

Annual Sundowner Social
July 2, 2001, 5:30-8 pm
The Landings at Trillium
Reservations by June 22



Renew your Membership by
July 4, 2001 in order to vote at
annual meeting August 4, 2001,
per FLG By Laws.

Important Dates
Sundowner Social - July 2, 2001
July Member Breakfast - July 20, 2001
8:30 am Landings at Trillium, \$9
BOD meeting Sat. July 28, 2001
9:30am, Odell home
Annual Meeting... August 4, 2001
9am Glenville CDC
BOD meeting Fri. Aug. 10, 7:30pm
August Member Breakfast - Aug. 24,
2001, 8:30am, Trillium, \$9

Friends of Lake Glenville

Summer 2001

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF LAKE GLENVILLE.
Glenville CDC, Saturday August 4, 2001 at 9am

Friends of Lake Glenville On Line Now

This past fall (2000) The Friends of Lake Glenville launched an official website found at www.friendsoflakeglenville.com. Although portions of the site are still under construction (input is solicited from the general membership), the primary format is in place awaiting further embellishment.

The site is designed as an "active" format which will change weekly and give up to date information on events and happenings that interest the general membership.

The purpose of the website is straightforward according to current editor, Keith Dixon. "We want to inform the public as well as our membership 'what is going on' week to week. This will leapfrog our current communications capability", Dixon said.

"By no means is this to substitute for our other strong communications capability such as member breakfasts and the quarterly newsletter. We need to continue implementing every possible way to let everyone know what is happening around the lake."

The site features a "home page" which shows the lake in a slide show of photos and describes the features of the area, as well as an "events page", an "issues page", a "schedule of events page", a "map page of the area", and a "data page" which gives constituents valuable "links" to other pages of interest.

Future pages might include a "password accessible" membership directory as well as links to advertiser sponsors. Currently the ongoing website expenses of \$ 300.00 per year are covered by "sponsor" donations.

Dixon added "I see the day when our website will be a contributor to the revenues of our Association through links to our commercial advertising friends. When the public now searches Lake Glenville on the internet, our website is highlighted and this is important to local businesses who want to be included within our site."

If you have any input as to our sites design please contact Keith Dixon at kkdnc@yahoo.com or Fax at 828-743-4166(voice) or 828-743-9754(fax).

RELICENSING, RELICENSING.... WHY SO MUCH TALK ABOUT RELICENSING???

Because it is so important and will impact how Duke Energy manages the lake and how we are allowed to enjoy it...

Because the decisions made now will be in place for the next 30 to 50 years...

Because we love the lake, our homes, and the surrounding areas...

Because it takes so long to accomplish and takes so much effort. The relicensing process started in March 2000, with the final license request to be submitted in the Spring of 2003.

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The relicensing activities of NP&L (now Duke Energy – Nantahala Area) have been progressing since their Spring 2000 starting point. During Year 2000 the original Agency and Public Comments were drafted into a set of proposed study plans. The study plans break out into several major categories. Many of the study plans are inter-related and results will have to be coordinated. The study plans have been revised several times, and the actual studies have been started. These studies will continue through year 2002. The request for licensing will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in early 2002

Duke is using the traditional relicensing procedure. There is an initial Public Comment period. The power company conducts the various requested studies and turns the study results over to FERC. FERC prepares the Environmental Assessment. At that point the reports are made available for Public Comment. This sequence leaves little time for resolution of issues. Duke has included agency, non-government organization (NGO's) and individual participation in the study plan preparation and the actual studies. FLG and individual property owner association representatives have been and continue to

participate in these study plans.

FERC has established what they call "The Modified Method" for relicensing. It is a formal process for including other than power company participation in the study plan phase. This process looks like the approach Duke is taking but has more formal stakeholder agreements.

The TAPOCO power generating complex owned by Alcoa in Alcoa Tennessee is following the "Modified Method". The TAPOCO complex is located west of Fontana Lake. Many of the agency and NGO representatives are the same people involved with the Duke relicensing and our "Tuckasegee Stakeholder Cooperative".

In addition to the formal relicensing procedure, a group known as The Tuckasegee Stakeholders Cooperative was created by mutual agreement to address the East Fork and West Fork water demands and usage problem. The rafters, paddlers, fishermen, agencies, county government, and lake representatives have been meeting monthly to identify the concerns, search for alternative solutions and hopefully reach a consensus to be part of the FERC relicensing package. And of course FERC would like to see a successful agreement.

