



From President Bob Thornton

Summer is finally officially here again on Lake Mitchell. Our HOBO is looking forward to warm weather and fun on the water.

We had a very successful Annual Picnic this month with approximately 75 participants. A special thanks is due to Johnye and Jim Woodrow who planned and ran it. Most of us do not understand how much effort they put into our organization.

Also, thanks to HOBO member Mike Welborn of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for bringing members of that organization and conducting free boat inspections during the picnic. A number of our members took part in this, and some found that they had deficiencies that they were able to correct before being ticketed.

Our next major activity will be the annual Independence Day Fireworks Show. It will be on Saturday, July 3 in Cargile Creek. Jim McCormick has organized this event, as usual, and says it should be one of the best ever. Please come out and enjoy it.

In your boating activities, please think SAFETY and CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS. Our HOBO does not officially sponsor any boat parades, but we do hear complaints about people speeding through narrow areas like Alaga Point on Blue Creek and excessive wakes damaging seawalls in other areas. Please feel free to participate and enjoy your boating, but be aware of speed and wake limits – whether posted or not – and be careful. Keep Lake Mitchell safe!



Odds 'n Ends of Interest:

**The new area hospital (St. Vincent's-Clanton) at I-65 exit 212 is now fully staffed and operational. They now have 24-Hour emergency service which can treat stroke, heart attack, accident, sickness, snake bite, and much more. (Phone number is 205-258-4405 for the emergency room) For more information go to their web site at <https://healthcare.ascension.org> and search for the Clanton location.

**The HOBO calendar will be produced for the very last time in 2022, so submit your best photos, whether they are current or oldies, to this link <https://www.lakemitchellhobo.org/submit-your-photo.html>

**Our quarterly Newsletter depends heavily upon your input and suggestions. Please send any ideas for articles, comments, or suggestions to editor Laura Thornton at rdthornt@charter.net

Test your knowledge of Lake Mitchell and its surroundings.

(Quiz is part 3 in a series provided by historian Chip Gates -- answers are found at the end.)

- 21.** The Alabama Hwy. /S.R. 22 Bridge just below Mitchell Dam was completed in
- 1941
 - 1947
 - 1953
 - 1958
 - 1960
- 22.** The opening of the Hwy. 22 Bridge put an end to what ferry?
- Smith's
 - Simms
 - Mims
 - Burwell's
 - Knight's
- 23.** The Salem Cemetery is located where?
- Next to the Old Salem Church, of course
 - Off Poinciana Road in Coosa County
 - Behind G.R.A.C.E.S. Marina
 - Just west of Lake Mitchell Marina
 - On the hill behind Blue Creek Marina
- 24.** The Salem Cemetery has approximately how many graves?
- 90
 - 70
 - 50
 - 45
 - 32
- 25.** Two acres for the Salem Church and cemetery were purchased in 1899 for five dollars. What family sold the church this property?
- Driver
 - Cleckler
 - Calloway
 - Smith
 - Holley
- 26.** According to a 1915 U.S. Dept. of the Interior map, the ridge above Mitchell Dam on the Chilton County side was called
- Albert's Overlook
 - Carroll Bluffs
 - Duncan's Folly
 - Callaway Crest
 - Dead Man's Ledge

27. In 1887, Benjamin Franklin Higgins, Sr., bought House's Island, formerly known as The Big Island, for \$750. Sitting in the middle of the river almost opposite the present-day Higgins Ferry boat launch, the island encompassed slightly more than
- 75 acres
 - 54 acres
 - 33 acres
 - 11 acres
28. The County Road 55 bridge just below Lay Dam was completed in
- 1938
 - 1943
 - 1957
 - 1966
 - 1979
29. The opening of the County Road 55 bridge put an end to what ferry?
- Smith's
 - Simms
 - Mims
 - Burwell's
 - Inman's
30. Which of these streams do *not* find their way into **Hatchet Creek**?
- Weogufka Creek
 - Noneless Creek
 - Fixico Creek
 - Pennymotley Creek
 - Cove Branch
 - b & e

Sources include BridgeReports.com. Lake Mitchell map by Atlantic Mapping, Inc., Courtney Pinkard w/Ala. Dept. of Archives & History; Amy Moon of Dacula, GA; maps from <http://alabamamaps.ua.edu>, and Wikipedia.

