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The Lake Manitou Area Association Newsletter

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Awesome August Skies



Photo's by Jeff Carlson

We all look forward to those dark skies that we are so fortunate to have on Manitoulin, regardless of the season. This past August while enjoying a night of ping pong with friends and neighbours in our boat house, we noticed the sky around 10:00 pm on August 4th. Fortunately one of our guests for the weekend is a professional photographer. He promptly set up his camera on our deck that is attached to the boathouse to get these shots. The reflection on the lake is from the light and guests inside the boathouse. The picture above is taken to the Northwest....the 3 red lights in the distance are two wind turbines and a cell tower on the bluffs near West Bay. How about that shooting star! The left picture looks north towards One Mile Island. **Thanks for the priceless photo's, Jeff!**



LMAA Flags a fly’n

In late summer a call was put out to members to send in pictures of their LMAA Flags flying at their cottage. The “flag” is the most recent addition to the LMAA apparel line available for purchase by members. In total, 25 members purchased flags. These are the pictures we received. In the March issue of “Windswept” members will be solicited again to see if enough exists among members to place a second order of flags. Hopefully next summer more will be noticed flying around the lake!



LMAA President’s Cottage on Frank’s Road



LMAA Director & member Steve Mann’s cottage in Rockville



Sabine Cottage in Eagle’s Nest Bay Area



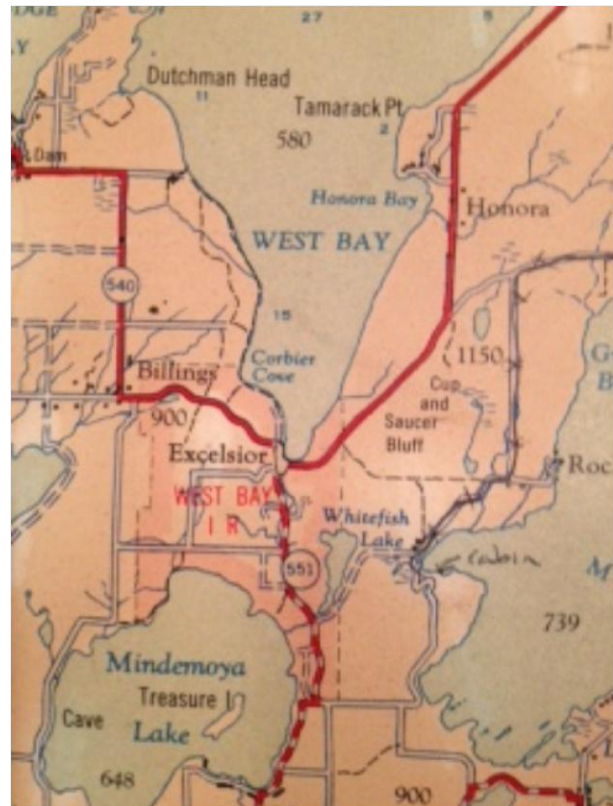
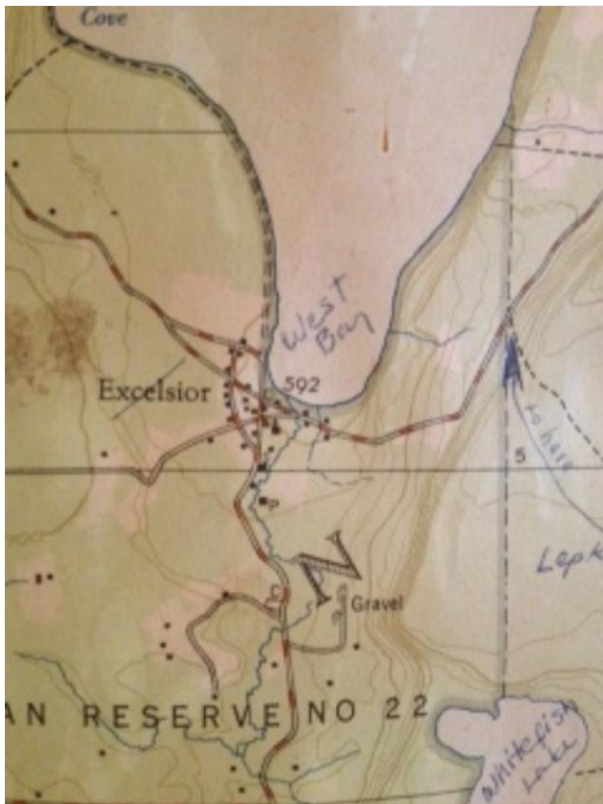
Costigan Cottage in Eagle’s Nest Bay Area

Welcome New Members

The LMAA’s membership continues to grow. Our most recent count is 241. As always please do your part in soliciting new additions to our membership. We would like to acknowledge and welcome our newest members.

