



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2008

Presidents Report

May is named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants, also from the Latin word Maiores, "Elders," who were celebrated this month.

By the time this report is out the Conservation projects will have been completed, except for Horseneck which is done after Columbus Day. I was not able to make all the projects this year because of a new job, but I am told there was a good turnout and with all the pictures on the website showing the MBBA at work everyone should feel proud of what was accomplished this Spring. Don't forget the drawing at Spring Meet for the fuel Cards if you made three projects or more.

The permitting process for Sec #10 is not moving along as we would like it to. Should any progress be made this year than that will be less for next year, but every time a biologist visits prospective sight new goals need to be met and that can cause more time and energy to accommodate personal guidelines of the biologist. The present form of applying for permits does not allow for working out issues with the people who are in charge of bird protection.

Submit a plan if we don't like it try again, a familiar scenario.

These are My opinions and if anyone from the State would like to help move the filing process along, please get in touch, George Cairns 978 664 0733 or Cairnsg@Verizon.net.

June 4th is the last Board of Directors meeting before the Summer Break, please mark it on your calendar and join us at the Lakeville Lions Club 7:30 PM.

For Access and Conservation, George Cairns, President

Vice Presidents Report

Here it is the first week of May and almost done the projects. Before you know it Spring meet will be here. I'd like to remind all members that we need 100 people for the general business meeting on Sat. Secondly is that I have a planned dinner for Sat. night at a cost of \$8.00 per person or 2 for \$15.00. That also includes a drink. If you are planning to attend and would like to help out please contact me at y email address lfixcars@aol.com. And finally if you are bringing or donated to the raffle tables please leave a note of what is donated and by whom. I would like to thank those that helped out. I look forward to seeing everyone there and having a great time.

Tom Gagnon Vice President

Membership Secretary

The 2008 Membership Handbook is off to the printer. Some will be available at Spring Meet the others will be mailed out by the end of May.

Thank you to all of you who renewed early this year. Our membership numbers look pretty good.

Those who haven't renewed need to due so immediately. Those who do not are dropped from our mailing list and we technically can reissue your number if you haven't renewed by April 1 – four months grace time (1-1 to 4-1).

Reminder: if I did not receive your renewal by March 15th, you were not listed in the directory. When you renew make sure to include your phone number and let me know if you have access to the internet or not to review our web page and newsletter. Our new web page is great and you can print a copy of the newsletter off to keep it you like. Please remember to drop me a postcard if you have a change of address, or if you notice that any portion of your address is incorrect.

I must have accurate records.

Remember the Spring Meet is just around the corner May 15-17. I will be the check in point in the center circle, so if you have not renewed by then and plan on staying the weekend, you will have to renew once you have arrived. So make it easier on yourself and mail your renewal in now. Hope to see you all there. Another Reminder about DECALS: If you sell your rig or vehicle, please remove all your MBBA decals.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer.....

****Special Request:** If anyone has any prior year directories that they could donate to the Membership Secretary I would be very grateful. I am looking for handbooks from 1951 – 1982. Please let me know if you have any that you could pass along. Thanks.

Jessy Snell, Membership Secretary

Board of Directors Chairman's Report

I want to begin my report by thanking everyone who has stepped up to the plate for the MBBA this year. Lots of work has been done on behalf of this organization to promote our cause. We have done outreach by exhibiting our show booth at the sportsman's shows, and we also have completed most of the 9 days of spring beach projects for this calendar year. After our last beach project, Scusset, we will have the MBBA Spring Meet, also at Scusset Beach State Park, the weekend of May 16-18, 2008.

This event brings the membership together in a weekend of fun, food, comradery and work. Our club hosts the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 17, 2008. This meeting is where all our members have a vote, and we call for your assistance in making important decisions on issues brought before the Officers and Board of Directors. Like the Fall Banquet, this is the only other regularly scheduled General Membership meeting and your participation crucial.

For Officers, Directors, and Courtesy Patrol, this is a very busy weekend and we need and appreciate volunteers to help. Our Vice President Tom Gagnon needs our support so the event will be very successful. We need members to help with "set-up", the raffles, contests and food.

Please mark that weekend on your calendar and plan to be there. This is the last chance before the summer for the members who go to our beaches to get together. We need a good turnout this year, to support the work and goals of the MBBA.

Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman

P.S. We have one more Board of Directors Meeting, after the Spring Meet on Wednesday June 4, 2008, at the Lakeville Lion's Club.

Directions to the Lakeville Lions Club.

From North:

Take 495 South to Route 105 in Lakeville.

At the end of the ramp bear right and continue on Route 105 for a mile or so and then begin looking for the Lakeville Lions Club sign on the left. At the sign go left on Staples Shore road and as the road curves right, in front of the club, take a left into the parking lot for the club.

From south:

Take Route 25 (495 North) to Route 105 in Lakeville. At the bottom of the ramp (facing McGee Chevrolet) take a left on Route 105 and follow 105 for a mile or so and begin looking on your left for the sign for the Lakeville Lions Club. At the sign go left on Staples Shore Road, and as the road curves right, take a left into the parking lot for the club.

Vic Medeiros, Chairman of Board of Directors

BEACH REPORTS:

Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA

In talking with the Beach Manager at Horseneck I was informed the Camp Ground would be open on May 22nd with the beach opening the following day. There will be no reservations required [for the Campground](#) from May 22nd to June 19th.

Reservations for the camp ground will start on the 20th of June. The Beach came through the winter better than in past years, although they did loose sand, it wasn't as bad as in past years. He stipulated had it not been for the great fence job we do for them they would have lost a lot more. They are looking forward to our help again this fall as am I. He thanked us again for our care and support for the beach.

Brad Laursen, Beach Rep.

Plum Island, Newburyport, MA

Some schoolies showing in the river and Shad are there also. I have not been on the beach and have no information to pass along. Action should pick up for the next report

George Cairns, Beach Rep.

Cape Cod National Seashore, Provincetown, MA

Off road information line: 508-487-3698, General information line: 508-487-2100, extension 110

Web site: www.nps.gov/caco

Sticker are on sale, no long lines are expected. The Rangers will be at Spring Meet to sell stickers. The project May 3rd was a great success we put up 4 rolls of fence and cleaned over 4 miles of beach. Acting Chief ranger Craig Thatcher was very pleased with the outcome, thanks to the 60 volunteers that came out to help. We did get a little write up in the Provincetown Banner promoting the project.

There is quite a bit of bird activity going on and a few nests already established, as always all we can do is hope for a fast turnover.

5/15/08

We had storm issues Sunday - Tuesday with high seas and NE winds. The SCV areas were temporarily closed because the tides were coming well up on the beach. The third tier in the Race Point parking lot was used as a temporary parking area. The Race Point North SCV area was reopened yesterday AM.

The Race Point South area has a significant cut from the recent storm and new bird nests that preclude setting up a SCV area at this time on Race Point South. Approximately 0.2 miles are open on Race Point South as of Monday.

The 24-hour information line and ORV map have shown up-to-date information.

The cut from the storm is up to the symbolic fencing in front of a new plover nest. The bird techs reported that this pair is leaving the nest as vehicles approach. Karen and I confirmed this activity Tuesday afternoon.

We're monitoring the cut and will reopen as soon as the ORV route becomes passable. The symbolic fence in front of the new nest can't be moved further up the beach at this time due to observed bird response.

As for the Race Point North SCV area. It is posted at approximately 0.15 miles in length at this time. We have birds nesting near the access, on the Race Point Beach side, and a second pair 0.2 miles north of the access.

A third pair is in between these two nests, but as far as we can tell at this point, another nest has not been established. Adjustments will be looked at with the symbolic fencing when this pair either nests or moves to another location.

We have early bird nesting activity coupled with periods of north winds from the tail end of the spring season. This is making things a little tricky with the SCV areas. This Friday and Saturday we have north winds forecast at 15-25 mph and we'll have to look closely at the height of the high tide and the wave action.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Conservation and Dune Management

The projects went very well, the weather was good at most of them and as a group we accomplished a lot of conservation work. At spring meet we will have a small project for Park Serve Day, and in the fall Horseneck Beach. Thanks to all of the dedicated members and friends that came out to show we really do care about our beaches.

Peter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16, 17 & 18 SPRING MEET 2008

June 4th MBBA Monthly meeting