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SUMMERTIME...AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY!

By: CCROA Collaboration

Special invitation to the fifty-second annual CCROA Picnic, **Sunday July 20th!!** Come one, come all to the "Summertime...And The Livin' is Easy" Picnic. Everyone is welcome.

The venue is at beautiful Vacationland Resort on 1000 Island Lake. Craig and Lisa Hesse again have graciously offered to host the picnic at Vacationland Resort. Vacationland Resort is located on Hebert Road just off Thousand Island Lake Road.

Social hour, raffles, apparel sales, and kids' games will begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, coleslaw, and delicious homemade desserts.

The cost is only \$6.00 if you preregister by July 16th. Cost at the door is \$8.00. Also, **if you preregister**, you will receive a special raffle ticket for a unique prize. The fun "Arm's Length Raffle" will again be a great source of excitement, fun, laughter & fabulous prizes!! Stretch out your arms, pay \$25, and receive all those tickets for the raffle. There will be many prizes, including one of Chuck Horn's Carved Sculptures and a Coleman Camp BBQ Grill.

There will be kid's games and a representative from the ISCCW Lake Guards will be present with literature and information. Vacationland Resort has a lovely swim beach and children are welcome to use it; however, there are no lifeguards. Adult supervision is required.

Come rain or shine the picnic will be a hit. A large tent will be sent up with tables. But to maximize comfort and enjoyment, it is suggested that folks bring



2013 Raffles

their own lawn chairs.

Please plan to arrive by car. Boat parking is minimal. (There is a large Vacationland sign at the entrance to Hebert Road).

Thank you Craig and Lisa, owners of Vacationland Resort, for hosting the 2013 CCROA picnic! Over 178 happy people enjoyed the beautiful sunny day. Kids' games, lively raffles and a yummy picnic lunch made the day perfect.

The picnic is the perfect opportunity to get together with neighbors and to make new friends on the Cisco Chain. We're looking forward to seeing you at the CCROA Annual Picnic where the "LIVIN' IS EASY!"

Raffle prize donations are always welcome and appreciated. If you have anything to donate, please call Helen Hayhurst at 906-358-4125. Volunteers are needed to insure another great picnic. It only requires a ½ hour of your time at the picnic. Lois Bates (231-357-3738), would appreciate your call to volunteer.

CCROA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014

The CCROA Annual Business Meeting is **July 17, 2014 at 9:00 am at Cisco Lake Resort**. Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the Dam purchase, Invasive Species and the business of the CCROA. You can meet CCROA Board Members and Lake Representatives as well as address topics and questions concerning the Cisco Chain.

Membership can be renewed or member information can be updated at both the annual business meeting and at the picnic.

By: Greg Wenzel

Greetings!! As CCROA President, the past 8 months have been challenging and rewarding. As Lake Rep and member of the Invasive Species Task force, I was familiar with those areas and have attended many seminars, meetings & conferences regarding Invasive Species. The Cisco Chain Dam purchase has been challenging. I would like to say "Thanks" to Kully Rohlen, Past-President for his guidance.

The top questions from the CCROA membership are:

1. What's going on with the Dam purchase and are we still going to be able to buy the Dam?
2. What's taking so long?

In January we learned that the UPPCO asset of Integrys was being sold to Balfour Beatty PLC. Yes, we still will be able to purchase the Dam, but it might take some time yet. The protracted timeline that has frustrated us all has resulted from the process of removing the Dam from the FERC license which would clear the way for us to purchase the Dam.

Two years ago there was an intensive effort to establish a Dam fund and raise capital with a sense of urgency. The purpose of that was to generate sufficient funds to demonstrate at that point on the timeline of action, that we were a serious candidate to purchase and meet ongoing financial obligations as prospective owners of the Dam. The entire process has been extremely complex and many resource agencies and public input weighed in with their respective concerns.

A few of the resource agencies are The US Forest Service, the Wisconsin DNR and the Michigan DNR. Each agency is advisory in nature but their input is part of the comprehensive data that will be considered by FERC in arriving at a decision. Examples of their concerns are water levels on the chain and their effects on outflow into the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River and the resulting impact on the river's ecosystem.

