

# B I R C H

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## 1776 ----- 1976

### American Bicentennial



June 19, 1976

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#### A TRIBUTE TO THOSE THAT CARE

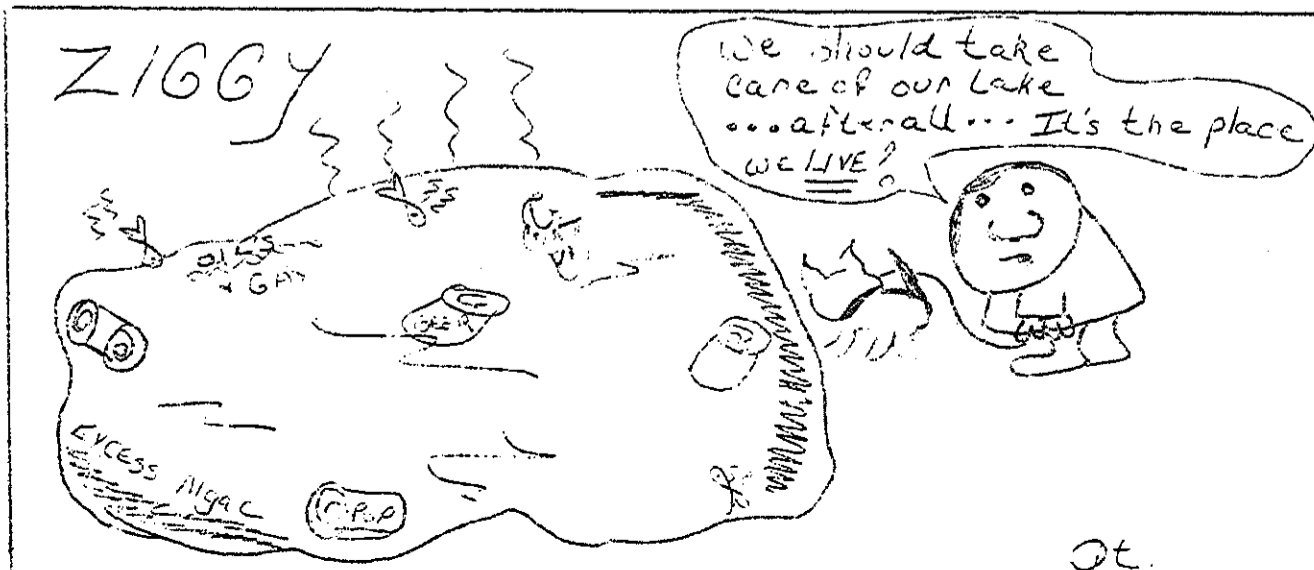
We are fortunate to have so many "caring people" on Birch Lake. Take for instance ex-commodore Joe O'Brien, and his efforts to find out where our lake stood on water purity, and how we could do something about it last year, this year, and in the coming years. He became involved, and spent many hours of his own time taking water samples, getting them analyzed, organizing the septic tank tests last year, and so on. This was just part of the work he did for which all of us benefitted. Then there is Ken and Darlene Troyer, who worked with Joe closely last year on water purity, and attended meetings and seminars in far away places to keep abreast of the testing methods, to learn what affects our water and causes it to decay, such as excess nitrogen from lawn fertilizers. They became involved! Shirley & Bob Ross attended the Michigan Lakes and Streams meeting last fall and they reported on it in our last Birch Barker. They became involved! They care!

None of these people are paid for their time or efforts. Fees for testing water samples, association dues and other costs are paid out of the \$12.00 yearly dues we pay to support these efforts, but their time is donated. Ginny Spratt, our Treasures, Darlene Troyer, our Birch Barker editor (Hey! wasn't last weeks Birch Barker a dandy? Hats off to Darlene and all of those who made this issue possible.) Bud Lovejoy, our fleet captain, our directors and trustees - - - everyone who is so involved to make Birch Lake a better place to live. They care, and all of the residents should salute them for a job well done.

Bill Hayden  
Commodore

#### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Don't forget to send in those directory changes if the 1974 directory is not correct. There are many of you who already sent in correction slips but I'm sure there are more corrections yet to be added. Monday is the deadline for these, please send them in to cottage # 181. Thank-You.



