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NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting
Monday, Oct 27, 7pm
Camp Chandler
Dinner at 6:30

October 2025

October 2025 President's Message

Happy Fall 2025!

As the weather cools and the leaves begin to change, it seems like just the other day that I was writing my summertime message! It's a wonderful time of year to get outside, enjoy the cooler weather with friends across our community, and prepare our homes for the coming winter months.

I'd like to give the utmost thanks to all HOBO Officers, Board members, and Committee Chairs for their time, effort, and support over the past year. Nothing good happens without a strong team of people willing to go the extra mile.

As such, please make a special note on your calendar for 27 October, as it's arguably the most important quarterly meeting of the year: election of Officers and Board Members for 2026. Another excellent YMCA cafeteria style meal will be served at 6:30 pm for those who'd like to eat (only \$10) with the formal meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 pm.

Please consider serving in an official capacity. You will not be alone – you'll be part of a team working together to help make good things happen! As a matter of fact, I'm once again leaning on Gayla Littlejohn to be prepared to conduct October's meeting in my place (duty likely calls me elsewhere once again). Our organization needs a deep bench of willing and able leaders to continue to thrive. Recall Isaiah 6:8, "Here am I; send me".

We wish everyone a happy and safe autumn season... oh, and for all you SEC football fans, GO BLUE!
Andy Miscisin



Dogwood Cottage: A Legacy on Lake Jordan 87 Years, 5 Generations, and One Enduring Love Story

Written by Randall Baylis

I've been blessed to come to Lake Jordan all my life—specifically Rusty Hook Slough, Dogwood Drive in Titus. It's more than just a spot on the map; it's home to decades of memories and generations of love.

My grandparents, Jack and Martha ("Tib") Fenn Cook, were a true World War II love story. As teenagers in the 1930s, they were close friends who often spent time at

my great-grandfather's cabin near the current canal entrance. Later, during the war, my grandfather served honorably in the Navy. In the spring of 1943, he flew B-24 bombing missions over the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, earning the Navy Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery. During his two years abroad, he wrote love letters and poems to Tib, promising to marry her when he returned.

Longtime residents of Millbrook and Coosada, Jack and Tib enjoyed visiting their friends, the Dudley family, at their Lake Jordan cabin in the 1950s. In August 1964, they leased a nearby lot from Alabama Power for just \$58 a year. At the time, most families in the slough were employees and friends from the Alabama Gas Company. Everyone pitched in to help each other clear land and build their cabins—families like the Dudleys, Dukes, and Baileys among them.

Construction of our cabin began that same year with no formal end date—just a gradual evolution until they could comfortably sleep there

overnight and cook in the kitchen. My grandmother often told me that the cabin was built slowly, year by year, with overtime money earned during the winter months at the gas company.

In God's mysterious but perfect will, my grandfather only had nine years to enjoy the cabin. He passed away at the young age of 53, when I was just three. My time with him was heartbreakingly short.

Over the years, my grandmother—now a widow—was approached countless times with offers to buy the property. But it meant too much to her. She never wavered, even purchasing the first deeded lot when the opportunity came in 1986. My brother and I spent our childhoods enjoying the cabin and the lake, and that tradition continued with our wives and children. Each summer, I still take my grandmother's old wooden slalom ski out for a late afternoon run—an enduring tradition that connects past and present.



Jack Cook, standing 3rd from right, with his B-24 crew.

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Martha (“Tib”) Fenn Cook and Randall Baylis on her wooden slalom ski.