This is only a small example of the myriad of input gathered during the ongoing process. Additionally, there is language in the present licensing agreement that has caused considerable dialogue and brainstorming in order to meet the requirements in a cost effective and practical way.

So where does all this leave us right now? The sale of UPPCO to Balfour does not appear to have any negative impact on the process underway. The process is moving forward and is in the hands of FERC. We patiently continue to wait for their decision. Any news or updates of importance will be immediately sent out via email blast. This leads me to the next topic.

I am committed to keeping the membership current on CCROA news. In order for you to get the most up to date news in a timely fashion it is important for the CCROA to have your email address. Examples of important information are the upcoming road work on Thousand Island Lake Road and the Lindsley Bridge (see page 4), AIS lake treatment information and important event reminders. Please make sure we have email contact information for every member of your family that wishes to receive these important emails. I wish to stress that your email address WILL NOT be shared with anyone else or used for any other purpose than occasional distribution of important CCROA news and electronic editions of Shorelines.

An additional source of information is the CCROA web site. It is updated regularly so please log on and visit it for the most current information about The Cisco Chain. Two upcoming events of importance are the Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Thursday July 17th and the Annual Association Picnic on Sunday July 20th. If you have not marked your calendar already please do so now. I look forward to seeing you at both events!

Greg Wenzel

The CCROA is a totally volunteer organization. Board Members and Lake Representatives can't do it all, try as they might. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. There are many ways to assist. Picnic volunteers only have to commit to a ½ hour of their time at the picnic. Road cleanup on US 2 in Michigan and Highway B in Wisconsin is a fun way to help and enjoy the outdoors. Look for aquatic invasive species while enjoying the Chain. If you notice any suspect plants, report the finding & location to a Lake Rep. These are just a few ways to have fun and help. Lake Reps are needed for Big Lake South and Mamie Lake. Call Lois Bates, (231-357-3738) to help at the picnic. For US 2 cleanup, contact Paul Lucas 906-358-4767 and for Hwy B cleanup, contact Jim Okraszewski 906-544-2016.

With spring here, (finally!) our invasive species abatement program gets into motion. I wanted to take a moment to update you on our plans for 2014. This year we will continue to focus our attention on the three lakes where Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has been identified- Clearwater, Thousand Island, and Big Lakes.

The big news for 2014 will be our whole-lake treatment for Clearwater Lake. This year we will be using a new chemical, fluridone, which when used in very small concentrations, treats the entire body of water leaving EWM nowhere to hide. 2014 will be the first year in a three year process. Years two and three will see a return to a more conventional spot-treatment use of 2,4-D to kill any EWM which may have survived the fluridone treatment. This process, while expensive, comes with an 80% reduction in EWM guarantee.

Thousand Island Lake will undergo another EWM-specific survey by Many Waters. We expect to find EWM along the north shore and also the eastern shore by the boat launch. Any areas deemed as candidates for treatment will be treated with 2,4-D by Property Land Management (PLM), the same company which will be administering the Clearwater Lake treatment. Any areas of EWM will be marked with our orange marker buoys. Please remain clear of any orange buoys as one of the ways EWM is spread is by having pieces broken off (by props or fishing lures) and having that fragment drift, settle, and take root in a new location.

Big Lake will be surveyed by Northland College and any treatable areas will be treated with 2,4-D, again by PLM. Last year, our initial survey did not locate any treatable areas. Only after the window for treatment was past were we able to locate the EWM beds. We expect to find EWM along the southern and eastern shore along with an area north of the DNR boat launch. As on Thousand Island Lake, orange buoys will mark the EWM so please avoid them.

This year we are continuing our Invasive Species Abatement fundraising. You may have already received our letter in the mail. Please take a moment and consider a tax-deductible donation to this very important project. Your Association is diligently working to keep the Cisco Chain pristine for your enjoyment as well as that of others.

