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TRASHY THE TRASHMAN

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WATCHING THE WATERS

December 2014

Oh What Fun It Is To Ride In A Christmas Parade



The spirit of Christmas was evident throughout the towns of Bristol and Johnson City on Dec 4th and 6th, respectively, during each city's annual Christmas Parade. In spite of the weather, your Boone Lake Association was there to help celebrate the joys of the holiday season. This was our first year to participate in the Bristol parade and our 2nd year in Johnson City's. Several volunteers met at the Boone Lake Marina (thank you Jerry Frank) on Dec 3rd to deck out one of BLA's clean up pontoons. BLA participated in the parades to raise awareness of trash being left in the lake.

The centerpiece of this year's float was "Trashy the Trashman". Please see the accompanying poem and background to learn more about this creation. A very special thank you to the talented trio of sisters, Telena, Amanda, and Lorena! Although most of the other float adornments were not collected from the lake they were recycled from the attics, basements and garages of BLA members, making this year's float a true "Trash to Treasure" creation.

Thanks to all who contribute generously to our efforts and help to keep Boone Lake clean.



BACKGROUND:

With the exception of a few wood screws used to hold its frame together, Trashy is constructed only from trash and wood scraps collected from Boone Lake.

The trash was picked up while kayaking along the lake's banks. We even used old collected fishing lines and discarded ropes to 'sew' trashy together.



The photo is of Trashy in early development, showing some of the bottles/trash used to shape it. This represents a mere fraction of the trash that is picked up from Boone Lake every year by volunteers. Although interesting, its creation was intended to catch the eye of those unaware of the extent of the trash that is discarded in our beautiful waters each year and to spread the word to keep our waters clean and beautiful!

TRASHY THE TRASHMAN

by T.Moore, A.Moore-Norton, and L.Bennett

Trashy the trashman was a rubbishly happy soul
With a camo hat and a carrot nose And two eyes made out of skoal

Trashy the trashman is a fairy tale, they say
He was made of trash but we all know how he came to life one day

There must have been some magic in that mound of trash we scrounged
For when we heaped it in a pile he began to fish around

Trashy the trashman was alive as he could be
And he would fish and play all day just the same as you and me

Trashy the trashman knew the lake was crowded that day
So he said, Let's run and have some fun before I drift away

Down to the water with fishing pole in hand
Fishing here and there all around the lake saying pick me up if you can

He went on down, inlet bound
Ran into the trash cop
And he only paused a moment
When he heard him holler stop!

Trashy the trashman
Hurried to the dumpsters bay
But he waved goodbye sayin', Please don't cry
The lake will be clean one day!



Two young members ready to go in Bristol Parade



Ready for Johnson City Parade



We're #1!!!



WEBSITE CHANGES

Boone Lake Association is excited to announce the launch of a newly designed Web site, which went live on October 14 and is located at the same address as before: www.BooneLakeAssociation.org.

The site's homepage welcomes visitors with bold colors, a clean uncluttered design, and moving images.

The new site is divided into six main sections: BLA Home, Events, About, Partners, Help US and Contact Us. By moving to a simpler layout, we allow visitors to access information based on their own choice rather than sift through everything to decide what is of interest to them.

Our current and prospective members will find detailed information about the services we offer in the About section. The Events section gives information on major events held on Boone Lake and showcases Boone Lake Association's Annual Cleanup.

The website will be updated on a regular basis, with news of events and new content. We will be encouraging our members to contact us through the website for volunteer opportunities and prospective members to join us using our upcoming new online process. These will both be available under the Help Us section.

We would like to thank Zenda Galyon for the outstanding work she has done in developing this new website, and also Dennis Scheer for the invaluable input he has provided.

We must also recognize two ex-Presidents of BLA who themselves initiated websites. Dave Cumbow in the late 1990's developed a website using "Angelfire", which contained valuable information about the Association's work. In 2005, Henry Noonkester developed a more extensive website which has been in use until today. It has been a tremendous asset in broadcasting BLA's message to members and non-members alike. Many thanks to Henry and Dave.

If you experience any problems using the new website or if you have any suggestions, please contact us at info@boonelakeassociation.org.



WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE



Ann Harrison

Boone Lake Association has tested 24 sites during the summer. The water quality continues to be well above the standards for recreation. The Water Quality Committee has a new Chairman for 2015, Denny Devereaux, who will work closely with our crew members. Areas of concern will now be quickly communicated and tested. As always, members can also express concerns and questions by contacting Denny at 423 538 5738.

Our thanks to the City of Johnson City for their continuing work in running the tests for *E. coli* on the water samples we bring to their lab. Again, many thanks to Jay Wise and Ron Siegfried for their help in collecting water samples and delivering them to the lab for testing.

