



SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

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www.SMLAssociation.org

Protecting the Investment of SML Residents

July 2015

Presidents Message

The Smith Mountain Lake Association held its annual Town Hall Meeting on March 19th, after being postponed due to the weather. It began with a special treat, as Jerry Hale previewed the Smith Mountain Lake 50th Anniversary theme song and slide show.

I had the pleasure of presenting Larry Iceman with SMLA's highest honor, the Melvin S. Johnston award. Larry began his association with SMLA in 2004 by working for the Lake Committee on litter. He served as SMLA Vice President for two years, and then President for another two years. He has chaired the membership committee and the public relations committee. For four years he served on the Take Pride in Smith Mountain Lake clean-up committee, acting as Chairman for two of those years. Larry has managed the Water Quality Monitoring program for the past three years and continues to serve on the board.

He is active in the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, having joined in 2005, and was President from July, 2009, to June, 2010. He continues to serve on that board, and in several Lion's service projects.

Later in the program, on behalf of the Water Safety Council and SMLA, Pat Massa, President of the WSC, presented David Brown with the 2014 Karl Martin Water Safety Award for his tireless dedication to boating education and training.

As a member of the Smith Mountain Lake Power Squadron, Dave has served for many years as the Educational Officer, responsible for both internal squadron training and educating the community through public courses. While directing educational public offerings, he has been responsible for well over 6000 area people receiving basic boating safety instruction. He administers all aspects of the classes and has developed and mentored an additional 14 instructors.

Dave extends his community service to include courtesy Vessel Safety Inspections. This program insures that boat owners have the required safety equipment and that on board safety hazards are avoided. While he personally inspects over 140 vessels a year, he also manages the qualifications and activities of an additional 13 examiners, responsible for more than 500 inspections a year.

With the boating season upon us, I urge everyone to take the Boat Virginia safety course. As an additional incentive, many boat insurance companies give you a discount for passing the course. You can take the course on-line or at a class given by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or The SML Sail and Power Squadron. These same organizations will conduct a free vessel safety check which will tell you if anything on your boat needs to be corrected. Contact Theoffice@smlassociation.org for more information.

Also, if you haven't already done so, consider purchasing a Rotary Club of SML emergency dock address sign. This sign makes it easier for friends and neighbors, as well as emergency responders, to locate your dock. They are available at Phil Hager Insurance Agency on route 122.

Finally, please mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 6th. The SML Chamber of Commerce and SMLA will be presenting a *Meet the Candidates Night* at 6:30pm at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

Meanwhile stay safe,

Pete Lewis

Pete Lewis, SMLA President

Water Wise Landscape Event A Success

The Buffer Landscape committee of Smith Mountain Lake Association held a successful community education event about buffer landscaping on Sunday, April 12. With the collaboration of the Blue Ridge Foothills and Lakes Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists, the Franklin County Master Gardeners, the Blue Ridge Soil and Water Conservation District, the Virginia Native Plant Society, the Claytor Nature Study Center, and AEP, the event drew 108 attendees from the three surrounding counties around Smith Mountain Lake.



The event, "Your Water Wise Landscape," included speakers on Native Plants, Micro-constituent Pollutants, Turf Grass Substitutes, Rain Gardens, Backyard Wildlife Habitat, and Water Wise Landscaping. Participants had the opportunity to tour a demonstration buffer landscape, build a bluebird house or construct a rain barrel.



Each of the collaborating organizations had a display at the conference where attendees could get additional information. Attendees also had an opportunity to sign up for a home visit from a team of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners to brainstorm improvements they might make on their properties.

The Buffer Landscaping committee is always looking for members to participate in this volunteer program. This year we are also looking for someone interested in chairing the committee. Contact the SMLA office if you are interested in working with this committee.

2015 Vessel Pump Out Season

Having just completed our third weekend of operations, the 2015 Vessel Pump Out Program (more affectionately called Royal Flush) is off to a great start. Planning for the 2015 season began back in March with a seemingly overwhelming "To Do List" needing completion before the scheduled start of operations Memorial Day weekend. Multiple meetings and lots of team work managed to get the program up and running for its 15th season. As in years past, the program continues to be a partnership between the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), The Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission (TLAC) and The Smith Mountain Lake Association (SMLA). Funding for the program is provided by the VDH (75%) and SMLA (25%). SMLA also manages weekend operations. TLAC oversees the program and provides substantial administrative support to keep it running smoothly.

