

# THE BIRCH BARKER



GREETINGS FROM YOUR FRIENDLY MARINE DEPUTY

Lake residents should keep a watchful eye on their boats and motors. Within the last week there have been 7 motors and 3 boats stolen in the county. Just last weekend there were 4 motors stolen on Donnell Lake. Most people feel if their motor is locked on it is safe, but this is not true! All 4 motors were locked on and 3 of them were right next door to each other. Usually they just take small fishing motors, but one of the Donnell Lake motors was a 40 horse. This is a large motor so there must be more than one person involved.

It is difficult to catch the thieves because of the time of night at which they operate, and the number of lakes there are in the county that it is necessary to cover. We have and will continue for the rest of the summer been doing some night patrol on various lakes where we think this might occur.

Residents could help if they would report any unusual activity on the lake late at night. Particularly boats with several men in them cruising close to shore looking things over. It would also be an added safeguard if you had a yard light down near your dock. Most larcencies take place at night in the dark - not when it is well lighted.

Above all, if you do see someone in the act of stealing your motor call the Sheriff's Department in Cassopolis. The number is 445-2481. Keep them in sight if possible, try to find out where they are going, but DO NOT TRY TO APPREHEND THEM.

Ted Peak, Marine Deputy  
Cass County Sheriff's Department

### POLLUTION

"Use soap, not detergents." "Detergents pollute our waters." "Products that are biodegradable are O.K. to use." These statements are commonplace but what do they mean? How do detergents with phosphates pollute? Are they poisonous?

Actually, phosphates and nitrates--as found in detergents--act as nutrients and promote algal growth in the lake. This is not harmful until the algae dies and decays. The decaying process, whether it be algae, garbage, grass, or other solids, uses oxygen from the water--more algae and solids mean more to be oxidized when they decay. This, of course, means less oxygen for snails, fish, clams, crayfish, etc. that are present in a living lake. If the algae becomes excessive, it will settle to the bottom. This enriches the lake bottom, causing more algae which uses more oxygen which means less fish. This cycle is the process of eutrophication which is in the final stages in the dead Lake Erie and is happening in Lake Michigan and other lakes.

Phosphates and nitrates are abundant in detergents, fertilizers, human wastes, and garbage. All of these act together to promote algal growth and to decrease the oxygen content of the water. Dead algae also washes up on the beaches and lawns to make them unsightly and odorous.

When using fertilizers and detergents, avoid waste; use no more than the quantity specified on the box or package. Choose laundry detergents low in phosphates, such as Ivory Flakes, Trend, Instant Fels, Wisk, Amway SA-8; a list was included in the second issue of the Birch Barker. Do not use enzyme presoaks. Do not be misled by the use of the word biodegradable by manufacturers; this means only the foam will decompose and has nothing to do with phosphate content.

## LAKE NEWS

### A WORD FROM YOUR COMMODORE

A big Thank You to Bob and Dan Axelberg, Dick and Steve Cowen, Herm, Bev., and Kevin Kruggel and to my wife and boys for helping to clean the Yacht Club on Saturday, July 18.

Thank you, Mildred, and your committee for putting on last weeks Junior party. 27 junior memberships were sold and 3 guests attended for a total income of \$14.25. 74 bottles of pop were sold at 10¢ per bottle.

Jack Troeger, Commodore

### MINUTES

The first meeting of the officers and directors of the Birch Lake Yacht Club for 1970 was held June 20, 1970 at 3 p.m., at the Yacht Club. Commodore Jack Troeger presiding. Officers and directors present were:

Don Claro, Secretary  
Dick Cowen  
Floyd Fulmer  
Malhon Eberhart

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,084.81 as of January 1, 1970.

Don and Mrs. Coleman have agreed to take over the Birch Barker for 1970. Yacht Club membership cards were distributed to the directors for distribution. Membership was set at \$3.00 with an additional \$3.00 for the fireworks display. Junior Yacht Club membership was discussed and the membership fee was set at 50¢ for members between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age. Children under 12 years may join for a fee of 25¢. Keith Claro was asked to organize the initial meeting to elect officers or determine if the club is to continue. A water safety report was given by Mr. Eberhart. The material for the report was acquired through the attendance of Malhon and Floyd Fulmer at the Cass County Sheriff's Department on June 6, 1970 at the Cass Courthouse. Bylaws for the Yacht Club were discussed, and it was agreed that a committee will review these and bring the bylaws up to date at a later meeting of the directors and officers. A 1970 officers nominating committee headed by John Ball was suggested. A July meeting and nomination was suggested.