I have enjoyed working with the many people that value clean water and responsible stewardship of our beautiful watershed and will continue to support BLA in the future.

BLA Membership surpasses 600 again

In 2009 Fred and Angie Minor made news by becoming BLA member(s) # 600 for the year. It was newsworthy because this was the first time we had surpassed that number. In the October 2009 Shoreliner we asked the question- "Who will be # 700? Total membership in 2009 reached 630. Our hope was that we would continue a steady march year by year towards 700 and beyond.

It turned out that membership numbers had hit a wall at 630. The total for 2010 was 605; for 2011, 630 again; for 2012, 582; for 2013, 590. For 2014, our total membership is 607.

We are encouraged that Jim Burke, Steve Lohoff, and Jeff Begley have joined the BLA membership committee. Jim and Steve are serving on the new Membership Outreach sub-committee, and are currently developing a corporate membership program along with a professional brochure and information packet. Jeff will help us reach out to homeowners around the lake.

We truly appreciate you, our loyal BLA members, and ask that you all continue to talk with your neighbors and friends about the imperatives of becoming members of the Boone Lake Association.



DRAGON BOAT RACES



Ron Siegfried



Ron Siegfried and Zenda Galyon staff BLA booth



Participants get ready for race

What are the Dragon Boat Races? This event is held annually at the Winged Deer Park sponsored by The Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA). This year the funds were raised for the Regional Cancer Centers.

MSHA had over 30 teams signed up for this charitable fund raising event. Each team is directed and coached by a steersman in the rear of the dragon boat. Each boat has 21 paddlers. Three boats race in a heat a distance of 200 meters. It is a timed race with two heats per team. The three teams with the best times race a final time for FIRST PLACE! The event includes numerous vendors and a day of family activities for paddlers and spectators.

So where does the Boone Lake Association fit into this event? First, they use Boone Lake. It has to be clean of any floating debris for the races. Our crew cleaned the lake of all debris a week before the race and during the race. Our boat and crew have a big presence during the race. Secondly, it is a good place to educate the public on the existence of the BLA.

In 2013 and this September 7th, BLA set up an exhibitor's tent near the team participants (paddlers) registration tent. We erected the tent Friday evening and arrived at 8:30am, Saturday, to man the site. A special thanks to members Zenda Galyon, Denny Devereaux, Dennis Scheer, Alice and Ron Siegfried for helping set up the site, spending the day there, and taking down the site.

It went well! We did not get any new members this year. We have learned that our best approach is to visit with the participants at their Team tent sites. Alice was a strong leader in this approach. This may be our best procedure for educating the public for 2015.

Again, thanks Team!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Boone Lake Cleanup Day
Saturday April 26, 2015

BURN PERMITS

Burn Permits are required between Oct 15 and May 15.

See burnsafetn.org for more information

Sullivan County – 423-239-5811

Washington County – 423-753-4011



C.B. Kinch

Bass Fishing on Boone Lake

Fishermen are reporting that fishing is very slow on Boone Lake. Lake drawdowns are seeing a few Stripers being caught early in the morning and late afternoon on top water. A few catches are being reported using small crank baits, but nothing to brag about. I will note that some Trout catches have been reported below the dam. Happy Fishing!

WHAT ARE THESE?



What are those jelly-like masses attached to logs, sticks and even some underwater parts of wooden docks? I always thought they were “fish eggs”, and that it was a shame as the lake level was dropping in the fall that so many fish eggs were going to waste. The truth is they are not fish eggs at all. They are colonies of harmless microscopic animals called “Bryozoans” or “moss animals”. The many individual animals that form a Bryozoan are called “Zooids” and are permanently attached to the colony mass. Colonies can exceed two feet in diameter but most are less than one foot. Colonies are clear and gelatinous, but sometimes gather a coating of sediment making them appear brown. They are firm and slimy to the touch and the inner gelatinous mass is 99% water. The surface appears divided into rosettes, each with 12 -18 zooids. Each zooid has whorls of delicate feeding

tentacles swaying slowly in the water catching food. Bryozoans are a member of the animal phylum with a fossil record extending back 500,000,000 years. Bryozoans are found in relatively unpolluted water and are living filters that help clean the water. They themselves are prey for snails, insects, fish, etc.

While we are clearing up Boone Lake mysteries, we can address the partly true myth about “the water turning over” in area lakes. Boone Lake has a water turn over, or “destratification”, **but only in the fall**. It occurs when the surface water cools sufficiently to mix with the cold water below. Prior to the cooling period, the warm surface water cannot mix with the denser water below.

So why does the water turn a brown-red color during the early spring in some areas of local reservoirs? Contrary to belief, this odd coloration is the result of a phytoplankton bloom, not the result of the reservoir experiencing a spring “turn over”. As the water warms in the spring, phytoplankton, also known as microalgae, reproduce at a tremendous rate. Some of these organisms are brown or red in color and cause the water to change color when they are abundant.

