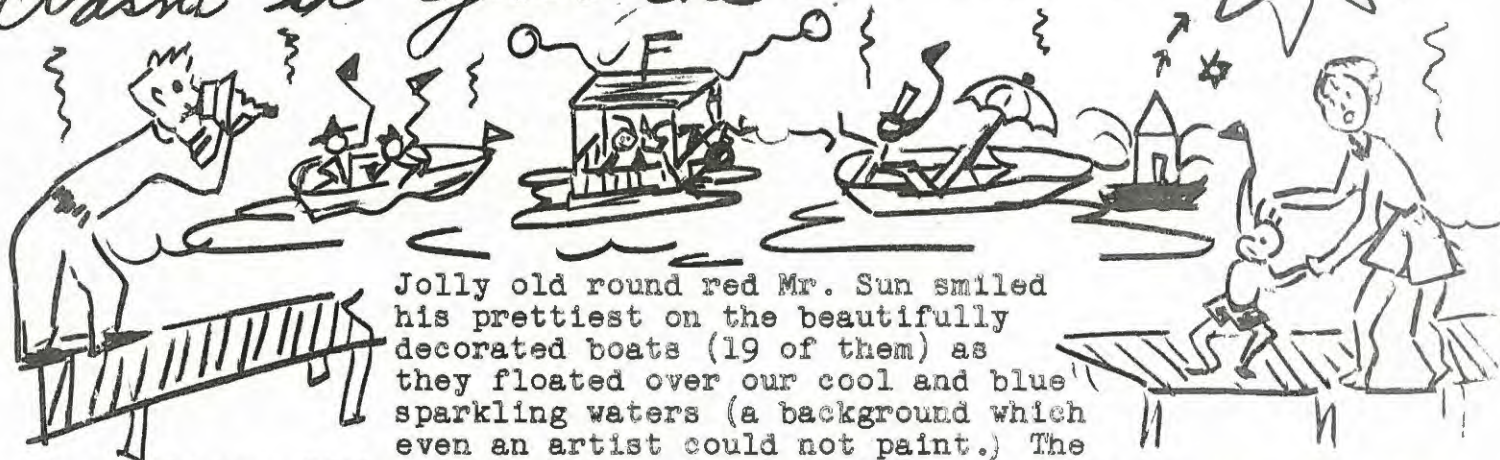


# THE BIRCH BARKER

from Beautiful Birch Lake  
#6 Vandalia, Mich. July 31-1965

Wasn't it just the best ever?



Jolly old round red Mr. Sun smiled his prettiest on the beautifully decorated boats (19 of them) as they floated over our cool and blue sparkling waters (a background which even an artist could not paint.) The shoreline was filled with enthusiastic spectators and the cameras were sure a-clickin'. Understand Floyd Fulmer was manning three cameras. It would be fun to see all the pictures over at the Yacht Club some time.

Mrs. Howard Anderson, the Boat Parade Chairman deserves a vote of praise for a job well done. She says it would have been impossible without the cooperation of the Birch Lakers. She wishes to thank the Forbes for the use of their pontoon for the judge's booth. It would have been difficult to be a judge and we think our judges did a terrific job too. They were Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Doolittle and Mrs. McGann. The winners were announced at the Ice Cream Social which was held at the Clubhouse at 6:30. They were:

