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## LMA Hosts a Law Enforcement Extravaganza



Sheriff James Metts

By Sharon-Leigh Miles

An extraordinary event took place September 27th at Lighthouse Marina on Lake Murray. You needed only to drive into the parking lot to realize something special was taking place. Law Enforcement equipment and vehicles filled the area. Helicopters, boats, jet skis, various trucks and even bicycles were on display. The public was allowed to view and talk to law enforcement personnel who operate the equipment. LMA hosted this event to give the public an up-close and personal look at how law enforcement works to



Sheriff Leon Lott

keep Lake Murray and the surrounding areas safe. In addition, Midlands Stormwater Consortium had a display on ways to keep Lake Murray water clean and healthy. West Marine also provided a display of various life-jackets. SC Representatives Nathan Ballentine and Chip Huggins were also in attendance.

All were invited to enjoy a free hot dog dinner, after which the quarterly meeting was opened in prayer by Chaplin Dave Dedonato of Lexington Co. Public Safety. LMA President Louise Love introduced our very special speakers: James Metts, Lexington Co. Sheriff, Leon Lott, Richland Co. Sheriff, Lee Foster, Newberry Co. Sheriff, Jason Booth, Saluda Co. Sheriff and Col. Alvin Taylor of Dept. of Natural Resources.

Sheriff James Metts spoke first and announced that a multi-jurisdictional agreement has been signed by all four counties. This means that the four sheriffs' departments are able to patrol

### NEWBERRY COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING

*Both Newberry and Saluda County Residents  
 are invited to attend*

**Tuesday - November 29, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Macedonia Lutheran Church  
 Macedonia Church Road in Prosperity**

**Come view a safety display of marine resources,  
 including boats and more!**

**Watch for publicity about these marine resources.**

**Sheriff Lee Foster and others will be available  
 to answer questions.**

*A public safety video produced by the  
 National Safe Boating Council will be shown,  
 and the evening program includes more*

**Drawings for doorprizes!**

**Hot Dogs and Drinks will be served.**

Public meetings are your opportunity to ask questions concerning  
 Lake Murray, and all questions will be addressed!



all of Lake Murray and issue citations. He said the growth on and around Lake Murray has increased quickly and has made it challenging for Law Enforcement. He noted, "We are not where we want to be, but we are far from where we began." Sheriff Metts reviewed some of the various vehicles, vessels, equipment, resources, and training available for law enforcement. He said, "We want to be ready to respond to any situation on Lake Murray." He noted that the walking trail on the dam is extremely popular and is used 24 hours a day. There are call boxes for security located on the walk and he was pleased to announce that there had not been any incidents, except for a few car break-ins when the walk first opened. He also announced that Lexington Co. is building a heliport on Bundrick Island and it should be operational in the near future.

SHERIFF LOTT spoke next and said, "Even though there are five agencies working the lake we are actually one agency because we all work together." Sheriff Lott spoke concerning how Law Enforcement communicates to the public to encourage safety. This year they conducted Press Conferences at key boating times to encourage boater education and as a reminder to put safety first. They used DUI goggles in an unconventional way when they allowed the press to put them on and then try to drive a boat. He also reminded everyone that property checks are available to all, but you must request it. Property checks are conducted by air, lake or ground. All four counties around the lake offer property checks.

SHERIFF LEE FOSTER noted that Newberry County, while not as developed, has Dreher Island which is one of the busiest State Parks in South Carolina. Newberry County was able to receive a boat through a grant when money was available. He said "Lexington and Richland counties always share their 'toys' if we have a need. They are like big brothers that take care of their little brother." Sheriff Foster has a passion for reminding people to wear the correct life-jacket. His son was knocked out while riding on a tube and the boat kept going. The life jacket saved his life because it supported his head and kept

it out of the water until help arrived. The crowd erupted into laughter during several of Sheriff Foster's anecdotes.

