



Birch Barker

A Publication of the Birch Lake Yacht Club

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Welcome back for another season on Birch Lake!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Welcome back all for another season on beautiful Birch Lake. We have set about planning some things old & new for this year & beyond.

Every Commodore spends a good deal of his comments thanking folks for their help – I'll not deviate. My thanks follow:

We sent out 230 Spring Flyers, many of which were promptly answered (see Member/Firework lists). The Spring Dinner held April 22nd at Union Station, South Bend was a smash, with over 70 Lakers in attendance. Thanks to my sister Suzy, mother Le & of course Leslie (who did most of the work).

The Road Cleanup was a trashy affair organized & run by Past Commodore Jim & First Lady Retired Sally, whilst we were off sailing.

Scott Troeger toiled over the Bylaws (advising both Special Committee & Board), all while I pestered Holly with numbers.

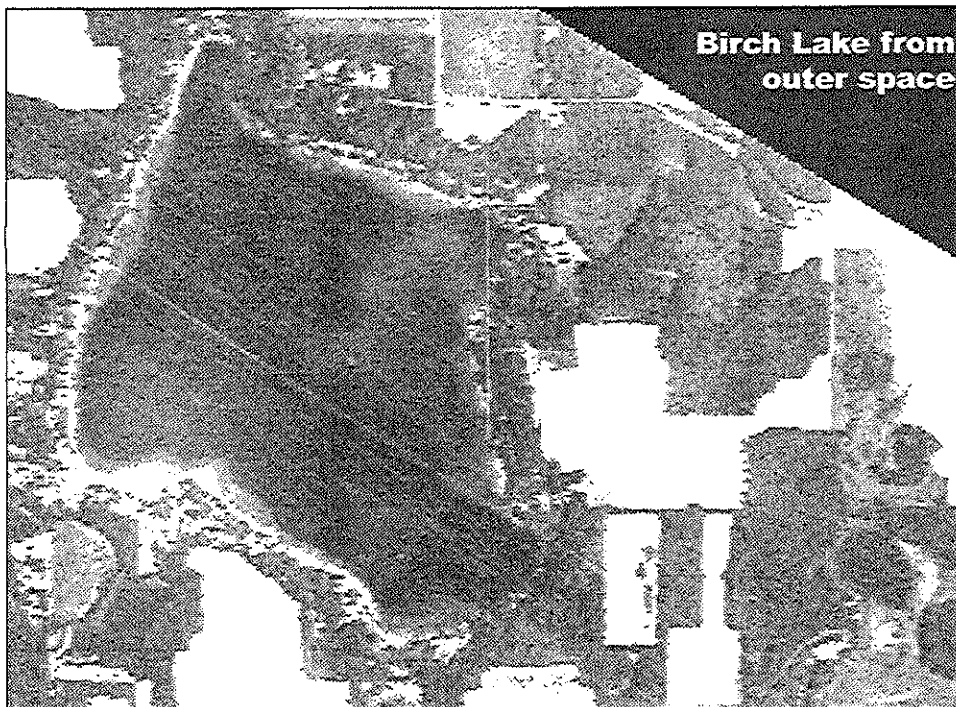
Sally is forever having to review minutes (that turn into hours). The Water Quality group again labored while we slept. Dick Bender ran a marketing machine to arrange the ads found within. A lick & promise was delivered on Club Cleanup Day last Saturday attended by (in no particular order): Scott Troeger, Jim & Sally Beck, Bruce & Sue Wagner, Don Harman, Jim Bolinger, Patti Russwurm, Leslie and Bill King, Liz, Al, Kate, Brogan & Cullin Cover. The brooms, mops, rakes, & sponges were dancin' – *thanks to all* — including all of the people I forgot to mention.

On Safety, I ask a favor of all: while buzzing about the lake this Summer, please give 'em a break (sailors, fisherman, swimmers, etc). Lets all play nice & be careful out there.

Thanks - future tense

Over the last 18 months numerous people have offered help "when I'm Commodore." Kindly consider all markers called in — you are made Crew on the Good Ship Birch Lake; Press Gangs may follow. If you need to phone to volunteer for something, you can reach me at:

Image supplied by Amy Everett



Home – 219-299-0705

Cell 219-276-9999

Birch (weekends) 616-476-2128

Note: my Parents (2128) are *not* an answering machine...if you do not locate me please try the other numbers above.

In the alternative, if you are calling to complain, I have no phone, please write to:

Bob King, C2k

1958 E. Denslow Drive

South Bend, IN 46614-2304

Or, email blcking@aol.com

It's my experience that in heat of battle people might say things over the phone they would not write in a letter. As an *absentee* Commodore, if you have a beef please resist the urge to "phone it in." Write serious stuff so you say what you mean (rather than

accidentally saying something mean...can't un-ring a bell). In other words, let's not butt heads (see Kidz Corner, Pachycephalosuarus).

