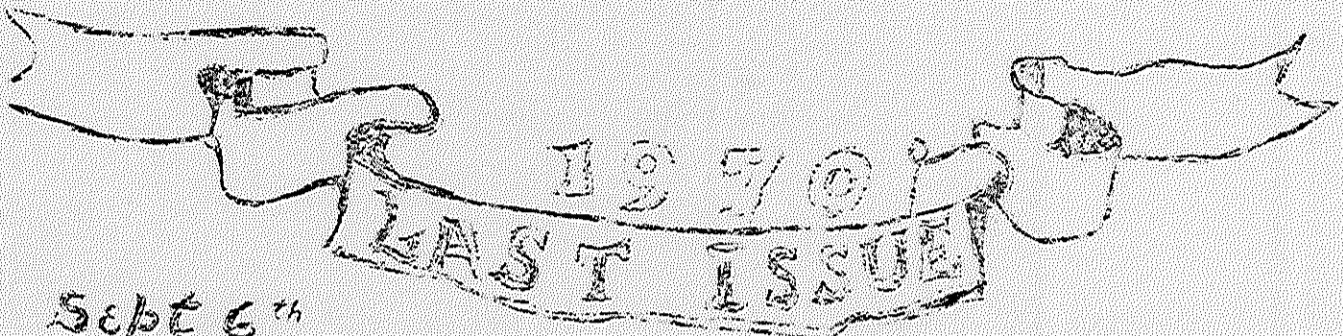
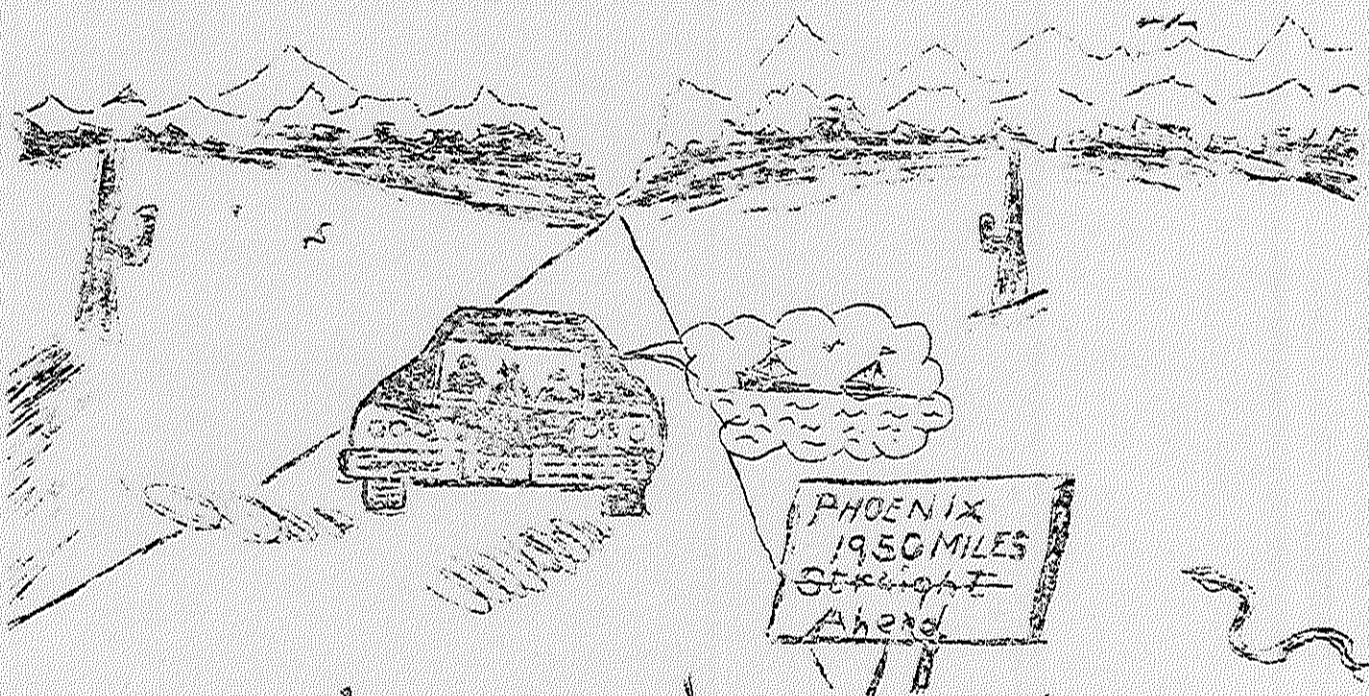


THE BIRCH BARKER



Sept 6th
1970



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Arrivederci!

