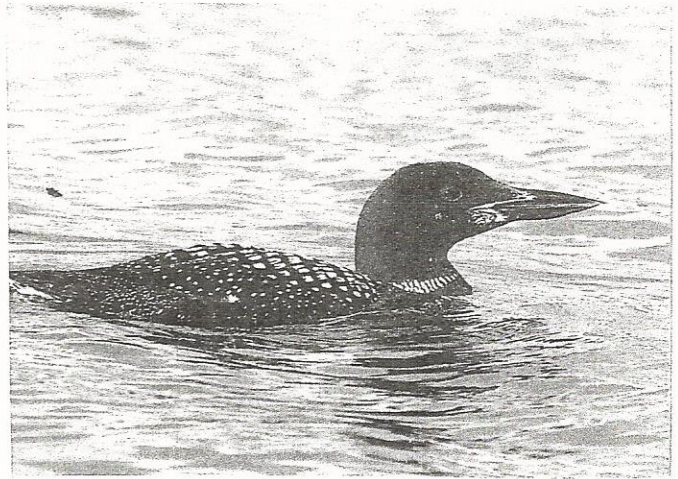


THE LOON



Spring, 2014

Spring is here once again...after another cold, record-breaking winter for most of us. As always, it is good to be thinking of Sebec Lake, ice out, opening camp and another summer of lake memories.

ROADS REPORT - President Don Rush

Greetings! From early spring to late fall of 2013 the roads of Tim's Cove remained in relatively good shape, considering all of the rain, with only minor potholing issues. We will know how they fared this winter after all of the snow and ice have melted.

Good News! The Town of Willimantic approved our request of \$3000 at their fall Town Meeting, monies to be used on our roads in 2014. Let's hope this generosity continues. On another note – through our relationship with American Forest Management, Inc., TCPOA was reimbursed \$1,100 for 5 loads of gravel which were spread on Sebec Shores Road.

TCPOA vice president Tom Crepeau and his wife Sharon worked tirelessly during the late summer and fall to stay ahead of the many potholes that developed on the road due to the vast number of heavy rain storms we endured. Through Tom's efforts, the Town of Guilford provided spot ditching and free delivery of two loads of gravel for the Sebec Shores Rd., which were purchased by TCPOA. Thanks Tom and Sharon for your volunteerism! Keep up the good work. I also want to mention the efforts made by many members on a volunteer basis to maintain the roads near their properties. Thank you all!

WORK COMPLETED – 2013

June – Shane Mailloux – tailgated 11 loads of 2" gravel on TC and SC roads. Installed a 15" x 30" culvert on Sebec Shores Rd. and reset culvert on TC. \$3,350.00. William London & Sons – graded SC and TC roads and from Willimantic TL to the Y. \$760.00. Liquid calcium was applied on 1.5 miles of SC and TC roads after grading by London.

August – Haley Construction - 24 yards of gravel – \$168. Free delivery by Town of Guilford. Shane Mailloux – 192 yards of gravel. \$3,295.60.

October – Mailloux – 96 yards of gravel \$1,376.60.

Additional Specifics:

End of July, 2013 – Two 12-yard loads of USDOT 1 ½ minus gravel delivered to Y by Shane Mailloux. Two loads of gravel delivered by Town of Guilford to Sebec Shores Rd. Materials paid for by TCPOA and delivery free. Potholes were filled on Sebec Shores rd. Small and long hills graded.

8/5/13 – Tom & Sharon Crepeau filled potholes from the Y to Willimantic sign.

8/6/13 – Potholes filled from the Y to end of Tim's Cove Rd. Tom Crepeau graded the bridge with the help of Sharon Crepeau, Greg Kemp and Ronnie Hachez. South Cove Rd. residents filled potholes on SC Rd.

8/20/13 – Spread and graded 7 loads of USDOT gravel from Haley Construction on Sebec Shores Rd. One load above yellow gate, 3 loads below yellow gate, 1 load before Bennett Pond turn, 1 load at bottom of steep hill and 1 load on Bennett Pond bridge. Filled potholes in between areas and graded sections on sides of roads. 4 loads of gravel delivered for pothole filling – one load left on upper Sebec Shores Rd., one left at the Y, and 2 on South Cove Rd.

8/21/13 – Sign at the Y was repaired to almost its' original shape. Thanks to Steve Jackman!

8/22/13 – Filled potholes, spot graded from Bennett Pond to end of Tim's Cove Rd.. Potholes filled on Bennett Brook Rd. and South Cove Rd. beginning at Y to Bennett Brook Rd.

Steep hill graded. Fixed washout on small hill, filled several potholes on upper Sebec Shores Rd.

9/14/13 – Paul Belmain, Ben Dever and the crew from South Cove Rd. filled all potholes, including from Bennett Pond to the Y, for the second time this year!

9/18/13 – Filled all potholes on Sebec Shores Rd. and graded areas as needed. The Town of Guilford graded from the tar to past the Arundel Inn, and ditching done both sides of the road.

9/23/13 – More ditching done by Town of Guilford. Trees were cut and ditching done between cemetery and Arundel Inn. Sharon and Tom Crepeau filled potholes from Gray Valley to yellow gate. Fixed areas where rock ledge rises above road above the yellow gate. Areas below the yellow gate recently ditched were also graded. Areas between yellow gate and Arundel Inn were graded.

