

SUMMER 1975

# BIRCH BARKER

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## BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

BIRCH LAKE, VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

Commodore Joe O'Brien 177  
 Vice-Commodore Bill Hayden 300  
 Secretary Shirley Ross 101  
 Treasurer Ginny Spratt 266  
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July 5, 1975

Trustees  
 Dick Cowen 308  
 Terry Montague 1  
 Bob Ross 101

Fri., July 11: Lake & Stream Assoc. presentation

Directors  
 SOUTH SIDE  
 Don Erhardt 27  
 Frank Horvath 34  
 Chuck Stevens 46A  
 Virginia Gard 99

A demonstration lecture on lake eutrophication and related biological and environmental problems is scheduled for Friday night, July 11. Concerned lake residents, who desire information and expert guidance, will be in attendance. Further notice of the meeting will be distributed next week. Please plan to attend!

EAST SIDE  
 Bud Lovejoy 102  
 Dave Olson 126  
 Harry Price 136  
 Bill Humphrey 146  
 Mort Hunt 200-8

NORTH SIDE  
 Bud Zesinger 268

Sun., July 6 and 13: Family Softball Outings

WEST SIDE  
 Joe Caenepeel 310  
 Bob Axelberg 355  
 Herm Kruggel 388

We have the ball--16 inch. We have the bat. We have the field across from Lazy Lodge. Now all we need are some players. We're calling for kids of all ages, 6 to 60, to come over for a chow-up game Sunday July 6 at 2:00 pm Indiana, 3:00pm Michigan time. This should drum up interest in the big family game scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 13.

Two things we ask. Please don't drive over to the field; we have no room for cars and the road is to be kept clear of autos. Also the Commodore must be chosen by one team it's his ball!!

### Bingo

You've heard the TV commercial 'I won't say no--I'll say Koogle'. Well, we won't say Bingo, we'll say Kruggel!

The first Bingo night of the year was dominated by the West side Kruggel children--everyone winning at least 1 game and 2 of them winning 2 games.

The only other threat was 5 yr. old Brian Machalleck who came thru every time the pot got a little richer. Papa Mike must have given him some lessons!

The Troeger and Schaar kids were loyal to the end and left a little poorer but hopefully they had fun.

John came thru in good form

and did all the calling as I had a bad throat and was almost without a voice.

Eleven children and three adult (my California guests) made a ver poor attendance.

Let's try to make the next one on Friday, July 18th at 7:30In/ 8:30 M a real HumDinger!

I should have a voice back by then and be the caller again.

See you then.

Arline Machalleck

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Mich. State Police - - -120-483-7611

LOCAL CHURCHES

Diamond Lake Baptist Church

Decatur Road

Cassopolis 445-2591

St. Ann's Social Hall

421 N. Broadway 445-2248

Cassopolis Rectory 445-3140

First Church of God

Spencer Road

Cassopolis 445-8500

Porter Baptist Church

5 mi. So. of Jones on Rte. 40

Constantine 435-7493

St. Paul Lutheran Church

W. State Street

Cassopolis 445-3950

United Presbyterian Church of Cass.

E. State Street

Cassopolis 445-2664

Cassopolis United Methodist Church

South Rowland

Cassopolis 445-3107

Union Protestant Church

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Cassopolis 445-2066



Budget Comments

In reviewing the Yacht Club budget printed in the first Birch Barker, it has some very interesting points that should be considered before accepting a budget for 1976.

Not including the roof fund, dues are not covering the operating expenses. I am including the printing cost in this not knowing what was printed as it was not itemized.

<u>operating expenses</u>	<u>Dues Income</u>
boat maint-- 17.52	
taxes-- 172.08	
electricity- 84.24	
insurance-- 125.00	
	398.84
printing-- 192.85	
	591.69
	556.00

If printing was a one time expense for membership cards, OK; but if it was for Directory, they should pay for themselves.

The Fall Dinner expenses exceeded income \$431.00--\$405.00. The Spring Dinner did cover the expenses \$781.00--\$742.00 expenses.