Aloha!

Bonjour!

Shalom!

Adieu!

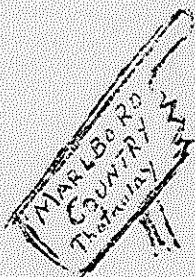
Hasta La Vista!

Sayonara!

Auf Wiedersehen!

Goodbye for Now!

The Editors
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HISTORY OF BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

Birch Lake Conservation Club was organized more than a quarter of a century ago. Monthly meetings were held in various homes. Thru the efforts of this early organization Birch Lake was made an experimental lake with a resident conservationist working in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and the University of Michigan. Trout were introduced to the lake but after several years it was found that they were detrimental to the natural fish of the lake, Bass, Bluegills, Perch, etc. and after several years they were discontinued, and fishing is GOOD again.

As the population of the lake increased other interests besides fishing developed such as boating and swimming and the name of the Club was changed to Birch Lake Community Club. Then sailboats appeared on the scene. The first organized sailboat races were held here about twenty years ago. With more powerful outboard motors and better boats skiing became popular. Some of the first skies were home made. Rough sawn Ash boards were obtained at the country saw mill, then dressed down to proper thickness and then shaped to skies in a home workshop and some are still in use on the lake.

The name of the organization was next changed to Birch Lake Yacht Club and the clubhouse was build on land donated by The Howards and financed by subscriptions ranging from \$5.00 to \$500.00. With the new club house Bingo and Dancing became popular. Travel and fishing films were shown. Melon Feasts and Ice Cream Socials were enjoyed by all.

The Birch Barker made its appearance about this same time. Three issues the first year and only a couple of pages. From this modest beginning it has grown to the present weekly with paid advertising covering the cost of publication. The first Annual Birch Lake Dinner was held at The Mishawaka Conservation Club in 1950 with 135 attending.

About 15 years ago the first B.L.Y.C. Fireworks Display was shown on July 4th and has become an annual event enjoyed by all. Also about the same time the first Boat Parade was held and has become a yearly tradition.

Five years ago a Health and Safety Committee was appointed. B.L.Y.C. purchased a patrol boat and motor, the County and State furnishing a Marine Patrol Officer, which has greatly contributed to the safety record of Birch Lake. That same year the Safe Boating Course was started at B.L.Y.C. at the clubhouse and has made good operators of our young people.

Two years ago the first rummage sale was held at the clubhouse, which helped the finances of B.L.Y.C.

The water show put on by the young skiers last year was of Cypress Garden calibre and was enjoyed by all.

This year the original constitution and by-laws of the Birch Lake Conservation Club was amended.

Birch Lake Yacht Club is an excellent club with interests for everyone. LETS KEEP IT THIS WAY.

Submitted by Floyd Fulmer

SAILING NEWS

1970 SUNFISH FINAL SEASON STANDINGS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>8/30</u>	<u>Races</u>	<u>Average & Bonus</u>
1	14766	Claro	1	17	1648
2	21923	Carpenter	12	16	1581
3	14310	Troeger	10	15	1516
4	130	Machalleck		14	1498
5	25075	Tunnecliff	2	12	1462
6	20909	Cowen		17	1333
7	25131	Spratt	3	15	1314
8	21351	King	6	19	1302
9	24252	Kruggel	8	19	1251
10	14580	Troeger	5	18	1230
11	17992	Harlan	7	17	1198
12	29392	Axelberg	9	13	1158
13	29079	Courtney	11	15	1052
14		Williams		12	937

The Following Boats Did Not Sail Enough Races to be in Season Standings

22898	Foote		8	1287
26306	Lennon		2	722
30354	Hague	4	7	1424
	O'Brien		6	1088
16039	Ball		3	763

LABOR DAY REGATTA

Saturday	2 Races	1:00 p.m. (Michigan Time)	2:00 p.m. (Indiana)
Sunday	1 Race	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

If inclement weather cancels any races we will sail additional races on Sunday or on Monday at 10:00 a.m. (Michigan) - 11:00 a.m. (Indiana Time). Every attempt will be made to sail the 3 races.

Trophies for the 1970 season, 4th of July Regatta and the Labor Day Regatta will be presented September 7th at the Yacht Club, starting at 10:00 a.m. Michigan Time - 11:00 a.m. Indiana Time. Everyone is invited to attend.

