



Clearwater Lake

Property Owners Association

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President's Letter

by John Hoppe



The Atwater Kent model 356 is an AM radio receiver produced in 1935 by the Atwater Kent Manufacturing Company in Philadelphia.

Well, it's March 4th and I'm sitting at my desk looking out the window at the lake. It's raining a bit, the snow is more or less gone, and the ice is beginning to soften and pull away from the shoreline. Overall this winter has been fairly dry and just a few cold spells. I'm looking forward to open water season!

As an avid fisherman this winter produced quite a few days on the ice, with good success fishing. I was able to have several guests showing them a good time angling through the ice. For the lake as a whole, it was a bit tough for many fishermen as the only useable legal access was the Bay Club on the northwest shore. Some of the other access points were closed for the winter. We had good ice thickness and limited snow cover for the first time in several years and that was beneficial to getting out onto the lake. The lack of snow

and early cold spells created good solid ice and we had fewer "vehicle through the ice" incidents this year.

A side effect to the solid ice cover and the temperature swings was that the ice moved quite a bit, pushing up on shorelines like a bulldozer. We have not had much of this in recent years and it can do a lot of damage to any shoreline construction and shores in general. This happens when the temperature changes and causes the ice to fracture, you know those booming sounds? That is what is happening. As ice forms cracks, these cracks fill with water which expands as it freezes. A little bit of dimensional change over a wide expanse of ice adds up causing a lot of movement. This pushes the ice into the shorelines, right through the sand/gravel/boulders or whatever is there, causing the damage that we have as spring rolls forward. The shoreline remediation contractors will have a busy year.

I was doing a bit of late ice fishing out on the lake yesterday and as I climbed back up onto shore I noticed that the water level is very low, exposing the lake bottom at the edges of the ice. We were in a mild drought situation last fall and we received very little snowfall over the winter, much of what we received melted away during a couple of warm spells. While low lake levels prevent the floating bog issues, it creates issues with lake access and boats not being able to use boat lifts. Hopefully we will have a wet spring that brings us back to typical water levels.



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The 1930s General Electric refrigerator had a distinctive feature on top, known as the "Monitor Top". It was a condenser unit housing the compressor and condenser coils. Since the design resembled the gun turret of the Civil War ironclad ship USS Monitor, it became known as the "Monitor Top", a hallmark of General Electric's early refrigerators.

As we approach our first CLPO board meeting this month we are faced with some items that present challenges. We are currently in the process of revising our website for a new look and will be adding useful information for our membership. As you read this newsletter please note that this is the last publication that we have in our plans. I want to thank Paul Pattee for stepping up one more time to put this together, and as this is the last newsletter that he will be doing I want to wish him well in his future endeavors. We need some volunteers to step up and assist us in future newsletter publications. Are any of you available?

Other challenges that we are facing are the reduction of state grants to combat AIS such as starry stonewort and others. The state is proposing reducing these grants by 50% this year. Treatment of AIS is very expensive, and if unchecked, its spread could seriously affect our lake and our property values. We are also looking at some of our board members reaching the end of their terms and they will be stepping away. If you or someone you know would be interested in getting involved with lake management please step forward and join us! We have lots of activities that you can help out with such as our annual meeting in June and our picnic in August.

Well, that's enough of my rambling for now. I hope that the spring and summer brings good times for you all. See you out on the lake!



The AIS Report

by Paul Pattee



The Swedish-based company Electrolux, making vacuums since 1918, successfully introduced its machines in Britain & the United States in the 1960s using the slogan "Nothing sucks like an Electrolux". The word 'sucks' had a significant negative connotation at the time, which lead many to believe that the slogan was a branding mistake. The campaign however, very well planned, was successful in grabbing the attention of millions of customers.

As Clearwater Lake unwraps itself from winter ice, attention is drawn to the AIS threats of the upcoming year. The CLPO, with all of its due diligence, establishes a timeline for a variety of surveys and interventions as well as ways to fund the needed work which in 2024 came close to \$100,000.