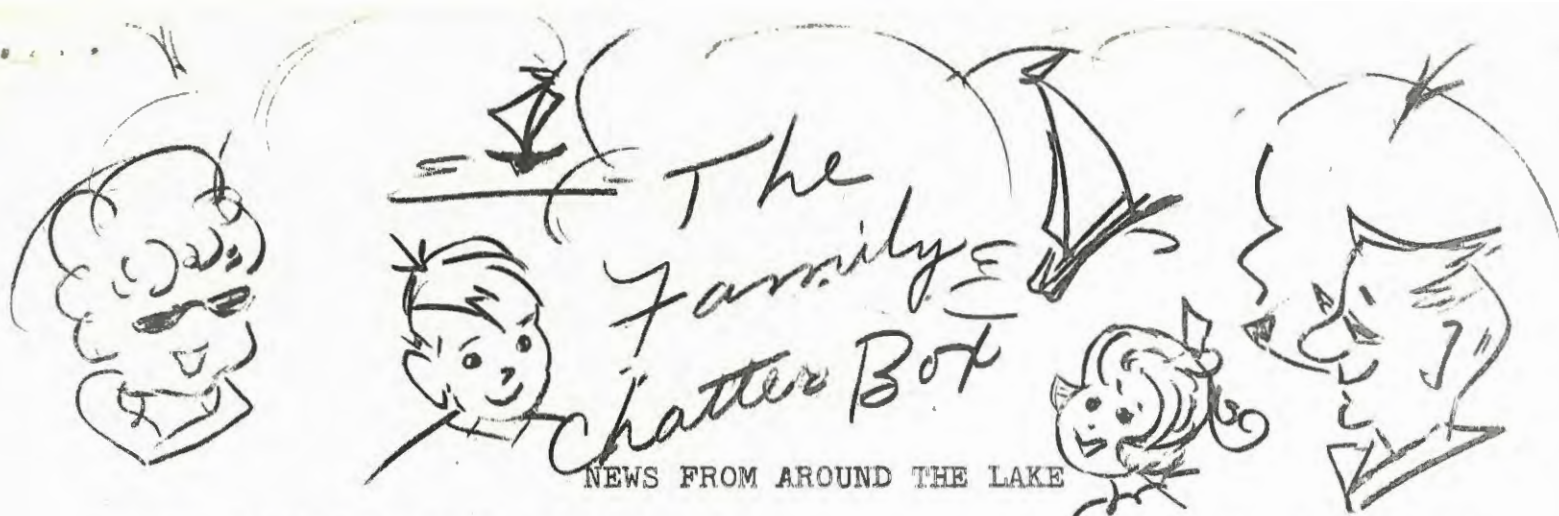
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| FOR BEAUTY                           |   | FOR ORIGINALITY                 |  |
| (1) "So Near - So Far" by the Asires | (1) "The Jet X 15) Bratcher & Ball      | (2) "Gemini X " by Tunnicliffes |  |
| (2) "Aloha" by the Howards           |   |                                 |  |
| Honorable Mention                    |   | Honorable Mention               |  |
| (1) "Ice Cream Social" by Jim Foote  | (1) "Birch Barker Office" - I.T. Bowers | (2) "The Furr Maids" - J. Foote |  |
| (2) "Strike up the Band" by Purdy    |   |                                 |  |

The trophies awarded were beautiful and thanks to Bob Hague for securing them. Cake-m-biles were busy picking up the yummiie cakes, pies and cookies baked by our Birch Lake ladies. The Jr. Yacht Club were busy as bees taking care of the festivities. You never saw so many delicious desserts. The tables were loaded and so was everyone's plates..ha ha. Maryann Purdy and Ken Ratajczak entertained with their guitar and folk singing. Wasn't it fun to notice how many of your neighbors were enjoying the fun? Mrs. Bowers drew the sail boats...Clyde Bower printed them...and Karen Bernaciak colored them. Think Mrs. Purdy (Charlie's gal Friday) did the cutting. She is always right in there helping. You know a Commodore's wife always gets in on the fun too and I can speak from experience. A profit of \$77.60 was reported (this does not include pop sales which were also high). Tried to get a count but the best we could do was get an estimate...approximately 300 were served. Once more, a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE

The Roy Klappauf family and the Ken Bernaciak family want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purdy for donating the paper plates, napkins, preparation of the tables and getting the ice cream social off to a good start. Also want to say thank you for the clever idea of the name tags to help us get better acquainted with our neighbors. Thanks again to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purdy for a job well done.

Both the Bernaciak and Klappauf families enjoyed participating in the boat parade, as well as viewing it. We all noticed more boats were entered than ever before and we think this is due to the leadership of the Commodore and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purdy, and family. Thanks again to all the Purdys.

The teenagers of the lake who attend the activities at the Yacht Club wish to thank Julie and Doug Weaver for all their help in chaperoning. Julie makes the best pop corn. It's the greatest!

Last Sunday the John Balls entertained Rev. and Mrs. John Weeks and children and the M Y F of Trinity Methodist Church in Elkhart. Thirty-two people enjoyed an afternoon of water activity and a burger fry.

Gail Green of Elkhart spent from Monday until Thursday with Julie Ball.

Wednesday afternoon two of Cindy Ball's friends, Tom Kaehr and Ray Carris, rode their bikes from Elkhart to spend the afternoon at Birch Lake. They enjoyed last Sunday so much that they just had to come back for another ski!

The Lochmandys are back at old Birch Lake after a very pleasant trip to the West. They attended the Wally Byam Caravan Club Rally on the grounds of the University of Wyoming at Laramie. One of the BIG events was the Teen Queen contest in which Kaye was "Miss Indiana". The contestants also participated in the 4th of July Parade which was viewed by Lynda Johnson, the Pres.'s daughter. Miss Johnson also received the girls at the reception which followed. The Lochmandys then toured Wyoming, Colorado, Alberta and British Columbia in Canada.

