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## Editor's Note – "memorable openings"

If you are anything like me, the annual cottage opening weekend brings the excitement of the new cottage season along with some apprehension of how well the cottage wintered. After 10 years of opening my cottage with virtually nothing going wrong, this year I experienced an opening to remember. For you veteran cottage owners I will consider this my initiation into the club! Here is my story!

After a comfortable night's sleep at the Blue Anchor Motel in Tobermory (a new tradition we started last year to replace the 4a.m. departure from Cambridge) and a remarkably smooth crossing on the "Big Canoe," I thought this was going to be another routine opening. This is where the routine ended!

Upon arrival, I open the door and throw the main switch on the electrical panel and proceed to turn on a light.....no light! Try another light ...no light! I step outside to look at the mast attached to the cottage, it looks fine. No sign of tree branches on the line coming in, so I follow it back to the nearest hydro pole up on the hill. There it is, a transformer that looks like it has suffered the wrath of Mother Nature. Of course, no power means no phone! No problem I will use my cell phone to call Hydro One. I reach for my out dated cell phone (not really a cell phone advocate) that I

have for emergencies only and in the middle of the phone call it dies. Being the only one in our settlement up this early, I have no other option but to drive to my parent's cottage to use their phone.

Before doing so, I do the "walk around" to make sure everything else has wintered alright from a visual perspective anyway.... so far so good. As I approach my recently renovated boathouse my eyes notice holes in the cedar shingle siding that I painstakingly completed last summer. I was sick instantly! Every side of the building had holes.... hundreds of them,



high, low! What could it be? Carpenter bees? No it's too early. A frustrated deer hunter last fall... no bullet casings to be found! Then I hear the “rat a tat tat” echoing in the surrounding forest....Wood Peckers! Ironically, I cut down a poplar tree last summer that was a favorite feeding spot for the “palliated hammer head”....they must have a vengeful spirit. **This is certainly a first, according to anyone I have spoken to.**

With my frustration mounting I drove to my parent's cottage to make the phone call to Ontario Hydro. I had no expectations that the power would be restored on this weekend ... this is the Manitoulin! Saturday morning brought another first ...minus 3 degrees C and snow covering the ground but I made a phone call and to my surprise, the power was restored....things are looking up....I thought.

I returned to my place with my brother- in- law to at least get the water running which normally takes me roughly one hour. The strong north winds and 3 foot waves made the sliding in of my waterline a challenge as the waves filled my hip waders with cold water. Finally successful, I return to my boathouse to prime the pump. Pump doesn't want to prime! The thought process begins! Old foot valve? Change the foot valve? Back into the water, pull out the waterline, put new foot valve on and slide waterline back in amidst a second filling of my hip waders. Back to prime the pump. It should work.... It doesn't work! What next? If all else fails get the pump manual! **Troubleshooting guide – “if pump fails to prime”.** Last on the list - there is an “obstruction in the venture tube”. I follow the instructions and take the pump apart and sure enough there is a fingernail size piece of plastic blocking the tube. I remove it, put pump back together and instantly the pump comes up to prime. Nothing else could possibly go wrong!

Before releasing the water from the boathouse to the cottage, I must go inside to shut off all the taps etc., hook up the toilet and close an “old” drain valve under the cottage which my grandfather (who built the cottage originally) had remedied several times. Well “Murphy's Law” reared its ugly head again and the valve broke. Fortunately there was no water in the line. I keep a pail full of copper fittings and valves on hand for emergencies (old plumbing warrants that), so the next step was just to cut it out and solder up the new valve. The 18 inches that exists between the ground under my cottage and the 1956 installed cedar floor joist made cutting out and reinstalling the new one a little challenging and a tin foil plate and bucket of water at hand minimized the fire hazard that existed. Seven hours later the water is finally on. My brother-in-law and I celebrate our success with a toast of a barley sandwich and I chalk this opening up for the records...and I will deal with the woodpeckers in July!

If you have any opening or closing stories that you would like to share in the next newsletter, please forward to me at [mikecostigan@hotmail.com](mailto:mikecostigan@hotmail.com).

## Fishing Licences – Did you Know? by Don Payne

It's an interesting fact that all residents fishing in Ontario need a fishing licence. The regulations however, allow that the birth certificate of a resident, who is younger than 18 years or who is older than 65, is considered to be a licence in the absence of a fishing licence.

This means that qualified people who want to take advantage of this must carry their birth certificate and provide it to a Conservation Officer when asked. Fishing licences and birth certificates are important documents and as such they should be carefully protected.

There are many waterproof, secure carrying pouches available at sporting goods stores today that would be ideal for storing and carrying outdoors documents.

## Boater F.Y.I.

This summer, police marine units will be on the water performing boat checks. Be ready. Be safe. Be aware of the regulations and avoid costly fines or the loss of your license.

