



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

A Publication by the Birch Lake Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

REMEMBER: DIRECTOR'S MEETING! (Today - Sat. 6-29-91
9:00 AM Indiana at the BLYC.)

I have received some calls regarding boats and pontoons cruising too close to piers and rafts. Please stay 100 ft. (1/3 the length of a football field) from any pier, raft, or fishing boat. Your courtesy will be appreciated.

Please pay your Yacht Club dues and any donations promptly. Treasurer, Mike Machalleck has given me a long list of non-payees. We will be working to collect these funds to help pay for the very expensive fireworks show planned for Saturday, July 6th at Camp Tannadoonah's pier. Remember - it's only one week away. Thanks in advance!

Did you know that the Birch Barker was first published 47 years ago?? Below is an article reprinted out of the August 26, 1972 issue of the Barker written by Herb and Doris Howard (Tom's parents). I feel this information is true and correct... Next week we will reprint the entire issue of the 2nd Barker ever published! If anyone has the first Barker please contact me at 476-2526. Thanks...

Bud Zesinger, Commodore 1991

Did you know that the first BIRCH BARKER began one day back in 1944 as an answer to a group of South Side young lakers sitting on the Cox's front porch asking "what can we do?" Mr. Cox said why not have a newspaper for the lake? ---OK--- What can we call it? --- How about the BIRCH BARKER, said Mr. Cox. Those present on that historical afternoon were: June & Bud Zesinger, Jane & Tom Cox, Pat Scannell and Beverly Foote. With the aid and encouragement of parents, the first publication went to press. The first issues were printed in the basement of the Lafayette Building, South Bend, Indiana.

Editor Chuck Schott
Assistant Editor Jane Cox
Reporters June Zesinger, Pat Scannell and Beverly Foote

The first issues contained news of the lake -- jokes and anecdotes, fish "phonies" and articles written by Gregory Cox on the history of the area, history of Williamsville, Birch Lake, Birch Lake Cook Book, pictorial map of the lake, news from Tannadoonah and Kiloqua. The first paid advertisers were Tubby's General Store on Shavehead Lake, Lanky's Williamsville Store, who advertised block ice --- cut from Birch Lake and delivered, "Lazy Lodge" and Schell grocery in Jones. The idea caught on and as interest in the BARKER grew, more "KIDS" volunteered to help. The Cox's printed the BARKER for the first couple of years and then the Schott's bought a mimeograph to use at the lake. From 1953 to 1957 no BARKERS were published. Then in 1958 Julie (Ebling) Weaver and a group of Junior Yacht Club members reorganized the paper and it has been a yearly Yacht Club publication ever since. I personally would like to thank Mrs. Jane (Cox) Staton, Barbara Zesinger and Mrs. DeWulf for the information, so if you ever wondered how the BIRCH BARKER got started... now you know. All I can think of is how happy "we" are that we found Birch Lake many years ago.

Sincerely,
Herb & Doris Howard

Thanks so much for this additional piece of history!!!!

JUNE & JULY 1991 EVENTS

- June 29th(Sat.) - Director's Meeting - 9:00am(IN)
at Birch Lake Yacht Club.
- July 6th(Sat.) - BOAT PARADE
- July 6th(Sat.) - FIREWORKS
- July 7th(Sun.) - PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- July 7th(Sun.) - Fireworks Rain Date
- July 13th(Sat.) - 50's & 60's DANCE at BLYC.
- July 23rd(Tues.)- LADIE'S LUNCHEON
- July 26th(Fri.) - MEN'S GOLF OUTING

BOAT PARADE

Sat., July 6 - Pick up your number at Dick Bender's pier (South side) at 9:45 am (IN time). From there you will proceed past the Reynolds' house (also South side, 2 houses east of Bender's), where the judges will be located. Continue to parade all the way around the lake, ending up back at the Reynolds' where the trophies will be presented. A prize will be awarded to all entries.

The categories this year will be:

Most Patriotic

Most Colorful

Most Original

Best Pontoon

Best Overall

This is a great activity to bring family and friends together. Some of the past themes have included Cleopatra's Barge, Gilligan's Island, Pirates, A Hawaiian Theme, Founding Fathers, and Indiana University (look out N.D.). As these boats have been quite elaborate, others have simply decorated with flags, crepe paper, etc. Anything goes! So let's get the gang together and make this a really fun morning.

