

# COMMODORE COMMENTS

Men's Golf Outing was a perfect day thanks to Tom Howard, Earl Troeger, and Keith Weesner. The House Walk left many of us speechless by the beautiful homes of Davis', Hayden's, and Jankowski's. A fun weekend!

Our big fund raiser for the Yacht Club is Saturday starting at 5:30 p.m. (IN) at the Yacht Club. The Corn and Sausage Roast is a great dinner to bring all family members (sorry no pets) - and guests! 20 a dec

Also, don't forget the Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, August 7th.

Ladies and gentlemen start your engines - it's the annual Birch Lake Triathlon the 11th of August. Don't miss this classic!

See you at the Corn and Sausage Roast!

Buzz and Linda Rasmussen

P.S. Directors - Board meeting, Aug. 4th, 9:30 am (IN), Yacht Club. Washed With Length

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9:30 AM 5:30 PM	Saturday, Aug. 4th E	Board Meeting at BLYC Forn & Sausage Roast at BLYC
11:30 AM	Tuesday, Aug. 7th I	ladies Luncheon
9:00 AM To be announced	Saturday, Aug. 11th E Saturday, Aug. 25th E	Call Dinner at BLYC

### LADIES LUNCHEON

This weekend is your <u>last chance</u> to make reservations for the Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, August 7th at Hickory Inn. Social time - 11:30 AM (IN); Lunch - 12:00 PM; Cost - \$7.50. Call Denny Weesner (2569) or Angie Lovejoy (2777) for reservations.

### TRIATHLON UPDATE

One week to go! Jet those teams together. Many people have asked if they can use teams with less than six and the answer is Just have someone double up and do something twice.

Let us know as soon as possible who is on your team. There will be a meeting of all participants and helpers at 6:00 PM (IN) at the Yacht Club on Friday the 10th.

The starting time is 9:00 AM at the Reynolds'. New Coy Jankowski Birch Lake T-Shirt for each participant. Trophies for winners.

# THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Birch Lake Yacht Club for the generous donation of \$500.00 from the Pancake Breakfast held at Camp Tannadoonah on July 8th. We would also like to thank all the people on Birch Lake for supporting this event and making this donation possible.

We enjoy seeing all of you at least once a year and hope this tradition continues. Camp Tannadoonah is proud to be a part of Birch Lake. We appreciate the support you have given

us and anticipate many more years of being your neighbor.
Our final Council Fire of the summer will be held on Friday, August 10th with the traditional candlelighting ceremony down at the lake. This will take place approximately at 8:30 p.m. (Indiana time) and would like to invite all of you to watch it from the lake.

Jo Murphy and Pat Laing

### GOLF OUTING

The 30th Annual Birch Lake Yacht Club Golf Outing was a big success. Sixty-eight golfers teed off at Park Shore Golf Club and seventy-four enjoyed the prime rib dinner catered by Kulesia's K-Tap in Vandalia. Tom Howard and his committee of Keith Weesner and Earl Troeger did a great job on organizing the outing. With help from Kevin Kruggel, Dave Troeger and Buzz Rasmussen, how could you go wrong. Plan ahead and reserve the last Friday in July next year for the 31st Annual Birch Lake Open. See you there!

### HOUSE WALK

We had a beautiful day for the House Walk. The homes were lovely and everyone participating had a great time. Special thanks to the Davis, Hayden's, and Jankowski's

for opening their homes for the tour.

Also, thank you to all the volunteers who worked in the houses taking tickets, hostessing and serving:

Loretta Drolet Linda Rasmussen Ginny Stokel
Claudia Gableman Louise Rieth Helen Toth
Lee Klappauf Sonia Sanders Sheila Waddle

A new addition to the House Walk this year was the Water - a big hit with everyone. Thanks to the three Captains: John Drolet, John Gableman, and Cisco Minix. Also, thanks to their crew members: Terry Curtis, Ray Klappauf, Buzz Rasmussen, and Dan Reynolds. Thank you Linda Rasmussen for the Water - taxi banners - our guys really looked professional!

