

Letter from the President, *Herb Burnham*



In previous newsletters I have encouraged every member to recruit at least one new member, and you have responded well. Now I would like to share with you some

information that demonstrates the importance of continuing to build our Lake Hartwell Association (LHA) membership.

On June 25th, LHA sent a letter to Congressmen Jeff Duncan (R-SC) and Paul Broun (R-GA) under my signature. Because of our members' ongoing recruiting efforts, in the opening paragraph of that letter I was able to state: "I am making the following requests on behalf of the thousands of voters and businesses that make up its (LHA's) membership". These two representatives have shown a sincere interest in Hartwell Lake and have cooperated with LHA on a number of issues in the recent past... and both are running for re-election. A copy of the letter was forwarded to every member on our LHA membership email list and copies of any replies will follow. If you did not get a copy please go to the LHA website. If you have not joined the email list you are strongly encouraged to do so.

The primary purpose of the letter was to point out that the roots of our water management problems lie in Washington and the two State capitals. Commonly, those on the frontline, in this case the Corps of Engineers, get blamed for whatever happens... except when it rains. The Corps is military and military units follow orders. The Corps also has to work within a bureaucracy so slow and cumbersome that even the most minor adjustments to standard procedures can take months and

sometimes years. This makes timely adaptive management of water in the Savannah River Basin nearly impossible because by the time a change request makes its way through the review/debate/approval process the problem has often been accepted as "normal" or has been resolved by Mother Nature. That approach may have worked fine before the severe and extended drought conditions of the past several years which have proven it to be cumbersome, outdated and unacceptable. It will likely take years to fix but fix it we must... our fresh water lakes are too valuable and important to our area's future.

Even though I have not heard a single complaint, I am almost certain those engineers and other professionals managing the water in our Savannah Basin must often feel shackled and frustrated. What I am asking of the two congressmen is to form a coalition of Federal and State representatives at the house, senate and governor levels that would take an in-depth, open minded and honest look at the bureaucracy. Then, take steps as necessary to implement efficient administrative and sound scientific methods and introduce a good measure of common sense in order to streamline the process and thereby give the professionals more freedom to do what they do best. When that happens, adaptive management techniques may at least have a chance of being effectively implemented, allowing water in the Savannah River Basin to be managed in a more timely fashion.

The second part of the letter addresses the problem of funding. Everything, including what is being requested here, requires funding and that is another area that requires joint participation by the two states and the federal government.

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President's Message

LHA Annual Meeting – A NEW TWIST

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For example, Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Basin Study was completed in 2006. Phase 2, estimated to cost \$1 million, is still on hold for funding that must be shared 50/50 by the Corps and the two states. Its purpose is to investigate lessons learned from previous droughts, lessons that likely could have been applied over this past year. Unfortunately, South Carolina has been unable to provide its share of funding (\$250K) and, at the time of this writing, only \$100K has actually been committed in the new budget. Ironically, this year the State will likely lose far more than \$250K in sales tax revenues alone due to low lake levels.

To ensure adequate funds are available in the future to finance studies, improve procedures and pay for other improvements in and around the lakes, it is recommended that the coalition also investigate the possibility of using some of the future power generation revenues. All that revenue is now being sent to the general fund in Washington. Since the water in the lakes used to generate power belongs to the citizens of the States, the States should be allowed to use some of the revenue to fund lake related studies and improvements. Hartwell, Russell, and Thurmond together generate an estimated \$60 million annually.

So what can you as a member of LHA do? Let your elected representatives at the Federal and State levels know on a regular basis that you are very concerned about the future of our lakes and that you are keeping an eye on who is and is not helping us at the Capitols. Watch for future emails from the Association asking you to do so on special issues. Also remember that you are the best salesforce LHA has, so please continue recruiting as many new members as possible and remind them to vote in November. Remember that the Corps gets their orders from Washington, and LHA's voice in Washington gets stronger with every additional member.

By Ruth Anne Maciag

It is early in the year to talk about the Lake Hartwell Association Annual Meeting and Forum, but this year's event will be monumentally different than those of years gone by!

Yes, Col. Hall and the Corps entourage will be in attendance to speak and answer your questions. Yes, we have engaged two other speakers who you are sure to appreciate: Mr. Knight Cox, Manager of the Clemson Forest, and Mr. James Sykes, a fisheries biologist. And of course, we'll give you a brief summary of LHA's activities throughout the year.

