

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE:

Pat O'Brien and her chums, Kathleen Vyborny and Susan Weidenbach, motored this weekend to the unique resort area of Birch Lake. The girls hail from the Chicago law firm of Sonrenschein, Levinson, Carlin, Nath & Rosenthal, where they are indispensable paralegals (attorneys-in-fact, but not, in fact, attorneys). The three girls spent a glorious and fun filled weekend at the O'Brien bungalow cavorting and frolicking with those debonair men-about-the-lake, Rick Doolittle and his pals, Ed Levy and Buzz Rasmussen. A good time was had by all, needless to say. Stay tuned for the next episode and discover the sordid aftermath of the aforementioned weekend.

The Donald Thompsons visited Mac and Joyce Klimek over the weekend recently and Shawn (age 3) caught his first fish off Lazy Lodge pier! Todd Thompson caught 5 bluegills - the record for grandsons in the Klimek clan!

Matt Strukel and Kene Whybrew of Elkhart were guests of Steve Curtis last week. Learning to brave the deep waters and choppy waves, both boys became typical Birch Lakers.

Jim and Pat Puskala and children of Sawyer, Michigan were Sunday guests of the Fenrich's, at Mon & Dad Klappauf's home. All enjoyed boating, swimming and eating - naturally tried to do everything in one day.

Ed and Kathy Fenrich and daughter Lisa ended another great week of vacation at Granny & Grandpa Klappauf's. Ed enjoyed fishing, but is still wondering if the BIG FISH his fellow fishermen are catching come out of Birch Lake??? Oh well, he'll keep trying this year & next year - and the next. Lisa went sailing with Mommie and Daddy for the first time and enjoyed it. Only now she is more confused than ever when asked, "Want to go for a boat ride?" She doesn't know which boat to go in.

The Staton "Bed Bug" returned Saturday from a 2-week trek through the north woods. Voyageur Papa Bob spent 4 days on a canoe and packing trip into the interior of the Boundry Waters canoe area in Minnesota and Canada. The 4 Statons traveled north to Winnepeg and then camped along the northern edge of Lake Superior and down through the Straits to Mackinac Island. Jennifer and Beth enjoyed cycling on the island (Mama Jane liked the buggy ride!) It is refreshing to know that there are wilderness areas available for canoeing, fishing and camping.

Jim and Mary Anna Cox were home for a few restful days at Birch Lake. Jim returned from his home in New Jersey for the fun and festivities of the Adams H. S. 10th reunion.

Guests of Mrs. G. B. Cox for a few days these last two weeks included good friends Mrs. Harold Felgar of South Bend and Mrs. Pat Murphy of Franklin, Indiana.

The Staton-Cox cottage is looking forward to the arrival of another camper friend - Jane Bebb of Mishawaka, who will be spending a few days camping and fishing at the lake.

Birthday celebrations were held at cottage #53 as Inez Fergus was honored on her birthday Sunday. Guests present for dinner were Spud & Betty Huston of South Bend with daughters Susan and Sharon and her guests Mike Dimek of Bowling Green, Ky. Sisters Jessie and Florence completed the party. Inez was the recipient of many lovely gifts and cards. Many Happy Returns! Is this the 39th???

Wednesday guests of the Machallecks were Sarah Patterson and her children Beth, Nick, and Jennie and nieces Kathy and Susan Meyer of Niles. So much fun was had by all they were invited back on Friday and brought their guests from Remus, Michigan, brother-in-law Ted Patterson and wife Sherrie and their children, 4-year-old Teddy and 3-year-old twins Terry and Timmy. The Pattersons came to attend Ted's class reunion this Saturday and a pre-reunion meeting was held here at the lake Friday as Kathy and Denny Wolf of Midland arrived at her parents cottage Friday and Katha Machalleck and her children were present too. Ted, Katha and Denny were classmates at Niles H. S. and all attended the 10th reunion at the Ramada Inn in Benton Harbor Saturday nite. Also celebrated on Saturday at a special luncheon were the anniversaries of Kathy & Denny - their 3rd on August 6, and Mike & Katha's 4th on the 16th of August.

Happy Birthday Lori Claro - 9 years old - August 21!!!

