



RALALA Lake Association

Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- “Donor Advised Fund” considered
- Historic Trade Route Celebration in Outing in August
- Update on Manganese Mining in Emily
- Muskies are coming to Roosevelt Lake

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President’s Letter—by Mary Kowalski

Welcome to the lake and the summer of 2011!

Over the past 18 months, the Finance Committee of RALALA has been working on behalf of the members to provide protection and resources for the lakes into the future. As president I would like to tell you about our planning and encourage you to participate in the discussion at the Annual meeting on Saturday, May 28 at the Crooked Lake Town Hall.

Over the past 4 to 5 years the lake association has been challenged with situations, which required more dollars than the member dues afforded, to accomplish significant projects on behalf of the lakes. In the recent past, our lake association has been favored with grants to carry out lake projects. We have received grants from the DNR, Cass County and the Initiative Foundation. These grants allowed us to do significant projects to protect and maintain our waters and habitat. The grants have required matching funds which members have worked hard to support. In 2007 we established the Environmental Quality Initiative (EQI) to encourage people to make contributions that would be designated for protection of our lakes—especially water and habitat

conservation.

Last year the Finance committee approved the use of \$1000 of the EQI to begin to build for future needs. In a separate action, the Finance Committee met with Don Hickman of the Initiative Foundation. The purpose of our meeting was to learn of the ways we might provide a continuous, stable, professionally managed conservation fund that would support lake projects into the future. The Initiative Foundation offers professional management services for a Donor Advised Fund. The services include investment management, grant soliciting and review, marketing and professional reporting.

The process works as follows: 1. Donors choose a name and purpose for the fund; and 2. Donors make a minimum donation—typically \$20,000. Donors may assist in the distribution grants while growing the investment.

All funds are professionally invested and administered according to legal and regulatory requirements. Fund earnings are dispensed in keeping with the donor’s intentions. Our Board is currently reviewing our lake plan goals to determine the appropriateness of such a

fund to meet RALALA goals.

Our goals in this undertaking include some or all of the following:

- Establish a fund to supplement RALALA environmental and conservation efforts to sustain our lakes into the future.
- Enhance the environment of the RALALA area lakes and environs for maximum fish, wildlife and human enjoyment.
- Provide for long-term financial capabilities so as to allow RALALA to engage in locally beneficial activities
- Encourage RALALA members to contribute, financially and through bequests, to a long range funding of positive environmental objectives.

To these ends the fund would be designed for long-term asset growth accumulation to be used for the long-term enhancement of the RALALA area. Such a fund would:

- Assure that projects needed to conserve our lakes and area would have a source of funding.

- Provide a mechanism for
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Ralala Summer Events 2011

- Invasive Species Inspection Training Wednesday May 11 and Tuesday June 7 WAPOA
- **MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY MAY 28, 2011, 9:00 CROOKED LAKE TOWN HALL**
- RALALA Board Meeting Friday May 27, 2011-1:00pm at Crooked Lake Town Hall
- RALALA Board Meeting, Friday July 1, 2011-1:00pm at Crooked Lake Town Hall
- RALALA Annual Picnic, Saturday August 6, 2011-5:00pm at Crooked Lake Town Hall
- RALALA BBQ/Silent Auction/Historic Trade Rt. Celebration-August 13, 2011, Village Inn, Outing Please contact Bonnie Rowell (792.5364) or Linda Van Straaten (763.3845) to donate items.
- RALALA Board Meeting Friday Sept 2, 2011 1:00 at Crooked Lake Town Hall
- RALALA Raffle Drawing Saturday Sept 3, 2011-4:00pm at The Narrows
- RALALA Volunteer Appreciation Saturday Oct. 1, 2011 4:00 at The Narrows

President's Letter – continued

members to bequeath estate money with the assurance that it will be properly managed and carefully used.

- Insure that future generations will be able to protect our lakes because we planned today.

We ask you as members to let us know what you think. Join in the discussion at the Annual meeting and consider giving to the conservation fund. Be a part of evolving future conservation efforts. As you renew your 2011 membership dues, consider a contribu-

tion to EQI. This will enable the RALALA Initiative Foundation conservation fund to grow our future. Thank you for your continuing support.

