
The Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O.

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May General Meeting a Success

Approximately forty-four households were represented with about seventy persons in attendance at our first general meeting. By laws of the organization were read and approved. Accomplishments of the association were enumerated. Most outstanding of these were surpassing our membership goal of 250, developing an active mailing list of over 600 lake residents, and implementing lake wide water testing with nine sites. "Bo" Austin, Area Rep of Walnut Creek Southwest, was presented a plaque in appreciation for his many, many hours of hard work during the Spring Clean up.

The Chilton County Chamber of Commerce provided several hand outs including "Fragrance of Chilton County" potpourri (yes, peach), county and lake maps, and county guides for buyers and newcomers. Fifteen nice door prizes were awarded. If you missed this meeting plan to attend the next one on Labor Day week end.

June Board Meeting

The treasurer noted that the budget for the year had been met. Through your membership dues and donations you have helped us to reach yet another goal! Thank you.

At a previous called meeting of the Board Jim Woodrow was elected parliamentarian. At the June meeting Jim was elected to replace John McKinney,

who resigned as a director. Melissa Bailey was elected to replace Jim as parliamentarian.



The Board addressed three important issues.

1. They voted to allow no advertising in the newsletter except in the case of acknowledgment of donations to the organization.
2. They voted to share the mailing list only for the further development of this organization. However, there was favorable discussion of publishing a HOBO directory in the future after securing consent from those who will be included.
3. They voted to accept an offer from Melissa Bailey to underwrite and establish a home page for HOBO on the World Wide Web until the end of the year. At that

time the feasibility of including it in HOBO's budget will be determined.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, September 4. All area reps and committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend. Any other visitors are welcome. Board meetings are where the association's business is carried on!

This And That.....

- The first annual lake-wide picnic was a success inspite of the weather. We had a good turnout and lots of good food. People from all over the lake came together and left with at least one or two new friends. Thanks to "the flower ladies"

and the many volunteers who made it all possible. We look forward to next year and a bright sunny day!

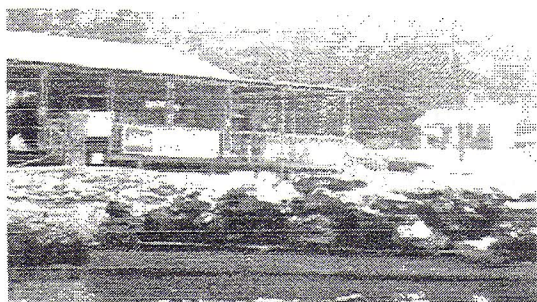
- Congratulations **A. Gerow Hodges** who has been named alumnus of the year by Samford University School of Business. He graduated in 1942 and served four decades with Liberty National Life Insurance Company, most recently as executive vice president and board member. Gerow is a resident of Walnut Creek Peninsula Community.
- **George Jackins**, whose residence is in the Cargile Creek North area, has recently been elected International President of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers. This is quite a distinction and an honor. It also entails much hard work and extensive travel. We are proud of you, George, but we will miss you on the lake for a little while.

Treasurer's Report

At the end of May income from memberships was \$6,435 and donations \$345. Disbursements totaled \$3,476.37 leaving a balance of \$3303.63. In addition \$440 in fireworks donations were received.

Committee Reports

Lake Clean Up - Spring clean up was a big success for the middle section of the lake. Over sixty large bags of litter, 2300 pounds, were removed from the lake! About twenty people participated. Alabama Power Company donated garbage bags for this effort. Please help us keep the lake clean by refraining from dropping garbage in the water, and collecting litter that may gather near your residence. Weather hampered collection for both other sections of the lake. Another clean up is planned for fall.



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Calendar of Events

July-August

Fun and relaxation! Please think **safety** on the water at all times. The number of personal water craft is increasing rapidly. Remember to obey the rules! Children must be twelve years old to operate these vehicles. It is illegal to operate them after dark. They must obey the same "Rules of the Road" as any other boat. Please do not drink and drive any water craft. Above all, respect others who are here to rest and enjoy their time at the lake!

