Each morning that I wake up here at Long Lost Lake and look out on yet another beautiful morning, I feel very lucky indeed. After 40 years, this feeling has only grown, and the prospect of many more years at Long Lost Lake, gives me the same sense of excitement that our family experienced so many years ago each time we crowded into our undersized car to go to “the lake”.

Our neighbors in the early 70’s, Nina and Dobber Ekton, along with Lil Snyder, the Mortensons, the Seabergs, the Svobodnys, the Dittericks, the Weslohs, the Holaseks and many others familiar to all of you, formed the Lake Association that has grown as the numbers of Long Lost residents have grown and as our understanding of the need for the stewardship of this special place has deepened. Through our Spring and Fall meetings, a sense of community has emerged with familiar faces welcoming new people. Project and committee reports provide us with an ever expanding scope of the stewardship of the lake and surrounding land. The dedication and willingness of people to volunteer for these activities is remarkable, and inspires me to want to do my part to sustain the work of those who have so generously shared their leadership and their talents.

Promoting the sense of community while ensuring that this special place is preserved for our grandchildren, involves discussion and dialogue and sometimes just having a good time working together. As the new Association President (in training) I want to invite you to share your thoughts, experiences and ideas of how we can enhance our Association as well as take care of the natural resources we all share. Please don’t hesitate to call me at the lake at 657-2285 or during the non summer months at (218) 281-3537, or email me at danlaurie1@hotmail.com

Dan Wilson, President
Long Lost Lake Association
A Note from the “Has Been Prez.” Babe Mortenson

I would like to thank the people that have worked so diligently over these last four years, making my job much easier.
Thank you to those that have served on the board and provided such good insight and direction.
Thank you to all who have volunteered your time on committees.
Thanks to the many worker bees for rolling up your sleeves and getting the job done.

We have accomplished much in these 4 years:
1. We reorganized the board and officers duties
2. We surveyed the lake residents for their concerns.
3. We wrote a grant that helped us to organize priorities with the lake members
   - Trained people in water sampling and identifying invasive species
   - Provided all residents with up to date information folders on various lake related issues
   - Developed a working relationship with the local Soil and Water Dept.
   - Connected with the White Earth tribe on clean-up efforts on the Peninsula
   - Developed a working document that compiles years of data and information. It will serve the lake well as we progress.
4. We worked with the local DNR to eliminate the erosion problems at the public access
5. We built a kiosk at the public access and maintain information packets for it
6. We developed an information pamphlet about Long Lost Lake and the association
7. We adopted 2 miles of the North Country Trail for maintenance
8. Up dated the Lake Map and property ownership. All members received a laminated copy and an update will follow at the fall meeting
9. We increased membership in the LLLAA
10. We up-dated the LLLAA web site and lake yellow pages, thanks to Jane Bovard
11. We continued our membership in Conservation Minnesota (Formally Healthy Lakes and Rivers)
12. Our Newsletter is a work of art, thanks to Grace Kuphal and Jane Bovard
13. We celebrated 30 years of accomplishments at fall 2009 Meeting. The roasted pig was good as well.
14. And as we emphasized pollution, invasive species and planning for the future, we did not forget the importance of other projects such as the newsletter, road clean up, Thursday night suppers and book club.

As a lake association and lake members we have just scratched the surface in protecting Long Lost Lake, from contamination caused by fertilizers, septic systems, erosion, gas motors and invasive species – plant or animal. Our challenge is to never let these pollutants into Long Lost Lake. We need to continue to work with State and local organizations and with our lake residents; it will take all our efforts to accomplish this task.

Every so often I read in the paper of another lake that has fallen (Itasca County had two this spring) to an invasive species; our goal needs to be “never Long Lost Lake”; “never Long Lost Lake”!!!!

I have heard people say “it is only a matter of time and all 10,000 Minnesota lakes will have invasive species”. To those people I say - if that is your belief, then let’s make sure Long Lost Lake is the very last lake in Minnesota to be invaded. The longer we can prevent invasive species from infesting Long Lost the better the chance that treatments for invasive species will be discovered. And if you need more incentive: Just think about how much your property will be worth if Long Lost Lake is the only lake in Minnesota without invasive species and or pollution.