The new, major, exciting twist to our gathering is time and place:



We will meet at Kresge Hall at the Clemson

Outdoor Lab! This is a beautiful facility situated on a point of land on Lake Hartwell and has a spectacular view of the lake. For more information on this venue, just Google Clemson Outdoor Lab. You will wonder why you've never heard of it or been there before!

Kresge Hall is accessible by boat or by road – we'll have directions, buoy numbers and GPS information in the Fall Newsletter.

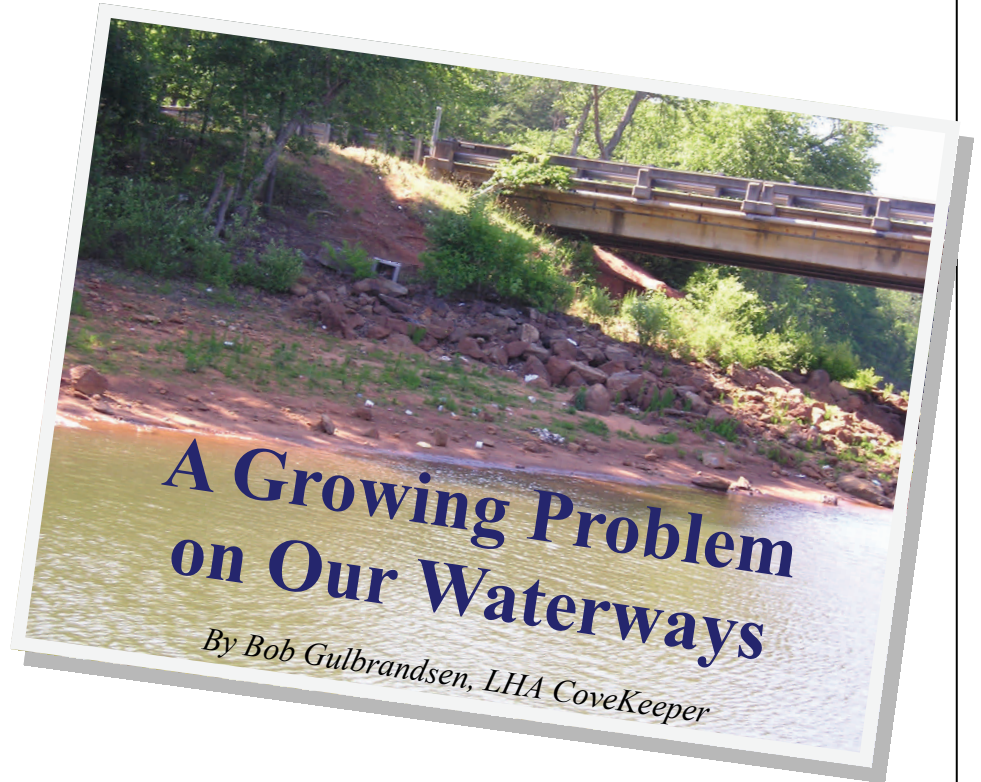
As part of this new approach, the meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 27 – no football games are scheduled that day! The meeting portion will finish by Noon, to be followed by a luncheon buffet.

We request that you make reservations for this event and also pay a modest amount for the buffet. More information on price and reservations will appear in the Fall edition of the LHA Newsletter. However, if you know at this time that you will be attending, please make your reservations at:

membership@lakehartwellassociation.org

Litter is being deposited on and along Lake Hartwell in increasing amounts. The roadway bridge overpasses on Lake Hartwell are becoming trash dumps by local fishermen. Folks use these overpasses to access the lake and do a little fishing. Unfortunately, there is a group of careless people that just drop trash and fishing equipment and bait containers where they stand, thus leaving unbelievable amounts of trash behind. The Centerville Road Bridge over Three & Twenty Creek is one of the worst areas.

As our State awareness slogan states, "Litter Trashes Everyone". You may not litter and you may not know anyone who does. But the fact remains that millions of pounds of trash are littered across our State each year. Studies suggest that over 80% of people who litter do so intentionally.



Somehow we need to combat this litter problem on our Lake by changing people's attitudes towards littering. The big question remains, "How do we solve this problem?"

The Cove Keepers can continue to monitor and clean up the trash, but this will not eliminate the litter. We need everyone's help to put a stop to it.

LHA is working with the Anderson County's Lake Patrol who in turn is coordinating with the county's environmental department and DNR to determine what can be done to help with the litter problem. Their ideas will be shared with the other counties.