HISTORIC TRADE ROUTE CELEBRATION Outing, MN—August 13, 2011

This summer, Outing, MN will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the historic mapping expedition through Lake Roosevelt to Leech Lake in 1836.

In that year Joseph Nicollet set out from Brainerd—canoeing through Lake Roosevelt—to map the North East area of the Louisiana Purchase. Cartographer Nicollet's eventual map accurately documented the upper Mississippi valley, and was the 'most precise map' for decades to come.

His expedition followed a nearly 5,000-year-old Native American trade route through Lake Roosevelt.

Planning is underway to have many artifacts from archeological sites around the lake displayed as part of the August 13th event. This initial background and planning information was outlined for the public at the Crooked Lake Township Board meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2011. More details

will be presented throughout the Spring and Summer. Citizens are encouraged to start planning to be in Outing on Saturday Aug 13,, 2011 to:

Greet the canoeists (paddling birch bark canoes), who will be retracing this historic expedition.

Talk with Native American, State Historical Society, and Hamline University archeologists about local historic sites;

See many locally recovered artifacts on display – some dated to be at least 5,000 years old;

Learn about the history of the native cultures, foods, tools, and activities by visiting with Native American representatives of the Leech Lake band, MN Historical Society personnel, MN Indian Affairs Council, Hamline University Geology experts, local enthusiasts, and more.

Bring-in private collections

of native American and historic artifacts for archeologist to review;

Enjoy barbecued pork and turkey, and bid in the RALALA silent auction as well.

This "First Annual" Outing event is happening through the collaboration of: Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association (RALALA), The Businesses of Outing, MN Indian Affairs Council, MN Historical Society, The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Hamline University, The Crooked Lake Town Board, and many volunteers and friends of the Cultural Corridor.

The presenters of this update to the CLT Board were Darril Wegscheid and Mary Kowalski of the Roosevelt And Lawrence Area Lakes Association (RALALA).

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Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

MN Waters has coined a term "AQUADEMIC" in an effort to alert everyone to this scary reality. There are many well-known MN lakes (e.g. Minnetonka), and many nearby lakes (Gull & Mille Lacs) that have Zebra Mussels. Other lakes around are presently invested with various creatures that are NOT native here. Washburn, Ruth and Mille Lacs also have Eurasian Milfoil.

The scariest of the AIS forms are such organisms as Zebra Mussels, Spiny Water Fleas, Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), Big Head or Silver Carp (Asian flying fish) and other species that are now into MN lakes and or rivers. These hostile invaders spread excessively easily if boaters are not alert. What are the current rules to help avoid spreading them?

This is a good time to remind you of the current law which requires everyone to drain water from the boat, live well, bilge, and impellor by removing drain plugs and draining any water before leaving a lake. Also, portable bait containers must be drained when leaving designated infested waters. If you want to keep your live bait when leaving infested waters,

you must replace water in bait containers with tap or spring water. We all need to do our part in maintaining the integrity of our lakes and stopping the spread of these exotic species. For more information on zebra mussels, including an underwater video, check out this link on the DNR website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticanimals/zebramussel/index.html>

RALALA is again collaborating to help stop their spread. We are using funds from our EQI efforts, and grants through the DNR to pay DNR Interns at crucial boat launch situations. We plan to train volunteer DNR inspectors to help with that effort.

If you can volunteer a few hours this summer to "Inspect" at our boat launch (es), there is a simple DNR training requirement and a background check as well. We know of two scheduled ones, both at the Ideal Corners Community Center, each from 10:00AM to noon – May 11th and June 7th. Ideal Corners Community Center and Fire Hall is located at 35458 Butternut Point Road, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472-3643. Their phone number is (218) 543-

4392. Take County Rd. 16 east from from its intersection with County Hwy 66 which connects Manhattan Beach and Cross Lake; If you know where Norway Ridge Restaurant is, this is a bit North of that.

