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CLWA Fireworks Detonators Trained

by Bill Neill

As part of the ongoing CLWA fireworks program, four team members participated in a Safety & Legal Awareness course which consisted of class theory and actual hands on training.

This course and an apprenticeship period is a prerequisite to obtaining the Fireworks Operator Certificate. Your association sponsored this program as a means to provide ongoing assistance to our longstanding and extremely capable Pyro Team while planning strength for the future.



Melissa Clarke (instructor), David Savournin, Andrew White, Brynn Vilneff, Paul Clarke (instructor), Bill Neill. The instructors own Air Artisans, a professional fireworks display company, and are approved and accredited training instructors.

Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks Canada Day, Friday July 1st

The Boat Parade will start at the lighthouse at Blairton Bay at about 8:30 PM. It will proceed along the north shore to the mouth of the river and then along the south shore with music and lights and flags flying. Join the festivities in your decorated boat or celebrate on shore with flags and sparklers.

The Fireworks will start at dusk after the World Famous Lighted Boat Parade. We've been comparing fireworks, testing different display fireworks, and working with our fireworks supply company and our detonation team. We have a great show planned for you.

AGM Elections

by Ritch Smith

We have an outstanding Executive Board but we are always looking for new members. The Board meets as a group about 4 times a year, usually in May, June, August, and September or October. You can come onto the Board with a specific portfolio or with a general "will help where needed" portfolio. Do you have fundraising skills, database or spreadsheet experience, any kind of project management skills, an interest in writing for the newsletter, an interest in an environmental issue, or just an interest in getting involved in taking care of the waterway?

Contact me or any Board member, please.

Summer

Crowe Lake Matters

2016

Words from the President

It looks like we're off to a great start for the summer of 2016. Bill Neill has the Fireworks and Boat Parade ready for another super show. Renewals are coming in at a steady pace (do we have yours?). There are marker buoys on the lake and 2016 Membership signs everywhere. And, donations to the Fireworks are really helping us meet our objectives and keeping our investment plans on target. The decision to embark on a two-year investment effort to secure the equipment and personnel for the Fireworks was subject to a lot of discussion by the Board but we had confidence the members would come through. You really have. Thank You!

With summer we get two pests – mosquitos and lightning storms. Ways to deal with both are the subject of two articles. There is also information about the spring flooding and about the Marmora and the Havelock budgets.

We're continuing to watch plans for development on the Lake and CLWA is now represented on the Economic Development Committee for Marmora and Lake. Members and non-members have reached out to us, through the website and email, with problems and questions. We've done our best to help everyone regardless of their membership status, but we do encourage them to join us. We've looked into questions about the ice huts, the speed limit on Beaver Creek, and somebody's septic system (looked into may have been the wrong term to use).

Get ready for the Boat Parade and Fireworks. It's going to be huge. Remember to renew, if you haven't, and encourage your neighbors to join CLWA. Come to the AGM. Think about joining the Board. Have a great summer.

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Fund Raising for Fireworks Program

by Elinor White

Federal Funding for July 1st

We have been advised that the Celebrate Canada grant from Heritage Canada has awarded \$2000 jointly to Crowe Lake Waterway Association AND the Municipality of Marmora and Lake. Grants right across Canada were significantly lower than funding received in the past.

Calling All Fundraisers

Our July 1st donations from members have been coming in higher than normal in our year of equipment outlay. Thank you, thank you, and thank you. To help us make target, please consider one or more of the following to raise funds for your lighted boat parade and fireworks event:

- Set the grandkids up with a lemonade stand
- Host a BBQ and recruit new members
- Clean out those cupboards and have a yard sale
- Have a bake sale
- Host an aerobics event or a card party with an entry fee
- Plan a baseball tournament
- Return those "empties" and donate the proceeds

We would love to highlight your fundraising event and recognize your contribution in our newsletter. Photos would be fantastic. And the event can be done whenever you want to – on Canada Day, in August, September, winter, anytime. This is a two-year fundraising program to invest in the equipment for our Fireworks program and you can help anytime. Let us know and we'll see if we can help out with publicity or recognition.

Ottawa Will Match Donations to Canadian Red Cross for Ft McMurray



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the federal government will match dollar-for-dollar individual donations made to the Canadian Red Cross to help those affected by the wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Approximately 100,000 people were displaced by the fires and 10% of the city's structures destroyed.