We are graced with another first I believe - a non-resident Birch Barker Editor - friend Phil Vitale. The sum of the Barker is greater than the parts submitted. Thanks to Editors & Contributors past ... let's do it again! Hopefully we can entice prior Columnists to continue & persuade more of our circle to join. Phil's notes on how to contact him, submit articles & ideas are at the bottom of this page.

See you on the water,

-Bob King, C2k

Birch Lake Calendar*

The Calendar published is subject to update.

Coming soon:

05/27 9-10:30 am – Board Meeting (Club)

05/28 11 am – Memorial Day Regatta

05/29 1 pm – Memorial Day Regatta

06/03 7 am-1 pm – Boating Safety Class

(Club, already SRO)

06/03 10 am-Noon – Boat Check (Sheryl

Papandraia's dock East of the Landing)

06/04 8:30 am - ? – "Get Kidz Hooked on

Fishing" Kidz Fishing Class (Yacht Club)

06/10 5 – 7 pm - Junior Commodore's Fizz

06/10 7 pm – late - Commodore's Cocktail

*See <http://www.hometown.aol.com/blcking/BLYC.html> for the full calendar of events.

If you have items for the BARKER, please put all materials in the Barker box (at the Yacht Club) by 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, or e-mail the info to me at sailorphil@webcraftarts.com. If you must, mail (10 days prior to desired publication date) to Phil Vitale, 122 So. Michigan, So. Bend, IN 46601, call Phil at (219) 232-3735, or fax your items to (219) 232-3853.



Birch Lake Notes

Cleanup Day

Saturday June 10th is the Porter Township cleanup day. One can drop off unwanted items at 15621 Mason Street from 8-2.

-Doris Sante

Dog days of summer are here

Wow! The beauty of Birch Lake. I feel especially blessed to be able to live here year round. My morning starts with a scenic walk no matter what the conditions outside are. I do this weather I want to or not because I have a 10 year old dog that expects her three mile walk every morning. Don't get me wrong, I do enjoy it once I'm out there. Rain, sleet, hail or snow, off we go.

Most mornings our walk is wonderful. The scenery is beautiful and the walk is non eventful. Other mornings, however, our walk can be extremely challenging. You see, we have lake folks that don't leash their dogs.

You may think your dog is harmless and would not hurt a soul but what my (leashed) dog walking with me sees is a threat. Not to herself but to the one she lives to protect, me.

Without going into dog fight details, the results of an encounter have been pretty ugly. I do all I can to keep the unleashed dogs away from my dog. I turn, pulling her and run as fast as I can. I hurtled bushes once. I even ran into an open garage door and got it closed just in time.

We all know we should leash our dogs because it is the law. One not-so-obvious reason is that some Lakers are terrified of dogs; another is the safety of your own dogs. Early this year one of the lake dogs was attacked by a pack of dogs and nearly died. After several weeks in intensive care, the loss of a leg and many prayers, he survived.

So please neighbors and friends, protect your dogs and always keep them leashed.

-Fido's friend.

Member Notice

The 20 year old Bylaws were ordered revised by the 1999 Board. Some proposed changes include: reduce volunteer liability, clarify member status & align various wording with actual practice.

The Revision Committee & Board asked the members to approve one item from the draft:

ARTICLE X, AMENDMENTS, Section 1
— **PROCEDURE:** These By-Laws may be amended (1) by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, or (2) by the affirmative vote of a majority of the

From the Cove

News from the cove (and frequent flagrant fictitious flights of fancy)

Rejoice! Sunny Waters returns to enlighten and inform.

B.S. and I hope you managed to weather the ravages of winter without us (for the uninitiated, B.S. stands for Beloved Spouse — were your evil little minds thinking something else, pray tell?).

In addition to the latest hot gossip, we are delighted to announce a new contributor to the Barker. Coming Soon: *Missed Manners Column for the Etiquette Impaired*. For those of you who are baffled by social dilemmas such as how to negotiate the glob of spaghetti (intended for your mouth) which has slithered onto your lap; or whether or not cut-offs are acceptable to an evening wedding, etc., we know you'll find Missed Manners' sage advice indispensable.

Send your questions and concerns to Missed Manners c/o Sunny Waters.

It's good to be back. B.S. and I wish all Birch Lakers a great summer.

-Sunny

Members present in person or pursuant to written proxy at any duly constituted meeting of the membership.

At the Spring Dinner we had quorum. Written votes were sent by mail & cast in person. Article X passed by unanimous AYE votes, no NAY votes were received.