There is much work to be done to complete the identified studies, to consolidate the results and to try to find acceptable solutions to the key issues. And this work will continue through year 2002. Your lake representatives are have been busy and you will have opportunities to support the relicensing activities.

One of the recreation studies will be gathering lake and downstream recreation data. Later in year 2001 you should receive by mail a Recreation Survey. Please take this opportunity to have a direct input to the study. Complete the survey and send it back. We would like to have a high return for this survey. There will be an place to write in your comments. This is your chance to be heard.

There will an opportunity to become involved in the rafting and paddling studies. Observers will be needed. Help to gather activity surveys to be completed after each trial run will be needed.



Property Rights Alliance of North Carolina Founded

A statewide organization, The Property Rights Alliance of North Carolina (PRANC), was organized in early 2001 by Sandra and Ralph Hann of Franklin. According to Ms. Hann the statewide group was formed after her local property rights alliance group successfully halted the takeover of property bordering the French Broad River. Increased activity to create buffer zones surrounding rivers and waterways in North Carolina and throughout the nation inspired the Hanns to expand the local Franklin group into a statewide organization. Plans are for property rights groups throughout the state to join together and then to affiliate PRANC with property rights organizations in other states. Interest in the statewide group has heightened as environmental groups have moved to enact punitive regulations and takeover of property throughout the state, most recently in the Catawba River Basin.

The purpose of the Property Rights Alliance of North Carolina is to co-ordinate property rights groups throughout the state thus affording more clout when problems affecting property rights arise. The Alliance organizers and members believe that unfounded charges of abuse to the environment made by non-governmental groups have pressured state and federal governments to enact punitive regulations on property owners. PRANC encourages individual stewardship by property owners to preserve the natural resources on their property but does not believe this should be done by government force. A primary tenet of the Alliance states that the Constitution of the United States, the law of the land, provides us with protection against undue seizure of private property (Article V of the Bill of Rights) which states that "No person shall be deprived of life liberty or property without due process of law nor shall private property be taken for public use with out just compensation."

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Last September, a proposal to form the Tuckasegee Stakeholder Cooperative started to become a reality. The purpose was to gather a cross section of representatives that had a prime interest in the usage of the water in the East Fork and West Fork of the Tuckasegee River. The end result was to hopefully have a consensus for the usage of the Tuckasegee's waters for power generation, lake recreation usage, kayaking, rafting, fishing and the governmental agencies. This consensus would become part of the relicensing package for FERC's review and approval.

The leadership for this endeavor were students completing the NC State training program in consensus building. Arrangements are being made to retain this leadership until at least license submission in year 2003. Duke Energy supported the approach and the key non-governmental organization's (NGO's) and government agencies agreed to give it a try.

It was immediately obvious that the lake interests would only have one voice among the agencies and other organizations. With most of our members being summer residents, it was difficult to find representatives that could commit to a long term project, be available for meetings all winter and be familiar with the lake issues and concerns. The Cashiers Highlands Realtors, Cashiers Chamber of Commerce, and Cashiers Builders Association were contacted. After many contacts we were able to assemble a group of lake oriented representatives that committed to speak for the lake interests.

After several sessions meeting with the entire stakeholders group, our lake group became more comfortable with this task and have represented your interests well. Your representatives have established their places at the table. When they speak they are listened to. In short they have gained the respect of the other stakeholders including the agency representatives.

The Stakeholders Discussion insert will give you a view of the size of the task ahead for your representatives. It's a tough one. And it's a long commitment.

The first step was to work out a charter or operational protocol.

This is our set of guidelines that we operate to have been agreed to. Then the issues were identified. The issues were incorporated into the Duke study plans. As the study plans are completed and data becomes available, the alternatives will considered and hopefully a consensus will be developed.

Some of our key issues are:

- Stabilize spring lake levels during spawning
- Maintain higher lake levels
- Minimize lake drawdowns
- Implement lake name change to Lake Glenville
- Address lakeshore erosion
- Release water for power generation
- Expand lake water testing

Your lake representatives are: Tater Knob – Carol Adams, Glenshore – Glenda Marshal, Sean's Knoll – Larua Ruttengurg, Fishing Guide/Realtor – Marty Jones, The Lake Club – Sam Lupas, Fenley Forest Trail – Jackie Cochran, Glenville CDC – Viola Bryson, Signal Ridge Marina – Bob Shuey, Trillium - Greg Ward, Bear lake – Ken Dingler, and Friends of Lake Glenville – Doug Odell

We also have alternates that attend the meetings so that they can represent a member not able to attend. They are: Don Shuey, J. C. Robinson, Phil Fowler, and Coleen Gottlob.

