



A View from the Lake

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Schaefer Lake Newsletter

October 2016

Upcoming Events

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| <u>October 10th</u> | <u>Columbus Day.</u> A public holiday in Indiana |
| <u>October 20th</u> | <u>Board Meeting</u> 7:00 P.M. at Jamie Champlin's home |
| <u>October 21st</u> | <u>"Night at the Museum"</u> at the Yellow Trail Museum |
| <u>October 31st</u> | <u>Halloween</u> Hope Trick or Treating 6:00-8:00 P.M. |



New Neighbors!!

Tony & Molly Schroeder

Lot# 68 (Ron & Marcia Albert's house)

Marcia tells us that the Schroder's will be moving in later in October. Please take the time to make the Schroeder's feel welcome to our community. It is so nice to have new people moving in and so sad to lose the "old" ones! We wish the Albert's the best in the future!

Meet Your Neighbor

By Dawn Deiwert

This month's visit is with **Tim and Cindy Stuckey**. Tim and Cindy moved to the lake in June of 1997. They like living in this area because it is a friendly, rural community They love the lake because they enjoy watching the blue herons, hummingbirds and eagles.

Tim has owned Stuckey's Piano Service for 33 years, tuning and repairing pianos. If you or someone you know needs your piano serviced, give Tim a call! After teaching elementary school for 11 years and working in Corporate America for 20 plus years, Cindy decided to start her own company, Making Performance Matter. She provides business and executive coaching, facilitation, leadership development and performance improvement for small and medium businesses. Cindy also owns Winn Family Farms in Shelby County along with her brother Doug. The farm has been in her family for over 150 years.

Tim and Cindy have a wonderful son, Brandon, who works at the Youth Services Center. Three years ago they gained a daughter-in-law that they are crazy about along with three grand-beagles. They also have a very cute rescue Shih Tzu dog named Bailey who is a perfect little guy.

Tim and Cindy enjoy camping, boating, vacationing in Tucson, AZ. and spending time with family and friends. They especially enjoy spending time with their great-niece, Claire, and twin great-nephews, Jon and William in Chicago. They enjoy traveling and experienced an amazing vacation in Italy. Cindy fell in love with Venice and didn't want to leave!

The Stuckey's have two get-togethers each year. Their 4th of July annual celebration is now in the fifth year and is held regardless of the weather. There have been a couple of parties where it was too hot to be outside so Tim was outside all alone grilling hot dogs and burgers. They are preparing to have their 4th annual Stuckey's Christmas Party in December. Previous themes have been: Christmas Vacation, A Christmas Story, and A Cool Monkey Christmas. Below are pictures of Tim and Cindy in costume for A Christmas Story with Cindy as the "leg lamp" and another with Tim and Cindy as "sock monkeys".

Thanks to the Stuckey's for allowing us to get to know them a little better! Who will be next in "*Meet Your Neighbor*"? The call for an interview may be coming to you soon!





Last month we enjoyed the Hope Ride bicyclists. **Did you know** the number of organizations that benefit from these rides? See below:

- ❖ Hauser HS Dollars for Scholars
- ❖ Love Chapel (Columbus)
- ❖ Hope Ministerial Association Poor Relief
- ❖ Hope Area Food Bank Endowment
- ❖ Hope and Clifford Volunteer Fire Depts.
- ❖ Area Boy Scout Troops
- ❖ Feed My Starving Children
- ❖ Wheeler Mission
- ❖ Johnson County Interfaith Food Pantry
- ❖ Hope Elementary Library
- ❖ Hope Police Reserves
- ❖ Area Food Pantries (via our Biggest Team Contest)
- ❖ Hope Area Youth Sports



Did you know that last month several veterans and volunteers took part in a recent Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. to visit the war memorials? Among those going was our own **Bob Gilliland**. Bob served in the U.S. Army for three years during and after the Korean War. He was a “light commander” using large spotlights to illuminate battlefields and events.

The trip takes the veterans to Arlington Cemetery and to the war memorials for Vietnam, Korea and WWII along with the Lincoln Memorial. Bob said he was most impressed with the Korean Memorial which features a statue of soldiers patrolling through a rice paddy. But, of special interest on his trip, a group of Korean tourists were visiting at the same time and expressed their admiration for the veteran’s service. He said “It made it all worth it”.