In trying to keep up with the O'Briens, recognizing the handicaps of a smaller cottage and a smaller family, the Echols now report on a most enjoyable summer (their 12th) at Birch Lake. July brought the newly-weds (Bill's mother and her husband Col. Ruchwald) to spend two weeks at a cottage on the East side. Also visiting were son John and his wife Carolyn from Detroit. John works for a company which manufacturers all those annoying buzzers in your car. Son Leonard and wife Karen and their son Michael (our grandchild!!) arrived July 3 for 10 days. Michael took over as Commodore of the North side. Captain Bligh has nothing on a 19-month old! His folks brought the glad tidings of another grandchild on the way. In August Gussie's sister and brother-in-law from Ohio U. visited a few days. With summer coming to a close, the good news came from Steve that he was returning after a year in Hawaii. He is unfortunately home to recuperate from a broken leg suffered in a boating accident. Charlie was here at meal times. Throughout all this Bill and "Rags" remained calm. Oh yes, our boat broke down and since the O'Brien's boat was not working either, we couldn't borrow theirs -- so we had to get a new one.

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Yard Sale - Saturday and Sunday - August 17 & 18 - Moved from town to Lake -- Lots to go!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Season Closing Special - Birch Lakers, your Lamp Shack is ready for servicing you. Your lamps may be fixed, repaired, or rejuvenated and lamp shades made by Joyce Klimek - The Shady Lady. - and work done by the Lamp Man Mac. Bring your lamps in before the season closes so you may have them for next season's opening. Location of the Lamp Shack - The Oasis - Box 241.

HAY RIDE - Friday, August 24 - 9:00 - 12:00 (Michigan time). 75¢ per person - \$1.25 per couple - Junior Yacht Club members free! Sponsored by Birch Lake Junior Yacht Club. Bring your friends, guests, company - Good Time Guaranteed!

Did you lose a ski? One has drifted in to Camp Tannadoonah. Give Mrs. Murphy at the Camp necessary identification of ownership for return.

All news for the final 1973 Barker - August 25th issue - must be in by noon, Sunday, August 18 to cottage 140 - Barb Beehler.

If you want Bingo again - I'll do it the last two Fridays in August.- the 24th & 31st. We didn't have as big a crowd the 10th but there were several conflicting things and no notice other than signs I put up. Let's plan on Bingo on Friday, August 24 and August 31st. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. (Michigan time) No admission - prizes cash - FAMILY FUN.

The tree at the Public Beach is the ideal spot for signs for all occasions and is used constantly. When your sign has served its purpose it would be only fair to dispose of it personally --not wait for someone else to rip it off and throw the remains at the base. Looks pretty sloppy there most of the time - Let's keep our lake attractive.

SUNFISH SAILING RESULTS - AUGUST 12

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat #</u>	<u>1st Race</u>	<u>2nd Race</u>	<u>Total Races</u>	<u>Low Point Form Season Total</u>
H. Haines	7377	2	1	9	81
T. Troeger	14310	8	7	10	78
S. Cowen	20909	4	9	12	131
K. Kruggel	24252	3	2	12	131
B. Carpenter	21923	1	3	12	135
M. Machalleck	130	5	5	12	153
R. Doolittle	29392	DNS	10	8	126
T. Troeger	14580	9	6	12	230
B. Lovejoy	34152	7	12	9	194
C. Blackwood	Blue/White	DNS	DNS	4	84
K. Kruggel	14766	10	11	10	220
T. Burchell	38228	6	4	10	230
A. Courtney	29070	11	8	6	134
D. Cowen	Red/White	DNS	DNS		
C. Haines	241	(6)	(12)		
Camp Tannadoonah		DNS	(16)		
L. Zelasko	Green/White	(13)	(8)		

The Annual Mr. & Mrs. Sunfish Race was held Sunday afternoon on a perfect sailing day and sure hope you all saw the beautiful sight of 23 sailboats with their colorful sails converged at the starting line. "Mr. & Mrs." is somewhat misleading for that wasn't the steadfast rule altho each boat had one male and one female. It has been decided to call it the "Couples Race" in the future - thus allowing any combination of the family or guests who might like to participate. Rules for the race were to change skippers immediately after rounding each buoy, thus giving each partner a chance to show his skill and the crew could man the sails.

