



WAVES

30th Annual Lake Rabun Wooden Boat Regatta



When: Sunday July 5th 10:30am
Where: "Big Basin" starting @
Terry Graham's Boathouse

This summer's 4th of July weekend marks a milestone in the weekend's bell weather event, the Wooden Boat Regatta. This year's event marks the 30th Anniversary of the regatta which features some of our country's finest wooden boats on our little lake. For the size of beautiful Lake Rabun, we can boast more (over 80) beautiful, classic Chris-Crafts, Garwoods, Lymans, Hacker-Crafts, and Century's than any other lake in the country! It is indeed an awesome display when all of our wooden boat owners attend and participate in the parade.

This year's event will include several significant features and benefits to both participants and spectators:



The 30th Annual Lake Rabun Wooden Boat Regatta will feature Hall's #1 and #2 for the first time together since 1962.

1. Hall's Boat House # 1, driven and owned by Terry Graham, will be leading our parade which will start from the "Big Basin" at 10:30am. Following Terry will be the recently saved and restored Hall's Boat House # 2, a 1947, 22-ft Sportsman that Charlie Arp and Ben McCracken saved from ruin on Lake Lanier and restored to its original splendor over the last 2 years. Number "2" was sold by Guy Hall Jr. in 1962 and was kept on Lake Lanier until 2006 when it was brought back to its home at Rabun. This summer's parade will mark # 2's first summer back on Lake Rabun since 1962, its first entrance into the parade and the first time Halls #1 and # 2 have been on the lake together since '62.

2. Special 30th Anniversary Burgees will be handed out to all wooden boat participants prior to the parade. This is a one-time, specially-designed Burgee from Bob Voyles commemorating this great anniversary and

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President's Message: Special People, Special Place



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LRA Foundation - Buz Stone

Lake Rabun Pavilion -
Rick Asbill, Kirk Knous

It is Saturday afternoon April 4th, I am in the boat with Lee and Mary Turner, relishing in this glorious spring afternoon. This is good for what ails you! Being here rejuvenates your spirit!

Stressful headlines and affairs are 2½ hours down 85 South. This is our sanctuary — pure, peaceful tranquility! No more shoulders up around the ears—tension wiped away by the beauty and serenity of this place. Here lies the epitome of what will alleviate your winter blues during these difficult economic times—Lake Rabun, Lakemont, Georgia—our haven in Northeast Georgia.

This past year I have been blessed to be surrounded by so many people that have voluntarily given numerous hours of their talent, creativity, and dedication to the Lake Rabun Association. Samplings of these unconditional gifts are:

- creating a new website, thank you, John King! You all are going to be so impressed! It is fabulous!
- production of a new directory, thank you Warner Veal and staff for offering to take on this major undertaking.
- membership updates for the directory headed up by Felicia Lease and Clay Battle; without their tenacity and meticulous handling of the membership information, the directory would not have come to fruition.
- typesetting and creating the fall/winter newsletter; thank you, Miles O'Brien. He deserves an award for his patience with me. I am thankful for his talent.
- Craig Kettles and James Jernigan formulating a survey for our members, to be released early summer.

These are some of the **new projects** that have taken place since last summer. They do not include the endless hours given by Kirk Knous, keeping up with the Pavilion rental calendar, maintaining the property, and keeping the toilets from flooding! Nor does it include the countless hours that our fundraising chairs devote to creating successful venues in order to contribute funds to our Foundation. Our members are immensely indebted to Buz Stone and the Lake Rabun Fund committee for the monies they bring in for college scholarships, for local students, the fire department, and other worthy gifts to the community.

The chairs of this summer's Lake Rabun Foundation fundraisers and events are named below.

It is flea market time!! The flea market and live auction led by Jeanne Cowan, Kelly Cowan, Felicia Lease, and Laura Rhodes will be as fun and successful as in years past.

They have lined up some great items, both for the silent and live auctions. Don't miss the fun! Speaking of fun, on the evening of the flea market, Ann Veal and her committee have put together a fantastic cocktail affair — mark the date, Father's Day weekend — June 20th. As you know, all proceeds go to support the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department and the Lake Rabun Foundation. Inside the newsletter, you will find all the exciting details.