Please help by taking the training, and letting us know your availability – sending an e-mail to: RALALA@earthlink.net

We plan to again sponsor local "STOP AIS" print ads (Pine Cone Press and Northland Press), as well as radio ads (KLKS) throughout the summer season.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

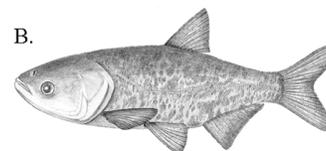
1) Please instruct your household and visitors to clean their trailers, hitches, boats, bait buckets and equipment BEFORE entering ANY waterway / lake.

2) Give generously to the RALALA EQI Fund to help in the fight.

3) Volunteer for the RALALA / DNR training and give RALALA a few hours at the launch to help us protect the water - which directly helps protect property values and the business's opportunities resulting from healthy lakes and streams for us and for tourists. To volunteer, send an e-mail to: djwwegscheid@earthlink.net



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Report on the Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) Meetings

Good news! The Association of Cass County Lakes received word from the Dept. of Natural Resources that we will receive a matching \$2,600 Public Awareness Grant for 2011. It will be used to continue last year's popular anti-AIS card program, with the plasticized cards distributed at retail outlets that sell fishing licenses, boats, bait, etc. This year's grant will be used to continue that program and to prepare information packets for guests at area resorts and campgrounds.

Application for the grant was made in January. Last year this grant made possible ACCL printing of 20,000 cards detailing how to prevent aquatic invasive species (AIS) from infesting our lakes—a truly significant part of our joint associations' mission to protect our lakes.

An impromptu group of lake interests has come together in a task force to combat aquatic invasive species. Jim Bedell of Pleasant Lake will represent ACCL on this ad hoc Cass County AIS Task

Force. Thanks, Jim! Other member groups in the task force include Cass County Environmental Services Dept., DNR, Leech Lake Assn., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Leech Lake Fishing Task Force and Tourism Bureau, resorts, fishing guides, etc. This is a “grass roots” initiative to coordinate efforts to meet the growing threat of AIS such as zebra mussels and milfoil. For more information, see our website at www.acclakes.org. Or, just Google -- Association of Cass County Lakes.

Water Quality Data Collection

RALALA Lakes have been the object of data gathering for years. All of that accumulated data is intended to build into the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) “STORET” database – keyed to our lakes. Lake water quality data collection has been going on for more than a decade. The longest running effort is the MPCA's Citizen Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP).

In that program, various trained volunteers go to a consistent spot 10-12 times a summer to take “Secchi disk” readings, record them, and submit them to the MPCA at the end of the summer. The data is analyzed and retained to acquire a base line of water quality.

If you Google “CLMP MN” you will gain access to their reporting and a whole lot more.

About 5 years ago, the Whitefish Area Property Owners As-

sociation (WAPOA) approached RALALA about obtaining more rigorous and substantial water quality data. WAPOA agreed to pay for the lab analysis, if we would collect the data.

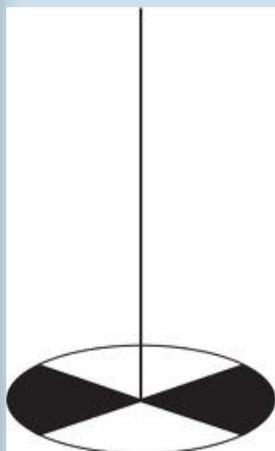
Here is how that works: Five times a summer, within a very specific time period, volunteers for each of our five water bodies (North & South Roosevelt, Leavitt, Lawrence and Smokey Hollow) proceed to specific spots on their lakes, take Secchi disk readings and two water samples from a depth of about 2 meters. Those samples are kept cool, and are immediately transported to the Corp of Engineers Building in Cross Lake. There they are logged in, some testing is done, and all WAPOA samples are consolidated and transported to a contract lab to test for key chemicals that

affect or mirror water quality.

In addition, we had AW Labs profile both basins of Roosevelt Lake several years ago, and the MPCA repeated that data in 2009. The University of MN at Duluth has logged a great deal of data, and we expect those reports soon to be forthcoming as the Master's student returns from studies in France.

Preliminary interpretation seems to indicate a huge volume of ground water - almost totally lacking in dissolved oxygen – is the primary factor in Roosevelt oxygen issues. The low oxygen, when measured by the DNR, was stated as the reason that trout stocking was being discontinued.

