Hello LLA members! As we begin the second quarter of 2015, we anticipate another outstanding summer for your Lake. The winter rains have kept the Lake full and this boating season should bring significant enjoyment to all people recreating on Lanier.

Your association has been very busy the past 3 months:

1) The Atlanta Boat Show was an outstanding success. We enjoyed meeting many of our existing members, and having so many new members sign up at the boat show!

2) We have developed an automated system for monitoring the Solar Lights. Each light is inspected every month and lights that are inoperable are replaced within a two week period of time. The Solar Lights program continues to be very well received by all our stakeholders as they provide a significant warning of potential hazards when traveling after dark on the lake. A word of caution, however, is warranted: Boating safety remains the responsibility of all boaters; traveling at high speed at night should be avoided.

3) Under LLA leadership, we have developed a partnership with the DNR and Corps of Engineers that focuses on abandoned boats and docks on the Lake. These unsightly and dangerous items must be removed from Lanier. We try to identify the owner and if they are not available or refuse to remove the item, we have implemented a process that seeks to remove the abandoned item from the lake. Many of the lake service companies have been helpful is this process. However it is quite expensive and we continually engage in fund raising activities for this effort.

4) Acquiring new members is also a priority for the LLA in 2015. We have entered into several initiatives with focus on businesses, marina docking clients, boat storage services, new lake home owners, home owner associations and current clubs (fishing, sailing, etc.). We anticipate a solid increase this year.

5) Members of the LLA board have been active with county “Keep Beautiful” organizations in major cleanup activities and the Hall County Green Alliance. Through partnerships with these groups, we are able to apply more resources to keeping our beautiful lake clean.

6) We are monitoring the legal challenge by the State of Florida as it moves through the process towards a review by the US Supreme Court. We will keep you informed of the status of this legal action.
LEGAL UPDATES:

FLORIDA VS. GEORGIA, U. S. SUPREME COURT

By Clyde Morris, Attorney for the Lake Lanier Association

STATED GOAL OF LITIGATION
Equitable apportionment of the waters of the ACF

MAJOR EVENTS TO DATE
• Application to Leave to File Complaint
  October 2013
• Leave granted, Complaint filed
  November 2014
• Special Master appointed
  November 2014
• Georgia’s Answer filed
  January 2015
• Georgia Moves to Dismiss the Complaint for Failure to Include U.S. as a party
  February 2015
• Florida’s and US’s Oppositions to Georgia’s Motion
  March 2015
• Special Master directs parties to brief issue of joinder of Alabama as a party
  April 2015

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT by LLA IN WATER WARS
The Corps now formally recognizes recreation as an authorized purpose of Lake Lanier, as evidenced by the following excerpt from the U.S. Brief in Opposition to Georgia’s Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Join a Required Party:

“In 1939, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers transmitted a report to Congress recommending development of the ACF Basin for multiple purposes, including navigation, hydroelectric power, national defense, commercial value of riparian lands, recreation, and industrial and municipal water supply.”

BIGGEST PENDING ISSUE
• Should case be dismissed because the United States is not a party? Georgia says relief cannot be properly granted without the US being involved, due to the Corps’ operation of the ACF.

FUTURE SIGNIFICANT DATES
• Briefs regarding whether Alabama should be added - May 2015
• Discovery to be concluded - November 2015

INTERESTING TIDBITS
Florida alone claims to have assembled a team of 60 lawyers and has collected over two terabytes of data for possible disclosure in discovery, equal to 150,000,000 pages.

Georgia has a team of 40 lawyers working on the case who are dedicated solely to document review; as of April, they had produced 208,007 pages of documents.

ACF MASTER MANUAL
• Draft ACF Master Manual & Environmental Impact Statement - September 2015
  o Final approval and implementation March 2017
Abandoned Vessels and Derelict Docks

The abandoned and derelict boats and docks project continues to achieve success in spite of the numerous challenges. In most cases, it is not possible to find the current owner of an abandoned boat since registration details are removed and even when not, the last known registered owner claims that it was sold years ago.

The project team, led by the LLA and in partnership with the DNR and the Corps of Engineers, is continuing to document known abandoned vessels and derelict docks. It is also building a sustainable and effective process for dealing with these going forward. Legislation was introduced at the state level to begin vessel titling, similar to that of automobiles, which would better equip the DNR to locate the owners of these abandoned vessels and hold them accountable for the removal and disposition of these eyesores and safety hazards. Although the legislation was not acted upon this session, it is expected to be reintroduced in 2016.

