

THE BIRCH BARKER

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from Beautiful Birch Lake
#4 - Vandalia, Michigan 26 JUNE 1987

E V E N T S

JUNE 28 (SUNDAY MORNING) SAILING - SUNFISH RACES
10:30 INDIANA TIME
4TH OF JULY (SATURDAY MORNING) BICYCLE PARADE - WEST SHORE
(EVENING) F I R E W O R K S
5TH OF JULY (SUNDAY MORNING) PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT YACHT CLUB
((10:30 INDY TIME) SAILING - SUNFISH & MC
JULY 11 (SATURDAY) DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 12 (SUNDAY MORNING) SAILING - SUNFISH & MC
LATE IN JULY LADIES LUNCHEON
MENS GOLF OUTING
AUGUST 8 TRIATHLON & PARTY
KIDS TRIATHLON ALSO WATCH FOR DETAILS.
AUGUST 29 (SATURDAY) F A L L D I N N E R

WATCH FOR CASINO NITE IN AUGUST

S A I L I N G

Every Sunday morning - 10:30 Indiana Time

JUNE 21 RACE RESULTS

1ST RACE		2ND RACE	
1	TOM HOWARD	1	TOM HOWARD
2	HAROLD CRANMER	2	HAROLD CRANMER
3	MATT ROSS	3	MIKE GOTSTEIN
4	MIKE GOTSTEIN	4	MARTY SANTE
5	MARTY SANTE	5	MATT ROSS
6	COLEY COOK	6	COLEY COOK

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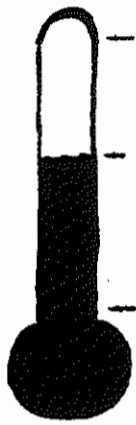
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FIREWORKS



— 1800 4th of July
 — 1355 — 23 June
 — 327 — 19 June

Our donations have been coming in at a very good rate, but as of last Tuesday evening we were still only 2/3 of the way to our 1987 goal of \$1800. Our total as of Tuesday was \$1355 with several people committing but not yet able to get their money in. The list below will not be complete until the fireworks are in the air, so PLEASE donate ASAP for the greatest display BIRCH LAKE has ever seen.

If your name is not on the list and you have donated contact LYNNE SCHAAR on the EAST SHORE cottage 141, 63382 Birch Road, brown cottage with name on mailbox, phone 476-2302. THIS WILL BE A GREAT DISPLAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE LIST

BAKER, KENNETH
 BLIER, FRANK & GRACE
 BROWN, BRENT
 CAENEPEEL, JOE & SHIRLEY
 CLEVELAND, DON & BONNIE
 COOK, JIM & SHELIA
 DAVIS, DEAN & PHYLLIS
 DUFOUR, DUFFY & SUE
 EBERHART, GIL & BARBARA
 FOOS, CAROLE
 GODDARD, CECILIA & RAY
 GREER, ROBERT & DOROTHY
 HOLLEMAN, BILL & SHERRY
 JANKOWSKI, COY & JULIE
 KING, BILL & LE
 KLAPPAUF, RAY & LOLITA
 KRUGGEL, HERM & BEVERLY
 LOVEJOY, BUD & ANGIE
 MCNAMEE, KATHY & FAMILY
 MULLINS, BEA
 O'BRIEN, JOE & BETTY
 PARTRIDGE, ED & HELEN
 RASMUSSEN, BILL & LINDA
 REYNOLDS, DAN & JANET
 SANTE, MARTY & DORIS
 STEVENS, PAT
 TATE, KEN & LINDA
 TJADEN, JIM & JUANI
 TROEGER, TOM & PAT
 TUNNICLIFFE, BILL & JOANNE

BERNACIAK, MARY
 BOWERS, I.T. & HELEN
 BROWN, JOHN & NADINE
 CARPENTER, REG & MILDRED
 CONDON, TOM & MARGARET
 CRANMER, HAROLD & DONNA & BOB
 DRINKALL, TOM & SHIRLEY
 DUFOUR, CHRIS & LAURA
 EVERETT, KEN & SALLY
 GABLEMAN, J.W. & CLAUDIA
 GOTSTEIN, MIKE
 HABICH, DON & JEAN
 HUNT, MORT & JEAN
 JENSEN, MARGARET & LES
 KINNER, DAVE & MARGE
 KRING, DENNIS & MARY
 LAPIERRE, CHUCK & CHERI
 MACHALLECK, JOHN & ARLINE
 MONROE, NORM & NANCY
 MURPHY, JOHN & ODESSA
 OLSON, DAVE & JUDY
 PRICE, HARRY & EILEEN
 REITH, BUD & LOUISE
 ROGERS, VICKI & TOM
 SCHAAR, BARRY & LYNNE
 STOUT, GARY & WAUNETA
 TEMPLE, BOB & GERT
 TROEGER, JACK & JANET
 TUDOR, DENNIS & RITA
 ZESINGER, BUD & BARBERA

SO FAR THESE ARE THE FOLKS WE HAVE TO THANK FOR THIS YEARS DISPLAY, IF YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE THANKED PLEASE GET YOUR MONEY IN RIGHT AWAY.