Consider the impact on our lakes if we were unable to fund the fight against EWM. The lakes would become choked and unnavigable. Native plants and

fish would perish. Property values would fall. We have seen the impacts on other lakes. Fortunately, the CCROA has a membership that is active and understands the costs of inaction as evidenced by the dam purchase fund raising. If each member would donate only \$100, we would reach our goal of \$40,000! Please give thoughtful consideration and help us fund the fight.

We are looking forward to another summer on the chain and continued success against EWM. See you on the lakes!

Bob McGuffin

Vice-President CCROA

Member-Invasive Species Task Force

JAPANESE BARBERRY–TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE

By: CCROA Collaboration

Japanese barberry was introduced as a landscape plant approximately 100 years ago. It is a sturdy shrub that tolerates wet as well as dry conditions; HOWEVER, it is very invasive and is listed on the invasive species list for many states including Michigan. As with many invasive species, it has no natural enemies. Deer tend to avoid it.

Barberry spreads quickly, taking over the floor of the woods killing off our natural plants. This impacts the wildlife. The Japanese barberry produces red seeds that show in summer and drop and spread in the fall.

Researchers have found that ticks that carry Lyme disease are prevalent in the barberry. Many requests have been made for nurseries to stop selling Japanese barberry, unfortunately many still do. It is important to eradicate this plant. The use of Round Up is the recommended way to eradicate this plant. Small plants can be dug up, but do so carefully. The plant has nasty sharp thorns.

The Maplewood area on 1000 Island Lake South is currently doing battle with this problematic plant.

Additional information is available from Jim Finley at The Gogebic Conservation District in Bessemer or Ian Shackleford, USFS Botanist in Ironwood.



Japanese Barberry

By CCROA Collaboration

Thousand Island Lake Road contains 67 culverts along its length and all are in need of replacement. Gogebic County Road Commission has scheduled the replacement of 12 of those culverts requiring road closures with a detour weekdays with access allowed during the weekend. This year work will occur from north of the Sylvania Wilderness main access up to Crooked Lake Road.

Thousand Island Lake Road will have closures Monday thru Thursday of the weeks that the culverts are being replaced, opening for Fri-Sun for thru traffic. Gogebic County does not know the frequency of these closures nor have they determined the detour route; however, Gogebic County will be informing Watersmeet Township, CCROA, and the news media when work is scheduled.

Emergency services will be notified prior to the closures, to allow alternate response in a most timely manner.

This is the first year of a multi-year project that will progress as funding allows. Expect delays and extended travel times. Again, your patience is appreciated.



The Lindsley Bridge is in need of repairs including replacement of the guard rails, expansion joints, approaches, and repair to the support pilings. This is being done in an effort to extend the life of the bridge 10-15 years before replacement is required.

Work this year will mostly involve engineering surveys and assessments with the actual rehab tentatively scheduled to occur after July 4 through September, 2015. During construction, expect single-lane traffic over the bridge with a temporary signaling device at both ends of the bridge. Boat traffic under the bridge may be reduced to single-lane also. Please be careful and courteous to crews working as well as neighbors trying to pass while work is being done.

The Cisco dam has been wide open since April 17th. All gates are open. Currently the water is about 6" above the normal level for mid-summer. Use caution while navigating; there might be floating logs & hidden stumps.

Wisconsin Highway B has new east bound & west bound signage for 1000 Island Lake Road!

HELP PROTECT THE SHORE LINES & CHANNELS

Erosion damage to our shore lines and channels by boat wake is something all of us can help prevent. By reducing boat wake in the channels and near the shore, we all can all help to preserve and protect the shores and channels of the Cisco Chain.

Shore line erosion damage has many consequences such as habitat destruction (our loon nesting areas), increasing sedimentation and turbidity of the water, the release of nutrients that promote algae blooms and loss of land which could potentially affect property values.

The pictures are examples of boat wakes for 3 different speeds of a boat.