Answers: 21.d, 22.e, 23.c, 24.a, 25.c, 26.b, 27.b, 28.e, 29.c, 30.e

INFORMATION FROM AREA REPS ---

AREA 4, CARGILE N (Vickie Griffith and Susie Orr)

Cargile Creek North is excited to welcome several new residents to our area: Chip and Amber Bradford, John and Regina Bryant, Clay Burt, Gerald and Monique Vallow, John and Debbie Wanhatalo, Bo & Anita Winslett, and Laura Malchus.

Many of our neighbors are still cleaning up and repairing damage from the devastating tornado that hit our area this spring. Some have mentioned seeing some hazardous floating tornado debris and/or possible invasive species growing in the lake. If you have any concerns or see any debris you are not able to remove from the waterways, please notify **Alabama Power Shoreline Management** at **205-257-2599**

Mark your calendars! Lake Mitchell Annual Fireworks Celebration is set for **Saturday, July 3 @ 9:00 p.m.** Joe Mangina on Cargile Creek is once again hosting this fantastic annual event.

Our area has a high percentage of HOB0 memberships, but if you haven't joined yet, please send in your \$25.00 membership fee soon. We would love to have 100%. New updated phone books should be available soon. Thanks to Marie and Jim for all their work on this project! You can join HOB0 by going to: <https://www.lakemitchellhobo.org/join.html> or if you prefer to mail your form and check, the membership application is on the back of the newsletter.

AREA 5, CARGILE TO BIRD (Peggy Bullard)

As I write this it is in the 90's and those of us who wished for summer finally got our wish. No I am not complaining! When I get too hot I can go into an air-conditioned house or jump in the lake. Warm to hot is my kind of weather. We have had some storms and some rain but some really nice and mild days that has made for being out on the water or sitting on the dock very pleasant.

I, like many others, enjoyed being able to attend the picnic this year. There were at least 60 to 100 there if you count all the children and the one doggie that showed up. I was delighted to meet one of my newer area people, Kayo Pinson. He came over and introduced himself to me. I so miss getting out and meeting my new people. Sonny was so good to make a point to get out and meet any new comers.

I'll take this time to invite any new people in Area 5 to stop by my pier if you see me out and introduce yourself. It is nice to put a face to a name. As always, I would be delighted for another couple to come on board as area 5 rep. I would glad to help you as much as you need to get started. I know there are some younger couples in my area that could be enjoying this job as much as my husband and I have for many years. It is the perfect way to get to know people all around the lake. Call me if you are interested.

I am sad to have to report the loss of one of my dear neighbors, Morris Mims. He and his wife, Arlie Ruth, lived just 3 houses north of me for many years. After she passed away Morris moved to Clanton with his son but came to the lake every single day to stay with his beloved dogs. We'd pass on the road and most of the time he threw up his hand and waved. In November 2020 he turned 101 years old. Morris served in Okinawa in WW2 and retired from Alabama Power Company as an electrician. He left 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. All will miss him dearly. I will always be watching for him on my single lane dirt road that he could maneuver better than anyone I know even at 101. Morris died on June 1, 2021 at his residence in Clanton. Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to his family.

AREA 7, BIRD TO WALNUT (Becki McCallum)

Area 7 would like to thank our resident "road angel" Ricky Abernathy for his dedication to keeping our incoming road, County Rd 28 (Lake Mitchell Rd) clean and mowed. The last week of May he spent days mowing to make sure our road is welcoming to all, including the many visitors to Higgins Ferry Park. We can't say "thank you" often enough - we really appreciate all your work!

Many are also enjoying the new playground at the park, looks like it is getting a lot of use in its inaugural season. Many thanks to the Browns and the Giles for spearheading this project.

We also welcome a new resident to our area. The McMinns have moved away from the lake, their home now belongs to Dawn Jarzyniecki. Dawn is a pharmacist and lives at the lake full-time. Welcome to our community Dawn! I hope all have a safe and fun remainder of 2021!

