

March 2013



From the President's Desk

By Louise Love

ARE WE REALLY ALL IN THIS TOGETHER?

As many of you know, the main objectives of LMA when it was established in 1994 were our lake's level and protecting her eco systems. Safety and education of lake users also became important objectives in subsequent years.

Have you ever wondered if other lakes have groups like ours? Well, they do, and on February 12th, LMA hosted a meeting for the Lake & Watershed Association of South Carolina (LWASC). LWASC was actually established in 1992 but there had been no regular meetings for the past three years. Reactivating LWASC was the work of Andy Hyman and Bill Mathias, who organized the February 12th conference. The response was quick and positive, as all were glad to have the opportunity to come together and work on mutual issues facing our lakes and share successes. Attending the February 12th conference were representatives from our sister lakes Hartwell, Wateree, Lanier (SC), Thurmond, and Keowee. Each came to share their own challenges and accomplishments, and to find common issues to help each other. Throughout the day, the group shared information and ideas in a casual environment.

Some concerns addressed which LWASC will work on in the future are:

- **Inter-Basin Transfers.** This has been an issue with many states over the years. Probably the best known is the All American Canal built in 1933 which diverted water from the Colorado River to Southern California. The most recent and closest to home was a lawsuit filed by South Carolina against North Carolina, concerning N.C. diverting water from the Catawba-Wateree River basin. Even though an agreement was made between the two states, many believe that without a comprehensive water plan, South Carolina may face difficulty dealing with future transfers. A

state water plan (Bill #S428) was presented to the S.C. State Legislature in February of 2007, but it has not yet been passed. The issue is not whether transfers are good or bad, but the fact that South Carolina needs plans in place to determine future needs of water allocation based upon our population growth.

- **Water Quality.** One issue discussed was the existence of aging septic systems affecting our lakes, and several possible actions to help locate and monitor these systems.
- **Better Boater Education.** Education is believed to be one of the best ways to help make our lakes safer. Discussions included life vest requirements, the placement and monitoring of navigational aids, and

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Saluda County Meeting of

The Lake Murray Association "The Voice of Lake Murray"

Tuesday - March 19, 2013 - 7pm

**ARE YOU SMARTER THAN
A LAKE MURRAY BOATER?**



Spinners Resort & Marina

101 Sandalwood Road in Leesville

**Refreshments & pizza will be served at
6:30, and the meeting begins at 7:00.**

Enjoy this presentation and lively discussion of boating safety with David and Debra Allen. Andy Hyman will present a safety video concerning effects of environmental stressors on our bodies during a day on the water. Representatives from SCE&G and Law Enforcement will also be in attendance.

**Safety presentations provided by LMA
and Lake Murray Power Squadron**

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ways to promote boater education through licensing, monetary incentives, or public awareness campaigns.

Several other topics were introduced during the conference and will be addressed in upcoming meetings.

At the conclusion of this conference, there was a unanimous vote that LWASC continue its work together, develop communication channels, and schedule regular conferences that can advance the causes of South Carolina Lakes and Watersheds.

Lake Murray Association was proud to represent all our members at this important event. And while LWASC represents S.C. lakes, we are also part of the North American Lake Management Systems (NALMS). NALMS was established in 1980 to provide education for good management and protection of inland and salt water lakes and reservoirs in North America. LMA receives the benefit of NALMS experts to help in our efforts here at home.

I would like to extend a personal "Thank You" to the following who attended and made this conference possible: Representing Lake Murray: Andy Hyman, Bill Mathias, Dave Landis, Lee Barber, Joy Downs, and Milton Moore (who hosted this conference). Lake Hartwell: Michael and Suzanne Powell. Lake Wateree: Bill Iskrzak, Milt Marley, Ron Kadan, and Gary Faulkenberry. Lake Lanier (SC): Richard Locke. Lake Thurmond: Harry and Barb Shelly. Lake Keowee: Ben Turetzky.

All lake associations rely solely on their membership to accomplish work for our lakes. Please be sure that all your neighbors or folks you know who use and enjoy Lake Murray are members and can add their voices to "The Voice of Lake Murray".

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve, protect and enhance Lake Murray through conservation, science, education and good governance so that the lake remains clean, safe and beautiful for the community, users, visitors, area businesses and homeowners, both now and for generations to come.

5 Things You Can Do for Cleaner Lake Water

If you live on the lake, keep our lake water clean for swimming, fishing, boating and enjoyment with these five simple things you can do.

#1 Use Non-toxic Cleaners

Wash your boat, dock, and driveway with non-toxic soaps, detergents and cleaning products to reduce pollutants finding their way into lake water.

#2 Re-think Fertilizer

Refrain from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on your lawn and gardens. Chemicals and fertilizer from lawns, gardens, and farm fields can harm plant life and lake life.

#3 Plant Something

Prevent soil erosion and filter runoff by planting an attractive buffer zone of trees, tall grasses and shrubs along your lake lot or other natural water sources to the lake.

#4 Wash Your Car on the Grass

Wash your car on the grass, not the driveway, so harmful chemicals will be filtered by grass and soil before they reach local waterways.