Susan Fye has also been involved with the Honor Flights as a Guardian as well as a member of the ground crew. We thank Bob as well as each of our veterans for their service, and our volunteers, like Susan, for making sure that our country never forgets the debt we owe them. We are proud you are part of our Schaefer Lake community!



Tips for Lake Living

By Jamie Champlin

Have you ever noticed Mr. Bill Lewis taking pictures around the lake? If you look closely you will see him out in his boat or sitting in his car. He notices and patiently watches the wildlife that most of us tend to overlook. He will often dart across the lake to get a better look at an Osprey or an Eagle. Bill loves to capture pictures of animals and birds. He says they are creatures of habit; tending to stay in the same place and follow daily practices. His favorite picture is one of 2 young foxes that hung out near an old barn. Every morning around 9 he would go and sit patiently. The mother fox would bring chickens and ducks for the foxes. He would stay and watch for more than an hour every day. After awhile they just got used to his presence.

Bill loves to get pictures of owls, turkey, deer and birds near the Clifty Creek Golf Course. He has learned to call Barred owls using a recording. The owls can make 9 different sounds and when he plays his recordings he can usually get 2 owls (they generally travel in pairs) talking back to him within 5 minutes. They stay in the woods, but will typically move to the outer edge, they will respond at all times of the day.

Bill started photography at the age of 14 using a Kodak Pony camera. He has lived here for 20 years and he enjoys all the beauty Schaefer Lake has to offer. He says that photography is an expensive hobby so he gave it up during his time in service. He now has a Nikon Single Lens Reflex (SLR) digital camera. Most of his pictures are taken with a telephoto

lens. If you can afford such a camera he believes that the SLR is the best as you can take multiple shots with no delay. He takes 6.5 shots in 1 second.

When asked what advice he would give to us amateurs who would love to develop our photography skills, Bill recommends using a tripod and using flash. He enjoys taking pictures of hummingbirds and even in the daytime the flash really brings out the colors. Bill also recommends a camera with settings so that you can change the sensitivity to light. He loves editing his pictures almost as much as he loves taking them and he will often crop or adjust the lighting using "Nikon Zone" software.

Most of us don't have a camera unit quite as nice as Bill's and most of us don't have the time or patience to capture the pictures he takes. There are some beautiful and inspiring pictures that get posted on our Schaefer Lake group facebook page by Shannon Dailey, Susan Fye, Nancy Snyder, Luke Manley and others. Bill has indicated that he would like to post his pictures on the group page. Watch for them as he and his daughter Kathi plan to post some soon.



One thing that is definitely required when taking amazing pictures is a good eye, a feel for perspective, and some imagination. Our own Paul Ashbrook who recently carried the Olympic Torch in honor of his work to develop the non-profit Hope Ride and Girlfriend Ride events demonstrates all three of those traits in his pictures. The pictures he posts on the facebook pages; Hoperide and Girlfriend ride are incredible – take a look. I was surprised to learn that he takes his pictures using an Iphone 6 camera. Paul recommends checking out

pictures on Flickr and National Geographic as well as reading articles about photography if you are interested in improving your photography skills.

Paul clearly has a good eye for interesting and unique pictures as well as dedication to helping others. The proceeds from these bike rides benefit area food pantries and youth outreach programs in the community (see above). His good works are definitely appreciated in Bartholomew County. Paul says that being a torch carrier was one of those once in a lifetime experiences and he appreciates being nominated by the folks from our community.



Don't forget our new neighbors from last month....Conrad & Melissa Braunagul on Lot #76! Have you met them yet? Please continue to make them feel welcome!



