

THE BIRCH BARKER

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from Beautiful Birch Lake
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

A hearty "Welcome Aboard" to our new Birch Barker editor,
G. PEDRO KINNER,

grandson of HELEN and I.T. BOWERS, editor and Commodore early 60's. Pedro put lots of zip into our first Barker; wrote it, typed it, had it printed, and hand delivered it. Pedro says "It's the only way I could figure out what I was supposed to be writing about." Thanks for an outstanding job!

There are several others that deserve a big thanks,

The WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE:

BOB & GERT TEMPLE
RANDY & FRAN WELCH
EARL & CONNIE TROEGER

WATER MONITORING PROGRAM:

Names and map of water sample locations can be found on attached map.

YACHT CLUB REPAIRS

The \$3700 expense incurred was the result of water damage that occurred in the fall of '86. Runoff from the field above the Yacht Club washed a trench two feet deep and ten feet wide under the northwest corner of the building. Necessary footings, concrete work and fill dirt have been installed to correct the problem. Three directors loaned the yacht club funds to help facilitate these repairs.

For those of you that may have forgotten, the directors for 1987 are

BOB TEMPLE	BUD ZESINGER
HAROLD CRANMER	DON HARMAN
BILL HOLLEMAN	FRANK HORVATH
BILL CARPENTER	HERM KRUGGEL
KEN EVERETT	MARTY SANTE
NANCY WALKER	EARL TROEGER

OFFICERS:

Vice-Commodore	DAN REYNOLDS	Secretary	FRAN WELCH
Treasurer	LYNNE SCHAAR	Fleet Captain	TOM HOWARD

We presently have 86 members for 1987 and are looking forward to many more. This wonderful weather is going to last all the way to next fall so let's all get together and celebrate a long summer at the DIRECTORS COCKTAIL PARTY on JUNE 20 (just one week away). A great way to relax after a hard day of GARAGE SALES.

KEN TATE
Commodore

T O M O R R O W S A T U R D A Y J U N E 1 3

BIKE-A-THON for

St. Jude's Research Hospital for Children

We will begin at 9AM Michigan time from JOYCE KLIMEK'S with parking in the field - watch for signs. A check-in table will be set up there and bikers, walkers, paddleboaters, etc, will proceed to the public access. Water stations are at the access, BERNACIAK'S about halfway and at KLIMEK'S. Restroom facilities will also be available at Klimek's.

BE THERE AND BRING FRIENDS - SPONSOR SOMEONE - SIGN UP ANYTIME

Don't forget the DIRECTOR'S COCTAIL PARTY just one week from now right after the second director's meeting. So find your director, give him your views and dues, and sit back and enjoy a beautiful summer at Birch Lake.

SATURDAY is annual Yacht Club Clean-up day so come on over and check things out. Should be enough refreshments to survive the heat and you should feel much better after helping out.

On SUNDAY JUNE 21ST the Birch Lake Improvement Association will be presenting a COUNTRY FAIR DAY BENEFIT at Camp Bellowood on Rt. 12 near Union, MI. The event will feature singer Roger Greggs & Band, Barn Dancing, Talent Show, Jam Session, Arts & Crafts, Quilt Raffle, Bake Sale, Food by Port-A-Pit, and Door Prizes. They are looking for more talent and Arts & Crafts entries, for information and ticket orders phone (616) 476-2370. Tickets at the gate will be \$3 - Children FREE.
REMEMBER JUNE 21ST -- NOON - 5 P.M.

For those of you looking for some afternoon fun I happened to bicycle across a neat family operated GO KART TRACK on Corey Lake road just north of the Camp Eberhart turnoff. The owners are very friendly and don't allow any horseplay, its only 10 miles from BIRCH, and they even have a driving range for parents not wanting to ride the karts. The price is only \$2 for 5 minutes and beginners are taught how to operate the equipment before taking off on their own. LOTS OF FUN!!

TIPS AND TAILS

Tyler took off on vacation for Florida, I'm still trying to figure out why with the temperatures and beautiful weather we've been having. Danny went to Indianapolis last weekend for a fishing contest which netted wins in 4 of 5 categories and \$331, but he had to split that with two partners. I've been seeing quite a few fishermen on weekends but the good sized ones just aren't off my pier like they used to be. JOYCE KLIMEK writes "When a large number of good sized dead fish were found on Lazy Lodge shores, I called the DNR. We were the seventeenth lake to report in. They said it was due to lake stratification at this time of year. You remember - cold water on the bottom comes up because surface waters are warming up, so in simple terms, it rolls over. Due to lack of oxygen while this was happening, many fish died.

The DNR was also asked to look into our depleting minnow population which is probably due to the large amount of trapping that is taking place. It took many phone calls, but on JUNE 1, Denny Gordon and helper came to Birch to check the minnows. Actual observation around the lake and verification by several residents were cause for Denny to make a report to Dave Johnson which could lead to the banning of minnow trappers from Birch Lake for as long as 5 years. YIPPEE!!

JUST FOR THE RECORD

BIRCH LAKE WATER TEMPS (March thru June '87)

Recorded on shore Woodland Cove 307

March			April		May	
9	26'	ice	7	31'	4	49'
15	28'	ice	12	38-41'	17	62'
22	38'		17	46'	27	60'
31	30'		29	46'	29	68'

FAMILY NEWS

I know there were several families here last weekend just like every weekend at BIRCH, its very hard to call everyone for these tidbits so I haven't. If you have news and you don't know what to do with it, just drop it by cottage 307 in the COVE, or flag me down the next time I ride, swim, or paddle past your cottage. When all else fails call 476-2420 leave your cottage # and I'll be by to pick it up.

