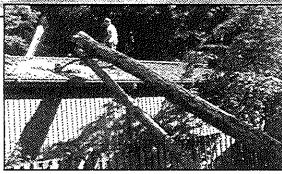
Stormy Weather

"Not a twister," say officials, but downed trees and property damage are widespread around the lake





Winds estimated at 60 mph and above savaged the area Birch around Monday Lake night, dropping dozens of trees and limbs onto homes, cars, and roads garages.



More photos on Page 11

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The nice weather is finally here. There was a lot of activity on the lake and at the Yacht Club this weekend.

Dan Covey reported a good turnout at the Boating Safety Course and boat inspection. It's great that we have a cooperative relationship with our Cass County Sheriff's Department.

We also had some exotic wines and delicious appetizers at the Commodore/Vice Commodore wine party. It was very well attended. My thanks go out to my Vice Commodore Jim Bolinger, right-hand-man Don Harman, faithful bartender Dean Davis, and all those who helped with the cleanup. They helped make the event very successful.

Start thinking about the boat parade and how you are going to decorate your boat. Let's have a good turnout. Don't forget the pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 1, at the camp. Pancakes will be served from 8-11 at \$4/adult; \$2/child.

I think we have all the wrinkles worked out on the distribution of the Birch Barker. Barb Zesinger, head of distribution, and the delivery people Sue Montague (South 1), Katha Machalleck (South 2), Holly Troeger (East 1), Judy Olson (East 2), Linda Curtis (East 3), Elaine Lochmandy (North 1), Louise Rieth (Cove/West 1), and Linda and Phyllis Rasmussen (West 2) have been doing a great job of getting the Barker to everyone by 10 every Saturday morning.

Remember, if you have articles and comments that would be of interest to our Birch Lake community, please submit them to Phil Vitale, our editor.

See you on the lake!

Your Commodore
-Mike Machalleck

The Birch Lake Yacht Club Calendar for 2001

6/16 - BLYC Board Meeting 9am

6/21, 22 - Camp Field Days 9:30am-4pm

6/22 - All (Diamond) Lake Sale 9am-2pm

6/23 - All (Diamond) Lake Sale 9am-Noon.

6/30 - Boat Parade, Fireworks
Fourth of July Regatta
Newberg Twp. Port-a-Pit 11am-5pm

7/1 - Pancake Breakfast 8-11am

7/20 - Ladies Golf & Lunch

7/21 - BLYC Board Meeting 9am

7/21 - Jimmy Buffett Party*

7/27 - Men's Golf & Dinner Birch Lake Garage Sale

8/11 - Ladies Day Activity

8/18 - Com & Sausage Roast BLYC Board Meeting 9am Homeowners Assn. Meeting

8/19 - House Walk

8/25 - Fall Dinner 9/3 - Labor Day Regatta

11/22 - Turkey Day Regatta

TBA - Get Kidz Hooked on Fishing 2

TBA - Birch Lake Craft Sale

*Note change of date



If you have items for the BARKER, please put the materials in the Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore) by 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, or e-mail the info to me at sailorphil@philvitale.com by Monday at Noon. If you must, mail (10 days prior to desired publication date) to Phil Vitale, 122 So. Michigan, So. Bend, IN 46601, or fax your items to (219) 232-3853. To contact me, call Phil at 476-1680 or (219) 232-3735 or (219) 232-3735.

Birch Lake Notes

News From The Cove

"Where the elegant intelligent reside"

By Sunny Waters Local Mensa Chapter President

It's been the usual frenzy around these parts. Vicki Rogers is under sedation, having chipped a fingernail. Vivian Kolber is in the throes of organizing her canned goods in alphabetical order, and Bill Lyzen has completed a crossword puzzle in Latin and can't stop muttering, "In vino veritas.

Obviously we are in desperate need of gossip, scandal and accounts of outrageous behavior. We can rely on Loretta Drolet only so long.

Misbehavers, please call

The Blackwoods are hosting some unusual house guests. Making a home in an outdoor hanging basket of ferns is a mama robin and her five unhatched fledglings She must have discerned that the lady who lived within hatched five herself and

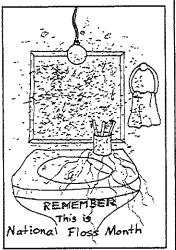
would provide a safe haven.