The race was the usual 1 1/3 leg race - the course Tannadoonah to the outlet to Parkers Ending at Tannadoonah. Manning the starting boat in their able capacity were Seldon Foote and John Machalleck, assisted in this special race by their spouses Dorothy & Arline.

18 of the 23 boats finished the race and most of the participants gathered at the Harlan's cottage, #50, after the race to enjoy refreshments and discuss this nautical feat. Hosting the affair was Bruce & Juanita Harlan, Jack & Janet Troeger and Dick and Peggy Cowen. Clever specially-made trophies were awarded the first place winners, Earl & Connie Troeger. The trophy - the mounted shell case that marked their victory. Second place to Dick & Petty Cowen and third place to Jack & Janet Troeger with last place or Tug Boat Award to Ken & Darlene Troyer (the last ones present) with a special prize going to earl.

Here are the standing, boat numbers & sailors:

1.	14310	Earl & Connie Troeger	11.	28880	Keith & Denny Weesner
2.	20909	Dick & Peggy Cowen	12.		Ginny Spratt
3.	14580	Jack & Janet Troeger	13.	25075	Jill Tunnicliffe & Larry Follett
4.	130	Mike & Katha Machalleck	14.	29392	Bob & Helen Doolittle
5.	9	Al & Norma Courtney	15.	14766	Ken & Darlene Troyer
6.	34152	Bud & Angie Lovejoy	16.		Leo & Millie Zelasko
7.	33939	Bruce & Juanita Harlan	17.		Bob & Jane Staton
8.	30354	B. J. & Bonnie Hague	18.	38228	Joe O'Brien & Joan Tunnecliffe
9.		John O'Brien & daughter Ann			DNF Dave & Judy Olson
10.	24250	Herm & Bev Kruggel			DNF Terry & Sue Montague

For those who did not finish (and those we don't even know who started) better luck next year! Heading up the committee for 1974 Couples Race will be this year's lucky winners, Earl & Connie Troeger. Hope to see an even larger fleet next year!

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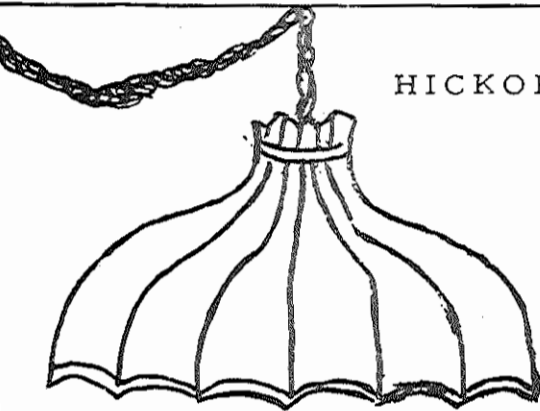
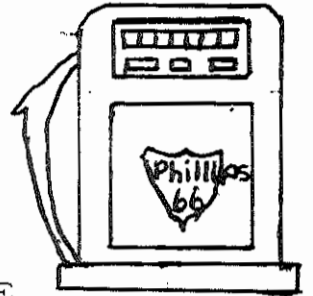
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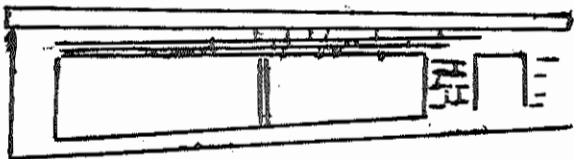
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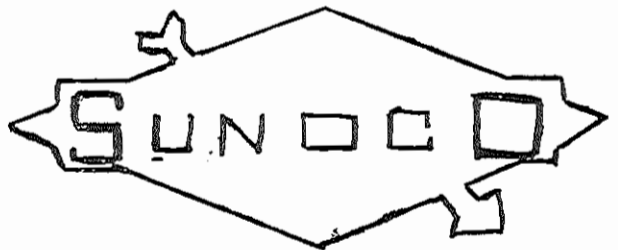
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