10/23/13 – Spread 5 loads of USDOT 1 ½ minus gravel. One load below yellow gate where hump in road is, 2 loads on the steep hill and one below steep hill.

11/22/13 – three loads of gravel delivered from Haley's. 1 load was brought to the Y, 1 on Sebec Shores Rd, ½ before Arundel Inn on corner, and ½ across from Hachez. This is for pothole filling in December and in the spring. January 14, 2014– Town of Guilford came in with Michigan and made large holes in snow banks for drainage. This was done from the cemetery to Bennett Pond. Respectfully submitted, Don Rush

ANNUAL DUES –Throughout the history of the TCPOA we have experienced a substantial number of camp/property owners who have not been paying the annual Road Association dues. This leaves the remaining property owners to shoulder the financial responsibility for the road upkeep. This is not a fair or reasonable way to fund the road maintenance. Additionally, the responsibility to pay this annual fee is documented in most of our property deeds and is just as much a legal requirement as paying our property taxes. After much thought and discussion, the Board has chosen to seek legal counsel in an effort to make the paying of road dues fair, equitable and legal.

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**DUES: 2014 Dues of \$150 (due by June 1<sup>st</sup>) can be mailed to:**

**Julia Flanders,  
P.O.Box 353  
Dover-Foxcroft ME 04426**

Camp phone: 207-997-3280. Since we spend most days outdoors, we are not always able to answer the phone. So please leave a message and I will get back to you.

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REMEMBER

ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 4, 2014 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: CREPEAU'S HOME (THE ARUNDEL INN), 452 SEBEC SHORES RD.

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**TCPOA DIRECTORY** - Andrea Canfield has taken over the job of updating the Directory. If you have new address/telephone information, please forward same to Andrea. We would also like an email address if you have one. Andrea can be reached at her camp phone, 997-2011 or by email at [andreacanfield2005@gmail.com](mailto:andreacanfield2005@gmail.com).

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE!** If you haven't visited our website recently or have forgotten the address to <http://www.timscove.org> and check it out.

**911 #'s** – Now is the time to be thinking about making or purchasing a sign with your 911 number to post at your driveway. This is very much encouraged for emergencies and deliveries. Your 911 number will be on your spring tax bill.

## TAKE A HIKE! Barren Mountain (2650 ft.) – Dot Blanchard

Barren Mt. is the highest of the five peaks in the Barren-Chairback range and, as you know, it is the most prominent one seen from our camps along the south shore of the Big Lake. It is 3.8 mi. To the summit, but the hike can be shortened by just visiting the Barren Slide and Barren Ledges which have nice views and good places to picnic.

To access the Appalachian Trail drive to Ellitsville as if you were going to Borestone. Pass the Borestone parking lot on your left and continue 2 mi. to Bodfish Valley, an open area with an interesting view of the mountain you are about to climb. Continue downhill and cross the bridge over Long Pond stream (which flows into Lake Onawa). About a half mile beyond the bridge turn left and follow the road to its end (0.7 mi.) at an open area where you will park. An old road leaves the parking area and heads north and then east for 0.7 mi. until it comes to a junction with the AT. The road has some flagging and is easy to follow. At the junction, turn right on the AT (white blazes) and head up the northwestern slope of the mountain. At 1.8 mi. a blue-blazed side trail heads south to the head of the Barren Slide, an interesting mass of boulders with a view west. At 2.0 mi. the AT reaches the open Barren Ledges, also with a nice view. Beyond the Ledges the trail bears left and winds along the northern slope over sometimes rough terrain until it comes to the base of the summit cone. The trail then climbs steeply through boulders to the summit. The last time I was there the old abandoned fire tower was still standing. Beyond Barren the AT continues for 12.2 mi. over the remaining peaks of the range, and is a fine backpacking trip of 2 or 3 days. HAPPY HIKING!

## FEED ME!

When we are at camp our family and friends get hungry after all the swimming, sailing, water skiing, fishing, walking, running, reading, napping, and swatting flies and mosquitoes. We have many good choices in our area to find food grown and produced locally. This summer make an effort to support the local farmers and producers in the area. You won't be disappointed! Here are some places to visit:

Dover Cove Farmers Market – Tuesdays 2-6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Robinson's lot at Doughty Hill Rd. and Rt. 7 in Dover-Foxcroft.

Fresh Maine caught seafood from the truck, Fridays 10 a.m. till sold out – same location.

Stutzman Farm Stand and Café – Sid and Rainey have been to Italy this winter and have many new menu items from their wood fired pizza oven. The café opens April 1. Watch their sign for produce available.

Fossa's General store, 4 Main St., Dexter, also has a pizza oven and carries products from 92 different farmers and producers. Call for hours at 924-3398.

Bob's Farm Home & Garden has local eggs among other foods, including bulk items and specialty health foods. You can always find something there.

Breakneck Ridge Farm – maple syrup and local buffalo is available at Countryside Meats.

And as summer progresses, check out those roadside farm stands for the freshest veggies and pick your own strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Mary Ellen Theriault (Sec)

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Jan Waterman

### 2013-2016

Julia Flanders (Treas)  
Cheryl Fairbrother  
Tom Crepeau (VP)

We were saddened to hear of director Clay Bennett's sudden passing on February 27, 2014. He will be greatly missed at Tim's Cove.