Sandy and Miles O'Brien and their committee are getting ready for the 3rd Annual Rabun Ramble. Shake the dust off your running shoes and sign up. This is a wonderful event for the entire family to do together—walk or run! Last year it raised close to \$10,000 for the Lake Rabun Foundation—tell your friends, and sign up the family. Let us beat last year's numbers! Sign up form and more details are found in the newsletter.

The above is just a sampling of the many devoted givers on this lake. They in turn are so appreciative of the many people that volunteer their talents and time to help them make these projects successful. I am grateful for the support and devotion that everyone gives the Lake Rabun Association and the Lake Rabun Foundation. Take a glance inside this newsletter, it is filled with other friends of the lake who are so giving to us!

The following pages offer an array of activities for family and friends. Get out your calendar, mark the dates, you will not want to miss a single event!

The people of Lake Rabun make this a very special place. I feel very fortunate to have been introduced to this piece of heaven 22 years ago.

Nan Troutman
LRA President



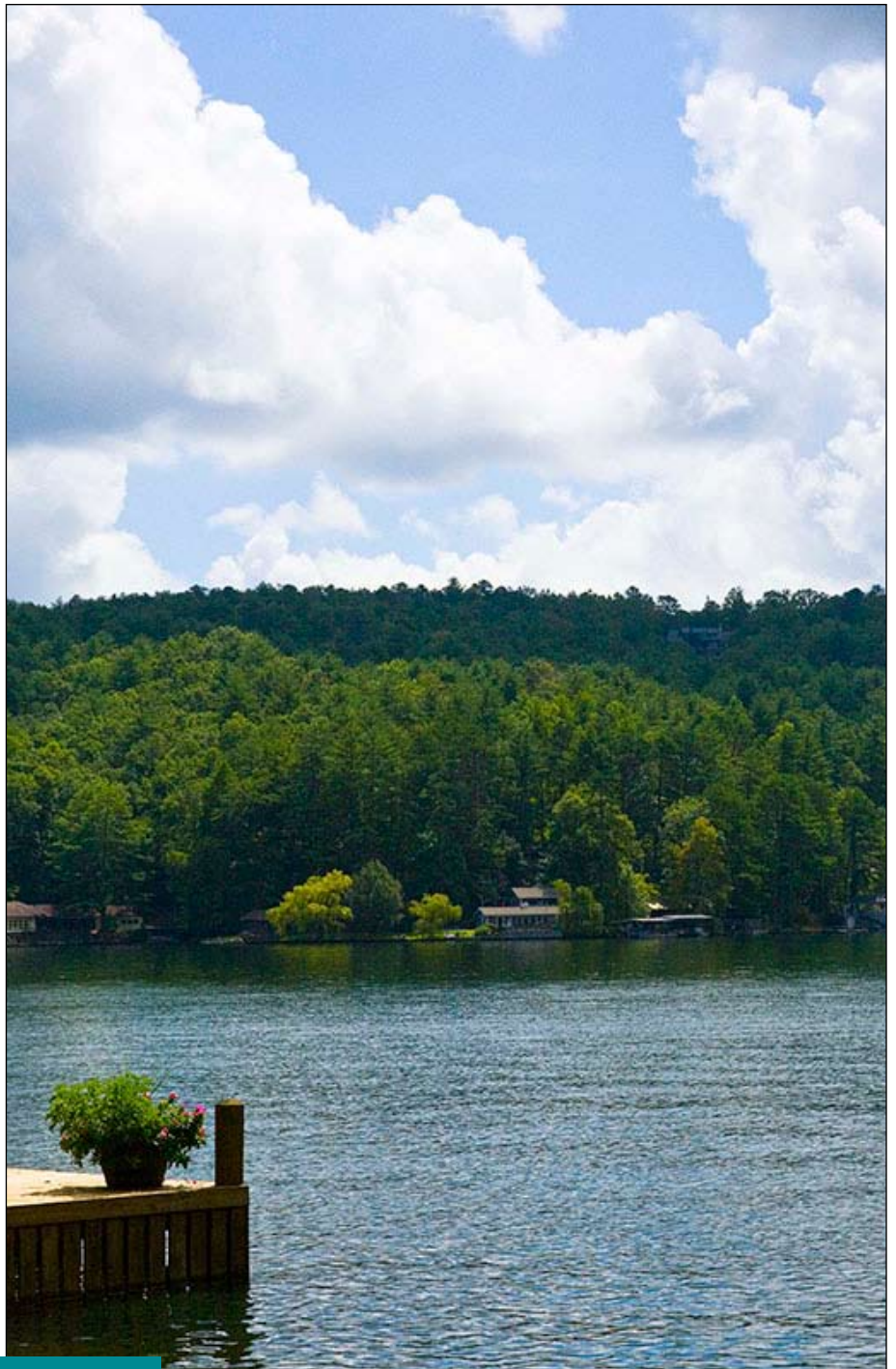
Foundation Report: *Keeping Up the Good Works!*