SHERIFF BOOTH OF SALUDA COUNTY spoke also. Saluda has 25 deputies and was given a boat by Lexington County. He said most of his calls are concerning boat ramps, more specifically ramps #3 and #4. This year his department discovered people living in a tent at Ramp 4 making methamphetamine.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Coast Guard officials from Charleston. Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephen Newson spoke briefly stating that the Coast Guard does come to Lake Murray. They have federal jurisdiction and can board vessels and issue citations.

COL. TAYLOR rounded out our evening of special guests. He announced that the DNR Officer of the Year for Boating Safety was Lake Murray's own Officer Kim Simmons. He gave many interesting statistics. South Carolina is ranked 8th in the country for registered boats. The Midlands has 50,000 registered boats, most are trailered boats. Accident numbers are down even though Lake Murray has had major accidents. Alcohol-related incidents, however, have almost doubled. Catching BUI's on the waterways in turn makes our highways safer. Col. Taylor stated, "We are looking at every possibility in making our waterways safer. It must be a good and enforceable law. If it is not enforceable, it is not any good."

Our panel handled many questions concerning Lake Murray. The questions included: noise from taverns and loud boats late at night, using the walking trail on the dam, drag racing events on the lake, bow fishing with bright lights, numbering of buoys, water quality and lake level.

One of the highlights of the meeting was when everyone's attention was riveted on the Lexington and Richland helicopters as they prepared to take off. Their departures were cheered by the crowd. It was a thrilling sight indeed.



From top: Sheriff Lee Foster, Sheriff Jason Booth, Col. Alvin Taylor, DNR



LMA would like to thank all law enforcement officials who came and gave of their time and expertise to make this a successful event. We would like to thank Lighthouse Marina for allowing LMA the use of their facilities along with the staff of Rusty Anchor for their support and help. A special thanks to Sea-Tow Lake Murray for the use of their tents and their continued support of LMA through fundraising. We would also like to thank Wingard's Nursery, Rusty Anchor, Lake Tours Inc. and West Marine for providing wonderful door-prizes for the attendees.

LMA's next public meeting will be held Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 in Newberry County. Join us at Macedonia Lutheran Church located on Macedonia Church Rd. in Prosperity. Sheriff Lee Foster, along with the Newberry County Dive Team, will be updating citizens and answering your questions and concerns.



## Dock Signs

**Help Law Enforcement by Preparing Your Home in Advance**

Some years ago, the four County Sheriffs found that having home addresses visible from the lakeside aided calls for assistance. If you have to call for help, having your address lakeside and roadside can save precious minutes. These signs are also necessary should you desire to request a property check from your local sheriff's department while you are away from your home. Dock signs are easy to order and are delivered to a location near you.

Check the LMA website.  
[www.lakemurrayassociation.org](http://www.lakemurrayassociation.org)

A special property check is available if your business or residence borders Lake Murray. If you would like for the Sheriff's Patrol on Lake Murray to check your property while you are away, go online to <http://www.rcsd.net/propertycheckform-lm.htm> or call 803-576-3000. You must have a dock sign to assist the deputies in locating your home.

## Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Location
October 10, 2011	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting-Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lexington
November 14, 2011	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting-Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lexington
November 29, 2011	6:30 pm	Newberry Co. Public Meeting – Macedonia Lutheran Church
No Board Meeting	December	
January 9, 2012	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting-Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lexington
Boat Show	Feb. 10- Feb. 12, 2012	State Fairgrounds
February 13, 2012	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting-Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lexington
February TBA	TBA	Saluda Co. Public Meeting- Location TBA
March 12, 2012	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting-Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lexington

As members of the Lake Murray Association you are invited to participate in any of the events shown above, including Board meetings. We encourage you to bring to the attention of the Board any issues or concerns regarding Lake Murray that you may have. Please call Joy Downs, Executive Director at 749-3888 at least two weeks in advance of the meeting to be placed on the agenda; however, urgent concerns may be brought to the Board at any time. We suggest that complicated matters be sent to us in writing, including e-mail, so we may have a complete and accurate understanding of your concern.