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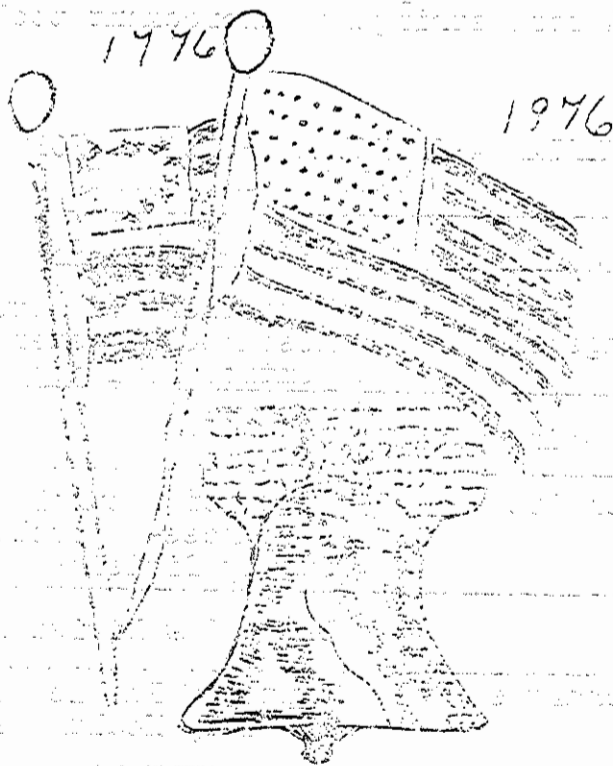
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USE PONTOON BOATS, RAFTS, MOTOR BOATS, OR ANYTHING THAT FLOATS.  
TOW IT, ROW IT, JUST SO YOU SHOW IT!

Enter the Bicentennial Boat Parade Sunday July 4th. It will be fun for everyone. Be part of our 200th anniversary by portraying some of the early American events. The theme should be historical. Bettsie Ross or Paul Revere, The Liberty Bell or Boston Tea Party. Play music or records. Wear costumes or old clothes. Dig out Dad's old musket. Be an American Indian. Fly the flag and play the flute - - - use your imagination and design a float to portray the theme. Be a part of the parade - - have fun making the display, and have fun seeing others with their displays. There will be lots of prizes. The entry instructions will be in next weeks Birch Barker, but start now to design your display and begin work on it.

This is for kids of all ages - - after all, people of all ages took part in the events of 1776 - - - didn't they?



Just

Justice

THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1972

The most comprehensive program ever enacted to clean up the Nation's waters became law on October 18, 1972. Known as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, the new law mandates a sweeping Federal-State campaign to prevent, reduce and eliminate water pollution.

The law proclaims two general goals for the United States:  
 (1) To achieve wherever possible by July 1, 1983, water that is clean enough for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife.  
 (2) and by 1985, to have no discharges of pollutants into the Nation's waters.

Those are goals. They reflect deep national concern about the condition of the Nation's waters and a strong commitment to end water pollution.

Moreover, the goals set the stage for a coordinated series of specific actions that must be taken--with strict deadlines and strong enforcement provisions--by Federal, State and local governments and by industries.

The new law builds upon and improves earlier Federal water pollution control legislation. While the States retain primary responsibility to prevent, reduce and eliminate water pollution, they must now do so within the framework of a new national program. And if the States do not or cannot fulfill their obligations under the law, the Federal government, through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is empowered and directed to take action.

Also for the first time, the law authorizes the Federal government to seek an immediate court injunction against polluters when water pollution presents "an imminent and substantial endangerment" to public health, or when it endangers someone's livelihood.

The law also increases Federal aid to help local governments build sewage treatment facilities, makes financial aid available to small businesses to help them control water pollution and provides streamlined and more stringent enforcement tools than ever before.

MICHIGAN GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR INLAND LAKE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

Problem Area	Responsible Gov. Units	Telephone
Aquatic Plants & Algae Inland Lake Management	Department of Natural Resources - Water Quality Control Division	(517) 373-8000
Soil Erosion & Sedimentation	"	(517) 373-1947
Dredge & fill permits Lake Boards Lake Levels	Dept. of Natural Resources - Hydrological Survey Division	(517) 373-3930
Public Access	DNR - Law Division	(517) 373-0626
Septic Tank Discharges	Dept. of Public Health & County Health Dept.	(517) 373-1360
Fisheries	Dept. of Natural Resources - Fisheries Division	(517) 373-1280 or DNR District Office

+ Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Stevens T. Mason Bldg. Lansing, MI 48926

Michigan Department of Public Health, 3500 North Logan, Lansing, MI 48906

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OPERATIONS OF WATERCRAFTS  
on all STATE CONTROLLED WATERWAYS.