The Board will deliberate in regularly scheduled (open) meetings. When a final draft is complete it will be posted in the Yacht Club, on the website & each Director will have a hard copy. A summary will be published in the Barker as will be the date of the final vote.

-Bob King

Road Cleanup

Road cleanup went well this year, thanks to the help of Dick Bender, Keith Weesner, Bruce Wagner, Scott, Tory, and Neil Troeger.

Towards the end we also had the help of Roger Falk, and John and Jodi Meyers with the assistance of their dog Lulu. We got finished rather quickly as there was very little to clean up this year.

It ended with a small tailgate party with refreshments. Thanks again everyone.

-Jim and Sally Beck

Expect a great year at camp

The staff at Camp Tannadoonah are looking forward to a great year at the Camp.

The first week begins on June 25 and the last week begins July 30. For those boys and girls who are interested in camping, Tannadoonah offers both resident and day camp. Besides the usual swimming, sailing, crafts, nature lore,

archery, soccer, cookouts, etc., golf is being offered in week 6, a canoe trip down the St. Joseph River in Michigan is offered in weeks 1, 4, and 6, and horseback riding with an overnight is available in weeks 1, 3, and 5.

Please call the Campfire office at 234-4145 for more information.

Birch Lakers are also invited to attend the Camp Open House and see the many improvements that have taken place due to the generosity of the Birch Lakers who donated \$'s in last summers fund drive for the Camp. This was a very successful drive headed by Bob Herms and has allowed many repairs, purchases, etc. to take place. If you can't make the Open House, then we hope to see you at the annual Pancake Breakfast.

-Judy Olson

Camp Tannadoonah open house

We will host an Open House at camp this Sunday, May 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come and stroll through camp.

Camp is being run by a foursome this year. I am the new director, Jane 'Toody' Goldsberry. Mr. Doug Miller is my assistant and, our two support staff members are Janie Stephenson and Lois Keisling.

Together we have more than 50 years of experience in camping. We look forward to meeting and working with the people of Birch Lake. Camp Tannadoonah has had a good working relationship with all of you and we intend to continue it.

Hope to see you on Sunday.

-Miss Toody

Stu's Star Stuff

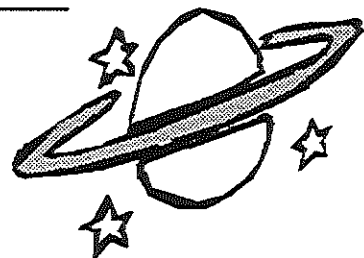
It's great to be back at the lake where the skies are clear and undisturbed by the glow of city lights. The last few bright stars of winter are disappearing below the horizon now and the summer show is beginning.

Two-thirds of the Summer Triangle are now visible in the NE about an hour and half after sundown. Vega, in Lyra, the harp, is the brightest and highest. It stands near the ENE and one-quarter to one-third

of the way up.

Deneb, in Cygnus, the swan, is just to the left of NE and only about 10 degrees up. Ten degrees is about the width of a fist held at arms length.

Altair, the last corner of the triangle, rises slightly more than two hours after sunset. By morning the Summer Triangle stands high in the sky with Vega nearly overhead. Vega marks the approximate direction the solar system is traveling as



we orbit the center of the Milky Way galaxy. More on traveling through space next month. Enjoy the show. It's free!

-Stewart Spratt

Kidz' Corner

In the Club, outside, in the Barker & on the webpage we will offer something for Kidz. Young people are invited to all Club functions (early shift). On June 10rd Cal will host a Kidz Fizz from 5-7 pm (before the

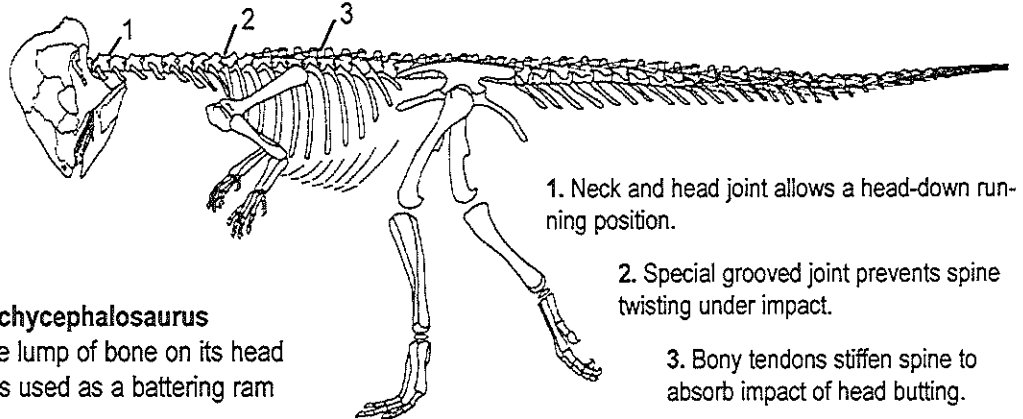
Commodore's Cocktail 7 pm - late).