So, with that, many thanks to all of you. And a challenge to the future boards – Keep moving forward, increase membership, increase awareness, because it takes every lake resident and every lake visitor to keep Long Lost Lake pristine.
Babe Mortenson
INVASIVE SPECIES INFLUX HAULTED

The flood of new aquatic invasive species into the Great Lakes appears to have stopped as federal and state regulations requiring ocean-going ships to exchange their ballast water in the open water are proving effective, according to a recent report from the International Joint Commission.

Wisconsin research has confirmed that boaters, not ducks or other birds, are the main carriers of invasive species to new waters, and that simple steps, by boaters, to avoid spreading the aquatic invaders, can prevent the spread of invasives.

Earlier this month, the International Joint Commission released a report on how the health of the Great Lakes has changed over the past 25 years. Recent regulations to stop the flow of new invasive species to the region appear to have worked, according to the commission, a joint U.S. Canadian agency set up in 1909 to oversee the management of shared resources, especially the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River System.

From 1987 to 2006, 34 new non-invasive species became established in the Great Lakes, causing extensive and costly damage to the ecosystem, the commission reports. However, no new invasive species are known to have been introduced through ballast water since modifications in ballast water management regulations were implemented in 2006, though two species were established via other routes.

Federal and Wisconsin laws requires ocean-going ships to flush ballast water in the open water, away from shore.

(This article was taken from the Eau Claire, WI newspaper this spring and contributed by Peter Gugisberg.)
At Long Lost Lake, we are blessed to be surrounded by so much beauty. In the last few weeks, the four butterflies of particular beauty have emerged.

Usually the first to show itself is the *Mourning Cloak*, as it overwinters as an adult. Given its name for its dark wings, its adult food is sap from oaks and maples. It also steals sap from the rows of holes on birch and aspen made by the yellow-bellied apsucker (as does the hummingbird, which allows it to arrive in the early spring before flowers have had a chance to blossom).

The *Canadian Tiger Swallowtail* is named for its home (we are on the southern edge of its range), its yellow and black tiger stripes, and swallowlike “tail”. Like the Mourning Cloak, its caterpillar had fattened itself on birch and aspen leaves last summer. Hungry after surviving the winter in its chrysalis, it feeds on lilacs and raspberries, and drinks in groups at puddles and wet soil.

Before making a leafy case for itself to survive winter, the *White Admiral* caterpillar also munches away the summer months on birch and aspen leaves. A distinctive horseshoe shape of white bands provides vivid contrast to its black wings. Adults feast on carrion, mammal scat, bird guano, and aphid honey (ick!). Admirals can also be found drinking at wet sand or puddles.

Minnesota's state insect, the *Monarch*, unlike the other three butterflies, escapes winter by migrating to Mexico, covering *oyamel* fir trees in great numbers. The caterpillar's home and food is milkweed only, which gives the Monarch protection as birds find the species distasteful, although the adults feed at wide variety of blossoms beyond milkweed, including goldenrod, red clover, lilac, thistles, and the invasive spotted knapweed.

Sadly, we may not see many Monarchs this year, as the species is suffering an ominous decline. This decline is due a complex of factors, including illegal logging of the few *oyamel* fir trees in Mexico, farming practices in the United States and Canada making milkweed hard to find, and last summer's drought in the American south, further diminishing the availability of the essential milkweed.
Some Perennial Beauty at Long Lost Lake.
by Peter Hovde, Long Lost Lake Historian (continued)

One thing we each can do to help the Monarch is to plant milkweed in our flower beds and gardens without which the species cannot survive. I checked with the DNR and Clearwater Soil and Water, and since milkweed is a native plant, there is no worry about it spreading out of control, although they do recommend planting the native rather than ornamental species.

Speaking of invasive plants, the *common tandy* has recently gained a foothold in our area. It has a fern-like leaf, topped with golden button-like flowers. It grows best in “edge environments” such the borders of lawns, paths, roads as well as farm pastures. It spreads by both seeds and rhizomes, and can be treated by both herbicides and hand pulling. Since it is a noxious weed, gloves and protective clothing should be worn when hand pulling or digging. Like other exotic invasives, it will gain a foothold for a couple of years, and then its population just explodes. There are a number of state websites on the weed and its control. Among them are Minnesota and Washington state at http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/badplants/noxiouslist/~media/Files/plants/weeds/common-tansy.ashx and at http://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/water-and-land/weeds/BMPs/common-tansycontrol.Pdf

Butterfly identification resources: *Butterflies of the North Woods*, 2nd Edition by Larry Weber (Kollath

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**Up and Down the Lake**

Congrats to Nathan and Lisa Shepherd. Great news is Lisa is expecting twins in Oct.!