Notes from Sept.15, 2016 Board Meeting

- ❖ Rules & Regulations Committee, represented by chairman, Rob Daly, presented the board with the final draft regarding Boat Registrations and Boating Rules. After discussion the board accepted the draft for presentation to the general membership. A meeting will be scheduled for the general membership to review the documents and have an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions. The final document will be presented and voted on at the year-end meeting.
- ❖ Cody Hege is meeting with an engineering firm as well as our current dredging committee and will have a more detailed update next month.
- ❖ Scott Towsley is meeting with Burke & Assoc. engineering firm regarding quotes on possible analysis studies on the emergency spillway as suggested by the DNR.
- ❖ The need for a Safety Committee is mandated by our By-Laws but to date it has been difficult finding people who are willing serve on this committee. To eliminate the Safety Committee entirely would mean revising our By-Laws which is time consuming and costly. The board voted to populate the Safety Committee with members of the board. This will satisfy the stipulations of our By-Laws as well as give the membership an outlet to voice any safety concerns. If any safety issues arise feel free to contact any board member.
- ❖ A report on the Fall Picnic deemed it a success. As is customary, the board discussed suggestions that would make the picnic even better going forward.
- ❖ The board voted to increase the tentative budget to \$500 for water testing in 2017. Jamie reports that Sun Aquatics who treats the lake has reported “coon tail” blowing over from the cow pond and taking root in the lake. Sun Aquatics treated for this on 9/15/2016 and will treat again in the spring if needed. Two tests for nitrate have been performed by Element and she reported the latest testing results for Ecoli were 10.8 done on 9/7/2016. See below for more details.



SLLOA Board Members

Carrie Trotter (Lot #47) – President/Chairman of Social Committee

**Jamie Champlin (Lot#14)- Vice-President/Co-Chr.Membership
Committee Website&Facebook/Water testing**

Scott Cole (Lot#49)- Treasurer/Legal Committee

**Freida Robertson (Lot#13)- Secretary/Co-Chr.Membership
Committee/Newsletter**

Scott Towsley (Lot#40)- Dam Projects

Cody Hege (Lot#22) – Chairman of Facilities Committee

Rob Dailey (Lot#46) – Member-at-Large

Amanda Dorenfeld (Lot#38) – Member-at-Large

Next board meeting is October 20, 2016.

As a member of the SLLOA you have a voice....be sure it's heard.

Schaefer Lake Water Quality Testing – 2016

The following is a summary of the lake water testing that has been conducted this season. All measures were low and fell into a safe range. For this season the water was tested at the end of the dock at Lot#14 during the morning while the water was calm and water levels were normal.

Ecoli: Max allowable 235 (Most Probable Numbers per Milliliter)

Report 16052661 May 18, 2016	Ecoli	11.0 mpn/100ml
Report 16062707 June 21, 2016	Ecoli	5.2 mpn/100ml
Report 16072637 July 25, 2016	Ecoli	<1 mpn/100ml
Report 16090480 Sept. 9, 2016	Ecoli	10.8 mpn/100ml

Nitrate: Max allowable is 10 mg/L

Element report 16052133 Nitrogen level 3.0

Lead – Using a home test kit lead was measured to be in the normal range.

Current Water Treatment process – Rising Sun Aquatics – Pat McArdle:

- Has been treating Schaefer Lake for over 20 years. This is the largest lake he treats and the cleanest lake he treats. Most of his work is in Marion County.
- He uses Copper Sulfate for algae control, primarily treating near the inlet from the cow ponds and near the inlet from Duck Creek.
- He does not spray for insect control.
- When treating the lake on September 15th, Mr. Ardle observed aquatic weed fragments- primarily “coontail” with some Eurasian water milfoil coming in from the cow ponds. He says this is more than he has seen before. He plans to visit the lake again in October to keep an eye on the “coontail” weed fragments, and he plans to treat this in the spring as needed.

Mr. McArdle also noted that we have a high amount of microscopic algae scum, which he does not treat, coming in from the creek. He stated that this algae results from lawn fertilizer runoff and farm field runoff. This algae also develops in heat and this has been the hottest August on record.

Test Plan for 2017:

- Ecoli tests will be conducted monthly at 2 different locations. (May – September). Water will be collected from the Towsley’s dock, and the Jekel’s dock. All tests will be conducted in the morning when the water is calm and the water level is normal. If the quality of the water appears questionable more tests will be conducted and residents will be notified.
- Nitrate tests will be conducted in early June.
- The water will be tested for lead, and copper with readily available science tests.
- There have been concerns expressed from the membership regarding the green algae that sometimes appears in the water. We will continue to search for ways to monitor algae growth, treatment, and prevention.

Report submitted by Jamie Champlin