Pachycephalosaur (pa-ke-se-fu-lo-soar-us) – the thick headed lizard. This two legged plant-eater lived in western North America during the late

Cretaceous Period. The large domed noggin housed a brain no larger than a tennis ball. The thick bony skull was used for head butting another Pachycephalosaur during battle to establish social order within the herd.



Pachycephalosaur
The lump of bone on its head was used as a battering ram

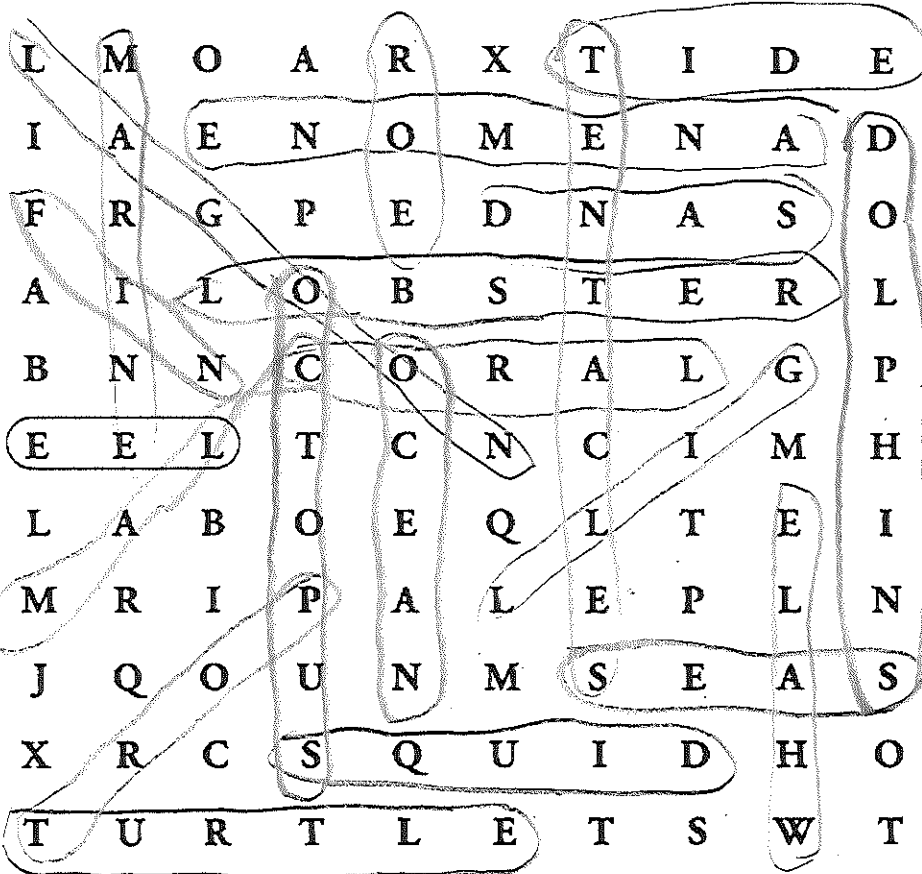


1. Neck and head joint allows a head-down running position.

2. Special grooved joint prevents spine twisting under impact.

3. Bony tendons stiffen spine to absorb impact of head butting.

Goin' Fishin'



Can you find these words?

Look across, back, up, down and diagonally in the letters and circle each word you find. The word EEL has been circled as an example

- ~~EEL~~
- ~~SAND~~
- ~~LAGOON~~
- ~~CLAM~~
- ~~OCTOPUS~~
- ~~TENTACLES~~
- ~~DOLPHINS~~
- ~~SEAS~~
- ~~GILL~~
- ~~PORT~~
- ~~LOBSTER~~
- ~~ROE~~
- ~~FIN~~
- ~~MARINE~~
- ~~CORAL~~
- ~~TURTLE~~
- ~~WHALE~~
- ~~ANEMONE~~
- ~~TIDE~~
- ~~OCEAN~~
- ~~SQUID~~

Get Birch'z kids hooked on fishing

I will conduct a one-day "Introduction to Fishing" class on June 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The course will be open to all 8 to 13 years old children children and/or grandchildren of Birch Lake residents.

NOTE: The weekend of June 10 has been designated a FREE FISHING WEEK-END by the Michigan DNR. No license is required.

