

MAY 1, 2022

TCPOA ROAD DUES INVOICE

Please make your check out to TCPOA

Mail to:

TCPOA Tim's Cove Property Owners Assoc

P.O. Box 353

Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

Annual Dues of \$200.00 payable by June 1, 2022

Late fees accrue as follows:

After June 1, 2022, pay \$215.00

After July 1, 2022, pay \$230.00

Late fees are assessed according to the TCPOA By-Laws

The Board of Directors thank you for your prompt payment.

Julia Flanders, Treasurer

NOTE: Please inform the Board of Directors of any email address, phone number, or other home address changes as soon as you can. This invoice is posted on the website. It is your responsibility to keep your information current as a member of TCPOA.

Thank You

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Spring 2022



The Newsletter of the Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

From the desk of our Board's President

Donna Simpson

Like all of you, I can't wait to return to our beloved Sebec Lake when the road is passable for regular vehicles. There was a lot of snow and extremely cold weather this past winter. I am hopeful that the runoff will mean higher lake levels than last summer, and that the new dam owners will be good stewards of the lake level. The Sebec Lake Association does great work on invasive plants and is our liaison with the dam owners, so I hope you will join me sending in your \$20 dues (and any additional donation you may wish to make) as soon as possible. Kudos to Drew Daubenspeck for doing such a stellar job in editing and producing The Sebec Lake Current. I also enjoyed reading the essay by our own Dale Flanders about his history with the lake.

As you know, our major project last year was the removal of the old tanker car culvert over Bennett Brook and the installation of a new concrete bridge by Herrick Brothers. It was fascinating to watch the whole process, and I have some videos I'd be glad to share. Kathie Larrabee was the first camp owner to drive over the new bridge and I have an amusing video chat with her!

The TCPOA Board is so grateful to all you camp owners who voted unanimously at the Annual Meeting for a \$100 special assessment to help fund the project!

The total cost of the bridge replacement was \$25,852.00, leaving us with only \$9,898 to tide us over for winter and spring. Please help us out again by paying your dues as soon as possible in 2022. There is always repair work to be done in the Spring. With costs constantly rising, we may wish to consider raising our modest \$200 road dues, perhaps in increments, over several years. This issue will be brought up at our 2022 Annual Meeting.

The Board has instituted a schedule for regular roadside trimming over the past few years so that we never again have an expensive project involving large trees needing to be cut. This coming fall, we plan to trim back sections of Sebec Shores Road where needed, followed in successive years by South Cove and Tim's Cove roads. Each of these roads has been through one cycle of trimming over the past three years. Camp owners can help tremendously by trimming back

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trees sprouting up along the roadside and in ditches around their section of the road. A Reminder that our By-Laws state that camp owners have a duty to keep ditches clear of excessive plant growth.

As we look forward to spring road grading, I will be relying on road reports from Scott Hilton, Mike Coggeshall and others, and have already been in touch with Zac Herrick to be first on his list when the road restrictions are lifted and he feels it is safe to bring in his heavy equipment. The \$5,000 voted by the Town of Willimantic residents at their 2021 Annual Meeting is greatly appreciated and will enable us to bring in sufficient gravel for our needs. We've done a lot of preventative work in the past few years, digging out clay pits that cause large frost heaves, and replacing culverts. As ever, if you notice an area that needs attention, please let me know. We work with Zac to prioritize repairs based on our budgetary constraints.

With the resignations of Drew Daubenspeck and Bill Davenport from the Board, we are pleased to welcome Cheryl Fairbrother and Joe Guyotte as interim members. Both seats will be up for election in July. Both Cheryl and Joe bring a wealth of experience to the Board and we're all very grateful for their willingness to serve.

I'm looking forward to seeing old friends, welcoming new camp owners and catching up with all the exciting building projects going on. We had a record number of cement trucks coming in last summer, and I'm hoping things will be a bit quieter this year!

All best wishes for safe travels to the Lake!

Donna Simpson





Out with the old Bennet Brook Bridge



In with he new Bennett Brook Bridge

Waves Rule

Julia Flanders

I bet you thought just now this essay was going to be about surfing. It is, in a way. I'm referring to surfing our way in and out the dirt road, and the quirky, Maine way we greet each other as we pass. Nearly everyone waves hello, each with their own particular style. It's an old fashioned small town tradition which I have seen practiced in many places in Maine. You may not immediately recognize who is in that vehicle, especially through the cloud of dust, but might as well say hello with a wave, in the likely case it is someone you know.

Most people are hanging on to the steering wheel trying to keep it in the road, so many people use the "lazy boy scout salute"- the index and middle finger raised but still slightly bent with the ring finger just barely crooked up. Often times only the index finger makes it up. It is still a form of acknowledgement, though to me it seems somewhat reluctant. Mostly men use this form.

The high five wave has many different unique sub-styles beside the straight up, hold her steady in the windshield, using either the steering wheel hand or one's other hand. There is the "high four" wave, still holding that thumb and palm on the steering wheel. Sometimes it makes it into a complete high five, with the wrist against the steering wheel.

There's the "Salute wave"; a single rotation of the wrist away from the body. And of course, the "Clown" wave; big open palm high five enthusiastically rotating back and forth. This wave is commonly used for actual friendly recognition of the people in the other car.

There is "the pet" high five, which is with somewhat curled fingers, and a gentle rotation of the wrist away and slightly downward from the body, very much like the motion when petting a dog. It strikes me as a very kind hearted wave. Then there is the high five out the open window, either with bent elbow, or arm stretched straight out. It's more of a "Contractor's wave" by and for other workers on the road.

