

# The Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O.

Lake Mitchell Home Owners and Boat Owners Association Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

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I am looking forward to serving over the next two years as the President of Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. I will start by telling a little about myself.

I grew up in the South Roebuck area of Birmingham. When I was a teen my parents purchased a trailer, on the Warrior River, at Reed's Ferry where my uncle also had a trailer. I had a lot of fun there fishing and water skiing with all my cousins on the weekends. After graduating from UAB I saved up for a few years and bought my first house, which was on the Warrior River close to Howtons Camp. I always dreamed of living on the lake and since I did not want to live anywhere in Birmingham I was going to have a commute to work anyway.

In 2000, I married Kim and decided to move to Clanton. Kim grew up in Clanton on Lake Mitchell Road. Her uncle was Raymond Wyatt who operated Wyatt's Fish Camp on Walnut Creek. He had passed when Kim and I started dating so I never got to meet him but I have heard a lot of interesting stories. Kim and I purchased a lot in what was Wyatt's Fish Camp and built a house where we have lived full time since 2004.

Kim and I are members of Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Clanton. However, we do go to River Church a few times a year on holiday weekends when we have family down. When I was a kid and went to the Warrior River for the weekend I would miss church. I think it is great that families can come to the river for the weekend and not miss out on church.

What first got me involved with Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. is the fish habitat enhancement led by Alabama Power. Jim Woodrow was there and asked me to join. The fish habitat enhancement is a great program. Volunteers tie Christmas trees together and then Alabama Power takes them out on their boats and places them in the river. The first time I went to help place the trees, we were "sweetening" the spots. In other words we were adding trees in the same spots where trees had been placed in years past. I went out on the boat on one trip that day to drop trees and guess what. We went to a place where I had been catching fish. I knew it was a

good spot but did not know that it was a fish habitat enhancement spot until that day.

There are currently two issues that H.O.B.O. needs to stay aware of:

- 1) The possibility of a new graphite mine that may begin operations in Coosa County
- 2) The development of a state water policy.

We all support job and economic development, but we want to ensure that it does not affect fishing, swimming and the water quality on Lake Mitchell. Also, how is the graphite mine going to affect hunting on the Wild Life Management Area? Over the last several years the Coosa County Wild Life Management Area has gotten smaller and I hate to see even more acres removed.

Jim Woodrow has taken some water samples up in Weogufka Creek so there is as a base line before any mining is done in Coosa County. He identified the spots so future testing can be done from the same spot on the creek and compared. I would like to thank him for his initiative in doing this.

I look forward to working with everyone involved with Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. I am always available for questions or concerns. I can be reached by phone (205) 389-2480 or by e-mail [mr.leepoe@yahoo.com](mailto:mr.leepoe@yahoo.com).

Lee

## Water Quality Report

Jim Woodrow, Water Testing Chairman

PARAMETER	O.K. RANGE	CURRENT QTR	LAST QTR
Dissolved O2	5 - 9	7.59	7.18
pH	6.5 - 8.2	7.7	8.09
Alkalinity	20+	85.59	77.5
Hardness	10 - 120	65.88	61.25

AREA REPRESENTATIVES			
Area	Area Name	Representative	Phone
1	Blue Creek/ The Ridge	Ralph & Jane Mason ralphmason@wildblue.net	205 755-6618
2	Blue to Cargile	Jim & Johnye Woodrow ajwking@aol.com	205 425-9431 205 755-0055
3	Cargile South	Judy & Dan Murchison danmurchison@gmail.com	205 755-0521 205 408-7445
4	Cargile North	Joan Vickery vickery200@yahoo.com	205-280-7336
5	Cargile to Bird	Sonny & Peggy Bullard pnsbullard@gmail.com	205 755-9514
6	Bird Creek	Paula & Joe Pierson hansandpaula@yahoo.com	205 280-6377
7	Bird to Walnut	Becki & Mau McCallum beckmau@gmail.com	205 755-5334
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13B	West Pennamotley	Sam & Nancy Piccolo sampilcollo62@gmail.com	256 377-4801
14	Hatchet to Big Airplane	Eric & Rose Green rosegreenlake14@yahoo.com	205-492-7151
15	Airplane/Finger to Big Y Slough	Tommy Carpenter rtcarpen@southernco.com	256-377-1046 205-586-1749
16	Big Y to Mitchell Dam	Jerry & Anita Lawson anitaklawson@gmail.com	205 663-7035 256 377-4584