Note: DENNIS AND MARY KRING have again offered their yard on the WEST shore as the location for our display, we have also added to this years contract a clause that states, 'the display will not begin until the shooter has been given the okay from our representative on the EAST shore', this will make the display a little later but much better.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING JULY 5TH

BRAD WALKER just completed his warm-up by fixing 300 breakfasts for the county road commission last weekend, we are hoping for a showing just as big so make sure you come early and get a HOT STACK. WATCH NEXT WEEKS BARKER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

B I K E P A R A D E

AMBER HOLLEMAN would like to have a bicycle parade on Saturday morning July 4th on the WEST shore, she will be contacting people in the area that would like to participate. I think it will be a lot of fun, this biking idea seems to have worked out very well.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND ENJOY BIRCH AT A LIESURLY PACE!



We need more participation from the rest of the sailboats on shore, I may be borrowing a neighbors boat to go out and give it a try. In the next few weeks there may be several special sailing events be prepared to accept the challenge and join the fleet. Summer doesn't last forever and you can't put it off till next year so come on out and practice after the races, the bouys are there for us all to try our own techniques. Every sailor in our fleet has offered to help anyone interested in learning how to race, just sail out and ask.

LAST WEEKS ACTIVITIES

It was a busy weekend for this editor, writer, and reporter, just wish I had room for some good pictures to show how much fun was being had here at Birch. The DIRECTORS COCKTAIL PARTY was a well attended but could always use a few more, I can't begin to name everyone but I met several new people and was quite pleased with the \$120 that was collected in the fireworks donation basket. On Sunday I watched the SAILBOAT RACES from shore again, it was kind of a strange morning to be on the water. Sunday noon was time to load my bicycle for a liesurely ride to Camp Bellowood for the COUNTRY FAIR DAY BENEFIT put on by the Improvement Association. Again I was introduced to several more residents that I had not already known, the chicken was great and it seemed that everyone except myself won a door prize, better luck next time. I returned to Birch to collect news but could not find anyone to take me water skiing, OH WELL maybe this week I'll get lucky.

BIKE-A-THON UPDATE

The T-shirts and Tote Bags have been ordered and should arrive just in time to be passed out at the PANCAKE BREAKFAST on July 5th. The ride was such a big success that our original pledges have been increased from \$993.80 to \$1331.02. LOUISE AND JOYCE say thanks again for all the support, and sorry DAN REYNOLDS we left your name out of last weeks credits.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR PRESENTATIONS!!!

WELCOME BACK TANNADOONAH

Our good neighbor has been mistreated again this year. Much kitchen equipment and a canoe were stolen some time in April. If anyone hears of anything that may be helpful please contact MRS. MURPHY at 2177. Also many weekend campers over Memorial Day had personal belongings stolen. Try to help them out if you can.

ADS

FOR SALE: 1973 15' SLICKCRAFT WITH 105 HP CHYRSLER, TRAILER & COVER.
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LOOKING FOR: 10-18 HP OUTBOARD MOTOR TO FIT A VOLKSBOAT
CONTACT THE OLSENS AT 476-2780.

FOR SALE: VOLKSBOAT - TRAILER - NO MOTOR . \$200.00
SAILBOARD BY 'WINDSURFER' TEQUILA SAIL BEAUTIFUL COND.
\$800.00 CONTACT KENSILL 476-2114

LOOKING FOR: SINGLE ROWING SCULL, BICYCLING PARTNERS, MORE TIME OFF,
SOMEONE TO PULL STEVE CRANMER AND I WATER SKIING.
CONTACT PEDRO IMMEDIATELY SUMMER IS GOIN' FAST.

CORRECTIONS:

BARB ZESINGER is helping with Barker deliveries on the East shore not BUD. I'm still looking for kids on all shores to help deliver if you got one call 476-2420.



NEWS FROM THE SHORES OF BIRCH LAKE...

OPEN LETTER FROM AN "Old Birch Laker"

Good job "Pedro", you are really following in your grandmothers 'pencil tracks', and we will be sorry to miss the rest of your good work.

This family has lived in Woodland Cove since the early 1940's, and four generations are enjoying Birch Lake and the Barker. They come from IND., COLO., and N. CAROLINA and always catch up on all the old issues, but not this year!

We have been members of the Yacht Club for 30 years, and are supporters of the Birch Lake Improvement Association, Bike-A-Thon, Triathlon, fireworks and any other charitable work sponsored by Birch Lakers.

Our interest is in our families and neighbors and not in the social events of the Yacht Club. The \$20 fee for twelve issues of the Barker seems a little beyond our pocketbook and that of many other "old timers" who would like to continue getting it. Five dollars per year would easily pay for the paper and in the long run add to the Yacht Club treasury.

Please rethink your policy and give us a break!

*****Your prayers have been answered, the Board at its June 20 meeting has decided to sell ads and make the BIRCH BARKER available to all residents. This will allow the Yacht Club to use almost \$1000 for water quality, building repairs, and many other worthwhile projects. Everyone needs to participate in some way so when your director comes knocking at your door, sit down and talk, now's your chance, and if you can't afford it volunteer your time. PARTICIPATE & COMMUNICATE!