AREA 9, WALNUT PENINSULA (Joel & Betty Elam)

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, our area had its first get together since COVID-19. We had twenty-five in attendance. It was nice to be together with our friends and welcome our new homeowners to our area. Our guest speaker was Trooper Marshall Westbrook, Marine Patrol Division. Marshall went over the water craft requirements and answered questions from our residents.

Since summer has arrived traffic has picked up on our roads. Please watch your speed since we have many people walking on County Road 264





What is pollution? To understand Pollution, we can discuss the forms pollution takes. Air pollution, Trash on our Roadways, and Household Garbage not handled properly are just a few forms of pollution. Pollution is some type of contamination that no matter how small or how large affects us all. The form of pollution which we are most concerned with is Water pollution. Have you ever heard to old saying, dilution is the solution to pollution? Well, it is not the case.

Pollution can be described in two ways, Point Source Pollution and Non-Point Source Pollution. Point Source Pollution comes from a specific identifiable source such as an industrial site, water treatment plant or others which discharge contaminants directly into rivers or Lakes. Sites identified for point source pollution are regulated and permitted by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). Non-Point Source Pollution is identified as contaminants which come from runoff, which drains into streams and then into rivers and Lakes. Runoff from streets and highways, yard and pastures, and construction sites are a few examples.

Point Source and Non-Point source pollution can be monitored by testing. ADEM performs testing at numerous area both permitted and not permitted within the State. Organizations such as Alabama Water Watch offers training in techniques for Water Chemistry and Biological Evaluation by certified volunteer monitors. Programs for water monitoring are performed by organization like the Coosa Riverkeeper who will publish a weekly Swim Guide report on conditions at various locations throughout the State. The Swim Guide Report can be viewed by accessing <https://www.theswimguide.org>. Volunteer Water Monitors on Lake Mitchell test water chemistry monthly.

Provide information to Environmental Chairman Jim Woodrow at ajwking@aol.com or by phone to 205-425-9431, or contact your Area Representative and have them pass along issues that are discovered. Through this newsletter and future articles that come from the Environmental Committee and through information provided to Area Representatives, we will keep you informed of our activities.

Boaters Receive Complementary Vessel Safety Checks!

On Saturday, June 5th, several Lake Mitchell boaters elected to receive a vessel safety check. Mike Welborn and members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary performed complementary, non-binding vessel inspections at Higgins Ferry on Saturday, June 5th. The inspections were performed prior to the HOBO Annual Picnic at the Pavilion. The Safety Checks took only 10-15 minutes and were 100% Free. The vessels that passed were awarded a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Decal that informs Sheriffs and Police that your boat was in full compliance at the time of inspection with all Federal and State boating laws. The results were shared only with the boat owner(s) for their consideration (i.e., they are non-binding/no tickets or judgements were made). If an item on the boat didn't pass, the boat owner now knew exactly what they need to bring their boat into compliance. Boating insurance agencies may offer discounts for vessels which undergo a Vessel Safety Check routinely.

The Safety Checks consider items like this:

- Life Jackets
- Registration and numbering
- Navigation lights
- Ventilation
- Fire extinguishers
- Distress signals (flares, horn, etc.)
- Battery cover and connections

All of these items are currently required by state and federal laws and, if missing or non-operating, can result in a citation if your vessel is inspected by the Marine Police. If you would like more information visit www.cgaux.org/vsc or call Mike Welborn at (205) 294-1045.





The 2021 Annual HOBO Picnic was a rousing success! Food, laughter, and perfect weather !



Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. Membership Application

Annual Dues Required \$25	Fireworks Donation \$	Fireboat Donation \$	Scholarship Donation \$	General Donation \$	Optional Purchase Lake Mitchell Photo Calendar \$18 each
Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member			Optional Purchase Additional Phonebook \$10 each
Last Name			First Names (Both spouses, if applicable)		
Home Mailing Address:					
Lake 911 Address:					Lake Area
Email 1			Email 2		
Home Land Line or N/A	Lake Land Line or N/A		Cell #1	Cell # 2	

Detach and mail form along with your check to Lake Mitchell HOB0, P.O. Box 1324, Clanton, AL 35046
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