In order for a child to register they must bring a parent or grandparent with them. The first 25 participants to register will have the opportunity to BORROW a Zebco fishing rod and reel at no cost. There

will be a \$10 DEPOSIT that will be refunded when you return the rod by 6/18/00.

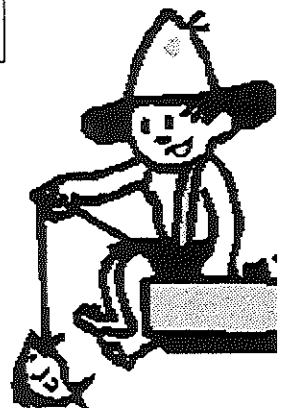
Birch Lake is a beautiful lake with a lot of sport and pan fish. Our world is full of distractions which take away from families spending quality time with each other. It is easy to say "I don't have time." But it is more impor-

tant to take time. Fishing together is a great way to improve family communications. No TVs or telephones! My hope is to create an environment where the child and adult can explore a great pastime that will lead to "quality time" spent together. I have been fishing with my granddaughter since she was 5 years old and we are still enjoying the time together 6 years later.

Part of the program will include sections on the following topics: fisherman code; safety; fishing etiquette; fish identification; rod and reel selections; line, sinker, bobber, and hook selections; knot tying; bait to use (live and artificial); casting the line; taking fish off the hook; untangling a "rats nest"; and cleaning fish.

If you have any questions call me at (219) 291-7649.

-Tom DeCocker



Birch Lake Yacht Club Sailing News

A tentative schedule for the 2000 sailing races is in the box. Clear the weeds and leaves away from those hulls and plan to participate (but be careful with the "weedwhacker" near the sail, Al). To keep things prompt, the "five-minute gun" for all races will be at 11 a.m. Ind. time (noon Mich. time), so sailors should be at the line then, just as if it were a golfing tee time. Also, to prevent wasting the day on a "drifter", the Committee Boat will scuttle a race if no boat rounds the first mark in 30 minutes, or finishes the course in 90 minutes.

We usually race one and one third times around a triangular course, with the starting and finishing legs sailed into the wind. These windward legs require tacking (sailing a zig-zag course towards the goal), which brings skill or luck (depending on your point of view) into the winning equation. No cost or commitment is required to find out if you like it.

-Scott Troeger 2000
Fleet Captain

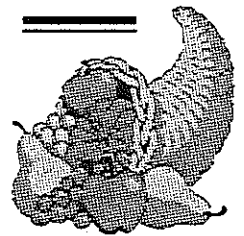
Event	Date
Memorial Day Regatta	Sun. May 28
Memorial Day Regatta	Mon. May 29
Season Race	Sun. June 4
Season Race	Sun. June 11
Season Race	Sun. June 18
Season Race	Sat. June 25
Fourth Of July Regatta	Sat. July 1
Fourth Of July Regatta	Sun. July 2
Season Race	Sun. July 9
Season Race	Sun. July 16
Season Race	Sun. July 23
Couples' Race	to be announced
"RegattaKidz"	to be announced
Season Race	Sun. July 30
Season Race	Sun. August 6
Season Race	Sun. August 13
Season Race	Sun. August 20
Season Race	Sun. August 27
Labor Day Regatta	Sat. September 2
Labor Day Regatta	Sun. September 3
Trophies	Mon. September 4

All regular season races begin at 11 a.m. (Ind. Time), 12 m. (Mich. Time)
Regattas to be posted...



Best of Beck's Bistro

Gourmet Meat-Noodle Casserole



Ingredients: tsp vegetable oil, lb. ground beef, 1 can (14^{1/2} oz.) diced tomatoes

(undrained), 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce, half a green bell pepper (seeded and chopped), 4 fresh mushrooms (sliced), 1 clove garlic (minced), 1/2 cup dry red wine, 2 tsps salt, 2 tsps sugar, 1/2 tsp pepper, 6 oz. dried egg noodles, 1 pkg (3 oz) cream cheese (softened), 1 cup sour cream, 1 small onion (chopped), 1 cup shredded cheddar.

1. Heat oven to 350. Heat oil in

medium skillet, add meat, cook about 10 min, breaking up. Drain fat, stir in tomatoes with juice, tomato sauce, green pepper, mushrooms, garlic, wine, salt, sugar and pepper. Reduce heat to low, cook uncovered 10 min.

2. Cook noodles to package directions, drain. Combine cream cheese, sour cream and onion in small bowl. Stir into noodles.

3. Spread half of meat mixture over bottom of 3-quart casserole. Cover with half of the noodles. Repeat layers, ending with meat. Sprinkle top with cheese. Bake

uncovered, about 40 minutes.