The cost of contract workers including surveyors, treatment applicators and boat landing inspectors, continue to rise. The first thing the CLPO does every year is to apply for grant money in support of our programs. Deb Flygare was able to secure a grant for \$25,917 from the Stearns County AIS Committee for 849 inspection hours at our boat ramps, short of the 924 hours we requested. The CLPO is funding the difference of \$2,254 for the full 924 hours.

I was able to secure AIS grant money from the DNR for \$10,380. The Wright Soil & Water Conservation (WSWC) district grant amount is still pending. Last year, the WSWC notified us of a grant award of \$7000 in April that grew to a final amount of \$12,000 by December 2024.



**TIRED
YET?**



I gotcha, . . . numbers can be boring, but . . . this is what sustains us and all the work we do in maintaining, even improving, the quality of our water. Again, as a property owner on the lake, Clearwater Lake is the greatest asset for recreation and enhanced property values.

At the end of the year, the CLPO needs to conduct an RFP (request for proposal), required every 3 years, where we accept bids and award contracts for survey and applicator services. For the last 3 years, Blue Water Science has been our surveyor and Lake Restoration our treatment applicator. We may decide to continue with these same providers, but the RFP is an opportunity to review AIS management strategies and vendor relationships ensuring effective and responsible fiscal stewardship compliant with current best practices and regulations. The DNR stipulates that surveyor and applicator services be by different provider companies.

Lastly, my run as AIS Manager comes to a close with our Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 7th. I'll be leaving the board after 6 years. My congratulations and thanks to Roy Martin who has volunteered to assume the AIS Manager position.



Change is Coming ... to the CLPO!

by Paul Pattee

*"They say I'm old-fashioned, and live in the past, but
sometimes I think progress progresses too fast!"*

— Dr. Seuss

. . . I'm sure a belief held by many but then we've come to accept the inevitable 'march' of change thrust upon us. We can find ourselves choosing either to adapt or, on the other hand, begin posturing in the belief that 'old ways are the best ways' even if a mountain of evidence suggests otherwise. Time may prove that we had saved ourselves from the angst of something different but having missed out on something truly enriching. As a crude example, I can choose to carry around in my pants pocket the phone pictured on the right but would be hard pressed to convince anyone that my choice was better than an iPhone 1000.

Unless you're an antique collector, none of the inventions I've pictured on these pages can be found in your home. New and improved versions of these inventions are a part of our daily life and by their existence in our home, offer proof of our own adaptability to change. So what's my point? There are two changes coming to the CLPO that will better serve all stake holders. The first is the discontinuation of the mailed newsletter. The second, is a redesign of our website creating a more dynamic/responsive platform for keeping people informed throughout the year.



This is not your iPhone 16! The invention of the telephone is a complex story involving several contributors. Alexander Graham Bell is often credited with inventing the first practical telephone. He was granted the first U.S. patent for a telephone on March 7, 1876. Bell made the first successful telephone call on March 10, 1876 speaking to his assistant Thomas Watson.



The discontinuation of the published newsletter goes beyond my decision to leave the board. Though rewarding for me personally in its evolution, the newsletter became an expensive, one-way communication falling short as an instrument of exchange and limited in its reach. This last published newsletter, which I've formatted in shades of gray, is emblematic of things being done the 'old-way'. The introduction of color, much like in the movie 'The Wizard of Oz' when Dorothy exits the farm house into the land of Oz, was a magical & energizing moment. The transition of the CLPO to a digital online platform, can be similarly transformative with unlimited reach, real-time edits and interesting graphics (colored graphics), year around. Critical content & messaging would be made immediately available to anyone with an email address and electronic device whether that be an iPhone, notebook, laptop or computer.

John Hoppe, our president, Wendy Nelson & myself have met with our current website contractor ISADEx expressing a need for change from our current website in both design & function. As it turns out, they've been marketing a new website platform called 'Infinity' that has many of the design changes we would like. They have offered to transition any current website content to the new platform, at no cost to the CLPO. We could have as much (or little) hands-on in the design & edits of our website. Interested CLPO members, on the board or otherwise, would be granted team privileges for such access.

The benefits to the lake association are many including those just mentioned. Operating at a small fraction of the \$12,000/year cost of mailed newsletters, we will be better positioned to navigate our investment of time & treasure in messaging while also acting as responsible stewards adjudicating the challenging effect starry stonewort has on our limited resources.