As in 2014, we will not be operating the vessel pump out boat, and therefore, will not be offering pump out services to private docks nor rafted vessels. The program continues to operate two half ton pickup trucks fitted with all the appropriate gear to efficiently and safely provide septic pump out services and to dispose of the effluent into participating marina septic systems around the lake. Staffing consists of one supervisor and four pump out technicians split into teams of two on each truck. Pump outs are scheduled in advance by calling the new telephone number (540) 529-0602 Monday through Thursday. Additionally, pump outs may be scheduled during the weekend hours by calling the supervisor at the same telephone number. The pumpout crews distribute a wide variety of educational and informative pamphlets and brochures with lots of great information concerning safe boating and water safety, as well as other programs sponsored by SMLA, TLAC, and VDH.

SMLA strives to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the lake through various programs such as the Vessel Pump Out program. Your participation in and support of these programs is key to their ongoing success. Donations toward the program will be greatly appreciated and may be sent to: Smith Mountain Lake Association, 400 Scruggs Road, Suite 2100, Moneta, VA 24121.



Volunteer in the Spotlight—George Rice

George Rice and his wife Doris, who passed away 14 years ago, reared three daughters in Rochester, New York. Wanting to retire to a milder climate, they started looking early, figuring they would end up somewhere in North Carolina.

But a chance bypass into the Blue Ridge Mountains, and a stop at a roadside craft center intervened. That's where they found lovely carved birds, and noted that the artist lived in their usual North/South path. When they got back home, they wrote the artist, asking if they could stop by his Moneta, Virginia home to see more of his work the next time they were driving through. After looking at more North Carolina property, they headed to Smith Mountain Lake where fate intervened again. Doris said she liked this area better than any thing they had looked at yet!

Lady luck found them a third time when they stumbled onto property in Mountain View Shores. They bought their lot in 1983, moved to Virginia in 1988, and built and moved into their retirement home in 1989.

George and Doris, as well as their three girls had all been avid volunteers, especially in Girl Scouts, as well as other organizations. Wanting to continue his volunteer tradition, George joined the local Volunteer Fire Department and became a Water Quality Monitor for SMLA.

For the next 18 years you could find George checking water clarity at three different sites near the SML dam. Without dedicated volunteers like George, water quality trends for specific areas of the lake could not be identified and addressed as quickly or effectively. Even if it was less than ideal weather conditions, in the heat and humidity, or rain, George was out there as a SMLA volunteer water quality monitor. He never missed collecting a sample over 18 years as needed. That is 324 samples without a miss. Now that is dedication. Thank you George.

George is now retired from the WQM program due to health reasons and was recognized at this years water quality kickoff meeting with a certificate of appreciation from the SMLA Board. He is still active with the fire department, though no longer fighting fires, but he helps out with most anything else they need. His plans now include spending a lot of time swimming, his favorite lake activity, especially with the lake at or near full pond as it has been lately. He also enjoys flying radio controlled airplanes.



George Rice accepts a Certificate of Appreciation, presented by Water Quality Monitor Chairman, Larry Iceman.

Save Our Streams Orientation Session Scheduled

Interested in learning more about water quality and the Virginia Save Our Streams Program? Join us for an Orientation Session on Friday, July 24 from 9 am to noon at the SMLA office. This will be followed by an optional afternoon program where you can experience an actual in-stream monitoring session.

As background, volunteer stream monitors collect and identify freshwater aquatic macro-invertebrates (critters) that live on the bottom (benthic area) of a stream, on a quarterly basis. Information on the diversity and number of critters found is used to determine the quality of water flowing through the stream at a given point in time. Data collected is entered into the Virginia Save Our Streams database and used by the State Department of Environmental Quality in assessing the quality of Virginia's streams over time and identifying water quality issues that may need to be addressed.

To register for the Orientation Session, please contact De English at de.english100@gmail.com or leave a message with the SMLA office at (540) 719-0690.

Boaters Take Notice: As always, 4th of July Fireworks continue as a "No-Wake Event!"

Thanks again to the Smith Mountain Lake Water Safety Council for establishing the Parkway Marina July 4th fireworks display, part of the Saunders Volunteer Fire Company Independence Day Fundraiser Celebration, as a *No-Wake Zone Event*. Thanks also to the marker boats from the Smith Mountain Lake Sail and Power Squadron, whose flashing yellow lights indicate the beginning of the no-wake zone areas.

Boaters attending the fireworks are always expected to travel at idle/no-wake speed within the primary viewing area, roughly bordered by Christmas Tree Island, Bernard's Landing, marker C4 and Vista Pointe—before and after the fireworks.

Water Quality Monitoring

SMLA and Ferrum College kicked off their Joint Water Quality Monitoring for 2015 with a monitors update and training meeting on May 7. This is the 29th year for the joint WQM program. George Rice was honored for his 18 years of excellence as monitor with a certificate from the SMLA Board presented by Larry Iceman SMLA Chairman of WQM. By tradition following the program strawberry shortcake was served which was prepared by the Ferrum WQM student interns. It was delicious.