#5 Use a Fuel Bib

When you fuel your boat, use a fuel bib or absorbent cloth to catch any fuel spill before it enters into the lake water

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Location
March 11, 2013	7:00 pm	LMA Director's Board Meeting - Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Road, Lexington SC
March 19, 2013	7:00 pm	Saluda County Public Meeting at Spinner's
April 8, 2013	7:00 pm	LMA Director's Board Meeting - Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Road, Lexington SC
April 23, 2013	7:00 pm	Lexington County Public Meeting - Chamber of Commerce Building 311 W. Main Street in Lexington
May 13, 2013	7:00 pm	LMA Director's Board Meeting - Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Road, Lexington SC
May 18, 2013	Tours 9am & 1pm	LMA Pontoon Tour of Homes - Lighthouse Marina
June 10, 2013	7:00 pm	LMA Director's Board Meeting - Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Road, Lexington SC

If you wish to be on the Directors' Meeting Agenda, please contact Joy Downs, 803-749-3888.

As members of the Lake Murray Association, you are invited to participate in any of the events shown above, including Board meetings. We encourage you to bring to the attention of the Board any issues or concerns regarding Lake Murray that you may have. Please call the Executive Director at 803-749-3888 at least two weeks in advance of meetings to be placed on the agenda; however, urgent concerns may be brought to the Board at any time. We suggest that complicated matters be sent to us in writing, including e-mail, so we may have a complete and accurate understanding of your concern.

**16th Annual Lake Murray Association
Pontoon Tour of Homes
Saturday, May 18, 2013**

Mark your calendar for May 18th and get ready to be chauffeured around Lake Murray as you visit some gracious homes on this beautiful lake. Call friends and family and make it a memorable day for all. This event will be the weekend after Mother's Day, and tickets would make a perfect gift.

The morning tour will depart from **Lighthouse Marina at 9:00 a.m.**, and the afternoon tour departs at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments are provided during the tour. Discounts for lunch at the Quarter Deck will be given to all guests.

Don't miss out on this great day! There are a limited number of spaces available and they will go quickly. **Tickets are \$35.00**; however, they are being offered for **\$30.00** to all LMA members, and to non-members who purchase before **April 15th**.

You may order tickets on LMA's website or by calling **803-509-4368**. We look forward to seeing you all there.

NOTE: The Pontoon Tour of Homes is considered a physical activity and requires that participants are able to get on and off the boat at docks. Participants must also be able to walk up and down ramps, inclines, and stairs. Please, no children under 15 or pets.

**Lexington County Meeting of
The Lake Murray Association
"The Voice of Lake Murray"**

Tuesday - April 23, 2013 - 7pm

**Chamber of Commerce Building
311 W. Main Street in Lexington**

**Refreshments will be served at 6:15,
and the meeting begins at 7:00.**

Enjoy this evening's presentation by Randy Halfacre concerning a new Chamber of Commerce program that complements the future use of Lake Murray.

Lake Murray Historian Randall Shealy will present and discuss some of the artifacts he has collected and will have on display prior to the meeting.

Representatives from SCE&G and Law Enforcement will be in attendance.



www.lakemurrayassociation.com

Lake Murray Association's new QR Code
for quick access to the website.

Spring Boat Safety Checklist

– and what, Muskrats???

By Barbara Burchfield, Safety Committee

Remember those muskrats we've talked about at LMA's quarterly meetings? Yep, let's see if your boat fuel lines have been affected by muskrats or if some other thing occurred over the winter.



Get your boat and gear ready now for a great summer on the water. You'll be way ahead of the game, leaving the dock with your boat well equipped, on time, and your family safe. Better yet, have your family help you with the spring inspection and systems check. Make it fun, and then go out for ice cream!

Boating safety spring checklists are available all over the internet, including some helpful videos. Our choice for a thorough but quick one to two hour inspection is reprinted here with permission from D. Scott Croft, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUs) - our partner in boating safety.

BoatUS Spring Safety Checklist



BEFORE YOU LAUNCH:

- o Inspect and lubricate seacocks. Hoses and hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary.
- o Replace deteriorated anodes.
- o Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutlass bearing may need to be replaced.
- o Check to make sure the rudderstock hasn't been bent.
- o Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
- o Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is free of corrosion, clean and properly secured.
- o Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all through-hulls for leaks.
- o Use a hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
- o If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.

OUTDRIVES and OUTBOARDS:

- o Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds), and replace if suspect.
- o Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
- o Replace anodes that are more than half worn away.
- o Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.



ENGINES AND FUEL SYSTEMS:

- o Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks and make sure all lines are well supported with non-combustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
- o Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Clamps should be snug and free of rust. Clean or replace fuel filters. Owners of gasoline-powered boats with fiberglass fuel tanks should consult a marine professional to inspect for any ethanol related issues.
- o Inspect cooling hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and/or cracking. Make sure they fit snugly and are double-clamped.
- o Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifold for corrosion.
- o Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Wire-brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water (if applicable).
- o Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks.