WEST SHORE

This past weekend LIBBY and CHARLIE RICHEN from Cincinnati, Ohio were visiting at the PARTRIDGE cottage. By the time you read this GINNY, PAUL, RACHEL, AMANDA, & RYAN HILL, will be visiting with BRUCE & PATTI VATH joined by HELEN over the 4th of July.

How could you help but notice the big doin's at RICK & CATHY DOOLITTLES last weekend apparently dear old dad was celebrating his 80th birthday, I'm sorry I didn't get his name. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

What a happy Father's Day, especially for those that are new fathers. PAUL BOWERS, son of HELEN & I.T. recieved a beautiful present from his daughter TERI and husband, DOUG, his first grandson, BENJAMIN PAUL, 6lb. 12 ozs. THAT'S THE FIRST FOR PAUL AND BETTY AND 5TH GREAT GRANDCHILD FOR HELEN AND I.T. A happy day for all. Since HELEN is just now doing therapy for her new artificial knee joint, she will have to wait to welcome the new arrival as TERI & DOUG live in Cleveland. The cottage was packed due to the weekend rains but plenty of splashing took place when the sun came out. Daughter FRAN HOLDER with children STEVE & KAREN and friend JOHN BODNAR, MARSHA WODRICH with sons SEAN & CHRIS and our regular crew keep things pretty hectic around #307 COVE.

HAROLD & DONNA CRANMER will miss the fireworks this year while meeting up with their daughter and son-in-law, JULIE & STEVE PLAIA in Estes Park, maybe if they get up high enough they'll be able to see our giant display.

SOUTH SHORE

Remember the earthquake on June 9, that was the day CHAD TROEGER was born, son of TOM & LIBBY, and 1st GRANDSON OF EARL AND CONNIE TROEGER. I believe the quake took place when EARL found out he was a grandfather.

THAT'S IT FOR NOW I CAN ONLY PRINT WHAT I GET.

BIRCH LAKE COMMUTER WRITES:

While driving home from work at midnight five nights a week I come across all types of animals and deer, the speed limits don't take into account how fast an animal can run once its been blinded by your headlights. So far I've missed all the deer, my son was not so lucky.

Parking is another reason we must drive slowly around Birch, try driving home at midnight BONE WEARY TIRED and cars are parked in the ROAD. You are of course expected to dodge them, if your car has gotten to big for your space, or there are to many for your parking area, talk to a neighbor -- DON'T PARK IN THE ROAD!!!

If you're a jazz fan try WVPE, 88 FM for some good music, you might try it for a change. Be very aware of your brights when driving at nite, headlights blind people as well as animals, when in doubt SLOW DOWN, don't switch to brights and speed up.

The moon is truly magic. It provides a lift to the spirits and is missed on dark nites. Try a moonlight sail, its different from daylight sailing and fun, too. Enough for now.

DIRECTORS MEETING

On Sat. morning June 20 the Board of Directors of the Yacht Club had their second meeting of 1987. Items of concern were membership, water quality, activities for teens and adults, fireworks, and most important THE BIRCH BARKER. It was decided that because the BARKER is now being supported by advertising it be given to all Birch Lakers regardless of their membership in the Yacht Club. The WATER QUALITY report should be in you hands very soon, PLEASE be sure that everyone using your cottage is aware of this report and reads it thoroughly to understand what is happening to our water.

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June 23, 1987

CASS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BIRCH LAKE SURVEY PROGRAM

Dear Birch Lake Residents:

On June 1, 1987 you were informed by the Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee that there is a need for a report to clarify any misunderstandings in regard to the Birch Lake Survey Program and the residential sewage pollution problem at Birch Lake.

A 5-page report is being mailed to you individually through the courtesy of the Birch Lake Yacht Club and the Cass County Health Department. Assisting Fran Welch with the addressing of the envelopes: Betty Mitchell and daughter, Nancy. Barb Zesinger. Nadine Brown. Linda Curtis and daughter, Karen. The water quality committee and the Health Department also appreciate the generous donation from the family on the East shore of Birch Lake. Their contribution helped finance the printing and the mailing of the report. Thank you.

The Birch Lake Survey Program is under the direction of Mr. Lee Maager, Director Environmental Health. The report states that the Health Department has inspected 176 lakefront and stream properties and categorizes the documented inspections. Mr. Maager is mailing a letter to those of you who made commitments to take the appropriate measures on your property to correct deficiencies in your sewage disposal system. He states, "The sooner these corrections are identified and completed, the sooner the lake will be able to begin recovering from the impact of the malfunctioning, or improperly located sewage disposal systems."

Mr. Maager also states, "Summer is upon us already, and much remains to be done on the Birch Lake program which has been a priority for the Cass County Health Department the past two years." He continues, "A great deal of time and effort has already gone into the Birch Lake program, and it is important that it is carried out to its conclusion in order to show concrete results."

The Health Department is thankful for your cooperation and continued support as is the Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee.

Sincerely,

Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee,
Randy and Fran Welch
Earl and Connie Troeger
Bob and Gertie Temple

Dan Reynolds, Assistant