

GOLF SWAG - FRIDAY, JULY 30

If you can't play come and be a caddy and watch the rest of us folks try to hit the Ball. Plenty of fun available. If you can't make the Golf come for Dinner at the Yacht Club for Cocktails and steaks - grilled to your taste. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Altho our crowd was small, the spirit was mighty at the square dance last Friday nite and a vote of thanks to chairmen Jean and Bob Axelberg and their helpers, Truoy and Dan Claro, who assured everyone of a lot of fun.

The next event on the BLYC agenda is the men's golf stag on July 30th at Park Shores Golf Course in Cassopolis. Tee-off time is 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. with a social hour at the Yacht Club from 5:30 to 7:00, then dinner for all. For tickets and/or information contact Bill King, Dan Claro, Joe Meyer, John Brown, or yours truly. If I know John Brown and Joe Meyer, the co-chairmen, we're all in for a wild time. See you there.

I am sure you are all pleased to see that the Boat Parade will be in the summer lineup once again, thanks to chairman Howard Blackwood. The flyer enclosed in last weeks Barker carried a date of August 19th for the Parade...the correct date is August 21st. Howard is looking for all the help he can get and this job is a big one, so your cooperation is essential in making this years "spectacular" a roaring success. Get those ideas transformed into reality and on a boat, then give Howard a call and get into the lineup. And to roundout that weekend, the Birch Lake Ski Club will present their ski show the following day, Sunday, August 22nd, under the able guidance of Rick "Red Ball Jet" Doolittle and all of his expert skiers. Were you serious about that kite, Rick???

There are still a few Directors who have not accounted for their "territories" and are delaying the new directory by not getting to us the verification of the residents' names, addresses, etc..... so please wind it up fellows and get things back to me.

Bruce Harlan
Commodore - BLYC

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Greetings from your friendly Marine Deputy: Below is a newsletter release issued by Secretary of State, James M. Hare. I feel it is important that all mini-bike operators and their parents read it carefully and if you have any questions please call the Sheriff's Department, 445-2481, in Cassopolis:

LANSING - Secretary of State James M. Hare, clarifying use of so-called "mini-bikes" on public streets and highways, warned parents of youngsters under 15 years of age that the law forbids these children from riding the little motorcycles on public thoroughfares.

At the same time, Hare cautioned about the operation of "mini-bikes" by older drivers. "Almost all inquiries we receive reveal a widespread public misunderstanding of the laws governing such vehicles," Hare said.

"The confusion apparently exists because the little 'mini-bikes' are largely bought for youngsters as a sort of motorized toy. After parents spend a few hundred dollars on a 'mini-bike' they are quite disturbed to learn that their offspring cannot ride the vehicle on public streets, highways and other property such as recreation areas.

"This situation, in turn, has inspired a popular belief that 'mini-bikes' are, per se, banned from public thoroughfares and other public land. They are not prohibited, but both the machine and the driver must conform to the requirements of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.

"A 'mini-bike', despite its small size and power, still is a motor vehicle as defined by the Vehicle Code. It comes under the definition of a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle. If it has less than five gross brake horsepower, it is a motor-driven cycle, which means that it cannot be driven on a limited access highway in Michigan and that it is subject to certain restrictions when ridden at night.

"When operated on a public highway, a 'mini-bike' must be equipped as required by the laws covering motorcycles or motor-driven cycles,

it must be registered with the Department of State and it must bear valid license plates, Hare said.

"The drivers of 'mini-bikes' ridden on public thoroughfares must be licensed motor vehicle operators, or have a special restricted permit. If a licensed operator has renewed his license, or received such a license for the first time in Michigan since June 1, 1970, he must also have a special endorsement to operate a motorcycle.

"The law requires that the holder of a regular driver license be 16 years of age, or older,"

Hare said: "A special restricted license to operate a motor-driven cycle may be issued to 15-year-olds if they prove that they are competent to drive such a vehicle safely and if they have passed a driver education course and examination.

"I urge any youngster holding a restricted motor-driven cycle license to be certain that his vehicle develops less than five gross brake horsepower. Some 'mini-bikes' have more power, and fall into the motorcycle category.

