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ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBER MEETING WATTS BAR DAM PAVILION

5 PM September 14, 2013

Watts Bar Lake Association held its Annual Picnic and Member Meeting on September 14th at the Watts Bar Dam Pavilion. Our special guest speaker was April M. Cagley, TVA spokesperson for the Kingston ash spill.

As usual, the catered dinner was free to all paid memberships and immediate family and one prospective member. Food was provided by Evelyn's Catering.

The Association's annual business meeting followed the dinner. The year's main activities were reviewed and the election of directors followed. Directors are listed on the left and can be contacted if necessary. Duties of a Board of Director are: attend board meetings the second Tuesday of each month (no meetings in July or December) and make decisions on matters of WBLA.



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SPRING GENERAL MEETING

The Spring general membership meeting was held March 14, 2013 at the Spring City municipal building. Many of you attended and enjoyed a program presented by Matthew (Matt) Emmons, Lockmaster for Chickamauga Lock in Chattanooga and Jamie G. James, engineer director for the new Chickamauga Lock. This year, our Spring meeting will be held March 13, 2014 at the Spring City municipal building at 7:00 PM. The program will be announced on our website and mail-out prior to the meeting.

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FISH DAY

The Chuck Copeland Memorial Kids Fishing Rodeo is always a major event for us. Last year, we experienced a record turn out of over 660 registered children. This is always a big event for Spring City and surrounding area.. Folks from several states and counties that come to this event. It takes a lot of hard work to put this event together. If it weren't for the T.W.R.A., W.B.L.A., the City of Spring City, and all of the volunteers that help with this event, it would be impossible to have this rodeo. Again, we served almost 1200 hot dogs, drinks, snacks and chips to everyone. If you missed this year's event and want to be a part of this exciting event call Pete Williams or Gray Cowart for details. **Remember, we are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and your contribution to help fund this event is tax deductible.**



WBLA WEBSITE

Our website is up and running. Not only do we have information about WBLA, but several links are available for your review and enjoyment.

www.wattsbarlakeassociation.org

Our email address is:

WBLA@wattsbarlakeassociation.org

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Board of Director Positions

We have two open director positions and encourage you to consider becoming a part of our governing body. Director meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Sheriff's annex in Spring City at 6 PM except for July and December. The meetings are open to the membership.

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Rhea Springs Trivia

Rhea Springs, originally named "Sulphur Springs" was a popular community known for it's "healing power" of the sulfuric springs located in the area. It began as a small farming area, but in 1878, a post office was established to serve the outlining community. "Sulphur Springs" became Rhea Springs. Homes and a general store were built, and a hotel became the center-point for people from all over the country to come and stay to take advantage of the healing power of the springs.

But things changed. In the late 1930s, TVA began construction on Watts Bar Dam, and with it came the acquisition of property, including the community of Rhea Springs. Families were forced out of their homes; the hotel and general store ceased operation and the post office closed April 30, 1941. The waters came, and in early 1942, the abandoned homes and businesses of Rhea Springs slipped beneath rising waters of what is now Watts Bar Lake.

Today, we enjoy the fishing and recreation on Watts Bar Lake.

Flotilla

As promoted in our September newsletter a hardy group of seafaring members and guests took to the foggy waters of Watts Bar Lake on October 12th to take a leisurely voyage to Dayton down the TN river. The trip was delayed due to the dense fog with visibility down to 100 yards. But after a short hour of good natured visitation, the trip began and continued without a hitch! Locking through Watts Bar was a first for several boaters and all enjoyed the experience. Lunch was enjoyed by all at Jacob Meyers Restaurant and the return trip included a fuel stop at Cotton Port, TN. Locking back through Watts Bar was again fun, and as we exited out of the lock, horns blew and waves to all marked the end of and long but most enjoyable day as we motored our separate ways home.

For those of you who didn't take the trip, you missed a great time. But not all is lost. A late spring/early summer trip is being planned for 2014. The details haven't been worked out or the route finalized but hopefully the itinerary will be announced at our general meeting in March. Stay tuned for further developments.

Membership Dues Now Due

Your annual membership dues are now due and payable. Some of you owe for 2014; some owe for 2013 and 2014. An envelope is enclosed for your remittance. A single membership is \$15.00, a dual membership is \$30.00. Thank you.

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TWRA Report

Mike Jolley

Lake stocking continues for crappie and walleye at a yearly rate of approximately 200,000. This is the fourth year for stocking walleye. The crappie span was unusually exceptional in 2010 and their size minimum of 10 inches this year should make for a great spring season. Bass are stable but need more natural vegetation. Last year, fifty new brush piles were added and the GPS coordinates are available.

Pictures of the Fall Flotilla



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