Mighty Fine Sports Shop in Lakewood

2 bottles wine: Amy's Wine Cellar in Lakewood

Gift Certificates (2): McCaslin Brook Golf Course
Gift Certificate: Pintsch's Hardware
Duffel Bag, Sweat Shirts, & popcorn serving sets: Potowatomi Carter Casino
Gift Certificates: Lakewood Zoo
Duffel Bag & umbrella: Laona State Bank
Picnic Basket: WPS
Golf Bag & Misc. Golf Items: Mark Torzewski Triangle Distributing
Golf Balls: Joe Warnacut Schmidt Docks and Lifts Lakewood
Gift certificate: Valley Inn
Gift certificate: Cell Com
Souvenir Archibald Lake Association golf outing coffee cups were donated by Larry and Sue Market's daughter, Shelly Hoffman

Kathy Wiggins and Betsy Nock will once again head the Social Committee for the 2012 year. Please let us know if you would be willing to assist us in any of these events.

Membership/Signs by Betsy Nock and Kathy Wiggins

This past year we began our Membership Renewal drive in February and were heartened by the great response that we got. We were able to complete our Membership work by the Annual Meeting. Thank you everyone for responding so quickly. With the bulk of our activities occurring during the summer months, it really helped to have membership activates finished in such a timely fashion.

In the 2011 year, we have 150 members, including 7 new members. Please welcome William and Rose Adamietz, Steve Bergner, Marty and Jane Hermes, Todd and Sara Hietpas, Irvin and Mary Latta and Mike and Tori Schroeder.

We are working on our new sign to be placed on Bullfrog Bend. That sign and the corresponding name plates should be up later this fall. Then, cottages on the south side will have their names on the Archibald Lake Road sign and those on the north side (from the Boat Landing to Bullfrog Bend) will have their names on the Bullfrog Bend sign. Thank you to Tim McGuire, Jim Weyers, Matt Marty and Kathy Wiggins for sign updating, building and repair.

We will continue the Membership Renewal process this year with renewal forms mailed out in February.

Web Site by Steve Fleming

The Archibald Lake Association web site continues to work flawlessly with the exception of a few operator errors on my part. Many thanks go to Randy Orth and EM4B for all their ongoing support!

We have had a very good year as far as web site sponsors. We now have 11 paid sponsors. They include Pintsch's Hardware, WPS, S Birkholz Construction, Lakewood Ski and Sport, Power's Service Center, Lakewood SUPERVALU, Lakewood Zoo, Philip Mattek Financial Advisor, Geiter Septic, Schmidt Boat Lifts and Docks, and Radish Realty. Please utilize our sponsors as much as possible. We break even with eight. These sponsors help us keep the website as a no cost communications tool.

We are constantly looking for new ways to utilize the website to provide membership value. One idea we are considering is to have a **photo/calendar contest**. The idea would be to have members submit digital pictures of the lake, people, or wildlife and vote for the ones they like best. From the 12 highest vote pictures we would make a yearly calendar. We would put some small price to submit pictures and then sell the calendars. Another idea is to create a classified ads section on the website

and for a small price allow people to place for sale or wanted ads.

Please do me a favor and let me know if either of these ideas would be of interest to you. You can call or send an email, whatever works best for you.

If you have any other ideas for utilizing the website please let me know that as well. We have considered installing a webcam but we are concerned with the initial cost and maintenance cost. We really want to continue to have this be a no-cost service.

If you have questions or would like more information please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228.

History Tidbits by Kathy Wiggins

The following excerpts come from a 1959 article in the Appleton Post-Crescent newspaper. Thanks to Ruth Kirchner for donating Glenn's files to the Association's archives. This article was in his files.

Lake Association Formed to Make Vacation Spot Better, by Jay Reed, Outdoor editor

How can a group of cottage owners form an association to work collectively for the welfare and improvement of the lake on which they spend their leisure hours?

"It's easy," says Circuit judge Andrew Parnell, president of the Archibald Lake Mutual Welfare Association. "If you have serious-minded members willing to work and sacrifice some of their own time for the good of everyone."

This is the spirit which has made the Archibald Lakers Association successful.

Born Aug. 30, 1958, the organization is in its infancy. In less than a year it has completed its paper formation, elected officers, appointed committees, supervised the construction of a fire station, obtained, through the conservation department, the installation of 75 fish shelters and initiated a study of fish-stocking records with an eye to further improvement of the Archibald fish population.

To understand why the association was formed in the first place is to understand Archibald lake itself. Its mirror-clear waters lap like a thirsty spaniel at the shores of a sea of pine which is northern Oconto county. Its seven miles of shore lines is broken with coves and bays curving gracefully in and out, hiding most cottages but exposing others on wind-cuffed points. Several tree-covered islands dot the lake's midsection.

Altogether, Archibald Lake is one of northeastern Wisconsin's more attractive bodies of water and the people who built cottages there wanted to keep it that way.

But it was Judge Parnell's urging and organizational talents which brought the association into being. The first step was to prepare an organizational plan. This key work was assigned William Pickett, Swen Anderson, and Robert Arnold, Green Bay.

Arthur Benson, O.E. Ahrens, and Ralph Raasch made up the first nominating committee.

Officers elected included Judge Parnell, president, (Ray?) Giesler, vice-president, and Rolland Nock, secretary-treasurer. Directors named were Don Holt, Fabian Redmond, Swen Anderson, Alfred Piehl, William Pickett and Harold Briese.