Monitoring of SML water quality begins the week of May 24 for the summer. If you see a boat with a hose or a black and white disk being lowered into the water from the side of a boat, please give them the courtesy of keeping a wide distance as you pass them in your boat. They are doing water sampling and/or checking how clear the water is with a Secchi Disk.

Thank You Monitors for volunteering as we can not do this without you.

Larry Iceman, SMLA WQM Chairman

Business Partners' Program Expanding

The SMLA Business Partners' program is an effort to cultivate business relationships with the Association to promote the benefits derived from collaboration and shared values regarding the lake and the community at large.

This program is a vital link between SMLA and the business community. The health and protection of the lake is not only critical to our environment but to the economic vitality of our region.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the expansion of this program. If you are passionate about the health and welfare of the lake and our community, we need you! Please call Lorie Smith at 540-524-9220 to express your desire to learn more about this effort.

Virginia Master Naturalist Speaker Series

Thanks to sponsorship of the Smith Mountain Lake Association, the Blue Ridge Foothills and Lakes Chapter (BRFAL) of the Virginia Master Naturalists has been able to conduct a speaker series, which is open to the public, concerning topics of interest about nature in Virginia.

So far we have conducted two presentations. Both were held at the Booker T. Washington National Monument in their Conference Room. This venue has worked out quite well and Park Ranger, Timbo Simms has been instrumental in helping organize this.

Our first presentation was by Mr. Robert Jennings of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on March 14th. Robert is a grassroots field specialist for the Blue Ridge, Piedmont and Valley regions of Virginia. He works with the Virginia government officials in Richmond to advocate clean water policies. His topic for the day was *"Alter-NATIVE: the benefits of landscaping with native plants to beautify your property and reduce stormwater run-off."* We had about 80 guests and our day was considered very successful.

Our second presentation was by Mr. Eric Harrold on May 16th and was also quite interesting and successful. Mr. Harrold's topic was *"Bird Communities of the Southern Appalachians and Associated Conservations Concerns."* Mr. Harrold explained to us how important the environment is to maintain the health of bird populations. Various changes can adversely affect bird habitats. Invasive plants and animals, deforestation, climate change, chemical usage, etc. all have negative impacts.

We hope to have at least one more speaker this year, probably in October or November. Keep your eye out for a notice in the local papers. For more information about our BRFAL chapter and Virginia Master Naturalists, please visit our website at brfal.blogspot.com.

The continued collaboration of the BRFAL Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists and the Smith Mountain Lake Associations has proven to be a great enhancement to our community.





TRI-COUNTY LAKES ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Post Office Box 55, Moneta, VA 24121

Telephone: (540) 721-4400

Leesville Lake

Smith Mountain Lake

What is TLAC?

- A governmental agency created to serve Smith Mountain and Leesville Lakes residents and the local governments.

What do we do? Our functions include:

- Carry out lake planning duties as assigned by participating counties.
- Assist residents in reporting debris in the lakes.
- Assist residents in reporting malfunctioning navigation aids.
- Be responsible for some shoal and rock markers outside the defined waterway.
- Manage volunteer Adopter programs for navigation aids.
- Be responsible for management/control of invasive aquatic vegetation. (Grass carp were stocked for weed control.)
- Provide liaison interaction with Appalachian Electric Company.
- Be a resource for local and regional information.
- Provide administrative oversight in cooperation with SMLA in providing vessel pump out services to boaters during the summer boating season.
- Coordinate volunteer committees who make recommendations related to lake issues. Current volunteer committees are:
 - ⇒ Navigation
 - ⇒ Environmental
 - ⇒ Vessel Pump Out

Web Address:

www.sml.us.com

Water Safety Council: Some Sobering Numbers

Numbers are unique in their ability to quantify, identify and describe. We learn numbers like 1492, 1607, 1776, and 3.14159265 in school. We have social security numbers, bank account numbers, phone numbers, license numbers, PIN numbers, lucky numbers and more. Numbers are everywhere.

The boating community has its own special numerals: vessel registration numbers; channel marker numbers; compass headings and GPS coordinates; and more. While all of these are important numbers, there are others we need to discuss as the boating season gets underway. And don't worry—this will not involve algebra or trigonometry!

Consider these easy numbers: In Virginia, operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a Class 1 misdemeanor and carries a penalty of up to \$2500 in fines and/or up to one year in jail. If you add up the court costs, attorney's fees, increased insurance premiums and lost wages, the total cost of an alcohol-related arrest could approach or exceed \$10,000, and that's with no accident involved!