The Hartwell Dam and Lake 50th Anniversary was officially celebrated



Herb Burnham, LHA President



Col. Jeffery M. Hall, Commander,
Savannah District



Col. Eric R. P. Conrad, Deputy
Commander, South Atlantic Division

The Hartwell Dam and Lake 50th Anniversary was officially celebrated on April 27th. It was on that day in 1962 that power was generated for the first time, marking the completion of construction and the filling of the lake. Attendance was limited to dignitaries, the media and invited guests including the **Lake Hartwell Association Board of Directors**. LHA President, **Herb Burnham**, was invited to speak on behalf of the Association about the role it plays “for the sake of the lake”. Herb focused on the importance of maintaining a partnering relationship among all stakeholders including local, State and Federal agencies, lake related businesses, and organizations made up of stakeholders in the lake’s wellbeing.

Herb pointed out that in the 1950’s and 60’s when the dam was being built, Americans built much of the interstate highway system, in addition to a number of dams and nuclear power plants throughout the USA. We also put a man on the moon just eight years after President John F. Kennedy challenged the Congress and the nation to do so “before the end of the decade”. Today it would take that long to do the studies and obtain the permits required just to get started. Herb suggested that we must find ways to streamline today’s bureaucratic processes so that planners, engineers, and managers can once again do what they do best in a timely and cost effective manner. He suggested that this not only applies to new construction but to ongoing projects as well, such as lake and river basin management like the Savannah River Basin.

Other speakers represented the Corps of Engineers Headquarters in Washington, the South Atlantic Division, and the Savannah District. They all praised the engineers and constructors who built the dam; some of whom were special guests and were personally thanked and awarded commemorative coins by **Col. Jeffery Hall**, Savannah District Commander.



For more celebration information, go to www.sas.usace.army.mil/hydrodat.html and click on Lake Information.

(Photos courtesy of Vern Sauer)



Street Addresses on Docks

The Anderson County Sheriff's Lake Patrol (Marine One) is now on the lake on a regular basis day and night. One of the many objectives is to provide additional security and emergency response from the lakeside. This not only includes docks, boats and equipment but also homes and other property. Experience has shown that the boat patrol time-wise may be closer to an emergency than a patrol car.

The Marine One officers currently have to rely on the onboard GPS that is accurate within several hundred feet which could include more than one dock. Obviously, this sometimes means wasted time trying to find the dock that matches the home originating the call for help. The Sheriff's Department is recommending that Anderson County lake front residents **post their street address where it can be easily seen by the Marine One officers.** As shown in the accompanying photo this may be on the dock or on some other permanent facility clearly visible from the water. Reflective letters and numbers are recommended.

Lake front residents are again reminded that Marine One's effectiveness is very dependent upon our eyes and ears and reports of anything that looks suspicious or "out of place". Its email address is marinepatrol@andersonsheriff.com. Emails are checked daily. Urgent calls may be made directly to Marine One on the lake at 864-844-3050. Non-emergency lake related calls should go to 864-260-4444. As always, dial 911 in an emergency and advise the dispatcher that it is lake related.



LHA and the HARTWELL LAKE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

By Ruth Anne Maciag

As most of you are aware, the Corps of Engineers sponsors a Hartwell Lake Clean-up Campaign every summer – and this year is no different!

The Clean-up will begin in mid-August and will continue until National Public Lands Day, September 29, 2012. On that day, **Saturday, 9/29/12**, Lake Hartwell Association will once again sponsor the picnic for all those folks who have helped "pick up" the lake shore, pile up the trash collected, and preserve this beautiful resource that is Lake Hartwell.

The picnic will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Big Oaks Recreation Area on Highway 29, just east of Hartwell, Georgia. There will be good food, projects for the kids, and of course lots of raffle prizes.

The Lake Hartwell Association urges you, either individually or as part of a family group, neighborhood association, Scout troop, church group, or any organization, to "sign up to pick up." If each of us takes a couple of hours to clean the shoreline, Lake Hartwell will be that much better for it!

Sign-up information/packets will be available in early to mid-August from the Corps of Engineers, either at the physical site on Highway 29, by calling 706-856-0300 or toll free at 1-888-893-0678 or through the Corps of Engineers' website: <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell/>.

So let's do our best for our lake – **FOR THE SAKE OF THE LAKE** – and we'll see you on September 29th at Big Oaks for the party/picnic!



LHA Mission Statement

We will develop and establish the Lake Hartwell Association as an organization that promotes and encourages cooperation, assistance and information exchange among those concerned with Hartwell Lake and the Savannah River Basin.

We will provide a forum to collectively represent our membership on issues that pertain to the development, preservation and comprehensive management of Hartwell Lake.