Details on these subjects along with more interesting questions and answers can be found at TWRA's Region 4 - East Tennessee Reservoir Fisheries Management Program (Frequently Asked Questions).

www.tnfish.org/.../FrequentlyAskedQuestions_TWRA.htm-29K



LAKE OPERATIONS 2014

A GREAT YEAR!



Ron Siegfried

At the end of 2013, BLA hired two new employees, David Whitaker and Keith Britt. With Daniel "Aaron" Warren as our senior crew member, the crew commenced with the winter schedule of cutting and burning. The retention sites were full of logs from the spring 2013 flooding. With the three man crew and the help of the Sullivan County and Washington County Sheriffs' Departments, the work went faster than anticipated. This allowed our crew to get to other coves and needs of our members. As spring approached, the new crew had gelled into a "Great Team", the best BLA has ever assembled!

Thank you Aaron, David and Keith! We have heard nothing but positive comments concerning the cleanliness of Boone Lake!

The Boone Lake Marina (Jerry Frank) did an excellent job maintaining our fleet of four boats. Besides this generous service, Jerry also is on the Board and a member of the Lake Operations Committee. The Boone Lake Marina is also a boat sponsor for \$1,000. The Boone Lake Association would like to sincerely thank Jerry Frank and his dad, Jerry Frank Senior, for their great generosity and service to the BLA. This has been a God-Send for the BLA.

In August of 2013, TWRA pulled the plug on use of the 11E boat ramp retention site, for storing logs that floated down the Watauga River. Lake Operations decided to tie up any logs to the bank across from the ramp. As needed, Aaron would call Dean Mimier, Johnson City Public Works, and schedule a log pickup. This worked well for everyone this year.

A special thanks to Dean Mimier and his staff at the Johnson City Public Works Department.

In an effort to reduce our gas cost and usage, we approached the various marinas on Boone Lake and asked for assistance. Several of them allowed us to moor our boat, as needed, and several gave a gas allowance also! We want to recognize and thank them for their generosity:

~ Boone Lake Marina ~Rockingham Marina
~ Jays Boat Dock ~Serenity Cove
~ Lakeview Marina ~Sonny's Marina

Everyone benefits when the lake is clean!

Our BLA phone # 956-6615 (used to report any floating debris) was very busy last spring but by mid- summer we received almost zero calls. Again, thank you crew!

Dan Nowack, a hard working Board member of the BLA and more so, of the Lake Operations Committee, resigned this fall. Thank you Dan for all your hard work. You will be missed!

Lake Operations Committee and crew met in October and established their winter cut/burn schedule. Our retention sites are less than half full. This phase should go fast leaving our crew to clean coves that really need our attention. The crew spent a couple of weeks in October cleaning Hodge Island. This island is located just north of Austin Springs Bridge. It had never been cleaned. The crew removed over 200 bags of trash. We are exploring the possibility of seeding these wetlands where there are some barren sections. This will help with erosion issues. We are obtaining prices on special wetlands grass seed.

At last, I want to thank the Lake Operations Committee members for all their hard work this year: Ken Bronner; Denny Devereaux; Jerry Frank; Dan Nowack; Jay Wise; Frank Young.

BLA Lake Operations remains vigilant in "Watching the Waters"!



Bags of trash removed from Hodge Island

Hodge Island
before and after
photos



The “Rainbow Bridge” Questions Answered



Russ Harrison

In August of this year, BLA received an e-mail from new members Joe and Donna Camper. They are currently restoring Donna’s family lake house, located off Summer Sound Road, in view of Rainbow Bridge. Joe and Donna asked the question - “Why is the bridge named “Rainbow? Was there a Rainbow boat dock?”

Having lived on Boone Lake for only 18 years, I could not answer such questions myself, so sought help from Ken Bronner, Don Cross, and Ed Smith, all “BLA pioneers”, and all living in the “Buffalo/Enterprise” area of Boone Lake. All three were pretty sure that the name derived from the shape of the original bridge, which had been a steel structure. The real key to the puzzle was supplied by Ed Smith when he added “You need to talk with Horace Crussell. He has some old photographs.”

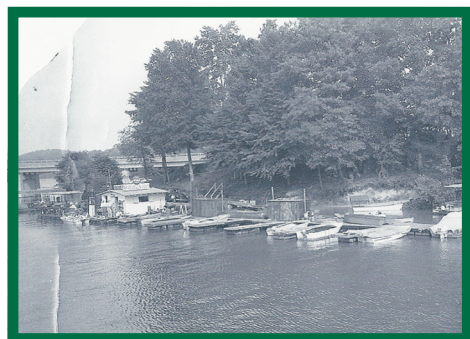
Horace agreed to meet with us, so on August 21st our group (Joe and Donna, Larry Johnson, and Russ Harrison) was able to spend some time reminiscing on Horace’s porch overlooking Boone Lake. Horace was able to confirm that the “Rainbow” name derived from the Bridge’s arched rainbow shape. However, it was an all concrete span, rather than steel. Horace showed us his old photographs, and spoke of his family’s experience by the river, and then the lake.