The fireworks have been settled for the time being. Jr. Yacht Club seems to be in good shape. Sailing fees do not cover trophies; receipts \$60, trophies, \$137.01. Could some one (or business) underwrite or donate a trophy? If enough people do, there would not be any deficit.

Yacht Club Parties did not cover expenses, \$77.30 receipts--\$130.79 for expenses.

The Birch Barker has paid for itself for not--

subscrip--307.00	printing-40.77
ads 55.00	
	362.00

Some suggestions for consideration of future officers--

- I Keep dues at reasonable level
- II Either budget party expenses in operating expenses or raise enough through head charge at door to cover
- III Consider suggestion about donation of sailing trophies
- IV Have at least one large money raising event--BBQ, ice cream social, watermelon bust
- V Jr. Yacht Club account might be kept separate
- VI Itemize budget by categories listed plus any more felt necessary so that actual standing of each can be seen and evaluated.

Last and most important is for all of us to join in when able and enjoy Birch Lake. There are many opportunities for us so that everyone should find something.

An interested Birch Laker

FOR SALE

2 piece 5 1/2 foot long sectional with foam-rubber backed covers, washable; multicolored. Best offer at cottage #298

Anxious to sell lake property. For further information, call Mrs. Gaedtke, 318 on west side 476-2409. Have had many inquiries and "lookers" but no "takers", as yet.

Garage Basement sale at Howards, #24 on south side. Come any time Saturday, July 5. New and used women's clothing, size 14 and brand new shoes, size 8-8 1/2 plus much, much more.

Free firewood; you haul. Cottage 128 on east side.

Used Westinghouse roll-about dish washer, \$75.00. Also 4 gallons ranch red house paint, \$10.00. Can be seen at cottage #6 on Nun-u-Komuk Hill.

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If two is company, and three is a crowd, what are four and five?

ans. nine

Lake News

Ed, Kathy, Lisa, and Holly Fenrich were on vacation for a week with Granny Klappauf. All had a good time. Holly finally learned to enjoy the lake water. Carol and Lynnette Klessig also had an enjoyable vacation with their Uncle and Aunt.

Jean Klessig, Rudy and Lillie Fenrich came up for the weekend and enjoyed being out at the lake.

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Congratulations to Ken and Darlene Troyer (Scottie, too) on their new baby daughter.

Ray & Rose, Ed, Kathy, Lisa, and Holly

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The Ray Klappauf's have a grandson born Dec. 14, 1974. Brian Carl has a sister, Carla Jean who will be three in September.



Sailing Results of June 29

Fair winds were seen last Sunday by nine sailors. Many other Sunfishes came out during the day and there is still time to enter the season races. We would like to see them in the races. Come on-- the competition is fun!

Results of last week races:

first race

Bill Carpenter--21923  
Tim Burchell--38228  
Tim Troeger--14580

second race

Tim Troeger--14580  
Bill Carpenter--21923  
Kevin Kruggel--24252

After the first four races, Bill Carpenter leads the sailors, followed by Kevin Kruggel and Tim Burchell.

There will be two races today at I-lam Michigan to start the July 4th Regatta; one race will be on Sunday at I-lam Michigan. All of these races will also count for the season.

Pay your fee now! Good Luck!

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More About Water Testing

Private tests last week of our lake water via the coliform tests proved to be inconclusive. Therefore, additional water samples were taken in ten different locations. They were delivered to the Microbiology Lab at Notre Dame for further study. Plans now are for the results of the tests to be passed along to the Cass County Dept. of Health to assist them in their water quality survey program.

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An Open Letter to Birch Lakers

I would like to call everyone's attention to a situation that exists on the lake. I am a mother of two teenagers who have received their license to drive their boat and have been taught how to drive and to respect the lake and others on it by their Father.

We both have been with them in the boat and have been cut-off by an adult not looking where he was going, they have witnessed boats going wrong way on the lake, boats trying to swamp sailboats, the buoys, skiers coming close to rafts trying to spray people, motor boats coming into swimming areas, horse-play of all kinds. Some are done showing off and others just plain careless.