No person shall operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcoholic beverage or narcotic drug, nor shall the operator consume any alcoholic beverage while in the process of operating any watercraft.

Any person who operates any watercraft in a careless and heedless manner so as to disregard the rights or safety of others, and at a speed that would endanger or likely to endanger any person or property shall be guilty of reckless operation.

No person shall operate any watercraft in a manner so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful use by others of any water.

No person shall operate any watercraft at a speed greater than will permit him, in exercise of reasonable care, to bring the watercraft to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

No operator of any watercraft shall have in tow any person on water skies, watersled, surfboard, or any similar contrivance during the period one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise.

All accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage to exceed fifty dollars shall be reported to local law authorities. (Sheriff's Department in this area).

There must be two (2) persons in any watercraft towing water skiers or any similar contrivance.

All persons must be seated in the seats provided when the watercraft is underway or in motion; sitting on the decks or gunwale is prohibited.

No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than one hundred (100) feet to any fishing craft.

No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than one hundred (100) feet from any swimming area except when docking or debarking.

No person being towed on water skies or other similar contrivance shall be closer than fifty (50) feet to any swimming area, fishing craft, pier, raft, or another watercraft.

The only exception to regulation above is when landing and taking off - then, extreme caution must be used.

Running lights are required on all watercrafts between sunset and sunrise. (Red and Green front; white on rear).

Any organized and properly supervised race (authority from State Waterways Commission) has the right-of-way over waters designated as raceway during the period of the race.

Sheriff  
Cass County, Michigan

PLEASE POST THIS IN YOUR HOUSE WHERE ALL CAN READ THIS AND BE  
AWARE OF THE MICHIGAN RULE AND REGULATIONS....THESE ARE LAWS!

# Lake

# News!

On Sunday, June 13th a special birthday dinner was given for John Ball and his mother Genevieve who were both born on the same date - a few years apart. Present were Brian, Cindy and Matthew Hague, John and Sue Ball, Steve, Julie, and John's loving wife Marty.  
HAPPY 39th DAD!

Sally and Michelle Carey and Scott Alan Troyer went to living waters Bible camp last week. It was alot of fun for all 55 kids who attended. They went swimming, horse back riding, did craft work, listened to storys and went on nature walks. Scotts only complaint was that his feet kept getting tired..

Rosie caught a chipmunk. But this is no ordinary chipmunk. This one is 3 feet tall, has blonde hair and blue eyes and talks. Dewayne has the mumps. The whole Weaver family has fun calling him their pet chipmunk. He's not having much fun.

The Cranmers of cottage #311 had a big teen party Saturday June 12. Their granddaughter Julie celebrated her 13th birthday. To help Julie enjoy her special day were 21 guests from Birch Lake and Elkhart. All had a good time swimming and eating all the special birthday goodies. Mom and Dad (Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cranmer) were the chaperones for the days event.

The Birch Lake grape vine hears that Art Glentons granddaughter, Debbie, finally mastered the art of slalom skiing. Congratulations!!!!!!

Elizabeth Carey is up for a months visit from Florida. She is here to visit her family, children and friends. If this nice weather continues she just might stay two months instead of one.

Laurie Scofield spent the past week with her sister, Darlene Troyer. After a week of hot weather in South Bend she decided that Birch Lake would be the place to visit.

Anyone that would be interested in a ski show the 4th of July weekend, please contact Tim Shay at cottage #71 or call 476-2141

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BABYSITTING WANTED- Leslie and Paula Kruggel. Cottage# #388 or phone 476-2169

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FOR GIVE AWAY - 1 day bed- very old!  
1 old upholstered chair  
Cottage 353 - phone 476-9713

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For Sale- Tandem bicycle. Schwinn - gold. Like new condition. \$ 70.  
Cottage 46A-Redwood A-frame.  
Contact on weekends.

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Worker For Hire! You show it- We mow it!! Prices start at one dollar. 476-2154 We also do odd jobs.

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14 year old girl available for babysitting in your home. Lives on North side of lake. Please contact anytime at 476-2242. ask for Renee'. Has experience.

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Do you need summer work? A space is waiting for you in the Birch Barker.

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Della Meyers. Back at good old Birch Lake -

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This recipe comes from Julie Weaver, who received it from Texas friend.

Fry diced potatoes or frozen fries. (One per person) As they crisp grate american or cheddar cheese on top & allow to melt. Add 1/2 c. sour cream & continue to cook out the moisture. Beat one egg per person and pour over potatoes cover & cook. (Optional: add onions, herbs, mushrooms, pimento etc.  
Serve with garlic toast.