### Area 1 – Ralph Mason

The developer of the Alaga Landing is preparing to transition the homeowners association to the property owners in the sub-division. The transition team (comprised of property owners) is being headed up by Kirby Farris, Gary Pharo, Stephen Castelberry, and Cynthia Bachus. A meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at 3:00 P.M. at the Farris's boathouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the transition, to elect a board for managing the Alaga

Landing Homeowners Association, to discuss the association financials, and to get feedback from the owners on how the association should be managed as well as how to maintain the common areas. Alaga Landing property owners are encouraged to attend this important meeting. *Ralph*

*Area 6 –Paula Pierson*

Happy New Year to all!!!

Calendars for 2013 are available in two sizes - ten dollars for the large ones and five dollars for small calendars. If you would like one contact me and I will be happy to get one for you. Also as a reminder the H.O.B.O dues are due for 2013.

We also welcome our new neighbors, the Broadwells, who have been transferred here on a temporary basis.

After a successful fall lake cleanup, please continue to **not** put grass clippings, leaves etc. into our water. Let's all do our part to keep Bird Creek and our beautiful Lake Mitchell clean.

Please contact me or email me with any news you would like to share in our H.O.B.O newsletter. *Paula*

*Area 9 – Dale and Patty Vann*

Patty and I were on our way to the H.O.B.O. Christmas party on December 7 when we came upon a forest fire on County road 264. It had already spread too wide for me to do anything but call 911.

The volunteer fire department from Gap of the Mountain responded quickly and put the fire out before it got completely out of control -- a great response for a Friday night! I would like to express my appreciation to those volunteers who may have prevented a disaster.

I suspect that this fire may have been the result of a careless toss of a cigarette. We need to be especially careful in our wooded environment on the Walnut Creek Peninsula. Remember to be cautious and vigilant when burning leaves or debris. *Dale and Patty*

*Area 15 - Tommy Carpenter*

I hope everyone had a safe and blessed holiday season. The leaves changing on the lake were beautiful as always and the unseasonably warm winter has been wonderful. We fished in early December and it was 70 degrees. The fish must have liked it too because we had some great fun. I had an opportunity to watch a football game with some fellow H.O.B.O.s over in Pump House Slough. Great food, great hospitality at their beautiful home and, "our team won". H.O.B.O. calendars are ready and contain some good pictures taken on the lake. You can Email me here in Birmingham or contact Anita Lawson if you would like to order.

I have an old cabin and put in my own water line to Lake Mitchell Water. I started having leaks and I realized that I forgot to install a water pressure regulator. That is probably useless information but if it helps one "do it yourselfer" then I'm happy. Don't forget to winterize your cabins and boats.

*Tommy*

Area 16 - Anita Lawson

The Cove now has a street sign at the entrance. These signs are put up by the county, but also are taken down by individuals that want them for their personal use!! Keep your eye out for anyone that should not be wandering around your neighborhood. Let's stay alert this winter and stay in touch with your neighbors.

If you missed the General Meeting of H.O.B.O. in November, we received a lot of information about Lake Mitchell. Frank Chitwood, our Coosa Riverkeeper was the main speaker. He is the youngest Riverkeeper in the world. You will see him and his dog wandering the river keeping an eye on the wetlands, possible graphite mining in Hatchett Creek, and our lake in general.

Please keep me informed of any events - new neighbors - changes in addresses - Thanks. *Anita*



**CANOE.** Classic, red Old Town Guide 16' canoe. Stable enough for fishing or nature watching, versatile and durable enough for family outings. Lists for \$749 - will sell for \$350. Call Marie Greene at 205-991-0218 or email at [marieandhugh@gmail.com](mailto:marieandhugh@gmail.com).

**OUTBOARD MOTOR.** 2007 Yamaha, 3 cylinder, 115hp outboard motor, model F115TLR, dry weight 358 lbs. Only about 190 hours usage time. Extremely fuel efficient and excellent running condition. My father bought it for a 19-foot Hurricane deck boat, but it is very undersized for pulling a skier behind this deck boat. We need to upgrade to 150hp but need to sell the existing motor first. Best offer. If interested, please email Jim Young at [youngjw@mskcc.org](mailto:youngjw@mskcc.org) or call 914-738-6928 (h) or 917-647-1955 (cell).