1 DOLLAR ADS

ADS

FOR SALE - Antique Dental Cabinet, Double Bed Boxsprings, Mattress and Frame - Cypress Gardens Slalom Ski - Picnic Table and Benches - Captain's (Kitchen and other Chairs - misc items.
CALL MURPHYS 476-2263

STEAL OF THE WEEK

Sailboard by 'WINDSURFER'
1 year old - Tequila Multi-Sail - Like New \$800
Can be seen at 63476 Birch Road (East shore)
CALL KENSILL 476-2114

GARAGE SALES (a week from now on SATURDAY)

LOUISE RIETH of Woodland Cove will be holding the annual West shore garage and yard sale on JUNE 20 anyone wishing to help or bring their salable items should contact LOUISE at the BIKE-A-THON, she'll be there all day or call 2174.

SOUTH SIDE *** JUNE 20 *** from 8 AM to 12 NOON
3 locations MACHALLECK'S, HARLAN'S, and EAST'S.
Stop by and get some great bargains.

This seems to be a good weekend to shift all those neat things from one cottage to another so if you've been thinking about your own sale just let us know for next weeks issue of THE BIRCH BARKER.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO GET YOUR FAMILY NEWS IN EARLY, LATE OR WHENEVER. JUST BE SURE TO GET IT IN.

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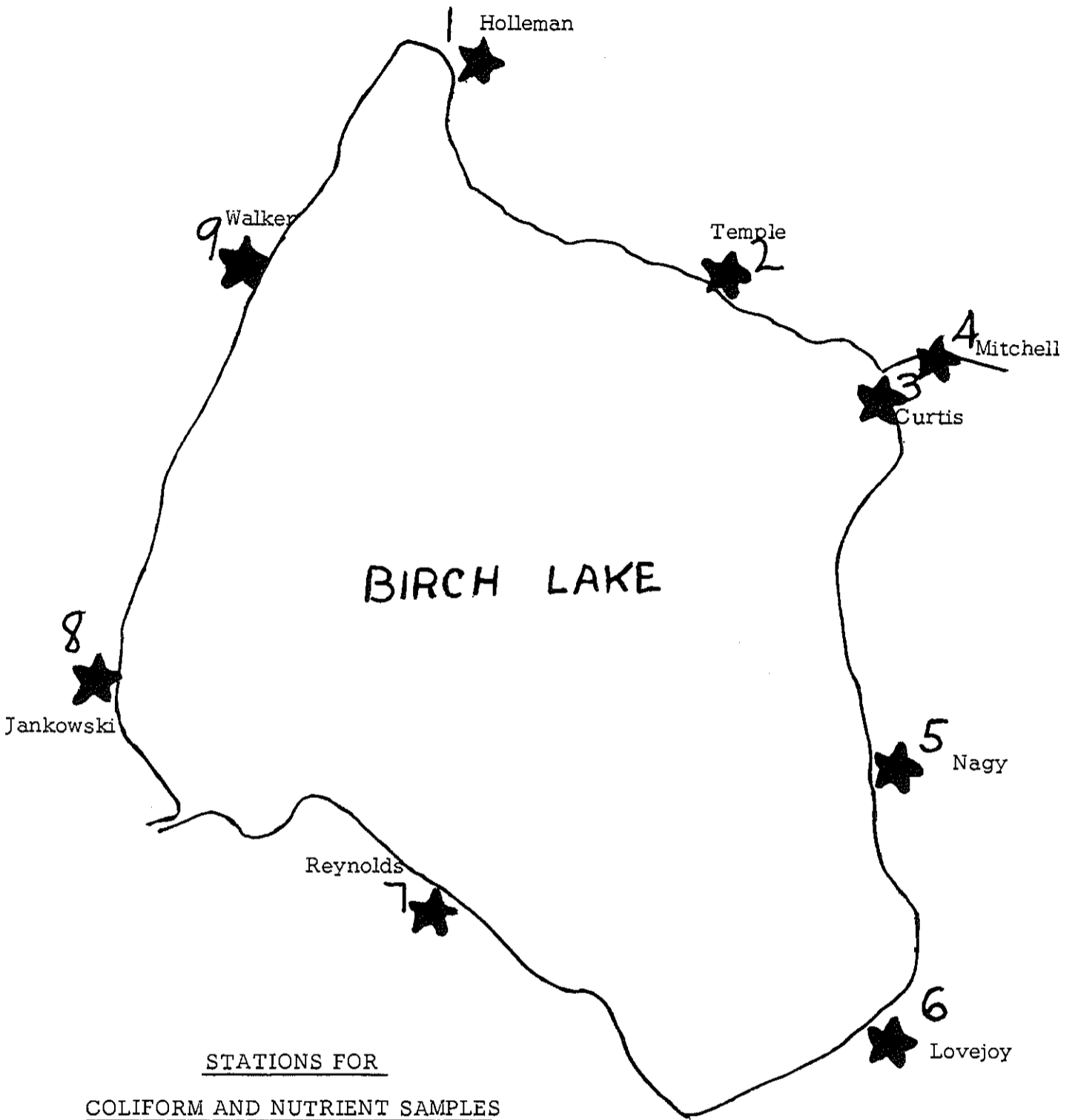
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT BIRCH LAKE SURVEY PROGRAM

Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee
Monitoring Program



STATIONS FOR
COLIFORM AND NUTRIENT SAMPLES