We may have an opportunity to engage students from Crosby-Ironton High School to continue the MPCA data profiling, but that is still early in the discussion stage.



Manganese Mining in Emily – An Update

For the past two years, the City of Emily has been engaged in the review of an application for a permit for the commercial development of a manganese “find” located right here in our lake country. Can you believe it: the largest concentration of manganese ore in North America is located in our backyard! The ore body been known to exist for decades but manganese has become more valuable in recent years for making high-tech steel products and certain batteries (think electric cars). Is the site now economically viable?

Background:

Several years ago, Crow Wing Power Cooperative (CWPC) purchased mineral rights to a small property area located at the southwest corner of State TH6 and Anna Lake Road, just 1.5 miles north of downtown Emily and neatly tucked under the cell phone tower. CWPC established a wholly-owned subsidiary called Cooperative Mineral Resources (CMR) and proceeded to apply to the City of Emily for a permit to proceed with development of the property for mining purposes.

The initial phase, “bore-hole mining”, is essentially a test procedure, to determine whether a commercial mining operation would be economically viable. But even before the first phase could be implemented, many “hoops” had to be negotiated, not the least of which

was an Emily ordinance prohibiting any mining within the City limits. An advisory committee, including representation from RALALA, was appointed and has met five times, the most recent being on March 30.

A number of RALALA members expressed concerns over the potential for several possible events:

- degradation of the lakes themselves, either through pollution or water level;
- degradation of the aquifer; despoiling or depletion of our well water; and
- other related issues such as traffic safety, noise, manganese dust, etc.

Such issues were addressed by the CMR Advisory Committee. This past summer, CMR received permission from Emily to proceed with bulk sampling using the bore-hole mining process.

Operations:

Bulk sampling began last September and continued sporadically until they could “iron the wrinkles” out of the bore-hole mining process. The ore was sent to a University of Minnesota affiliate in Coleraine for further analysis, both to assist in evaluating the bore-hole mining process and the quality of the manganese ore.

No ultimate “customer” has yet been identified, or at least announced, for purchasing the manganese. Mining operations had been shut down during the winter months, due to unexpected events, but were restarted in February,

More Recently:

Earlier this year, information came from CMR to the effect that there had been what turned out to be several “spills” at the mining site. Newly-elected Emily Council member Jan Mosman (also a RALALA Board member) raised questions about these spills and why they were not reported to Emily officials. The CMR Advisory Committee meeting of March 30 addressed such matters and requested an update on the restarted operations. Shirley Anderson, Board member, and Darril Wegscheid, RALALA Lake Management Coordinator, represented RALALA at this meeting and urged more transparency and data availability, resulting in CMR agreeing to make data and reporting available on their website, with more information to follow soon.

Moving Forward:

Now its 2011 and the question is “Where does the project go from here?”

Minnesota’s laws require that a full-blown Environmental Impact Statement be completed by CMR and submitted to the DNR and

MPCA prior to any further mining development on this site. This is a very expensive and lengthy process. Thus, CMR has to decide:

- Is the recent testing sufficiently encouraging to ensure a commercially viable mine? and
- Can the project pass muster under MN’s stringent environmental laws and regulations?

Until those questions can be answered positively – and that is likely to take several years – manganese mining in Emily is in either on hold or in a “slow-go” pattern.

RALALA will continue to work to keep you and the City of Emily and other governmental agencies informed on issues of concern to lake property owners in the Emily/Outing area.



DNR to Expand Muskie Fishing Opportunities — released March 15, 2011

Muskies are coming to Roosevelt Lake!

Roosevelt Lake in northern Crow Wing County and the Sauk River chain of lakes in Stearns County, southwest of St. Cloud, will be stocked with muskellunge this fall in response to growing angler interest, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

“This decision is a positive step consistent with our long-range management plan for muskie and northern pike,” said Dirk Peterson, DR fisheries management chief. “Many people representing a wide variety of interests helped create that plan, and the desire to develop new muskie fisheries was clear”.

Results of the DNR’s extensive public comment process in 2010 showed that about 80 percent of the 25,000 comments received supported stocking muskellunge in additional lakes. The substance of all comments, regardless of support or opposition, were factored into the DNR’s decision.

