



Keep Oconee Beautiful Association

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Official Association Newsletter - Spring, 2003

AND THE WINNER IS ...

On Saturday, November 23, 2002, Laura Jennings of La Grange, Georgia was recognized as the 1st place winner of the first KOBA photo contest, at a reception held at the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce. The winning photo is set on Lake Keowee and shows a man assisting a young child take a prize catch off the hook. Ms. Jennings received a \$500 prize for her efforts.

Second place was awarded to Mike Carson of Westminster, who received a \$250 award for his photo of the waterfalls at Chau Rau County Park. Sean Robertson of Seneca, was recognized as the third place winner, receiving an award of \$100 for his snow scene of the Seneca Depot.

An additional eight individuals, representing nine photos, received honorable mentions for their entries. Listed from 4th place through 12th place, the winners were: Jeff Clark, for his photo of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Walhalla; Marie McMahon and her photo of laundry hanging in a yard on Ebenezer Road; Cindy Cooley with a photo of dogwood blossoms on Church Street in Walhalla; Bernie Dion and his photo of a man standing in a garden in Westminster; Kristy Butts for her submission showing the trail to Station Cove Falls, as well as her photo of the Station Cove Falls themselves; Jan Beck with a photo of swimmers in Earl's Ford; Kimberly Duke with a photo of a girl hugging a snowman in Westminster; and Susan Stamery, with her entry of butterflies on flowers at Odell Shoals in Walhalla.

Entries were judged by Louise Bell, Oconee County Historian, Roy Ridge, Roy Ridge Photography in Seneca and Clark Wickliffe, owner of Campus Camera in Clemson, who also served as Chairman of the judging committee.

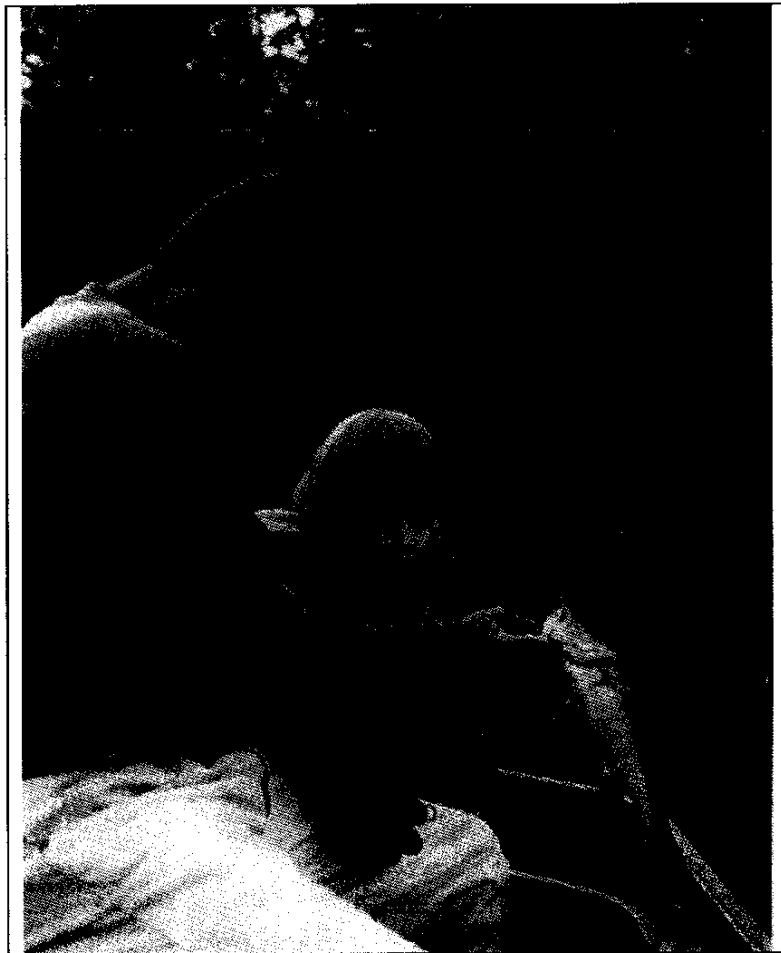
KOBA would like to extend special recognition to Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative in Westminster and Head-Lee Nursery in Seneca for their sponsorship of the contest.

