

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

THE TRIATHLON IS CANCELLED, due to the low number of entries. I am very sorry to announce this, but it does take a large number of people, substantial co-ordination, arrangements with fire department for the ambulance and Sheriffs department, not considering the planning for awards, T-shirts, ect. Last year we had a poor turnout and this year we have only about half of that. Interest seems to be at a low point. To the people who have entries in, your entry and fee will be returned promptly with our regrets. To all the people who have offered their help, we THANK YOU and ask you to keep the thought for next year.

Now for the good news. August 5th is the day for the couples sailboat race, followed by the Vice-Commodores Cocktail party. This will be the last of the season, so plan to attend this event to socialize with your friends on the lake. Also plans are in high gear for our annual CORN AND SAUSAGE ROAST on AUGUST 12.

REMEMBER the Board meeting at 9:30 am (In time) on August 5th.

Harold Cranmer Commodore

P.S. Watch next weeks' Barker for a very special announcement regarding Camp Tannadoonah.!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - ALL TIMES ARE INDIANA TIME.

SAT	AUGUST 5	Board Meeting 9:30 am
SAT	AUGUST 5	Couples Sailing Race
SAT	AUGUST 5	Cocktail Party 5:30 pm
SAT	AUGUST 12	Corn and Sausage Roast
SAT	AUGUST 26	Fall Dinner

SAILING NEWS

For the second week in a row and for the third time this season, the Sunfish Races had to be cancelled due to Lack of Wind. So look for a lot of Sailing this weekend, as we are overdue for a windy Saturday and Sunday. Practice races Saturday afternoon and regular races Sunday Morning at 10:30 am In. Time.

We will again be using the "2/3" rule this year. This means you must complete at least "2/3" of the races we sail to be eligible for trophies.

COMING UP - COUPLES SAILING on August 5, at 2:00 P.M. Ind. time. Any boat with a sail on it can be used in this one. So come out and have a good time! WANTED : Linda Bergan, cottage #C296 , phone number 476-9946, is looking for a set of twin beds for her cottage. If you have any or know of any please contact her.

WE ARE ENTERING the last 3 weeks of Aerobics. If you haven't made it to class yeat now is your chance! Remember its free , every weekday morning 9-10 am In.time at the Yacht Club.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AGE 12 AND UNDER - How about a party to get to know the other kids at the lake?!

WHEN: Saturday August 19th WHERE: Yacht Club TIME: 4:00 - 6:30 pm In.time

We'll be playing games & having a cookout. You don't have to bring anything but yourself (and parents if you want to) See you then!!

Sponsored by Barbara Pence and Claudia Gableman

CORN & SAUSAGE ROAST is on August 12 so please mark your calendar ! The menu consists of fresh polish sausage, corn on the cob. baked beans, and salads, plus beer and/or choice of pop. This will be a fantastic means of getting together with neighbors from other shores and catching up on the latest news and gossip ! The price for this delicious dinner will be Adults \$5 and children age 5 and under will be \$3.00. Remember this is an "all you can eat " affair!!

FALL DINNER PLANS - SATURDAY AUGUST 26th. Plans are underway for the Fall Dinner. Cocktails are scheduled for 5:30 pm with Buffet dinner being served at 6:30 Ind.time. Tickets will go on sale August 5th through the BLYC Directors. Please make reservations at earliest convenience. Couples \$15.00 Individual are \$7.50. Children \$4.50

NEWS AROUND THE SHORES

CONGRATULATIONS to Les Jensen, Dan Reynolds, & John Gableman who jointly celebrated their Birthdays last weekend.!! (No specific ages given!)

VISITING Jack and Evelyn Asire are Bill and Bettina Haneman from Georgetown South Carolina. Bill and Bettina played in a golf tournment in Battle Creek and upoon finishing that they planned a visit to Birch Lake. They have enjoyed sailing, swimming ,ski-bobbing , and paddleboating in Birch Lake.

NEWS FLASH - *** The editor has been informed that Patric Asire, grandson of the Asires, Westside, has finally mastered the art of Salom skiing at Birch Lake. before he had to return to Monroeville Alabama.

BETTY GRIFFITH (Tom's garage) will celebrate a Birthday this Saturday , July 29th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BETTY !!

A GROUP OF FRIENDS and neighbors dropped in on Les Jensen Friday evening to help him celebrate his 86th Birthday. Julie Weaver came in bringing a beautiful Birthday cake with all the trimmings. This kindly gathering helped Les in his recovery as much as any medicine could possibly have done. We are thankful for his good recovery. A thank you to all of our good friends and neighbors who cared.

WADE AND SUE JENSEN, from Downers Grove, IL, and their children, Glenda, JoEllen, and Bess will be visiting this weekend with the Jensens and Greenigs'. Bess will be attending Camp at Tannadoonah with Lesley next week for the final week. Sue Jensen will be celebrating a Birthday with family this weekend.