Perhaps you would rather consider smaller numbers. With a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) at or below 0.05 percent, Virginia law presumes that adults are not under the influence of alcohol. With a BAC between 0.05 and 0.08 percent, there is no such presumption; your guilt or innocence will depend upon evidence presented. But you are automatically presumed to be under the influence of alcohol in Virginia with a BAC at or above 0.08 percent. So remember this: You can be arrested and proven to be under the influence of alcohol even though your BAC is less than 0.08 percent. And if you are under 21 years of age and have consumed alcohol, you can be arrested for boating with a BAC as low as 0.02 percent. Use of narcotics or other drugs may also result in an arrest for being under the influence of those substances.

So how much alcohol is too much? For most of us, 2-4 drinks in a short period of time will result in a BAC at or near 0.08 percent. However, you are impaired by alcohol as soon as you have even one drink. The effects begin as low as 0.02 percent—a decrease in visual acuity and some loss of judgment. These effects become more pronounced, and inhibiting, as more alcohol is consumed. At a BAC of 0.05 percent, there is loss of coordination, decreased ability to track moving objects, and increased reaction time. Boat operators (and car drivers!) with 0.08 BAC suffer from poor coordination, lack of concentration, reduced peripheral vision and diminished depth perception, to name just a few. These effects are magnified by the conditions we find out on the water: sun, wind, motion, noise, and vibration. These stressors combine to intensify the effects of alcohol and produce greater impairment than for someone with the same BAC who hasn't been on the water.

You might think that all of this alcohol-level emphasis is just beating a dead horse. Well, you'd be right on the "dead" part. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, alcohol use was the primary contributing factor in fatal boat accidents from 2009 to 2013, resulting in 75 deaths in 2013 alone. ***Alcohol is involved in nearly one-third of boating deaths and up to 70% of water related deaths in adults and adolescents.***

I've given you a lot of numbers. The last number I will give you is one. You only have to be involved in one accident for your life to be drastically changed forever. Be the one person who makes the choice to always boat sober. Be the one person who is the designated operator that brings your family and friends home safe from a day on the water. Because one accident, one injury, one death is still one too many.

Sgt. Bryan L. Young
Conservation Police Supervisor
Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries

For more information and resources please visit:
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/>
<http://www.nasbla.org/index.asp>
<http://www.uscgboating.org/>



Website Construction Update

We need your input!

What is SMLA? What does SMLA do? How do I join SMLA and get involved?

Those who would like to learn more about SMLA look to the web site for answers to these questions.

In January we launched the development of a new web site to better answer these questions while also providing a major face lift to the appearance of the site. The site will be built on a web development platform that SMLA Board Member, Jim Erler developed for his own vacation rental business, LakeAway. You can get an idea of the look of the new SMLA site from that website (www.LakeAway.com) and from the mock-up of a few of the new web pages shown below.



- Left:** The Home Page will be clean with a simple menu to guide you through the site. This menu is visible on all pages. On "Mouse-Over" a drop down menu provides quick access to pages deep within the site.
- Center:** Major menu items have their own page with an additional page menu bar on the left.
- Right:** Specific information is contained in sheets that pop-up within major pages.

Of course, the site will only be as good as its content. We have asked the leaders of each of the ongoing SMLA projects to provide us with photographs and information for inclusion. This information is being cataloged in a database which will be used to create the site. While we have received much information, much more is needed for completion. If you have something you can contribute, it is greatly appreciated. We need both descriptive text and photographs. If you have been involved in any of the following activities, we welcome and need your input. Please e-mail whatever you might have to Jim Erler at Jim@ErlerDesign.com.

Shoreline Management Plan (SMP): Dock Regulations, 800' Contour, Role of County Governments

Other Lake Organizations TLAC, SML Chamber, Water Safety Council, SML Boating Association

Weed Monitoring: Hydrilla, Curly Pond, Blue and Green Algae

Water Safety: Life Vests, Night Time Boating, Strong Wake Areas, Low Water Conditions, Boater Education

Water Quality Projects: Water Monitoring, Royal Flush, Buffer Landscaping, Save our Streams, Lake Cleanup

Water Management: Pump Storage and Water Management Issues, Leesville Lake, Roles of FERC, AEP and DEQ, Environmental Education

Get Involved—Be a part of the solution: Member Benefits, Opportunities to Participate, Business Partners, Office Volunteers

Make a Difference: Follow the News, Join Us, Upcoming SMLA Events

Join Our Community and Get Connected: Business Partners, TLAC, SML Chamber of Commerce, Blue Ridge, Foothills and Lakes Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists

Again, please e-mail your contributions, at your earliest convenience, to Jim Erler at Jim@ErlerDesign.com.