New residents on the lake: Stan and Tami Dickman, who purchased Craig and Lori Johnson’s place; Joe and Sally Corser who purchased the Van Wynen property; Richard and Barb Fabre on the peninsula.

Connie Silkett has left the lake and moved into an assisted living apartment. Her address is 1301 E 7th St. #216, Monticello, MN 56363

For Sale: Schoviller’s place - 4 BR, 2 3/4 baths, guest/beach cabin with boat launching access, 20 acres and is listed with Remax First Choice 218-732-1191.

Jenning’s place is listed with Remax. A showing can be scheduled by calling Carol Norman 218-732-1191.

Yellow Pages additions: Vern Dobson – Shevlin – 248-657-3070
Well Drilling and problems with wells – Kyle Anderson – Clearbrook – 218-776-2486

Flooring, Sanding, refinishing – Ardell Johnson’s 80th birthday at the Hilltop, on May 23

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New LLLA President, Dan Wilson

I am looking forward to the opportunity to contribute my small part to the great service that has been provided by so many who have contributed so much to the work of the Association over the years. Due to our busy career life, our visits to Long Lost Lake have been brief ones, time only to recharge the batteries. But we have enjoyed the many gatherings and have appreciated the Association’s commitment to stewardship of these special resources we have all come to cherish.

Laurie and I began looking for lakeshore in late 1973 while we were still courting, with no money, but a clear sense that a place in the wilderness would enrich our lives. A realtor in Park Rapids gave us rough directions to the property, and three trips later, we actually found the property, now under three feet of snow, but glistening under a winter sun with a beauty that you are all familiar. We purchased the property, and in the Spring of 1974, were pleasantly surprised to discover there was both a road to the property and electricity. I have no idea what “Plan B” would have been had that not been the case, but we were young and details were less important then. With six months of marriage under our belts, and a $49 tent purchased at a Holiday station, we were ready. We proceeded to clear the land with a small ax and even smaller hand saw. Laurie’s father rescued us with his small Craftsman chain saw I was later to learn was intended only for small limbs, not 100 foot tall pines and poplars.

The walk out basement we built that first summer, complete with outhouse, served us and our three sons, Patrick, Timothy and Nicholas for the next 38 years, until Laurie and I added two stories last year to finally realize our dream and to prepare for moving out full time as soon as Laurie retires from her counseling position with the University of Minnesota. In Crookston. I retired last year after a long career with the Northwestern Mental Health Center that included 26 years as the Executive Director.

Our three sons are a bit scattered, with the oldest now in China on a Fulbright scholarship, studying and creating art. Timothy and his wife Traci reside in Cambridge, England where Tim works as a researcher for the University, and his wife is busy completing a PhD from Oxford, working full time, and being mom to a 15 month old grand-daughter. Nicholas and his wife Amanda reside in the Twin Cities where she works as a physical therapist and Nick in business-aeronautics. Last year, Amanda’s parents, Blake and Kathy Carlson, purchased the Snyder cabin just 2 doors down from us, giving our grandson and grand child-to-be (November arrival), a double set of grandparents on the lake.

But no matter how far away our children are, the pull of Long Lost Lake brings them home frequently, with the cabin rapidly becoming the center of family life, a story familiar to many of you. And while the prospect of leaving behind 40 years of Crookston friendships is difficult, the new friendships that are emerging bring the same sense of excitement that we first experienced when we came to this wilderness lake that carried with it a touch of the Boundary Waters, another place that has always been near and dear to us.

Laurie and I look forward to hosting the Fall meeting at our place (just across from the public access, between the Toomeys and the Bergersons) and ask your forgiveness with the not quite finished state of our garage and cabin home. We both look forward to becoming better acquainted with all of you, and as the neophyte President of the Association, will do my best to continue the great work done by Past President Babe Mortenson and the other Association officers.

Dan Wilson

New LLLA Secretary, Mitzi Balstad

Millicent Balstad – better known as Mitzi - or Charlie’s wife, 18 years in Hallock Minnesota, 4 years in Minneapolis-St. Paul and since joining Charles in Polk County, 1 year in McIntosh and 54 years in Rosebud township.