LLA’s role is to facilitate the process of creating a project to remove the vessels or to correct a derelict dock situation. This requires coordination with the Corps of Engineers as well as the Department of Natural Resources. The three organizations are working together cooperatively to make progress on a list of over a dozen current ‘opportunities’. John Barker a LLA member and Joanna Cloud as well as other LLA board members have applied ingenuity and tenacity to remove houseboats, run-abouts, and even a sail boat from the lake. The team has established a process of documentation and task assignment for all three organizations depending on the nature of the specific vessel or dock.

Derelict docks are often easier to deal with since ownership is more directly determined by location and permit number. The CoE has considerable leverage with derelict docks since they are in violation of the dock permits and the risk of losing a permit has a severe economic cost. The LLA is encouraging the CoE to work with the dock owners in getting resolution to these issues, and is providing volunteer assistance where possible in terms of research and documentation, to augment CoE resources.

Thanks go out to our commercial partners and supporters: Gainesville Marina, Lakeside Transport, Lanier Docks, and Marine Specialties. All of these partners have provided valuable assistance, at reduced or no cost to the LLA, for removal of these vessels.

The LLA is working to build awareness around this issue and is committed to finding solutions through legislation, agency funding and process improvement.
Solar Lights Update

The solar light program is set to commence as soon as the Corp gives us the green light. We are exploring a new attachment procedure which might result in potential cost savings and we will investigate this approach further in the next several weeks. Plastek Werks (spelled correctly) is providing the new test mounting adaptor for our solar lights at a very reduced cost. We are also investigating the use of additional reflective tape to mark hazard and channel markers. We will present this to the Corp for approval in the near future. If approved, we will use yellow reflective tape for the hazard markers and red and green for the channel markers. This will provide an extra margin of safety to night time boaters as the tape is very visible at night. The tape is an adjunct to our solar lights.

We hope to expand the concept of reflective tape to the marinas to mark their no wake buoys with reflective white tape. This will help to save them money as well as well as provide safety to boaters while entering marinas at night. Potentially this program could also extend to sailing boat clubs to help alert boaters to the floating sailing buoys on the lake. As the solar lights program has grown, we have made a decision to outsource the monitoring of the lights to a commercial vendor. The vendor is conducting the monthly monitoring and is also handling the repair and replacement of lights that are reported as broken. Lanier Islands has stepped up a big sponsor for this function by providing, at no charge to the LLA, a vessel to conduct the monthly monitoring inspections. Thank you very much Lanier Islands!

SHORE SWEEP

The Shore Sweep Planning Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis in preparation for this year’s Shore Sweep which is scheduled for Saturday September 26th.

Last year during our post Shore Sweep meeting with the area zone captains who manage the ten area drop off locations, the zone captains expressed a need for additional boat volunteers.

The boat volunteers could participate in Shore Sweep by scouting the shore line for type and location of trash prior to the day of Shore Sweep, collect shore line trash during the week prior to Shore Sweep or participate on the day of Shore Sweep.

To assist the zone captains in obtaining a list of boat volunteers a new Shore Sweep Boat Volunteer committee has been formed. Lu Treadway, a super Shore Sweep volunteer with lots of Shore Sweep experience and a member of the Shore Sweep Planning Committee has volunteered to be the committee chair.

Lu Treadway will be working with Joanna Cloud to register the boat volunteers.

If you have any questions please call or email the Lake Lanier Association, Inc.

Ph. 770-503-7757
E-mail lakeinfo@lakelanier.org
The Lake is Shrinking!!

Everyday some part of the Lake Lanier shoreline is eroding due to wave action from boats and the wind. When a part of shoreline collapses due to erosion, the dirt and debris which was previously above the waterline falls into the water. This decreases the total amount of water held in the lake... thus the lake is shrinking.

Lake Lanier serves as the fresh water supply for over 4 million people in the North Georgia area. If the water capacity of the Lake continues to shrink due to siltation, it could potentially impact the drinking water supply for all of our communities.

The Lake Lanier Association has launched a major new initiative to help reduce the amount shoreline erosion occurring in the lake. In this new effort, we are focusing on protecting the shoreline of some of the islands in our lake. Shoreline erosion also causes trees and other debris to fall into the water causing safety hazards for boaters and swimmers.

Lake Lanier contains many islands throughout the water way. These islands add to the unique character and beauty of the Lake and create small coves and beaches which provide many areas for quiet recreation. As more and more of the shoreline erode, these waterways become shallower and less useable for safe recreation. There are some areas on the Lake where the entire island has disappeared as a result of constant erosion.