The Tuckasegee Stakeholder meetings are open to the public under the operating guide lines. Key rules include only members speak and have open discussion. Alternates may assist. The meetings are open to observers and the press but they cannot participate in the discussion. They can request time to speak. A set of press points are prepared at the end of each meeting. The meetings are usually held at the Duke Building in Franklin

Let your representatives know that you appreciate their commitment and efforts.

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Property Rights Alliance of North Carolina Founded

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Monthly meetings of the Property Rights Alliance of North Carolina are held in Franklin at the Community Center on US 441. Speakers at recent meetings included Steve Henson of the Southern Appalachian Multiple Use Council who detailed the philosophies of the radical environmental movement which support initiatives such as the Wildlands Project and Agenda 21. Anyone interested in additional information about the organization, monthly meetings and the issue should call Sandra Hann at 828-524-0088 or contact FLG member Carol Adams at 828-743-1658 or 404-237-9085 or via casolve-it@etour.com.

Duke Shoreline Management Study Team

Phil Fowler, Member, FLG Board of Directors

The Duke Shoreline Management Study Team, referred to internally as "NPLGWB3", was formed to "determine if any shoreline management policy changes are needed to adequately protect riparian [adjective; along river-bank: situated or taking place along or near the bank of a river] wildlife corridors, focusing on undeveloped shoreline only." I (FLG Board Member Phil Fowler) represent FLG and other lake owners on the study team, one of several study teams [36 in all originally; see <http://www.nantahalapower.com/relicensing/hydro.htm> for a complete list] involved with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's [FERC] relicensing of Lake Glenville, three lakes located in the "Little Canada" section of Jackson County, Nantahala Lake, and Mission Dam Lake located near Hayesville and Murphy, N.C. My alternate is Ken Dingler, land owner on both Bear and Wolf Lakes. Ken and I are the sole landowner representatives on the team. The team is chaired by Joe Hall with Duke Power and has representation from the U.S. Forestry Service (2), U.S. Fish and Game (1), Richard Connley with the local Duke Power unit (1), the North Carolina Department of Energy and Natural Resources (1), and the NC Wildlife Commission (2). Ken and I share 1 of 9 votes on this particular team. The team will coordinate their recommenda-

tions with several other Duke study teams. Presently, our team is waiting for the result of studies conducted by other Duke relicensing teams before making any specific recommendations on shoreline management policy regarding riparian habitat. Several suggestions have been made by the above mentioned team. Suggested, but not formally recommended, are as follows: extend Duke Powers boundaries beyond their current land ownership for further protection of the lakes and rivers, and grant dock permits conditional upon how the landowner landscapes ABOVE the 3110 boundary line. We do not feel these two recommendations for relicensing will actually be a part of the final recommendations for relicensing but do represent the thinking of the U.S. Fish and Game representative on our team. Ken and I will try to keep the interests of landowners ever present in the Team's deliberations. We were successful in getting the Team to agree in writing to consider the effects that any future shoreline management plan will have on adjacent landowners.

Ken and I spent two days recently touring the six lakes involved and I got the distinct impression that the other team members (especially NC Wildlife) are vitally interested in ensuring that landowners who may be allowed or required to land-

scape below the 3110 boundary line follow their recommendations. Ideally, the Team does not want to see mowed grass below the 3110 line. They are very concerned with protecting the brushy, wooded border along the lake. They would like to not see any houses from the lake with minimal trimming for views. The sudden appearance of "wet land" signs seems to be a major way of controlling Lake Glenville's shoreline. This seems to be driven by Duke Power and NC Wildlife. I have yet to be given a clear definition as to what constitutes a wetland. In many cases it appears to be a judgement call by the company who has been hired by Duke to establish the wetlands around at least the six lakes that the Duke Shoreline Management Team toured last month. This will be a major issue to many adjacent landowners.