Now that the Pavilion has been built and paid for, we can turn our attention back to the other good works we are doing in the Rabun County community through the LRA Foundation. If you check the LRA website (www.lakerabun.org), you will see photos of some of our scholarship recipients.

Also, you will see that, since 1987, we have provided over \$490,000 in scholarship aid to local high school graduates going to college. Currently, that's \$52,000 a year for the students in college this year. These are all young people from Rabun County homes who have the intelligence to go to college, but not the means.

The Lake Rabun Foundation has been doing this and much other charitable work in Rabun County for 22 years. We are not going away. Over the years, our fund has been the beneficiary of generous planned gifts. The most frequently utilized form of planned giving is a bequest under the terms of a will, trust or retirement fund. Perhaps you and your family might consider a planned gift for the good work of the Lake Rabun Foundation. Consult your estate attorney or financial planner or call me and I can put you in touch with the people at the North Georgia Community Foundation which holds and administers our fund. In the meantime, if you would like to make a tax-deductible gift, please make your check payable to Lake Rabun Foundation and mail it to:

Lake Rabun Association
Attn. Buz Stone
P.O. Box 490
Lakemont, GA 30552



NEW DIRECTORIES
will be available for
pickup at the Memorial
Day Meeting, Sunday
May 24th, 10am.

***** Please make plans to pick up your directories at the meeting, which will save the LRA unnecessary postage.***

Pavilion Bank Debt Retired

As was reported at the Labor Day meeting, the bank debt for the Lake Rabun Pavilion was paid in full last summer. Our capital account has a modest balance which will be used for a few items that are still under consideration by the Officers and mainly relate to landscape type issues. Virtually all pledges have been paid except for a handful that extended beyond 2008.

We are planning to further promote the availability of the Pavilion to the community as well as other friends of the lake and hope to provide sufficient income from rentals to cover ongoing operating costs.

Thanks again to the more than 400 donors for making this project such a success.

Rick Asbill, Chair
Acquisition and Capital Fund

Pavilion Now Under Professional Property Management

The members of the Lake Rabun Pavilion, LLC Advisory Board have selected a new property management agent for the Pavilion at Lake Rabun. Property management has been handled by an LRA volunteer since the facility opened. The success of our Pavilion rental program caused the Advisory Board to search for professional management. After interviewing several organizations, Barn Inn Services, Inc. was selected to manage our Pavilion. Please contact Jan or Nancy at 706-212-9995 or lrpavilion@gmail.com for all rental and/or facility information. The new managers, in addition to property management, will handle all reservations and provide support to renters as detailed in our rental agreements. The Pavilion at Lake Rabun calendar of events is on the LRA website, www.lakerabun.org.

All LRA officers and committee chairs should be sure their events are on the calendar and remember to schedule future events with our property manager. Rick Asbill and Kirk Knous will continue to oversee all Pavilion issues for the Lake Rabun Association.

Around and About the Community!

1. Lakemont Art Walk and Antique Show May 22nd and 23rd, Downtown Lakemont 9am.

2. Lake Rabun Hotel has been named to the prestigious *National Geographic Traveler Magazine Top Stay List 2009* appearing in the April issue. It is the only hotel in Georgia on the list. Selected hotels were chosen because of their location-inspired architecture, ambience and amenities, eco-stewardship, plus an ethic of giving back to the community.