- ALL boat operators must have and carry a Pleasure Craft Operator card.
- Boats equipped with a 10 HP motor or greater must be licensed, the license number marked on the bow, and the permit carried onboard.
- Trailers must also be licensed and the permit carried with the vehicle.
- Every passenger must be outfitted with a Canadian-approved, well-fitting lifejacket in good condition.
- Alcohol and boating don't mix and can cost you your driver's license.

(Taken from August 2009 ONTARIO OUT OF DOORS p. 6)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

This year's AGM is set for **Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** and will return to its original venue in the form of the new **Sandfield School house!** Be sure to attend as you will not want to miss seeing the new building. In addition you will want to pick up **your new LMAA sign (5'x 8')** that is to be installed on your **911 post.** Over the past year your executive has worked hard to take this suggestion from a previous AGM and make it a reality. **Get yours when you pay your 2010 membership fee of \$20.00.** We hope this will help raise the exposure of the association around the lake and increase membership! See you there!



## 2009 AGM Minutes by Effie Williamson

### LAKE MANITOU AREA ASSOCIATION Sixteenth Annual General Meeting July 18, 2009

**Place & Time:** Big Lake Schoolhouse, Big Lake on July 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

**Call to Order:** President Mike Costigan called the meeting to order.

**Consideration of the Agenda:** Moved by Bob Sisson, Seconded by Dave Rutherford to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Directors, Officers and Education Committee attending were introduced: Mike Costigan, Paul Moffatt, Alex Lohead, Don Payne, Effie Williamson, Perry Williamson, Mike R. Costigan, Jim Rouse, Joel Dwyer and Education Committee Mary Lohead, Pat Costigan and John Harvey. Three first time new member attendees were welcomed.

#### **Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting:**

Minutes of the July 2008 Annual Meeting were sent to all members in the June 2009 newsletter. It was Moved by Mike Costigan, Seconded by Lynda Lee that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion carried

#### **Reports of the Officers:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Payne made copies of the June 30, 2009 LMAA Income and Expense Report available to all who attended. The bank balance, as of June 30, 2009 was \$8,914.70. The LMAA books are not yet audited but will be in the near future. Moved by Don Payne, Seconded by Jean de Chastelain to accept the financial statement, subject to an audit. Motion carried.

**Vice-president's Report:** Paul reported putting a plan in place to do some work from the road to the mouth of the Manitou River - rehabilitation at the mouth - not possible to keep the mouth open. Four CFIP Projects this year plus they are working on two other sites at Wahl's and Case's.

Paul thanked the members that helped plant 8,000 trees and shrubs on the two projects.

Mike Thompson would like those who are adjacent to the sites of the brown brook coaster trout to keep an eye on the sites.

Jim Rouse reminded everyone that if you want to do anything with docks, cribs, harbours, boat launches etc. to go through the permitting process. It takes a while to get the permits that are legal, and environmentally friendly, but it is far cheaper and easier than not getting a permit!

**Directors' Report:** Alex Lohead and Peter Edward are doing secchi disk tests on our lake. Mike R. Costigan gave us a report on E-mail newsletters. He needs any new E-mail address changes.

**Education / Information Committee Report:** Pat Costigan gave us a review of the past year. Information/Environment Night will be held August 13/09 at 7:30 p.m. at Big Lake School House. There will

be a speaker on preservation of pure water and an OPP Marine Division Officer describing Handling Emergencies in Water. Sales of the Lake Manitou map are going well. We still have some copies available.

**President's Report:**

Mike reminded us that the fees for our membership are still \$20 for the 16th year in a row. We now have 223 families as members. A reminder was given to pay your membership when you receive your June newsletter.

We are still looking for a lost buoy which disappeared off Sheppards' Rock last fall. Also Mike still has a canoe that he and Don Payne rescued from the middle of the lake last year.

Some of our executive attended FOCA meetings in the fall and spring in Toronto. Mike represented our Association at a conference in Goderich in April along with Seija Deschenes of Manitoulin Streams. It was the Lake Huron meeting of "Healthy Great Lakes, Strong Ontario."

**New Business and Discussion Period**

Suggestion given to put our logo on all 911 signs to show who are members of LMAA.

**Wraft Report and Request**

Request for funding discussed. Motion that we will pay \$300.00 for this year but it will be voted on each year at our annual meetings. Moved by Paul Moffatt and seconded by Dave Anderson.

**Selection of Election Chairperson** Moved by Mike Costigan that Estelle Payne be appointed Election Chairperson. Seconded by Alec Lohead. Motion carried.

**Nominations and Elections: PRESIDENT:** Mike Costigan nominated by June Edward and seconded by Jim Rouse. Don Payne recommended that the nominations be closed. Mike Costigan was acclaimed President and Mike accepted.

