



From President Bob Thornton



Another summer is over on the lake. We are looking at fall now with cooler weather and less people on the water. It's time to think of fall colors, Halloween and the Fall Lake Cleanup on October 16. As has been shared, due to Covid Alabama Power will not participate with their boats, but will support our efforts, so we need to have as much participation as possible. Please bring your boat and help out. (Due to timing of our newsletter, you may not receive this till after the cleanup, but word has gone out and we hope there will be (or was) a great turnout)

We are still facing a good bit of uncertainty in our HOBO operations due to Covid restrictions. We do still plan on having our Annual Meeting on November 16, but we don't yet have the location firmed up. Alabama Power has some problems with their auditorium, so it will not be available this year. We will get the word out as soon as possible via our Area Reps. Please plan to attend !



Note from the editor:

As this edition of the HOBO newsletter goes to print, we are still in the midst of uncertainty with Covid, the economy is still struggling, the world seems to be in constant turmoil, and many people are losing their ability to be kind and understanding – it's just a mess! But thankfully we who either live at the lake, or have a special getaway place here, are somewhat insulated. Whether we are riding in a boat admiring the scenery and waving to our neighbors or sitting on the dock fishing or toasting s'mores with grandkids around a firepit or just watching a beautiful sunset, we are blessed with a certain amount of peace and tranquility which soothes our souls. I am so grateful for that, aren't you?

I was contacted by Alabama Power and was asked to remind everyone that there is a helpful website with tons of information about all the lakes, including Lake Mitchell. I am happy to share this info: The website is www.apcshorelines.com It is quite informative, giving current information on water levels and on generator operation at the dams. It is also the go-to site for obtaining **permits**. You can find all you need to know about permits online and download anything you need. If you still need to talk to someone personally about permits, however, the phone number is **205-755-4420**

*NEWS FROM OUR AREA REPS --***Area 3 –Bryan and Terrie Morgan**

All is well on south Cargile Creek and our thoughts and prayers continue for our across the creek neighbors as they recover from being hit by the tornado this year. We encourage everyone to participate in this month's clean-up day as HOBO continues the job of keeping Lake Mitchell safe and clean for everyone to enjoy.

Area 4 – Vickie Griffith and Susie Orr

We are going to have the **Lake Mitchell Fall Cleanup** Saturday, Oct. 16. We will meet at Higgins Ferry Pavilion at 8:00 and be through by 11:30. Bring your boat or ride with others! Meet new friends! A great experience is to bring kids and grandkids! Feel free to enjoy your own picnic at the pavilion at the end of cleanup. And if you can't make this date/time, you can certainly have your own clean-up time when you're at the lake.

Another very important date to reserve on your calendar is the **HOBO Annual Meeting** on Friday, November 12. We always have an interesting speaker, relevant lake topics, yummy refreshments & a lake merchandise pop-up shop. And don't forget those fabulous door prizes! More details soon!

I hope you're able to spend some time this fall at our beautiful lake and enjoy the ever-changing colors this season. Please try to take part in the important clean-up and help keep our lake a place to enjoy. Let me know if you ever have any questions

Area 5 – Peggy Bullard

Alabama Power did a test of the Lay and Mitchell dams sirens on Thursday, Sept. 30th. The sirens sounded at noon and were preceded by a voice announcement. These sirens are in place to warn residents living downstream of the dams in the unlikely event of a structural failure. Residents do not need to take any action when the annual siren test takes place. These sirens are located less than a mile downstream from the dams. They are separate from the horns on the dams, which warn the public about sudden water discharges when a turbine is activated or a spillway gate is open.

Area 9- Walnut Creek Peninsula - Joel and Betty Elam

County Road 32 from the church to the bridge is still on the planning table to be paved. We want to continue our visits to Tony Wearren at Chilton County Road Department located at 272 Airport Lane, Clanton, Al, 35045. Please let Tony know we need to pave County Road 264.

In September 2021, we had a brief meeting with Central Access, which is the broadband internet subsidiary of Central Alabama Electric Co-op (CAEC). The meeting was held at Ken and Donna McElroy's house. Guest speakers were Chris Montgomery, Vice President of Central Access, and Jimmy Gray, Vice President of Engineering and Operations. Chris started the meeting by showing a map of people interested in internet. Our area was well represented but we still want to increase the numbers and get as many signed up as possible. It is recommended ALL peninsula residents sign up at centralaccess.com to express your interest in Internet broadband from Central Access.



Chris Montgomery & Jimmy Gray of Central Access conduct meeting in Area 9

Jimmy Gray also explained that one of the biggest challenges for Central Access in the last year has been the ability to get materials. They do not foresee the supply chain to clear for another year or two. For the next year or two, cellular hotspots and satellite internet are probably our only internet options.

Please help keep Area 9 clean and keep our eyes open for our neighbors.

Area 10 – Doug & Roxanne Martin

Fall is almost here or is here by now. With the leaves changing, it becomes the best time of the year to be on Lake Mitchell. Plan the weekday and weekends as much as possible for lifetime memories. Especially focus on the weekend of Oct. 15th. Please participate in the Lake Mitchell cleanup scheduled for Saturday, October 16th at 8am. Cleanup bags are available at the Higgins Ferry Public launch and return those full bags on or before 11:30 am. It is a most rewarding time to participate in keeping our lake environment in tip-top shape. The extra benefit is spending time with great neighbors and bring a friend or two to share a special time.

For area 10 residents (member and non HOB0 members) please send any updated contact information to Roxanne (roxypmartin@gmail.com) or myself (dougmartinua@gmail.com) to stay in touch with the latest news on lake activities. We all benefit from connected involved residents preserving Lake Mitchell.

For new residents, please stop by and say hello to Roxanne and I. We would love to meet and greet you. We have the aging wooden bear head on the gable of a cedar boathouse due south of Rock Island. For longer term residents, please offer any ideas on how HOB0 can make things better. We look forward to seeing you this fall.

Area 12 - Hatchett Creek and Pennamotley Creek: - Dave & Dianna Cassens

Happy Fall ya'll!!! The Fall Foliage Color on the Lake is looking like it's going to be beautiful this year! Hopefully you can come out and enjoy one of the beautiful October lake days! Eagle Point has really exploded this year with Phase II lake lots opening up with a new road on Eagle Point Trace and the infrastructure completed. Construction is beginning soon on 4 new homes in Eagle Point for the new lot owners.

Welcome Elliot and Amanda Robbins to The Preserve, as they purchased Bill and Sherry Watford's Cottage home this summer. They live in Birmingham and are enjoying their weekends at the lake with their three children.

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