3. Awakening of the Vines Celebration at Tiger Mountain Vineyard May 16th and 17th. The vines are awakened by the hilarious fun-filled noise making of the wildly costumed Marching Abominable Seed and Feed Band from Atlanta. A wine dinner will follow at the Lake Rabun Hotel on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

4. Pizza Making Class at Louie's on the Lake. May 30th, 3-5pm. for ages 14 and under. \$5.00 per person includes pizza and soft drinks. Space is limited; please call 706-782-3276 to reserve your spot.

5. Guest Chef, Leckie Stack, co-founder of Tiger Mountain Vineyards and Stack Farms, at **Tallulah Gorge Grill**, Saturday night, May 16th. Leckie will be cooking and sharing her knowledge of food and wine pairings. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm.

6. Glen Ella Springs Inn—6th Annual Heirloom Tomato Festival. July 19th, 11am- 4pm. \$5 per person. Featuring dozens of varieties of Heirloom tomatoes for taste testing, live bluegrass music, local craft vendors displaying fine art, pottery, jewelry, and more.

7. Glen Ella Springs Inn has once again been recognized by *Georgia Trend Magazine* through their Silver Spoon award program as *one of the top restaurants in the state of Georgia*. Glen Ella has received the recognition every year since 2004.

8. Chevin Woodruff is reopening her restaurant, **Woody's Filling Station** on Main Street Clayton. She will have both take out/eat in. Beer and wine available. Opening night is April 24th.

TIGER MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

A celebration and a party—all in one!

Tiger Mountain Vineyards is once again hosting our annual "LRA Foundation Benefit" wine tasting. This year is unique. Tiger Mountain is celebrating their 10th year of operation (1999-2009) with a special event coordinated with our annual fundraiser at the winery.

Celebrate the occasion by wearing your favorite wine drinking hat! A bottle of the rare Petit Manseng will be awarded for "best hat". Everyone will be eligible for a drawing of 10 gift bottles of Tiger Mountain wine. Live music, roasted sausages and Sweet Grass Dairy Cheeses, artisan breads and tours of the newly renovated barn and Ezzard home add a special touch to the evening. At \$15 per person this is a great value. Proceeds benefit the LRA Foundation. We'll begin at 5:00 on Saturday, June 13th, 2009 at the winery located at 1592 Old Highway 441. (See www.tigerwine.com for directions, or call 706-782-4777.)



Reservations are not necessary but will assist food preparation. Sign up at our Memorial Day meeting, or call Alan or Marlee Price at 706-782-6360. Rain or shine, this is going to be an evening to remember. No minors, please.

RABUN RAMBLE 2009!

Kick off your Fourth of July weekend with the **3rd Annual Rabun Ramble Road Race** on Saturday, July 4 at 7:30 a.m. at the New Pavilion. This is the first year it will be run (or walked) on Saturday morning on Lake Rabun Road. This gives you the opportunity to get your workout over first so you can enjoy your weekend feeling a little lighter (before you get heavier)!

The picturesque course – with those stunning mountain, lake and verdant views – offers the perfect backdrop for a road race. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities offer up rave reviews. The good times are for a great cause. The net proceeds go straight to the Lake Rabun Foundation, which provides four-year college scholarships for bright, deserving Rabun County students.

You can find more information and applications on www.rabunramble.com. For your convenience, there is an application included as an insert in this newsletter. Also, please check out our sponsors listed there. They are the folks who made this race possible – they deserve your support!

Flea Market Fundraiser

Our LARGEST fund raiser is rapidly approaching. The lower level of the Pavilion is now available for storage of the donated items. Remember we can not accept clothing, mattresses, or large appliances. For Atlanta pickup, please contact Darlene or Thad Warren, 404 237 7203 or Betsy Bairstow Morse, 404 245 5343. Dave Cowan, 706 782 7142 and Doug Freeman, 706 212 0039 will be handling the Rabun pickup. Also, call Dave if you are planning to drop off your donations.

This year we are asking each family to donate one or two items suitable for silent/live auctions or Collector's Corner. Given the economy, we will be relying on our LRA members for more support in this area. Please consider donating any wonderful antiques, artwork, vacation homes etc for the live and silent auctions as well as bargain barn and collectible items. This year we have a week at St. Simons in an ocean front condo, another St Simon's vacation home, dinner cruise fox six on the famous African Queen (Lake Rabun cuisine), and a deck boat guided cocktail tour of the lake for you and your guests. Thank you all for the great response we had in 2007. The quality and quantity were (was) outstanding.