Muskies will not be stocked this fall in three other lakes

the DNR was considering. Upper and Lower South Long lakes near Brainerd will not be further considered for muskie management. Stocking in Lake Tetonka west of Waterville has been put on hold indefinitely pending resolution of local issues.

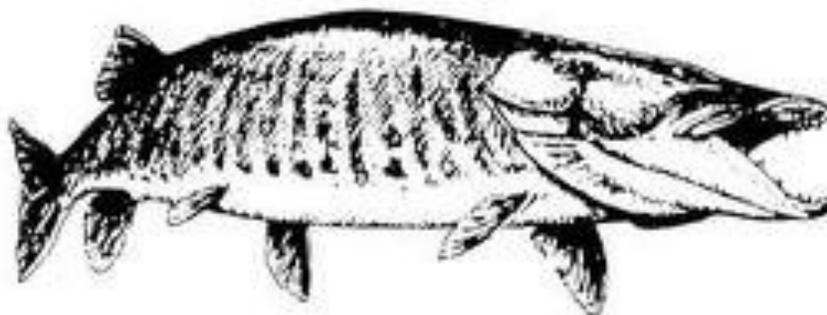
“Although physically and biologically suitable for muskie management, the lakes initially proposed in the Brainerd area have public access issues that raise public safety concerns,” said Tim Goeman, northeast regional fisheries supervisor. “Their combined 2,100 surface acres also would not meet muskellunge fishing demand in the Brainerd area, so we will continue to look for a larger, yet-to-be-identified lake for future consideration.” No new lakes are currently under consideration, he said.

DNR will collect additional information on recreation use and user attitudes in the Lake Tetonka area and expand its public outreach efforts before re-considering stocking muskie in Tetonka.

Stocking muskie in Roosevelt Lake and the Sauk River chain is a step toward fulfilling goal in the long-range management plan that calls for up to eight new waters to be stocked by 2020, focused on areas of the state without nearby muskie fishing opportunity.

The muskellunge is one of Minnesota’s largest fish, growing to more than 50 pounds and more than 50 inches in length. Anglers have become increasingly interested in the so-called “fish of 10,000 casts” now that 50-plus inch fish can be caught in Lake Mille Lacs, Lake Vermilion and other waters that have been stocked since the 1980’s.

“As muskie have grown in size and abundance, so has interest in catching them,” Goeman said. Muskie anglers are the fastest-growing segment of Minnesota’s fishing population. About 14 percent of Minnesota’s licensed anglers target muskie, and the quality experiences Minnesota offers attract muskie anglers from across the nation.



Notes from the Boathouse – by Kirk Smith of Land O' Lakes Marine

Somewhere, somewhere, there is a guy. Every morning that this guy wakes up, it is his job to say, "The Price of Gasoline Today shall be \$XXX.9 per gallon". Wouldn't be great if we could kidnap him and replace him with 'OUR GUY'? Can you say \$1.29 per gallon? Can you remember 100 Octane Premium? Without moonshine in it? Can you remember saying (to the FULL SERVICE ATTENDANT) "Fill her up" and then handing him a five? Pretty sure those days are gone forever. I guess we just need to adapt and overcome.

Speaking of overcoming, I just returned from Outboard Fuel School. What follows are some highlights and pointers about how to Overcome fuel problems. This is not an exhaustive tome on the subject but just a few facts and tips.

Facts:

1. Fuel octane DOES NOT equate to power. It is a rating of resistance to knock.
2. Alcohol has 30% less power in it than gasoline

3. Alcohol is added to gasoline to oxygenate it, lower emissions and help farmers.

4. Alcohol molecules are much smaller than gasoline molecules, allowing it to permeate and damage materials that are not resistant to it

5. Current law allows for 10% ethanol in oxygenated fuels (15% or E-15 is being considered)

6. Alcohol has an affinity for water

7. Current alcohol fuels will "phase separate" in a very short period of time if water is present in the tank (the alcohol separates from the gasoline and takes any water with it to the bottom of the tank)

8. If you are running mixed gas, the alcohol phase will NOT contain any oil.

9. Gas station pumps with ONE NOZZLE and several fuel grade selections, may have as much as 3 GALLONS of what the guy before you bought, in the lines between the pump and the nozzle.

