

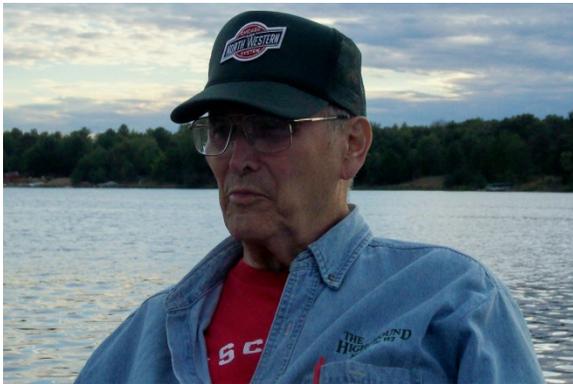
Arbutus Lake Log

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The official newsletter of the Lake Arbutus Association,.

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Jim Hauge passed away on Dec. 7, 2012 at Marshfield. He was eighty eight years old. Jim meant a lot to the Hatfield and Neillsville area for all the volunteer work he did for the communities. So, let me ramble on about Jim for a few minutes. First of all, I had to talk to Jim, the Dewhurst Zoning Administrator when I did some building in Hatfield. He knew the rules and was very patient in explaining them and helping me with my projects.

Then I met Jim at the local R.O.M.E.O. breakfast at the Hub. I instantly identified Jim as a future friend for life, because he was talking about trains! I found out a lot about the local railroad history in the Black River Falls area from Jim and in our conversations I also found out that Jim was a model railroader too. Unfortunately, the breakfast gang didn't really understand our love for railroading, but as I soon found out, Jim was interested in almost anything to do with

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

helping the area. Here are some other things that I found out about Jim's service to the community. Jim and three other returning WW-II vets started the Bruce Mound Ski area. In 1948, they obtained a lease on the area and cut down the woods to make the ski hill. The guys named it the "Half Moon Ski Club". In 1960, it was turned over to the Clark County Recreation department. The first rope tow was just a rope on a John Deere tractor wheel that had been jacked up.

Jim served in the Army in France and was in the Battle of the Bulge, and then returned and served in the National Guard for a total of 28 years. He retired as a WO-4 from the Black River Falls unit.

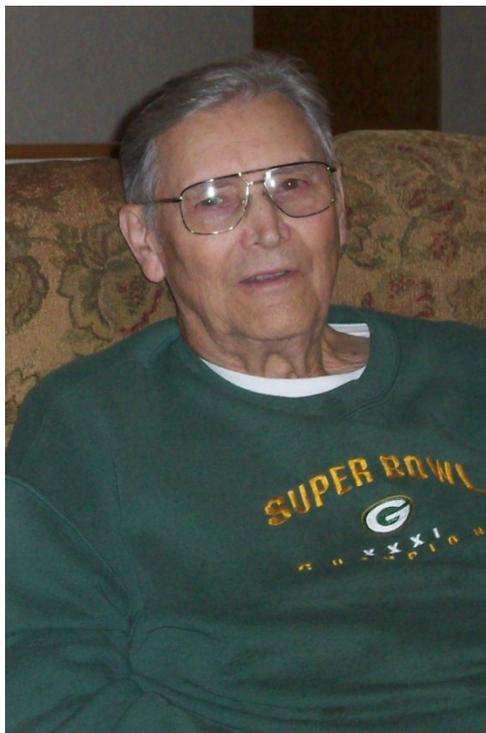
His military service led him to several Veteran orientated activities. Jim was one of the driving forces behind *High Ground*, the Memorial for Veterans of past wars and conflicts. He spent countless hours there working, guiding and he was also the "Official Photographer" for *High Ground*.

I guess that it seems only fitting for a Memorial Service Celebration of Life for Jim to be held there this spring. I will notify via the LAA Email site when the service is scheduled.

A couple other things that I remember about Jim was that he had built a "Locomotive" out of his garden tractor and a "caboose" out of a snowmobile trailer for parades around the area. Jim had rigged up an air horn for the engine and he would have people sit on chairs on the trailer so it looked like they were in the caboose. I know that it was a delight for my grandchildren. And, if you have ever dined at the depot in Merrilan, Jim assembled the trains that run around the dining room ceiling. One time, he explained to me how many miles, real and scale,

that those trains had run. He favored the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, but he also had a Milwaukee Road Passenger train running too. That's my favorite railroad. I could go on with my memories of Jim, but I think you get the idea. In just ten years Jim made a lasting impression on me as well as giving me a role model. God bless the memory of Jim Hauge.