Any questions, call Janet Reynolds - 476-8877.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Pancake Breakfast will take place at the Camp Tannadoonah dining hall Sunday, July 7th, 7am to 10:30am (IN). You'll taste some great pancakes and country fresh sausage. WE WON'T RUN OUT THIS YEAR! Proceeds will benefit Camp and the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Adults: \$4, Children 5 to 12 years: \$2, Children 4 and under: free.

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

The Sunday, South Bend Tribune available at Tom's inside store.

50's & 60's PARTY

What do Bill Haley and the Comets, Elvis Presley, Dion and the Belmonts, Chubby Checker, the Four Tops, Danny and the Juniors, the Beach Boys, Joey Dee and the Starlites, the Supremes and the Shirelles all have in common? That's right! They will all be (on tape) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club 50's/60's party on July 13th. Plan on being there or being square!

We'll twist the night away while we "rock around the clock"!

TRIATHLON CHALLENGE

This year's edition of the triathlon issues a CHALLENGE to each shore. Relays by age categories will compete for their shores and the shore with the most points will be awarded the trophy, which will be kept at the Yacht Club.

The relays will be in the following age categories. Your age on August 10th determines your group.

50 and over

40 to 49

30 to 39

20 to 29

13 to 19

12 and under

Each team will consist of six members. Two swimmers, two bikers, and two runners. The entire triathlon will be on the lake and the distances will be very short so that more "weekend athletes" can participate.

The swim will be less than 100 yards for each swimmer, the bike about one mile for each, and the run about one half mile for each.

So start getting those teams together. The Cove will be a part of the North shore. More details next week. Call Dan Reynolds (8877) if you have any questions.

EVERYONE WELCOME

I LOVE AMERICA concert to be presented by the choir, on the lawn, at Pleasant View Church of Christ, corner of Crooked Creek and M60 just East of Cass. Sunday July 7th, 6pm(MI). You may want to bring your lawn chair.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Lessons will be available at Donnell Lake July 8th thru the 12th. Lessons will be conducted by a qualified Y.M.C.A. Swimming Instructor. Each session should run approx. 45 minutes in length. Cost: 5 days at \$25. They start at 1:00pm sharp. Contact: Linda Keyser - 61418 W. Donnell Roadway - Tel. #476-2667.

WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Since our last report, four new systems have been installed. Those dots are disappearing and that's wonderful news for Birch Lake. The VanBuren County Health Dept. which is now responsible for Cass County, has been extremely helpful.

Our goal is to have all of the dots off the map by summer's end. So if you are still a dot on the map it's time to replace your system.

If you have any questions, or if you need assistance in coordinating the planning between your installer and the health department, call one of the Water Quality members:

Gert & Bob Temple #2773

Linda & Terry Curtis 2431

Janet & Dan Reynolds 8877

FLORIDA VISITOR

Mike Wonnell, 12 years old, from Stuart, Florida is visiting his Grandmother, Esther Fudge, and his cousins, Bob and April McElwee (East shore). Mike enjoys fishing, sailing, hydro-sliding and running the small boat. He is keeping Bob quite busy! Welcome to Birch Lake - Mike.

BIRCH LAKE VISIT

Karen and Mark Evans, daughter and son-in-law of Joe and Helen Toth, were in Huntingburgh, Indiana last week visiting Mark's parents. They will return to Birch Lake with their children, Ashby and Daniel, and stay here until the Fourth of July. The Evans' home is in Portland, Oregon.

CAR TRIP

Lorene Krueger and her daughters, Marty Athanus and Phyllis Beck, had a lovely trip last week. They started from Peoria, Phyllis's home, went to Chicago to see Lorene's granddaughter, Amber.

From there they traveled to Dorr County, Wisconsin and enjoyed the beauties of that area.

They attended a "fish boil" which is a "must" in that country. White fish, they say.

HAPPY 49th ANNIVERSARY

Gary and Wauneta Stout of the Westside will be celebrating 49 years of marriage. CONGRATULATIONS to the STOUTS, who have been long time Birch Lakers!

FAMILY VISIT

Nancy and Norm Monroe of the East side welcome their sons, Tom, Norman and Tim this week.

Tom and DiDi, Lauren, Megan and Drew from Tacoma, Wn. will be spending the month of July.

Norman and Karen, Melissa, Derek and new daughter, Candace of Idabel, Ok. will be here for two weeks.

Tim of Ft. Wayne will spend the weekend helping to celebrate Tom and Grandma Nancy's birthdays.

Joining them on Saturday for dinner will be Tom and Bobbie of Corey Lake.