Flash! Falsh! Flash!

The KOBA Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 4:00 PM at the Depot in Walhalla. Please join s and meet the leaders that keep KOBA functioning. There will not be an extensive meeting. We will have a brief report from each committee, followed by refreshments and fellowship. Your board looks forward to the opportunity to meet you and talk about KOBA's plans for the next year.

Special thanks to Phyllis Sanderson, who spearheaded this project, and Nancy Schaffer, for her able assistance. KOBA would also like to thank all who participated by entering a photo in the contest. It takes the efforts of all of us to Keep Oconee Beautiful.

Winning and honorable mention photographs can be viewed on the Internet at www.GoldenCorner SC.net/edfamily/pictures.htm.



SAMMIE LIPSCOMB TO R.A.C.E. ACROSS AMERICA

In an effort to bring attention to the unsightliness, the hazards and the unhealthy nature of litter, KOBA member Sammie Lipscomb has committed to riding her bicycle 4,250 miles on the Trans-America Bicycle Trail across the United States. The trip will take her from Yorktown, Virginia to Astoria, Oregon between May and July of 2004.

Sammie has been an avid bicyclist since 1974. She and her husband Bob have enjoyed cycling tours across many states. Lipscomb stated, "When the Trans-America Bicycle Trail opened as part of our country's Bicentennial anniversary celebration in 1976, I promised myself that one day I would make this trek."

Last April, Sammie determined it was time to put her dream into action. Inspired by a local Seneca Journal writer, Sammie will make the ride in celebration of her own 50th birthday, and as a fund raising campaign to fight litter.

As part of Mrs. Lipscomb's commitment to fight litter, she will raise money through fund raisers and public education prior to the event. Proceeds from the ride will be donated to the Keep Oconee Beautiful Association (KOBA). For many years KOBA has been a strong influence against litter in Oconee County through their recycling, Adopt-A-Highway and Educational programs.

The ride, called R.A.C.E. Across America, is an acronym for Ride to Abolish Crud Everywhere. Bob Lipscomb, a cartoonist, has created a "Tidy Trio" of characters to serve as attention grabbers and mascots for the journey.

Neat Pete, Tidy Tess and Spotless the Trash Retriever take center stage as they strive to rid the earth of "Crud" wherever they find it (or him). Crud is a greasy, grimy, despicable character. Whether he is driving his "Crud mobile" or employing his "Crud Generator", he creates trash everywhere he goes. The goal of the Tidy Trio is to make the world "spic and span" clean.

A special events day will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2004 to celebrate the beginning of R.A.C.E. This community celebration will include a cross county bike ride, picnic and raffle. Following the festivities, Sammie will be officially sent on her way. During the following three months, Bob will regularly report the R.A.C.E. progress with updates on the webpage (www.samsrace.com) and weekly articles to newspapers in the upstate. Sammie plans to contact Chambers of Commerce along the bicycle route and make connections with like-minded citizens as she travels through 10 states and 110 counties.

Lipscomb is quick to assert, "It is not our intention to point fingers at anyone, but instead to be good will ambassadors representing one of the most beautiful places in the world to live."

Special thanks go to Jan Brannon and Lynne Dee Barth for all of their efforts in the education of our Oconee County children.

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KOBA RECEIVES EDUCATION GRANT

PalmettoPride, the Governor's Council on Beautification and Litter, awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,100 to the KOBA Education Committee for continuation of the programs they present in eleven elementary schools in Oconee County. The money will be used to purchase promotional supplies, materials, books and other learning aids, as well as to subsidize field trips to local Manned Convenience Centers for area 5th graders.

