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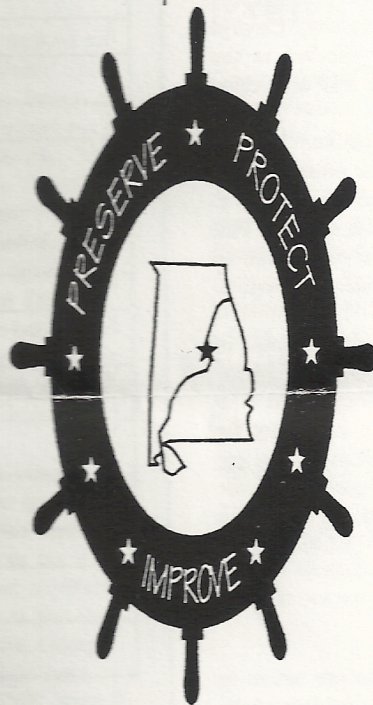
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim Woodrow

As we approach mid year, I would like to reflect on some of the accomplishments of HOBO and thank those who have worked so hard for our organization. Then I want to relate some ideas for the future. We just completed our third annual picnic. It was great and if you missed it you missed a great time. The food was delicious and the fellowship was even better. We had approximately 200 people attend. What a turnout! At the picnic we dedicated Marine 9, which is now in full operation. The fire rescue committee did a wonderful job with the dedication ceremony. I want to thank them and all the dignitaries who participated in this event. It will be one to remember.

The area representatives have been active this year and their efforts are appreciated. Quarterly area rep meetings are being held. Let your rep know your questions or concerns so they may be brought to these meetings. Some area reps are organizing area get togethers to help home owners get to know their neighbors. If you are interested in this activity be sure to contact your area rep. Fred Calloway, rep on Upper Hatchett, has done an outstanding job recruiting new members and letting his neighbors know about HOBO. The development of the neighborhood concept with respect to lake areas is an important project. Your input is needed to help us all get to know our neighbors.

Our telephone books have been distributed to member households. If you wish additional copies, please contact Judy Murchison. There is a \$5.00 charge for additional copies. I would like to thank the publicity committee for their efforts with the phone book. Please



keep Judy informed of any changes of address or phone numbers. The next edition will include e-mail addresses. If you would like to have yours included contact Judy or myself.

As for our future efforts, there is still a lot to do. With respect to Marine 9, the bulk of the expense is behind us, however, this is an ongoing commitment for both HOBO and East Chilton Fire Department. We will continue to solicit donations and will from time to time have fund raising events. Marine 9 is a benefit to all home owners of Lake Mitchell, whether they are a member of HOBO or not. Your continued support for it is appreciated. Elsewhere in the newsletter is information concerning possible insurance premium benefits. In conjunction with Marine 9, an upcoming HOBO project will be placement of location signs on boat houses or piers to assist fire rescue

personnel in emergency situations.

We have a Lake Mitchell brochure that will be available in the next few weeks. We also will have welcome bags for new residents. Both provided by the publicity committee.

We have established two "reporters" for the newsletter, Mac McMillan in Coosa County and Renee Powers in Chilton County. Please contact them regarding any articles you wish to submit or contact Carolyn Hardy, who does a great job of putting it all together.

Again, thanks to all of you. Lets make the last half of 1999 as good as the first half.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICNIC

For those of you who made the third annual picnic, thank you for making it another successful event. The food was delicious and over abundant. We had approximately 200 in attendance. I want to extend my special thank you to the ladies who made his happen. They are Bobbi McGee, Geri Nelson, Carolyn Hardy, Jo Ann Johnston, Judy Murchison, and Wayne Freeman. These ladies worked weeks before, during and after the picnic. If you see one of them please let them know how much we all appreciate their efforts. Mary Sue Olson, Carol Willie, Ann Till, Judy Murchison, Sue Abernathy, Carolyn Austin, and Ruth Beene, area reps who volunteered at the registration table, did a great job of greeting and answering questions.

The dedication of Marine 9 was impressive. The fire rescue committee did an outstanding job with the program. We especially appreciate the county officials who took time to participate in the program. We appreciate East Chilton Fire and Rescue Department's presence. We were very proud to show off Marine 9. Thank you all for making our picnic one to remember.