Our first project to install rip rap on island shoreline was completed in early January of 2015. Almost 600 feet of rip rap was installed on island shoreline located at the south end of Three Sister Island chain on the main channel of the Lake.

100% of the cost of this project was funded through contribution from Corporate Partners. Tommy Bagwell, President of American Protein Corporation in Cumming provided the bulk of the funding. Marine Specialties Inc. completed the installation work. Blue Grass Materials in Cumming provided the stone and Grizzle Trucking provided hauling services. Each of these partners provided a significant discount for their services performed on this project.

We are planning to complete additional projects during 2015. We will be conducting a fund raising campaign beginning in the summer. We intend to reach out to key organizations and individuals in the lake community to seek their support. Tommy Bagwell has committed to provide matching funds to support the next project.

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Kroger Community Rewards

Don’t forget to update your Kroger Community Rewards designation for the Lake Lanier Association nonprofit organization as your beneficiary. Kroger requires individuals to update their beneficiary organization annually. In 2014, the Lake Lanier Association received over $230 in income from Kroger to support lake programs and services though our members shopping at Kroger and designating us as the beneficiary!

If you haven’t already signed up, you need a Kroger Plus Card to participate. You can get a Plus Card at the customer service desk at any Kroger store. Once you have a Kroger Plus Card, go to the Kroger website https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards and register your Plus Card. As part of that registration process, you will be asked to designate a beneficiary organization. Please choose the Lake Lanier Association, organization #37224.
We always want more members to help us achieve our goals of keeping Lake Lanier clean, full, and safe. Below is a membership application to give to your friends and neighbors who may not already be members and ask them to join us!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enter your name and address information below / New Address? Please write below

| Name: |
| Address: |
| City, State, Zip: |
| Phone Number: |
| Email Address*: |

- Please be sure your email address is correct. We are moving toward email based communications for several of our membership services.

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YOU MAY ALSO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY PAYPAL VIA OUR WEBSITE, WWW.LAKELANIER.ORG. IF YOU HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT, YOU MAY SET UP YOUR PAYPAL ACCOUNT TO AUTOMATICALLY ANNUALLY BILL

All dues and donations are tax-deductible under IRS 501 (c)(3) Not for Profit tax code, as permitted by law

4/15
2015 Annual Member Meeting at Port Royale Marina

Over 375 people in attendance – WOW!

Keynote Speaker
Meteorologist Ken Cook

Member, and ace photographer, John Snyder with his lovely wife, Carolyn.

LLA Board of Directors President, Val Perry, with one of the Volunteers of Year, Lu Treadway, for her work on Shore Sweep.

Val with the other Volunteer of the Year, John Barker, for his work on Abandoned Docks and Vessels.

AWESOME fish fry provided by the Lanier Crappie Anglers Club. Great club that knows how to fish, how to fry ‘em up, and how to have a good time. Thanks Lanier Crappie Anglers!!!

The Annual Meeting Committee – taking a quick break to smile for the camera. LLA Executive Director Joanna Cloud and LLA Board Member Gary Smith.
March 2015 Lake Lanier Index

Due to the cold weather after our testing in February the Lake average cooled 2.5 degrees to 45 this was two degrees cooler than 2014. Our Secchi average was 2.9 feet better than February and 1.8 higher than last year. The low was 3.6 feet in the Upper Chattahoochee Branch and the high of 21.8 feet was in Cocktail Cove (this is our best reading ever). Our “A” section averaged 4.7, “B” 11.2, and “C” 18 feet. All of these readings were some of the best we have recorded. Our chlorophyll a average of 4.05 micrograms/liter was similar to our readings last month and slightly lower than 2014. We will increase our Lake Lanier Index to 8 which equals the highest LLI we had in July of last year. The Lake levels have stayed very consistent on March 1st 1070.44, the 15th 1070.41 and March 30th 1070.18

Adopt-A-Lake divides Lake Lanier into three sections “A” north of Brown’s Bridge, “B” the center region south of the Bridge to a line from Six Mile Creek east to Aqualand Marina, and “C” south of this line to Buford Dam. We have 30 stations that volunteers test the first week every month. Secchi readings are taken by lowering a weighted disk into the water and measuring the distance it can be seen thus giving a gauge of clarity. Chlorophyll a is used to determine nutrients in the Lake. The Lake Lanier Index is only a measure of nutrients and clarity and not of water safety.

Thanks to our wonderful Adopt-A-Lake volunteers, Gwinnett Water Lab for our chlorophyll a analysis, and the support of all Lake Lanier Association members. We are forever indebted to AMPRO Labs for testing our samples for over fourteen years and being professional and delightful to work with.