*If you have something you would like to buy, sell, or give away, advertise it for free in the H.O.B.O. newsletter. Submit your want ad information to Marie Greene at [marieandhugh@gmail.com](mailto:marieandhugh@gmail.com). The next issue of the newsletter will come out in April.*

## 2013 Lake Mitchell Calendar Now Available in Two Sizes

The new 2013 Lake Mitchell calendar is available in two sizes: large 8" x 11" for a new low price of \$10 and a new smaller 3" x 5" purse-size version for only \$5.

Contact Anita Lawson 205-960-5083 or email at [anitaklawson@gmail.com](mailto:anitaklawson@gmail.com). Add \$2 if you wish to have the calendar mailed to you.



*Above photo represents September in the new calendar.*

The calendar is comprised of photos shot by lake residents. Contributors to this year's calendar include:

- ❖ Rebecca Beaty
- ❖ Karen Brown
- ❖ Peggy Bullard
- ❖ Carla Edgeworth
- ❖ Anita Lawson
- ❖ Alan Nannini
- ❖ Melissa Nannini
- ❖ Jack Riley
- ❖ Joan Vickery
- ❖ Cindy Wallingford

2013 H.O.B.O. Events Schedule			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, Jan. 11,	6:30 P.M.	Executive Committee	Poplar Springs Baptist
Friday, Feb. 22,	6:30 P.M.	Board of Directors	Poplar Springs Baptist
Friday, Mar. 15		Newsletter Articles Due	marieandhugh@gmail.com
Saturday, Apr. 13	8:00 A.M.	Renew Our Rivers Clean Up - Everyone	Higgins Ferry
Sunday, Apr. 14	1 P.M. Eat 2 P.M. Meet	Area Representatives Meeting	Lake Mitchell Marina
Friday, May 3,	6:30 P.M.	Board of Directors	Poplar Springs Baptist
Saturday, Jun. 8	TBD	Annual Picnic - Everyone	Higgins Ferry
Saturday, Jun. 15		Newsletter Articles Due	marieandhugh@gmail.com
Sunday, Jun. 23	1 P.M. Eat 2 P.M. Meet	Area Representatives Meeting	Lake Mitchell Marina
Friday, Aug. 2,	6:30 P.M.	Board of Directors	Poplar Springs Baptist
Sunday, Aug. 25	1 P.M. Eat 2 P.M. Meet	Area Representatives Meeting	Lake Mitchell Marina
Saturday, Sept. 14		Newsletter Articles Due	marieandhugh@gmail.com
Friday, Sept. 20,	6:30 P.M.	Executive Committee	Poplar Springs Baptist
Friday, Nov. 1,	6:30 P.M.	Board of Directors	Poplar Springs Baptist
Saturday, Nov. 2	8 A.M.	Renew Our Rivers Clean Up - Everyone	Higgins Ferry
Friday, Nov. 15,	6:30 P.M.	Annual Meeting - Everyone	Alabama Power, Clanton
Saturday, Dec. 14		Newsletter Articles Due	marieandhugh@gmail.com

2013 H.O.B.O. Officers	
President	Lee Poe
1st Vice President	Steve Miles
2nd Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Keri Stallings
Treasurer	Jim McCormick
Newsletter	Marie Greene

**Past Presidents** – Dan Murchison, Jim Woodrow, Sam Piccolo, George Jackins, Johnye Woodrow, Doug Martin, Anita Lawson, Ralph Mason

**Directors** – Rebecca Beaty, Rick Griffith, Mau McCallum, Scott Phillips, Bob Thornton, Dale Vann, William Walters, Jim Ray, Rose Greene

**Water Monitors** – Jim Woodrow, Phil Ward, Patsy Wideman, Bill Lees, Becki McCallum, Leslie Miles, John Swindle

## Alabama Power Issues Permits for Shoreline Construction or Maintenance and Assigns a Permanent Permit Number to Each Lot

### **All lots with shoreline structures should have a permanent Alabama Power Shoreline Permit Number.**

In 1992 Alabama Power began issuing permits for all shoreline structures for each property along its 3,500 miles of shorelines on 11 Alabama lakes. The permit tag number is registered to the current property owner.

