



**"All of us...doing our part" taken to new heights in 2015!**



"The Aeronca Champ float plane owned by Dick Ash on Conesus Lake"

As you probably know the Conesus Stewardship Initiative is focused on reaching out to as many constituents of our watershed as possible to ensure we all do our part to protect the lake through the use of best practices. Earlier this year, we came across a best practice that targets the float planes that often use our lake as their runway. The Airplane Pilots and Owners Association became aware of the possibility that their pontoons could be a conveyance for aquatic invasive species from one lake to another and took it upon themselves to create a 20 minute video instructing float plane pilots how to use a version of "Clean/Drain/Dry" for their planes to ensure they did not contribute to the spread of AIS. I knew we had a good best practice, but not being a pilot did not really know how to proceed. That is where Jim Kraus, a lake resident and CLA member came in. Jim is an avid pilot with many connections and has the pleasure of using a float plane on Conesus owned by Dick Ash. Within two days of my contact with Jim, the video was sent to every pilot that Jim knew and forwarded to the FAA requesting that it be included in any future float plane training sessions. Thank you Jim for "doing your part" to protect our lake! (Note: if you would like to view the video, go to: <http://www.aopa.org/Education/Safety-Videos/How-to-Stop-the-Spread-of-Invasive-Plants-and-Animals-by-Seaplane> )