1. The Displacement speed is the slowest (similar to no wake) - bow is down in the water.
2. The Transition speed produces the largest wake and is the result of the bow in a high position and the stern plowing through the water.
3. The Planing speed (when the boat is planed out) is usually a higher speed. It creates less of a wake than the transition speed but more than displacement speed.



Displacement Speed



Transition Speed



Planing Speed

Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Membership Application 2014

Note: Membership year starts January 1st and ends on December 31st

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ DONATION _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ e-mail Address _____

Lake Phone _____ Lake e-mail Address _____

Name of Lake _____ Lake Address _____

Dues are \$25.00 per year. Advance payments are welcomed. Just indicate how many years in advance you wish to pay _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Lifetime Membership is only \$450.00. Amount Enclosed _____

Amount of Invasive Species Donation: _____

Amount for Dam Purchase Donation: _____

Amount for Walleye Stocking Fund: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CISCO CHAIN RIPARIAN OWNERS ASSN.

MAIL TO: CCROA P.O. BOX 687, WATERSMEET, MI 49969-0687

Be a Volunteer! Join Us and Make a Difference!!!

Officer or Lake Representative __ Picnic Volunteer __ (just ½ hour of your time)

Seasonal Committee __ Educate at Boat Ramps _____

PICNIC PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday July 20, 2014, 11:30 am at Vacationland Resort

Reservation in the Name of: _____

How many Volunteers to work at the picnic? _____ (just ½ hour of your time)

Phone: _____

No. of Meals: _____ X \$6.00 = _____

Mail form & check (payable to Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Assn)

By Monday, July 15th to:

Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Assn

PO Box 687, Watersmeet, MI 49969

Picnic starts at 11:30am with social hour, lunch at 12:30 pm

Pre-register by July 16, 2014. Meals will be \$8.00 at the door.

Lunch features hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled corn, special dessert treats and other picnic favorites!



The picnic is a great way to connect with old friends and meet new neighbors on your lake and other lakes on the Cisco Chain. Plus fun kids games and exciting raffles.

President: Greg Wenzel 906-358-0242	Big Lake North & Morley Lake: Tom Krautkramer 906-358-0469	Lindsley Lake: Laurie Cooney 630-730-4067	Members-at-Large: Jack Erhart 906-358-9969 Paul Lucas 906-358-4767
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WE ARE IN NEED OF
REPRESENTATIVES FOR
BIG LAKE SOUTH
AND MAMIE LAKE

SNIPPETS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and JOIN US!!!
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, July 17, 2014
9:00 am at Cisco Lake Resort
ANNUAL PICNIC
Sunday, July 20, 2014
11:30 am at Vacationland Resort

Remember “Clean Boats – Clean Water”
Drain & Clean boats, props, live wells & anchors before launching. Do the same after taking boats out of the water. Please dispose of all weeds on shore away from the shoreline. Refrain from throwing weeds back in the lake at all times. Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Thanks!!!

Watersmeet Township Transfer station summer hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8 am to 4 pm – Closed Wednesday
Sunday 8 am to Noon.
Starting after Memorial Day Weekend. Start date to be determined & will be posted on Watersmeet Township’s website www.watersmeet.us

Memorial Day Services at the Watersmeet Park in downtown Watersmeet. Time to be determined. Check the Watersmeet Chamber website for more information. www.watersmeet.org

Land O’Lakes Transfer station summer hours starting Memorial Day thru September 30th –
Sunday 9 am to Noon,
Tuesday 8 am to 3 pm
Thursday Noon to 6 pm
Saturday 8 am to 4 pm

The Land O’Lakes Chamber of Commerce is planning several events to be held Memorial weekend. One of these events is a friendly competition of "corn hole toss game, May 25th starting at noon. It’s a team event. Teams consist of 2 people. You toss corn-filled bags for points, \$20 per team entry fee. Cash prizes & trophy. There is also a Singing/ Karaoke Contest. (\$5 entry fee) Other events- Sidewalk sale, raffles, boat & car show, square dancing, cook out and music by Brett & Frisk. Contact the Chamber at 715-547-3432 for dates, times & more information.