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President's Corner

Kae Crenshaw

I truly was expecting things to settle down after we survived the '09 Ice Storm. Hah! We have been busy at the lake continuing to plug leaks. The road was closed for two days, while the men worked to cut across the road, uncover three huge leaks, pump the water out, and plug the leaks. Bruce Wash worked all day Tuesday until 2 a.m. Wednesday morning and was back at work at 7:30 a.m. The volunteers worked right with him. They had one lane of the road open by late Wednesday night.

Those who were affected by having to drive all the way around the lake to the gate were notified, and they accepted the inconvenience graciously. It is a joy to see the community of Elk Lake pulling together and cooperating to get this awesome task completed. The only fly in the ointment is a rumor circulating that the dam will fail because of the work being done. How that could happen is a mystery, since all work has been over a hundred feet away from the dam. The dam was checked first thing and found to be sound.

We are still cleaning up after the storm. At the Feb. 21 Board of Directors meeting, I declared Elk Lake an emergency area. I figured if Governor Beshear could do so, so could I. (Just kidding!) The members were asked to hire all the workers they could find who had a chainsaw and were willing to work for \$10 an hour. Crews are being managed by Jeff McDonald, Howard Wiggs and Don Hoop. They are still at work cutting up downed trees, collecting brush and preparing to dispose of the mess along the roadways.

The March issue of *Kentucky Living* has an interesting article titled "The Ice Storm of 2009." The pictures are beautiful! In the article, Gov. Steve Beshear is quoted as saying the results of the storm were "the worst disruption of essential services on record in Kentucky." There is also an article about the storm in the Owen Electric area titled "And We Thought Ike Was Bad?" which also has some good pictures. We were a few of the 760,000 Kentuckians who had no power. This storm will go down in history.

The weather is now beginning to resemble spring. We will probably have more bad weather, but, hopefully, spring is on the way. I have one lily pushing its way up. Won't it be wonderful to be back enjoying Elk Lake?

The Great Electric Storm of Elk Lake

Contributed by Hilda Maes

Just one more story to tell about the 4 1/2 days here at the Lake without electricity and heat: You wake up to a cold house with no electricity. Maybe it won't be off for a long time. Call the electric company; they said it could be off for a couple of days.

We have heard about neighbors helping neighbors. Some do, some don't. Some of our neighbors at the lake had electricity and heat. We didn't hear from them.

Then there's a knock at the door. Our neighbors from three lots down stomped through the snow and ice to see if we in our golden years are doing all right. They said, "You guys are coming to our house," and they included our rather large dog. No arguments from us. We grabbed hat, coat, gloves and extra anything that would fit, and out the door we went through the snow and ice and with lots of help. By the way, our neighbors who took us were, and still are, Ken and Starla Thurlow. Ken had a fire in the fireplace, and he found an old kerosene heater. He cooked on the grill on the porch, and, believe it or not, we had it made.

While we were there, a young man stopped to see if he could park his car in the driveway while he walked the rest of the way to his house. He offered to bring us a kerosene heater from his house, and we said, "Good deal!" His name is Kevin Lohman.

And, believe it or not, we had an Italian dinner complete with candles and wine. How sweet it was! We all looked like poor homeless people as we played cards and Dominoes by flashlight and candlelight. Four people, two dogs and a cat made it through with the help of good neighbors. We cannot thank them enough!

By the way, thanks again goes to our angel in disguise, Kevin Lohman. Remember to be kind to your neighbors; this could happen to you. All in all, we made it through, and it was beautiful here at the Lake.



*to Starla
and Ken
Thurlow for
feeding the
workers at the dam!*

Lake and Dam report

George Schneider

Work on the dam is being completed at this time. Several leaks have been found and stopped.

The spillway valve was closed on March 7, and the lake will soon be filling. With luck we will have good water all year.

The dock at launch near the dam will be replaced. The parking lot will also be regraded and repaired.

Many thanks to Mr. Wash and his big equipment, and Don Hoop and Howard Wiggs for being the ramrod and keeping a eye on things.



Security

Kae Crenshaw

Things have been fairly quiet at the gatehouse lately. Of course, with the weather getting better, more contractors are coming through the gates. **Please remind any contractors you hire that they must sign the contractor's contract.** This paper states the rules that must be obeyed. That deals with obeying the speed limit and repairing or replacing anything the contractor destroys. It takes a little while for contractors or service people to read this and sign it, so we ask for your patience.

It has always been a rule at Elk Lake that anyone coming through the gate must have a sticker, family pass or guest pass. That rule was emphasized with the guards at the last meeting. Please do not expect someone to be allowed in "for just a minute" without the proper pass. If you choose not to write a pass, be prepared to come to the gate to bring your guest in or take care of business.

We look forward to seeing more and more members as the weather gets better and better.