August

30 HOBBO General Meeting, Alabama Power building 6:00 PM

September

4 Third Quarter Board Meeting, Alabama Power building 6:30 PM

15 Third quarter newsletter deadline

From The President

The recent shad kill on our lake really focused the need for an efficient communication network for Lake Mitchell. Hopefully you found someone to talk with and express your concerns. HOBBO was deeply involved with alerting both ADEM and Alabama Fishery Division. Both made at least two trips here to observe and sample fish as well as water. As of this writing their best theory is natural die-off caused by weather conditions, algae growth and rain. However, when tests are complete, we will receive a copy of the biologist's final report. Thanks to Wayne Hardy who drove the state fishery biologist around the lake. Thanks to Bo Warren who fielded many calls from concerned residents. Some of our goals for the future include:

- A pay telephone at Higgins Ferry Launch
- Join Chilton and Coosa County Chambers of Commerce
- Work with PALS (People Against A Littered Society) for clean up and adopt a stream/road.
- Organize a strong shoreline clean up for fall.
- Encourage silt screens and proper shoreline restoration during construction of the lake.
- Expand water testing to include E-coli during the summer months.
- Work with State Fishery Division regarding restocking and size limits for bass and stripe.

- Continue research into feasibility of a fire/rescue boat for the lake.
- Develop a welcome package for new residents.

We hope you all participate in and enjoy the boat parades, and the fireworks display on July 4! Have a great summer and keep it safe.

Look for Green Flags

Have you identified your area representative? He or she is the one flying a green flag. We are continuing to publish this list in an effort to help you help us locate you on the lake. Please use these area numbers or area names when communicating with us. Many residents are still not identified by areas. Please call or visit your area rep and identify yourself.

Area #	Area Name	Representative	Phone
1	Blue Creek	Gordon Beene	755-3934 879-4119
2	Blue to Cargile	Mary Olson	755-9581
3	Cargile South	Dan Murchison	755-0521
4	Cargile North	Tim Whatley	755-6021
5	Cargile to Bird	Jim Ray	755-1595 987-3679
6	Bird Creek	Robin Cagle Rick & Bunni Miller	755-7952 991-8998 280-0063
7	Bird to Walnut	Sue Abernathy John McKinney	755-8848 755-1262
8	Walnut SW	Cecil "Bo" Austin	280-0838
9	Walnut Creek Peninsula	Wayne Hardy	755-4858
10	Cove and Mountain	Wayne Caton	755-4622
11	Mountain to Dam Area		
12	Upper Hatchet and Weogufka	Edsel Hughes	377-4728
13	Pennymotley	Sam Piccolo	377-4801
14	Hatchet to Big Airplane	Pat Croker	377-4528
15	Big Airplane to Dam	Duncan Austin	377-4447

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Thanks To Merchants

The following businesses or individuals donated door prizes for the May general meeting. Country's Barbecue, Shoney's, Captain D's, The Sports Shop, Collins Nursery, Durbin Farms, Peach Park, True Value Home Center of Clanton, The Fishing Hole, Verbena Pecans, Robbins Photography, Sasser Opticians, The Insurance Network, Aldridge Nursery, and Melissa Bailey. Our sincere appreciation to each one for their generous gifts.

The following made donations for our June picnic: Ice from Pocatatchie General Store, Soft drinks from Montgomery Coca Cola, Tables from Clanton True Value Hardware, and Tea from Red Diamond in Birmingham.

"Shall We Gather at the River"

This year marks the 30th year for **Church on the Lake** at Higgins Ferry Launch! Everyone is invited to this non-denominational service Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30. Come as you are. At 9:00 AM coffee and donuts are served followed by a short bible study for those who care to stay.

Membership at 263

Thanks to each of you who have joined HOB.O. You have helped us reach our first membership goal! Our next goal is 325 members by the end of September. Your 1997 membership continues through September. Annual memberships are due beginning in October of each year. Your support is appreciated!

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Annual Dues	Annual Dues	Fireworks
\$25.00	\$10.00	Donation
Homeowner	Supporter	\$ _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Lake 911 Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Lake _____

Lake Area _____

HOBO's Water Watch Program

Our program is in conjunction with the Alabama Water Watch Program. Lake Mitchell results are sent to the Fisheries Department of Auburn University and in turn to ADEM. Each month our water monitors accomplish seven readings including air temperature, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, alkalinity, hardness, and turbidity (water clarity). Keep looking for reports of these results. We are still working to produce accurate results in some areas.

Wildlife on the Lake

The Great Blue Heron is quite common on Lake Mitchell. It is a large mainly grayish bird with a pale or yellowish bill. It is often mistaken for a crane, but it flies with its neck folded instead of extended like the crane. The Great Blue feeds on fish and frogs as well as small mammals, reptiles and occasionally birds. We thank them for letting us share their space.

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