The fire burned about 300,000 hectares (750,000 acres) and halted ¼ of Canada's oil production. Over 800 firefighters battled the fires.

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Spring Floods in Top Five Worst in 35 Years

by Tim Pidduck in the CVCA Spring Crowe's Nest

It never ceases to amaze me. You would think every spring would be the same. Temperatures warming up, rain, snow melts, maybe some minor or average flooding and then the next thing you know it's summer. But there are just too many variables to influence flooding in the Crowe River watershed to say definitively what average flooding really is like in our watershed. Since we often associate flooding with the amount of snow we have and this winter we started with so little snow and considering how mild it was, this year seemed like we would be hard pressed to have much of a spring runoff. Then again, once you start looking at all of the conditions it does start to make sense why we had a significant flood this year. In fact, it ranked right up in the top five worst floods I've seen since I started working here in the late 1980's (I won't say any more about how long I've been here – this isn't a history newsletter!).

Anyway, let's see, first of all we had the mildest December on record and with warm temperatures and rainfall right into early January. So the stage was set for ground saturation. Then we had average snowfall in the northern portion of the watershed and at best, average to below average in the south. There was nothing too unusual about the snowfall accumulation and not a lot of reason for concern. Next, mild spring temperatures early in the spring meant snow was melting, getting into the lakes, rivers streams, wetlands in good time and the Crowe River was moving about 70 cubic meters/second downstream. Good news and everything seemed "average".

Then, in about a 10 day span, the watershed received about 110 to 115 mm of rain which changed everything. The small creeks and streams filled up first and overflowed their banks. Wetland water levels increased dramatically. Finally, the larger tributaries swelled and flooding became an issue which resulted in the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority issuing a flood warning on the 2nd of April that lasted until the 11th. Flows peaked at 167 cubic meters/second on the Crowe River. Lake levels rose considerably and in some cases exceeded levels experienced in 2014.

As the CVCA monitored the flooding, many people asked why we were being subjected to flooding to this extent. Well, it generally boils down to the timing of the conditions (did all the rain come at once in a short time frame or not), the magnitude of the conditions (i.e. how much rain, how warm, how much snow), the general preconditions (i.e. warm winters, ground conditions) and the interaction between these conditions (did the rain come when the storage capacity of the watershed was high or low, rainfall and high temperatures (day and night) combine to collapse the snowpack). So, as you can see, there are a number of permutations "mother nature" has at her disposal, which keeps us on our toes and reminds us to be wary of being complacent and predicting average conditions even when everything seems to be in our favour to do so. Just when you think you've got it figured out, one of those variables that influence flooding can create conditions that can turn an average year into a significant flooding event in a hurry. This year's spring can easily attest to that situation!

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August 3, 7:00 pm at the William Shannon Room at the Library
4. "Stone Memories - Part One " Cryptic tales, truths and local lore - A Tour the Common Cemetery with Cathie Jones
Aug. 17, 7:00 pm at the Marmora, Common Cemetery beside the MarmoraValu Mart
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Clarification

The 2016 Membership Form contains an error – a reference to a reduction in OFAH dues by joining OFAH through CLWA. CLWA terminated its participation in the OFAH membership program in 2014. Changes in OFAH policy related to insurance coverage made it impossible for CLWA to continue offering the OFAH membership. We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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2016 Tree Give-Away Success

The Marmora Environmental Committee continued its Spring tradition and gave out about 1,000 free tree and shrub seedlings on May 7th. People started lining up about 8:15 AM at the Visitor Centre at Memorial Park and by 10:30 AM all the trees had been passed out. The seedlings included native deciduous species and evergreens and shrubs.



CLWA Past President Norma Crofts has been part of this program for several years. She said people seem better educated about their needs this year and are looking for specific trees or shrubs based on plans to fill a specific area or replant missing plants. Other volunteers included Mike Stevens, Gail Taylor, Richard Lowery, Judy Jackson, Gord Wilkie, Vivian Collver and Matt Caruana from the Hastings Stewardship Council, sponsor of the Community Trees program. Healthy Trees = Healthy Places = Healthy People.

