



Moon Lake Riparian Association Newsletter

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Winter 2020

From the President

Bob Turnquist



It has been quite a winter for us this year. It has been much warmer than normal with temperatures frequently in the mid 20's or above. We have had 86 inches of snow from the first of November (73 inches from the first of December) through the end of January. Adding the snow water content with rain resulted in 9 inches of water. Looks like the lake level will not be decreasing this year.

With all the snow one might expect great conditions for winter sports. Snowmobiling on trails has been excellent. Ice fishing and snowmobiling on the lakes, however has been problematic as there is not much ice. The ice thickness at the end of the year was only about 6 inches and there is significant water and slush above the ice. It has been hard to keep up with grooming cross-country ski trails but the trails have remained very skiable. That said, the woods have been beautiful, with snow hanging on the trees most of the winter.

Usually later in the winter we see deer on the lake in the morning and evening. This year they appeared towards the end of January. We see up to 10 deer every day.

Last fall many lake residents lost Cable TV and Internet service from Karban systems. The only viable internet option is

DSL from Michigan Broadband (formerly Alphacomm). I had this service several years ago and it was not very good. Now I have it again and it is quite a bit better. In fact, it is good enough that I have dropped my satellite TV (Dish and DirecTV) and gone to streaming live TV. It is not perfect but works quite well. On the subject of streaming, I attended a presentation on streaming recently at the Land O' Lakes Library. The presenter offered me his PowerPoint - like presentation. I will attempt to get it so I can share it with you. I recently checked into another possibility for Internet offered through Northern Michigan University. A tower in Watersmeet broadcasts a signal that users can connect to by use of a receiver at your home. It requires "line of sight" from tower to receiver and unfortunately in my case (and most likely all others on the lake) necessitates a 100-foot-high tower.

I hope everyone has a great rest of the winter!

Bob

We remember our Moon Lake
resident
Ranger Ashby
who passed away in November
2019



Its Time! 2020 Moon Lake Riparian Association DUES

2020 Dues \$25.00 Payable to:
MLRA
c/o Eric Zorr, Treasurer
PO Box 664
Land O'Lakes, WI 54540

Thank you for continuing to support all efforts to keep Moon Lake healthy. Additional donations are always welcome for the Moon Lake Invasive Species Mitigation fund.

Edible Wild Food

Provided by Steve LaPalio

Click below and check out this website highlighting the incredible **Cattail!** Learn just what can be utilized at different times of the year from this most common and versatile native plant.

<http://www.ediblewildfood.com/cattail.aspx>

Moon Lake Ice Over Date

Provided by Frank Kuchevar

Hi all. From what I observed the lake was froze over completely on November 13, 2019. Last year it was Nov. 18



Photo by Eric & Peg Zorr

Moon Lake "Ladies of the Lake"

Our Moon Lake ladies, friends, and family are staying active through the winter with various get-togethers. Here is a group from the Christmas luncheon back in December:

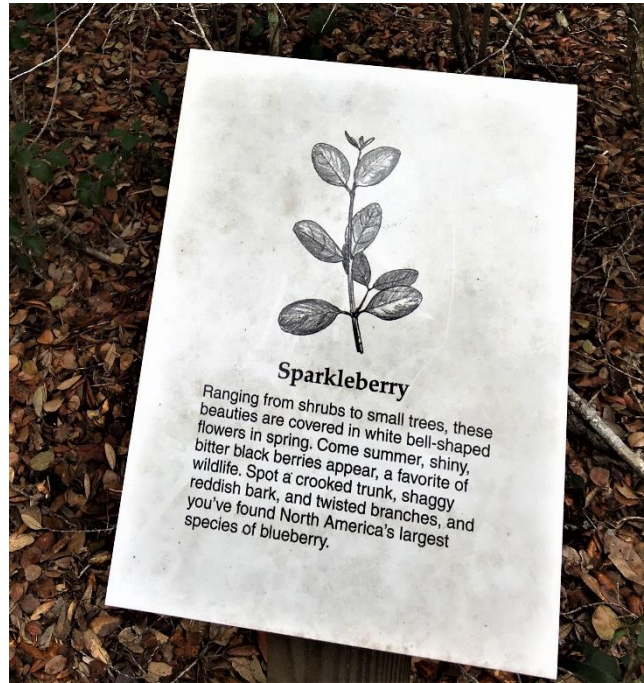


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FUN FACT:

Just when we thought we knew everything there was to know about the Blueberry... Did you know that North America's largest species of blueberry is called the **Sparkleberry**, predominantly found in the southeast United States but even in southern Illinois.