AUCTION

Among the many exciting items being offered in this year's auction are two separate weeks in the San Destin area and four tickets to the UGA/ASU football game with parking pass. If you

like old Lakemont memorabilia, we have a photograph of the inaugural wooden boat parade, 1924. *And much, much more!*

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

Our mirror fantasy (decorated in any theme, style, decor, etc.) will also be a part of the silent and live auction. We have so many talented members, the mirrors are sure to be interesting and beautiful.

RED HOT RAFFLES

Buy a "bucket full" of raffle tickets!!! With the \$1.00 raffle tickets you could win gift certificates, dinner at a local or Atlanta restaurant, local services or one of many other great donations.

THE BARGAIN BARN

Donate working electronics, flip-pers, vases, barbecue grills, housewares, windchimes etc. This is a labor intensive booth so please call as early as possible to volunteer.

CHEZ FLEA

Bring your appetites and your families for sizzling bratwursts, hotdogs, chips, soft drinks and iced tea.

LRA ITEMS

We will have Lake Rabun merchandise available for sale again this year. Choose from long and short sleeve t-shirts, wine and highball glass, jiggers and mugs. Also Nancy Pruitt will have her local family cookbook for sale with all

proceeds to go to the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department.

To volunteer, please call Darlene Warren at 404-237-7203.

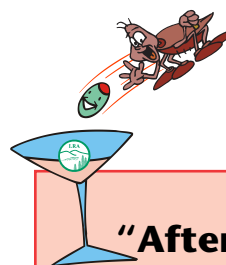
Flea Market Co-chairs

Laura Rhodes

Felicia Lease

Kelly Cowan

Jeanne Cowan



"After The Flea" Cocktail Party and Live Auction June 20, 6:00 P.M.

Make plans for a lovely night at the lake with wonderful food and, of course, exceptional friends.

We'll begin with a Cocktail Party at 6:00. Our own Libby Mathews will be creating delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres and there will be an Open Bar.

The Live Auction will follow.

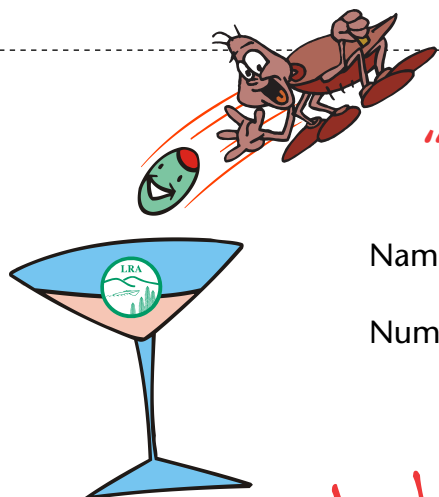
The cost is \$50 person and reservations are a must! Checks should be made out to the Lake Rabun Association and mailed to:

Ann Veal

14501 Freemanville Rd.

Milton, GA 30004

Please respond by June 6, and don't miss out on a fabulous and fun way to support the Lake Rabun Fund!



"After The Flea" Cocktail Party Reservations

Name(s) _____

Number Attending _____ x \$50/person **TOTAL \$** _____

Have you had your "Flea shot"?

Make check payable to:
Lake Rabun Association

Mail form and check to:
Ann Veal
14501 Freemanville Rd.
Milton, GA 30004

Welcome Summer!

Spring is upon us and another fun-filled summer awaits us on Lake Rabun! Your Lake Rabun Association has a slate of summer activities that offers something for every family member. Young or old — there is no place like Lake Rabun and spending time with family and friends enjoying all she has to offer. From BBQs, to golf outings, to Bingo, to three great dance bands, and a host of July 4th activities we promise a summer to remember! And, in between all this enjoy the great family community we call “Rabun”, “Lake-mont”, “Shangri-La” or simply “the Lake”.

Beach Music Dance Party

Back by popular demand – *The Dirk Howell Band*! Gather at the Pavilion at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 1st for a repeat of one of last year's best parties. Young and old love beach music and this is it at its finest. Come with your dancing shoes and best moves! Tickets not required, but bring your libation of choice.