While we all continue to be concerned about lake levels, water quality, etc., I have come to the conclusion that the landowner's most vital interest in the relicensing process may well be shore line management. There is virtually no support for continuing our shoreline leases that have worked so well for the past fifteen years. We will continue to fight to save these leases and the rights that we have enjoyed under the leases.

COUNTY REAL PROPERTY VALUES by Doug Odell

Cashiers and Hamburg Townships make up 48% of the Jackson County real property evaluation. The current total Jackson County real property evaluation is now about \$3.3 Billion. Cashiers Township which stretches from Transylvania County to Macon County and from the continental divide south to the South Carolina line is 1/3 of the Jackson County total - \$1.1 Billion. Hamberg Township which stretches from Transylvania County to Macon County and from the continen-

tal divide north including most of Lake Glenville, except a small portion in the North west corner, is almost 1/2 of Cashiers Township at \$.48 Billion. There are 16 townships in Jackson County. The real property re-evaluation was completed last fall.

JACKSON COUNTY REAL PROPERTY VALUE BY TOWNSHIP *

Barkers Creek	100,260,300
Canada	58,655,000
Caney Fork	44,704,100
Cashiers	1,080,493,200
Cullowee	168,552,500
Dillsboro Rural	51,945,500
Dillsboro City	16,715,000
Greens Creek	52,348,100

Hamburg	484,089,600
Mountain	73,181,800
Qualla	151,850,000
River	64,052,100
Savannah	65,276,900
Scotts Creek	150,155,600
Sylva Rural	185,714,900
Sylva City	147,639,400
Webster	117,735,800
Unknown Township	19,402
Total	3,289,856,000

Cashiers	1,080,493,200
Hamburg	484,089,600
Sub total	3,564,582,800
= 48% of Jackson County	

* From Nov 2000 prior to assessment complaint resolution

Join the Friends of Lake Glenville for 2001-2002



FRIENDS OF LAKE GLENVILLE

2001-2002 Membership Dues

(Fiscal year July 1-June 30)

Name _____
Mailing address _____
City _____
State and Zip Code _____
Telephone _____
Fax _____
Email _____

Membership type (pick one):
 Voting - \$25
 Associate - \$15 (non-voting)
 Bronze* sponsorship \$100-199
 Silver* sponsorship \$200-299
 Gold* sponsorship \$300 and up

NC address _____

To which project would you like
your sponsorship to apply (if
applicable):

Local development or area _____
NC telephone _____
Interests, hobbies, past occupations _____

General Fund
 Water quality
 Boating safety
 Lake law enforcement

- * Gold Sponsorship includes: 1 Family membership, 2 FLG golf shirts, 2 tickets to Sundowner, 2 Gold pins
- * Silver Sponsorship includes: 1 Family membership, 2 tickets to Sundowner, 2 Silver pins
- * Bronze Sponsorship includes: 1 Family membership, 2 Bronze pins

Duplicate membership form or cut out and mail to:

Friends of Lake Glenville
P.O. Box 493
Glenville NC 28736

Must be received by July 4, 2001 in order to vote in Annual Meeting August 4, 2001, per FLG By Laws.

FIRST WATER RELEASED

On May 9 2001 water was released from the Lake Glennville Dam. The purpose was to conduct a recreational kayaking test in the river between the dam and the power house. The release was 100cubic feet per second (100cfs) for four hours.

For section one of the test the paddlers put in below the dam 1.2 miles above the bridge at Cullowhee Forest and ran the creek to the Cullowhee Forest bridge. For section two of the test they started at the bridge and paddled 1.7 miles to the power house. The test was rated as fair to good and needed more water flow.

With a flow of 100cfs these stretches were rated at 2.5 to 3.0 difficulty. And, only Expert rated paddlers should attempt running this stretch. It is not for family rafting.

An additional test will be run on June 29th at a higher flow rate at approximately 200 to 300 cfs. These tests are being run to determine feasibility.

We need some volunteers to observe the tests on June 29. The availability of viewing stations is limited. Several bridges can be used and we would like to have an observer at the dam. Please contact Doug Odell 743-5079 to help. Also, we would like to furnish a volunteer to run the section in a kayak. If you are an "Expert" rated Kayaker or know of one who will help us, call Doug Odell also.

