

THE BIRCH BARKER

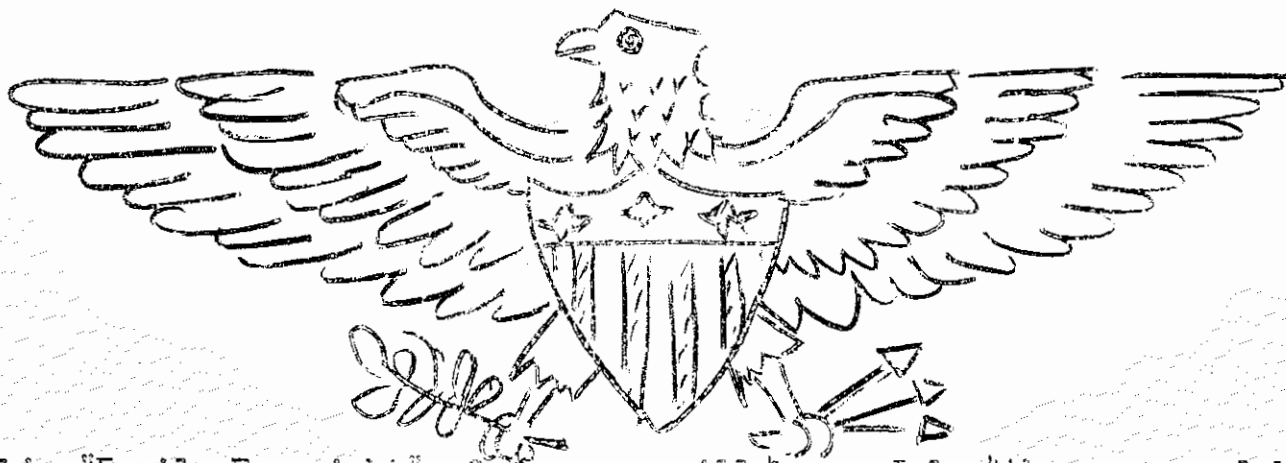
from Birch Lake - Vandalia, Michigan

Number 1 - June 26th 1965

GREETINGS: It's good to see old friends and neighbors back at Birch Lake for another enjoyable summer. We hope you will like our little lake newspaper "The Birch Barker" as we do our best to keep you informed of the news and happenings around the lake. We can only do this if you will cooperate and have your news ready for our young reporters as they visit your cottage every Saturday to deliver the Barker (price is 15¢ per copy or you may subscribe for the season....10 copies for \$1.50.. this issue is free) We urge you to have your news written and ready for them as they are anxious to get out and have fun too. Should you miss them and wish to call your news in, my phone is 476-2843.

I especially want to say thank you to all my officers and ~~directors~~ for their fine cooperation and good attendance at our meetings. It's great to have such willing workers and I think we are off to a good start. Let's all strive for a "big year" with everyone working together for the good of the Yacht Club and dear old Birch Lake.

* Charlie Purdy, your Commodore.



The big "Family Fun night" of the year will be on July 4th, as we celebrate our country's freedom. You can be looking forward to a very colorful display which will be shot from the same location as in previous years, which is the west side of the lake. This seems to be the most advantageous spot and we thank Mr. Dvorak for the loan of his property for this event. Be ready to watch at 9:30....would like to start earlier for the little ones...but it must be dark enough for all to enjoy. There are a few families who will be unable to see the display from their yards because of tall trees but you have time to scout around and look for a good viewing point. Anyway, its better than having to travel miles to enjoy this national event. In case of rain, the program will be held the following evening. There are some who have not as yet been approached or had the opportunity to share in the expense of this event, therefore be sure to see your director, so we may present a show which will long be remembered by you, your family and your friends. I understand some folks have had their "social register" signed up for a year in advance in anticipation of this colorful event. A picture of the man who manufactures our fireworks and is responsible for shooting of same, was in last Sunday's Tribune magazine section...Mr. Joseph A. Perri.

FOR THE RECORD: It was voted to make Mr. Frank Neterer, cottage # 99 Security Officer for the Birch Lake Yacht Clubhouse with an annual salary of \$50.00...this being retroactive to 1964. I am sure you couldn't find a better or a more conscientious person for this capacity. He has spent much time taking care of this property in the past.

SENIOR YACHT CLUB OFFICERS		1965	JUNIOR YACHT CLUB OFFICERS	
Commodore	Charles Purdy # 153		President	Jim Purdy # 153
Vice-Commodore	Herb Howard # 24		Vice-Pres.	Jan Carpenter # 13
Secretary	Floyd Fulmer # 302		Secretary	Pam Foote # 94
Treasurer	Mahlon Eberhart # 27		Treasurer	B.J.Hague # 20
Fleet Captain	Robert Hague # 20			

SENIOR DIRECTORS

WEST SIDE: Pete Gillis # 375...Milo France # 386.....Don Claro #376
Lester Decker # 355....and Dr. J. Toth # 320.