It is hard for me to explain to them why all this goes on when it is wrong and no one does anything about it. The Marine officer in Cassopolis that instructed them said it was not the younger drivers that should take this course but the older ones and I believe him. I have taken down several boat numbers that I am calling the Sheriff's Dept. to report as I want my children, as well as every-

one, to be safe on our lake. As a concerned Mother, I am

open letter cont'd

asking everyone the next time you get into your boat to ask yourself, "Am I a good example for a younger child, and if the answer is 'No', please do something about it for others safety as well as your own.

Birch Lake Mother

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Ladies Golf Outing

The Ladies Golf Outing is shaping up nicely and gives us all time to hit a few before the big event.

The date is Tues., Aug. 5 at Park Shore Golf Course at 9 In/10 Mi. Lunch after, when prizes are awarded, will be printed at a later date when all arrangements have been made.

If you don't play golf--or play at it--join us for lunch anyway; we always have a great time.

Further information later and if you have any questions or would like to help with the planning, please call--

Jean Axelberg 476-2479  
Lynne Schaar 476-2302

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Elizabeth Carey of #350 on the West side is leaving Birch Lake on July 10 to move to Florida; she has been a lake resident over 30 years. She will be entertained at a family picnic Saturday, July 5; anyone withing to come wish her bon voyage is welcome to do so this afternoon.

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Saturday night at the stroke of 12 midnight, Grammie, Ruth, Karen, Andrea and the little doxie, Denny climbed into their well-packed Volvo and headed back to California, hoping to miss a lot of the weekne and July 4th travelers.

Many wonderful firsts were made during this vacation.

Mike's wife, Katha, and their children, Brian and Iori, met his cousin, Karen Rogers and her daughter, Andrea. As Karen had lived in Miles one winter, her visit was a repeat, but 2 year old Andrea was new to all of us and a pleasure to know.

Andrea and the dog both fell into the lake within 10 minutes after their arrival and would have nothing to do with the lake the rest of that day. But she got over that as soon as all the other children went in and was swimming with a float board the day she had to go home.

Grammie enjoyed shelling and the water and kept busy in between crocheting some really cute earrings. We would have had to open a gift shop had she stayed a little longer.

Another pleasant part of their vacation was the arrival of Arline's Uncle Emil Holmquist and son Howard of Wilmington, Del. They were enrout to Wisc. but came a day early to meet the California clan--the cousins had not seen each other in 30 years. Monday, the Holmquists left the Machalleck cottage for Wisc. After 3 days of relaxed Birch Lake life they were so in love with it that they decided to stop again on the return trip.

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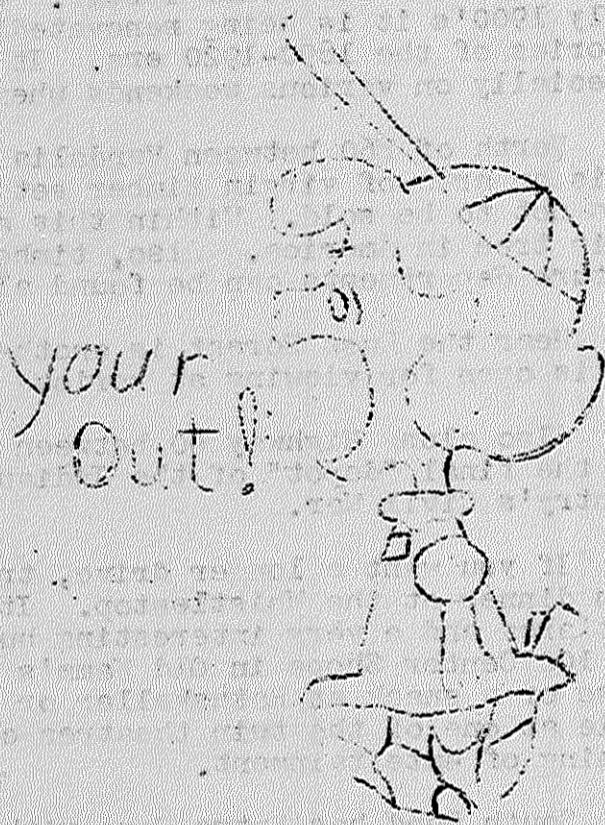
Sunday while Commanding Officers Mike Machalleck and Pete Rumley of the Naval Reserve Unit in South Bend had their groups doing repair work at Camp Tannadoonah, Lois Rumley and their children, Duke, Colleen, Katie, and Buck spent a wonderful day at the Machalleck Cottage #51.