WATER RELEASES FOR DOWNSTREAM RAFTING

On July 2nd and 3rd rafting tests will be run from the park at Dillsboro for about 5 miles. Four (4) water flow volumes will be tested to determine best flow. Each day a test will be run for 4 hour in the morning and again in the afternoon. We would like to have some observers from the lake to participate. Shore observers and water observers. The test coordinators would prefer that each water volunteer make all four (4) runs. Unfortunately the July 2nd afternoon will conflict with our Sundowner. If you

can participate call Doug Odell 743-5079 These tests will use water from Bear and Cedar Lakes as well as from Lake Glennville.

RECREATION SURVEY

Several recreation surveys will be sent to you through out this next year to capture seasonal data. It is extremely important that you take time to reply to these surveys. All of them. This is your opportunity to be heard. There will be places for write in comments.

These surveys will be sent by mail. They will have questions to elicit your recreational use of the areas lakes and streams. The data will be used to project the use of this area for recreational purposes. The results of these surveys will be used to make decisions in the relicensing of Duke's Power generation from our lake for the next 30 - 50 years.

VOLUNTEER NOW!

From the pages of The Sylva Herald.....



Spring Surprise: Snow By Rose Hooper
From the archives 3/22/2001

Spring sprang a surprise as it arrived early Tuesday morning, bringing with it a vengeance of snow. Weather conditions closed Jackson County Public Schools Tuesday. Wednesday, Blue Ridge School remained closed Wednesday, and buses didn't run on icy roads.

...While snow surrounded Jackson County, many parts of the county received significant accumulations, including Sapphire Valley where it reached 11 inches, Pin Hook Gap with eight inches, Cashiers with six to nine inches and Balsam with six inches to a foot, depending on elevation...

WCU Breaks Ground on Fine & Performing Arts Center
From the archives 3/15/2001

Western Carolina University broke ground Thursday (March 8) for its Fine and Performing Arts Center, a \$30 million facility designed to serve both as a new home for WCU's burgeoning academic programs in the arts and humanities, and as a cornerstone in the university's and region's efforts to grow and develop. [Board of Trustees Chair Adelaide Daniels Key stated that]...the Fine and Performing Arts Center will provide classrooms, studios, galleries and support space for students majoring in the arts and humanities, and a

1,000-seat hall for music and theatrical performances... "Consolidating all of Western's fine and performing arts into an integrated complex reflects the importance of the arts not just to the campus, but to the surrounding region and its economic future. We believe at Western that we can play an important role in the cultural tourism phenomenon that is affecting Western North Carolina, because when you look at this region, one of the serious problems we have is a lack of 'destinations.' We have the capacity in our arts program and in the kinds of activities that arts programs spawn to create a true destination at Western," said [WCU Chancellor John Bardo].

Well Drilling companies face new state & county regulations by Rose Hooper
From the archives 1/11/2001

Recent surveys by the health department's environmental health section have shown that approximately 43 out of 127 (30 percent) water samples taken in Jackson County tested positive for coliform bacteria. "All water samples were tested for coliform bacteria, which is an indicator of bacterial growth in the water," said Dendy. "Coliform bacteria are not harmful, but their presence indicates other harmful bacteria could possibly contaminate the well. This test alone does not necessarily determine that the aquifer is contaminated."

The water samples were taken by request from pri-

vately-owned wells from July 1999 to June 2000. The 30 percent contamination rate alarmed officials with the Jackson County Department of Public Health, who decided to take a more pro-active role in well drilling in hopes of preventing illnesses. What resulted is a new well drilling program, according to Mack Dendy, the environmental health supervisor at the health department...

Electric Company to Change Name from NP&L to Duke Power

From the archives 12/14/2000

Nantahala Power & Light Co., the electric utility that has provided power to most of Jackson County for more than 70 years, will soon cease to exist. The local power company will become "Duke Power, Nantahala Area," said Fred Alexander, district manager.

Electric rates will not change as a result of NP&L becoming Duke Power, Alexander said, and the change will not alter the company's commitment to reliable electric service at reasonable rates.

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NP&L NOW DUKE ENERGY

In late 2000 Nantahala Power and Light became Duke Energy – Nantahala Area. After many years of using NP&L it is difficult to make the name change.

There has been a restructuring of personnel, reassignment of job descriptions, and even the moving of the water level and power generation controls to Charlotte. The assignments related to regimending and conducting the study plans are combined NP&L and Duke personnel.