The old concrete bridge was built over the Holston River in the 1920’s. The Crussell family moved to their current location in 1937. In 1953 they opened the “Crussell Boat Dock” adjacent to their home on the lake. It remained open for about 20 years. During the same period, Davis Dock opened, as well as the Rainbow Dock, which Joe and Donna had asked about in their original e-mail. Horace indicated that Rainbow Dock was located off Summer Sound between Crussell and Davis Docks.

The Shoreliner would like to thank Joe and Donna for their questions, and Horace Crussell for his answers. We would like to continue to feature articles about points of interest around the lake, so please send us any pertinent content or questions you may have, for inclusion in future editions of the Shoreliner.



Old Rainbow Bridge, 1952-1953



Crussell Dock



People swimming, with view of new bridge and Crussell Dock



Russ Harrison stepped down as President of the Boone Lake Association in September after over 5 years of service in this capacity to pursue other personal interests. The BLA presented him with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his service as President. Through Russ's leadership, the BLA has grown into a vibrant and highly recognized association serving Boone Lake.

We would also like to thank Ann Harrison for chairing the Water Quality Committee for the past nine years.

Ann and Russ will continue to serve on various BLA committees.

We thank you Russ and Ann!



Russ Harrison receiving plaque from
Ron Siegfried



Ann & Russ Harrison

Ron Siegfried and Dennis Scheer have graciously offered to serve as Co-Presidents BLA through 2015.



TVA PRESS RELEASES

ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE

November 12, 2014

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Valley Authority is accelerating the annual drawdown of Boone Reservoir near Johnson City, Tenn., after a sink hole was discovered near the base of the earthen embankment and a small amount of water and sediment was found seeping from the river bank below the dam.

"Public safety is our top priority and we are continuously monitoring the dam to ensure it is safe," said John McCormick, TVA vice president of River Operations. "The accelerated drawdown is out of an abundance of caution. Our engineers want to be sure we understand what caused the sink hole and where the water and sediment is coming from."

Lowering the lake level will allow engineers to conduct more detailed study and investigation to determine the source of the water seepage. The sink hole, which was discovered last week, has already been repaired. The riverbank seepage was discovered Sunday.

Boone Reservoir levels are expected to reach winter pool, which is approximately 1,362 feet above sea level, by Monday, Nov. 10, which is about five weeks earlier than normal. Property and marina owners with docks and boats need to take necessary precautions for the early drawdown.

Additional Information on the river system and specific reservoirs is available on TVA's website at <http://www.tva.com/river> and on TVA's free app for the iPad, iPhone and Android devices. Links to download the apps are available at <http://www.tva.com/mobile>.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power distributors serving 9 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity. In addition to operating and investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

Boone Reservoir Drawdown Update (see full article at http://www.tva.com/news/releases/octdec14/boone_update_11-24-14.html)

Nov. 24, 2014

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Valley Authority is aiming to hold the water level of Boone Reservoir at approximately 12 feet below normal winter elevation as engineers investigate the cause of water and sediment seeping from the riverbank below the dam near Johnson City. That would keep the lake at between 1,350 and 1,355 feet above sea level, though reservoir levels could be lowered further if conditions change. The duration of the drawdown will depend on the results of the ongoing analysis.

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BLA Board Meetings
1st Tuesday each month
7:00 pm

Winged Deer Park Conf. Room
All Members Welcome!
(No Board meeting in January)



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RECIPE CORNER

Holiday Survival Rum Cake

1. Preheat oven to 375*.
2. Turn down the TV.
3. Remove toys from the kitchen countertop.
4. Measure 2 cups of flour.
5. Find Baking Powder.
6. Measure ½ cup of rum.
7. Remove Charlie's hands from flour.
8. Put flour, baking powder and dash of salt into sifter.
9. Vacuum mixture off the flour (thanks to Charlie).
10. Drink the rum!
11. Get an egg.
12. Answer the telephone.
13. Separate the egg and make Charlie's lunch.
14. Help Mary with Common Core Math problem.
15. Pour and drink some more rum!
16. Grease pan. Answer doorbell.
17. Remove ¼ inch of salt from greased pan and look for Charlie.
18. Throw mess in wastebasket.
19. Put dishes in dishwasher.
20. Call the bakery.
21. Drink rum straight from the bottle!

Merry Christmas from the BLA Board

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