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(from the Canada Safety Council)

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Up to a million times more powerful than household current, lightning bolts can be deadly. A lightning bolt can cause cardiac arrest when the current enters the body. It can also lead to organ damage and burns, sometimes with long-term effects. Personal electronic devices, such as iPods, Walkmans, cell phones and beepers worn on the body during thunderstorms, can contribute to injury when one is struck. The metal conducts the electricity and causes contact burns. Metal jewelry, including body piercing and coins kept in pockets have been known to contribute to burns.



DO

If you are boating, head for shore. If caught on the water, crouch low in the boat.

Stay clear of high ground and open spaces.

Stay away from water, including lakes and puddles.

If you are riding a bicycle, motorcycle or ATV, get off. The rubber tires will not protect you.

If you are in a flat, open field, bend down and put your hand on your knees. Maintain minimum contact with the ground.

Avoid contact with metal. Stay at least 30 meters away from metal fences and take off shoes that have metal cleats.

DON'T

Don't seek shelter under a tree or a metal shed.

Don't hold a golf club, umbrella or fishing rod.

Don't take a shower or bath. The plumbing system can conduct electricity into the tub or shower.

Don't use the phone or electrical appliances unless absolutely necessary. Electricity travels through wires.

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Marmora and Havelock Budgets and Tax Rate Increases

The Council of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake approved the 2016 municipal budget with a tax rate increase of 4.59%. Expenditures total \$9,595,300 with an operating budget of \$6,119,200 and capital budget of \$3,476,100. For a home with an assessed value of \$200,000, the tax increase will amount to an additional \$6.32 per month. Highlights include:

- \$530,000 for road reconstruction, hard top and gravel programs, includes \$330,000 for Old Marmora Road
- \$350,000 for Town Hall renovations, funded over 2016/17/18
- \$800,000 for Crawford Drive water and sewer
- \$285,000 for streetlight replacement with LED lights that will result in energy savings for a 6-year return-on-investment
- Accessibility upgrades, Health Services support, Improvement to the Arena
- Budget includes an increase of \$150,000 for OPP Policing costs in 2016
- Budget includes \$71,870 for Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
- Rural garbage collection fees increase \$5 to \$40 with no increase in Bag Tag fees
- Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator successfully applied for \$132,395 in grants in 2015
- Electronic sign board at Visitor Centre will be replaced with larger more easily read LED sign, current sign will be moved to the Arena

The budget in Havelock-Belmont-Methuen for 2016 has a 3.0% tax increase. The budget includes \$8,177,185 for Operating Costs and Capital Expenditures of \$1,677,011 for a total of \$9,854,196. The budget includes an increase of \$245,000 in 2016 for OPP policing costs.

Marmora Library Closed for Repairs May 21 to June 10

The Marmora Public Library will be closed from May 21 to June 10, 2016. The floor is being repaired and replaced. Books and shelves and the computer center have been moved to accommodate the work.

The computer server will continue to provide Wi-Fi connection in the Library Parking Lot.



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2016: A Property Tax Re-assessment Year

(from material published by MPAC and available on their website www.mpac.ca)

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. Its role is to accurately assess and classify all properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations set by the Government of Ontario. MPAC is the largest assessment jurisdiction in North America, assessing and classifying more than five million properties with an estimated total value of \$2.3 trillion.

Every four years, MPAC issues a new Property Assessment Notice to every property owner in Ontario. This year, 2016, is a re-assessment year. Property Assessment Notices for Hastings, Northumberland and Prince Edward Counties were mailed on May 9. Notices for residents in Peterborough and Haliburton Counties will be mailed July 11, 2016.

To assess a property, MPAC looks at sales and compares your property to similar properties that have sold in your area. This is called Current Value Assessment and is used in most assessment jurisdictions in North America. MPAC considers over 200 factors when assessing a property. Five factors account for 85% of the assessment: 1. Age of the house, 2. Building area, 3. Location, 4. Lot Dimensions, 5. Quality of Construction. They also look at primary structures, secondary structures, site features, and structural features, plus title documents and building permits. They often conduct on-site property inspections.

MPAC provides their property assessment information to municipal and local taxing authority. This becomes the basis for calculating property taxes. The new value on your Notice will be used to calculate your taxes for the 2017 – 2020 property tax years.