SOUTH SIDE: John Ball # 98.....Larry Newman # 34.....K. Weesner # 121
and Reg Carpenter # 13.

EAST SIDE: Charles Gableman # 122.....Everett Kaczmarek # 102.....
John Brown # 127...Glen Myers # 159 and LaVern Hunt # 200

NORTH SIDE: Frank Biller # 240 COVE: Don Coleman # 310 R
MUN-U-KUMOK HILL LaMar King # 1

THE JUNIOR YACHT CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTING OF NEWS FOR THE BIRCH BARKER AND FOR THE SALE OF SAME.

They have selected the following reporters:

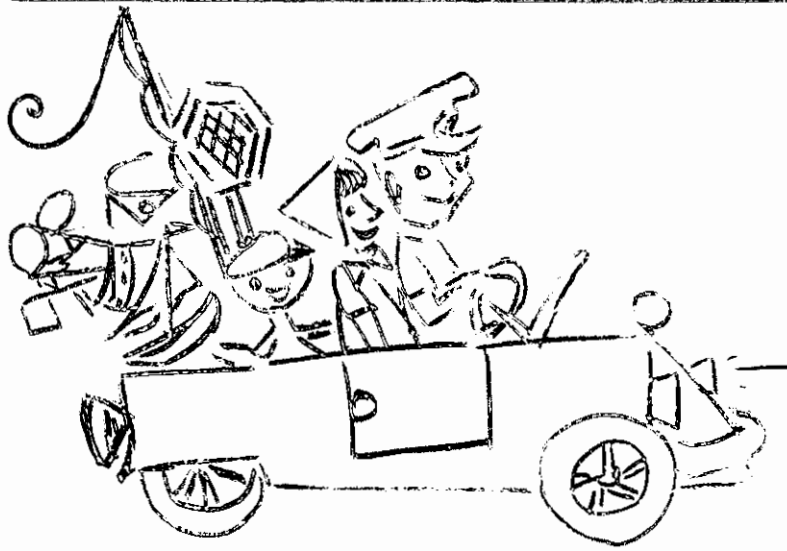


- EAST SIDE: Barbara Myers # 159
Karen Bernaciak # 157
- SOUTH SIDE: Pam Foote # 94
Cindy Ball # 98
- NORTH SIDE: Tom Budzinski # 267
- WEST SIDE: Tom Hayden # 300
- and COVE: Keith Claro # 376
- HILL: Teri King # 1



Please note: We have listed the reporter's cottage numbers. If you should miss their call on Saturday, please see them with your news.

BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR NEWS WRITTEN



THIS IS A NEW SEASON AT BIRCH LAKE AND WE ARE SEEING MANY NEW FACES:

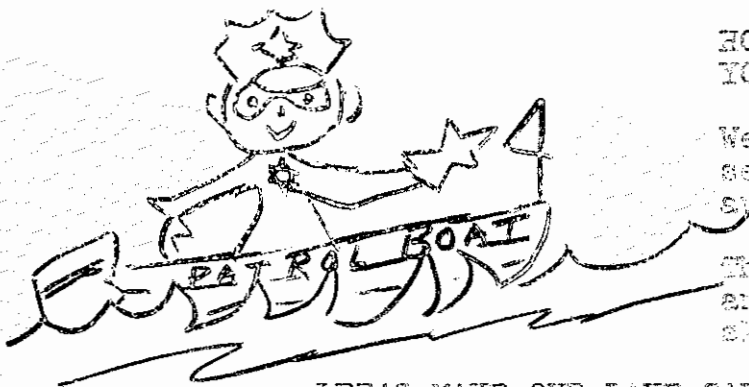
We cordially welcome you and are anxious to get acquainted. We want your comments and your suggestions as we strive to make this a "fun time" for all. We urge you to join our friendly Yacht Club (a good name for our neighborly community... have heard some say they do not own a sail boat...be sure to know this is not a requisite)

Yacht Club memberships are available from your director.

*Please see list of directors and their cottage numbers at top of page.

We know a dollar doesn't go as far as it did 20 years ago, but what it lacks in distance it makes up for in speed. Right?

HOUSEHOLD HINT: To drive nails without hitting your thumb, let your wife hold the nails.



HOW ABOUT THAT NEW PATROL BOAT
YOU HAVE BEEN SEEING ON THE LAKE ???

We are happy to announce that we have secured the services of a properly authorized officer.

This has been done for the best interests and safety of all boaters, swimmers, skiers and fishermen.

LET'S MAKE OUR LAKE SAFE AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL

* Our thanks to Flopa Palmer and Jim Purdy for painting the boat.