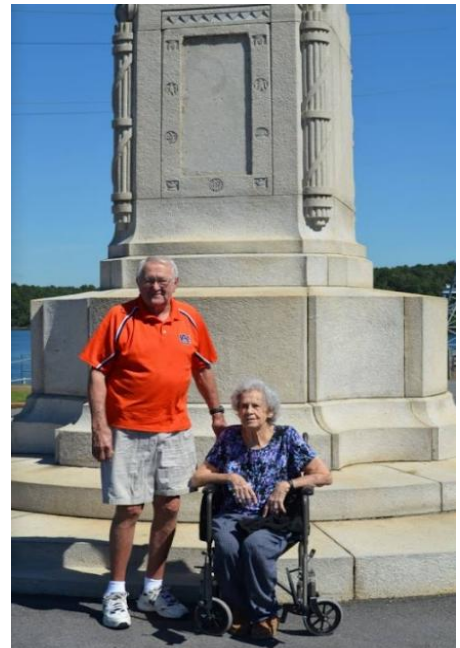
West side of Jordan Dam and monument, circa 1938. Jack and Martha (“Tib”) Fenn Cook. Tib’s siblings: Bob Fenn, Frank Fenn, Virginia Fenn Burson



Fast-forward to 2014: Holly and I began repairs and remodeling on the cabin, never imagining we’d one day live here full time. But with each improvement, the cabin transformed into a cozy little cottage. In October 2021, as new empty nesters, we sold our home in Shelby County and moved to Dogwood Cottage permanently.

It’s hard to put into words what it means to live here now. More than half a century after my grandfather’s passing, his grandson lives in the lake home he originally built. It’s not grand or glamorous—but it’s full of heart. Holly and I take great pride in caring for the property and feel truly blessed to be its current stewards.

When you’re out on the lake, take a moment to reflect on the generations who came before us—families who have loved and laughed along these shores since the 1920s. Let’s cherish our time here and preserve this special place for the generations yet to come.



Santa & Friends Visit Lake Jordan

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

2:00 to 3:00 pm, weather permitting

Join Santa, Mrs. Claus, and friends as they visit Lake Jordan families. The route will begin at the state ramp, progress north up the Titus side, along the main water around to, but not including Blackwells Slough. The return route will follow the Slapout side, stop at Bonners, and end at the canal. Santa is hoping that you will join us in spreading some Christmas cheer to Lake Jordan! Be sure to decorate your piers for Santa.



Other Holiday Fun Around the area

(No endorsements implied.)



Parade of Pumpkins
Oct 17-31, 6-10pm
Downtown Prattville

New Year's Camp
Dec 30 – Jan 1
Camp Chandler

Christmas Craft Show
Nov 7-8, 9am-3pm \$5
Wetumpka Civic Center

An Eclectic Christmas
Dec 1-7 \$5
Reservations recommended
1733 Claud Road, Eclectic

New Year's Fireworks
Dec 31 – Jan 1 midnight
Gold Star Park in Wetumpka

Christmas on the Coosa
December 13, 2025, All Day
Gold Star Park in Wetumpka

Prattville Christmas Spectacle
Highlights
Christmas Tree Lighting Dec 4
Ice Skating Dec 4-31
Carousel Rides Dec 5-31
Christmas Market 3 weekends
Christmas Parade Dec 5
Main Street Christmas Dec 9
Carriage Rides Dec 9, 14, & 21

Millbrook Spirit of Christmas
Theme: Santa's Workshop
Tree Lighting: Dec 4
Festival & Parade: Dec 6
Outdoor Movie Night: Dec 12

Character Breakfast.
Live Music
Arts & Crafts
Food Vendors
Car Show
Children's Activities
Night Parade
Santa's Waterskiing Arrival
Fireworks Finale

Scholarship Update

The Lake Jordan HOBO Scholarship Labor Day Fundraiser was a huge success! We sold around 120 Boston butts!

Huge thank you to all that bought one and supported our fundraiser!



Applications for the 2025-2026 scholarships will be available by January on the HOBO website.

If you know of a high school senior that would like to apply, please let them know.

Boater Safety and Operator Certification Class

Doster Memorial Community Center, 414 Northington St, Prattville, AL
Nov 1, 9am – 3pm

This free class, taught by Trooper Jake Taylor of the Alabama Marine Patrol Division, will cover topics like knowing your boat, boat operation and safety, the legal requirements of boating and more. You will receive your certification after passing the test at the end of the class. Register at Doster Community Center or call 334-595-0800.

Plan Ahead – Gift yourself another year of HOBO membership!