Keith Claro continued his winning ways. He sailed his way to his fourth successive season championship. In the last 5 races he finished in first position. Congratulations, Keith.

The last race of the season was sailed in heavy winds with some extremely high gusts. There was lots of action with sailors working hard just to stay upright. All of the sailors thank those of you who manned the committee boat. We are fortunate for next year as Seldon Foote, Jack Troeger and Peg Carpenter have volunteered to do the starting chores for 1971.

LAKE NEWS

Gary and Margi Snyder, Kokomo, with Debbie and Brent, visited Grandma and Grandpa Olson at Cottage 47 over the weekend after spending several days in St. Louis, Missouri, with Fran and Henry Roddiger and Eric. On their way home Saturday afternoon they stopped at Dave and Judy Olson's home in South Bend to greet Jeffrey David, Dave and Judy's new son.

Sunday guests at the "Double D" were Mrs. Andy McCombs and daughter, Patty Sue, of Granger, Indiana. Thursday visitors were Mrs. Clayton Taylor and Mrs. Delbert Schafer of South Bend.

Mrs. Harold Curtis (Mildred Binkley) of Plymouth, Michigan and Mrs. Marjorie Testsort of Vandalia were the guests of The Fulmers on Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shewman on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Green of South Bend, Indiana.

The George Wellers of South Bend were guests at the Gollatz cottage on Sunday.

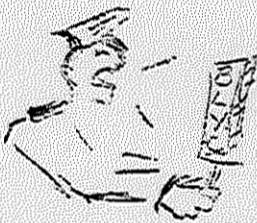
FOR SALE

14' Atwood partially refinished wood boat - \$25.00. Cottage #13, W.R.Schmitt

LOST AND FOUND

Cottage #47 - Lost: One white life belt. If found please return to Cottage #47.

Cottage #11 - Lost: One yellow Adolph Kiefer ski. If found please contact Jack Troeger.



EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF

NOW HEAR THIS !! (Via the grapevine)

There's a well founded rumor that Herm Kruggel and Bill King may be planning to sell a few (3 or 4) choice, beautifully wooded lakefront sites adjacent to and south of their Basketball Camp.

Rumor has it that Birch Lake residents or their selected friends will have priority. Anyone desiring information respecting the rumor might contact Herm, a Certified Public Accountant, in South Bend, Indiana, or Bill King, an officer of Mich'l Manufacturing Company in Mishawaka, Indiana.

The other day a personal friend who has a summer residence at a nearby lake, remarked - "Our taxes should be lower than yours - Birch Lake is a Status Lake -- no trailer camps, no commerical places or taverns, and a regular family atmosphere." Quite a nice compliment - don't you agree? LETS KEEP IT THAT WAY !!!

Mighty nice to receive letters from our fellows in the services, Army, Navy, Marines, Air and Coast Guard. These are people who count !! Thankfully, we are not on the mailing list of saffron "protestors" and their supporters, the psuedo intellectualsof "mental midget" status. We'll continue to send military personnel from Birch Lake the BARKER and to happily receive their thoughtful letters.

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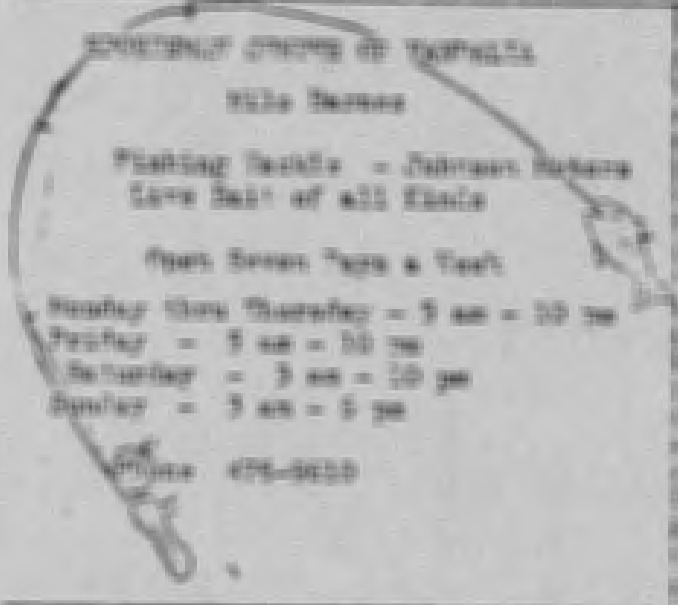
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