Jim Blue, you've done it again. I read the moving tribute to Jack Asire with accumulating eye moisture. Jack, who is my cousin by marriage, is hospitalized with health problems which make living at home impossible. Like you, Jim, I have wonderful memories of this gentle man who was never without a smile. Thank you for those tender words. I am sending the Barker on to him. It's sure to bring on his expressive smile.

Nice Person(s) of the Week Award:

Beth Blackwood, Ilene Golden and the Bouwkamp brothers, Scott and Spenser. These earthbound angels came to the aid of the Minix-Bergan family during Roberta Minix's hospitalization in Chicago. Hopefully, by this reading, our Roberta will have returned home.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY,



June 16 is the Viola Gopher Count in Viola, Minnesota, a celebration of catching pesky gophers and family reunions. The Blackwoods and Loretta Drolet are native Minnesotans. Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it?

Remember, Tempus Fugit, so get out there and Carpe Diem. (Been hanging out with Bill Lyzen too much).

She who informs and enlightens,

-Sunny

Wooden Boat Show

The South Haven, Mich. WoodenBoat Show on June 22-24 will include exhibits from more than 30 boatbuilders and repair yards, displays of designs, plans, hand and power tals, hardware, oars, engines, coatings and adhesives, and sails. Other displays will be ship models, carved signs, nautical books and publications, and various schools and associations. In all, there will be more than 150 exhibits, and more than 100 wooden boats of all ages and sizes. Many of the exhibits involve demonstrations of tools and methods of construction. Young children can build a small boat in the Interlux Children's Boatbuilding Area, and there will be a family boatbuilding event, sponsored by Chesapeake Light Craft, Inc. For more information see their Web site at:www.woodenboat.com/wbshow.htm

Wooden Boat Show Info: Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, 10am to 6pm, and Sunday, June 24 from 10am to 4pm Tickets available only at the Gate Prices Per Day: \$10 for Adults; \$5 for children (6-17); Children under 6 admitted free Tourist info: South Haven Visitors Bureau: 616-637-5252



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Doba named to Hall of Fame

Bill Doba has been named one of six inductees for the St. Joseph County Chapter of the Indiana Football Hall of Fame for the year.

The induction ceremony will be Saturday, July 21 at Century Center. Tickets can be purchased at Elkhart Memorial, Elkhart Central, NorthWood and Rochester high schools.

Doba coached football for 39 years at Angola, Goshen and Mishawaka high schools, IU, Purdue, The Citadel and Washington State.

Newberg Fire/EMS Port-a-Pit

On June 30, the Newberg Township Fire & EMS Open House will again feature Port-aPit food at the Jones Fire Station from 1 to 5pm (or until the food is gone).

Meals will be 1/2 barbecue chicken dinner for \$5; chicken only for \$4; or barbecue rib dinner for \$6. Delivery is available if you can't get to Jones.

Proceeds/donations will go toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. Exhibits will feature the Cass County Fire Safety House and Cass County Advanced Life Support.

For more information call Darlene Troyer at 2639 or Julie Weaver at 2869.

SWIMMERS BEWARE

The Great White Northside Turtle Hunter has just found the swimmers itch that has been so popular in previous years, so SWIMMERS BEWARE. Our Editor can testify to the fact that it isn't any fum. There doesn't seem to be anything to keep from getting it but abstinence. However, a good scrubbing or shower after getting out of the water can help.

Crafters Needed!

We have four crafters interested in the Birch Lake Art and Craft Sale later this summer but we need at least 10 people.

If you or a member of your extended family has a talent for making handcrafted items everyone is invited to join us to display and sell crafts.

Please call *Darlene Troyer* 476-2639 or *Maryann O'Neill* 476-2831 by June 17.

Birch Lake Video Tape

"The Four Seasons of Birch Lake" video (VCR tape) can be picked up at the Machallecks' or the Rasmussens' homes. We are also taking orders for the next distribution.

Diamond Lake Sale

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The long awaited Mars opposition occurred on Wednesday of this week. Mars now sits opposite the sun in our sky as seen from Earth. It rises at sunset, sets at sunrise, and crosses due south in the middle of the night. This arrangement happens every 26 months, on average, but not all Mars oppositions are equally interesting. Conditions similar to the present opposition haven't occurred since 1988, when the distance between Mars and Earth was as short as it is now.

Stu's Star Stuff

Mars at Opposition

An opposition is created when our planet overtakes one of the slower moving planets those beyond Earth's orbit: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. Mars oppositions get more attention than the others because we swing much closer to the Red Planet, providing a dramatic change in our view of Mars, both with unaided eye and telescope. As Earth and Mars drew closer together over the last 9 months, Mars has gone from an indistinct magnitude +1.8 object to the current near record-setting -2.4 dazzler. That's a 50-fold increase in

brightness.