Ask yourself if you could have sold your property for its assessed value on the valuation date (January 1, 2016). If you have questions or disagree with the assessment, there is a process to challenge your property assessment and you can file a Request for Reconsideration (RfR). The deadline to file an RfR will depend on when you receive your Property Assessment Notice. This is a change in the MPAC procedures and the previous deadline of March 31 no longer applies. There is no charge for the RfR and you have approximately four months from the time you receive your Notice to file the RfR.

If you don't agree with your assessment, these are the steps to take. Step 1. Visit the MPAC website www.aboutmyproperty.ca after you receive your Notice to make sure it has the most up-to-date information. The new Notice has your property roll number and password you will need to log into their site; Step 2. Contact MPAC at 866-296-6722; Step 3. Ask MPAC to review your Assessment through a Request for Reconsideration. Review of the RfR takes about 90 days. If you disagree with the results of the review, further appeals are possible. The MPAC website has all the details, explanations and forms.

Did You Know That

....the Memorial Park by the Visitor Centre is a Wi-Fi hotspot. So is the Arena, the parking lot of the Marmora Library, Flowers By Sue, Bailey's Café and Tim Horton's.

...you can report your first sighting of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird this year at www.hummingbirds.net. They have a continental map showing the northward migration and a sighting report form.

...there is an alternative way to remove skunk spray from you or your pet. Cottage Life suggests instead of Tomato Juice use a mix of 1 liter of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide, ¼ cup of Baking Soda and 1 teaspoon of Liquid Hand Soap. Bathe the victim in the mixture and rinse after 10 minutes with water. The Peroxide and Baking Soda break down the chemicals in the skunk spray. Do not make the mixture and try to store it – it will explode from the gas that will build up over time.



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Rules:

1 prize per entry

Pike only and angler that caught the fish must be present to weigh in the fish

Fishing allowed in Crowe Lake to the north side of the Crowe River Dam in Marmora

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Some Easy Ways to Control Mosquitos

(edited from an article by Kristen Curzytek, June 2011, in QuickLoans *Zing*)

It's summertime! The weather is warm and the sun's shining. It's time to break out the grills and invite all your friends and family over for summer parties.

Unfortunately, along with friends and family come those pesky uninvited guests that you wish would just go away – forever! No I'm not talking about your crazy Aunt Geraldine or that neighbor who shows up with empty hands and stays way too long. No, I'm talking about mosquitoes. Although it's almost impossible to get rid of all mosquitoes from your property, here are a few steps you can take to greatly help limit the amount of mosquitoes that will show to party with you and your guests.

Limit still water on your property to reduce mosquito larvae

The first thing you should do to cut back on mosquitoes is to eliminate their breeding grounds. Mosquitoes need water to breed. Stagnant water or moist soil is where adult mosquitoes lay eggs. By limiting water on your property, you'll be less likely to be bothered by these pests. After a heavy rain, walk around your property and make sure there isn't any obvious standing water. If you have an area with standing water (more than a day or so after it rains) consider leveling off that area so the water drains.

Clean up places where water can build up and you'll clean up mosquitoes

Keep all containers, such as recycling bins, garbage cans and other storage containers dry. Make sure to put holes on the bottom of the containers for drainage and not on the sides. Check your gutters to make sure they are free from debris so water does not build up in them. Also make sure the gutter drain is free from debris and standing water cannot build up around the drain. Check flower pot bases; water sitting in the bases is an often overlooked mosquito paradise. Change water in animal dishes outside and birdbaths at least once a day.

Green ways to limit mosquitoes

You might think of sprays and poison when it comes to keeping mosquitoes away, but Mother Nature has some remedies that can help the good fight against these pests. Plants like tansy, basil or marigolds are a great way to limit mosquitoes. The smell of these plants helps to keep mosquitoes from hanging around yards. Spraying Listerine around bushes and on the grass also helps to keep mosquitoes from joining the party. Garlic (in liquid form) is another item you can spray on your property to help deter mosquitoes. In addition, there are organic and natural mosquito sprays that connect to your garden hose. Be sure to read labels to make sure they are pet and kid friendly.