Don Claro, Secretary

The second meeting of the officers and directors of the Birch Lake Yacht Club for 1970 was held July 11, 1970 at 12 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Commodore Jack Troeger presiding. Officers and directors present were:

Herm Kruggel, Vice Commodore	Herb Howard
Dan Claro, Secretary	Malhon Eberhart
Mrs. Sprat, Treasurer	Mr. Gableman
Floyd Fulmer	J. Beehler
Don Holtz	B. Eckols
Les Meyers	

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,920.00 in the treasury as of July 11, 1970.

New provisions to the bylaws were introduced and it was agreed that the provisions would be voted upon at the next meeting of the officers and directors in August.

A motion was introduced to buy a float boat for the Yacht Club, in order to start the sailboat races. An amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 was moved by Floyd Fulmer and seconded by J. Beehler.

August 22nd was set as the date for the Birch Lake dinner which will be held at the sight of the Birch Lake Basketball Camp, now owned by Herm Kruggel and Bill King. They have consented to the use of the dinning hall at the camp for the dinner.

A square dance at the Yacht Club will be held on August 8th.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1 p.m.

Don Claro, Secretary

FUN! FUN! FUN! Our Fun Night last Friday was a huge success. About thirty girls and boys enjoyed the cup cake walk, the balloon "bursting", the fishing pond and then they turned into little princesses and adventurous pirates. Another game enjoyed by all was the egg toss. Sorry, Kevin, about that early drop.

Many thanks to my helpers, Lois and Bill Schmitt and Roberta, Bev. Kruggel and niece, Lynn Truex, Jane Staton, Scott Troeger, publicity and Bill Car-

penter on the pop detail. Sorry about your accident, Dean.

Mrs. Carpenter

SAILING NEWS

SUNFISH SAILORS: Plan to participate in the Fifth Annual Michiana Sailfish-Sunfish Regatta at Diamond Lake. Entry fee is \$5.00 with registration to start at 9:00 a.m. Michigan time on August 8th. Three races will follow. Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 sailors. Plan to attend -- and bring some of those trophies to Birch Lake.

So far two Sunfish races have had to be postponed. We will sail two races on August 9th to make these up.

There are still a few sailors who have not paid their \$5.00 sailing fee.

Please get that taken care of.

SUNFISH RACING RESULTS

Place	Boat No.	Name	Paces	Race 7/19	Race 1 7/26	Race 2 7/26	Average And Bonus
1	21923	Carpenter	9	2	5	2	1552
2	14310	Troeger	8	1	1	5	1511
3	14766	Claro	9	3	8	3	1486
4	130	Machalleck	8	5	2	8	1434
5	25075	Tunnecliff	6		6	7	1322
6	20909	Cowen	10	11	3	1	1299
7	25131	Spratt	10	4	4	6	1291
8	22898	Footte	6	9	9	9	1236
9	24252	Kruggel	10	8	10	12	1211
10	21351	King	10	10	7	4	1161
11	14580	Troeger	9	12	11		1107
12		O'Brien	6	6			1088
13	17992	Harlan	8	7		11	1075
14		Axelberg	6	14			1038
15	29079	Courtney	9	5	13	10	964
16		Williams	10	13	12	14	899
17		Mullane	1			13	794
18	16039	Ball	3				763
19	26306	Lennon	2				722

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Charles Gallotz has returned to his home here at Birch Lake after spending a week in Elkhart General Hospital for treatment.

Mel Hibschan is in Memorial Hospital in South Bend for treatment. He became ill at their cottage on July 4th.

Helping Scott Troeger celebrate his 14th birthday on July 21 were John Wilson, Jim Freeman, and Steve Gray from South Bend. Scott received a Ski Skat and made it up and around the lake on his first attempt.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rockstroh and family of South Bend enjoyed a swimming party at the Shewman Cottage Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Curry of Indianapolis (Mrs. Shewman's brother) spent the weekend with the Shewmans at Cottage #303.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bland from Kissimmee, Florida were the guests of The Fulmers on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hauser and Mr. and Mrs. Don Addison of South Bend were Thursday guests of the C. R. Cowens, Cottage #308. Their Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Robinson and Mrs. E. Moore of Mishawaka.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cleland of Mishawaka spent last week at the Dick Cowen Cottage #354.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson and family spent Saturday afternoon with the John Balls. Their cottage next door has been rented out for the past 3 weeks. They will be back next week to spend the rest of the summer here.