Bingo & Lakemont University

Ready for something new? Following Bingo at the Pavilion this summer, our very own John King will lead a series of talks aimed to raise our awareness of the great outdoors. The first talk, “*The Night Sky*”, follows Bingo on Saturday, May 30th. Bingo and subsequent talks are scheduled for Saturday July 18th and Saturday, August 8th.

Golf Challenge

Help defend our honor at the 9th Annual Lake Rabun vs. Lake Burton & Lake Seed Golf Challenge on May 8th. Shotgun start is 1:00 p.m. at the Orchard Golf Club. Format is 4-ball medal play. A cocktail party will follow during which trophy presentation will take place. Cost per player is \$75. Spouse or friends invited to party for \$15 each; cash bar.

Contact Dave Cowan if you want to play. 706-782-8476 or email at dcowan@paccar.com

Golf Tournament to Benefit LRA Foundation

Our annual golf tournament to benefit the LRA Foundation will be held at the Orchard Golf Club on August 1st. Shotgun tee off at 1:00 p.m. Entrants may sign up as foursome or as an individual. Format is 4-person team play. Watch for sign up information. After golf, continue the fun at the Pavilion for our beach music party!

Lake Cleanup Day

Beautiful places stay that way because people care for them. Join us for our annual lake cleanup day on Friday, June 19th. Plan on meeting at Halls at 9:00 a.m. for a full day of dirty, wet, but really important work – and as always some fun mixed in. Join us at Louie's for food, beverages and tales at the end of the day.

Contact Bob Clinkscales at rmclink@aol.com to participate.

July 4th

No other weekend captures the spirit and community of Lake Rabun like July 4th! The show kicks off at the Pavilion on Friday, July 3rd with BBQ catered by the Dillard House and music by Rabun County's own *Foxfire Boys*. Then, bright and early Saturday, plan on working off some of that BBQ by running or walking in the 3rd Annual Rabun Ramble road race. July 4th is about lots of things, including fireworks! Come by boat or borrow a seat on a friend's dock or boathouse, but whatever you do, don't miss a great fireworks show at the Earthen Dam beginning at dusk. We wrap up the weekend with a very special Wooden Boat Parade on Sunday, July 5th. This year marks the 30th anniversary of our July 4th parade. You don't want to miss the great regatta of wooden boats as they cruise the shoreline. So, grab a good seat on the dock and enjoy the show!

Labor Day

All too soon, summer comes to an end. But, not without one last opportunity to gather with your family and lake friends. Join us on Saturday, September 5th for a BBQ dinner followed by dancing to the music of *The Mystery Band*. Returning to us from last year, this group plays music for all ages and, if history repeats itself, we will have folks of all ages taking to the dance floor!



Website Upgrade

This winter we have been working to improve our website and make it more valuable to our membership. This spring we will introduce several new features including:

- 1) An on-line Members Directory (in a Members Only section)
- 2) A more user friendly Event List and Calendar
- 3) On-line credit card processing for event registration and dues renewal.

The new **on-line Members Directory** will allow each household to update its own directory information at any time and also determine if any fields should be hidden from general view (e.g. cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc). The directory is only accessible to members with a valid login and is easily searchable. And best of all, you don't have to remember where you left it!

The new **Event List and Event Calendar** will offer much more information about each LRA event in a more useful format than in past years. Events can even be downloaded to your Outlook Calendar.

The hassle of paying for events and dues renewal by check will be a thing of the past. This summer we will begin taking credit card payments for these on-line.

By May 1st every member should have received either an e-mail or letter (if we have no e-mail address) containing your LRA website user name and password. Also included will be instructions on how to log in to the new Members Only section. Once there you can view and, if necessary, update your profile. If you have not received this information by May 1st please contact either:

Felicia Lease (706-782-5328-lake) or (770-313-1223-cell) or Clay Battle (404-256-2647-home).

Come visit the new www.lakerabun.org early and often!

What do you really think?