This is the third grant KOBA has received from PalmettoPride thus enabling the Education team to carry out the vision for Oconee County children to become advocates of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

KOBA MEMBERSHIP

Interested in joining or renewing your KOBA membership? Simply complete the enclosed membership application, go to the KOBA website (<http://falserv.com/koba>) for an application, or contact Lina Haycraft at 944-2346.

The upper right-hand corner of your mailing label shows the expiration date for your membership. If your membership has expired or is nearing expiration, please renew your participation now.

Please direct any questions regarding your membership to Lina Haycraft at 944-2346.

Litter Watch Report Form

Call the Sheriff's Office (litter Control Officer): 638-4111 or 638-4112
Or mail to the address on the reverse side

Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____ (AM/PM) Location: _____

Car Description: License Number: _____ Make: _____

Body Style: _____ Color: _____ Peculiarities: _____

Type of Littering: _____

Describe Who and What You Observed: _____

Reported by: _____
[Please print] Name Telephone number

Street address City State Zip code

**Your report can not be accepted unless you identify yourself.
However, your identity will not be revealed, and you will not be required to testify**



Member Application/Dues Renewal/Special Support Gifts Form

Name: _____
[Please print] Last First Spouse's Name(if applicable)

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(if different from above) Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: (h) _____ (w) _____

Membership status: New Renewal

Annual Dues Classifications

Individual/Family Membership: \$10.00
Commercial/Organization (up to 25 employees): \$25.00
Commercial/Organization (25 - 50 employees): \$50.00
Commercial/Organization (over 50 employees): \$100.00

Special Gifts

Donor: \$25.00
Friend: \$50.00
Patron: \$100.00
Benefactor: Over \$100.00

To join a committee, check it below.

- Adopt-A-Highway
- Awards
- Community Rel.
- Education
- Legis/Enforcement
- Membership
- Newsletter/Web
- Publicity
- Recycling
- Not sure

Please mail your most appreciated check to: KOBA, P.O. Box 1491, Seneca, SC 29679

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Note: You may also enter this information at the KOBA web site: <http://falserv.com/koba>

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How To Use The Litter Watch Report Form

You can use the form opposite to help Keep Oconee Beautiful! Just follow these steps to report any littering you observe:

1. Keep the form in your car with a pencil. DO NOT WRITE WHILE DRIVING.
2. Do Not report out-of-state vehicles.
3. You must identify yourself to submit the form, however your identity will not be revealed nor will you be required to testify.
4. The Litter Control Officer will contact the registered owner of the vehicle.

The more complete your report, the more effective tool it will be for the Litter Control Officer.

SANDERSONS HOST KOBA BOARD

Phyllis and Jon Sanderson hosted a get-together for KOBA Board Members and their spouses at their home in Seneca. Phyllis and Jon "employed" the services of daughter Melissa as "chief cook and bottle washer", to the enjoyment of all who participated. Great food, good company and a lively exchange of ideas were shared in the beautiful setting of the Sanderson property.



2002 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY RESULTS

Fred Bailine, Adopt-A-Highway Committee Chair, reports that during 2002, Oconee County had 205 groups picking up litter on state and county roads. During this time, these dedicated volunteers (1,211 people) collected 39,066 pounds (2,654 bags) of litter. These efforts consumed 3,590 person hours and covered 427 miles of roadway.

KOBA would like to thank all of those who work to Keep Oconee Beautiful through the Adopt-A-Highway program. For more information on how you can be involved, contact Fred Bailine at 888-0190.

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT KOBA

The support and participation of local businesses has a significant impact on the Keep Oconee Beautiful Association. Membership agreements with Roper Ford, Performance Motors and Jon Sanderson Company and Real Estate Incorporated result in customer memberships to KOBA, which are beneficial to our future growth. We encourage you and your friends to patronize them.

Please also support Head-Lee Nursery and Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, sponsors of the KOBA Photo Contest.

Remember, doing business with these businesses helps us to Keep Oconee Beautiful.



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Comments or questions regarding this newsletter may be directed to Nancy Soper at 647-4747.

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