

President Rick Anderson's Thoughts

\$481,602 and did the egg go over the dam along with much of the 16.5 inches of 2018 rainfall? Perhaps. The pump started June 7 with the lake just under the "Top of Dam" mark. So why have a BLPOA organization? Have an answer? Beginning in 1918, 100 years ago, members of the Bass Lake community conceived of and established an organization to bring people together. 2018: Over 300 came together last month at the POB for pizza and conversation. What if, no BLPOA? No lake pump - No Volunteer Fire Department - No Property Owners Building for events - No sewers - No low cost garbage collection - No recycling - No neighborhood watch - No improvement committees - No buoy program - No C&R Newsletter - No social events - No new 2018 water sampling effort; none of that. Without the BLPOA, we might have higher taxes though. Years ago, there was quite a BLPOA effort to oppose a tax increase. That's part of the "WHY". What about all the "WHY NOT'S"; things not done or maybe not even attempted. A great place to discuss those is at a tavern or a Property Owners' Association meeting, which happen usually on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

2018 buoys caretakers have their buoys lakeside. Some rock locations however have been lost. Perhaps we need to have a rock finding event this summer, a contest if you will - I'm in. We have spare rock buoys; find a rock, name it, buoy it and adopt it. I would like to find "Old Flattop". It's in the west side of the south bay and is a great "pulling skiers" liner upper when marked. I'd like to find "SCAR" too; it's at about just north of middle of the south bay. I remember finding two rudders and a lower unit close by. Big Ron exclaimed "those were my rudders"; could be, his Correct Craft lost two encounters with SCAR. Remarkably, those rudders can be viewed today; they still mark the beginning of the old OPPO pier in Rannell's Park—a part of Bass Lake's rock history. See the picture to the right, our OPPO pier, with rudders.



The Healthy Shoreline glacial stone effort is progressing and we could have grant monies by August 2019. Roger Huntington thinks a good slogan would be "Let's Get Stoned". Glacial stone in front of about 140 feet of our beach pavilion seawall is funded and the installation go ahead was given by the County Commissioners and Park Board. Next month we will have the BLPOA Annual Meeting and the Annual Election of Board Members. We will be voting on updating our Bylaws too. Attend and vote. Sometimes I smile when I don't win and someone else wins a non jackpot prize. Might over half a million be in the cards again at the V? Hope springs eternal. *Stay safe & healthy, Rick*

Bass Lake Property Owners Association:
Our next property owner meeting is on July 7 at 9:00 a.m. at the BLPOA building. This annual meeting will include the election of Board members, officers and the new bylaws.

Bass Lake Neighborhood Watch: Monday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. BLPOA building

Bass Lake Festival: The 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 at the BLPOA building

Starke County Park Board: Tuesday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Starke County Annex building

Prairie Trails Club (our nearby bike path): June 21 at 6:00 p.m., CDT (7:00 p.m., EDT) in the North Judson-Wayne Township Public Library, North Judson

Bass Lake Conservancy District (our sewers): Monday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. BLPOA building

Bass Lake Festival—July 27, 28 and 29—www.basslakefest.com

Lakeside Market at the Marina—The popular Festival Craft Fair will return! This year's market, The Lakeside Market at the Marina, will be one day only, Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will feature local artisans, woodworkers and crafters. Vintage items and repurposed works of art and furniture are also welcome. The booth sales/reservations have begun and there is a limited number. Text or call Nancy Sandusky at (219) 488-6747 to reserve your space. Booth rental starts at \$20 for a 10' X 10' space. Michelle Albon at the Bass Lake Marina can also answer your questions, (574) 772-5084.

Festival Shirts are GREEN! - Festival shirts are available for purchase at most lake eateries and Double D's Bait Shop. Cost is \$12 each. The Bass Lake Festival solely relies on corporate sponsors and community support. If you are willing to contribute, go to www.basslakefest.com.

Parade Grand Marshal —BLPOA President Rick Anderson is the Grand Marshal this year. He is a member of the California Township Advisory Board and has served as Commodore of the OPPO Boat and Ski Club. His relationship with Bass Lake began in 1952 when his family made a visit to our then, Indiana Bass Lake State Beach. As our BLPOA President, he and his wife Jane help other lake residents most days. Have you ever asked Rick a lake-related question that he can't answer? Probably not. Will he ski barefoot again this year? Probably so.

26 Exciting Events—5K Run, Brew Fest, Lions Club Breakfast, Painting, Craft Market, Bike Race, Bouncy Houses, Cardboard Boat Race, Car Show, Corn hole, Fishing Derby, Historical Tram, Ice Cream Eating, Magic Show, Parade, Photography, Sailboat Races, Miss Bass Lake, Sand Sculptures & Water Volleyball!

**Bass Lake
Festival**

Bass Lake Property Owners Association

President ~ Rick Anderson
Vice President ~ Mary Topelian
Treasurer ~A. J. Gappa
Secretary ~ Jan Dwyer

Board Members

- Diane Blais
- Aileen Collura
- Kathy Laiter
- Rik Ritzler
- Gayle Smith
- Ron Vendl

Board member contact information is on our website:
www.inbasslake.com.