SAILING NEWS

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB (Senior Division)

You must enter 13 of the 15 races to qualify for any trophies. The races will start at 11:00 and 2:30 each Sunday. In case of bad weather, races will be held on August 29th at 11:00 and 2:30

Schedule:

June 20	2 races	August 1	2 races
June 27	2 races	August 8	2 races
July 4	Regatta - 2 races	August 15	2 races
July 5	Regatta - 1 race	August 22	1 race
July 10-11	Michiana Regatta at Diamond Lake	August 29	Open for make-up races
July 18	2 races	Sept. 5	2 races (Labor Day Regatta)
July 25	2 races	Sept. 6	1 race (Labor Day Regatta)

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB (Jr. Division)

You must enter 4 of the 7 races to qualify for any trophies. The races will start at 1:30 each Saturday. In case of bad weather, races will be held on August 14th.

Schedule:

June 19	1 race	July 24	1 race
June 26	1 race	July 31	1 race
July 3	1 race	August 7	1 race
July 17	1 race	August 14	Open for make-up races

*** It certainly is good to see our Juniors becoming interested and active in this art of sailing. One always gets a thrill out of seeing those pretty white sails set in the breeze....a truly beautiful picture as you look at the sparkling blue waters of Birch Lake.

ALASKA **BIG PICTURE SHOW**
our 49th State at Yacht Club-house to nite
 at 8:00 o'clock

Bring your family and friends to see this travelog presented by our ED FISH (the old Game Warden) from cottage #170. A free will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Yacht Club.

You will see "North of the Northwest" showing Alaskan wildlife in its natural habitat...moose...caribou...Alaskan Brownies...spectacular shots of glaciers..also the Good Friday earthquake and what it did to Anchorage, Seward, Portage and Valdez (pictures were taken 1st and 2nd days after the disaster.

Don't Miss This!



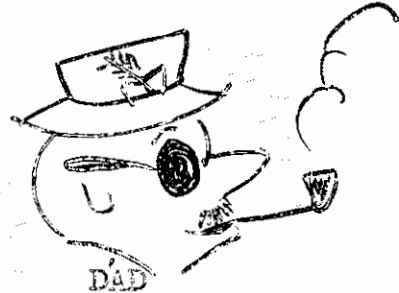
BROTHER



SISTER



MOM



DAD

all report the Family News:

Clifford Cowen's father, George W. Cowen of Argos, Indiana, spent last week with the Cowens at cottage # 308

Mr. and Mrs. James Hibschman (Jim and Marsha) from cottage # 309 are enjoying a European tour with a group from Ball State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wentworth and her brother enjoyed a cook-out at the Starr Wentworth's cottage # 306

The John Scoffield family are having fun as they spend a week of their vacation at their cottage # 305. Where could there be a prettier and more restful place for a vacation than Birch Lake? One never tires of it.

The Fulmers and the Forbes attended a carry-in dinner at the Huber's cottage at Gravel Lake last Wednesday. There was probably talk a-plenty as this group, who spend the winter together at Oklawaha, Florida, which is on Lake Weir, were entertained by the Huber's.

The cottage # 301 in the Cove has new owners. We welcome Bud and Louise Reith and their three children, Greg, Carolyn and Bobbie. Their home address is 2211 Benham St. in Elkhart.

Clara Gherardi and her two sons, Jerry and George...Winnie Amos, Martha Kemp and Priscilla Study were Sunday visitors at the Fulmer's, cottage #302

Mrs. Waggoner's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeVries of Keokuk, Iowa, are spending a few days at the Waggoner's cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Partridge and their daughter Ann visited with the Partridge family at # 310 last Tuesday evening. Miss Ann reported for duty as a counsellor at Camp Tannadoonah.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vance were over-night guests at the Charles Partridge cottage last Wednesday.

If you have heard a few shots, let me be the first to tell you that Chuck Partridge has taken up target practise with a woodchuck.. So far the woodchuck is ahead. Seems he is an uninvited visitor who prefers to rest under their front porch. He has a family too! (I mean the woodchuck)

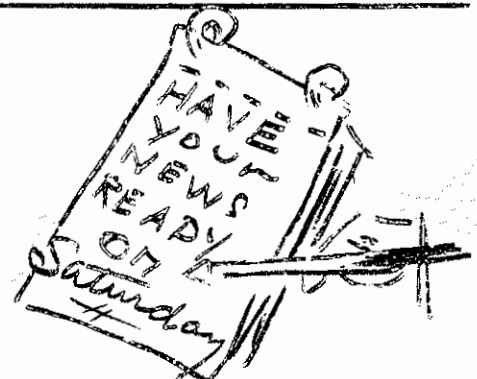
Dick, Peggy and their children, Steve, Stacia and baby Bradley Cowen of Muncie, Indiana, were Sunday guests of the Cowens. They will soon be taking up permanent residency in South Bend. Sure will seem good to have them so much closer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowers and children Teri and Mike from South Bend brought their friends Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrington and children Donna, Lisa and Kelly of Houston, Mississippi to visit Paul's parents at cottage # 307. A big splash party was enjoyed by all. Fran had the day off so painted her canoe a bright red and enjoyed the dip too. Paul and Don were buddies in the service down at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. They enjoyed reminiscing about the good(?) old days