(See Mosquitos . 11)

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Photo Contest Accepting Entries July 1st to November 1, 2016

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**Crowe Lake and Its Beauty
Wildlife Around the Crowe
Recreation of the Crowe Lake Waterways**

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1st prize \$50; 2nd prize \$30; 3rd prize \$20.

Photographs must be taken around Crowe Lake, Crowe River or Beaver Creek to be eligible. Each photo requires your name, address, telephone number, *photo caption or title*, date and information on where the photograph was taken. To win, photos must have been taken within two years of contest.

Each person can enter a limit of one entry per category for a total maximum of three (3) pictures. A maximum of two prizes per person will be awarded. By entering, you are acknowledging your permission for CLWA to use your photo.

Printed photos are to be mailed to: Crowe Lake Waterway Association, Box 192, Marmora, ON, K0K 2M0 or dropped in the CLWA box at Marmora Insurance (Bennett's) on Forsythe.

On line entries are to be emailed to: info@clwa.ca
Full contest rules are on our web site at: www.clwa.ca

Mosquitos (...continued from p. 10)

Light changes and candles can deter mosquitoes

Mosquitoes love light. So, changing out bright white lights to dimmer yellow lights is a quick fix to help cut down on mosquitoes. Citronella candles and torches are also easy ways to keep mosquitoes away.

Easing the pain of mosquito bites

Even if you follow these tips, unfortunately you'll probably still end up with a few bites over the summer. But don't worry; there are a few things you can do to help ease the pain. The best way to stop the itch is to use products with antihistamines. A good home remedy is using the peel of a banana on fresh bites. This helps to take away the swelling and itch. And finally, the quickest way to stop a mosquito bite from itching is cool water.

Last thing; remember that mosquitoes are usually more active during dawn and dusk.

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Coming Events

2016

June 10	Marmora Library reopens
June 11	Hazardous & Electronic Waste Collection, 19 Bursthall Street, 9 AM – 2 PM
June 15	Marmora Historical Soc. Lecture: Trent Valley Hockey League
June 29, 30	Register for Swimming Lessons, Lessons start July 1
July 1	Canada Day
July 1	CLWA World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake
July 6	Marmora Historical Soc. Lecture: Disaster on the Blairton Line
July 9	Crowe Lake Pike Only Fishing Derby, contact Chris' Live Bait for details
July 16	CLWA AGM, Marmora Curling Club, 9 AM - Noon
July 30	Historical Society Poker Run, details at Historical Society
July 30	Shakespeare in the Park: <u>Taming of the Shrew</u>
Aug 3	Marmora Historical Soc. Lecture: The Big Gafuffle at St. Matilda's
Aug 17	Marmora Historical Soc. Lecture: Stone Memories 1, Cemetery Tour
Aug 20	Hazardous & Electronic Waste Collection, 19 Bursthall Street, 9 AM – 2 PM
Aug 24	Marmora Historical Soc. Lecture: Stone Memories 2, Cemetery Tour

CLWA Signs and Marker Buoys

We want to thank our Sign Captains for 2016 for all their efforts - Tom O'Neill, Jerry Pascoe, Rosemary Pascoe, Glenn Caverly, Lionel Bennett, Dave Green, Bill Neill, and sometimes Ritch Smith. This is a team of veteran sign installers. They started putting up 2016 membership signs in April with a push to get as many as possible in place for the May long-weekend. They'll continue putting up signs all summer as membership renewals and new members come in. Last year over 200 signs were put up.

We also want to thank Rob Harding and Ken Parton for their efforts to keep boating on the Lake safe and enjoyable. Rob and Ken started putting out marker buoys in early May. They'll tend between 40 and 50 buoys all summer. All year they collect brake rotors and bleach bottles and the other material needed for the marker buoy program. Small brake rotors and large bleach bottles are always needed. If you have either or want to help, contact them or send us an email.

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CLWA Annual General Meeting

Saturday July 16

Marmora Area Curling Club

On Crawford Ave,
next to Community Centre

Schedule

9:00	Registration, Coffee, Snacks
9:30	Welcome
9:30	Comments from guests from M&L and HBM and CVCA
10:15	Reports from CLWA committees
11:15	Business and comments from membership
11:30	Election of the CLWA executive Board for 2016 - 17
12:00	Door Prizes, Adjourn

Friday 1 July Canada Day Join the BOAT PARADE

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