10. Alcohol based 'fuel drying additives', when added

to ethanol fuel, will only make it worse!

11. Winter and summer grades of fuel are not created equal.

12. The presence of alcohol in fuel lowers its boiling point, making it more susceptible to vapor lock.

Tips:

1. Whenever possible, buy NON-OXYGENATED premium fuel. Use it in every gas engine you have except your daily driver.

2. If you must buy your Non Ox premium from a '1 nozzle pump', pump the first 3 gallons into the tank of your road vehicle (thus insuring you have received a tank of actual non ethanol fuel for your boat).

3. Test your favorite gas station's fuel occasionally for alcohol. Test kits are available locally and inexpensively.

4. Never fill the tank of your boat in Minnesota, for storage, after October 1st or before May 1st with ethanol fuel. These are winter blend fuels with lower vapor pres-

ures (making engines easier to start in colder weather but easier to vapor lock in warm weather).

5. Non-ox premium is no longer being blended differently for winter and summer, making it safe to buy anytime (per our local distributor).

6. Use a fuel-stabilizing additive regularly with all marine and small engine fuel being stored in your tank (read the fine print: if the filler agent in the additive is alcohol, don't buy it!)

7. If your tank has a manual vent, close it after every use to prevent water invasion and condensation.

8. If you have had issues with water in your fuel, consider installing a water separating fuel filter

So, just a few thoughts about fuel for the upcoming season. Hope the price of gas comes down soon (yeah, right). Boat Safe,

Happy Landings, Kirk

PS Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the guy who sets the gas price, call me.

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Personal Watercraft

Over the course of last summer, there were a number of concerns expressed regarding the use of personal watercraft on our lakes. The following are excerpts taken from the DNR regulations. They are published again as a reminder to everyone to be in compliance with the law and respectful of our neighbors.

Every personal watercraft operator has the legal responsibility to know the law, so please take a few minutes to review the following regulations.

A personal watercraft, sometimes called a PWC or by brand names such as Jet Ski, Wave Runner, Sea Doo, etc., is defined as a motorboat powered by an inboard motor powering a jet pump or by an outboard or propeller driven motor and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a motorboat. Personal watercraft are considered motorboats under the law so they must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats.

In addition, personal watercraft are required to have a rules decal (provided at no charge by the DNR) in full view of the operator. Operators and passengers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (life vest). Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher. **Must travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of shore (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water), docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft, or nonmotorized watercraft.** While towing a

person on water skis or other device, must have an additional person on board to act as observer. Wide-angle rearview mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory-installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer. Cutoff lanyards must be properly used and attached to the person, life vest or clothing of the operator.

May only operate between 9:30 A.M. and one hour before sunset.

You may not . . . Chase or harass wildlife. Operate while facing backward. Operate in a way that endangers life, limb or property. Operate a personal watercraft if the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed or tampered with so it interfere with the return-to-idle system. Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 of the other boat. Travel through emergent or floating vegetation at greater than a slow-no wake speed.

Keep the neighborhood peace and quiet in mind. Try not to ride for long periods in a small area. Instead, do your riding out in the lake and away from shore and other boaters. **Talk to your neighbors.** See if your riding bothers them. Sometimes, just taking them out for a short ride will help them understand the fun of personal watercraft riding. **Don't modify your machine or do anything to make it louder.** It's illegal and discourteous to others around the lake. **Steer clear of illegal drugs and alcohol.** Intoxicated operation of a watercraft is not only illegal, it's also highly dangerous.

PWCs make up over four percent of registered boats in the state. Although the number of

personal watercraft accidents has declined, inexperienced riders still seem to account for many mishaps. They may not be aware of the unique handling characteristics of PWC or the special laws that apply to these craft. Collisions are the most common kind of personal watercraft accident. PWC's collide with docks, swimming rafts, and other watercraft. How do you avoid a collision on your personal watercraft?

