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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

The Birch Lake Yacht Club wishes to

express its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dvorak cottage # 337 for allowing us the use of their property to shoot off the July 4th fireworks.

FALL DINNER

August 28 is the date of the annual Birch Lake fall dinner and meeting. It will be held at the Cass County Fair grounds and will be a sit-down family-style swiss steak dinner served by the Farm Bureau Ladies. Be sure to mark your calendar and to watch for more details in The Birch Barker.

ATTENTION LADIE GOLFERS

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a group of ladies join together at Park Shores Golf course. Anyone that is interested in playing golf with these women from the lake should be at the golf course and ready to tee off at 8:15.


BOAT PARADE RESULTS

Lots of paint, tape, nails, paper, and flags as 21 boats were combined to make the 1976 Birch Lake Boat Parade a success. The first six winners were:

1. France, #386: "California or Bust"
2. Reith, #301: Life, Libery & the Pursuit Of Happiness
3. Blackwood, Hayden, Nagy: Boston Tea Party
4. Schaar, #141: Fort Bennington
5. Lovejoy, #102: Statue Of Liberty
6. Kruggel, #388: Statue Of Liberty

Other entries were Whitmans #41, Milnes #93, Badgers #6, Habich, Claro's & others #380, Zessinger #268, Rosses #101, Carcys #350, Davis #322, Doolittle #353, Lindenfeld #117, Troyer #181, Harrises #200-2, Dufours #120, Blackwoods #297, and Wents #H 6 who each received prizes, too.

Sargent Parrish helped lead the parade and (as many boaters know) stayed on the lake several hours. The judges included Bob Temple #232, Kay and Bob Greenig #42, Julie Weaver #004, and Julie Ball #98. Julie Ball was instrumental in purchasing the prizes. A big thak you to the judges, the participants, the weatherman, and to the spectators for making the parade a success and a lot of fun. Oops! almost forgot extra thanks to Judy Olson (also a judge) for the set up and planning of the parade.

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4th of July Regatta	PLACE	POINTS
D. Lovejoy	1/1/1	0.0
M. Machallack	4/2/3	16.7
B. Carpenter	3/3/6	23.1
L. Zelasko	5/6/2	24.7
Kevin Kruggel	2/5/7	26.0
Kurt Kruggel	6/4/8	33.7
A. Courtney	8/10/4	38.0
G. Varga	7/7/9	41.0
R. Whitenan	11/12/5	45.0
B. Tunncliff	10/8/13	49.0
C. Haines	9/13/10	50.0
D. Carpenter	13/9/12	52.0
S. Visick	12/11/11	53.0

A great turnout of 18 boats sailed for the fourth of July regatta this year. Dave Lovejoy made a perfect score of 0 points. Dave sailed very well in the 3 races to win all of them. Mike Machallack took second, and Bill Carpenter thrid. The regatta scoring system is different from the regular season scoring system in that you try to get as few points as possible in the regatta. First place is 0 points. Second is 3, and so on.

SEASON TOTAL	PLACE	TOTAL POINTS	AVERAGE	BONUS	BONUS & AVERAGE
Dave Lovejoy	1/1/1	9069	1512	60	1572
Kevin Kruggel	2/5/9	8562	1427	60	1487
Dave Troegger	DNS/DNS/6	5411	1353	40	1393
Leo Zelasko	5/6/2	7877	1313	60	1373
Bill Carpenter	3/3/8	7873	1312	60	1372
Mike Machallack	4/2/3	5295	1324	40	1364
Kurt Kruggel	6/4/10	7392	1232	60	1292
Tim Troeger	7/DNS/7	5861	1172	50	1222
George Varga	8/7/11	6367	1061	60	1121
Al Courtney	9/11/4	5343	1069	50	1119
Ron Whiteman	12/13/5	5694	949	60	1009
Bill Hammus	DNS/DNS/13	3764	941	40	981
Bill Tuncliff	11/8/18	4503	901	50	951
Dave Olson	DNS/DNS/16	3207	802	40	842
Clem Haines	10/14/14	3095	774	40	814
Joe O'Brien	14/14/DNS	3771	754	50	804
Dick Carpenter	15/9/17	3734	747	50	797
Scott Visick	13/12/15	3710	742	50	792

With Dave Lovejoy's winning three 1st places over the weekend, he took first place overall in the season standings. Kevin Kruggel is a close 2nd, and Dave Troegger thrid. Leo Zelasko and Kurt Kruggel have a very close one point race going for fourth place. Will the sailors who have not paid their dues of \$8.00 please do so as soon as possible.

