Little Rock Lake News

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Meetings are held at Rumors on the 2nd Saturday of the Month, 11 A.M.
Future Meetings- March 8th, April 12th and May 10th

Carp Fishing Contest
We are planning a Carp Fishing Contest for the end of May or early June when the carp are active. Jim Rau, Little Rock Lake Association Vice-President, is planning the event, and if you are interested in helping, please contact him at 393-4384. Judy Christofferson (393-4363) and Phyllis Post (393-3162) will be assisting him with the prizes, so if you can help with that please contact one of them. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District News
A $79,400 grant from the Clean Water Act has been received by BCSWCD for irrigation management near the source of Little Rock Creek. Hopefully their efforts will help reduce the drawdown of the aquifer which feeds the creek and lake. Also, Katie Winkelman has resigned her position at BCSWCD. The association thanks her for her support of our association with the water quality monitoring project. A replacement will be hired for her position.

Ice Fishing Challenge
Several ice fishermen have reported that the ice on the lake is at least forty inches thick. An extension on a regular thirty-six inch drill was needed to get through the ice.

Fishing Off the Bridge on County Road 2
Eric Altena, Area DNR Manager of Fisheries, is very receptive to the idea of increasing patrols with support from the LRLA at the bridge where Little Rock enters the lake. There is concern about the buckets full of crappies, sunfish, and other species of fish taken from the lake at this site during the spring. Eric is discussing this with DNR enforcement officers and will be in touch with us regarding their plans.

Annual Little Rock Lake Association Picnic
Plan ahead and mark your calendars to reserve the date that has been set for the Annual Picnic.
It will be held at Rumors on Saturday, July 12th beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Watab Report
At the LRLA February 8th meeting, Pat Spence gave a concise report on the Watab Township application for a new five-year Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program permit from the MPCA. A written summary of the application was distributed to those present. The full copy of the permit application can be found on the township website at www.watabtownship.com. A public comment period on the application extends through March 6th.

Next Association Meeting
The LRLA has a monthly meet on the second Saturday of the month at Rumors beginning at 11:00 a.m. Everyone who is a member of the association is encouraged to attend. The next meeting is Saturday, March 8th.

If the label on this newsletter is addressed to "**Current Occupant**", you are not a current member. Please complete the following form and forward it with your check, for $25, to the Little Rock Lake Association. **Your support in dues and time to help clean up our lake is greatly appreciated.**

LRLA Membership (August 2013/July 2014) **$25 -- Payable to LRLA, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN. 56367**

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