We will collect and distribute information on matters affecting Hartwell Lake.

We will maintain liaisons and communications between the Lake Hartwell Association and educational, governmental, scientific and other communities.

The Life Of A Middle-Aged Boat *And What To Do About It*

With people, middle age begins at around 40. With boats, it's about the 10-year mark. And for both, it signals a time when age begins to show. But that doesn't mean life is slowing down - only that more effort is needed to stay in shape. With decade-old boats, that means taking a hard look at things that haven't been checked out over the years. BoatUS has these nine "middle age" maintenance tips on boats:

Bilge pumps: Like a Louisiana oil field roughneck, a ten-year old bilge pump has likely lead a tough life.

Switches are often the first to go, so make sure yours works fine by pouring water in the bilge to activate the pump, making sure nothing interferes with the switch.

Take a close look at wire connections as they often are near or in standing water at the bottom of the boat.

Gas hose: When it was new, the fuel hose did a great job of delivering gas to the engine. Over time, however, gas can permeate the hose wall causing damage. Take a rag around the hose, wipe it down and then smell the rag. If you smell gas, replace hose immediately. If you do have to replace, always install new hose clamps, too.

Steering and control cable: Like an arthritic knee, bend the cable in your hands and listen for "crunching," a telltale sign that all is not well. Swelling and rust are also bad signs and indicate it's time to replace.

Caulked fittings: The boatyard rule of thumb is that after 10 years, the bedding compound owes you nothing. Begin a schedule to periodically remove and rebed fittings, doing a few each year so the job isn't overwhelming. This will keep the leaks out that could lead to more expensive repairs.

Prop: Eventually all props get dinged, and you may not see the damage clearly with your eye. If it's never been to a shop, now is a good time to take it to a prop shop for reconditioning, and you'll also likely save some money on fuel with a tuned prop.

Other drive gear: If you have an inboard, the cutlass

bearing might be due for replacement, especially if there's more than just a smidgen of play in the drive shaft. It's also time to take a hard look at the stuffing box. If you've had to re-tighten the stuffing box nut often, it's time to replace the packing.

Exhaust manifolds: If you boat in salt or brackish waters and you still have the original manifolds, thank your lucky stars they haven't failed yet. Now is the time to do some proactive maintenance to replace them. "Leaking manifolds can destroy an engine," said BoatUS Seaworthy Magazine Associate Editor Chuck Fort.

Seacocks/Through

Hulls: If it's been years since one has been fully opened and closed, it could be frozen, and that's useless. Make it a point to work seacocks a few times each season and while you're there, check the hose clamps.

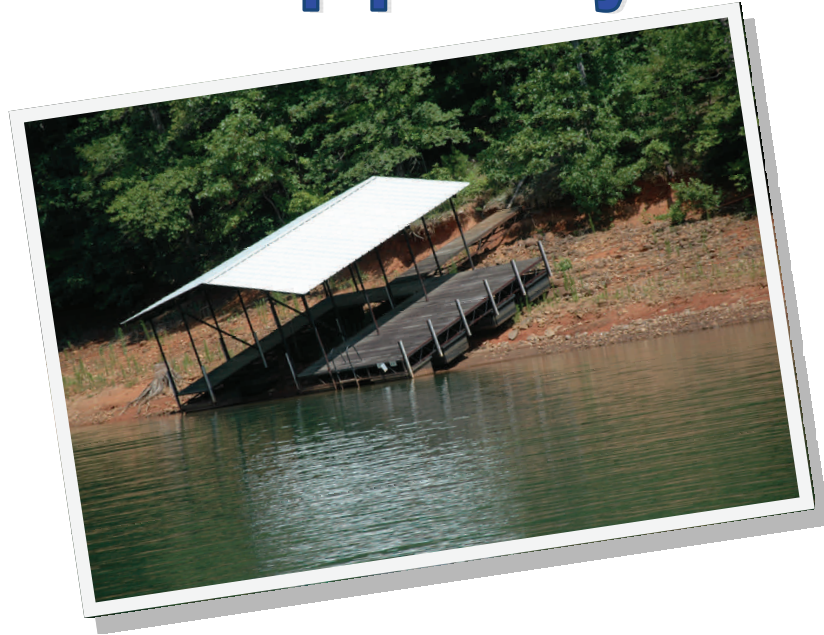
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rigging: When was the last time you had a close look at all of the fittings and mast attachments (even the ones up high)? Ten years is a long time for rigging on boats that are raced, but even those used for day sails can suffer from the cyclical loads that cause stress cracks, and saltwater can cause corrosion in swaged fittings not easily seen by the naked eye.

