

# Arbutus Lake Log

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*The official newsletter of the Lake Arbutus Association,.*

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**The Lake Arbutus Pavilion** is sponsoring a vacation and outdoor recreation show next week end, May 4 & 5 from 9:00 am till late afternoon. There will be displays and representatives from area businesses and clubs. The LAA will be displaying our "Kids Don't Float" life jacket loaner station, explaining our new web site, demonstrating on the Pavilion big screen the use of the LAA live lake cam and displaying the "Gumby Suits" that the LAA donated to the Fire Department. The Association, along with the Hatfield Sportsman Club will talk about the defibrillators that are being donated by the two organizations for placement in nine area businesses. See later story.

During this show, the LAA will be offering a real "Deal" on membership. For the low low price of \$30.00, you can join the LAA for the rest of 2013 and all of 2014. WOW! And, even another great deal will be offered to the first 13 people. We have "collector" 2013 calendars that will be offered at a

**Flag is Flown In Memory of Jim Hauge. Donated by the Hatfield R.O.M.E.O Gang.**

generous discount of \$1.00 per month for any expired months. Just don't get any better than that! See 2014 Calendar story.

**Notice from Clark County:** Due to wet conditions all Clark County Recreational Trails will remain closed until May 15th. With the continued precipitation we are receiving, trails will need to be monitored; our goal is to open the trails as soon as conditions allow.

Please be advised that the May 15<sup>th</sup> opening date is tentative. The latest information can be obtained by calling 715-743-5140 or at [www.co.clark.wi.us](http://www.co.clark.wi.us).

**Jackson County ATV Trails:** Scheduled opening for these trails has always been May 15, conditions permitting. When on doubt, contact [www.co.jackson.wi.us](http://www.co.jackson.wi.us)

## **Newsletter Changes:**

Now that we have the new web site in place and we can access at a moment's notice. We will be using the web site for instant or timely notifications of events, rather than on a quarterly basis. The newsletter will be used more for topics of a general nature as well as articles affecting the membership. We have three different mailing lists on the web site. Current members, Past members and Non Members interested in topics concerning the LAA. Your membership allows you receive information of Association events, access to the video camera on the dam and any alerts or news about Hatfield. Your membership is important to the Association, and we want your feed back as to how we can improve your time "at the lake".



**Kids Don't Float:** The LAA has received a grant from the DNR to construct and place two more loaner life jacket kiosks at the other two park boat landings on Lake Arbutus. The DNR pays for the material and the life jackets and Lake Association members will construct the kiosks. After last year's usage of the loaner jackets, this has become a signature project for the LAA. The DNR is using this project on other lakes throughout the state, but your association was the first to put one in place!

**Church services in the Russell Park Shelter:** The Black River Falls Evangelical Lutheran Church will again hold non denominational services at the shelter starting at 9:45 every Sunday Morning from Memorial Day till Labor Day. And, as every good Norwegian and Lutheran church service, there will be coffee and cookies after the service.

**LAA Annual Meeting:** The Lake Arbutus Association's annual meeting will be held at the Lake Arbutus Pavilion on July 27. Free pancake breakfast at 8:00 am, followed by the meeting and election of four board members to serve two year terms. As you can see, the LAA is quite active in civic and lake promotion. You too can be a part of it. No campaigning required. Warning: Last year I was late for the election and ended up on the board! So, don't miss this annual meeting.



**Gumby comes to Hatfield:** This spring the Lake Association purchased two Gumby suits and four 150 foot approved rescue lines for the Hatfield Fire department to use to support ice rescues. The photo above shows the training that several members of the Fire Department went through for training in March. This picture was taken right above the dam. BRRRRRRRR! Early this fall we had several individuals fall through the ice. Our concern was this spring might also present a challenge. Our hope is by having the equipment available, it will never be needed. This is another example of how your membership fees are used to improve the safety of our lake.

