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On January 1, 2011  
Annual Dues: \$20.00  
Mail to:  
El Felton  
4182 Shady Lane  
Rhineland, WI 54501

ANNUAL MEETING:  
10:00AM, JULY 10, 2011  
PINE VALLEY LODGE  
3980 LAKE SHORE DR

**From THE PREZ**

*"When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock..."*

James Whitcomb Riley. 1853-1916

Like the poet, I am particularly partial to autumn. I enjoy all the seasons, and that is why I choose to live in Northern Wisconsin, the beautifully colored leaves, the cooler weather, the crisp sunny days and the anticipation of the coming holidays, all make this a favorite time of the year for me.

Of course fall means additional tasks for those living on lakes. Taking out docks, putting boats into winter storage and winterizing boat motors are all part of the fall chores. But while we loudly complain about this work to anyone who will listen, I suspect that secretly most of us enjoy these rituals as they remind us how lucky we are to be living in a part of the world that has the largest concentration of fresh water lakes on the planet.

This season also means that the MCLA Board scheduled it's fall meeting on Tuesday, October 12. It was very productive and I am very impressed with the dedication and skills of your board and their willingness to work hard for you.

As our meeting minutes will be posted on the MCLA website, I will not go into the details here. However, I would like to highlight some of the progress being made by your lake association.

First, if you have not visited the MCLA website, give yourself a treat a pay a visit very soon (<http://www.moenlakechain.org>). Bill Disbrow is our website manager and he does a masterful job. Bill must be on-line 24/7, as I do not think I have ever waited more than an hour for a quick reply to my question(s) or regarding a piece I have submitted for publication on our site. So, in addition to committing to pay a visit to the MCLA site also consider sending Bill anything that you feel would be of interest to our membership.

Secondly, one of the most visible activities / services that our lake association provides not only to our membership, but to everyone who boats on our lake chain, is the placement and maintenance of the channel markers. CON'TD



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WALT GAGER, EDITOR

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**NEW:  
MEMBERS TURN**

Give credit to Dan Carlson and his crew for a thankless job of enduring ice cold water conditions in early spring and late fall to make certain our channel markers are in and out at appropriate times. Some of you may have noted, no matter how hard we try to keep the metal poles that hold the markers upright and straight, mother-nature and the powerful ice she makes, constantly challenges our efforts. So, your MCLA Board did approve the purchase of a metal press which will be used to straighten the poles each season, and you should plan to see upright channel markers when the ice is out next spring.

Here's hoping that your autumn season is relaxing and enjoyable. If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our lake association, please contact me at your convenience @ [danglobesolution@aol.com](mailto:danglobesolution@aol.com)

Dan

### NEW NEWSLETTER LOGO

Thanks to Bob and Nancy Rosera for the design of the logo for the Newsletter's new name "MoenBeams" reflects (no pun intended) the historic name of the chain as well as the beauty of the geography and the interest in one of the north woods grand sports – fishing. We hope you like it.

### DAM IT

At the annual meeting questions arose about the lake water levels. The Moen chain is the smallest of the state's seven water reservoirs in Oneida, Lincoln, Marathon, Forest and Vilas counties. The other six are the Rainbow, Willow, Rice, Spirit and the Eau Pleine. The dam at the outlet of North Pelican fifth lake controls our chains water levels. In all, there are 21 water storage reservoirs including those in upper Michigan providing 61,265 acres of surface water. The agency responsible for maintaining the dam and controlling the amount of water flowing through the gates is the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co. (WVIC) based in Wausau. The WVIC was originally charged with flood control after the logging period dwindled post 1900.

The Company acquired 16 former logging dams located at the outlets of natural lakes that are tributaries to the Wisconsin River in 1907–8. From 1911–1937 five new reservoirs were built. The initial justification for creating these dams was flood control and the need to create more manageable constant water levels. Besides that, the rivers downstream are dependent on their water levels to maintain flow for hydroelectric performance and provide for aquatic river life, both plant and animal.