## From the President's Desk

Each season on the lake is special for many folks. As summer is waning, we are starting to see fewer tubers and more fishermen on the lake. The stripped bass are beginning to school, and the temperatures are lending themselves to boaters that like to sit and let the rods do the work. The pontoons will soon be covered and made ready for winter, and the center consoles will be pulled from dry dock. Slow rides around the lake looking at the changing leaves will replace those after sunset swims. The smell of sunblock is replaced by the smell of smoke from chimneys. We open our windows and doors and let the sound of that football game echo across the water and to the neighbor's home.



Although the summer crowds are leaving, that does not mean we can relax on our safety habits. Shorter days mean more folks will be coming home in the dark. Be sure your lights are working properly. Now is a good time to take a look at those life vests you must store away and make sure they are in working order. Discard torn or worn vests and replace them. Vests are often on sale in the fall, so you might get some

good deals. And remember to wear them, especially if you are on the boat alone. If you fall into those cold waters, that vest is your only friend when you are out there by yourself.

As the water gets lower, check your docks for rotten boards that need to be replaced. Fall offers a lot of opportunities to update and make repairs around docks and rip rap. Taking care of these things now will make less work for spring. Fall is also a good time to plant a rain garden. LMA is fortunate to have two corporate sponsors on each side of the dam that can help you with planning a rain garden. Be sure to check out what Woodley's or Wingard's Nurseries have to help you begin.

And lastly, remember fall leads to winter. LMA memberships and dock signs make great Christmas or housewarming gifts for your neighbors. Check the LMA website for very affordable items that are easy to order and great to give.

So grab that sweater, take yourself a long walk on the dam and enjoy this beautiful lake in autumn.

Be Safe Out There,  
*Louise Love*

## Fire and Rescue Boats

By Sharon-Leigh Miles

In addition to regular patrol boats, Lexington and Richland Counties have specially equipped fire/rescue boats.

Lexington County has two fire/rescue boats. These boats are multi-purpose. The boats have a side panel that can be removed for the deployment of dive personnel or to provide easy access for rescuing an injured person. The 25 ft. Boston Whalers are equipped with two 225HP Mercury Optimax 2 stroke saltwater engines. Installed on each boat is a Honda water pump with a six inch diameter line capable of pumping 750 gallons a minute. The main water gun is positioned directly in the front of the boat. The gun can be adjusted to provide a full stream of water or fanned out for a larger area. The extreme force of the water volume will push the boat which means an emergency responder must be at the controls the entire time adjusting the motors. The boats can provide service to lake-front homes, homes across the street and also supply water to fire trucks. These boats are also used for general patrol. During the summer these boats patrol with a three person team, law enforcement, fire personnel and an EMT.

Richland County purchased a fire and rescue boat in 2008. This unique boat is a 28' Harbor Guard boat that is made out of Kevlar and fiberglass. The boat has two inboard engines with jet drives without moving propellers for diver



Deputy Troy Livingston inspects one of Lexington's Fire/Rescue boats.

safety. It is equipped with a built-in pumping system which supplies 2,000 gallons of water per minute to an Akron bow mounted monitor. It is also equipped with a dive platform to deploy divers of the Underwater Recovery Unit during search, rescue and recovery operations. Two 8-foot doors fold down electronically to provide optimal rescue access.

Fire and Rescue boats are another way Law Enforcement is prepared to respond to the needs of citizens both on land and water.

# KEEPING LAKE MURRAY HEALTHY

by Roy Parker

The Hollow Creek watershed Water Quality Improvement Project is an effort to reduce fecal coliform contamination into Hollow Creek. The Lake Murray Association is involved in a cooperative effort with Lexington County to address the issue of farm animals having direct access to Hollow Creek, which empties into Lake Murray. The concern is the contribution by farm animals to the elevated levels of fecal coliform found in Hollow Creek. The cattle get water, lounge and leave droppings in the waterway.