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GARAGE SALE

This is the last day for the huge sale at Curtis' on the east side. Many books, toys, dishes, bikes, motor bike, toaster broiler, viberator and more.
Saturday July 10.

SAILING CHALLENGE FROM AMF ALCORT

AMF Alcott and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports are pleased to announce the Presidential Sports Award for sailing. This new program will help to focus attention on sailing as a sport that more and more Americans should experience for sheer enjoyment and health benefits.

To become eligible for this award one must sail a minimum of fifty (50) hours (no more than 2 1/2 hours per day may be credited to the total) and record the information on an official entry log. Sailors successfully completing the requirements are eligible to receive an official emblem patch, pin and certificate signed by the President.

Official entry logs are available from Leo Zelasko, cottage 158.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

After a year's absence, the fireworks display sponsored by Birch Lakers boomed and sparkled its way across the quiet waters of Birch once more. This year's brilliant, sparkling, resounding display was worth the wait and fit in quite well as a glittering finale to a day celebrated jointly across our nation. Our spectacular came off with only a few hitches (change of location etc.) in a day that saw cooperation from weatherman, horn honkers, bell ringers, BIC-Flickers and just about everyone else. A special thanks to all those responsible for arranging the extravaganza--especially the Porter Township Fire Department who again did a bang-up job of staging our display.

I for one wish this weren't the last display, but....

We'd also like to thank all of the nice people who contributed extra money towards the fireworks. Many people that are not from the lake and came to watch in their cars were more than generous with their donations to our yacht club. THANK YOU!

COUPLES SUNFISH RACE

It's time again. Time to patch up squabbles with your favorite (opposite sex) sailing partner. The annual Birch Lake Couples Sunfish Race is just a few weeks away. August 2. Start now to make you and your chosen partner compatible for one (1) race session. Compare notes, strategies and tactics. Reserve your partner and Sunfish now. If you know of a neighbor with a Sunfish worthy of such a fun event, but without a fitting crew, please secure permission of the owner and rush his name to the Troyers #181. In this way, crews with no Sunfish may contact the Troyers in hopes of finding a worthy Sunfish for the race. With luck, by the end of the race day as many as 40 couples may have found out just how long they were compatible. More information in next weeks Barker, Chairpersons for this event will be Ken and Darlene Troyer.

SOUNDOFF

Congratulations all of you selfish people who are smart enough to drive powerboats, park powerboats, and make waves. Your presence on Birch Lake is not needed!

As published earlier this year in the Barker, sailboats have the right of way. They should not have to alter course to go around a parked or moving powerboat. Many sailors in last week's sunfish races had to change course to go around or avoid selfish watchers or boaters. Please, in the weeks to come, if you see a sailboat (usually recognized by a colorful triangular sail) get the heck out of his way. You stand a good chance of having your boat registration number turned into the local fuzz.

A special thanks to the childish individuals so intent in plowing
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their surf board repeatedly past the boat parade last Sunday. You really helped test the patience of the parade drivers and the soundness of the decorative structures as well as the balance of many of the participants.

BIRCH BARKER EDITOR SOUNDS OFF

Birch Barkers are distributed to Association members and to Barker subscribers only. Those of you who have been receiving Barkers free in the weeks past will no longer be getting a Barker. If for some reason you have paid and aren't receiving a Barker call your Director or Birch Barker Carrier, not me. Membership dues are \$12.00 and separate Barker fees are \$4.00 (this includes the price of the directory). If a director has not collected from you as of yet take your money to the treasurer Ginny Spratt # 266, or your director, or me the editor #181 now.

The problem with speeding cars is again getting out of hand. Too many people on this lake drive as if they were going to the races. While bike riding the other day I was literally run off the road by a metallic gray car that resides on the south end of the lake. I'm sure that to you, your speed was not that great; but to those on foot or bikes that speed could be fatal. Please slow down!!

It's time again to beg for more articles for the Barker. This paper can be full of interesting things for all to read if you turn in those articles. The Barker needs your support to function. When your news hound comes around please give him or her suggestions to make the Barker more interesting, your pet peves, lake news, your favorite recipe, comments for the betterment of the lake association, ideas on solving water pollution problems, etc.