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Ladies, young and less young, have a common style of waving, which is also common in children. They open and close the hand up and down in front of them. I call it the “bye-bye” wave. It is an affectionate kind of wave. One rarely sees a man wave in this way.

Sometimes when we approach people we know, we wave out the window and drop the arm into the “slow down” signal so we can chat a minute. This I have mostly observed on our camp roads. I love to see it. Sometimes there is even a handshake between the two car drivers. That's a lot friendlier than kissing bumpers!

OK, admit it. Sometimes we forget to wave. It's not intentional. Coming down the road after a long drive up to the lake, or a long day out to town, the slow, meandering drive in allows one to decompress and zone out, or gaze into the woods to look for wildlife. Please forgive us.

So if you are new to Maine and to the Sebec Lake camp experience it is time to find your wave. What kind of wave will you be using this summer? Perhaps you will find your own unique signature wave. And remember, waves rule!

Your Tim's Cove Stories are needed

Do you have a Tim's Cove story that you would like to share? Do your children or grandchildren?

A wedding? A special hike? A special picnic? A family reunion? A summer romance? A winter weekend? (Or a whole winter?)

This is the your community's newsletter. Let's share our memories about what makes this lake & cove special.



The Fabulous Flora Of Sebec Lake

By Donna Simpson

The forests and roadsides of Sebec Lake are blessed with an amazing variety of native plants and ferns. I've identified at least sixteen fern species, which range from the stately Royal Fern that grows by the water's edge to the Ostrich Fern, whose croziers (or fiddleheads) are edible. One of my favorites is the lovely Christmas Fern, whose leathery fronds stay green all year, finally collapsing in the Spring when new silvery croziers arise. You may have noticed a Christmas Fern garden by the gate of Don and Gail Rush's camp. I designed the garden and the three of us dug ferns on their property and planted within a rock border made by Don. Simple, but very lovely. A great solution for leach fields is to plant with Hay Scented Ferns, which grow in abundance by the side of the roads and will readily spread. A fall trimming for several years will remove any tree seedlings, and after a few years, the ferns will fill in and your field will be maintenance free! If you decide to transplant ferns, I'd be glad to share tips, and of course, always get permission if the ferns are not on your property!

As you're walking along the camp roads, take time to look closely at what else is growing. We also have a wealth of wildflowers, including wild clematis, dog tooth violets, lady slippers, purple orchids, milkweeds, wild roses, trilliums, cardinal flowers (see the fabulous display in Bennett Brook near the bridge in late summer), buttercups, sweet clover, purple and white violets, and a multitude of goldenrods (which DO NOT cause hay fever: they bloom at the same time as the true culprit, ragweed!). You'll also see the early blooming shadbush and viburnum (hobble bush). Both shrubs have lovely white flowers, and the viburnum leaves turn a deep shade of maroon in the fall. Many of you have special spots to pick native blueberries, raspberries and blackberries. To my taste there is nothing to

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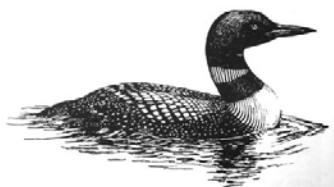
In Memory of

Robert “Bobby” Rathburn

Robert J. “Bobby” Rathburn, 69, of Liberty Hill Rd., West Greenwich, passed peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family, on Monday, September 13, 2021. He was the beloved companion of Jane Hakanson. Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Leonard I. and Maria (Furciato) Rathbun.

Robert graduated from Coventry High School in 1970. He was employed for Narragansett Electric and then National Grid for 47 years as a Lineman and a troubleshooter, before retiring in 2017. Robert was an avid outdoorsman. He built his home in West Greenwich and on Tim’s Cove, Sebec Lake in Maine. He cleared trails on both properties for ATV riding, snowmobiling, and hiking. Robert also enjoyed dining, watching movies and reading on his deck.

He was the brother of Jane M. Olney-Battey of Coventry; and the uncle of Matthew R. Olney and his wife Georgia. Robert is also survived by Jane’s children Jonny L. Hakanson and his wife Andrea of Middleboro, MA and Michael J. Hakanson of Warwick. Robert also adored and had a special bond with Jane’s granddaughter Violet J. Hakanson.



compare to wild raspberry jam! Pick the berries, but please don't pick the wildflowers. We all enjoy seeing them along the roads.

So bring your wildflower books to camp and enjoy teaching your children and grandchildren the wonders of nature. These lessons will build appreciation for our natural environment and increase their enjoyment as they identify their favorites. Don't just power walk – take time to really appreciate and 'smell the (wild) roses!"

Happy exploring

A Little Free Lending Library Your books are needed

The TCPOA Lending Library that stands at the "Y" junction has been a huge success. Thanks to everyone for adding books, borrowing books, and returning books.

The Library itself is inside and in storage for the winter. It will be back out and open for lending in early June.

But now is the time to be thinking about what books you can add to its collections. Non-fiction, Fiction, Children's, etc. All are welcome.

And "Thanks!" once again to Don Rush for the wonderful library itself.



Tim's Cove Property Owners Association

Mission Statement & Objectives

- TO PROTECT** the quality of our environment, particularly the quality of our lakes.
- TO KEEP** the membership informed of new and changing community issues.
- TO COOPERATE** with and assist local government and civic organizations with programs of value to this area.
- TO REPRESENT** our membership in matters of common interest with the appropriate branches of government.
- TO SECURE** united action in the protection of the property of its members, where appropriate.
- TO BEAUTIFY** our area by encouraging beautification in common areas of the community.
- TO PROVIDE** social and recreational activities for our members.

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