John Wishon is still responsible for the relicensing effort. All questions, letters and relicensing concerns should be directed to John in Franklin at 828-369-4606

LAKE RULES AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT

We have been informed that all existing Shoreline Leases will remain in effect until the Lake Rules are reviewed and revised. The inference is that the Lake Rules for all of Duke Power's lake are being reviewed. There is no date for completion of this review. It has been communicated that the use of Shoreline Leases will probably be discontinued and the various permit fees will change.

BOAT FRIENDLY

Our Boat Friendly program continues to be a core program and has been expanded. During the winter, arrangements have been made with several of the Realtors that rent lake properties to have several pages add to their rental notebook. This information notebook is placed each rental unit. The added pages include a map of the Lake with our logo, our Boat Friendly suggestions, the Personal Watercraft Regulations, and basic boating and fishing information. V.C. Smith and Mountain Realty have been very helpful in expanding this program.

Another part of our Boat Friendly program planned to install Boat Friendly signs at the boat launching facilities. Signage was designed to update and include existing signs. Agreements were progressing with the possibility that the signs would be built in the NP&L shops. Late fall when Nantahala Power became Duke Power, the local shops were closed. This program is to be pursued again this year.

We have been working with our Wildlife Officer, Brent Hyatt, to provide another Boat Safety course that is required for 13 to 16 year olds to operate a personal water craft. We have not received any requests for more safety courses but want to make them available if requested. Watch the Crossroads Chronical for course announcements.

Sundowner Social 2001**Tuesday July 2, 2001****BAR-B-QUE BUFFET DINNER****FIFTH ANNUAL SUNDOWNER****Monday, July 2nd****at****The Landings at Trillium**

A Bar-B-Que buffet dinner with all of the trimmings including cobbler and ice cream for dessert will be featured this year. Other changes include extending the time from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the sale of drink tickets to facilitate your refreshment service. Drinks will be available in the main dining area and in the pavilion overlooking the lake. The Landings will have a staff member selling drink tickets for the following prices: \$5.50 mixed drinks, \$5.00 wine and \$3.00 beer. Tea, coffee and sodas are included in the buffet price. Since the buffet is a full meal, the price is \$17.00 per person. Valet parking will be available for cars with handicapped stickers only. Friends of Lake Glenville merchandise will be offered for sale.

The week of July 4th is always a busy one. The Club must order the food well in advance. Because of this, your reservation check MUST be received by June 15th. Receiving mail can sometimes be a problem, so we will accept some paid reservations until the

22nd. ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 22ND. Last year we had complaints that the food ran out. We know you will agree that we do not want that to happen this year. Make your plans now. The flyer with the reservation form was mailed on May 22nd. Time should not be an issue. No walk-ins will be admitted. All reservations must be paid by June 22nd.

If you plan to arrive by boat, please check-in at the front door to receive your name tag. Drinks and dinner will not be served to anyone without a name tag. There should be dockage for eight boats. After that, you may have to raft.

We hope you will join us for this party. It is an enjoyable way to meet your neighbors and begin the summer season with fun and camaraderie.

For any additional information, please e-mail Joy Hooper at ABIGAILONE@aol.com or call Jackie Cochrane at 743-9252. We look forward to greeting you.

Joy Hooper, Chairman and Jackie Cochrane, Treasurer

What Happened to OMC?

Howard M. Austin

On December 22 2000 Outboard Marine Corporation (OMC) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Prior to the filing, OMC closed all manufacturing and distribution facilities and ceased paying warranty-related expenses on products sold prior to and/or after the bankruptcy filing. On February 9 2001, a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge approved the sale of Outboard Marine Corporation's primary boat and motor assets to joint bidders, Bombardier Inc. and Genmar Holdings Inc. Units of the two companies had bid \$95 million for Outboard Marine's business. Bombardier, a diversified Canadian manufacturer of business jets and other products, will take the company's Evinrude and Johnson marine-engine brands and the Ficht Ram injection technology, which together control 30% of the U.S. market. Bombardier's bid was valued at about 10 cents on the \$1 of engine assets, one rival estimated. Genmar will get the Chris-Craft, Javelin, Four Winns, Stratos, Hydra-Sports, Seaswirl and Lowe boat lines for an estimated 70 cents on the dollar. The deal allows closely held Genmar to overtake Brunswick Corp. (BC) and become the country's leading boat maker, with 19 brands and an estimated 20% market share, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis. On March 8 2001, Brunswick Corporation announced that it has acquired Princecraft Boats in connection with the bankruptcy sale of OMC assets. The purchase includes all Princecraft brands and worldwide trademarks as well as its manufacturing operations. Terms of the transactions were not disclosed. Princecraft, Can-