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Even though RECREATION is NOT their top priority ...



... shouldn't SAFETY be?

The LHA has emailed all of our registered members a link to a current petition that is being circulated. (Thank you, April and Steve Hughes, for creating the petition.) As we go to print, over 1600 concerned citizens have signed the petition. The petition will be sent to the Corps, appropriate SC and GA State and Federal congressmen, senators and governors. If you are not on our email list, here is the link.

<http://www.change.org/petitions/the-u-s-senate-manage-the-level-of-lake-hartwell-more-effectively-and-safely>

If you have difficulty with this address, just type www.change.org in your browser. On their home page, in the upper right hand corner where it says, "browse petitions" type in hartwell. Then click on the option that says, "The U.S. Senate: Manage the level of Lake Hartwell more effectively and safely".



Boat Ramp Suggestions for the Summer

Summer boating days are here! If you're reading this and you aren't absolutely confident that you'll be a thing of perfect efficiency when you get to the ramp to launch your boat this summer - well, then - fix what needs fixing.



Is your cranking battery fresh, or has it been sitting stale as last year's Christmas cookies? And please tell me you're not going to ask your wife or brother-in-law, neither of whom have ever backed a boat down a ramp in

their life, to "help you." If you just absolutely have to rely on an amateur for assistance, then I'd recommend going to an empty parking lot for practice until they are experts at backing-up a trailer before you even consider humiliating them and yourself on game day.

See, here's the deal... boat ramps are like security checkpoints at airports. Nobody wants to wait in that line, so don't make it worse by being totally unprepared when you're up to bat. Boat ramps are not maintenance garages. It's not a place to tune up your outboard, organize your fishing tackle or take inventory of your

water skies and inflatables. It's not a playground either, so rein in the zoo monkeys. I love taking my kids to the lake. It's an important part of our lives, but I don't let the little crumb snatchers run rampant on the launch ramp. It's dangerous, and it's irresponsible.

Think of boat ramps as a tollbooth. Get in. Get out. And getting out doesn't mean pulling up five-feet from the water's edge and stopping. Get way out of the way before you stop to re-adjust all your

equipment for the ride home.



You guys that are reading this probably don't need a lecture. Most of you are proficient boat owners. But "the guy" that is "that guy" probably doesn't even realize that he is "that guy." So help him out, dudes. If you have one of those guys in your life -



help him get prepared. Busy summer days are not the time to be a jackknife on the boat ramp.

This revised article was taken from BoatUS. The original message was written by **Mark Zona**, a professional angler and TV show host.



Better Manage Fats, Oil and Grease: Don't clog our communities' arteries!



Storm drains throughout our communities function much like the arteries of our bodies. When fats, oil and grease (FOG) flows through the stormwater system, it poses a serious threat to the health of the receiving rivers, lakes and ocean downstream. FOG can also solidify, leading to blockages that cause localized flooding. FOG accumulation in storm drains and pipes cause foul odors, bacterial contamination and harm to local waterways. **Stormwater is not treated before it is released to local waters!**



Where does FOG come from?

FOG is a by-product of cooking produced by restaurants and homes. FOG contamination and clogged drains lead to expensive fines and cleanup costs! However, there are many things you can do to prevent this **environmental cardiac arrest**.

How you can help:

- Outdoor grease containers should be kept in well-lit and accessible locations to ensure their proper use.
- Properly maintain grease containers behind restaurants and replace containers that have leaks.
- Schedule regular container cleanout or pickup – use a service for high volume operations.
- Restaurant staff should notify managers when the grease container is near full.
- Protect containers with a properly closed lid or roof to prevent spills or overflow from rainwater.
- Utilize spill containment products around grease containers to avoid leaking into storm drains.
- At home, never put FOG down the drain or a storm drain. Cool FOG down and dispose of it in your household trash.
- Educate others of the threat that FOG poses to our rivers, lakes, and ocean.



LHA Membership: Welcome Aboard & Thank You!

We are grateful to all of our new and renewing members! Your ongoing support is a source of encouragement to the LHA Board and other volunteers working to protect the beauty and value of Lake Hartwell.



Please join us in welcoming the following members who have joined LHA since the last newsletter.

New Family Memberships

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- Dispute Resolution & Mediation Services - Herb Burnham
 - Motivational Sports Products - Terry Swain
 - Old Stone Tractor Company – Ben Griffen

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We also wish to thank the following LHA members whose generous special donations give additional encouragement, and much needed support, to the LHA volunteers.

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