SAILBOAT RIGGING:

- o Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for "fishhooks" and rust.
- o Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.
- o Recaulk through-deck chainplates as necessary (generally, once a decade). If you suspect the core around the chainplate is damp, remove the chainplate to inspect and make repairs.

TRAILERS:

- o Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air

pressure. Don't forget the spare!

- o Inspect wheel bearings and repack as necessary.
- o Test tail and back-up lights and winch to make sure they're working properly. Inspect hitch chains.
- o Inspect trailer frame for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.
- o Inspect brakes and brake fluid reservoir.



MISCELLANEOUS:

- o Check expiration dates on flares and fire extinguishers.
- o Check stove and remote tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.
- o Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're working properly.
- o Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafing.
- o Update or replace old charts, waterway guides.
- o Check shore power cable connections for burns, which indicates the cable and/or the shore power inlet must be replaced.
- o Make sure your boating license and/or registration is up to date. Don't forget your trailer tags.
- o Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. Be sure you have fuel spill insurance coverage.
- o Make sure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids.
- o Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.



South Carolina has specific state boating laws, including titling and registration that can be found online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/boating.html>

A free Spring Safety Pre-launch Checklist is available online at BoatUS.com/freebies/springlist.htm.

Be sure to get a **free vessel safety check** from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons. Find out how at Safetyseal.net.

Lake Murray Association needs you!



We are looking for a few good people to help in certain areas, and with various projects: safety, publicity, environmental, and membership are a few. Send us your email today and help us be more effective for Lake Murray!

lma@lakemurrayassociation.com

DOCK SIGNS

Our four County Sheriffs found years ago that having home addresses visible from the lake side of property helped with calls for assistance. If you have to call for help, having your address roadside and lakeside can save precious minutes. Dock signs are easy to order and are delivered to a location near you. For more information, check LMA's website: www.lakemurrayassociation.com.

A special property check is available if your business or residence borders Lake Murray. If you would like for the Sheriff's Patrol on Lake Murray to check your property while you are away, call 803-576-3000, or go online to: <http://www.rcsd.net/propertycheckform-lm.htm>.

Ladies' Day on the Lake

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

"Ladies' Day on the Lake" is an annual summer event hosted by Lake Murray Association for all ladies 17 years of age & older. Lighthouse Marina at 1925 Johnson Marina Road is where it will take place, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and wrapping up at 3:00 p.m. Ladies' Day provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn the elements of safe boating.

This fun-filled day includes operating and docking a powerboat safely, as well as backing a trailer into the water to launch or retrieve a boat. Each participant will have the opportunity to operate a DNR boat on the open water and dock it at the marina, all done under the competent and patient guidance of DNR instructors. A course in the safe operation of personal watercraft will be offered again this year by Columbia Power Sports, and a safety presentation will be conducted by Lake Murray Power Squadron instructors.

These instructors from the SC Department of Natural Resources, Lake Murray Power Squadron, and Columbia Power Sports are experienced specialists in watercraft operation and safety. They take the "mystery and frustration" out of boating and trailering, teaching you how to handle a boat and trailer confidently so that your boating excursions will be safe and enjoyable. Lake Murray Association extends its gratitude to DNR, Lake Murray Power Squadron, and Columbia Power Sports, who support LMA in this event. Without their support and participation, this event might not be possible.

Ladies who have joined us in previous years described this as one of the most fun-filled and pleasurable activities they've had on the lake. You can ask any question that you may hesitate to ask your husband or boyfriend. No question is too elementary when it comes to safety on the water.

Ladies' Day on beautiful Lake Murray is always a sellout since only 32 spaces are available. It's not too early to register, and the \$35.00 fee paid in advance will secure your place in the day's activities. The fee covers lunch, drinks, and all other expenses for the day. Act now and sign up! For more information, call Kenneth Fox at (803) 604-1409, or you can log onto LMA's website at www.lake-murrayassociation.com.



LMA WATER TESTING

by Ken Fox



Lake Murray Association has been conducting water tests for the last seven years in areas of Lake Murray. During this time, testing has been done from the dam all the way to the upper Saluda and Little Saluda Rivers. Over six hundred tests have been performed, and to date, none of these tests have shown any impairment to the waters of Lake Murray. Water testing will resume again in May.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

The following businesses are affiliate members. Affiliate members are identified as sponsors of LMA since they directly support us with larger membership dues. We extend special thanks to our affiliate members. Let us support them in return.

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Timberlake Country Club, Inc. Michael Kletter	803-345-9909
Well Pets Veterinary Clinic, Scott Christy	803-732-3883
Wingard's Nursery, Delores Steinhauser	803-359-9091
Woodley's Garden Center, Rick Woodley	803-407-0601

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Lake Level	800-830-5253
Lake Murray Information	803-217-8399
Dock Permits	803-217-9221
DNR Information	803-734-3888
Marine Office	803-951-2564
Richland County Sheriff's Office	803-576-3000
Lexington County Sheriff's Office	803-359-8230
Newberry County Sheriff's Office	803-321-2211
Saluda County Sheriff's Office	803-445-2112
Sea Tow Lake Murray	803-957-0664
SC Legislative Info.	800-734-2145
DNR Nuisance Animals	800-922-5431
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