The committee for organization recommended purposes of the Association as year-round protection of cottages, improvement of lake property in general, representation of members regarding taxation, regulatory rules for fishing, motor boating and water skiing, road improvement, fair utility rates and restrictive establishments.

Dues of \$2 per year were established and the annual meeting was scheduled for the Saturday night

preceding each Labor Day. The Fourth of July weekend was reserved for such additional meetings as the organization might need.

One of the organization's first moves was to obtain fire protection. A second hand fire pump, together with 100 feet of hose, now is stationed in a special building near the home of one of the year-round residents near the lake. A fire alarm system will be developed this spring.

Road improvement has started already. The major part of the road leading into the lake was blacktopped last fall.

This, briefly, is how it was done. The Association stands ready to serve its members and the members are prepared to aid the organization. The group has a membership of about 70-nearly 100 percent of all cottage owners on the lake.

It is an unspoiled area now. The Association's goal is to keep it that way.

Eastern Hemlock, part 1 by Richard Dvorak

We are surrounded by many of this specie of tree. They like the climate conditions around our lake. Until one of these trees falls on your cottage and you do a little research about them do you realize their majestic beauty. There are four species of Hemlock found in the United States. There are only 10 species of Hemlock found around the world. They are slow growing and long living. Our tree was only a baby that fell on the cottage. We counted and counted and counted the growth rings. It was only 260 years old. That means this tree was a seedling back in the year 1751. That is before the good old USA even existed. Just imagine if that tree had eyes, ears, and could talk about everything that has happened around it. What would it say? What did it see? What did it hear?

STORM:

The sky turned dark about 3:15pm on July 30th and we knew a storm was coming. I ran down onto the dock to keep an eye on the sky. Lisa ran into the house. The front of the storm had already passed overhead moving fast from the north. It was very quiet and the air still on the dock. The sky had turned an eerie monotone green gray color. Across the lake I could see the wind was coming. The only boat on the water was a pontoon boat that had the canopy up and was heading home along the north shore of the lake. I found out later that was Tim and Lynn McGuire. The wind was coming fast across the lake and was picking up water from the surface. I braced myself with one leg in front of the other. The wind hit me along with a spray of water. It just about knocked me down. I heard the tree crack behind me and turned and saw the tree break off and get tossed about like a rag dolly. It was falling toward the house but I could not see it hit the house because of all the limbs.

Lisa was watching out the basement windows. She was concerned about my safety on the dock and was thinking, what is he doing! When the winds came she was watching my shirt and pants flapping in the breeze. She saw the tree moving back and forth and then twist apart and fall toward the house. The tree hit the house but never really made a big bang. There was no sound when it fell, no breaking glass, no nothing.

DAMAGE:

I considered ourselves very lucky. We have no structural damage. If the tree would have been farther away from our cottage it may have had a chance to build up enough momentum and come right on through the roof. The tree first hit the top of the masonry chimney. The tree broke in half on impact. The bottom half of the tree bounced off the chimney and bounced twice against the edge of the roof before landing on our retaining wall crushing the top blocks and pushing that section about four inches deeper into the ground. The top half of the tree landed on the roof and rolled down it. The very top of the tree broke off when it hit the top peak of the dormer roof and stayed there. Our standing seam

metal roof is a mess and one side needs to be replaced. The top portion of the chimney needs to be rebuilt.

TREE STATS:

The tree was 260 years old. This tree was 100 feet tall. The widest part across the stump cut flush with the ground measured 50". The bottom of the tree was hollow which weakened the tree and caused it to break off during a wind storm on July 30th. The diameter of the tree at a height of eight to ten feet from the base was 25". This is where the tree was solid again and a good log. After removing all of the branches and sawing the top of the tree up in chucks for camp fire wood, I ended up with a solid almost clear log 37 feet long.

LONG LIVING:

Eastern hemlocks are slow growing and long living. The oldest eastern hemlock tree on record was almost 1,000 years old. It was 7 feet in diameter and 160 feet tall. My tree was only a baby. A small tree in our yards of only a few inches in diameter may be 50, 60 or even a 100 years old. A 50 year old tree would be 4.8" in diameter. A 100 year old tree would be about 9.6" in diameter. Take a look around your cottage. How big are your trees? How old are they?

SHAPE AND LEAVES:

Eastern Hemlocks are a very graceful evergreen with a conical shape. Branches extend from the trunk at a right angle and often sweep toward the ground. The top of the tree is long and slender and curves away from the prevailing winds. Dead branches often remain on the trunk. The needle like leaves are short, flat, and rounded at the tip. The needles are only about 5/8" long and are dark green on the top and light green on the bottom with two white parallel lines. The needle like leaves remain on the twigs for three years. In the fall you will notice the older needles are falling off the trees and will be replaced with new growth.

CONES:

A single cone develops on the ends of the twigs. The cones are about 5/8" long and mature in one year. The cones drop their seeds in winter and the empty cones fall off in the spring.

RANGE:

Eastern Hemlocks grow normally in pure stands or mixed with other evergreens. They are restricted to areas with cool humid climates. They do not tolerate hot climates. Their range is from north eastern Minnesota to the east coast, Upper Michigan and lower part of Canada to the north and south to the bottom of the state of Michigan and the Appalachian Mountains.

SEEDLINGS:

Seedlings are difficult to grow and require shade and moist conditions. Full sunlight is harmful to seedlings. They are extremely tolerant of shade. They will grow vigorously with as little as 20 percent sunlight, waiting for their chance to reach for the stars.

Part 2 will include:

- Keeping them healthy

- Uses for the tree and wood

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