



DEEP CREEK DISPATCH



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Newsletter of the
Property Owners' Association
of Deep Creek Lake, Incorporated



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— A FINAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM LOU— AUGUST 2011

Dear POA Members:

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President of the Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake, Inc. for the last two years. But it is time to step aside and spend more time with family and my other passions in life which include my business and various hobbies.

I have met a lot of wonderful people along the way while serving as both Secretary and President of the POA over the years. Additionally, the experience has truly enhanced my knowledge and appreciation for nature and the environment.

It truly gives me a sense of fulfillment to be able to help others and share insights to improve the quality of life for many. These are traits that I have been blessed with which have been instilled in me by first my mother, other family members and close friends.

I hope that I have measured up just a little bit to my immediate predecessors such as Ed King, Roger Titus, the late Judge Fred Thayer, and Scott Johnson just to name a few, as I had to follow in some mighty big foot prints. I know that I didn't stay as long as most presidents of the POA, but considering I served for 4 years as Secretary gave me 6 years of extremely active service. It's time to chill out a bit!

Our nomination committee has agreed on a very capable person to carry on, who I will assist when called upon to do so. I still have a couple of years to go as a POA Board Member and I intend to stay put and participate in the mission of the POA for the time being.

Over the last couple of years, the POA has been very busy with numerous issues that affected our membership. With the internet and email, corresponding is much easier now and we are able to reach out to our membership much more frequently. Improvements to our website gave our

members a central place to find answers to questions that are frequently asked.

I just hope that as other present Board Members step down and aside, there will be other Lake Property Owners who will be just as interested with the drive and dedication that the Board Members who are serving today have, keeping the efforts of the POA continuing for generations to come. It is a bold faced fact that with today's fast pace, it is harder and harder to dedicate the time necessary to volunteer and be effective for worthwhile organizations such as the POA.

I intend to remain active in the community, at least for the next couple of years, serving on the Garrett County Emergency Services Board, the Local Emergency Planning Committee and of course the POA. I have served on many vocational and volunteer boards for most of my adult life and have been active in the Volunteer Fire Service for almost 40 years as well, so volunteering does come easy for me and we will just have to wait and see how long I can sit on the bench.

See you on the LAKE!

Lou Battistella

BOATING SAFETY AND COMMON COURTESY AND SENSE

As all lake property owners and lake users know, Deep Creek Lake is a special resource that requires the respect of all of us. An incident that occurred during the early evening hours of July 22nd bears comment by your editor. It appears that the wake of an unknown boat was the cause of another boat's swamping and ultimate sinking to the bottom of the lake. Apparently the operator of the guilty boat was not aware of the incident he caused or did not care enough to stay around to help.

NRP was called to the scene as was the Deep Creek Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Booms were placed in the water to control any potential fuel leak. Danger buoys were placed to warn boaters of the situation. Later the boat was lifted from the lake bottom and taken away for evaluation.



Fuel and oil leakage was minimal and there was less than \$2,000 damage to the boat, making it a non-reportable boat accident. That is the good news.

On the other hand, valuable and limited NRP, DNR, and DCVFD resources were expended due to the inconsiderate action of one person. Plus the owner of the sunken boat has incurred huge expenses due to careless boat operation. Please implore your boating friends to operate their boats with care and respect for those with whom they share the Lake.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN WAKE and THE DAMAGE IT CAUSES—Not only on Deep Creek Lake, but everywhere else in the Boating Community—Nationwide and around the Globe!

Further on in this newsletter is an archived article relating another event where boater safety was also absent. Please know boating rules!! Please be safe!!

LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS-ARTICLES FROM THE SUMMER 2001 DISPATCH

A TRAGEDY AND A NEAR TRAGEDY

Saturday July 7, 2001 the mast of a Flying Scot sailboat coming in alongside a dock on the west shore of Deep Creek Lake several hundred yards south of the Glendale bridge hit an overhead power line adjacent to the shore. The electricity, of course, went to ground through the aluminum mast. The details are not known to us, but apparently a 9-year old boy then jumped into the lake. His father Brian Hatfield of NY jumped in to save the boy. Both were overcome by the electric current. Then the strong current burnt through one or more of the stainless steel shrouds holding the mast upright, and the mast fell down breaking contact with the power line. At this time, long time POA Board member Ed King, who was passing by in his power boat, realized it was now safe to enter the water and effect a rescue. Several others assisted. CPR was effective on the boy, but the father could not be revived.

If there are power lines near or over the water near your property notify Allegheny Power.