ada's largest boat manufacturer, will become part of the Brunswick Boat Group and will continue to be based in Princeville, Quebec. On March 21 2001, in the now final transfer of assets, Chris Craft boats was sold to British investment firm Stellican by Genmar. Production of hulls by Genmar and Princecraft has apparently begun. On May 25 2001 Bombardier Recreational Products announced a new manufacturing, sales and marketing site in Sturtevant, Wisconsin for its newly acquired outboard engine brands, Evinrude, Johnson and the FICHT Ram injection technology. Production of Evinrude and Johnson outboard engines in the U.S. is expected to begin this fall. The processes and functions to be performed in a new facility located in Sturtevant, Wisconsin, include engine assembly and final assembly, production line emissions testing and final engine testing. To date, there have apparently been no more 2001 engines produced since the bankruptcy filing. For both Evinrude and Johnson engines, all 2000 and 2001 models have the original Two-Year Limited Warranty (one year on Johnson engines) beginning from the original retail purchase date, though no other warranties apply, including all 1999 and older models, regardless of the date of sale. All supplemental promotional warranties or warranty extensions beyond the original one or two year Limited Warranty are also void.

Regarding warranties on existing hulls, press releases from Lowe have indicated that warranties on Lowe products will be

honored, but no claims will be accepted on other hulls including those labeled Suncruiser and Sea Nymph. Javelin warranties on 2000-2001 boats will be honored but not those on earlier hulls.

According to Mr. Bob Shuey, owner and operator of Signal Ridge Marina on Lake Glenville and longtime OMC dealer, the effects of the bankruptcy have been mostly transparent to the boaters and residents on and around Lake Glenville. Princecraft has resumed manufacturing and shipping pontoon and deck boats and is honoring all warranties on the few claims its quality boats generate. Signal Ridge had a large stock of 2001 Evinrude and Johnson engines at the time of OMC's collapse and has begun to receive additional engines made before the bankruptcy but not shipped, now that Bombardier has gotten EPA certification on those engines. OMC parts are being made also, some of them from a factory here in North Carolina. Boats are also being rigged with Suzuki four-stroke engines, filling any gaps due to the delay in making new Evinrude or Johnson engines.

The ski boats sold at Signal Ridge were not from OMC and were not effected at all.

If you have any individual questions about warranties or parts, please call Signal Ridge Marina at 743-2143 and speak directly to Mr. Shuey.

HELP WANTED

WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP

Help is wanted in our many programs and activities. The jobs that need to be done come in all sizes. Opportunities exist in: our Boat Friendly program, getting ramp signage in place, collecting and delivering water quality samples, calling committee, assisting with meetings, newsletter stuffing, etc.

We need about four volunteers to make contacts with our advertisers. The program is set up. It's easy to follow but we need the personal contacts. By splitting up the number of contacts among several people it become a much easier task - and it can be fun.

Contact has been made with the North Carolina Lake management Society (NCLMS). It has been proposed that NCLMS put on a Lake Water Quality Workshop in the Glenville area. A team of trained and dedicated people will show us how to protect our lake resource by using good shoreline and lake management. It will probably be a one day activity and commitment.

We are planning this workshop for mid July of year 2002. This is the ounce of prevention that may save the pound of cure.

As projected last year, most of the time of your officers and board members has been consumed by the relicensing effort. This effort is totally out of balance with the rest of our programs. But if we do not apply the effort we will be forced into always playing catch up. Staying in a proactive posture has paid dividends for us.

To the rest of the world relicensing appears benign, and many have asked "is relicensing still happening? I thought it happened last year." But when involved there are always issues that must be addressed. This will become painfully clear during this next year. We will be seeing recreation surveys. We may see habitat studies teams in the field. Study reports will become available that will have to be read, with the recommendations requiring replies, alternatives to be reviewed. Final reports and recommendations are required by the end of 2002 and the first quarter 2003. Several of the articles in this newsletter will give you a glimpse of what is happening.