This one is tried and tested, and is very good!

Margarita Knox Blox

Ingredients: 1 large box lime jello, 1 packet Knox unflavored gelatin, 2 cups boiling water, 1 cup cold water, 1/4 cup Rose's Lime Juice, 1/2 cup Tequila, 1/4 cup Cointreau or Grand Marnier.

Mix up and refrigerate. When set, cut into blocks and enjoy!

It's not easy being green

Birch Lake sits splendid in Southwestern lower Michigan with a sheltering bowl of hills. We were given a clean treasure to shepherd for our lives & our Water Quality Committee labors while we sleep.

Various efforts are underway to assure that the jewel we inherited sparkles today & tomorrow. The water test results are now known from the 1999 Season. Levels published in the CLMP (COOPERATIVE LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM) Annual Summary Report detail Phosphorus, Chlorophyll & Secchi Disk results.

Commodores note: What all this "trophic" stuff means is that on scale of how good ya doin — we are excellent. I confess needing to reread the information from 1999 Barkers to

regain understandings of the tests & definitions. After one crash course I come away convinced we are d*** lucky.

Watch this space for information on dissolved oxygen data, scoop on the zebra muscle & you, test sites (for the young marine biologists), and more.

Quoting from the 1999 report:

Chlorophyll(a)

Carlson's value of 43 is generally indicative of good quality mesotrophic lake.
1999 Carlson TSI value of Birch = 43 Good Quality Mesotrophic.

Secchi Disk (Transparency)

* Carlson's value of 42 is generally indicative of a good quality mesotrophic lake.
1999 Carlson TSI value of Birch is 38 = Oligatrophic.

Total Phosphorus

* Carlson's value of 41 is generally indicative of a good quality mesotrophic lake.
1999 Carlson TSI value of Birch Lake is 34 = Oligatrophic.

From the Birch Barker Archives...

Lake Notes

Lake Notes are compiled from past issues of the Birch Barker. The text below was submitted by Dan Reynolds and appeared in the August 20, 1988 issue of the Barker.

Birch Lake is located in Porter Township, the largest township in Cass County, having about 54 square miles instead of the usual 36. What very few people realize is that Birch Lake is responsible for one of the most distinguishing features of our county: The Mogador Valley.

The Valley obtained its name because thousands of years ago it was the bed of glacial Lake Mogador. Eventually the water cut down through the land and emptied Lake Mogador. Angle Creek, which still drains the Valley rises in Birch Lake, follows the outlet stream through the millpond, passes through Shavehead Lake and falls into Long Lake before running south until it joins the St. Joseph River.

Starting at the outlet of Birch Lake, the Valley covers an area about three miles wide and eight miles long to the Indiana state line. The drop of the Creek at Williamsville is eighteen ft., at Centennial fourteen ft., and another eight ft. to Long Lake.

Long Lake and Baldwin Lake are unique in Cass Co. in that they lie north and south and are quite narrow. Other lakes in Cass Co. are elliptical in shape with swampy south and west shores and high ground to the north. All the lakes here are glacially formed and why these two do not conform to the pattern remains a mystery. Anyway back to Angle Creek.

Angle Creek has a long and interesting history. Before the coming of man we know that prehistoric wildlife, birds and animals were numerous in the Mogador Valley. If people had actually lived in the Valley 10,000 to 70,000 yrs. ago they would have gone hunting for mastodons, musk-ox, giant beavers and wild hogs. They were here, because fossil remains have been unearthed within the area.

One of the interesting features of the Valley is the way it was created by the sudden lowering of old Lake Mogador several thousands of years ago. This change made possible the easy excavations of the vast amount of marl which has been taken out for fertilizer.

In 1929, while excavating for marl just north of Mogador Church (Long Chapel on Chapel Hill) the skeleton of an elephant, which preceded the mastodon here, was found under about 20 ft. of earth. Scientists

foresaw the greater water power further down stream... Also, in 1836 the first building which housed the sawmill was erected. (Mill and buildings are gone now but what looks like fish ponds cover part of the old millpond on the west side of the road.)

This mill was powered by an overshot wheel with an up and down saw. The drop of Angle Creek at that point is 14 ft. This is the mill where thousands and thousands of feet of lumber were sawed and delivered to the St. Joseph River. The lumber was

loaded on rafts and floated down the River to South Bend, St. Joseph and across the lake to Chicago. The mill with the overshot wheel operated continuously until 1870 when it was replaced with a turbine.

In 1876, the centennial year of American independence, a flour and grist mill began operating in conjunction with the sawmill, just north of the present sawmill. The two mills were called "Centennial Mills."