"I want to warn all parents against letting children under 15 years of age ride 'mini-bikes' on any public thoroughfare. The Motor Vehicle Code specifically prohibits any parent or guardian of any child to authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate the laws governing 'mini-bikes'.

"I also caution older drivers against the use of 'mini-bikes' on public thoroughfares, particularly those that carry heavy traffic. The average 'mini-bike' is so small that it cannot be seen easily by automobile drivers and is too slow to keep up with normal traffic speed. It is very dangerous to operate a 'mini-bike' under such conditions."

For a comprehensive summary of the laws on motorcycles and motor-driven cycles, Hare suggests that any interested person pick up a free copy of the publication, What Every Motorcyclist Must Know, from the Department of State or one of its driver examining branches.

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SUNFISH STANDINGS - JULY 18

<u>Place</u>	<u>Boat No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Finish 7/18</u>	<u>No. of Races</u>	<u>Average Plus Bonus</u>
1	14310	Troeger		7	1604
2	21923	Carpenter		9	1536
3	20909	Cowen	3	10	1398
4	24252	Kruggel	1	8	1391
5	22898	Foote		5	1364
6	30352	Hague		7	1351
7	130	Machalleck		4	1310
8	29392	Doolittle	4	7	1304
9	25075	Tunncliffe	8	9	1208
10	26161	Burchell	6	4	1202
11	14580	Troeger	2	10	1199
12	17992	Harlan	5	5	1184
13	25131	Spratt		7	1092
14		Williams	7	8	1086
15	29079	Courtney		9	1070
16	21351	King		5	1040
17		O'Brien		6	1008

The Sunfish are currently behind schedule for season races. If we have good wind these races will be made up over the next 2 weekends. The decision to sail the make-up races will be up to the Race Committee. This means there may be 3 races on some of the coming Sundays.

SKIPIE RESULTS - JULY 19

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	15500	Hague
2	17805	Speck
3	13835	Milne
4	18399	Varga
5	17700	Howard

LAKE NEWS

Last Saturday marked the celebration of Linda Harlan's 21st birthday. Linda's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Harlan of Pancho Bernardo, San Diego, California flew in for the special occasion, and 25 friends from Indianapolis, Bloomington, and South Bend rounded out the guest list. They enjoyed the refreshments, the skiing, the swimming etc. The highlight of the evening was Linda's ungraceful entry into Birch Lake at the hands of the "group" while they cheerfully sang, "Happy Birthday." A day long to be remembered by the "ancient" Miss Harlan.

I want to thank Bob Rieth again for towing me, Julie Ball, and a friend of mine in from the west side of the lake two weeks ago. If you're ever stranded with engine trouble like I was, I hope I can do the same for you!!!

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mitzner from Indianapolis are visiting the Bob Carpenters at Cottage #112.

The North Side has been busy lately, especially at the O'Brien's, and it's going to get better. Kathy and Mike Mullane and daughter Kelly and son Timothy O'Brien Mullane have been frequent visitors. Anne Wolf and husband, Carter, have been stationed at #250 this summer - Anne teaching swimming lessons and Carter back and forth to and from Ball State at Muncie. As everyone must know, Major has been around for a month, but last Sunday, he went to Eberhart for a month. Thanks Be To God!! John and Patty are also at Eberhart, on the staff, and are seen and heard on occasion at home along with 20 or 30 Eberhart staff people.

Buzz Rasmussen, a long time Birch Lake visitor, has been around several times at Doolittles and O'Brien's - the last time in one of his \$13.00 shirts.

On July 20, Nancy O'Brien celebrated her 25th anniversary (Yes, -- Kathy is 24!) and invited husband, John, and the kids and the sons-in-law and the grandchildren to the Hickory Inn for drinks and dinner. Nance (as the kids call her) looks like a teenager, especially in her anniversary present, a new Bikini.

Other than the above, and except for Dylan, things are dull on the North Shore at the O'Brien's.

Visitors and relatives at the A. D. Shewman cottage for a couple of days this week were Mrs. David Baker, Tim, Tony and Tena; Mrs. Jerry Tinkey, Renee, Amey, Beth, Jon; Mrs. Tom Waite and Mrs. Charles Waite, all from the Warsaw and Silver Lake, Indiana area. We think company at Birch Lake is the greatest.