Our normal basic programs and activities are still happening and improving. We have acquired a good set of base line water quality data of our lake water inflows. We have gotten Boat Friendly and FLG information into the rental units around the lake – thanks to Jim Anderson. We will have an enhanced "Sundowner" thanks to Joy Hooper and Jackie Cochran. Our website is a reality - thanks to Keith Dixon's patient and persevering way. Looks Great! Take a look at it. And give us some feedback.

You may have noticed that the winter draw down of the lake never exceeded 15 feet this year. Duke was trying out a proposed new "Rule Curve". Unfortunately with the lower rainfalls, the lake did not fill as quickly this year. The entire region has seen the same effect.

One continual need seems to be that of having a few more hands to get things done when necessary. In particular we need some help with the advertising program. More hands make smaller pieces of work to do. It's a great program and a significant portion of our budget. We do need your help! Give us a call.

I want to make special mention of those that have diligently devoted time and effort to the Tuckasegee Stakeholders Cooperative meetings (see article page 3). You would be proud to see them in action. When we first started, none of us knew what to expect or what to do. There have been some fast learning curves achieved. Even the Government Agency representatives listen when your representatives speak.

One of the biggest benefits for all of these efforts is that now most all of the stakeholders can openly discuss the emotionally charged topics in a calm and business like manor.

You will be able to see the Stakeholders in action on August 9 2001 when the Stakeholders meeting will be held in Glenville. Please see articles on pages 3 (Tuckasegee Stakeholder Cooperative) and 8 (Study group meeting in Glenville).



Former FLG Newsletter editor Keith Dixon helps Jason Austin, son of the new editor, catch his first ever Lake Glenville fish. Getting up at 5:30 am has its rewards.

RELICENSING MEETING TO BE IN GLENVILLE

The "Tuckasegee Stakeholders Cooperative" meeting for August will be held in Glenville, so you will have an opportunity to see this activity in action. The meeting will be held at the Glenville CDC building on August 9, 2001. It will start sharply at 9:00am and continue into early afternoon. The expected highlights of the meetin will be the presentation of a number of first draft reports from study groups.

This meeting is open to the public and press for observation. It operates under a "Charter" or ground rules. Only the designated members can speak during the meeting, with a 2 minute rule for each sparker. Observers can make a request to speak and time will be set near the end of the meeting for observers to speak. The room is arranged so that the designated members are in the first row, alternates sit behind them, observers sit behind the alternates. Please come and observe, honoring the established protocols also.

“Boat Friendly”



- ♥ *Be aware of, and obey, the North Carolina laws of boating.*
- ♥ *Personal watercraft (jet skis) should observe the rules like any other watercraft.*
- ♥ *Slow to 5 mph if within 200ft. of boats, swimmers, fisherman, or docks. When “in doubt”, slow down!*
- ♥ *YOU are responsible for the wake that your boat is throwing and should consider the consequences to others. (i.e. dock damage, capsizing small craft, and bank soil erosion)*
- ♥ *Always “give way” to (pass behind) non-powered boats such as sailboats, kayaks, canoes, and rowing craft. (200 ft. a good gesture).*
- ♥ *Ski and raft towing boats should never go beyond 100ft. of their disabled skiers and have an observer aboard as well as a driver.*
- ♥ *Keep noise within its proper perspective. Sound carries a long distance on water. Keep radios and recorders at a low volume.*
- ♥ *Pick up any “man-made” trash or litter you see floating in the water.*
- ♥ *Always stop and offer assistance to stranded boaters.*

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Lake Glenville Facts

Lake Glenville, at an elevation of 3500 feet MSL, is the highest lake east of the Mississippi and one of the 10 most beautiful lakes in America. The lake is 4.5 miles long, covering 1470 acres and has 26 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 125 feet. Hurricane, Norton, Mill, Cedar and Pine Creeks feed the lake which are the head waters of the west fork of the Tuckasegee River. Prior to building the lake, most of the surrounding land was pastureland. Most of the beautiful trees that now abound have grown since 1941.

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The Editor at “work” at his mobile desk. If you see him out paddling, he’d love to chat and learn more about you and your concerns and the lake and will even accept material for future newsletters, if its in a waterproof container. He paddles summer and winter, the latter courtesy of a drysuit he got for Christmas, and welcomes companion paddlers at any time. If you have never tried people power as a way to tour the lake, talk to him or better yet join him in your canoe or kayak and see the lake from a new vantage point. In a self-powered vessel, there is also no need for registration numbers or a fire extinguisher, though a PFD is essential. See you on the lake.