Have ya' ever rented before and know what it's like to leave beautiful Birch Lake? Well, the George Chapman family have rented out here before, but this year has been something special to Carol, Cathy and neighbor Julie Ball. Some of the best times we've ever had together have been out here. We had a blast.

Karl Bentzer was Steve Ball's guest from Elkhart, Indiana for three days. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer of Mishawaka were guests of the Partridges at Wee Wood last weekend.

Roberta Schmitt, Cottage #13, received a blue ribbon for her projects in 4-H Clothing I this year. Congratulations, Roberta!

Jim, Jean, Jayne and Jessie Foote were guests at Les and Della Meyers over the weekend of the 24th of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clapper and Fred, of Climax; Steve Johnson of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown also of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Clare VanAvery of Scotts enjoyed the weekend at the Specks.

Miss Lynette Truex of South Bend, niece of Bev and Herm Kruggel, is spending a few days with them this week.

Kathy Machalleck was honored at a miscellaneous bridal shower hosted by Mrs. William Olson and assisted by Mrs. Steve Machalleck and Mrs. Mike Machalleck. Kathy is being married August 8 in Niles to Mr. Dennis Wolf. Guests attended from Niles, Birch Lake and Buck Lake.

Marianne Desmond and daughter, Buffy, of Los Altos, California are visiting her parents, the John Machallecks, at Cottage #51. She will be joined by her husband, Bert, next week when he arrives from a business trip in Houston; all returning to California August 17th, after some good old Birch Lake fun.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAY RIDE

AUGUST 1            8:00 Michigan Time 9:00 Indiana Time Age-12 and up  
                              75¢ - Stag  
                              \$1.25 - Drag  
                              Meet at the Yacht Club  
Sponsored by the Birch Lake Ski Club

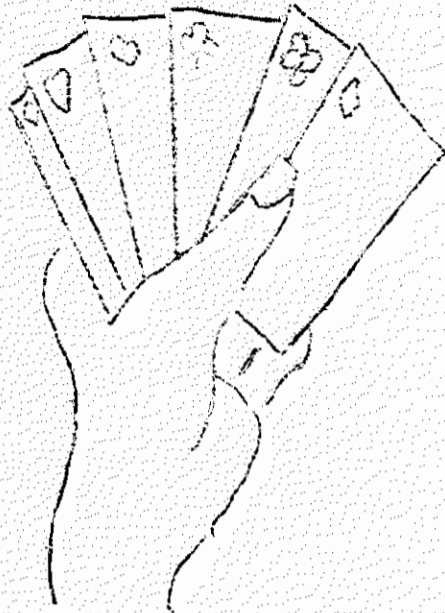
## CAR WASH

AUGUST 1            12 noon till 4:30 Indiana time  
                              WHERE - Birch Lake Yacht Club Beach  
                              \$1.25 a car (Inside and Out)  
Bring your dirty cars and get them shined up by a team of experts - our Birch Lake Ski Club!!!



NOTICE

Due to a mix-up in plans, the Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social has been postponed to a later date. We will notify you in the next Barker of the new date.



For the past few weeks, a group of ladies has met on Wednesday afternoon to play bridge. We welcome all of you to our games. On Wednesday, August 5 we'll be playing at Janet Troeger's #11. If you can join us for a few hours, call Janet at 476-2498 or come over at 1:00 (Indiana time).

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BIRCH LAKE SECOND ANNUAL STAG GOLF OUTING. Watch your Birch Barker for further details.

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SQUARE DANCE - Remember the Square Dance on August 3 at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Bert Mahnesmith, Caller. Adults 21 years and over \$1.00 per person. Refreshments included.

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BIRCH LAKE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING. To be held August 22 at the Birch Lake Basketball Camp in the dining hall. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased by August 15. Plans are being made to make this a fun night for the whole family. See you there!!

Bev and Herm Kruggel, Chairmen  
Phone 476-2169

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PLEASE ANNOUNCE the time and place of the next meeting of the Fishing Club in the Birch Barker. Many of us are interested in improving the fishing here and would like to express our views.