CALIFORNIA VISIT

John and Arline Machalleck, South side, returned from a week's vacation in California. They attended the graduation ceremonies of their granddaughter, Elizabeth (Buffy) Desmond, who received her BA degree in Economics at Stanford University.

Buffy is the oldest daughter of Marianne, now living in Vancouver, Washington.

The remainder of the week was spent at Anne Desmond's in Sonoma. Exploring Sonoma and the Napa Valley and their many wineries was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

BIG WELCOME

Bud and Barb Zesinger are looking forward to daughter, Cindy's, visit. Cindy is now living in Chicago. She will be spending a lot of hours on the deck sunning (hopefully) and relaxing.

Also visiting for the week will be (Aunt) Marje Drane, of Highland Park, Illinois.

The family will be attending Grandma Lipp's (Barb's Mom) wedding on July 6th. She will be marrying George Miller of South Bend. After the reception they will be returning to Birch Lake for FIREWORKS.

BABY BOOM

There's a baby boom going on at the Gard's house this year. On January 21st, the Gard's oldest daughter, Debbie, and her husband, Bud, adopted a beautiful three week old baby girl. She was born on January 3rd, 1991, weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21½ inches in length. Her proud parents gave her the name of Elizabeth Victoria Hall. The Gard's other daughter, Cindy, and her husband, Layne Heilman are expecting their first child in October. Cindy's daughter, Sarah, now 10 years old, is very excited and happy about her new baby brother or sister and her new baby cousin.

REMINDER

No step aerobics July 1, 3, 5, and 8th. Classes will resume on July 10th at new time - 9:00am (IN).

NEW DIRECTORIES

Thanks to the hard work of Katha and Lori Machalleck the NEW - UPDATED BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORIES are being printed and will be available to purchase soon! Cost - \$3.00 ea. Directories will be sold at:

Machalleck's (South side)
Rasmussen's (West side)
Zesinger's (East side)

NEIMAN-MARCUS' \$250.00 COOKIES

A friend of a friend had lunch at Neiman-Marcus in Dallas last November and for dessert she had a cookie. She thought it was the most wonderful cookie she had ever tasted and asked if the recipe were available. She was told that it was, but there was a charge of two-fifty. She said that was fine. She got the recipe and told them to just charge it to her account.

In December, when she received her bill, there was a charge for \$250. She called Neiman's and told them it was a mistake-that the charge should be for \$2.50. She was told there was NO mistake-that the charge for the recipe was correct. They told her it was not a returnable item and she would have to pay the amount charged to her account or be delinquent.

The bottom line is she paid.

She has vowed to get back at Neiman's and wants to get the recipe out to everyone she possibly can. She asks that everyone who gets a copy send it to everyone they know. So here it is:

Neiman's \$250 Cookies

(Makes 112 cookies)

2 cups butter
2 cups light brown sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
5 cups blended oatmeal (measure & blend in a blender to a fine powder)
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking soda
2 cups granulated sugar
4 eggs
4 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 24 oz. bag chocolate chips
1 8 oz. Hershey Bar, grated
3 cups chopped nuts