**Calendar Contest:** Remember the calendar photo contest. You should be taking pictures (action pictures with people) all season long for your entries. You can either send them now or save them till October first. Update: calendar sales were a little off this year and we have listened to your concerns. The 2014 calendar will have one line of advertizing on the bottom of each month, and the revenue from this will offset the price of the calendar. We will try to get the price down to a more reasonable amount. That way you can fill Christmas stockings and give these cherished gifts to all your loved ones. Just remember though that this is part of a fund raiser for your association. Several merchants have suggested that free coupons be included with the calendar. We will be working on that also.

## James E. Hauge 5-26-1924 to 12-7-2012

A Memorial service for Jim Hauge will be held at High Ground west of Neillsville on May 25 at 1:00. The Memorial service will be in the Medication Garden. Jim was Mr. Hatfield to this reporter. I learned a lot about Hatfield and the surrounding area by just listening to Jim at the Saturday morning R.O.M.E.O. breakfasts. Jim was also a train nut like me. I enjoyed his take on model railroading as well as the many railroads that crossed Clark and Jackson County.

As I remember Jim, his greatest dedication was to High Ground. [www.highground.org](http://www.highground.org) Being a veteran of WWII and a 30 year National Guardsman, Jim dedicated himself to the building and recording of High Ground through both his volunteer labor and his camera. To me, it is Jim's living Memorial. It is well worth a visit, and maybe a small donation. High Ground honors the Soldiers and Sailors from all of our Military conflicts. There is a visitor's center and it is always manned by an attendant that can answer any questions about High Ground. But, to most visitors, just a quiet tour of the grounds and displays is enough.

**Firewise:** Again as we come into the summer season please be extremely careful of fire around your home. Raking up leaves? Take them to the landfill instead of dumping them in the woods. Stacking firewood? Get it away from the house or any outbuildings. You know the drill. Our area is a high risk of fire spreading because of the large amount of forest land and brush. Remember, the Hatfield Fire Department does make house calls, but only if they can get the big trucks down your driveway.

**Defibrillator Fund:** As you probably have heard, the Hatfield Sportsman's Club and the Lake Arbutus Association have joined together on a project to furnish nine business places with AED's. These defibrillators are the first defense for heart attack victims and have been responsible for multiple life savings since they have been put in public locations. They will be installed in the nine locations after two people in the businesses have been trained by the Fire Department. The locations are **The Mug, Inwood, Pavilion, Stone's Throw, Deerview- Hatfield Sports Shop, Sports**

**Bar, Hatfield Hub, Arbutus Motel and the Lake Arbutus Motor Sports.** A fund raising drive is ongoing, and your tax free donations are encouraged. Please make your checks out to the Hatfield fire Department and mail them to Ralph Johnson, N96 Pine Place, Merrilan WI 54754.

- **Stimulus:** For your information. Here's something interesting that I got from TDS Telecom. It has to do with high speed internet for anyone on TDS Neillsville telephone exchange. It appears that we might get internet service compliments of the Federal Government stimulus program. I know that there is some construction going on near the Rivera Drive boat launch.

*Dear Torger;*

*I wanted to let you know it appears the address of your cabin is in our stimulus-funded area.*

*Construction on the project is underway and services should be available by the end of next year (Dec. 2013).*

*As I mentioned, just because it appears it will be available at your cabin is not a guarantee it will be available to all addresses in the area. We check the addresses one-by-one. It's also important to recognize that engineering plans could change and that could impact where service is available.*

*We post all updates to <http://www.tdstelecom.com/MediaRoom/StimulusFunding.aspx>. On this page, you'll also find maps (you're in the Badger Tel. exchange) showing the general area where we are building out with stimulus funding. If you have any questions or need more information, just let me know.*

Take care, Cindy Tomlinson, Cindy  
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As usual, you are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter or at least be interviewed about the Lake Arbutus area. I can be contacted via Email at [torger@msn.com](mailto:torger@msn.com)