(Wow, how old am I !?!) In 1964, brother-in-law Darol Melby suggested we have a picnic at a public access at a little lake in southern Clearwater County – Long Lost Lake. On a Sunday afternoon with Grandpa and Grandma Balstad, Melbys and our family we enjoyed the most beautiful, serene picnic spot ever. Never to return again until a Sunday afternoon drive in 1994 we decided to revisit that public access. As we drove down Seaberg past a pink cabin with a red gate, there was a for sale sign with a telephone number – the deal was made and here we are!  In 1964, we had 4 little boys when we returned in 1994 we were a family of seven children, 4 daughters-in-law, and 5 grandchildren. Now we are a family of 31 – 2 more in-laws and 11 more grandchildren – all enjoying the lake and the good neighbors and friends of LLL. (We, also, especially enjoy having them stop by for coffee.)

I look forward to being part of the LLL Assn. board and trust that I will give you an accurate and punctual account of the association business.
New LLLA Treasurer Richard Bovard

Born and raised in Michigan, I taught in Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, and North Dakota. After completing my education, I was a professor and administrator for nearly 30 years at North Dakota State University. Jane, who many of you know well (or at least much better than you know me), and I have four sons (Bret, Keats, Damon, and Wells). Bret is a resident of Arizona, Keats of Montana, and the other two of Minnesota. We have three grandchildren: Meghan (AZ), Rand, and Sasha (MN). So, we make sure to see the grandchildren by living in Minnesota, where we are residents, and Arizona. We have four cats and two hunting dogs. I first saw Long Lost Lake during a long search for a Minnesota lake cabin to replace the one that we had to sell near the Whitefish chain. We looked around Brainerd, then around Park Rapids, without much luck. Once, a realtor brought me to Long Lost Lake, showing me a small undeveloped parcel on the far southeast. The view, through dead trees over the water to dead trees, was not promising. I walked away. But eventually Jane found an ad in the Fargo paper that seemed more promising. Here was a nice cabin, more land and forest, and a more private, safe distance from the road. Of course, good neighbors and friendly lake-association members improved my view of things.

Bears have been sighted on both sides of the lake during May and June. The one on the left was at Clay’s and on the right was at Bergerson’s.

The bear on the right was at Ardell and Ruth Johnson’s earlier this summer.

LAKE DATA - Summer 2013

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Follow up data: Total snow fall was 103 inches plus 12.3 inches of rain. The first day of fishing, there was still ice on the lake. Opening fishing day May 14.
Long Lost Lake Township has a couple of projects that we are working on this summer. The first is a replacement of substandard road traffic signs on the Township Roads. There are certain standards of reflectivity and post breakaway that signs must meet. The Township has done an evaluation of signs and scheduled replacements for those signs that do not meet the standards. Several people have commented that, "Replacing the signs will just give hunters new targets!" While this may be true the main reason that we must replace the signs is one of traffic safety and lawsuit protection. Doing the replacement is cheap insurance for the Township.

Let's say that someone runs a stop sign and is hit by a logging truck. The injured party claims the stop sign didn't meet requirements because it was faded and was shot up with holes. They further claim that the LLL Township Board was aware that the sign didn't meet standards. A court agrees with the plaintiff and assesses damages at $700,000 dollars. Back up the money truck! Unfortunately the money truck is the taxable property within the Township. This year the Township levy is $7,000. So to determine your share of the assessment take your Township payment for this year and multiply by 100. That's how much you would have to kick in for the assessed damages. I'm sure you will agree the replacement is well worth the cost.

Secondly we will be doing a few instances of spot graveling later this summer. Our complete graveling cycle is on a 3 year basis, i.e., every 3 years we do a general graveling. Next year will be the third year of the cycle so a general graveling will be scheduled sometime next summer.

In addition, at our August Township Board meeting we'll be discussing problems with overhanging branches on Seaberg LN. Complaints have been received from our snowplow and grading operators that low hanging branches are causing them some problems. This may require trimming of branches that overhang the roadway and are lower than 14 feet.

Finally, let me remind Township property owners that all designated LLL Township roads are under the jurisdiction of the LLL Township Board. Any changes to the roadway, such as constructing a new approach from the road, requires the approval of the LLL Township Board.

David Johnson, Chairman
Long Lost Lake Town Board