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BECKY BEERS (Griffith) is eagerly anticipating her 10 year class reunion from Constantine High School this July 29. Oh to be young again. . . .

JANICE STOUT, grand daughter of Gary and Wauneta Stout, Westside, will celebrate her 3rd Birthday on July 30th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANICE !!

EMILY TUDOR just returned from a week of Girl Scout resident camping , Camp Shawadasee, in Lawton Michigan. Emily was in the "Night Owl" unit and came home with lots of good memories to share with family and friends. AMBER HOLLEMAN returned from Camp Shawadasee a week before Emily and was full of only the best memories to share with Emily!

KATE AND ROY HENDERSONS' daughter, Sue, announced her engagement to Rory Miner. The wedding is planned for June of 1990. Best of wishes to both!!

THE BATTERED TIN CUP CHEAP-SKATE AWARD of the week goes to whoever dug up the Purple Coneflower and golden Yarrow plants from the native wild flower area we are trying to establish South of our cottage. You can save the trouble and guilt by getting such plants at Gleason's Nursery on the West Side of U.S. 31-33 near Niles -\$1.25 each in the Spring.

respectfully submitted by Clem Haines East Shore.

TO BE GIVEN AWAY TO A GOOD HOME

by Sabrina Pence

A cute cat has adopted our family as her home. Last Monday night after feeding her for about a week she brought to our patio, 3 cute kittens about 3-4 weeks old.

"Sunset" - looks like a baby Morris

"Skippy" - brown and white "Midnight" - gray and black stripes We love animals but we already have 1 older cat and 1 golden retriever. We are probably going to adopt the mother nd maybe one of the kittens, but we can't keep them all !

Please help us out ! They will be ready to adopt in about 2-3 weeks. Come and take a look at these wonderfully cute Birch Lake kittens. Barb, Sabrina, & Laura Pence #S072 476-2018

RECIPES FOR THE WEEK

ZUCCHINI CHEESE CASSEROLE

submitted by Bettina Haneman, house guest of the Asires'."

4-6 small zucchini

1 1/2 cups grate cheese-munister or cheddar

1/4 cup parsley 2 eggs -

1/4 cup melted butter

1 teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon dill or oregano

salt & pepper

1/4 cup bread crumbs

Cook zucchini until partly tender. Cool after draining.

Mix cheese, eggs, butter , etc. Add squash & crumbs.

Butter 9x13" casserole -cover lightly with crumbs. Arrange mixture sprinkle with more crumbs. Dot with butter. Bake 400 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

INTERESTING TIDBITS

This next section was submitted to the Barker by Bill Hayden, Cove resident. Bill said that he does not know exactly the origin of this "Birch Lake History" but that he has had it for over 20 years.

Long ages ago, millions of years in the past, the region where Birch Lake now lies was deep under a tropical sea. After the sea receded the land which emerged was the home of the reptilian and mammal age. Some 2500 years or more ago great sheets of ice a mile in thickness swept down from the northeast, plowing houging the surface of the land.

Probably primitive man lived here before the ice came. He may have been the Folsom Man as Folsom points, believed to be spearheads, have been picked up in Cass County. Shortly after the ice left, man came again, the forefathers of the Indians.

The first Indians in this section as found by the early French explorers, were Miamis. Through a war council treaty the Miami Indians who were not a war-like tribe, were replaced by the Chippewas, Potawatomies and Ottowas, who with the exception of occassional wars, lived in relative peace.

The area around Birch Lake was held by the Potawatomie Indians, who were headed by Big Chief Pokagon and under Chiefs Weesaw and Shavehead. While Pokagon was a very brilliant man, making friends of the white man, accepting the white man's ways and teachings, Shavehead was the opposite. He was a large man for an Indian, very ugly and very mean, paining his name by keeping his head shaved, which did not make for an improvement in his appearance. Shavehead's winter quarters was around Shavehead Lake and in the summer he migrated to what is now Mottsville where there was a ford across and the St. Joseph River. This ford was on the Sauk Trail which is now modern U.S. highway 112. Shavehead would camp at the ford and extract a fee from the white settlers for use of the crossing. It is reported that he discontinued this practice only after a young , burly settler had taken his ox whip and thrashed Savehead within an inch of his life.

More to follow in the next issue of our Barker!!

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We will be making one more printing of the beautiful Birch Lake Sweatshirts and Sweatpants (due to popular demand!) We're offering NEW colors!

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DEADLINE FOR ORDERS is Sunday July 30th. Sorry, no orders accepted without payment. Drop off or mail orders to: Coy & Julie Jankowski 63315 Storey Hill Ln Vandalia, Michigan 49095 THANK YOU!!

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