Alabama Power maintains a file for each permit tag number that includes a fully executed shoreline permit, a sketch of all structures within Alabama Power's permitting authority, a deed for the current owner, and a signed copy of the Guidelines for Shoreline Permitting. The permit tag number is usually posted on a boathouse or pier. If you do not

have a permit tag, contact Alabama Power Company to apply for a shoreline permit for all existing structures at no cost.

Whenever a property is sold, the new owner should contact the Alabama Power Shoreline Management Team to obtain a shoreline permit in their name. There is no cost to the property owner and the permit tag **number** will remain the same for the property, but the file is updated with the new owner's name.

Then, each time a property owner wishes to do any construction or maintenance to any structures along the shoreline, he/she must notify Alabama Power with details of the construction or maintenance plans and obtain a construction permit for those specific plans.

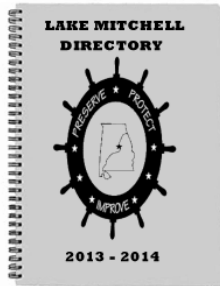


Construction and Maintenance projects must be completed within one year of the date of the approved shoreline permit, and the program's general policies are:

1. Alabama Power encourages shoreline structure owners to maintain the upkeep of existing boathouses, docks and seawalls. Prior to beginning any maintenance, contact Alabama Power to obtain a no-fee permit for repairs.
2. Alabama Power also encourages shoreline structure owners to remove noncompliant structures and replace them with compliant structures, and upon doing so will be issued a no-fee permit (e.g. replace an enclosed boathouse with an open boathouse).
3. A permit to build any new shoreline structure will incur a one-time \$250 fee (e.g. new boathouse, new dock or new seawall). More than one activity may be authorized with a single permit.

The Alabama Power Shoreline Management Team strives to protect and enhance the scenic, recreational and environmental values of the reservoirs it manages. As part of its mission, Alabama Power Shoreline Management is dedicated to ensuring all of the structures along Lake Mitchell's shoreline comply with the shoreline management program developed by Alabama Power with the input of its local, state and federal regulatory partners.

Please call Alabama Power Shoreline Management Team Member Candy Hayes at 205-280-4476 to discuss your project/work and to obtain a permit prior to beginning any maintenance or construction.



## 2013-2014 Lake Phone Directories

A new bi-annual lake phone directory will be distributed free of charge to all H.O.B.O. members who have paid their dues for 2013.

The directory includes contact information for all lake residents including physical addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. When you receive your new directory, please verify that your information is correct. In addition to the alphabetical listing of all residents, you will find a listing of H.O.B.O. members by area. Check to make sure that your name is correctly listed in your area. Notify Jim Woodrow at [ajwking@aol.com](mailto:ajwking@aol.com) or 205-425-9431 about any changes that need to be made.

The directory includes other important H.O.B.O. information such as a list of officers, area representatives, water monitors and committee chairmen, and a map of the lake showing the H.O.B.O. areas.

In addition, it contains local emergency contacts and many other important numbers relevant to Lake Mitchell residents. Take time to explore your directory and familiarize yourself with the wealth of information that it contains.

Don't miss out on receiving your copy of this valuable resource. Send in your 2013 dues today if you have not already done so.



Bob and Laura Thornton's pooch enjoys a boat ride.

## Water Festival Plans Underway

*Submitted by Ralph Mason, Board Member*

In 1997, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) granted the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) with seed money to organize Alabama's First Groundwater Festival. ADEM's goal in this project was to educate children and communities on the sources of their drinking water as well as how to protect our drinking water and to keep it clean for future generations. Approximately 28 counties in the state now participate.

Planning efforts are underway to organize the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chilton County Water Festival scheduled to be held on March 15, 2013 at the Clanton Conference and Performing Arts Center, on the Clanton Campus of Jefferson State College. The Water Festival is a one-day free event for fourth grade students and teachers. The Chilton County Water Festival offers an excellent opportunity for the Lake Mitchell Home Owners and Boat Owners Association to participate in an educational program aimed to instill water related environmental stewardship and awareness among our youth.

All twenty-four fourth grade teachers in the county school have now registered for the event. In addition to the public schools, an additional class coming from Chilton Christian Academy has been added to the list of participating schools. While the initial estimate of students was 450, the count is now 649 students. At our November meeting, the Lake Mitchell HOB O Board of Directors approved a generous donation of \$1000.00 and became a gold level sponsor of this worthy education program.