As we reminisce we are reminded that there were 16 water powered mills in the immediate area in and around Porter Township operating at the same time and

That was then . . . this is now!

*I can't fax you my love, I can't email my heart -
I can't see your face in cyberspace, I don't know where to start -
I'm light years behind from the age they call stone -
I'm a carbon based caveman, just flesh & bone
-JB, Beachouse on the Moon*

The BLYC webpage was launched early this Century. We are under construction & the webmeister knows not what he does, so be patient & forgiving.

By the time you read this, the web page should have been updated. I will try to update weekly, including snippets from the weekly Barker. In addition it is a handy resource for those who are away from Birch.

Visit & see the Calendar, Bylaw Summary, Member Email Address Book, & Links to various relevant websites.

We have not paid for a domain name, nor are we paying web hosting fees. The page is just piggy-backed on my home ISP service.

Because of this, the web address (URL) is very cumbersome. Just bookmark the page as a favorite, and when you're ready, you can go to:

<http://www.hometown.aol.com/blcking/BLYC.html>

Please send ideas, images & contributions to me at blcking@aol.com

from the University of Michigan figured it had died between 50,000 and 70,000 yrs. ago. Also fossils of prehistoric plants have been found in the Valley.

When the first European settlers arrived they found Mogador Valley occupied by Potawatomi Indians. The settlers found the Valley a veritable patchwork of Indian trails, crossing Angle Creek, the Saulk Trail (now US12) going back and forth from Long and Baldwin Lakes to Shavehead and Birch Lakes and Williamsville and Union.

Angle Creek and Mogador Valley were beehives of activity in the 1830's. First, in 1832, was the Rinehart sawmill on Angle Creek—on the north side of the present highway (south of Carter Lake, east of the house, but upstream from the junction of Angle Creek with the creek out of Carter Lake.)

This mill operated for a number of years. However, the records show that on May 12, 1836 Lewis Rinehart purchased from the US government the site of the present Centennial Mills. No doubt the Rineharts

Centennial was the last to close.

the 1840's Isaac Miller and his wife Eliza emigrated from Ohio to Mogador Valley. They built a home and blacksmith shop adjacent to Angle Creek, about 30 rods south of the junction of Birch Lake and Carter Lake Roads. This shop was appreciated by the settlers in the Valley and surrounding area for they could get their horses shod, machinery repaired and many other odd jobs done that only a blacksmith was equipped to do.

The house was a two story with a porch on the north side. The foundation can still be seen, the remains of part of the basement, 16x32 ft., the cellar wall built with flat faced stones and some mortar in good condition. The shop was about 5 rods north of the house, both on the west side of the Creek.

So, the next time you're looking for something different to do—go exploring and check out the Mogador Valley and Angle Creek.

Birch Lake Yacht Club Contributions

Make checks payable to:
Birch Lake Yacht Club

Mail to:
Holly Troeger, Treasurer
1516 Ash Drive East
Elkhart, IN 46514

Drop off:
63696 Birch Road (call 476-9898)

- \$_____ - Spring Dinner (\$21 / each)
- \$_____ - BLYC Member Dues (\$20 / year)
- \$_____ - Homeowners Assoc. (\$10 / year)
- \$_____ - Sailing Fees (\$15 / year)
- \$_____ - Building Improvement Fund
- \$_____ - Fireworks Display Fund
- \$_____ - Water Quality Program
- \$_____ - Other _____
- \$_____ - Riparian (\$7/yr, provide address)

\$_____ TOTAL

Classified Advertising

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Birch Lake Yacht Club is in the process of establishing a Lending Library for members (and associate members). Any books you want to donate (both children's and adult literature - sign your name on the inside cover) should be brought to the Commodore's Cocktail Party on 6/10.

HELP WANTED

Vice Commodore wanted for Birch Lake Yacht Club. No experience necessary (strong back and weak mind required). Contact Bob King.

While we're at it...Commodore also needed for 2001 BLYC season. Inquire to Bob King at blcking@aol.com

Kidz Wanted: to paint mural in Kidz Corner BLYC - TBA

Help Wanted: Loving Parents to chaperone Kidz functions, date = you pick

Seamstress wanted - I need a lake person capable of sewing a straight line to assist the Commodore with a secret project - No pay but salutes aplenty.

MISC.

Have you seen any zebra muscles when taking out your piers? We need kidz to help with a zebra monitoring program this summer. Ever wonder what kind of hotel a zebra prefers? Watch this space for details ...

We are in process of accumulating toys & books for the Kidz corner inside & sandbox toys for outside the Club. If you have some usable toys to donate bring them to the Kidz Fizz on 6/10.