**DIRECTOR:** John Harvey nominated by Lynda Lee and seconded by Pat Costigan. Moved by Michael R. Costigan and seconded by Pat Costigan that nominations be closed. Estelle Payne, the Election Chairperson, declared that the nominated members were elected by acclamation.

Mike Costigan thanked everyone for participating, their continued support and for attending our meetings.

**Attendance** - 60 people attended the 16th annual meeting.

**Door Prizes** - Six names were drawn and prizes awarded.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Jean de Chastelain and seconded by Mary Mansell that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



## The Ultimate Mouse Trap

A simple way to keep your cottage or hunt camp rodent free.

By Jim Poling Sr.

It's been said that if you build a better mouse trap, the world will beat a path to your door. But, it's already been done. The best of all mouse traps was invented decades ago probably by loggers in bush camps infested with the messy pests. It's called Mice in a Bucket and works like this:

Take a standard-size plastic pail and drill a hole in each side just below the rim. Insert through the holes a dowel, something broom-handle size or less. Coat the bottom of the dowel with peanut butter or cream cheese. Half fill the bucket with water. When the mice step onto the dowel to fetch the bait, it's like loggers trying to stay upright on a floating log. Only mice don't have cork boots.

Coating only the bottom of the dowel with bait is the key to a successful bucket trap. Mice are gluttonous, and when they bend over eagerly to lick the bait.....oops. If you're using this trick at a camp or cottage that's not visited regularly, put automotive windshield-washer fluid in the bucket. It contains alcohol, which pickles the mice.



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## More Lake Manitou History by Pat Costigan

**Blackwell's Bay** was named in the early 1940s after the owner of the only cottage in the bay, a sock and glove salesman from London Ontario, Fred Blackwell and his first wife, Bea. Fred was a well known character around Manitowaning and Lake Manitou. Fred built his camp on a portion of the S. R. Norton farm. Fred faithfully attended and supported the Bidwell United Church where Reverend A. M. Lavery conducted summer services.

**Sources: Bill Dampier, Burke Pennie**

**Bus Stop Island** (or Bus Stop Rock) is a long narrow rock in front of and east of Lonestar. Bill Dampier says, “It has been called Bus Stop Island as long as I can remember. I assume it is so named because of the large numbers of terns and gulls which are always standing on it, all facing the same direction into the wind as if waiting for a bus.”

**Frank's Bay and Frank's Road** are named after Franklin “Frank” Hutchinson. Frank's grandfather, James Hutchinson, with his wife Elizabeth Lewis came to the Manitoulin on November 1, 1878 after travelling by train to Collingwood, by boat to Manitowaning, and then by sail boat to Silver Bay on Lake Manitou. When the Hutchinson's landed, they were greeted by their neighbours, the Middaughs, Stapletons, Spikers, Moodys, Davidsons, Nighswanders, Johnsons and Bassingthwaites. They were all there and it was these congenial neighbours who made the coming struggle for a livelihood upon the Manitoulin, a happy one, despite hardships endured. Part of Lot 14 Con. 11 Sandfield was purchased from Thos. Middaugh. As James' obituary states:

“There was no clearing. Then began that struggle which, pioneers know so well, the fight with nature, with climatic conditions, lack of roads, and scarcity of markets.”

A log cabin and then a log barn were erected. They had 3 children: Alitha, George and Zella. The next owner was their son, George Hutchinson who married Susan “Lilly” Wagg and had 3 children: Franklin, Jesse and Douglas. Their son Frank took over the farm from his father and raised sheep for several years. Frank, who never married, subdivided the lakeshore lots and because he was so well liked and respected by the cottagers who bought these lots, they called themselves, “Frank's Flock”. The last lot to be sold in this subdivision was located at Sand Bay or Sandy Bay as it was also called. In his memory, this bay is now known as, Frank's Bay.

**Sources: Obituary - James Hutchinson, Manitoulin Genealogy, Frank's Flock**

**Our Lake Manitou Map booklet** is almost finished, but there are still some places that need researching:

- Duke's Bay & Duke's Rock
- Shirley's Bay (on the north shore)
- Manitou Birches Trail
- Yellow Rock Point
- Rosewood Lane
- Ryan's Rd.
- The Palisades
- New England Road

So if you have any information on how or why these places were named and who named them, please contact Pat at [patjcostigan@gmail.com](mailto:patjcostigan@gmail.com).

## Member Notice Board

- 📅 Notice of 2010 LMAA Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
**Saturday, July 17, 2010 at the new Sanfield School house at 10 a.m.** Hope to see you there.
- 📅 For those of you who take the Chi Chi Maun just remember that the **road construction has started on HWY #6** so leave yourself enough time to deal with any delays that you might encounter!
- 📅 **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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