**Volunteers Needed.** There is still a big need for volunteers from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the Friday, March 15th Water Festival. Areas of participation for volunteers include classroom presenter, presenter assistant (e.g., edible aquifer, filtration, water bracelets), general helper, tour guide, bus transportation, runner, and magic show attendant. If any H.O.B.O. members are willing to volunteer, please request a volunteer form from Ralph Mason via email ([ralphmason@wildblue.net](mailto:ralphmason@wildblue.net)) or telephone number (205) 755-6618. A total of 24 volunteers have registered to date. These volunteers include students from the Jefferson State Ambassadors Program. All volunteers will receive an event t-shirt for helping.



## A Retrospective

By Scott Phillips, Chairman of the Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. Environmental Committee

As winter covers Lake Mitchell, we should reflect on several things that occurred in 2012 and how they may have an effect on us in the coming year.

The Alabama Water Agencies Working Group and the Water Policy and Management Joint Legislative Committee worked diligently this year to address the water issues that face our State. As a Lake Community we submitted comments to the Working Group for consideration as they decide how to move forward with recommendations to the Governor. We will continue this year to monitor their progress and make our views known.

Additionally, this year we were approached by a company that would like to capitalize on the rich resources that surround our Lake in Coosa County. We have spent much time researching and listening to how this may affect us in the future. This year we should know of their plans and can work to ensure our Lake is protected.

But most importantly as the cold surrounds our lake, we also move into some of our wettest months. And as the rains come this winter, we may see erosion foul the waters of our lake. So, as you are around the lake this winter, take time to reflect upon the issues of water for our Lake Community and let us know if you see any indications of erosion or pollution entering the Lake.

You can contact me at [scottonthelake@hughes.net](mailto:scottonthelake@hughes.net) to share your thoughts or any indication of pollution. We will investigate so as we move further into next year we can work with stakeholders around our Lake to improve our environment.

We hope that all are having a wonderful beginning to the New Year.

## *How I Got to Lake Mitchell*

by Peggy Bullard



My name is Peggy Bullard, and my husband, Sonny, and I lived in Hueytown for more than 30 years before retiring to beautiful Lake Mitchell. During my years in Hueytown, I had many titles including mortgage clerk, stay-at-home mom, secretary, marketing assistant, computer aide and substitute elementary teacher. I was self-employed in a contract cleaning service and later as a caterer.

Our story is unique in how we ended up at Lake Mitchell. We were campers, and one year our favorite place to go was closed for renovations. Our friends offered their cabin on Lake Mitchell. We took them up on their generosity, and after many trips to their cabin, we began to dream of having our own place.

In 1985, we were able to purchase a small cinder-block cabin on leased property that was in much need of love and care. There were not two more suitable people for this job. Our dream at that time was not large enough to incorporate owning land and a home suitable for retirement, but in 2000 that dream became a reality and we moved to Lake Mitchell full time. We both love Chilton County and the small town of Clanton and hope never to have to return to the bigger cities.

Since retirement I volunteer as the photographer for the Lake Mitchell Home Owners Boat Owners Association (H.O.B.O.) and scrapbook all of the events for the organization.

Life is beautiful on Lake Mitchell. We tell people, "We wake up on vacation every morning."

## *Past H.O.B.O. Scholarship Winner Inducted Into Nursing Honor Society*

Kayla Scott, the 2009 winner of the H.O.B.O. scholarship for local high school seniors, was recently inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nursing at U.A.B. where she is a senior in the school of nursing.

*Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. 2013 Membership Application*

<b>Annual Dues</b> Homeowner \$25.00	<b>Marine 9 - Donation</b> Maintenance & Operation \$	<b>Fireworks - Donation</b> Purchase of Fireworks \$	<b>Utility Boat - Donation</b> Maintenance & Operation \$
<b>Other Donation</b> Boathouse Sign \$15____ Memorial ____ Education Fund ____ Scholarship ____ Other (specify) _____			
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Home Phone:	Lake Phone:	Cell Phone	

Detach and mail completed form along with your check to: Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O., PO Box 1324, Clanton, AL 35046

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 It is time to submit your dues for 2013. Please mail your check along with the application to the address above. With your paid 2013 dues you will be eligible to receive a 2013-2014 Lake Mitchell Directory at no additional charge..

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