FOR SALE

For sale, 6 blue boat fenders. Only used one season, \$5 each. Great to use on pontoons. Call Becks at 476-2760

PROPERTIES FOR SALE/RENT/WANTED

Young couple wants to sleep around - We are looking for Birch property and would like to try all of the cottages before we buy; call Phil or Sandy (219) 291-6102.

BLYC members for 2000 season

Below are the prompt folks who have already sent their annual Yacht Club dues - names in bold text also donated to the 2000 fireworks display. It is likely that someone will be accidentally omitted. We are also prone to misspelling. No slight is intended in either case. Please notify Bob or Leslie for correction.

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING:

Price, & Eileen
Golden, Marc & Ilene
Foley, William & Gladys
Wagner, Bruce & Sue
Pierre, Chas & Cheri
Custard, Phil & Elizabeth
Morrison, Robert
Sheetz, Harold & Charlene
Bergan, Jim & Linda
Howard, Tom (& Colleen)
Cowen, Dick & Peggy
Troeger, Scott & Holly
Eichorst, Doug & Judy
Doba, Bill & Judy
Sanders, Ray & Sonya
Scofield, John & Laveta
King, Bob & Les
Messnar, James
Coan, James
Hayden, Bill & Letita
Williams, Pat & Sue
O'Brien, Joe
Stevens, Charles
Papandria, Sheryl
Miller, Jack & Mardy
Russwurm, Rick & Patti
Cote, Adrian & Judith

Asire, Marty
Ball, John, Jr. & Jennifer
Harris, Gwen
Vath, Helen
Nagy, Tom & Julie
Garceau, Bernie & Blair
Green, Dr. D & Barb
Klimek, Matt & Joyce
Kruggel, Herm & Bev
Leatherman, Dennis & Phyllis
Monroe, Norman & Nancy
Waddle, Bob & Sue
Blifer, William & Grace
Deyoung, Richard & Beth
Bernaciak, Ken & Mary Ellen
Flora, Larry & Marge
Olson, Dave & Judy
Weesner, Keith & Denny
Machalleck, Mike & Katha
Kinner, David & Marjorie
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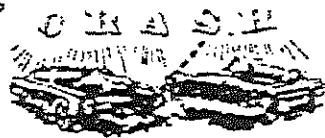
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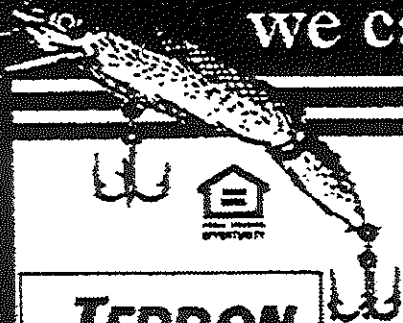
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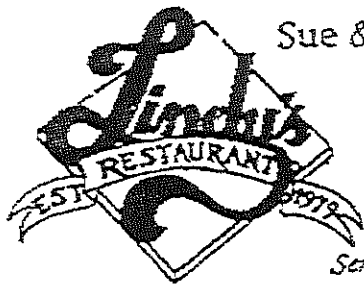
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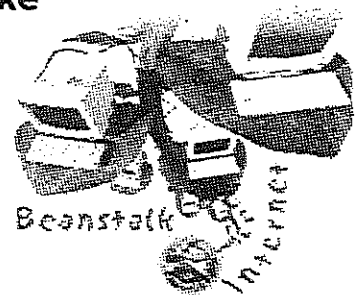
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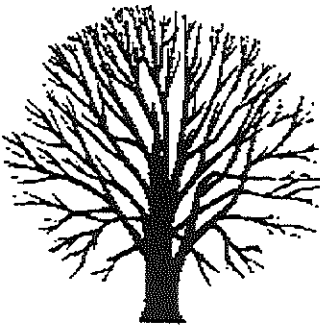
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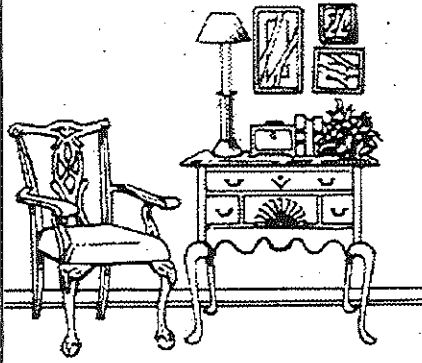
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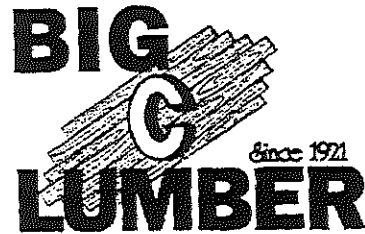
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