Let me finish by saying that the Packer game was on in the background while I wrote this. Jim's daughter Jamie Zimmerman sent me a couple of pictures that I opened during the game. I'm sure that the Packers were another one of Jim's dedications.



Lake Arbutus Association Dues Reminder

The Lake Arbutus Association is funded only by the membership dues, which are \$20.00 per year and per family. Dues are due on the first of January. With these dues, we donate to many activities of the Hatfield area, such as the Fire department, Water Ski Show, the Dewhurst Flag pole and lights, the Fireworks on the fourth, the "Kids Don't Float" life jacket loaner facility at the Russell Park boat launch and the

Web cam on the dam just to name a few. We also work with the DNR and the Fire Department on the *Firewise* program, monitor water quality and publish this newsletter to help keep you informed.

But wait, there's more. New to this year, in conjunction with the Lake Arbutus Pavilion, you can receive a family pass for fifty, yes FIFTY passes for skating at the Pavilion during normal skating hours. A pass may be picked up at the Pavilion after your dues for the year have been paid. WE will update membership renewals weekly with Russ and he will give you a fifty card punch pass for your family for skating. There will be a small fee for rental skates.

ATV TRAIL OPENINGS

All the ATV and Snowmobile trails are now open and will remain open until March 15. Always check with the DNR or Counties if in doubt. WARNING: As of Dec 30, the lakes were unsafe for snowmobiles and anything else, as there was some spots of ice that were only 1" thick. One cross country skier and one snowmobiler have joined the Polar Bear Club a few days early. With the early snow on the ice acting as insulation, areas with a current underneath the ice have not been able to freeze solid.

Bruce Mound is open too.

Call 715-743-2296 for details. They are open on Friday nights from 5:00 till 10:00. Saturday and Sunday hours are 10:00 till 4:00.

Photo Contest and Calendar Sales.

If you haven't got your LAA calendar yet, better hurry. The Bait Shop, The Hub, the Sportsbar and The Pavilion still have a few left. Price is \$12.00. They will make great gifts. When you get your calendar, vote for your favorite photo by month and Email your choice to torgerr@msn.com. In the April newsletter, we will announce the winner.

Next year, the rules are a changin'. We've had enough pictures of sun rising, sun sets, rippling water and snow. The criteria for next year will be as follows:

- Photos will have to have people in them.
- Photos will need action or activity
- Photos will need a Hatfield location
- Any number of photos may be submitted
- Titles preferred

We have a new Lake Association Website. Time to log-in to your account.

Logging in first time for Initial emails.mp4

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Added on 3/20/12

We have been working on a new Lake Arbutus Association website the past couple of months, which is live and ready for your log in. The name of our new website is: <http://www.lakearbutus.com/> An account has been set up for you to take advantage of all the features our new online website provides: News about our lake, Hatfield community events, photos, lost and found, updates on controlling invasive weeds, etc. We will use the new website for conducting surveys, improving communications with our members and providing informative videos and news bulletins.

Below is your Username and Password to use to log in for the first time. You can change your password once you setup your user profile.

Password:

YouTube address to Signing on for first time

http://youtu.be/3rzDtZa_qvE

Follow the LOG IN link on our new home page at the top right hand corner, just under the Weather, to log in for the first time. You can also use the LOG IN link now to get there.

Once you're logged in, browse around and see all the new features available. Fill out your personal profile to keep your contact information up to date. You can also check the lake's event calendar to see what's going on. If you need any help getting started, check out the on-line tutorial videos at Get Started just under the Welcome message on the home page. Spread the word. The more Lake Arbutus Association members that setup their account, the faster our online will become more valuable Arbutus.

If they are not yet a current member of the Lake Arbutus Association this new website will serve as an excellent introduction to LAA. They can join by going to the Join Us link to set up their new account.

Check the site frequently to find lake announcements, Hatfield community events, lost and found, and to manage your member account. <http://www.lakearbutus.com/> really is where everything comes together.

Upcoming social events:

January 26 Fire Department Chili Dump at The Pavilion

February 2 Sweetheart Reunion Dance at the Pavilion

March 2 Hatfield Sports Shop Fishing Contest

March 30 Bechel Ball at Deerview

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".

Magazine feature on the Lake Arbutus Association.

A new magazine that I had never heard about before is featuring the LAA in their *Lake Association Spotlight* feature. The magazine seems to be a natural for our area. *Cabin Life* is the name of the magazine and we will be in the March issue. They also used one of our calendar photos in the story. Watch for it on your news stand after February 5.

The magazine is published by Kalmbach publishing in Waukesha WI. I guess that I should have known about it because they also publish *Trains, Classic Trains, Model Railroader and Garden Railways*. I get all of them.

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 torgler@msn.com

Go Badgers