The LRA has decided that, in order to serve you better, a survey of its members should be conducted. It is our hope that with your participation, we can learn what is and isn't important to you and continue to make Lake Rabun a better place. The survey will be released after the Memorial Day meeting via the web and printed copies will be available for those without easy internet access. The results will be released at the Labor Day meeting. **Our hope is for 100% participation, so we can better represent all of our community.**

Lakemont University

A Message from the Chancellor

This time last year I was pretty much like most of you. My family, friends and co-workers all had absolutely no respect for me, mainly because I didn't have a degree from some fancy university. Well that changed pretty quickly after I graduated from (and subsequently became Chancellor of) Lakemont University.

Now LU is pleased to announce its summer semester schedule of three classes. All classes are open admission and begin at 7:30 (shortly after Bingo) at the Pavilion.

May 30th

"The Night Sky"

The basics of star gazing

Associate Professor John King

July 18th

"Quartz is a Girl's Best Friend"

The geology of our Georgia mountains

Visiting Professor Ed Dibble

August 8th

"Snakes and Other Neighbors"

Secrets of local snakes, insects and other amazing creatures

Professor Emeritus Lea Richmond

The faculty and I look forward to seeing you around campus this summer.

John King, GED

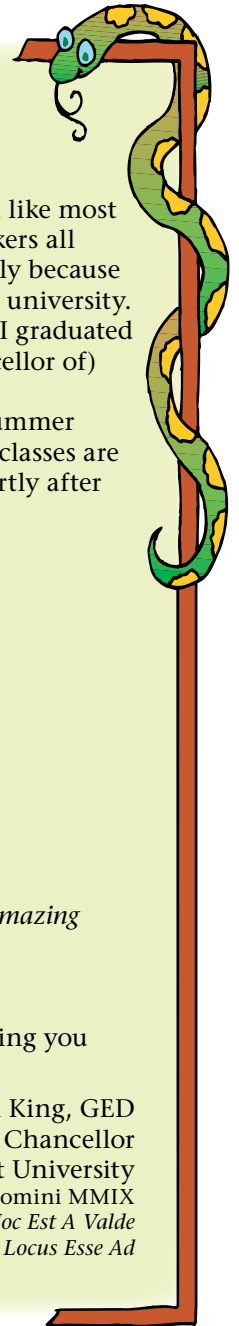
Chancellor

Lakemont University

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tradition. You will want to be in this parade if only to get this extremely cool memento!

3. The parade route will begin in the "Big Basin" at the Williams Boathouse "Dawg's Domain" LRA lot 131 next door to Jud Laws. Hall's #1 will lead us from the "Big Basin" mountain-side all the way to the dam and back to the Big Basin via the road-side. We will operate at very slow speeds to decrease the wakes produced and every attempt will be made to keep at least 50-ft of separation from each boat, so each home owner will have ample time to view and appreciate each boat and the participants will have smoother waters to navigate through.

We look forward to seeing all of our Wooden Boat owners out and enjoying this historic event !!!

Please call Kirk Knous or Ridley Williams with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Mark Your Calendars!

2009 Events

We are already planning for an exciting 2009 Summer and Fall on Lake Rabun! Here are some of the events that we are working on. Plan on a fun filled year on the lake!

Sunday, May 24 th	LRA General Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 30 th	Bingo Lakemont University Course: "The Night Sky"
Saturday, June 13 th	Tiger Mountain Wine Tasting
Friday, June 19 th	Annual Lake Clean-Up Day
Saturday, June 20 th	The LRA "Flea Market" Dinner with Silent/Live Auction
Friday, July 3 rd	BBQ Dinner & <i>The Foxfire Boys</i>
Saturday, July 4 th	3 rd Annual "Rabun Ramble"
Saturday, July 4 th	Fireworks!
Sunday, July 5 th	30 th Annual Wooden Boat Regatta
Saturday, July 18 th	Bingo Lakemont University Course: "Quartz is a Girl's Best Friend"
Saturday, July 25 th	Art at the Lake Show & Sale North Georgia Arts Guild
August 1st	LRA Golf Tournament
Saturday, August 1 st	LRA Beach Music Party with the <i>Dirk Howell Band</i>
Saturday, August 8 th	Bingo Lakemont University Course: "Snakes and other Neighbors"
Saturday, September 5 th	Labor Day BBQ Dinner & Dance with The Mystery Band
Sunday, September 6 th	LRA General Membership Meeting
Friday, November 27 th	Day after Thanksgiving Dinner

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