While Mars is a celestial eye-popper right now, Jupiter, almost as bright, gets no mention whatsoever. Why should that be? Does Mars have a better press agent? Although Jupiter is bright, it is nearly in the same line of sight as a much brighter object — the sun—and so is unobservable. Early next month we can catch the giant planet emerging in dawn's glow.

Similar to Jupiter's current fate, Mercury is also nearly aligned with the sun and not visible from Earth. Jupiter is, how-



ever, on the far side of the sun, while Mercury is almost between us and our day star, a configuration known as "inferior conjunction." Occasionally the swift-moving planet passes directly between Earth and sun and we witness a transit of Mercury across the sun's disk. The next Mercury transit occurs in 2003. I'll remind you when we get closer to that time. Until then, enjoy the rest of the show. It's free.

-Stewart Spratt

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4-6 Slabs Baby Back Ribs (10-12 ribs per slab) Chinese 5-spice powder Kosher Salt

Coarse black pepper

Preheat gas grill or charcoal to medium high

heat. Season ribs liberally on both side with spices. Place ribs on grill and cook 5 minutes per side. Allow ribs to cool complete-Preheat oven to 350 degrees, Wrap ribs in plastic wrap, then in foil, place on a baking sheet and bake at 350 for 1 1/2 hours. Remove from oven and allow to cool while still wrapped.

Orange-Chipotle Glaze:

cup orange juice

cups cider vinegar
7oz can chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, pureed in the blender, or finely chopped.

1 cup sov sauce

8 (yes, 8) cups sugar

In a heavy 3 gallon non-reactive stock pot, reduce the orange

juice to 1/4 cup. Add the remaining ingredients, and cook over medium high heat until the sugar has melted and the sauce has reduced to 4 cups and coats the back of a spoon, about 20 to 30 min-utes. NOTE: be sure to use a large pot

as specified, and also watch carefully while reducing the glaze as it has a tendency to boil over.
Yield: 4 cups. This glaze is rather hot!!!

Prior to serving, spoon the glaze over both sides of the ribs. Serve one slab per person and pass the glaze at the table.

Spiced Rum Collins 2 oz Captain Morgan Spiced Rum

tsp sugar

Juice of 1/2 lemon

Pour Captain Morgan Spiced Rum over ice cubes in a tall glass. Add sugar and lemon juice. Fill with club soda and stir.

Gamish with a slice of lemon or lime.



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Little Zebra Mussel Bricks Program

During the summer of 2000, Birch Lake participated in the program, and 189/ bricks were distributed to the Group Leaders who were responsible for hanging a brick from every pier. Juveniles zebra mussels were found on the bricks. Group-leaders also reported finding and destroying the mussels found on rocks, clams, boats, docks, equipment.

This summer, the water quality committee is asking that the GROUP LEADERS PLACE A BRICK ONLY ON THE PIER OF THE GROUP LEADER. They should then:

- Record the date the brick was placed on the pier on an index card or note pad.
 Monitor the brick periodically.
- 3. Record the date that juvenile zebra mussels are found and removed from the brick.

We know that boat owners and anglers are responsible for the spread. They transport the clinging larval veligers from infested lakes.

When you take out your pier, please give recorded information to Gert Temple.

The data will present a snapshot of the lake in regard to the introduction of the larval veligers to the Birch Lake Shores: South - East - West - North - Cove.

- g. temple



here is the property line?" my son-in-law, Scott, asked me the other day, and his question took me back to the days when I first heard

about the demarcation of what is now his property and mine. We bought the land our current house stands on from a wonderful, independent minded lady, named Sylvia Bright in 1972. She lived at Birch year round and loved it, but she said she had "buried two husbands out of this house, and it was time to move on.

She pointed out the property lines to me, and paid particular attention to the one on the southeast corner of the lot. "You see that big walnut tree?" she asked. I assured her that I saw it because it was a good five feet in circumference and fifty feet high.

That tree is on this property, she said. "All of it. The line is just south of there."

"Okay." "Now, Jack Hartranft will be your neighbor, and he is a nice man, but he's very confused about that property line.

"I see."

"I'm sure it won't be a problem, but you probably ought to leave the walnut tree where it is for a while."

That seemed all right. My wife and I

love tall, old trees and we were pleased there were so many on the property.