Brian stayed home and brought home his trophies from the drag races.

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WOULD ANYONE AT BIRCH LAKE consider renting their cottage over Labor Day weekend to a very responsible couple? If so, please get in touch with Charles Partridge, Cottage #310 (W. side)

Saturday evening guests at the I. T. Bowers' cottage # 307 were his brother George and his family from Elkhart, who brought their Foreign Exchange student, Miss In Hee Hwang from Seoul, Korea with them. She loved Birch Lake and the boat ride and is anxious to come back again soon

John and Major O'Brien are coming home this weekend from a 2 week stay at Camp Eberhart. As usual, the O'Briens expect two trunks full of clean clothes. John celebrated his 12th birthday on July 24th, while at camp. On July 20th Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary. This week, Kathy O'Brien is leaving on a big trip. She is going to Pensacola, Florida to visit a friend of hers. She is flying down by jet from Chicago. We sincerely hope Kathy enjoys her stay... and doesn't spend too much time at the Naval Base!!!

Guests at the Budzinski cottage on July 13th were Mrs. Frank Izdepski, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Budzinski and Leo Budzinski, all from South Bend. Mrs. John Gembarzewski arrived on Sunday to watch the boat parade. It was sure great!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hill of Aurora, Illinois, spent the weekend with the Blilers. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bradley and sons Randy, Larry and Nikky of South Bend and Miss Shari Smith of Lafayette, Indiana, were guests on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thayer and son Joe are visiting their parents, Paul and Irma Thayer at cottage # 245.

Frequent visitors at Birch Lake this summer are Dick and Peg Gerstbauer and daughter Kathy who are visiting the Ratajczak's at cottage # 269.

Mrs. Royce Fleener and son Kirk from Indianapolis were weekend guests and they enjoyed beautiful Birch Lake very much.

Sunday afternoon guests at the Ratajczak's were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miner and son Jim...everyone loved the Boat Parade. Mrs. Ratajczak's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cifra, were also weekend guests.

Rhyna Scholma spent a week with Georganne Wirick at good ol' Birch. Now Georganne is spending the week at Hastings, Michigan with the Scholma's

Dr. J. Nyberg and family are enjoying a week's vacation at the Waggoner's cottage # 305.

Mrs. William Strayer and daughters Johanna and Mary will be spending this week with Genevieve Lagoni.

Miss Dorothy Gohn and Mrs. Laura Zwier of Chicago spent last weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gohn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gohn are on a trip to Wisconsin Dells and Northern Michigan. During their absence their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gohn and children Barbara, Nancy and Jim will occupy their cottage.

Karen Bernaciak and Barbara Myers decided that they wanted to wear out their bicycle tires so they rode to Union for a Root Beer and then pedaled home again. It was a long trip wasn't it, girls? (You forgot to say if the Root Beer was good)

The L. A. Jensens (cottage # 42) entertained Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wuthrick, Mrs. Arthur Everly, Mrs. V. Kupferer, Mrs. Paul Fitch and Mr. A. C. BonDurant...an O. E. S. Club on Saturday, July 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. John Pattée and Wade Jensen and room mate from Ball State enjoyed Sunday, July 17th with Leslie Margout and Kay at cottage # 42.

The Bob Carpenters at Cottage # 112 will have as their guests this weekend Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mutz from Acton, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gauding and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mutz from Indianapolis.

Lori Gradeless of Mishawaka celebrated her 10th birthday at her grandparent's cottage, the Frances. A family picnic was held with a number of cousins to help eat the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Treadway and family from Oklahoma City are visiting the Claro family. Carol Dunsizer and John

Mageria from South Bend came up to visit and water ski on Sun.

The Ken Smiths spent the week end at the Tunnicliffes. A good time was enjoyed by all. The project for the weekend was to get Mr. Smith up on skis.

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Thank you Bill Williams of the Producer's Creamery for helping to make our Ice Cream Social a success. He donated the coffee cream.

Mrs. Kensill and Mrs. Brown spent several days in Detroit this past week. They had luncheon on Wednesday with Judy Brown who is working at the University of Michigan Hospital in the Radio-active Research Lab. this summer. In August she will leave for Radford, Virginia where she will be teaching Biology for the next year.

We wish to extend our love and sympathy to Mr. Edward R. Dreves and family in the death of their loved one, Mrs. Jane Dreves. She was called home on July 21st. Her funeral was held on July 24th at the Connelly's in Cassopolis.

The Dreves family wishes to express their sincere thanks for the many courtesies and condolences extended to them at this time. Mr. Dreves continues to be hospitalized at Three Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cox are proud grandparents of a new baby girl born June 30th to their daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Robert C. C. of Indianapolis, Indiana.