Application for NEW Membership to SMLA

Members: Do you know someone who would support the mission of SMLA? Please give them this membership application. Membership is one of the easiest ways to safeguard Smith Mountain Lake, and SMLA is a non-profit organization. Dues are tax deductible. Joining is as easy as mailing a check or calling 540-719-0690 on Tuesday or Friday to pay by credit card.

Free gift to NEW Members with 4 membership levels! Select Annual Membership level below:

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with complimentary "No Wake" dock sign | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Membership.....\$250.00
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with both Lake Map and "No Wake" sign
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New Members Only: Please mail your tax deductible check to –

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Existing Members: This is not a renewal notice. The office will contact you when it is time to renew your membership. You can find your renewal date near your address on the mailing label page of this newsletter. You may charge your membership level, or pay via credit card, by calling 540-719-0690 on Tuesday or Friday when our administrative assistant will be available to assist you.

Phone: 540-719-0690

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e-mail: TheOffice@smlassociation.org

Partner Businesses

SMLA is very appreciative of our Partner businesses that support our mission and recognize the value of membership by extending special discounts to our members. The generosity goes full circle in our community, and many members tell us that in an effort to fully support local businesses they do not request SMLA discounts. If you are one of those members who is kind enough to waive the SMLA member discount at a partner business, please express your appreciation to the proprietor. Partner business advertisements appear beginning below. We want supporting businesses to know that these advertisements are noticed by members and that their support of SMLA is appreciated.



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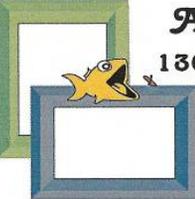
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 TheOffice@smlassociation.org or call 540-719-0690 to receive electronic newsletters only.

SMLA Needs Your Help: A group of dedicated volunteers man the SMLA office on Mondays and Thursdays when our Office Manager is not in. During two shifts, 9-1 and 1-5, they take care of phone communications, map sales, membership renewals and various other office duties.

We need additional help in order to fill the calendar. If you are interested in this valuable service, please contact Jo Holden at 719-0690 or Margot Realmuto at 721-4353. Training is available.

SMLA Summer Office Hours

The secretary is in the office on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.
 From April through September, the office will be open most
 Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 5:00 (staffed by volunteers).
 The SMLA office is closed on Wednesday.

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<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Capps Best HOME BUILDING CENTER</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">13700 Booker T. Washington Hwy. • Moneta, Virginia 24121</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic; font-size: small;">Mention SMLA to receive discounts</p> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"> <p>P: (540) 721-2276 F: (540) 721-2299</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="font-size: small;">You can support SMLA by passing along the New Membership Application in this newsletter to a friend or neighbor who is not a member.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic; font-size: small;">Representing members on issues that affect Smith Mountain Lake and its watershed.</p>
<p style="font-weight: bold; color: green; margin-bottom: 10px;">Advertise your business here!</p> <p>Become a business partner and agree to give discounts or incentives to SMLA Members.</p> <p>For information send an email to: TheOffice@smlassociation.org or call 540-719-0690.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: green; margin-bottom: 10px;">Already a business partner?</p> <p>Email your ad, or your logo and the information you want in the ad, plus the amount of discount or description for incentives to: TheOffice@smlassociation.org or call 540-719-0690.</p>

Appalachian Power Provides Office Hours at the Smith Mountain Lake Association office for your Shoreline Management Questions
Tuesday and Friday Afternoons: 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Office hours are an opportunity for property owners to ask general questions about shoreline management at Smith Mountain Lake. No appointment is needed.
Visit www.smithmtn.com for more information and FAQs about the Shoreline Management Plan.

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SMLA Comments on the Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline

The Smith Mountain Lake Association (SMLA) filed comments on potential environmental issues regarding the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 09, 2015.

In summary, SMLA Environmental comments are the potential contamination of streams and rivers flowing into the Smith Mountain Lake Project (SMLP), comprising the Smith Mountain Lake (SML) and Leesville Lake (LVL), during construction of the pipeline. Of particular concern: Proper pipeline construction techniques must be required to handle runoff of water which may carry sediment and contaminates from the construction area to the SMLP. Fast re-vegetation and re-forestation of the disturbed lands will help reduce water runoff.

The detailed eight page document that SMLA filed with FERC Environmental comments can be read by copying this link to your browser: http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20150609-5127. After you enter the FERC online eLibrary, click on the box to the left of the document titled "SMLA Comments Final MVP Enviro Issues."