



the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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KID'S DAY ... at Mort's

7th Annual

**CELEBRATE
WBT KIDS**



Cotton Candy at Mort's ... 2010

Where: Mort's Candy Store

Time: 1:00p to 4:00p

Date: August 28th (shh! ... Mort's 67th birthday!)

Once again, it's time to celebrate **Wapogasset Bear Trap Kids** at Mort's Marina. Kids of ALL Ages are invited to stop by the Marina for our annual free cotton candy "SUGAR-HIGH". Be sure to have Mort make one for mom and dad ... and even grandma and grampa/ They may not admit it, but we're pretty certain that if you don't get a cone for THEM ...they'll be sneaking some from YOURS!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2011

- Aug. 28 **Mort's Kids Day** 1p to 4p
- Sept. 5 Last "Boat-in" worship - 9:20
- Sept. 10 Trustee Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
- Sept. 20 Final Flotilla (see next issue for details and theme)

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION of OFFICERS

CONGRATULATIONS ...
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Lake Wapogasset Bear Trap Association
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- 1st Vice President Michael Seidl
- 2nd Vice President Lee Rickard
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LAKE LIFE ... on WBT

REMINISCING

... by Deb Worthington & Jan Anderson

Our friendship began in 1960 when the Knowlan family moved to South Shore Court next to the Crogen family, who had been Wapo residents since their lot was purchased indirectly from the railroad in 1923. (Jan's grandfather built the cabin!). The railroad company originally owned the south shore of Wapogasset. The land was used a source of sand to build the railroad, thus leaving the flat sandy beach of the South Shore. The railroad ran though Deronda to Amery.

Early cabin memories for both of us include outhouses, hand pumps for water and telephone-less cabins.

A strong, fond memory we share is of roller skating in Deronda twice a week. Emil and Helen Beckon, the owners, kept things running very smoothly. Each of us made many new friends from both Wisconsin and from Minnesota at our beloved roller rink. It was a sad day for us when it closed....

We also remember fondly our frequent walks to Deronda with our brothers Paul, Bruce, and Scott, and with our neighbor Tom. Our destination was the Deronda Store (in later years, the bakery). And what fun we had in getting there! We always stopped to play at the playground across from the Deronda church. Once at the store, we purchased candy, pop or ice cream treats for the walk home. Because the store was a US postal station, we also picked up our mail there.

Swimming was a frequent activity. We all eventually learned to water-ski, but sadly the water ski jump at the south end of Wapo was taken down permanently before we became proficient skiers. So we were forced to do

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DROUGHT WORRIES OVER...

...except if you're fishing. You see, after a storm comes through, fish behaviors change. It's all about barometric pressure and stuff. Walleyes suspend usually and just stop feeding. Bass go deep or hide in the weeds. Panfish will still bite, but they're mostly the little ones that don't know any better. And Muskies will do whatever they want. So what should YOU do. First, fish BEFORE the storm comes though. Watching the weather forecast on TV will generally give a clue as to when an event will happen. If you miss the window and the storm rolls through, take a road trip. They're always biting in the frozen seafood section at WalMart.

LEECH LESSONS...

Here's the deal with leeches (not your relatives who show up on weekends): when they're tough to find, the Walleyes will start hitting on leeches. We caught Wapo's Brent Harm snooping around Mort's water tank. According to Brent, "He has a few, but they're getting skinny...kinda like you'd use for Panfish." But if you can find a leech you like, Brent, maybe put it on a floating jig head and drop it down off the big flat in the middle of Wapo in about 14 feet of water. If you don't get a Walleye, you'll probably get a big Blue Gill or something.

Remember, Brent, you can only do this three times on Wapo (that's the limit). It's five on BearTrap, and they have to be 16 inches long.

BASS BASICS...

We asked Bear Trap's Brad Steffen what he'd do this time of year, and he said he'd go fishing. In other words, he wouldn't tell. What we're doing is pounding the water around the docks in the early morning with white or chartreuse spinner baits. Later on in the day and in the evenings, we still like plastic worms (all kinds) off the weed lines. If you get a big one, take a picture and take it to Brad to have it mounted. He's not much of a talker, but he can stuff a fish with the best of 'em.

OUR READERS ASK...

Wapogasset blond, Diane Thomas, asks, "How do you suppose those amazing Asians train those Carp to jump like that?" Try thinking about it this way, Diane: they're not Carp at all but really miniature Porpoises. Will that help you sleep a little better tonight?

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LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ...