Tim & Kim Dean
Mario DePaolis
Stephen Dunsmore
Rob & Marylou Hargon
Jeff and Debra Huff
Ron James
Ken & Janet Stewart

Did You Know? Submitted by Jane Harding



We now know the town of **West Bay** as **M’Chigeeng** but did you know that it was originally called **“Excelsior”**? Thanks to LMAA member Jane Harding who has an interest in the local history of the island. These maps were found in the “Littlefield” Cabin. The picture on the left is from a **1955 Mines and Technical Survey Map**. The picture on the right is a map of the island purchased at Turner’s Store in Little Current...date unknown.

Information Night 2013 submitted by Dave Anderson

Lake Manitou Area Association

Information/Education Night

Topics and Speakers:

1. **“Invasive Species in Lake Manitou”**
by Calvin Crispo
Member of the Invasive Species “Hit Squad”
2. **“Lake Manitou Update”**
by Paul Methner

Where: Sandfield Schoolhouse

Time: 7.30 p.m.

When: Tues., Aug. 13, 2013

- Refreshments

- Free Admission

Everyone Welcome



Our 18th annual “**Information Night**” was held on August 13, 2013 with roughly 80 people in attendance.

Our feature speaker was **Calvin Crispo** who was working on the Island for the **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** as part of the **Invading Species Awareness Program**. He gave an excellent talk on the aquatic invading species in and around Lake Manitou.

Lake Manitou currently has two invading species present in its waters, the spiny water flea and the smelt. However, there are a number of species in other lakes on the Island and in Lake Huron surrounding the Island, such as **zebra** and **Quagga mussels, round goby, rusty crayfish, and Eurasian water milfoil**. Calvin stressed the importance of being educated as to the types of invaders, and taking every precaution to prevent their entry into Lake Manitou.

Some of the main tips are:

1. Don't empty your bait bucket into Lake Manitou.
2. Make sure to clean your boat after boating in other waters and before launching into Lake Manitou.
3. Whenever possible allow your boat to dry for several days after boating in other waters and before launching into Lake Manitou.
4. Don't transfer water from other lakes into Lake Manitou.

Paul Methner gave his annual review of the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station activities. Lake Manitou is a very important lake for the provincial fish culture operations. Not only is it a source of wild lake trout eggs, but it is now a source of wild walleye eggs. Paul indicated that both lake trout and walleye are doing well in Lake Manitou and natural reproduction in the lake is keeping both populations healthy, as a result they have decreased the number of lake trout being stocked in the lake. It doesn't take many fishing days in the fall to reach their quota of eggs. They are collecting fewer lake trout eggs from Lake Manitou compared to a decade earlier because of changes in the provincial fish culture demands.


Donations to the LMAA

We have recently had some donations made to the LMAA. **Thanks to Paul and Kay Everson of Cleveland Ohio, who recently made a very generous \$5000 donation to the association.** The Everson's were summer residents of Lake Manitou for many years residing at their cottage on Heron's Trail in the Assiginack Bay area. The Everson's loved the lake and Kay would spend the summers while Paul commuted back and forth. Even after selling their cottage 6-7 years ago they maintained their membership in the LMAA. Paul first came to the island in the 1960's staying at his uncle's cottage, Leo Glabb. The Everson's, still live in the Cleveland area and are known for their generous donations to a number of organizations. **The LMAA is grateful for their generosity!**

Secondly, the Krys family made a **\$100 donation in the memory of their son Steven** who passed away in April. Steven loved their cottage on Lake Manitou. On behalf of the LMAA we send our condolences and appreciation to Mike and Shirley for their generosity.

Earlier this year, the **Sabine Family made a \$200 donation** in the memory of Lake Manitou neighbours Jane Trestain and Perry Williamson. Thank you for your generosity.


Member Notice Board

-  The LMAA would like to acknowledge the passing of two long time members of the LMAA. **Dave Besuden** passed away on August 30, 2013 at the age of 96.

Dave first came to Manitoulin as a teenager in 1932 to fish and camp with his father. In 1952 he bought a tiny log cabin on the shores of Lake Manitou where he and his family could spend the summers. Dave was an avid sportsman and fisherman. He loved to troll the shores of Lake Manitou, and that continued even this summer fishing for bass and trout. Dave spent 81 blissful summers on Lake Manitou and the island, as well as any other seasonal trips he could arrange.

Betty McGregor passed away on December 19, 2013 at the age of 92.

Betty was born and raised in Sandfield. She was an active community member lending her time and talents to such community groups as a Board Member for the Women's Institute, a Secretary for the Manitou Merrymakers and Owner and Operator of Hutchinson's Cabins and Campground for many years. She was also a fixture at the LMAA AGM's and Information Nights held at the Sandfield School House.

-  **Please keep your contact information up to date! If you have a change in mailing address or email address please forward to one of the following:**

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-  Submissions to the newsletter are always welcomed. Please send them to mikecostigan@hotmail.com
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