This past summer we experienced one of the highest rain volumes, in a short period, in decades. This resulted in high water levels throughout the system. I think it's far better than the drought that we have experienced over the past years despite the problems that the high levels may have created, don't you?

### WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

My grandmother started walking 5 miles a day when she was 60. She is now 97 and we haven't a clue as to where she is.

Why is it that one careless match can start a forest fire but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

### ADDRESSES, PLEASE

Electronic delivery of future Newsletters is more efficient and less costly plus you get it in living color (More color is planned for the near future). So, please send us your addresses. We would be GREATLY appreciative.

### WEB SITE/BOAT LANDING KIOSK

If you haven't visited our web site you're missing something. Especially the Loon watch link. Here you can follow a loon in it's migration south. Check it out!

If you have had no reason to visit the boat landing on Moen Lake lately, go see the new ibulletin board soon to be completed.



Our summer picnic hosts: Dan Kuzlik and Sally Latimer

### **MLCA BOARD MEETING**

The first Board meeting under the auspices of Dan Kuzlik was held at Dan and Sally's beautiful home on October 12. The minutes and the treasurer's reports from the Spring meeting were approved. Reports were heard from all of the Committees. The highlights included an extended discussion about the Adopt-a-Shoreline program, particularly as to how important it is and how can we get our members (non members as well) to understand it. All it takes is for a property owner to record the time spent in inspecting the shoreline of the property. Summarize at the end of the summer and send to Kathy Winkler our AIS coordinator. This helps monitor the whole lake and if and individual (or family) finds something odd of different than what had been found in the past we can identify it. Please consider taking part. For information contact Kathy @ 369-1868 or search on our web site.

### **ZEBRA MUSSELS**

Did you know that we are looking for the invasive zebra mussel on all six lakes? There are 20 pyramid shaped plastic plates all along the shore of the chain. To date they are all negative. Thank to all the volunteers who place them in the spring, check them during the summer and pull them out in the fall.

***I DOUBT, THEREFORE I MIGHT BE!***

### **CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE (CB/CWC)**

This committee is in need of a new Chair. Dan Kuzlik has held this position for the past several (five) years, but now as our new president, the committee needs new leadership. Basically, the Chair works with our paid CB/CW coordinator, Kathy Winkler to write & monitor our annual lake Monitoring grant and to work with Kathy in our annual CB/CW efforts. Dan has promised to train the new chair and to make certain that the **Oneida County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator** assists in the process. Here is a great opportunity for a MLCA member to step forward and get involved in what may be considered our most important effort: keeping invasive species from our beautiful lake chain. Contact Dan Kuzlik today (or very soon) at: *danglobesolution@aol.com* to volunteer or to obtain additional information.

### **CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM**

Aligned with the CB/CW efforts is this program that will be offered again next year just before the annual meeting. A DNR representative and trained members of your association will be present to identify any aquatic specimen, be it animal, vegetable or mineral, that you have pulled from your shoreline or any other place on the chain. Place them in plastic bags with water to keep them fresh and..... come on in!

### **MLCA GEAR/MEMBERSHIP**

The back page of the Newsletter has an order form for MLCA gear if you choose. There is also an application for membership attached. Would you cut that out and ask a neighbor near you to join us? We now have about half of the property owners but more would be helpful in fulfilling our mission. We are here for them.

### **FYI – PIER SIZE**

Large pier owners have until April 1, 2011 to register their pier to see if it qualifies for "grandfathering". I doubt that there are any piers large enough to worry about on our chain. For more info contact: Griffin:@ 608-266-2997 or via the web: *dnrpiers@wisconsin.gov*.