A few weeks after we bought our place, I was out in the yard doing my first Spring cleanup. I had worked my way across the back of the place from north to south and eventually I reached the walnut tree. As I moved around the south side of the massive trunk, picking up sticks and raking leaves, my new neighbor, Jack, came out to see what I was up to.

"How you doing?"
"Fine," I said. "Just cleaning up the

yard."
"Uh, well you don't have to go that far, On the other side of that tree."

I looked at the tree and looked at him. "Is that right?" Jack lit a cigarette. "Sylvia told you that you owned the walnut tree, didn't she?"

I nodded "Yes, she did."

T've tried and tried to tell her that the lot line goes just north of the tree, but she won't listen. She got mad at me the last time I said anything, so I quit talking about it. I never wanted to get her upset."

Uh-huh

"One day last year a truckload of guys pulled up here on the back road, and started getting out their spikes and belts and chainsaws. I knew right away what had happened.'

'You did?"

"Yeah. I got a gun and came around the side of the house. You should have seen those fellows jump when I racked a shell into the chamber.

"You're kidding."

He took a long drag on his cigarette. "I looked at them and smiled, and I asked, You planning on cutting down that walnut?' and they said 'Yeah.

"I waited a minute and then I asked, 'Which one of you plans to do the cutting?'
One of them said to me, 'Why do you want to know?' and I told him 'Cause he's the

fellow I'm going to have to put a bullet in. That tree belongs to me.

He paused, perhaps to enable me to

grasp the full import of his story.

"What happened?" I asked.

"They said 'We paid the lady in that house \$200 for that walnut," and I said. Then I think you need to see her about a

Jack stopped talking and finished smoking his cigarette. He said he didn't know if the tree cutters got their money back, but he hoped it all worked out okay. After that, we talked about the weather and my plans to buy a sailboat, and his hope that he would be able to spend time with his daughters that weekend

I went into the house and told my wife, Shirley Anne, Jack's tree story, and the next day we ordered a staked survey of our new property. As it turned out, the property line ran right through the middle of that walnut tree, and Jack and I and the walnut lived happily ever after.

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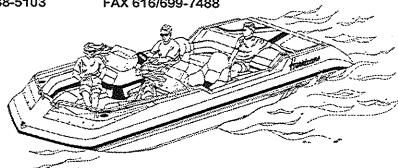
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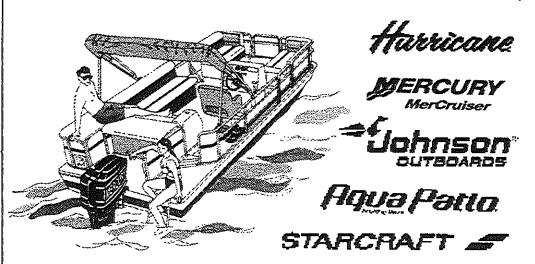
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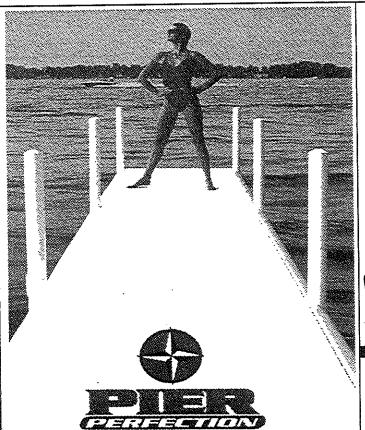




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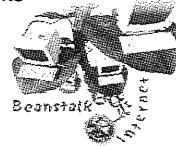
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The first true day of season races started with little wind at 10:30 am Sunday. By 11 am, a brisk southwest wind greeted the sailors at the line. Harold Cranmer overpowered the MC class for the first two races, with Rick



Harman placing second in both races. Don Harman came back to take the victory in the third race with Harold Cranmer second, and Rick Harman third.

The sunfish were paced by veteran Tom Howard winning the first two races, and apparently on his way to a third victory, when making his final tack he got caught up in his rigging, and living up to his boats name, GOT WET!!!!! Tom did right his craft,

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and scrambled to a fourth place. Scott Troeger was victorious in the third race, and placed third and second in the first and second races. Jim Bolinger had a great day, placing second, third, and second respectfully. Bob King had finishes of fourth, fifth, and third. Rick Russwurm placed sixth, sixth, and fifth. Dewayne Weaver had a good debut with fifth, fourth, and sixth. I think we are going to see the sunfish class a lot more competitive this year.