Moon Lake Winter Wonderland

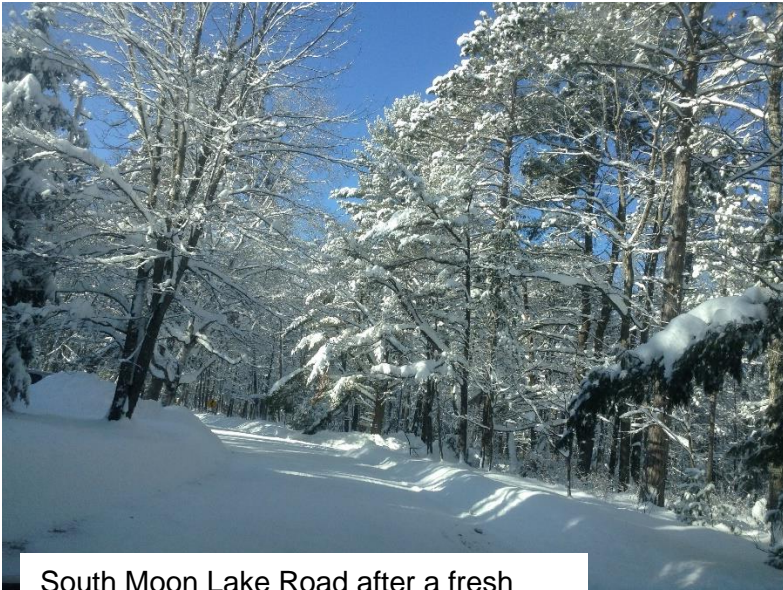
Thank you to all our lake neighbors who captured these beautiful photos!



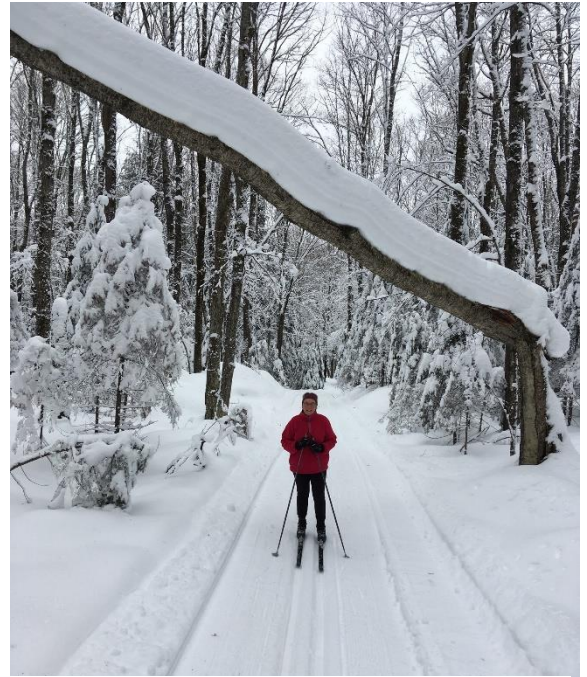
Early morning crossing
Bob Turnquist

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Be sure to visit the Lake Web Cam for daily Deer (and anything else) crossing!
<https://moonlake.click2stream.com/>



South Moon Lake Road after a fresh snow. Prudy Caudill



Ski trails are perfect! Bob Turnquist



Keeping an eye on our roofs. Bob Turnquist



Great way to measure the snowfall.
Peg Zorr

Respectfully submitted,
Steve and Carleen Sunderland