At present Hollow Creek is dry, but in places where animals have direct access to the creek bed, cattle droppings can be seen. Once rainfall comes there will be opportunity for this contamination to move downstream with the water.

The effort is to reduce or eliminate direct exposure of farm animals to the waterway. The desire is to get the cooperation of property owners along Hollow Creek to prevent their animals from getting into the water. The project has funding to assist farmers in the cost of fencing to keep the animals out of the water. Assistance is available to help provide an alternative water source for the animals. Funds

are also available the help residents replace failing septic systems that may contribute to fecal contamination.

There is a natural mitigating factor impacting the level of fecal contamination that reaches Lake Murray from Hollow Creek. There is a mature forested buffer area at least 1000 feet in depth between the last cattle pasture and Lake Murray. Even though fecal coliform levels have been quite high in the vicinity of the cattle pastures, levels do not exceed freshwater standards where Hollow Creek empties into Lake Murray. The Lake Murray Association is continuing to conduct water quality testing. The fecal coliform level at the mouth of Hollow Creek this September was almost below detection.



Hollow Creek becomes Dry Creek this summer.

There is always a concern when our waterways are being contaminated, and it is a worthy effort to prevent that contamination if possible. At this point, there is concern that should the level of fecal contamination continue to increase in Hollow Creek, it could cause elevated levels of that contaminant in the area where it empties into Lake Murray.

## LMA Water Testing by Ken Fox

The LMA is continuing to test the waters of Lake Murray during 2011. This is the sixth year that LMA has conducted water sampling of the lake. Last year we concentrated our testing in the upper part of the lake, testing the primary inflows. This year the samples have been pulled randomly from all sections of the reservoir. This will allow us to get a more diverse sampling of the waters of Lake Murray. Results show, in general, that fecal coliform and phosphorous levels do not exceed fresh water standards for our lake. There have been isolated instances where levels exceeded standards, but there have been no sampling sites where phosphorous or fecal coliform exceeded standards consistently or permanently.

Below are the results of eight tests that were conducted in September 2011. The results continue to indicate that fecal coliform and phosphorous levels do not exceed freshwater standards for SC. Four more tests are scheduled for October of this year.

Cove	Pollutant	September
A Spinners Cove	Total Phosphorous Fecal Coliform	<.050 1
B Hurricane Hole	Total Phosphorous Fecal Coliform	<.050 1
C Hollow Creek	Total Phosphorous Fecal Coliform	<.050 1
D Dreher Island Marina	Total Phosphorous Fecal Coliform	<.050 1

Freshwater standard for phosphorous = .060 mg/l

Freshwater standard for fecal coliform is not to exceed an average of 200 colonies per 100 m of water over a 30 day period.

Please contact us if you know of an area that you suspect contains impaired water or water flowing into Lake Murray that may be impaired.

# Thanks Dave

By Sharon-Leigh Miles

A very special presentation was made during LMA's Quarterly Public Meeting on September 27th. Executive Director Joy Downs presented Past President Dave Landis with a beautiful wooden clock that



recognized his five years of service as President of LMA. Mr. Landis took the reigns as president at one of the most crucial times in LMA's history. The Saluda Hydro

relicensing was in full swing, and the finalization of the license was just a few years away. Mr. Landis stayed at the helm of the presidency during this final process, navigating through countless meetings making sure the interests of all lake users were acknowledged through LMA's efforts. LMA is indebted to Mr. Landis for the vast amounts of time he has contributed and his unfailing energy in getting a job accomplished. He has been an example to all as he led through serving. Dave Landis has made Lake Murray a better place to live, play, fish and enjoy!