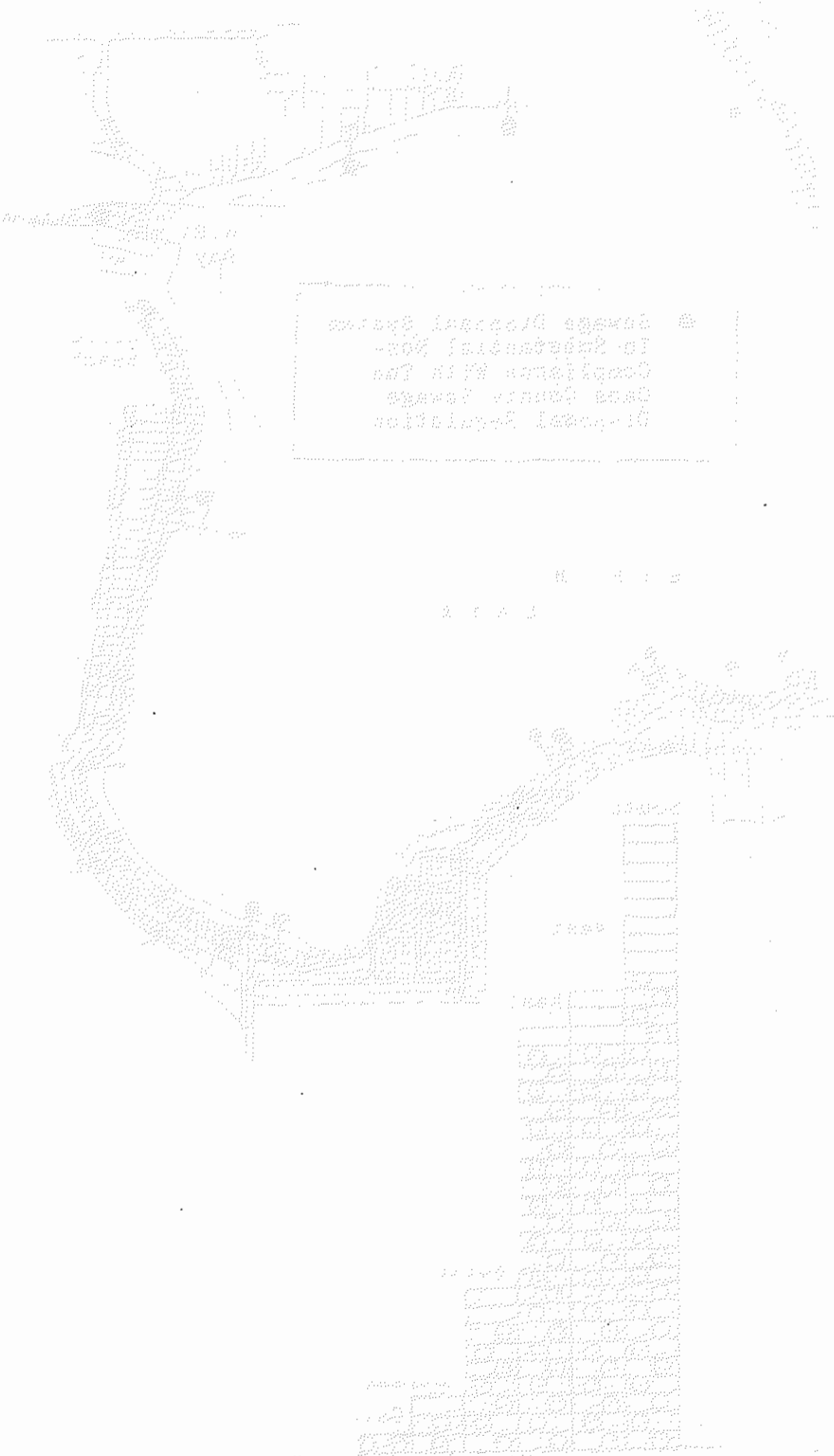
Cream butter and both sugars, add eggs and vanilla. Mix together with flour, blended oatmeal, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add chips, candy and nuts. Roll into balls and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake @ 375 degrees for 10 minutes.

Submitted: Sonia Sanders.