> House Walk Committee Linda Curtis Janet Reynolds Barbara Zesinger

### ATTENTION

The Birch Lake Improvement Assoc. will hold its annual meeting Saturday, August 4th at 2:00 P.M. (MI time) at the Yacht Club. Everyone is welcome.

### CRITTER SIGHTINGS

Nicholas Bergan and his friend, Charles Copsea, sighted a Gar about 15 inches long. It had the typical long, pointed nose. They spotted him at the end of the Bergan dock at a depth of about 5 feet.

I was driving on Crooked Creek Road near Diamond Lake when I saw a small, "puppy like" animal in a clearing. I stopped the car, backed up, to get a better look and decided it had to be a young red fox. He had a pointed nose and exceptionally long ears. His legs too seemed long for his body. His tail was long and bushy with a white tip. He just didn't look like any dog I'd ever seen. Was he indeed a young fox?

Submitted by Loretta Drolet Submitted by Loretta Drolet

A fox was spotted by Brad Zesinger at the corner of Birch Road and Sears Road.

Thanks folks for sharing your sightings - hopefully we will have more for the next issue.

## LOST ANCHOR

Who lost an anchor with a dangling, floating, green rope not visible on the surface?

It is 30 to 50 feet off the south shore, halfway between the outlet and Sears Park. That rope recently became entangled in an outboard motor, creating a very difficult situation.

### BIRCH LAKE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

All prints ordered at the Pancake Breakfast are now in and available. I delivered to those at home last Sunday, and those of you who were not home may call me at 476-9714 to pick up your prints.

I now have a limited quantity of both sizes in stock for immediate pick up. Please call before you come over. The 11x14" size is \$35 and the 16x20" size is \$50. Checks should be made payable to Michiana Camp Fire, Inc. as all proceeds go directly to Camp Tannadoonah.

> Bruce Harlan 14886 Birch Lakeshore Drive

### NEW BIRCH LAKE SHIRTS

Coy Jankowski has again designed a spectacular shirt for the Lake. A colorful design on a white shirt with two color schemes to shoose from. Short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts as well as sweatshirts are available. The cost of short sleeve shirts is \$10.00, long sleeve \$12.00 and sweatshirts \$20.00. The shirts will be available August 6th and can be seen or ordered from Dan or Janet Reynolds on the Southside; phone 8877 after the 6th.
Don't delay --- they will go fast!

### KID'S AEROBICS

Brittany Gableman had a great first aerobics class with Jamie Rans and Beth Dugan attending. Next week August 6, 8, 10 Brittany will be at Camp Tannadoonah and unable to hold class. Aerobics will resume Aug. 13th at 10:30 am (IN) at Brittany's home. No Charge. Any "kid" is invited.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Negligent operation is the failure to exercise the degree of care necessary to prevent the endangering of life, limb, or property of any person. It can be the result of operator ignorance, inattention, indifference, or carelessness. Some examples are:

Excessive speed in a congested area.

Excessive speed in fog or stormy conditions. Operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Coming too close to another boat.
Operating in a swimming area with bathers present.

Towing water skiers where obstructions exist or a fall might cause them to be hit by other boats.

Operating in the vicinity of dams when such areas are known to be hazardous. 7.

8. Cutting through a regatta or parade.

### STOKEL HOUSE

Sleeping space is at a premium at the Stokel House on the Morthside this weekend. All the grandchildren are visiting Grandma and Grandpa and enjoying Birch Lake. Ginny's daughter Cindy and her husband Glen Christensen are here with baby Preston. They live in Grapevine, Texas. Also here are Stewart and Marilyn Spratt along with boys Christopher, Michael, and Nick. They come from Edgewood, Kentucky. The action promises to be non-stop. If only Grandma had as much energy as the kids!

Thank you Ginny and grandsons for delivering Birch Barkers last week. Editor's note:

### LOST

Lost - from Stokel residence on Northside - centerboard for Sunfish, painted brown. Presumably floated away around July 4th. Call 476-2113.

# GREAT VACATION CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF TH

Chuck Gableman, John Gableman's son, had a great Birch Lake vacation as usual. He has vowed to have his own Birch Lake cottage some day. We love how so many Birch Lakers grew up spending their summers here and come back as adults. Birch Lake is a special place. See you next year Chuck!

### FOR SALE

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