100 YEARS CONGRATULATIONS

SATURDAY ... AUGUST 13th ... lake residents celebrate Association's 100th Year



Tram rides were available to transport guests from parking spots to the celebration



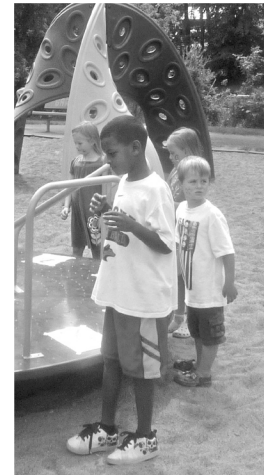
THANKS! ... to the many volunteers that helped with this event



Fingernail painting was a HIT with the little girls!



EVERYONE enjoyed ice cream cones from Ellies



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TRUSTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: by Joann Hallquist

This month brings the end of six years for me as Lake Association president. Our bylaws prohibit me from serving longer. I'm very grateful for all of the help given me by so many volunteers. I've learned alot in those years. The lakes are very good teachers, as are the many residents asking questions. Questions asked demand answers, and some are difficult, but are great teaching tools.

To all of the trustees, I thank you for your unselfish service. To all of the committee chairs and members, I thank you as well.

I don't plan on doing any recap of the six years here, but hope we have kept the lake in good condition. As we turn the leadership over to our new president and executive committee. I ask you to help them as much as you did me and our past executive committee. All of us can help by being the eyes of our association and communicate things that seem different.

With that, I will move to a support role. New blood is very healthy for an organization. New views at issues are exciting and healthy.

Thanks again to everyone.

Dave Nelson

ASSOCIATION Minutes ...cont. from Col. 2

Business membership is 26 Basic and 1 Silver.

- Water Patrol: Tickets are being issued every day. No wake within 100' from end of dock - 200' for jetskis.

Highlights from August 13th Annual Meeting:

- Question raised re: how expenditures for the 100th celebration for books, caps, flashlights, etc. were accounted for. Explanation: Expenditures of \$7,452.74 were paid from the \$3,000 spring dinner line item; receipts totaled \$1,016 expected to increase with sales. Motion/second to approve previously unbudgeted amount of \$7,452 in 2011 budget to cover expenditures. Approved. Books are being sold for \$15 each and flashlights were being given free to members only.

- President Nelson explained efforts by the Sanitary District to acquire Christenson property or trade property were not progressing.

- Nelson asked for lake monitor volunteers to help in checking for Eurasian Milfoil in some areas. The spraying for curlyleaf pondweed was OK in Bear Trap but not in Wapogasset area. The spraying may have been too early. The Sanitary District is negotiating with the company.

GUEST SPEAKER: Eric Lindberg of Environmental Sentry Protection was introduced - presentation was on automated launch monitoring system employing a wireless camera which operates when it detects activity. The video can be used to issue citations when the boat user has not removed weeds. Cost: \$9,500 per installation. Grant application period is Feb 2.

Secchi disk readings of 12' in Bear Trap in June and 8' in Wapo is better than last year.

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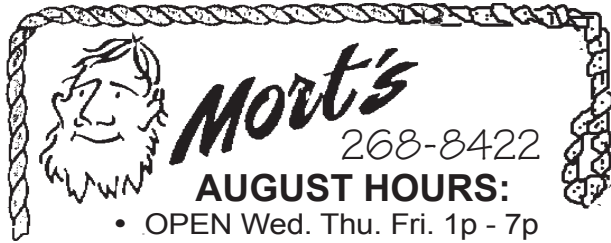


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REMINISCING ... continued from P2

something else in the water. We played King of the Hill on our family's raft for hours. That was great fun until we learned that a family of muskrats were making a home under the raft.....

One memory that we have which has NOT changed over the years is that of watching the fabulous sunsets while sitting comfortably at our shoreline. Those sunsets are as beautiful today as they were when we were children.



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NO ASIAN JUMPING CARP IN OUR LAKES...

According to our Water Quality Committee, Wapo and Bear Trap have been given a clean bill of health when it comes to Asian Jumping Carp. In a recent statement the Committee said, "We believe that there is no clear and present danger from Asian Jumping Carp. Of course we occasionally have some other minor issues that always need monitoring."



COMING NEXT ISSUE...

Michele Bachman and Ron Paul face off in the great plastic bait debate: Gulps versus Berkeley Power Baits. If we ran this story today, the Gulps would have it hands down.



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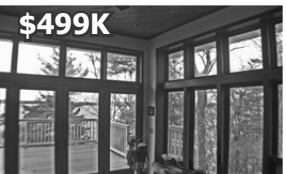
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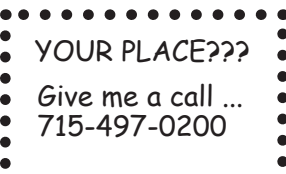
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