## Did YOU KNOW?

By Sharon-Leigh Miles

Many people have wondered about the lower lake level this year. We entered the boating season with a high lake level due to plentiful rain during the spring months. This trend did not continue, and now the counties surrounding Lake Murray area are in a moderate drought condition, as is the entire State. Rainfall within the Lake Murray watershed as well as the basin is the ONLY means to fill and maintain the lake. Lake Murray is simply a bulge in the Saluda River created by a dam. The Saluda River runs through Lake Murray and must continue to flow. Here are the facts concerning this year's conditions:

- The minimum flow of 500 CFS (cubic feet per second) was maintained during June through September in order to provide high Dissolved Oxygen (DO) levels to support aquatic species in the lower Saluda River.
- The rain gauge at the Lake Murray Dam only recorded 12.5 inches of rain between June and Sept. The normal rainfall for these four months is about 20 inches.
- The rain gauge at Buzzard's Roost near Chappells recorded only 10.5 inches of rain between June and September.
  - Because Lake Murray did not have significant rain events during this time, these gauges have recorded local rain showers that cover a small area rather than the entire basin.
- Evaporation accounts for 1.4 inches of water per week from Lake Murray, or 24 inches over the months of June through September.
- Saluda Hydro was used only twice for reserve calls from June through September.
- Other minor contributing factors to lake level:
  - Withdrawal by municipalities accounts for 0.4 inches of water per week from Lake Murray, or 7 inches over the months of June through September.
  - Homeowners pulling water from the reservoir for purposes of watering lawns etc. cannot be determined.
- In an effort to slow the decline of the lake level, SCE&G worked with Columbia Fire Department and recreational users to eliminate additional flow releases during the months of June through September.

We are very thankful for the actions of maintaining the minimum flow and eliminating additional flow releases in an attempt to maintain a reasonable lake level and commend SCE&G on their foresight and discretion.



### The 49th Annual Boat Show South Carolina State Fairgrounds

February 10th – 12th featuring boat dealers and many additional exhibitors including LMA!

Be sure to stop by the Lake Murray Association Booth. Each membership renewal or new membership will be eligible for our special drawing for an item every Lake Murray user wants and needs

Prize from LMA being given away

So stop by to say "hello" and get the latest news affecting Lake Murray. Oh, and while you're at it, renew your membership for a chance to be a winner!

**The Annual Boat Show is the largest and longest running boat show in the Midlands.**  
For more information: <http://www.boatshowfairgrounds.com/>

## Christmas Gifts for the Lake Lover



Everyone wants to find that perfect gift--the gift that is more than momentary. Why go to the crowded stores, stand in lines, and come home exhausted? We have the perfect way to lower your stress level and provide a meaningful gift. Why not give that special person a membership to the Lake Murray Association. They will know they have become a part of "The Voice of Lake Murray" with the goal to protect, preserve and promote the lake they love. The recipient will receive the Lake~Link through the year to keep them posted on the health and well-being of Lake Murray.

When you give the gift of an LMA membership, your loved one will receive a lovely Christmas card certificate indicating the gift and giver, or if you prefer, it can be sent to you to give as you wish. All you have to do is call 803-749-3888. It is only \$15 for a single membership or \$25 for a family.

Do you know homeowners on the lake? A "Dock Sign" would make a wonderful gift. The recipient will continue to enjoy peace of mind each time they are out of town by arranging property checks. This is a gift that will keep on giving. Just go to the LMA web-site to order, and it will be delivered to a location near you for you to pick up.

Now you can find that perfect gift—a membership or a dock sign and not even leave the comfort of your home!

### LMA Mission

To preserve, protect and enhance Lake Murray through conservation, science, education and good governance so that the lake remains clean, safe and beautiful for the community, users, visitors, area businesses and homeowners, both now and for generations to come.

## Membership Matters

by Sally Edwards

Because this nonprofit organization is staffed by ALL volunteers. The other day I met a retired couple who were looking for a lot on the lake. They both had recently retired and wanted to move from Virginia to South Carolina. They had been uncertain as to where in South Carolina they wanted to live until they got a glimpse of Lake Murray.