THIS NEVER STOPS! Next year we are exploring a theme of "TALENT ON THE LAKE." We have put out some "feelers" and believe we have enough "young and old" individuals who will participate in this event. We are looking especially for some young adults to join us in this. Please call me if you are interested or if you have other thoughts regarding picnic themes. Again, thank you to all HOBO members. Without you nothing would be possible. **JOHNYE WOODROW, CHAIRMAN**

ENVIRONMENTAL

Lake Mitchell HOBO has several members who are active in Alabama Water Watch. Dan Murchison is vice president of the Alabama Water Watch Association, Sam Piccolo is a Water Quality Assurance Officer and serves on the Board of Alabama Water Watch Association, Jim Woodrow was recently certified as a trainer for Alabama Water Watch. It is very unique and speaks well of Lake Mitchell to have these individuals represent us. **DAN MURCHISON, CHAIRMAN**

WATER QUALITY REPORT

PARAMETER	ACCEPTABLE	SEVEN SITE AVERAGE
Dissolved O ₂	5-9	8.0
pH	6.5-8.2	7.4
Alkalinity	20+	50
Hardness	10-120	51.25

Quarterly Report Average Water Quality
SAM PICCOLO, CHAIRMAN

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AREA REPRESENTATIVES

NEW AREA REP

Ann Till has graciously consented to fill her husband's place as area rep of Cargile North.

Area #	Area Name	Representative	Phone
1	Blue Creek	Gordon Beene	755-3934 879-4119
2	Blue to Cargile	Mary Olson	755-9561
3	Cargile South	Dan Murchison	755-0521
4	Cargile North	Ann Till	755-0669
5	Cargile to Bird	Duey Kerper	755-2527 979-1845
6	Bird Creek	Carol Willie	280-1133
7	Bird to Walnut	Sue Abernathy	755-6848
8	Walnut SW	Cecil "Bo" Austin	280-0838
9	Walnut Creek Peninsula	Wayne Hardy	755-4858
10	Cove and Mountain	Bill Knowles	755-2038
11	Mountain to Dam Area	Rick & Mary Hurst	755-4687
12	Upper Hatchet and Weogufka	Fred Calloway	377-2333
13	Pennamotley	Sam Piccolo	377-4801
14	Hatchet to Big Airplane	Pat Croker	377-4528
15	Big Airplane to Dam	Mary Robbins	377-2475

AREA 2

We welcome two new families to our area, Randy and Sheila Smith and Kevin and Rebecca George. Randy is the Director of Chilton Medical Center in Clanton. Kevin is District Sales Manager for the Montgomery office of The Home Place.

We are planning an Area 2 neighborhood "get-together" in the near future. We welcome your input and ideas for this and any other ideas for an opportunity to get to know our neighbors on the lake. Landscaping is a favorite topic of discussion for me. When you are on the lake, stop by and say hello. I have some perennials to share. Come ashore and you just might see something that you would like a "sprig" or "cutting" from. **MARY SUE OLSON, Area 2**

AREA 7

Back in Time on the Coosa

Relax, we are on the river and passing the most beautiful mountain laurel accented with wild pink azaleas. They hang over the sides of the banks and make a picture so perfect, only God could be responsible for this work of art. We might think the woods, banks and waters that are not occupied looked this way many years ago but it is not so. There was a time when the banks were not wooded as we know them now but stands of cane higher than your head and so thick you could not see through. One thing for sure though, you knew if a man or animal was trying to penetrate them. The crackling sound of the cane warned of friend or foe. Also, before the dams of Alabama Power, there were many, many dams on the river. These were not built by man but by beavers. They were pale in comparison to the numbers of years past.

Did you ever think about who might have walked the banks, fished the waters or canoed the Coosa River? The answer may be a surprise and leave you with the image of activities on the river many moons ago. A friend loaned me a book by W. Stuart Harris about dead towns of Alabama. The first thing I did was to turn to Chilton and Coosa Counties. This is when I learned of Pakan Talahassi (Pacana Talache, Puckantala). It was originally situated on the south bank of Walnut Creek. This village was later moved across the river to Pakana Talahassi Creek in Coosa County. On the Decrenay map of 1733, this town appeared one and one-half miles southwest of Thorsby on both sides of the river near the confluence of Hatchett Creek. The French census of 1760, listed the town as being fifteen leagues from Fort Toulouse and with a population of fifty warriors.