Granny Klappaufs house is jump-  
ing this week. Daughter Kathy  
& son-in-law Ed Fenrich, also  
their children Lisa & Holly, and  
nieces Carol & Lynnette Klessig.  
Lisa celebrated her 5th birthday  
Monday June 14th and had a great  
time. This week-end guests are  
to be Richard & Lois Lentz  
children Della, Lentz, from St.  
Joseph, MI. Jean Klessig from  
Hoffman Estates, IL, Rudy and  
Lilie Fenrich from Schaumburg,  
IL, Elmer & Ruth Puskala from  
Brigman, MI and Glen & Brenda  
Fong & children from Hoffman  
Estates IL. Oh! can't forget  
Gramps Klappauf too. Boy, won't  
we be busy.

Well the Mike Machallecks have  
moved in with his parents at  
# 51 for the summer--we, to  
share our lake and they to share  
our work as well as fun. Lori  
got to stay a week earlier with  
Gramma because she had finished  
Nursery school and Brian still  
had 3 more days of kindergarten.

We've spent too much time teach-  
ing the kids to share, and now  
regret it. Brian & Lori have  
been so generous with the poison  
ivy they picked up at the Mill  
Pond that all of us adults are  
now itching and scratching.

Our compliments to the editor and  
staff for the first Barker. It  
had many interesting articles  
we enjoyed. The Machallecks.

To anyone who noticed Machallecks  
2 section pier, we can't really  
walk on water! Kind of wished  
we could when we had to retrieve  
all the broken line & fish hooks  
left on the understructure by  
the many unhappy fisherman who  
let that Big One get away.

#### VIEWS

With the beginning of the season  
everyone is in the middle of  
cleaning up yards and houses.  
Here are some of the things to  
remember concerning disposal  
of trash. First of all there  
is house to house pickup of trash  
for a nominal fee all around Birch  
Lake. Anyone who needs this ser-  
vice just ask your neighbor if  
you can place a note on his trash  
can and removal will begin that  
day or call the Cassopolis list-  
ing. (Verburgs)

Remember if you wish to burn trash  
that only those thing considered  
paper trash and dry leaves are to  
be burned in acceptable containers.  
Although this may be the "country"  
do be considerate of your neighbor  
and remember the golden rule.  
Would you like it it your

(continued)

neighbor flooded your house  
with smoke?

Already this spring some spray  
cans have exploded in trash  
burners. This is illegal and  
dangerous.

Garbage burning is also an  
obnoxious habit. The 'coons  
won't disturb your garbage pail  
if you spray it, have a locked  
lid or slip a small chain  
through the three handles of a  
regular can.

Remember, Birch Lake is our  
lake. Yours and mine and  
everyone else who owns or rents  
and uses the lake. NO DUMPING  
of anything in the lake.

It will only be through OUR  
efforts that Birch Lake stays  
a pleasant place to live.

From Mrs. Douglas Weaver

#### EDITORS CORNER

I'd like to thank all of the  
people who commented or called  
to tell me how much they liked  
the 1st issue of the Birch  
Barker. I hope the following  
issues will be just as good---  
but the only way I can accomplish  
this is with your articles and  
views. If you have views or  
ideas you'd like published send  
them in along with your signa-  
tures.

Sorry last weeks issue of the  
Barker was so light, but the  
mimeo machine isn't working  
properly.

We're looking forward to next  
weeks Barker to see the dates  
that our commodore will set for  
the ladies and mens golf outings,  
the couples sunfish race, Monte  
Carlo night, the fall dinner  
and of course all about the  
special Bicentennial display  
of fireworks.

Hope that everyone will be  
taking the Birch Barker this  
summer. Birch Barker subscrip-  
tion fees are \$3.00 this year  
due to rising costs (of course!).  
Directorys will be \$1.00 for  
non-members. The \$12.00 mem-  
bership fee does include the  
Birch Barker and Directorys.  
If you not a member give your  
Barker subscription money to  
our Commodore, your area director  
or bring the money to my house  
#181.

Thank-You Darlene Troyer

Kelly Troyer is about to  
celebrate her FIRST birthday.  
June 24th will be the big day  
when she gets to dive into her  
cake and make a mess that only  
a mother could love.

Happy birthday to Kenneth Troyer  
of the west side. Kenny will  
be (39)!!?? on June 24th.  
Happy Birthday Kenny Love ????