I wonder how many of us live on, near or use the lake and only occasionally stop to consider how fortunate we are to have this beautiful place to enjoy. In many ways it defines our part of the state, and makes it appealing to many people on many different levels to live in our area. How many areas, unless they are coastal, have such access to such a large body of water?

If you have ever had a pool in your backyard, you know how much work goes into keeping it clean and in good condition. You also feel a great deal of responsibility for keeping the pool safe for those who use it. You are the "keepers" of the pool.

Who is the "keeper" of Lake Murray? Who is responsible for keeping it clean, safe and in good condition? The answer to that is complicated, but the bottom line is that several groups and organizations work to ensure that lake users are informed on current issues with the lake, check water quality and promote safety.

No one is more concerned about these issues than the Lake Murray Association. As most of you know, our nonprofit organization is staffed by volunteers with the goal of protecting and preserving the lake for all people who use and benefit from this wonderful resource. What we do for you is provide collective representation for individual users on all issues that pertain to the development and management of Lake Murray. What we need you to do for us is to become a member and continue your membership in our organization. Our strength and ability to influence others involved in the management of our lake will be measured in the size and strength of our membership.

If you would like to become a member or renew your membership, please take just a few minutes to go to our website at [www.lakemurrayassociation.com](http://www.lakemurrayassociation.com) and fill out an application. The cost is only \$25.00 for a family and \$15.00 for an individual. A corporate membership is available at \$50.00. Not sure when your membership expires??? Look to the right of your address on the Lake~Link. You will see the month and year your membership will expire. We need your membership and appreciate your support.

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Dock Permits	803-217-9221
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Marine Office	803-951-2564
Richland County Sheriff's Office	803-576-3000
Lexington County Sheriff's Office	803-359-8230
Newberry County Sheriff's Office	803-321-2211
Saluda County Sheriff's Office	803-445-2112
Sea Tow Lake Murray	803-957-0664
SC Legislative Info.	800-734-2145
DNR Nuisance Animals	800-922-5431
Lake Property Check	803-576-3000

## Your Support of LMA is Needed and Appreciated

LMA is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our membership dues are minimal; therefore, we still depend on other contributions, income from special fund-raising events and additional donations. Remember that your dues and contributions qualify as tax-deductible for federal and state income tax returns.

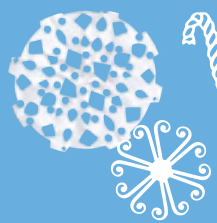
### You Can Help By:

- planning now for your end-of-the-year contributions
- soliciting new members in your neighborhood
- encouraging businesses to contribute to LMA through corporate sponsorship

- considering the possibility of including LMA in your estate planning
- participating in an on-going fundraiser through Sea\Tow Lake Murray

### Your Benefit also Benefits LMA

As a boater on the lake, you know the benefit of having someone to call when your boat becomes incapacitated. LMA Members receive a \$25 discount off a Sea\Tow Lake Murray membership every year as an LMA member. Sea\Tow also donates \$25 to LMA for each member that joins Sea\Tow. This is a benefit to our members and our association. Call Sea\Tow Lake Murray for more information – (803) 606-7027



# Winterizing Your Boat at Lake Murray



By Jay Schabacker

**T**here are many that are adept at their annual chore of boat winterization. Do-it-yourselfers should always remember to consult your boat owner's manual to get the most specific and reliable maintenance information. You may also consult some applicable websites to get additional information by simply doing a search for: Winterizing a ---Jet Ski--- Fishing Boat-- Pontoon Boat-- Inboard Boat etc. Probably the best course of action is to have professional marine maintenance personnel do most of the job.