Living here on the river for nearly ten years, and walking lands nearby, I have found solid white arrow heads and pieces where they were being made. I can say with certainty that there were warriors who walked the very places we walk today. How exciting! Cherokee tradition held that anywhere three rivers met was holy. The head of the Coosa is just that. Tha Oostanaula, Etowah and Coosa meet near Rome, Georgia. As for enchanted, I think we have enchantment right here on Lake Mitchell. SUE SPEARMAN ABERNATHY, Area 7

AREA 13

Pennamotley has a rich history and you are in for a real treat if you can get Carolyn Thornton to share some of her childhood experiences there with you.

What is it like to live in Pennamotley which is located on the Coosa side of Lake Mitchell? It is inhabited by twenty-four families who come from diverse backgrounds. One common thread runs through all of the residents. They love Lake Mitchell and what it offers. This area, being fed by Pennamotley Creek, has high quality water and is visited frequently by boaters and fishermen.

Today we have telephone, mail, and garbage service. New residents take these for granted but Mac McMillan can give you an ear full on the difficulties he encountered obtaining mail service. The county road to Pennamotley is relatively primitive and was unmarked until residents provided self help and funds to improve the situation. Road signs for major intersections were purchased to improve emergency management. Self help is a way of life for lake residents on the

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Coosa side. On three occasions and a fourth about to occur, residents purchased gravel for the county road leading to the community so it could be traveled safely in all weather. The "gray brigade" (retirees living full time on the lake) provide support for litter control, pot hole repair, culvert cleaning, security and more. Mac McMillan provides news important to the community with his "Paddlin' Pennamotley." The area has its share of challenges but after all is said and done, it is a great place to live and play.

SAM PICCOLO, Area 13

SPECIAL FEATURES

RABIES IN CHILTON COUNTY

A rabid bat was discovered in this area of Chilton County during May. There have been forty-one confirmed cases of rabies in Alabama from January through April of this year. The majority of cases involved raccoons. In recent months cases have been moving up to this area from the southeast corner of Alabama. Because most of us are in or very near wooded areas, we should be especially concerned. The Humane Society has several suggestions. Never throw out food scraps, especially bones. Never approach any animal that is acting suspiciously. Beware of wild animals that are not afraid of you. Keep close tabs on your children and pets. Report suspicious animals to the local Humane Society at 755-9170 or the Health Department at 755-1287.

MEMBERSHIIP

Through your dues and donations, HOB0 is prospering. 1999 membership stands at 373 which represents an unbelievable 58% of identified home owners. Dues were payable January 1, but it is not too late to join this year.

PO Box 1324
Clanton, AL 35046

Annual dues Homeowner \$25.00 (or)	Annual dues Supporter \$10.00	Firework Donation \$	Fireboat Donation \$
Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Lake 911 Address:			
Phone: Home		Lake	
Lake Area:			

REDUCED INSURANCE???

Some insurance carriers have indicated a willingness to work with lake residents on their fire protection class rating in consideration of the fire rescue boat, Marine 9. Following is a memo from East Chilton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. You may present this to your lake home owners insurance carrier for their review. PLEASE keep in mind that the implementation of Marine 9 DOES NOT change your I.S.O. fire protection rating at this time. Your insurer is under NO obligation to honor this memo.

TO: Lake Mitchell Property Owners
FROM: Larry Minor, Chief
RE: Fire Rescue Boat on Lake Mitchell

Effective May 29, 1999, a fire rescue boat is in service on Lake Mitchell, available to respond to all areas of the lake for fire or medical emergencies. The boat is an extension of East Chilton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and can respond faster to certain remote areas of the lake than traditional fire rescue equipment. The boat is capable of functioning as primary response apparatus or as backup apparatus to land departments. East Chilton Volunteer Fire and Rescue currently holds a class 8 ISO fire protection rating. Should you or your insurance company have questions concerning the operation of the fire rescue boat or any other fire rescue issue, please call East Chilton Station 9 at (205) 755-8200 and leave a message. An East Chilton representative will return these calls in a prompt manner.

Thank you for your interest and support of this project to benefit the citizens and visitors of Lake Mitchell.

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CONTEST...CONTEST...CONTEST

Please submit your favorite photographs of lake experiences. These photos will be judged by the Board of Directors at their meeting on September 2. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. These photos will be used in future HOB0 publications with recognition given to the photographer. Please include your name, address and telephone number as well as a brief description of the event. Please do not write on the photo - front or back. Contest deadline is August 31, 1999, so do not hesitate. The contest is open to one and all on the lake. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting on November 4, 1999.

HOB0 WEB PAGE

Thanks to Missy Bailey, we now have a web page. The address follows: <http://community.al.com/cc/lakemitchell>

Check it out. Information is changed at least once a quarter.

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