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Primary election will be August 4 at the Town Hall on Robbins Lake Road. The following candidates have proven themselves favorable to the interests of Birch Lake residents:

- County Commissioner - Norman D. Harvey
- Township Supervisor - Walter Stoner
- Township Clerk - Robert Hutton
- Township Treasurer - Junior Schmeling
- Trustee - Paul Conkright
- Constable - Robert Stoner

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Capt. Kurt K. Eichorst - Navigator in the U. S. Air Force. 9207A Rhode  
Island Drive, Wurtsmith A.F.B., Michigan 48753.

EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF

NOW HEAR THIS

When you bring your youngsters to the lake remember to take precautions, as you do at home, and keep your medicines, sprays and insect killers OUT OF REACH of tiny tots. During the past weekend a youngster residing in the Cove obtained a bottle of pills and swallowed a large quantity. She was rushed to the hospital and, fortunately, was successfully treated and is recovering. But the story could have had a less happy ending. Under the hustle and bustle of moving to the lake, with the extra work and pressures, it is easy to overlook possible problems--but here is one that deserves second thoughts and remembering.

Following is a list of some EMERGENCY phone numbers:

Fire & Ambulance: Newberg & Porter Twp. 244-5235  
Cass County Sherriff's Dept. (120) 445-2481  
Michigan State Police - White Pigeon (120) 483-7611  
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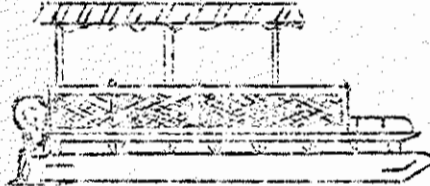


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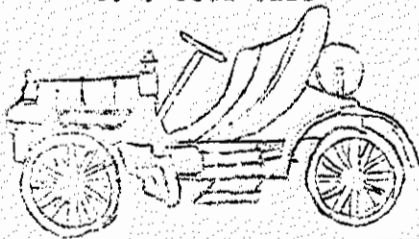
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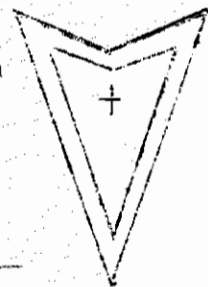


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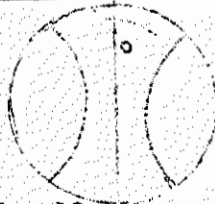
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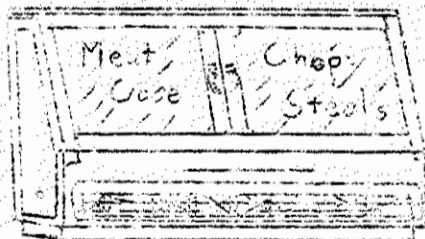
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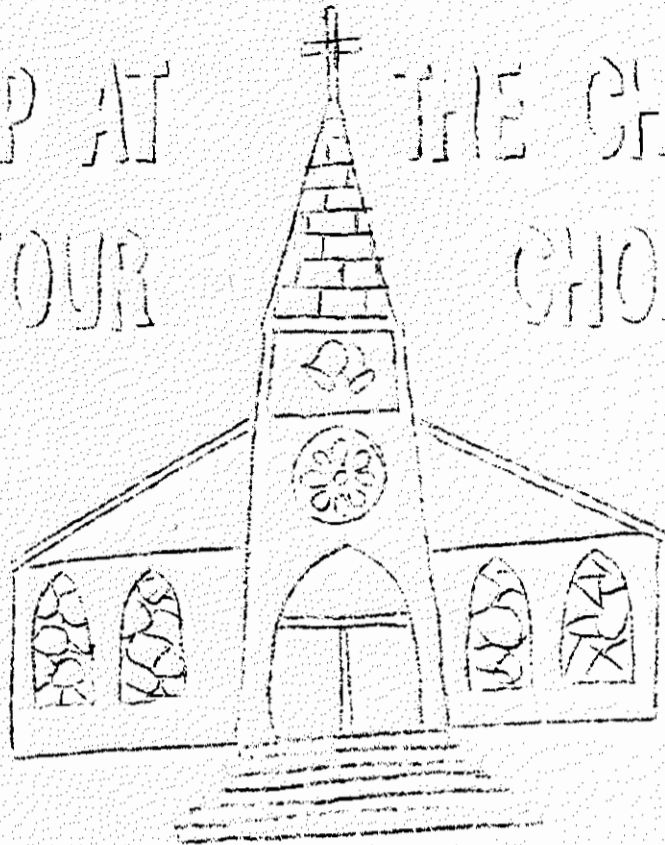
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