The following seven categories are timely reminders on winterizing:

## 1. Treat the Fuel System

While the watercraft is in the water, it is best to empty the gas tank as much as possible to remove the stale gas. Refill the tank to about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with new gas (preferably not an ethanol mixture). Add STA-BIL type fuel stabilizer per the instructions. Run the boat engine for 5-10 minutes to circulate the new mixture through the system. Some people do not remove old gas but omitting this step is accepting second best.

## 2. Change the Engine and Drive Train Oil

To prevent corrosion while the boat is still in the water, remove the old oil and replace it with new marine grade oil per instructions. Add crank case stabilizer if called for in the boat manual. Replace the oil filter. Kits are available to help you drain the old oil. Change the oil in the transmission, and in the case of an outboard, change the oil in the outboard's lower unit. Run the engine for 5-10 minutes to circulate the new oil throughout the boat's lubrication system.

## 3. Keep the Engine Block from Freezing Up

Water temperature remains well above freezing during the winter on Lake Murray and many boat owners opt to leave their boat in the water. The water temperature keeps the engine block and coolant water well above freezing. This does not apply to boats on lifts. Some folks dangle a 100 watt incandescent light bulb in the engine compartment to increase the temperature.

Boats that are trailered and left completely outside should completely drain the engine block of water and then add marine engine grade antifreeze liquid. To complete the job, circulate the antifreeze liquid by running the engine for no more than

a few seconds. Boats with fresh water systems, water heaters & marine heads also need to have those systems drained and winterized with potable marine antifreeze.

Jet Skis are a special case here. With the jet ski out of the water and on its trailer, clear all of the water out of the system by running the engine for no longer than 30 seconds. Perform this three times to insure all of the water is out of the vessel.

## 4. Lubricate and Protect the Engine Cylinders

Protect the inside of the engine with a light coat of oil by applying fogging oil to its moving parts. Squirt STA-BIL fogging oil into the air intakes of the carburetor or EFI system while the engine is running. You may remove the spark plugs; then carefully spray in a little STA-BIL fogging oil to coat the cylinder walls. Turn on the ignition to crank the engine for a maximum of 15 seconds, then clean and replace spark plugs. It is also good idea to spray the engine, wires, connectors, exposed metal parts and lines with a good marine-grade corrosion inhibitor. It is available in a spray can and provides a good protective film.

## 5. Caring for the Batteries

Generally removing the battery is a good idea. When removed, store them in a dry place on a rubber mat, add distilled water, and monitor the battery charge.

When the batteries must be left on the boat, it is important to keep the battery charge up by using a trickle charger unit or one of the new solar powered trickle battery chargers.

## 6. Caring for the Boat Interior and Upholstery

If the boat is left out in the elements, a good full canvas cover to protect the boat interior and upholstery is a valuable aid to saving you money on future re-upholstery jobs. In addition, a full boat cover may alleviate need to run the bilge pumps thus adding life to the boat battery.

*See Winterizing ... on page 10*

## 7. Miscellaneous

If you have outside wiring or flexible tubing such as on a pontoon boat, be sure to take precautions against destructive water critters including rodents, mice, otters, and beavers. Wire meshing often will be the protection that you need. Also, place steel wool or a rag inside the exhaust pipe to prevent animals or bugs from nesting there.

Remove and store valuable accessories as applicable.

Now would be a good time to clean the boat inside and outside, organize the ropes, and get rid of the trash.

Perform a preventative maintenance inspection observing your flares, fire extinguishers, inspecting life jackets etc.

Inspect the boat's propeller. If it has some dings, now would be a good time to consider needed rework.

Don't forget the trailer, tire pressure etc. These are often neglected and fail when you need to use them.

Be kind to the exterior of your boat with some soap and water and even a good wax job.



### A Special Request

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# Getting to Know Our Corporate Sponsors

By Dave Landis

## Senior Express Transportation Services – David Smith

The corporate sponsors are a special group that is invaluable to the Lake Murray Association. Besides being a supporter with their membership, they often help us with our various projects. They are often civic-minded folks who provide wonderful services to our community.