Our Commodore's wife has returned home from the hospital where she was being treated for a back injury. The doctor says "complete rest" so Charlie will really be kept busy. We hope that you will have a very speedy recovery, Dora.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Lahr visited with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Lahr at their cottage # 313 last week end. They helped them celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary and his Mom's birthday. It was Father's Day also so they certainly must have had a big party. The young doctor and his family then left for Washington, D.C. and a trip through the Smokies.

Did you lose something? Did you find something? Do you want to sell something? Do you want to buy something? We will publish your information for 25¢. Just give your ad to your reporter or put it in the mailbox at the I. T. Bowers' cottage # 307 where the Barker is being published temporarily because of Mrs. Purdy's illness. Thanks.



THE FOLLOWING IS OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB AS WE ENTER THIS 1965 SEASON:

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Car wash	\$ 19.00	Pop	\$ 73.74
Fireworks	\$ 501.21	Electric	\$ 37.50
Sr. Memberships	414.00	Taxes	54.64
Jr. Memberships	21.50	Fireworks	470.00
Boat Storage	400.00	Stationery & stamps	12.56
Pop Sales	166.91	Shotgun shells	9.85
Dances	152.99	Window Glass	13.10
Kitchen Fund games	344.05	Supplies	27.74
Bake Sale	78.42	Thrifty-checks	3.20
Annual Dinner	318.95	Red Cross Instructions	5.00
Hootenanny	22.25	Dances	110.00
Birch Barker Sales	230.93	Insurance	92.75
Total	\$ 2670.21	Annual Dinner	269.50
		Door Prizes	14.55
Carried over from 1963	928.48	Bingo Outfit	10.00
		Roof	553.44
		Boat Parade Prizes	16.94
		Lumber	23.35
		Buoys	19.38
		Sailing Trophies	75.83
		Fishing Trophies	15.00
		Dry Well	18.36
Total	\$ 3598.69	Total	\$1949.87
Receipts	\$ 3598.69		
Expenses	1949.87		
Balance	\$ 1648.82	Check Book Balance is	\$ 1648.82

*** This report submitted by M. G. Eberhart, Treasurer

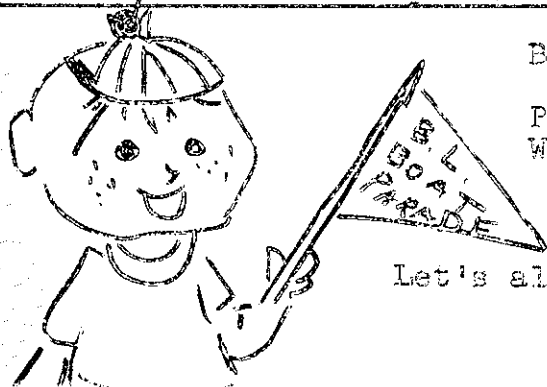
The Birch Lake Dump has been made available again this year for us. If you are new at the lake, please ask your director or neighbor for directions. REMEMBER to throw your trash WELL OVER THE HILL so as not to misuse this privilege.

ANOTHER BIG PARTY COMING UP ??????? There sure is and the West Side has its turn this year to entertain. Remember the Watermelon Float a few years ago. The West Siders will no doubt have something just as interesting again this year.

WEST SIDE NEIGHBORS PLEASE NOTE!!!!

The Yacht Club wishes to thank Dr. Toth for his generous donation to the Yacht Club last fall. It was greatly appreciated.

Did you know there is great progress being made towards installing a much-needed kitchen at the clubhouse. Better come over and take a peek.



BOAT

PARADE

WILL BE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

Start thinking now and watch for announcement of time and date.

Let's all enter and make this effort worthwhile!

BOATS HAVE ALL BEEN REMOVED FROM STORAGE at the Yacht Club. A "big thank you" to the fellows who helped get the boats in last fall and out again for this summer. It is a big job and a lot of hard work.

The Jr. Yacht Club wishes to hear from those who would like to chaperone for their activities. Volunteers please notify the president, Jim Purdy, cottage # 153 or phone him at 476-2843. The Editor thinks this fine group of young people should have no trouble securing help in this capacity. We "oldsters" should be happy they wish to be chaperoned.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HAPPINESS? The following is not a new but a tried and true recipe:

"Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry, live simply, expect little, do much, forget self, think of others, and do as you would be done by. Try this for a week. You will be surprised."