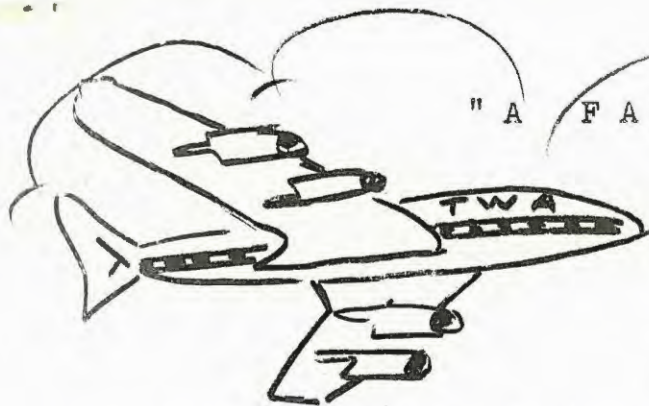
Harold and Agnes Felgar of Eastgate Addition in Cassopolis, Michigan were weekend guests of the Coxes.

Lt. Tom Cox U. S. M. C. has been transferred from the Marine Base, San Diego, California, to a new assignment in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer of Mishawaka were weekend guests of the Partridges at Wee Wood.

The Dick Cowen family of So. Bend visited the Cowens # 308 Sun.

" A FAMILY VISITS EUROPE "



The Asires have invited all of Birch Lake to visit Europe with them on Saturday night, August 7th.

The hosts for this evening will be the West Sider's. Come over to the Clubhouse at 6:30 and get your dessert and coffee. Might be a good idea to bring

your chairs along too. Better parking facilities have been promised. There will be cartoons for the kiddies. The show should start at 7:30 and be over in plenty of time for dancing afterwards. Put this date on your calendar.

*Bob Hague, Sr. Fleet Captain Reports*

SUNDAY - July 25

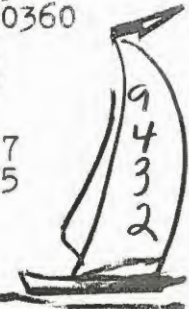
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Our Jr. Fleet Captain, Brian Hague turns in the results of the Saturday, July 17th race. There was no sailing news for last Sat. The weather was not in their favor.

Following is a listing of those entered in last Sunday's Boat Parade. I know the judges must have had a very difficult time deciding on the winners:

- (1) Brian Hague - 15500
- (2) Jeff Troeger - 9432
- (3) Barry Hague - 14009
- (4) Scott Troeger - 7377
- (5) Milne - 13835
- (6) Foote - 7378
- (7) Bratcher - 8662

- 1 JET X 15 - Bratcher and Ball
- 2 ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Jim and Jean Foote
- 3-4-5 CHRISTMAS IS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR - Klappaufs
- 6 ORIGINAL BIRCH BARKER-G.Myers
- 7 SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR-Asire
- 8-8½ GEMINI 4-Tunncliffe
- 9 ALOHA - Howard
- 10 LITTLE BROWN JUG - Budzinski
- 11 4 KINGS AND QUEENS - W. King
- 12 LITTLEST HOBO - Scoffield
- 13 BIRCH BARKER OFFICE-I.T.Bowers
- 14 LITTLE TOOT - Heckber
- 15 PURR MAIDS GALORE- Jim Foote
- 16 THE HILLBILLYS - Rieth
- 17 BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR 15 YRS. Williams
- 18 MOUNTIES - 2 boys with red boat (I didn't get the names)
- 19 STRIKE UP THE BAND - Purdy

We're proud of you young sailors and want you to know we enjoy watching your races.

WATCH FOR NEWS ABOUT OUR ANNUAL JONES DINNER. SHOULD BE IN THE NEXT BARKER

Do all of you Juniors and Seniors have your Yacht Club Memberships? If not, refer to your first Barker to find the name of your director and see him right away. The season is getting short!

Hope to print a report soon regarding the consensus of opinion on fireworks for next year. If you haven't registered your ideas yet, please see C. Purdy.

\* I have heard several say that they already have their ideas for next year. Let's make it bigger and better next year.

\*\* This bit of news just got in under the wire! Howie Andersen Jr. surprised his folks when he called from the Three Rivers Airport....so they hurried over to see him. Howie III was happy to say "hello" but decided Birch Lake was better than flying back to North Royalton, Ohio. Howard Jr. has been taking flying lessons and has about completed the course (if that is what you call it)

*That's all the news for now - Bye Bye - See you next week!*