You can contact me with questions at 502-484-3892 or email murfowen@frontierexpress.com

Buildings and Grounds

Howard Wiggs

Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to help. We aren't sending out invitations, but we can use all the help we can muster. We are all looking forward to spring and all the improvements it may bring. We are also looking forward to clearing the hill where the dump site used to be, building a new guard house, hiring someone to mow the grounds, and maybe making a park-like setting at the retention pond.

Do you have any ideas or time to contribute? You can contact me at 502/484-2054.

Below is a recent look at our work:

Feb. 6th – Took the men from AT&T around to show where lines were down and ice had damaged poles that needed to be replaced and those needing to be relocated.

Feb. 9th – Helped get the bulldozer out that's being used to help plug leaks at the lake.. Took two men to start trimming and cutting up trees from the storm damage. Put the diesel tank on the concrete slab in front of the smaller

maintenance building. Had two tanks filled with diesel fuel.

Feb. 10th – Got four men started trimming and cutting trees and checked on them throughout the day. Don Hoop and I picked up a repaired saw and checked the gutters at the maintenance buildings.

Feb. 11th – Had a meeting at 8:00 a.m. with the men working to clear brush and trees from the storm. Took the mower and the weed-eater to Kemper's Small Engine Repair to be worked on.

Feb. 16th – Moved the old culvert pipes to the dump area.

Feb. 17th – Picked up the equipment from Kemper's. Removed the temporary fence at the dam to uncover the pipe to be removed and then put it back.

Feb. 19th – Helped cleared storm damage on road right of way.

Feb. 20th – Graded and cleaned around the dump area.

Feb. 22nd – Loaded sand in truck for roads.

Feb. 23rd – Worked with Don Hoop to repair gutters on the maintenance buildings.

Feb. 24th – Removed a large rock from side of the road and began grading secondary roads.

Feb. 26th – Worked on clearing the road right of way.

See you by the side of the road!

Roads Committee

Don Hoop

As reported in the Buildings and Grounds report above, most of the recent work has been clearing storm damage from the roads and rights-of-way.

We purchased a shredder to help with the clean up after the ice storm I have had a crew out every day cutting trees that have fallen across the roads and are potential hazards. Hopefully we will not have any more storms like that one for a while. A special thanks to Joe Williams for taking care of purchasing and delivering the chipper.



Iris and other perennials will be donated by members to new gardens as part of the new Landscape Master Plan.

Landscape plan presented to group

Contributed by Julie Kirk

On Saturday morning, March 7, David Hull presented his plan to a group of members for landscaping the main areas of Elk Lake from the front gate to the lodge and near the dam area.

The bones of the plan are trees, and David recommended native trees that are low maintenance and resistant to drought, a major consideration at Elk Lake.

This plan provides a "master plan" for members to follow through the next several years, as funds are raised to purchase trees and other plants, and volunteers at "planting parties" get the plants in the ground.

Within the next few weeks, the landscape plan will be on the website. A program for fundraising, including memorial trees and gardens, will also be finalized. Stay tuned!

Treasurer's report

Joel Piatt

Profit & Loss Summary-thru January 31, 2009

	2009 Budget	Actual	Difference
Membership Dues	\$231,000.00	\$69,037.00	(\$161,963.00)
Misc. Income	<u>\$64,150.00</u>	<u>\$1,423.51</u>	(\$62,726.49)
Total Income	\$295,150.00	\$70,460.51	(\$224,689.49)
Roads Gross Payroll	\$10,000.00	\$330.00	\$9,670.00
Security Gross Payroll	\$67,000.00	\$6,104.33	(\$60,895.67)
Administrative Gross	\$27,050.00	\$2,503.24	(\$24,546.76)
Security Expense	\$1,500.00	-\$11.35	(\$1,511.35)
Buildings & Grounds Expense	\$57,850.00	\$2,698.95	(\$55,151.05)
Lake & Dam Expense	\$3,000.00	\$374.33	(\$2,625.67)
Marina Gasoline Expense	\$40,000.00	\$135.95	(\$39,864.05)
Road Expense	\$28,000.00	\$5,805.62	(\$22,194.38)
Administrative Business Expense	<u>\$60,750.00</u>	<u>\$2,943.20</u>	(\$57,806.80)
Total Expense	\$295,150.00	<u>\$20,884.27</u>	(\$274,265.73)
		<u>\$49,576.24</u>	<u>\$49,576.24</u>

Road Assessment Balance

406 property owners assessed	\$609,000.00
Assessment received Jan. 31	<u>\$438,876.50</u>
Outstanding	\$170,123.50

Dam Fund Balance as of Jan. 31, 2009 \$58,048.04

To Date expense for repair of Dam \$16,950.00



Serviceberry, a small native tree recommended in the new Landscape Master Plan, is covered in clusters of white flowers in spring. In the fall the tree's foliage turns from yellow to red. Bluish-black berries are produced on the plant and are edible for both humans, birds and animals. The fruit is actually very much like a blueberry and early settlers used the berries for jams and pies.

NOTICE: Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Sunday 9 a.m. at the park. Questions, call Bill at 484-5755.

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