
The Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O.

Officers

Dan Murchison- President	755-0521
Sam Piccolo - 1st Vice President	377-4801
Tim Watley - 2nd Vice President	755-6021
Carolyn Hardy - Secretary/Treasurer	755-4858

Directors

Jerry Kitchens	1997-2002
John C. McKinney	1997-2002
Duncan Austin	1997-2000
Edward "Bo" Warren	1997-2000
L. R. McMillian	1997-1998
Chris Speaks	1997-1998

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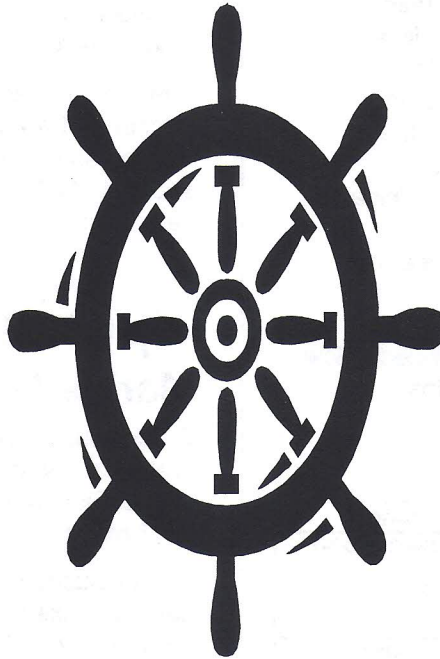
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Good Response to HOBO

Those of us who are already hard at work for HOBO were rewarded by good response from the first newsletter. Membership now stands at 139. We mailed right at 550 newsletters, received almost 100 responses and had only 35 undelivered. Most every response expressed interest, offered help and support, or made suggestions. Each one of these were eagerly studied and appreciated.

Our mailing list is coming together nicely, however, we are still missing several home owners in the area just below Lay Dam. Hopefully, now that our area representatives are "on the job", the mailing list will soon be complete with the correct name and address of every home owner on Lake Mitchell.

If you have not joined HOBO, please do so today! Look for the registration blank on the back page. Someone has suggested "Mitchell Matters" for our newsletter name or organization motto. The condition of Lake Mitchell does matter to each one of us as property owners and recreational users of the lake. Preserving, protecting and improving our lake while enjoying life here is very important. How much does "Mitchell Matter" to you? Support HOBO. Join today!



No Fish Consumption Advisory for Lake Mitchell

Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) testing of tissue from largemouth bass, flathead catfish and blue catfish within Lake Mitchell provided readings well below the FDA Consumption Advisory levels in 1991, which was the last year the test was conducted. Fish tested were from the Mitchell Dam area to one mile upstream of the dam, the confluence of Hatchet Creek with the main channel and the reservoir five miles upstream. The fish tissue was tested

against advisory levels for chlordane, dursban, DDT, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, mercury, mirex, PCBs, toxaphene and dioxen. The data provided by ADEM is available for review by members of the Lake Mitchell HOBO association. Call Dan Murchison at 755-0521.

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Area Representatives Named

Lake residences have been divided into fourteen areas with a HOBO representative in each area. This will insure communication to and from everyone on the lake.

The success of the Association will depend to a great extent on the job done by our area representatives. These representatives will be the cog that turns the wheel. It is vital that we have active, diligent, communicative people in these positions. Some of their responsibilities follow:

- Maintain regular contact with people in his/her area. Listen to residents' suggestions and criticisms and relay this information to the Secretary of the Association.
- Solicit membership and encourage participation.
- Attend Association meetings.
- Furnish a map of the area with names and phone numbers and keep it updated.
- Serve on at least one other committee.

The representatives and their areas are listed below. Find your rep., and get to know them. Most importantly, support their efforts!

* denotes year round resident.

Area#	Area	Rep.	Phone
1	Blue Creek	Nancy&Chan Aldredge	334-365-5647
2	Blue to Cargile	Mary Olson*	755-9561
3	Cargile South	Dan Murchison*	755-0521
4	Cargile North	Tim Watley*	755-6021
5	Bird Creek	Robin Cagle* Rick&Bunni Miller	755-7952 280-0063
6	Bird to Walnut	Sue Abernathy* John McKinney	755-6848 755-1262
7	Walnut Creek Peninsula	Wayne Hardy*	755-4858
8	Walnut SW	Cecil "Bo" Austin*	280-0838
9	Cove to Mountain	Wayne Caton	755-4622
10	Mountain to Dam area	Lorie Varner*	755-9182
11	Barrets, Upper Hatchet & Weogufka	Edsel Hughes*	377-4728
12	Pennymotley to River	Sam Piccolo*	377-4801
13	Hatchet to Big Airplane	Pat Croker*	377-4528
14	Big Airplane	Duncan Austin	377-2745

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to Dam

HOBO Directors Selected

The By Laws of the Lake Mitchell Home Owners and Boat Owners Association, Inc. call for at least three at large Directors, who together with the officers, will make up the Board of Directors. While officers' terms of office will be for two years, the directors terms will be six years staggered at two year intervals. This will provide continuity of goals and objectives for the Association from term to term.

The Directors are John C. McKinney and Jerry Kitchens who will serve six year terms; Edward "Bo" Warren and Duncan Austin will serve four year terms and H. L. McMillian and Chris Speaks will serve two-year terms.

Special Feature: Meet Marine Officer Gary Buchanan

Officer Buchanan is originally from Gadsden, Alabama. He is married to Barbara Dean from Belle Glade, Florida and they have one child, Lauren who is 17 months old. Another child is due in February.