Tim Blackwood made it!! Up on skis we mean!!

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Warner of Cedar Lake, Indiana were weekend guests of the Wilbur Cards, Cottage #99. Mr. Warner enjoyed fishing while Mrs. Warner enjoyed swimming and just relaxing in the sun. They both complimented Birch Lake by saying how nice and clean the water was and how friendly the people are out here. They both look forward to coming back soon.

Former resident of Birch Lake, Danny Paulson, visited last Sunday at the Mechallecks. Just out of the Marine Corp after six years he was headed for his father's home near Milwaukee. Much reminiscing was done by all.

Tuesday night's guest at the Machallecks was Suk Ho Lee of Seoul, Korea - a CPA with the Agriculture and Fisheries Development Company of Korea who was learning of the mushroom industry at the Niles Green Giant Plant.

Steve Machalleck and family are at #51, his parent's cottage for the weekend. Stacy, Gina, Paula and Pete will stay with Grandma and Grandpa while Steve and Pat attend Steve's High School Reunion Saturday nite. Mike, Katha and Brian are here too - making it a Full House.

Guests at the Wilbur Gards, Cottage #99, the week of July 5th, were Mrs. Gold's brothers, Michael and Vernon, and families all from Cedar Lake, Indiana. It was the first time Michael and his family had been here. They enjoyed swimming, fishing and just relaxing in the backyard under the ol' shadetree.

July 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Cacini and Randy, from Lowell, Indiana, were guests of Cottage #99 also. They enjoyed their stay very much. All of the guests want to return to Birch Lake again - real soon.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Debbie Yoder and Kirk Lochmandy who were married Saturday, July 17 in Elkhart, Indiana.

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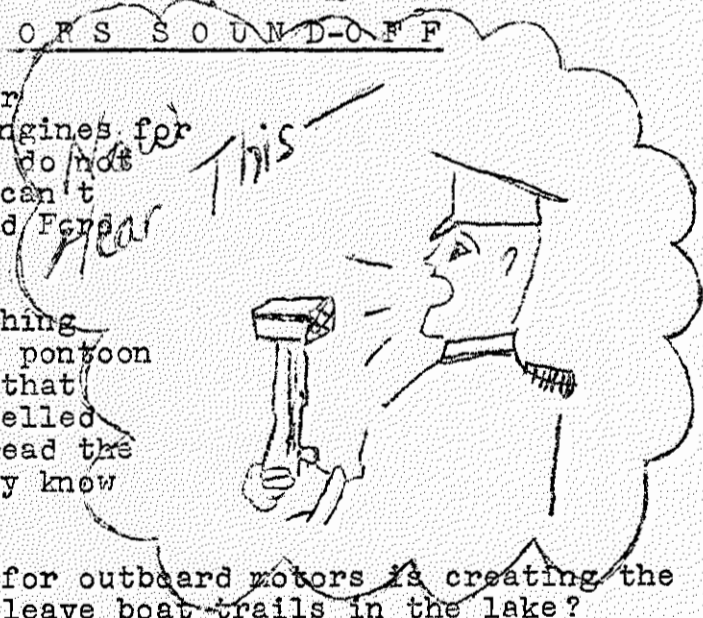
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FOF SALE - Modern kitchen table - formica top with black wrought iron legs \$35.00 - also formica counter 8 foot by 3 foot \$30.00. Can be seen at #158, Glen Myers, East Side.

FOUND - Yellow Plastic Raft. Retrieved from center of lake. Contact Mrs. Winiarski - phone 476-2120.

EDITORS SOUND-OFF

We have just been informed by our co-editor that a discussion of engines for outboards such as the new Wankel do not interest female readers - so we can't mention the subject (But G.M. and Ford are interested and researching).



Guess its okay to talk about fishing (haven't had many lately). Saw a pontoon boat on Shavehead Lake recently that appeared to be an "inboard" propelled outfit but was too far away to read the name of the manufacturer. Anybody know of such an inboard outfit?

Wonder if the new 50-1 cil used for outboard motors is creating the "bubby" exhaust which seems to leave boat trails in the lake?