“Senior Express Transportation Services” is one of these. I recently spoke with its owner, David Smith. David is originally from Greenwood, SC and has been in the Columbia area since 2005. While growing up David helped with the care of his grandmother and this instilled in him a special affection for the older generation. Shortly after his time in the Army he began working for a firm dealing with the elderly. David realized there was a need that was being overlooked. Senior Citizens often have difficulty finding transportation from their homes or residences to the doctors’ offices or shopping etc. In 2008 David started “Senior Express Transportation Services.” He has stayed busy ever since.

Senior Express provides personalized assistance and companionship for their clients, not just a pick-up and drop-off taxi. Their drivers escort their clients door-to-door for most any occurrence - shopping trips, beauty salons, social outings, church, medical appointments. David says that they understand the challenges that their clients face and meet those needs on an individual basis. He adds, “next to family we’re your best resource for transportation and companionship.”

So, if you can’t get time off work, don’t feel safe with a taxi or are not comfortable with your loved one driving-- call Senior Express. As David said, We’re more than just transportation... we’re peace of mind.”

You can reach Senior Express by calling (888) 926-RYDE (7933).

## Russell & Jeffcoat Realty – Barbara Seward

After 17 military moves and another 12 civilian moves, Barbara says relocation was her life. Now- relocation is her business. She is a “meet your needs Real Estate Professional” who understands service and dedication to people.

As a military wife of 27 years, she worked as a volunteer, focusing on welcoming families to new duty assignments, promoting morale, building events and helping people transition to new locations. Barbara and her husband, Jay, have lived throughout the United States and overseas. Together they have purchased, sold, renovated, rented, and invested in real estate since 1980.

The decision to become a full-time real estate professional was a natural choice for Barbara. She says her real estate career is a continuation of what she enjoyed most about military life, meeting people and helping them make transitions. Barbara now has the opportunity to apply years of first-hand knowledge and

first-class service to the world of real estate and relocation. The foundation of her real estate business has been and continues to be personal referrals from past clients.

Barbara and her husband are host parents for numerous exchange students in Chapin High School, Irmo High School and the University of South Carolina. Barbara and Jay have 2 children, 2 dogs and 2 cats. Barbara says she is “USAF retired in Chapin, SC and never moving again!”

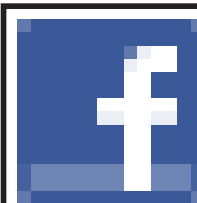
If you need a real estate professional who knows and understands the business, please give Barbara a call at (803) 361-1254.

## Callaway Construction – Wes Lawson

Wes Lawson started his business in 2005. He has been building projects and relationships that he is proud of in Midlands. Callaway Construction combines vision, integrity and respect for residential and commercial design with intelligent building practices to ensure superior results. Their goal is to provide you with an enjoyable building process and a product that will stand the test of time. They offer a wide variety of services, including custom single-family homes, residential renovations and additions, light commercial construction, and construction management services.

Wes is excited about a new division of his company called “Safe in Place” construction. This division specializes in Aging in Place construction. Aging in Place is a concept that goes against the common plan of today’s society of moving into an assisted living facility as you become older. It is normal as you age that the every-day chores of living in a home can become more difficult. Items such as cooking a meal or bathing yourself were once done without a worry, but now you may find them more difficult. In addition, you may put yourself in danger by trying to take care of yourself without assistance. The goal of “Safe in Place” is to take the skills they have learned through experience, education, and accreditation and adapt any home to allow for a longer independent life, making one’s environment a safe as possible. The division of “Safe in Place” is able to take care of the small items like grab bars, widening doorways and installing handicap ramps, as well as full bathroom and kitchen remodeling. Wes realizes there is an increasing need for this type of construction.

Wes and his wife, Kelbe, have been married since 2004. They have two sons who are 4 months and 4 years old. When it’s time to remodel or start new construction, please consider Callaway Construction for your projects. You’ll be glad you did!.



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