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Spring Clean-Up Water Monitoring "Little Church" at Bonner's Safety

COMMENTS _____

Lake Jordan Home/Boat Owners Association

Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2025

The Lake Jordan Homeowners/Boat Owners Association Quarterly Membership Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gayla Littlejohn at 7:00 pm on July 28, 2025, at Camp Chandler on Lake Jordan.

Vice-President Gayla Littlejohn thanked everyone for being in attendance and declared that a quorum was present to conduct business. She welcomed everyone and new members and guests introduced themselves.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025, meeting. The motion was accepted and carried.

Discussions on Lake Clean Up and the 4th of July successful fireworks show provided an opportunity to make any changes or enhancements to both. It was reported 6.43 tons of garbage was collected from the Lake clean up. People enjoyed grilling, cooking, and handing out t-shirts together. Meridian Waster and Alabama Power provided boats and supplies. Recognition was given to:

Gayla and James Littlejohn, Lake Cleanup chairpersons

Kim Adams, 4 of July Fireworks chairperson

Leslie and Richard Painter, 4th of July Boat Parade

Jill and Danny Murchison, 4th of July Pier Decorating Contest

Dave Kowalski, Lake Safety Chairperson who put buoys out and reported blinking lights missing.

Cliff Clemmons was given recognition as being the former newsletter guru.

Area Rep is still needed for Area 5 which covers Titus's north end of lake up to the turn into the Coosa.

Boston Butts for sale at Labor Day was in discussion and HOBOS actually ordered past the number usually sold.

Any Lake cleanup money left over will go into the General Fund in January. It was reported our General Fund Membership is down and discussion on a news email letter was suggested.

We were presented with information on Camp Wheeze Away which offers weeklong summer camp to children with Asthma. Children ages 8-12 with moderate to severe asthma may attend, as medical personnel will be available on staff to dispense medications and assist campers as needed.

A big thank you to Camp Chandler for providing a good meal and hosting the meeting.

Additional Information:

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Parliamentarian	Gerald Hardy

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Gay Carlisle
Jill Murchison
JP Martin
Nikki Conner

Area Reps

Michael Wood	Area 1
	Area 2
Kim Adams	Area 3
Debbie Gordan	Area 4 West
Leslie Painter	Area 4 East
	Area 5
Kelvin Barnes	Area 6
	Area 7
Mike Garritty	Area 8
Karla Quinn	Area 9
John Frey	Area 10
Tammy Kendric	Area 11
Henry Hines	Area 12

Committees

Fireworks and Facebook - Kim Adams
HOBO Publicity and Website – Gary Amerson
Newsletter – Kayleen Amerson
Lake Safety – Dave Kowalski
Water Quality/Water Watch – Judy May
Environmental – Steve Mathies
Memorial Worship – Jeff Royal
Membership – Joyce Wright
Government Affairs – Logan Gray
Events Coordinator – Dee Hartley
Boat Parade – Richard and Leslie Painter
Dock Contest – Jill Murchison
Santa and Friends – Danny and Jill Murchison

After a door prize drawing and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Harris, Secretary

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Call your area representative if you need information.

Areas 1 through 6 are on the east side of the lake.

Area 1: Softhatchee Creek (Swayback Slough) from above Collier Bridge to the public ramp on Coosa River.

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Area 2: Public Ramp to and including Lake Jordan Marina.

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Area 3: Lake Jordan Marina to mouth of Weoka Creek.

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Area 4: Weoka Creek southeast shoreline, including Holiday Shores.

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Area 6: Gaddis Beach to Mitchell Dam.

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Areas 7 through 12 are on the west side of the lake.

Area 7: Starting at Jordan Dam and includes Canal, Walter Bouldin Dam and back to end of Canal.

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Area 8: West side of Canal up to and including Bonner's Point.

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Area 9: From Bonner's Point through Funderburg Terrace subdivision (this includes all of Donehoo Slough).

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Area 10: From Funderburg Terrace subdivision to but not including the Shoal Creek area.

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Area 11: The total shoreline of Shoal Creek (Blackwell Slough) and up to old Fishtails Restaurant.

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Area 12: From the old Fishtails Restaurant up to Mitchell Dam.

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