



Birch Lake Yacht Club

June 11, 1988
Vandalia, Michigan

Welcome to the summer of 88. I know that we are all looking forward to a summer of fun and progress here at the lake. All of your officers and directors are anxious to provide actualities for a variety of interests. So, if you have any suggestions or ideas, let one of us know. The officers and directors for 1988 are:

Dan Reynolds	Commodore	Lynn Schaar	Treasurer
Harold Crammer	Vice-Commodore	Steve Sante	Fleet Captain
Fran Welch	Secretary	Doris Sante	Birch Barker

Directors: Don Harman, Frank Horvath, Herm Kruggel, Bill Holleman, Claudia Gableman, Bob Temple, Tom Howard, Mike Love, Linda Rasmussen, Earl Troeger and Marty Sante.

As most of you know, a new ceiling is being installed at the Yacht Club. Not only will this improve the appearance, but our acoustics should be much better. A special thanks to Bernie Weesner for obtaining the materials and to Tom Howard and Bob Temple for installing the ceiling. We still need contributions to pay for the improvement. We have reached 50% of our goal; so, if you can help with the remaining \$750. we would certainly appreciate any amount.

Let's all have a safe and happy summer.

Dan Reynolds-Commodore.

SPECIAL SALE: While they last!!!
Birch Lake Cups \$2.00 per dozen
1986 Triathlon T Shirts (Lg) \$4.00
Birch Lake Directories \$1.50

On Sunday, July 10th a unique opportunity for artists, aspiring artists, and people who just wish to try something new. From 1:00 to 4:00 (Indiana time) Coy Jankowski will be conducting a water color class. As you know, Coy is an extremely talented artist, and the class should not only be educational but lots of fun too. The cost of the class, which is open to adults only, is \$20.00. This will include snacks, supplies and beverages. All profits from the class will be donated to the Yacht Club. Those interested must enroll and pay their \$20.00 by July 3rd. Give your name and money to Coy or any director.

Coy has also designed a new sweatshirt, sweatpants, t-shirt series for Birch Lake. I have seen the shirts and they are magnificent. They feature a blue heron and they will be available by special order only. Again, Coy is donating all profits to the Yacht Club. The cost of the sweatshirt is \$20.; sweatpants \$20.; T-shirt \$10.; the sweatpants combination will be sold for \$35.

Orders will be accepted by Coy or Dan Reynolds. Payment must accompany each order. The deadline for ordering is July 1. The shirts can be seen at the directors cocktail party on June 18th or at Coy or Dan's houses. These also make great gifts; remember 195 shopping days left until Christmas...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 18th Directors Cocktail Party
Bring an appetizer & join the fun.
July 2nd Fireworks
July 3rd Pancake Breakfast
August 6th Triathlon

TOM TROEGER gives a very heartfelt thank you too all who helped with his aeronautical engineering project. I was certain that if the canopy were large enough, it could support the weight of my boat lift and float faster than my brother Earl can sail. Having proved my point, I don't plan to install my boat lift with cover and without boat again.

WANT AD POLICY: We will publish 3 free ads for members--after 3 and non-member cost will be \$1.00. News and ads may be turned in to Dan Reynolds or Doris Sante by Sunday afternoon.

BEV & HERM KRUGGEL feel like raising the flag! Their youngest child, SHELLEY LYNN KRUGGEL, graduated from Purdue University, May 15th, right on Herm's 60th birthday. Shelley earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and is looking forward to a career in teaching.

BOAT FOR SALE-16 foot, 50hp Evinrude Trailer, Mooring Cover, Radio - Excellent condition. \$750. Pence Cottage 72 14842 Lakeshore Drive 476-2018

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M-W-F 9:00 am
M-T-TH 6:30 pm
Transpo to Cass with Claudia possible.



SAILING NEWS

At a skipper's meeting held on Monday May 30th, the following decisions were made regarding the 1988 sailing season:

1. Steve Sante was unanimously elected Fleet Captain for 1988 by a relieved group of sailors.
2. There will be one race followed by a sailing class each Saturday afternoon;
 - a. One Sunfish race for sailors with some experience in sailing and racing will be held each Saturday at 2 PM beginning Saturday June 11th.
 - b. A beginners instructional class will be held on the lake immediately following the Sunfish race each Saturday. Beginners of all ages will be taught to sail by experienced sailors in several Melges Cat sailboats. These boats are crewed by several sailors. Cost for the class will be \$5.00 per person for the season.
Note: To arrange for sailing lessons call Don Harman at 476-2037 (E146)
3. All sailors are encouraged to learn and obey the rules governing sailing and sailboat racing. However, when violations occur, the person being fouled is strongly urged to bring the violation to the offenders attention in a friendly manner--All sailors are out on the lake for enjoyment.
4. Sunfish racing fee will be \$15. for the season per person or \$25. for a family. Please contact Steve Sante if you would like to register for racing at 476-2227 or S-003.

CHRIS CRAFT 16 foot IO Speedboat for sale-155 HP Buick V6 engine, stereo. Seats 8-10 people. Great for family cruises and skiing. One owner, well maintained, very good condition - Trailer included \$3,500. Contact Herm Kruggel 476-2169 or office phone 219-289-4011

Congratulations to JEFF OLSEN, Adams High School; DEWAYNE WEAVER, and CRAIG COLE, Constitine, STEVE SANTE, St. Joseph; JENNY RZESZEWSKI, Riley; and BRIAN MACHALLECK, Clay High--if you know of other graduates around the lake please let us know.

A LITTLE HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY Submitted by Dan Reynolds

Birch Lake is located in Porter Township, the largest township in Cass County, having about 54 square miles instead of the usual 36. What very few people realize is that Birch Lake is responsible for one of the most distinguishing features of our county: The Mogador Valley.

The Valley obtained its name because thousands of years ago it was the bed of glacial Lake Mogador. Eventually the water cut down through the land and emptied Lake Mogador. Angle Creek, which still drains the valley rises in Birch Lake, follows the outlet stream through the mill pond, passes through Shavehead Lake and falls into Long Lake before running South until it joins the St. Joseph River.

Starting at the outlet of Birch Lake, the valley covers an area about three miles wide and eight miles long to the Indiana State Line. The drop of the creek at Williamsville is eighteen feet, at Centennial fourteen feet and another eight feet to Long Lake.

Long Lake and Baldwin Lake are unique in Cass County in that they lie North and South and are quite narrow. Other lakes in Cass County are elliptical in shape with swampy South and West Shores and high ground to the North. All the lakes here are glacially formed and why these two do not conform to the pattern remains a mystery. Anyway back to Angle Creek.

Angle Creek has a long and interesting history. Before the coming of man we know that prehistoric wild life, birds and animals were numerous in Mogador Valley. If man had actually lived in the valley 10,000 TO 70,000 years ago they would have gone hunting for mastodons, musk-ox, giant beavers and wild hogs. They were here because fossil remains have been unearthed within the area.

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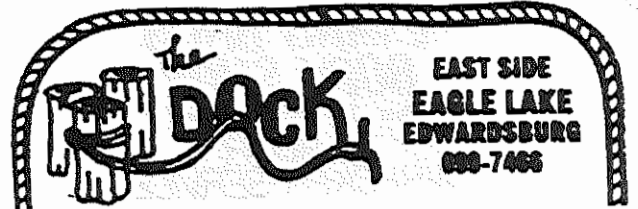


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