The fellows joined us for lunch and entered in the fun in late afternoon when their work was done.

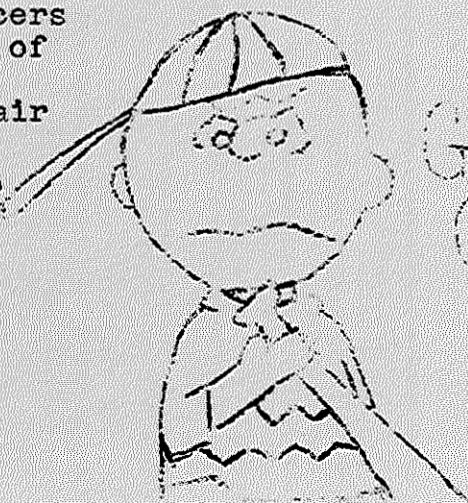
## EDITOR'S CORNER

Some of you might have noticed that in this issue and last there have been drawings. Lynne Schaar is our artist-in-residence. Last year there were no drawings as my stick figures just aren't too appealing. Also, we have a writer-in-residence who prefers to use the name "an interested Birch Laker".

Judy Curtis, the circulation manager, has back issues of the Barker--for posterity or the fireplace. They can be picked up at cottage 182 if needed.



Don't forget the  
Family Outing



Good Grief!



## BIRCH LAKE--A CENTER OF AREA HISTORY

Start from Birch Lake and you have an unlimited amount of colorful and relaxing small trips into history. Some need only a few hours; some a whole day.

Many of the small towns in our local area date back to the early 1800's. Constantine has a group of houses that were constructed for what is considered cheap today (\$3,500) in house building. They are in beautiful shape and fun to drive by to see and once a year are opened for a public house tour.

Up Patterson Hill Road between Vandalia and Jones, there is Bald Hill which is a geological oddity--a gravel hill made of composite rock deposited here by a glacier. It is bare of vegetation; you can climb it and it is a very interesting sight.

Then there is Jones itself. Once a "typical small town" of the early 1900's it is being renovated and turned into a street of various memories of the 1890-1920 era. It is worth an afternoon's time, especially on various weekends when special attractions are planned.

North of M60 between Vandalia and Cassopolis is the Russ Forest. It is an area of virgin timber set aside by the Russ family as forest area not to be sold. Within this area stands the oldest and largest tulip tree in America. Also, timber planted by the forestry and agriculture departments can be found along the access road.

Near the Russ Forest is another old home which is being restored and is open for viewing at various times of the year.

Also along Highway 60 between Cass and Vandalia is the farm which was the final "depot" of the Indiana Underground Railroad of our country's Civil War.

If you want a longer drive, try the shopping mall in Kalamazoo with dinner at the Whistlestop. It is the old railroad depot for that area and a very interesting building. In Mishawaka, a tour of the 100 Center Shops in Old Kamm's Brewery with dinner at the Ice House or a snack at Rathskeller or ice cream at the Black Cow plus a movie at one of the twin theatres could provide an afternoon and evening of entertainment.

South Bend has Notre Dame with Sacred Heart Cathedral always open, a grotto beside a beautiful lake, the original Log Chapel and many other attractions. Special tours can be arranged to see a diesel engine that switches cargo from ND to the main line, a TV and radio Station (WNDU) and the ND Library. Also in South Bend is the River Bend Plaza which is scheduling a series of attractions for the summer months. Watch the South Bend Tribune for these.

If you have any doubts about the title, rest assured--Birch Lake is in itself a large part of our area history. Look for another article soon on the subject.

An interested Birch Laker