Thanks to Don Harman, and Harold Cranmer for setting the marks Sunday,

and to my crew on the committee boat, Sally Beck, Phil, Sandy, and Erica Vitale, Bruce Wagner, and Sandy Vitale's mom, Bessie.

I'd still like to see more boats out for the races. There are many sailable vessels just sitting in yards.

I'd like to thank Amy
Troeger for her article last
week. Hey kids, come on
out and join her, maybe
you can give the "Old
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-Jim Beck, Fleet Captain 2001

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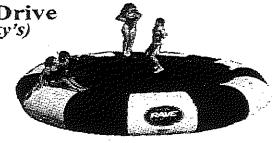
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Dog Gone it's hot!

It's rather sad that I am excited about this weeks Fido health tip. Heat Exhaustion means it is finally hot at the Lake. YEA!

Just as human fitness enthusiasts must take additional precautions during the "dog days of summer," we as dog owners must watch over our canine athletes. Canine heat exhaustion. however, is not limited to canine athletes; every dog is a potential victim. Heat exhaustion can advance into heat stroke.

Dogs do not sweat. Their only means of reducing built-up heat is by panting.

There are many variables in triggering a dog to experience heat exhaustion; the dog's physi-

cal condition, its age, its coat length, its breed, etc. An older, couch potato, "snuggle the air conditioner" dog (in Fido's dreams!) will have less tolerance to the heat than a young, romp outside all day, adolescent. Both the very young and very old dogs are among the highest risk categories.

The first signs of heat exhaustion are excessive painting, and/or the skin on the inside of the ears becomes flushed and

Heat Exhaustion can progress in to Heat Stroke, as indicated by weakness, staggering, and or fainting (loss of consciousness).

Heat stroke is an emergency

situation. If your dog shows signs of heat stroke, you must cool him down as rapidly as possible. Don't wait for veterinary treatment. Do it NOW. Hose the dog down with cool water or simply walk him into the lake. Apply an ice pack to the dog's head if necessary. As soon as it is obvious the dog has cooled off transport the dog to your vet. Heat stroke can leave permanent damage.

Many dogs will play until they drop. You must supervise the games, and determine when it is time to stop. During hot weather limit your dog's time outside. Be sure that there is a shaded area for your dog to rest



in and that your dog has a constant supply of clean cool water. Oh yeah, leash him.

Stay cool!

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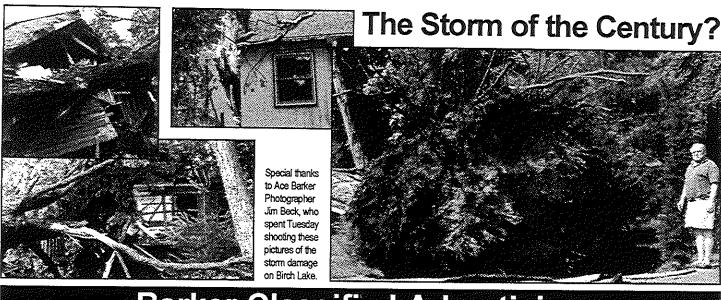
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BLYC NOTES

If you ordered a "Four Seasons Of Birch Lake" VHS tape, you can pick it up at Machallack's or Rasmussen's. If you haven't ordered one yet, you may do so at either home.

MISCELLANY

So far it's working...young couple seeks more boat rides. Will still supply our own beer (and at least one for accommodating skippers). Inquire at Phil & Sandy's house.

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Asire, Marty
Ball, John & Jennifer
Beck, Jim & Sally
Bender, Dick & Stack, Marsha
Benjamin, Ritacarol
Bergan, Jim & Linda
Biller, Wm & Grace
Blue, Jim & Shirley
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Sandra
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DeYoung, Richard & Beth

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Kinner, Dave & Marge Klappauf, Ray & Lee Klappauf, Carl & Sandie Kolber, Chet & Vivian Krueger, Lorene Kruggel, Herm & Bev LaPierre, Chuck & Cheri Leach, Norma Leatherman, Dennis & Phyllis Lindzy, Dick & Judy Machalleck, Mike & Katha McCay, Larry & Deb McNamee, Kathleen Miller, Jack & Mardy Mitchell, Jim & Betty Molho, Manny & Mary Lu Monroe, Norman & Nancy Mullin, Rich & Pam O'Brien, Betty & Joe Odenwald, Bill & Lynette Olson, Jeff & Beth O'Neill, Bill & Maryann Olson, Dave & Judy Papandria, Sheryl & Covey, Dan

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