Keep your throttle depressed while turning. Many PWC operators heading towards a hazard, panic and release the throttle, or pull the cutoff lanyard, causing the engine to stop. HUGE MISTAKE! When the engine stops, the water jet that propel and steers the craft stops and the craft continues in the same direction it was moving at the time the power was cut, regardless of any attempts to steer by the operator. Some recent-model PWCs are equipped with a device that assists steering in an off throttle situation. However, even if your craft has this feature, keep the throttle depressed when you turn..., even in an emergency.

Don't ride too close to other boats –especially other personal watercraft.

Make gradual turns. Turning too sharply can cause you to spin out and stop, giving any boat following you ample time to run you down!

Look before turning. If someone is in the process of passing you, you could turn right into them.



“It is your responsibility to comply with the laws and regulations and to be respectful of your neighbors”

Lake Management Plan (LMP) Update

We have embedded articles elsewhere in this newsletter that update specifics on critical aspects of our LMP. (See the list below).

Please recall that this entire effort began with support from Cass County and the Initiative Foundation (IF). About a dozen RALALA folks went through a set of several classes. After that, some 60 plus RALALA folks participated in a planning dialogue. From all of that, the Plan was adopted by the Board, and has been reviewed by Cass County and the IF.

The LMP is a large document. We are now looking to make it available on a website that can hold it.

Critical LMP issues identi-

fied and used to direct / prioritize our efforts are (with cross referencing to articles):

Water quality/stewardship – See reporting on Voluntary Septic Inspections;

Water quality/assessment - See article on Water Quality update (UMD, MPCA, other possibilities);

Land Use and Zoning – See article on Shoreland Plantings and follow local government regulation;

Sustainability Initiative – See the President’s message on Initiative Foundation efforts;

Invasive Species and Aquatic Vegetation – See articles on AIS, Lake Study, Shoreland grants, and Cass

County and DNR references;

Neighborhood Networking – This is evolving with the summer events and local chats with property owners;

Fund Raising and Community Public Relations – This takes a huge step forward this year with the Historic Trade Route Celebration on August 13th;

To continue traditional RALALA activities toward the community – this is part of each year’s reporting and allocation.

For further information, try the websites. If unable to get what you need, send an inquiry to:

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LMP Coordinator

“This newsletter is full of articles that provides updates on critical aspects of the LMP”

Two Legislative Issues – by Paula West, Leech Lake Watershed Foundation

Two issues of particular [legislative] interest to the protection of the natural resources of the Leech Lake Watershed include:

1. Legislation on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), including funding to prevent the spread of AIS and better management of current infestations contrasted by proposed cuts to the DNR’s AIS budgets.

2. Attempts to abolish citizen participation on the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota’s Resources (LCCMR) and the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage

Council that appropriate expenditures from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (derived from lottery proceeds) and the Outdoor Heritage Fund (derived from the new dedicated state sales tax) respectively.

The Legacy Dedicated Funding bill contains an appropriation to the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation and the Minnesota Land Trust to protect 8 miles of sensitive shoreland in Cass, Crow Wing, and Aitkin Counties by offering landowners financial incentives for permanent pro-

tection of sensitive shorelands. Legislative approval is pending for the project that is slated to begin July 1, 2011.

Your voice does count! Let your legislators know of your concerns and your support, or disapproval, of legislative actions. It only takes hearing from several constituents to make a difference.

“Your voice does count!”

2011 Outing Area Sheriff's Water Patrol—By Denny Neill

Soon it will be time to start patrolling the Outing area lakes. Last year we didn't get enough members to sign up to cover as many week-ends as we should have. We ask that you make a special effort to sign up and then fulfill your commitment. We also ask that anyone (men, women or couples) interested in joining or asking

questions please contact Dennis Borgia @ 792-5838 or Denny Neill @ 792-5234.

Also, again this year there will be a kick off meeting on May 21st at 9 AM at the Narrows Bar and Grill. The Sheriff's office will be there to explain any law changes and answer questions. We also will be needing to sup-

ply our names and birth-dates for new badges that are required this year. Non Minnesota residents will be asked to furnish this info and bring a picture. People interested in joining the patrol are welcome at this meeting. Let's make this the best year ever for keeping our lakes safe.