Officer Buchanan completed his training in 1995, and came to Lake Mitchell soon after as a full time marine police officer. He is responsible for boating safety which includes accident reporting, enforcing all laws relating to boating such as boating under the influence (BUI), reckless operation, safety equipment (PFD, fire extinguisher, kill switch, nav. lights etc.), boat registration and the boat operators license which will be required in April of 1999. He is also responsible for boating safety education and he is required to spend 10% of his duty time on this function. He teaches Boating Basics courses and distributes literature to various businesses around the lake.

The best way to reach him for emergencies is through the Chilton County Sheriff's Office by calling 755-2511, or 911. While he is on the water, the quickest way to reach him is via radio. During the week, he can sometimes be reached at home at 646-3486. You may have to leave a message, but he will return your call.

Officer Buchanan says he is excited about HOBO and the impact it can have on Lake Mitchell. This will be a way to meet more of the people who use the lake. He looks forward to working with the members and officers to make Lake Mitchell the safest lake in the state. With the help and input of the homeowners he is looking forward to working on some of the problem areas and situations on the lake.

HOBO Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors plans general membership meetings twice each year. One meeting will be the Saturday before Memorial Day (5/24/97) and the other, the Saturday prior to Labor Day (8/30/97). The time and place will be announced. There may be other called meeting from time to time. Any member is welcome to attend any board meeting. A schedule of board meetings will be announced at a later date.

Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 1996, the Association has taken in \$3445.00 from memberships and \$75.00 in donations for a total income of \$3520.00. Expenditures were \$95.35, leaving a balance of \$3424.65.

Logo Contest

We are continuing the logo contest for HOBO. The logo will appear on the newsletter in place of the ships wheel that is currently being used. Here are the submission guidelines.

1. Black and white only
2. Print ready art work and copy
3. Must donate all rights of design to Lake Mitchell HOBO.
4. All copy and artwork must fit an area 2" wide by 3" tall, or roughly the size of the ships wheel on page one. You may incorporate the title headline if you wish.
5. No entries will be returned
6. Prize awarded to the winner

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7. Send your entry to

HOBO

PO Box 1324

Clanton, AL 35046

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

This and That...

- Again, we solicit articles from you. We would like to know about such things as historical events in and around the lake, anecdotes about the life and times on Lake Mitchell, interesting people then and now, wildlife on and around the lake, or a good fishing story. Submit your article to Carolyn Hardy at PO Box 1324, Clanton, AL 35046.
- What do you think of a Fire and Rescue boat for Lake Mitchell? Let us hear from you.
- HOBO is still in desperate need of office equipment. Remember, any donation is tax deductible since we are a non-profit organization. Are you updating your computer equipment? Why not donate your old computer and take a tax write-off. Fax and copy machines are not essential at the present time, but would be a tremendous help.
- On December 10, we certified several water testers. When HOBO is able to purchase testing kits, these people will be testing water in the main tributaries and in the main channel on a regular basis for industrial and run-off pollution. Look for reports in the newsletter. The purpose of water testing is simply to raise awareness of the importance of keeping our lake healthy. HOBO is not a regulatory organization! We are fortunate to have very little industry surrounding the lake and to have a minimum of clear-cutting activity which produces excessive run-off. In the future, HOBO hopes to offer as a public service, water testing for individual homeowners. Contact your area rep. Many are certified testers.

Don't Forget!!!

Please fill out the form below and send it in with your dues. The information on the form is very important for our records. Also, please indicate your area of interest. Your involvement is critical to the success of HOB.O.

Lake Mitchell HOB.O

PO Box 1324

Clanton, AL 35046

Voting Member

Non-Voting Member

Annual Dues

Annual Dues

\$25.00

\$10.00

Homeowner

Supporter

Check one:

☐ Renewal ☐ New ☐ Address Change

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Lake Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Lake _____

Business _____

Sub-Division Name and Lot

Area: _____

I am interested in working on the following committees:

☐ Water Research ☐ Garbage Disposal

☐ Annual Picnic ☐ Litter Control

☐ Lake Watch ☐ Fireworks/Parade

☐ Water Safety ☐ Insurance Cost

☐ Telephone ☐ Fish Research

☐ Road Improvements ☐ Funding/Donations

☐ Spring Clean-up ☐ Area Representative

☐ Other (please list) _____

The Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. Lake Officials Directory

Name	Phone
Alabama Forestry Commission (To report fires or obtain burning permits only)	1-800-242-2504
Alabama Power Impoundment's Information	1-800-LAKES11
Alabama State Troopers	755-1120
Ambulance - Clanton	755-2505
Coosa	377-2211
Emergency Management Chilton County - Bill Collum	911
Fire and Rescue - Chilton	911
Coosa	377-2211
Game Warden - Chilton	
Prentis Martin	755-5942
Wanda Barnes	646-4002
Game Warden - Coosa	
Hershel Patterson	1-800-272-4263
Earl Brown	1-800-272-GAME
Game Watch	1-800-272-GAME
Management Area Biologist - Coosa - Joel Glover	377-2437
Marine Police	
Gary Buchanan - Emergency	911
Home	646-3486
Park Ranger - Higgins Ferry Launch - Donald Giles	755-5952 or 280-9153 (beeper)
Sheriff - Chilton Co.	755-2511 or 911
Sheriff - Coosa Co.	377-2211
Dan Murchison	Bham # 323-2308