To participate in this new messaging platform, people would need access to an electronic device and have an up-to-date email address. We will continue to maintain an accurate list of postal addresses for the infrequent mailing of small postcard notices. To maximize our reach to all property owners, ***we need to make sure we have accurate postal and email addresses for both members & non-members.*** Trust us when we say the ***information entrusted to us would never be sold or used in any compromising way.*** We haven't the time or interest in pestering people with irrelevance or unwanted solicitations.



CLPO Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 7th
9-10:30am
Corinna Township Hall

Speakers:
Steve McComas - Blue Water Science
Paul Kretsch - Lake Restoration

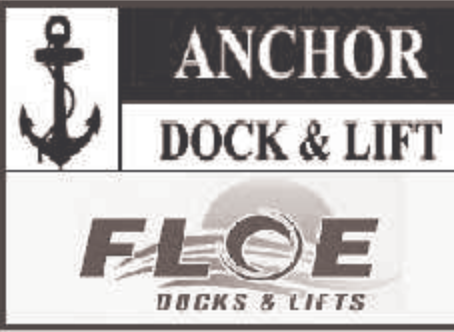
Social Hour 8-9am
Coffee, Beverages, Donuts

CLPO Picnic 2025

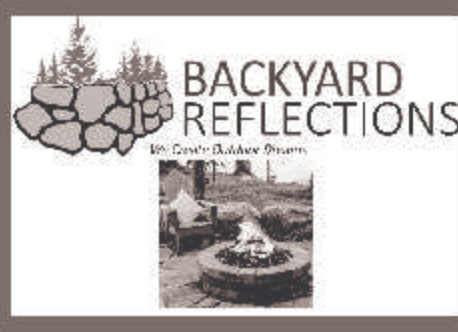
Where: The Boathouse at 'tween Lakes
When: Sunday, August 3rd
from 11am - 2pm
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Public Notice of AIS Treatment

The Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association (CLPO) is hereby giving notice of the impending herbicide treatment of aquatic invasive species in Clearwater Lake during 2025. The CLPO has contracted with a vendor approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to treat Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curly-leaf Pondweed & **Starry Stonewort** during the summer of 2025. Since the CLPO has received a waiver that excludes the need to obtain property owners signatures to approve this treatment, this notice and other forms of communication (the CLPO website and the CLPO's spring newsletter) will also serve to inform lake property owners of the impending treatments. Those treatments and the proposed dates of application are as follows:

Curly-leaf Pondweed – May 1 to June 1

Eurasian Watermilfoil – July 15 to August 15

Starry Stonewort – June 1 to November 15

Swimmer's Itch at the Sandbar – June 15 to July 30

Only EPA and MDA registered aquatic treatment products will potentially be used in these applications. Products used may include Aquathol K, Dibrox, Chinook, Platoon, Mizzen and copper sulfate.

Landowners may request that the chemical treatment not occur adjacent to their property by emailing the Clearwater Lake Property Owners' at ais@clpo.org before May 1, 2025.

Clearwater Lake Property Owners' Association will also conduct a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one. The meeting would give citizens a chance to learn more about the proposed treatment from the permit applicant. The Clearwater Lake Property Owners' Association is not required to do so but may change the proposed treatment based on information provided by citizens who attend the meeting. Any request for a public meeting on the proposed treatment must be made within ten days after this notice is published. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent in writing to the Lake Restoration Inc. 12425 Ironwood Circle, Rogers, MN 55374.

The Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association (CLPO)

Don't forget to give us your contact information by completing the CLPO Community Register & Membership Form. Your membership dues and donations are greatly appreciated. Contact us online at www.clpo.org or by mail at CLPO PO Box 476, Annandale, MN 55302.



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Clearwater Lake

Property Owners Association

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CLPO Community Register & Membership Form

The CLPO places great importance in being able to communicate to all Clearwater Lake property owners. The contribution made by those choosing to become members is always welcomed & appreciated. Please take the time to complete this form with your contact information in order to receive the lake status updates & event notifications from the CLPO.

The information you share would never be sold or used in any compromising way.

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Lake Address:

Mailing Address:

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Phone Numbers:

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