Bass Lake Beautification

Welcome back everyone to a new season at beautiful Bass Lake! The BLPOA has formed a new Beautification Committee and we would like everyone to help in our efforts to clean up the Bass Lake area. We encourage you to mow, pick up yard debris, clean, paint and improve your cottage area. If you see trash beside the road, or across from your home please take the time to pick up and clean up. Thanks for your help, let's all keep the "Beautiful" in Bass Lake!

Bass Lake Festival Volunteers

Calling all volunteers for the Festival! Volunteer one or two of your family members to help out for a few hours. tdillner@gmail.com.

Ride the Train on Father's Day!

Rekindle old memories or create new memories by riding the rails at the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum during North Judson's Mint Festival/ Father's Day Weekend on Saturday, June 16th, and Sunday, June 17th. Trains will leave the depot for the 10-mile round-trip excursions to English Lake at 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM, both days. Before or after the train excursion, be sure to visit the museum and grounds where the admission is always free. The Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum has one of the largest museum collections of working railroad signals. Purchase tickets on-line at www.hoosiervalley.org.

June 23 Final BLPOA Registration

Pay your annual \$40 BLPOA dues, your \$95 garbage fee, pick up your directory between 9:00—noon at the BLPOA Community Building.

BLPOA Bylaws—Your BLPOA has been working over the past 6 months on revisions to our outdated bylaws. The vote for accepting the revised BLPOA bylaws will be at the annual meeting of the BLPOA, July 7 at 9:00 a.m. Contact committee chair Rik Ritzler with questions, (574) 772-0234.

Rocks in Bass Lake—New residents of our lake might not know where the rocks in the lake are. From a safety and boat protection standpoint, you'll want to avoid them. In the past the rocks that are easily removed have been taken out of the lake. The ones that are too large have been "sunk" deeper so they are less of a hazard. The rocks that remain and are dangerous and most are marked with buoys. There will be a rock overview by our BLPOA President after the next BLPOA meeting (July 7, 9:00 a.m.) if you are interested in learning more or email kcarrier@briljent.com for a laminated rock map.

Golf Cart Inspection Dates—The final Sheriff's Department Golf Cart inspection at the BLPOA Building will be on June 23. At the time of the inspection, besides your golf cart bring the following items: the completed golf cart permit (downloaded from their website listed below, also on the Bass Lake Property Owners website); a copy of proof of liability insurance for the golf cart; and the annual fee of \$25.00 – cash or check made out to "Starke County". Contact the Sheriff's Dispatch Center (574) 772-3771 with questions and alternate inspection scheduling.

Bass Lake Conservancy District—The directorship positions serving District I and At-Large expire at the end of the month. The District I position is for one year term expiring in 2019. The At-Large position is for a four year term expiring in 2022. To be valid, nominating petitions must have been submitted to the Conservancy District Office, in writing before June 1, 2018. There were no nominating petitions for District I. Incumbent Russ Blais submitted a nominating petition for the At-Large directorship position. Therefore there will be no election. Russ Blais will be sworn in at the Annual Meeting scheduled for June 30, 2018. *Submitted by Larry Collura – Vice Chairman BLCD/Director District IV*

Healthy Shoreline Initiative—The BLPOA has a committee focused on restoring our natural shoreline to preserve and enhance our water quality, prevent erosion, and provide a healthier and safer habitat for fish. On June 4, Nate Thomas (permit specialist) and Rod Edgell (grant specialist) met with lake volunteers to answer questions about permits and grants for glacial stone seawall projects. Our "early adopter" is Starke County; glacial stone will soon be installed in front of the concrete seawall at the Bass Lake Beach. We will be applying for a Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant by January 31 that will provide money to interested property owners for 2019 glacial stone projects. More information will follow in future newsletters.



The Prairie Trails Club—Ride to the south end of the lake and you'll see the new billboard sponsored by our local bike trail group. It includes a map that demonstrates how to get to the bike trail; it's easy peezy. The group pictured to the left is our Bass Lake Bike Brigade! www.prairietrailsclub.org.

Indiana Clean Lakes Program—Bass Lake is now one of 80 Indiana lakes included in this important Indiana University (IU) program. On May 29, three Bass Lake volunteers and Phil Woolery from Purdue participated in a morning of training and data collection here at Bass Lake. Our lake water will be tested on a monthly basis so that we can access IU's lake research and staff expertise. www.indiana.edu/~clp/ contains useful information!

Old Rosary Found—An old, wooden rosary was found at the side of CR 700 near the lake. The beads are wood and the cross is unusually large. Contact Carol Blastic if this is yours, (574) 772-5556.

Bass Lake History—Aldine School

A photo of Aldine's one-room school is dated 1908. Located about four miles south-west of Bass Lake on the former Erie Railroad line, Aldine was founded in 1882. By the turn of the last century, it was a thriving community of 100 people, with several stores, a post office, Gleaner Hall, church, school and railroad facilities. This particular school building was built in 1894 and was known as the "Frog Pond School". Miss Anna Marie Tracy was the teacher in this photo. Her wages were \$2.39 per day. A North Judson girl, she roomed and boarded with Mrs. Lewis German of Aldine during the week.
Ron Vendl, Starke County Historical Society

Students in the photo are: Perry Lucas, Grace Weidner, Cecil Weidner, Ola Weidner, Wm. Weidner, Loid Reed, Arthur Reed, Otis German, Lulu Brooks, Florence Reprogle, Olive Hackman, Mabel Ludders, Irene Ludders, Harold Stiles, Esther Stiles and Mary Reed.