## ARE WE AWARE? RESPONSIBLE?

As custodians of our lakes it behoove us to use caution and diligence in what we place in them and how we use them. Besides our bodies, what are we placing in the lake? Consider the effects of the July 4th nitrates or other substances such as the paper wadding and other detritus that occurs with each explosion over water. How about the sparklers that end up in the lake? Do you go in for a swim with bare feet? Do the stems rust? Are you bathing in the lake with soaps and emollients that are free of pollutants? Is your Outboard motor leaking gasoline? Oil? If you have a lawn to the water's edge is the fertilizer phosphorus free? What chemicals in the fertilizer that you are using pollute? Does your property's rain runoff reach the lake? When water skiing or running fast with a jet ski, are you aware of the effect of the water turbulence on the lake bottom, especially in shallow areas? Are we being good neighbors? Is our evening lighting aimed correctly so as not to encroach on the adjoining properties (look across the lake, you shouldn't see a light fixture at night, only the light glow). Each property owner is just one part of a community owning, living, loving and enjoying our little part of heaven. I'm not trying to "nag" or "point fingers". All I want us to do is be good neighbors, aware of others. Thanks for reading the above.

## FACTOIDS

- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- The first novel written on a typewriter was "*Tom Sawyer*"
- Butterflies taste with their feet.



Dan Carlson holding the "Certificate of Recognition" presented to the Association by the DNR for our efforts in combating Aquatic Invasive Species.

## MEMBERS TURN

Welcome to this new section. We would like to hear from you about anything that you love, hate, your pet peeves, questions about anything (some reservations there), what you like about the Newsletter, the Association and what you don't. What can we do better? any suggestions to improve us! Lay it on us, we've got strong shoulders, backs and weak minds.

Write, call, e-mail, knock on the door:

<b>Walt Gager</b>	<b>Bonnie Montgomery</b>
<b>3302 W. Cottage Rd</b>	<b>3116 E. Cottage Road</b>
<b>Rhinelander, WI 554501</b>	
<b>715-369-9142</b>	<b>715-362-1253</b>
<b>wegager@pol.net</b>	<b>bonseden@gmail.com</b>

All questions, inquires, statements etc. will be kept strictly confidential. We will never give your personal information to any one.

Can you identify whose property is in the photograph on page 1? Is a contest coming up?

More fun to come in the future, watch for it.

Walt Gager

# MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION, Inc.

## Order Blank and Membership Application page

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For **EMBROIDERED APPAREL** mail or call:

METRO PRINTING - 510 LINCOLN STREET, RHINELANDER, WI 54501 - 715-365-3195

<b>PENNANTS</b>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>\$\$\$\$</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(Mounting clips &/or posts at Shoeder Marine (See Casey)	_____	11.00	_____

**SILK SCREENED APPAREL:** (Large MLCA logo on front with Red M and Black Chain)

<u>ORDER (CIRCLE):</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>\$\$\$\$</u>	<u>\$ TOTAL</u>
Tee shirt:	GREY	YOUTH	_____	13.00	_____
Long Sleeve Tee Shirt	WHITE	SMALL	_____	16.00	_____
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	KHAKI	LARGE	_____	23.00	_____
Hooded Sweatshirt		X LARGE	_____	28.00	_____
		XX LARGE	_____		_____

### DARK COLORS:

REQUIRE DIFERENT MLCA LOGO COLORS

CHECK WITH METRO FOR MATERIAL & LOGO COLORS, PROVIDE LIZ WITH CHOICE FOR ORDER

\*\*NOTE: METRO REQUIRES A MINIMUM ORDER OF 12 WITH THE SAME LOGO BEFORE PROCESSING DARK COLORS

### MODIFICATIONS AVAILABLE:

LARGE LOGO ON BACK ONLY

SMALL LOGO ON FRONT ONLY

SMALL LOGO ON FRONT, LARGE LOGO ON BACK (EXTRA CHARGE PER SIRT): \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

MAY REQUEST DIFFERENT LIGHT COLORED MATERIALS WITH STANDARD RED "M" & BLACK "CHAIN"

COLOR REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_ ORDER TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND TO: SALLY LATIMER: 3571 CTY RD "C", RHINELANDER, 54501 OR 715-362-1714**

**OR: WALT GAGER: 3302 W. COTTAGE RD, RHINELANDER, WI 54501 OR 715-369-9142**

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RHINELANDER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ DUES: (\$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW                      RENEW                      UNSUBSCRIBE

MAIL TO: EL FELTON, TREASURER, 4182 SHADY LANE, RHINELANDER, WI 54501