Shoreland Planting—An Environmental Ideal Realizable This Year

Cass County Shoreline Specialist /Landscape Planting Expert (Kelly Condiff) is expecting to be at the RALALA Annual Meeting on Saturday May 28, 2011. Cass County has assembled an outstanding incentive program for helping property owners to start, improve, or re-assess healthy shorelands on their property. These are available for anyone on our RALALA lakes – whether in Cass or in Crow Wing County.

A health shoreline helps sustain water clarity, reduce

erosion, and protect against Aquatic Invasive Species (plants and animals). There is a great publication about the value of these plantings on the web at:

http://www.co.cass.mn.us/esd/solid_waste/pdfs/shore-land_owners_guide.pdf

In addition to the guidance that Kelly can provide directly, there are funds to match 3:1 of the effort by the property owner / responsible party. And your labor (and that of other helpers)

counts toward the "1" part. Thus, funding can be acquired to finalize a plan, get materials and get them installed on a three-fold basis to the property owner's efforts.

If you and your neighbors want to collaborate on a team project, or link across several parcels - Kelly can show you how.

Talk with Kelly at the Annual Meeting, or contact him at:

Kelly Condiff - Shoreline Specialist - 218-547-7246
kellycondiff@yahoo.com



Library Notes

The Outing Volunteer Library is planning a cooperative program with the Laker Lions to sell brats and hot dogs on Saturday July 2, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Story time, Saturdays at 10:00 A.M., will recommence May 28, 2011. We are actively soliciting contributions and volunteers to support open library hours,

and pay for utilities and supplies. There is an open position on the library board. If you are interested, please contact Carol Pierce at 218.792.5438.



Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association

The goal of RALALA is to maintain water quality in our lakes and the surrounding environment for ourselves and all future Generations.

2011 RALALA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date: _____ Email address: _____

Would you like your newsletter sent by email? Yes No (circle choice)

Are you a new member? Yes No

Name (s): _____

Best Mailing address: _____

Lake address (if different from above) _____

Best phone number: _____ Lake phone: _____

Which lake is your home on or near? _____

RALALA has many volunteer opportunities—please indicate your areas of interest:

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| 2011 Membership fee: family or corporate | \$25.00 | Mail checks payable to RALALA |
| EQI Donation | _____ | Mail check and form to: RALALA, Box 139, Outing, MN 56662-0139 |
| Total enclosed | | |

Please Take Note —

For this new section, we asking members to submit a short summary of special occurrences / notable events / personal recognition, etc. For example, in this edition, we start with noting that:

Mr. Don Dee, Board Member, was recently honored by the University of MN School of Pharmacy.

Brian Olds and Olds Boat and Dock have installed and removed RALALA lake buoys for years

RALALA members Lloyd Thyen, Connie Glass and Dave Schaumburg are elected members of the Crooked Lake Town Board

RALALA member Jan Mosman is an elected member

of the Emily City Council
RALALA members Roger Brekken and Dave Johnson are members of the Emily Waste Water Committee
RALALA member Greg Koch is a member of the Emily Planning & Zoning Commission

Roosevelt Station has been allowing RALALA to sell raf-

fles tickets at their site for the past two years

Jackie at The Narrows has hosted the summer barbeque, auction, and gun raffle each of the last two years.

Bob Lee is now providing technical help on the newsletter and this issue reflects some of his work on updating the look of this newsletter.

- Where to find our commercial contributors -

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| Boat Doctor Up North | 768 State Hwy 6 NE, Outing | 218.792.5816 |
| Emily Ace Hardware | 39959 State Hwy 6, Emily | 218.763.2691 |
| Lake Country Grocery and Liquor | 432 State Hwy 6 NE, Outing | 218.792.5859 |
| Land O' Lakes Marine | 6424 County 58 NE, Outing | 218.792.5198 |
| Koop Insurance | P.O. Box 100, Crosby | 218.546.8304 |
| Village Inn | Outing, MN 56662 | 218.792.5186 |
| Outing Yarn and Handmade Gift Shop | 6437 County Rd. 58, Outing | 218.792.5365 |
| The Narrows—Jackie Kratz | County Rd. 6, Outing | 218.792.5295 |
| Outing Hardware | County Rd. 6, Outing | 218.792.5124 |
| Roosevelt Station | County Rd, 6, Outing | 218.792.5332 |
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