The Mens Golf Outing is in the making. Chairmen Phill Carey is working on arrangements and will have the date and time for us in the next Barker issue. Anyone that would like to help Phill on the golf outing can contact him at 476-2821.

Anyone that would like to help work on the committee for the Couples Sunfish race can contact me 476-2639. I need people to help with decorations, refreshment, and lining up boats for others to use.

A warning to the un-courteous boaters who have been interfering with the Sunfish races--there are many unhappy sailors and many spectators on shore that will be more than willing to turn your registration number into the sheriff's department if this kind of abuse continues!

I'd like to thank all of these special people for their devotion and dedication to the lake for distributing the Birch Barker.

The Barker carriers are North End: The Zessinger Family

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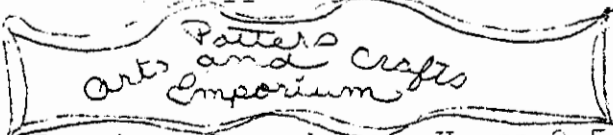
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News!

4th of July weekend brought many guests to Birch Lake and cottage #32. The Gard's were hosts to Dr. Tom and Barbara Pugh of Culver Indiana, and their two children Kim and John, their daughter and her son-in-law Debbie and Dave Williams, and Dave's Mom and Dad Arlene and Jack Williams, of Lowell Indiana. Plenty of good food, nice weather, the boat parade and the beautiful fireworks, made the weekend one to remember by all.

Amy Ross #101 thoroughly enjoyed her 5th birthday on July 4th. It was celebrated with friends, neighbors and relatives. The highlight of her day (besides presents and cake and ice cream) was being Betsy Ross in the boat parade!

Nina Weaver and her two lively boys, Mathew 8 and Joul 7, are spending the holiday at Birch with their Grandma and Grandpa, Carolyn and Hubert Weaver. Dad Larry had to stay home in Lethbridge, Alberta Canada to carry on as chairman of the Art Dept. at the University of Lethbridge. After a hilarious two weeks Nina and the boys are leaving for home via Amtrack from Niles on July 6th.

Suprise visit for Ray and Rose Klappauf when son Carl, wife Sandy and granddaughter Carla Jean, and grandson Brian Carl came to spend 4th of July weekend with them. A good time was had by all.

Happy birthday to Rose Klappauf who will celebrate her birthday on July 14th.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSE FROM THE EAST SIDE GANG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Grapevine says congratulations to eight year old Eric Bender who learned to ski July 5th. Very Good!

I am an East side resident and I want to let all you residents on South, West and North sides of the lake know that the lighting up of all cottages was great, it looked like Christmas. We also enjoyed the boat parade, much work and effort went into making the boat parade a success.
EAST SIDE RESIDENT

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Brian Torzewski-
Congratulations on your engagement

Eight people celebrated July 4th by all skiing once around the lake at once. The skiers were Bob, Mike and Tim Shay, Mike Miller, Dawn Abel, Lisa Coan, Deb Glenton, and Randy Whiteman. Our driver was Greg Glenton and our observers were Colleen and Chris Shay. Thanks to neighbors who loaned us the equipment, and a curse on the boater who tried to dump us. We challenge anybody to out-do us!

Grandma Bernaciak had a house full over the July 4th weekend. Ken, Mary Elen, Kevin Bernaciak, Chuck, Eileen (Bernaciak), Guy Fitzer and Mike, friend of Kevin.

Guy is 17 months old and started swimming lessons when he was 2 months old. Guy spent all of Sunday swimming and enjoying Birch Lake water. All had a good time.

The walls at the Ken Troyers were busting at the seams with the Troyer clan and the Scofield family fourth of July weekend. Friend Sherri Hays and her son Mikka from Elkhart also joined in the fun. All enjoyed the boat parade and the fantastic fireworks display.

This weeks recipe:
Brown Sugar Chicken

Place one cut up chicken in a pan large enough to accomodate. Salt and Pepper the bird. Next sprinkle with garlic salt (amount depends on how much garlic you like). Sprinkle 3/4 to 1c. of light brown sugar on top of chicken then dot with butter. Bake 350° for 1hour. Makes a good juicy chicken with a sweet gravy sauce.

Congratulations to Tery and Judy Curtis who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on July 15th.
Your neighbors and friends.

Happy Birthday to Mort Hunt who will celebrate his birthday on July 19th -- which on is it ???
Your friends on the East side.