FOR SALE

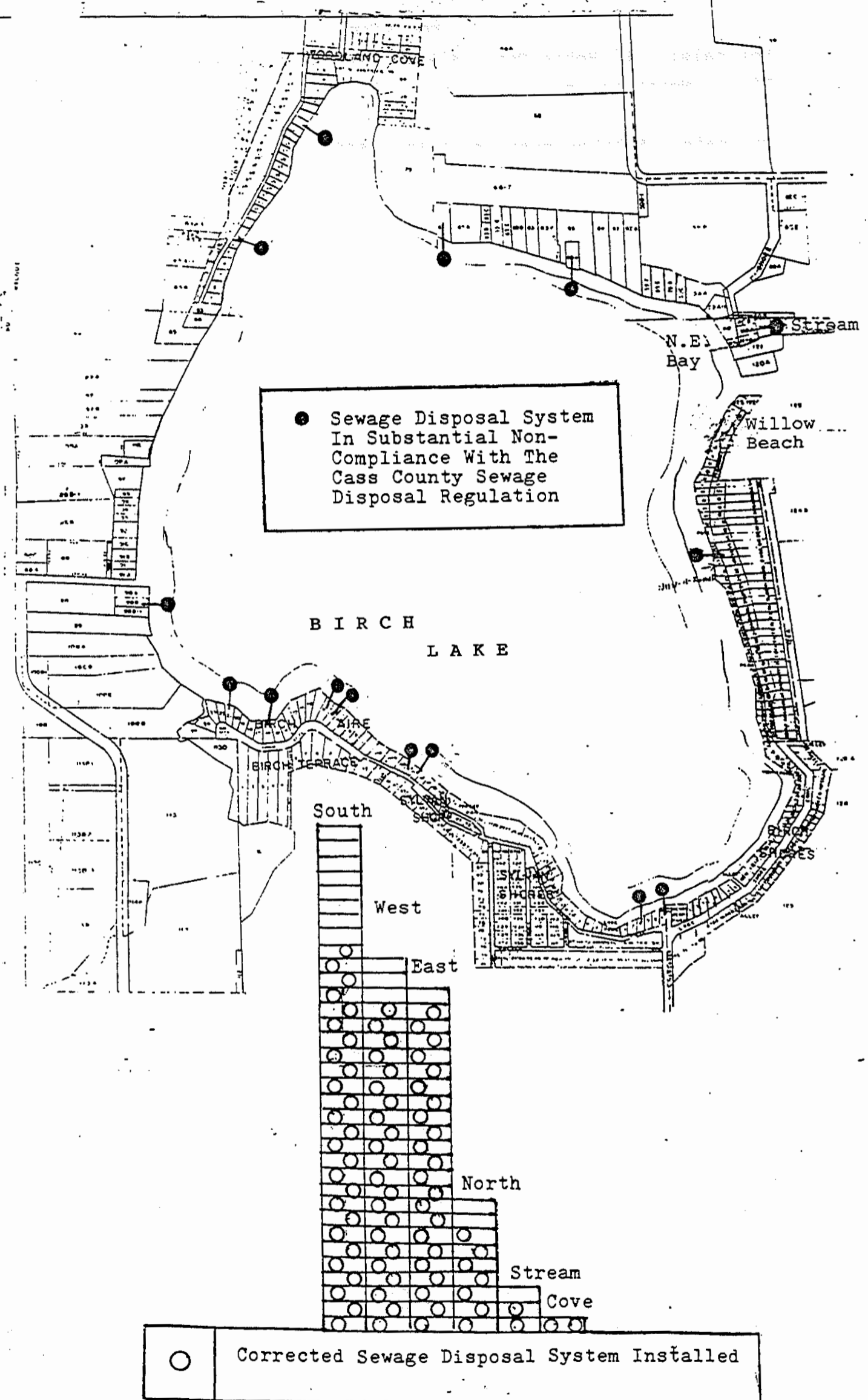
For sale: 16' Hobie Cat - \$1600. See at Troegers - 62982 Birch Rd. on North shore.

For sale: Schwinn exercise bike - \$50. Call 476-2526.



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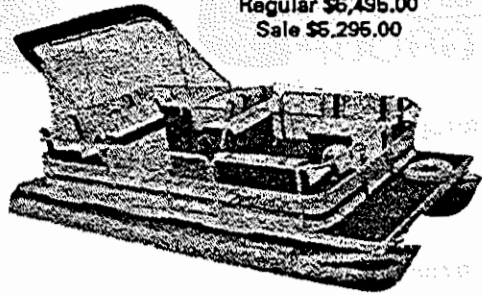
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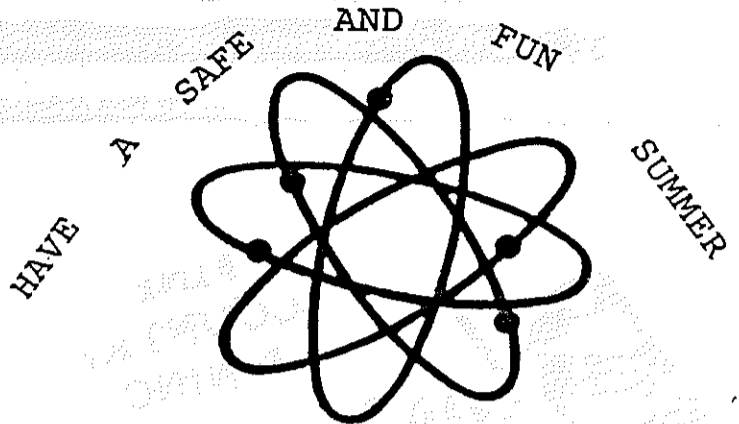
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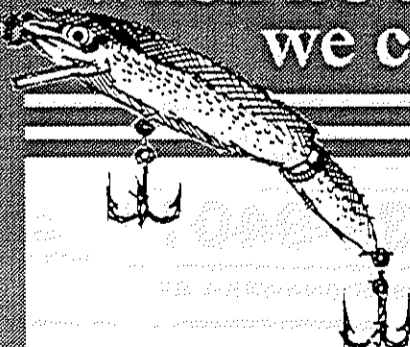
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