Wednesday evening, **July 11, 2001** in the vicinity of the Deep Creek Yacht Club at Deerhaven at about 5:45 PM, a power boat ran over a Laser sailboat, effectively cutting the boat in two. The power boat was operated by a 14-year old boy in the company of three adults. It is a wonder that the sailor was not killed. He has a few broken bones and, as of the following Saturday, hurt all over. A Laser is not as large as a Flying Scot, but has a 20 foot mast with a large white sail of 76 square feet—hard to miss. The people in the boat said they never saw it. Hey folks—**WATCH WHERE YOU ARE GOING! AND SAILBOATS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY!** If you cannot see because of the sun or fog or for any other reason, **SLOW DOWN!**

The DNR Police were called and responded promptly—to the wrong Yacht Club! They said they did not know there were two Yacht Clubs on Deep Creek Lake!



POA MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED

The next POA general membership meeting will be at 8:30 AM, **Saturday August 2, 2001** at the Garrett 8 Cinema. Please note the new location. The community college was not available. We note, however, that the Garrett 8 Cinemas is central to most lake areas. New POA directors will be elected at the meeting.

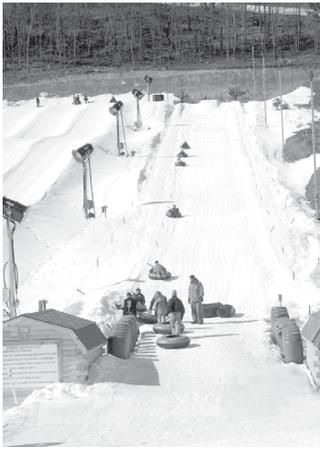
You might wish to visit the new POA web page at <http://www.deepcreeklakepoa.com>.

Also note that the public meeting to discuss the Deep Creek Lake Recreational and Land Use Plan will be held immediately after the POA general membership meeting.

WISP RESORT

Last month we reported the pending sale of Wisp Resort. The sale closed on **June 12, 2001**. The resort was founded by Helmuth Heise in 1955, and he developed it from a one-slope ski hill to a resort that attracts about 180,000 skiers per year.

Changes are underway. Chair five is being extended, chair four redirected, and work has started on a tubing park near Boulder Run.



We trust this look ten years back was interesting and informative.

Your editor did not independently recall that our general membership meetings have been held at Garrett Cinemas for the past 10 years and our website is now 10 years old. My, how time flies.

EVENTS IN AND AROUND DEEP CREEK LAKE

Saturday, September 10

Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival The annual Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival, September 9-11, 2011, benefiting the American Red Cross, Western Potomac Chapter features beautifully handcrafted works by local and regional artisans, wine tasting from over 200 Maryland and national wineries, live music, children's activities, wine pairing dinners, lodging packages, and more.



This worthwhile event is a pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon while supporting the American Red Cross and all that it does. Click on the link below for more information about Friday's dinner specials and Sunday's brunch event. Your editor will be pouring wine for Saturday's participants. See you there. Noon to 6 pm at the Garrett County Fairgrounds Grounds. <http://www.deepcreekwinefest.com>

Saturday, September 17

Third Annual Garrett Mentors Barn Dance. 5 PM to 9PM. Food, dancing, DJ Jonny Rock and silent auction and lots of fun. Ridgeview Valley Barn at the end of Gravelly Run Road. Benefits Garrett County elementary students. Contact 301-334-1783 for tickets. <http://www.garrettmentors.org>

Thursday, September 22

Garrett County, as we all know, is a beautiful place in which to live and recreate. One of the things that make Garrett County so beautiful is its giving population of volunteers. Your Board is intimately involved in many volunteer organizations in our County and encourage you to be-



come involved. Should you be looking to find a volunteer opportunity that suits your fancy the **Volunteer Fair** is just what you may be look for.

Garrett County's second annual **Volunteer Fair** is from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the at Garrett College gymnasium. The event is designed to connect volunteers to more than more than 20 organizations in need of their help, including the Garrett Mentors, Adventure Sports Center International, Diakon Adult Day Services, Hospice of Garrett County, Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers, Garrett Lakes Art Festival, The Dove Center, HART for Animals, Girl Scouts Black Diamond Council, and the Garrett County Habitat for Humanity. This event is free and open to the public. For more information on this event, persons may visit www.garrettcollege.edu/volunteer or call 301-387-3046.

October 12-16

The 44th Annual Autumn Glory Festival celebrates the beauty of Garrett County. Stay tuned to the Garrett County website for more information. <http://www.visitdeepcreek.com>



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