

# Voices of the Kearsarge-Sunapee Region

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## Notice about Lake Sunapee Vandalism

**To the Editor:**

Sadly, earlier this month, multiple wooden boats on Lake Sunapee were found vandalized and sunk. This presents a hazardous situation, not only because of the obvious trespassing issues but, more importantly, the discharge of oil and gas into the lake. It is unclear what the motives were or if the van-

dalism will continue.

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) involved. If anyone has information, please contact the Sunapee police department.

This is a sad situation not only for the owners and the lake, but for the entire community. Please

be vigilant and if you see any suspicious activity in your area, do notify the police.

**June Fichter  
Lake Sunapee Protective  
Association**

## We all have rights and responsibilities when using the roads

**To the Editor:**

I would like to tell a story that occurred on a recent bicycle ride in Sutton and a learning lesson that I hope will come of it.

This past Saturday afternoon, August 24, while riding up Hominy Pot Road, a pedestrian was walking on the right-hand side of the road (which is incorrect to do) and smack dab in the middle of the travel lane, his lady friend was farther to the right.

When I announced my presence, “Coming up behind you,” the man turned around, took one step aside and sarcastically said, “Is that enough room for you?”

At that precise moment, a car pulled out from a driveway on the right and I needed to take evasive action. Luckily, no crash occurred.

### Here are some quick references:

🚲 Bicyclists are required to announce their presence when approaching a pedestrian from behind (RSA 265:37). They must either use a horn, bell or voice.

🚲 Bicyclists must also ride as far to the “right as is practicable” except when unsafe to do so (RSA

265:144-11).

🚲 On roads without sidewalks, pedestrians are required to walk on the left-hand side (RSA

265:39-2). Some communities like New Castle, require pedestrians to walk single file.

🚲 Motorists are not permitted to pull out onto a roadway in front of a cyclist or any other vehicle (RSA 265:32). Bicycles are vehicles under the law.

*My opinion is this:* The pedestrians were on the wrong side of the road, in the middle of the road, and therefore possibly blocked the motorist’s view so that I was not visible; or the motorist saw me and misjudged the speed and distance of where I was.

Please note that while bicycles are slow moving vehicles, we are traveling much faster than you think.

We all have the same right to use the roads. But we also have responsibilities. Everyone else’s safety is dependent on knowing those responsibilities. One man’s arrogance jeopardized the safety, and possibly the lives, of no less than four people, not to mention possible prop-

erty damage.

Bicycle vs. pedestrian crashes usually do not end well for the pedestrians (fatality rates are higher in older ages). Bicycle vs. motor vehicle crashes usually do not end well for the cyclist.

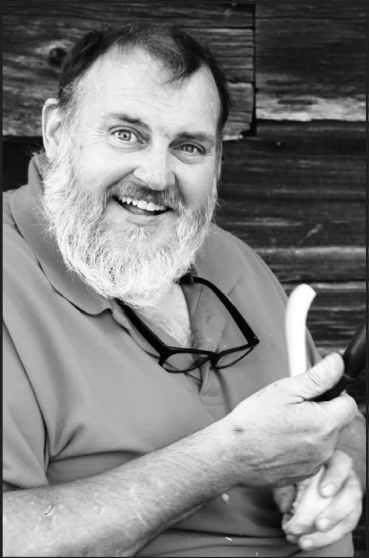
There is an excellent brochure published by NHDOT and other Executive Branch agencies titled, “Don’t Be a Road Warrior/Don’t be a Road Hog” which can be found at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/bikeped/documents/RoadWarrior.pdf>. Please take the time to review this valuable information, we are all required to know it.


**Brian Tilton  
North Sutton**



**MUSTER FIELD FARM DAYS –** Above, Melissa Hansen, Newport, and Pam Jones, Sutton, volunteered at the information booth during Muster Field Farm Days, held last weekend in North Sutton. At left is Dustin Coates, a self-taught wood turner, from Etna, as he works on a wooden spoon during Farm Days.

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**Dear Editor:**

I just wanted to write to thank Annette Vogel for her always refreshing, positive and insightful columns. I currently live “down south” and I so appreciate her “Thoughts from the Bog.”

Annette – keep up the good work and thank you for sharing your thoughts with all of us subscribers,

near and far.

P.S. The pictures and thought bubbles from Probie are always great! I love the things that make the *Intertown Record* “Home.”

**With Sincere Thanks,  
Laray Van Slyke  
Sarasota, Florida**

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at or having to think about anything else from that point on but making a perfect shot.

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