It's too early for the weeds to be floating on the lake surface --but they are!! Hope that the Scuba divers and Snorklers aren't responsible for the condition.

Suggestion: If the Yacht Club had a portable "chopper" perhaps quite a bit of income could be obtained from lake residents who have the usual fall and spring chore of leaf burning. And leaf mulch is a top grade fertilizer. Organic fertilizer is the new answer to soil conservation.

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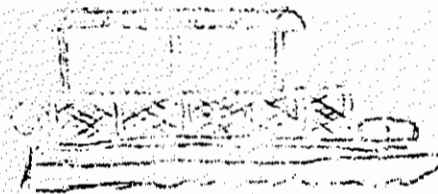
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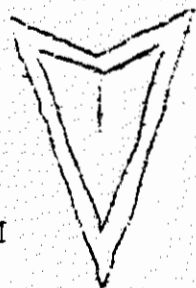
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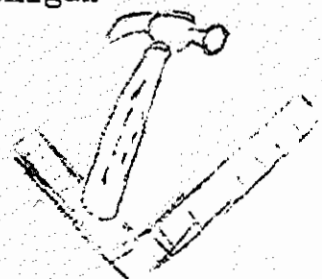
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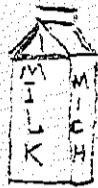
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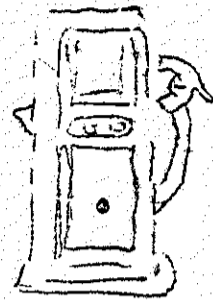


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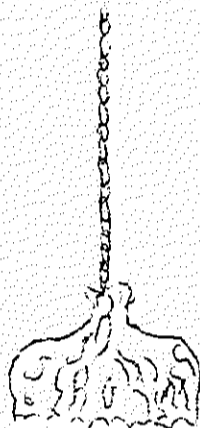
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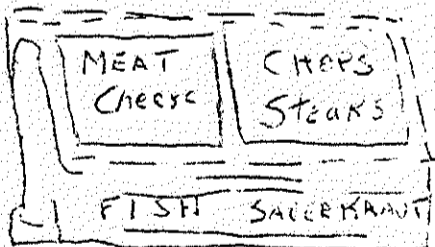
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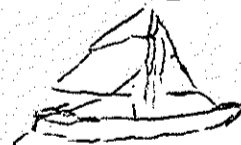
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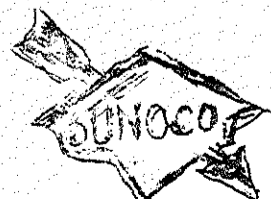


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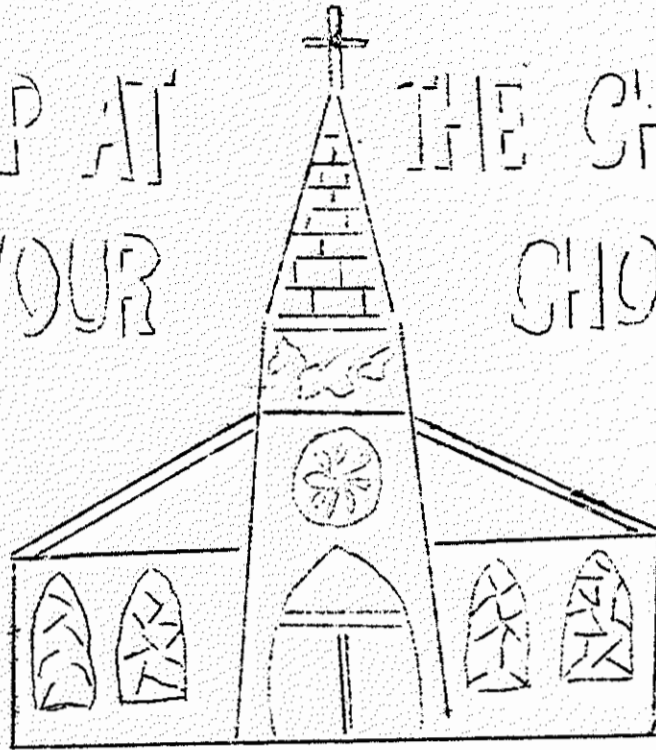
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