



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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ISSUE: 8

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Last weekend was wonderful and relaxing - a rainy Sunday morning.

Social activities during the week were on Tuesday the Ladies Luncheon at "The Chalet" at Swiss Valley and on Friday the Men's Golf Outing at Park Shore Golf Course in Cassopolis followed by supper at the Yacht Club.

The following is a copy of portions of the 3rd Birch Barker ever published - dated end of August 1944....

Have a great weekend!

Bud Zesinger, Commodore 1991

AUGUST "1991" EVENTS

- Mon., Wed., Fri., - Step Aerobics - 9:00am(IN) at BLYC
- Aug. 10th (Sat.) - Triathlon
- Aug. 10th (Sat.) - Corn & Sausage Roast
- Aug. 18th (Sun.) - Kid's Party - 1:30 to 3:30pm(IN) at BLYC
- Aug. 24th (Sat.) - Fall Dinner

BIRCH BARKER

Devoted to the News of Birch Lake, Mich.

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The Birch Lake Conservation Club annual meeting was held Sunday, August 20th, with a good attendance. President John Scannell presided in the election for new officers. Mr. Meyer was elected President for the coming year, Dr. Hallenburg, Vice-president and Miss Ruth Kessler retained her post as Secretary. The other officers of the Club were retained for the coming year. Two issues of interest brought up at the meeting were the placing of a 15 mile speed limit sign on the east side of the lake and the planting of prize tagged fish in Birch Lake. Committees were named to work on these projects.

Lee Dyke and Grace Driesinga of Allendale were visiting the Rhymer Scholmae last week.

Mr. Domer is visiting in South Bend as his grandson is ill.

Mr. Earl Terry will be visiting his mother, Mrs. Nellie Terry, at Birch Lake.

Mr. Zesinger is spending this week with his family at June-Bud Point. The Zesinger's are the proud owners of a new Cocker Spaniel puppy, Jo Jo Bounce, sent to them as a gift from their Aunt and Uncle from Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ebeling and daughters, Julia and Linda, and Mrs. McCallum are spending the last two weeks in August at their Blue Heaven cottage.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Ferguson from Camp Atterbury, Indiana, will visit her sister, Mrs. G. B. Cox, this week.

LAZY LODGE NEWS

The week of August 6th to 13th Fred Fournier of Chicago caught a Rainbow Trout 17 inches long, weighing about 1-1/2 lbs., while his grandson 11 years of age caught one 19-1/2 inches long, weighing 2-1/2 lbs. Ironically the grandson beat grandpa as a fisherman.

The week of August 13th to 20th John Lipka, also of Chicago, caught a Rainbow Trout 19 inches long, weighing 2-3/4 lbs. There sure have been some grand Fish Dinners here at Lazy Lodge these past two weeks.

BEWARE OF NAILS! Howie Anderson stepped on one and had a Tetanus Shot. Get your iron but not this way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Harvey are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McCamic from Toledo, Ohio.

Mary Ann Hance has been recently visiting at the Bovik cottage.

ANSWERS:

1. BIRCH BARKER.
2. Birch Lake.
3. " "
4. " "
5. " "

Making It Dq.

Mrs. A. "I simply can't afford that operation this year."

Mrs. B. "Well, dear, I guess you'll just have to keep talking about your old one for the duration."

NEW SONG TITLE: "I want a girl just like the girl that married Harry James"

This is the last issue of the BIRCH BARKER and we wish to extend our thanks to the people of Birch Lake for their fine co-operation and patronage. We also wish to thank our advertisers; Breeses Birch Lake Store, Tubby's General Store and Mr. G. B. Cox, Old Gold Cigarettes. We kids have had fun and we hope it has given you as much enjoyment as we have had pleasure in bringing you the Birch Barker. Best Wishes to you all for the winter season.

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Reporters: Bud Zesinger, Bob Scannell, Jane Cox and Marcia Enyart.

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THANK YOU FROM CAMP TANNADOONAH

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Birch Lake for supporting the Pancake Breakfast held at Camp Tannadoonah. Over 300 people attended and it was one of the most successful events held on the Lake. The Birch Lake Yacht Club presented the camp with a check for \$800.00 which was greatly appreciated. This will help immensely to help with the continuation of improvements at the camp. The support of the people on the lake mean a great deal to us. It shows that you really do care and makes us feel that we are a part of the lake. It is always nice to renew acquaintances and meet new people the day of the breakfast.

It hardly seems possible but the summer is soon to end for Camp Tannadoonah. The last Council Fire of the season will be held on Friday, August 2nd. The traditional candle-lighting ceremony on the lake will follow. The approximate time for the candle ceremony will be between 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. (Indiana time). We would like to invite all of you to come over and watch this ceremony from the lake. It is very special to us and impressive to see.

Thanks again for your generous contribution. Because of people like you we hope to be a part of Birch Lake for years to come.

Jo Murphy and Pat Laing

LADIES LUNCHEON

Thank you Denny Weesner for organizing (once again) the Ladies Luncheon which was attended by 40 women. A fun time was had by all and it was so nice to visit with so many old and new friends. Everyone looked beautiful! Swiss Valley was very accommodating and the food was good.

Gloria Cooper, guest speaker, gave a very informative talk on South Western Michigan College which is only 20 minutes from Birch Lake. The College offers all types of classes, events, and facilities which are available to all ages. You may want to check it out - I plan to.

Thank you also to Le King and Pam Mullin for helping at the luncheon and Pam thanks for bringing pictures taken at the 50's/60's Party. WOW!

Editor: BAZ

88th BIRTHDAY

Kay Grunig (South side) was hostess at her father (Les Jensen's) 88th birthday party, June 22nd. A fun time was had by family and friends.

Happy Birthday - Les!

TRIATHLON

Only two weeks to go! If your shore captain hasn't contacted you, and you want to participate, let them know:

- West Shore - Buzz Rasmussen
- North Shore - Bill King
- East Shore - Linda Curtis
- South Shore - Dan Reynolds

Remember: the distances have been shortened so that just about anyone can participate. All participants will get a T-shirt -- a different color for each shore. And, of course, the grand trophy for the winning shore. Use the entry form below and give it to your shore captain with the entry fee of \$60.00 per team.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SHORE</u>
50 and over _____	East _____
40 to 49 _____	West _____
30 to 39 _____	North _____
20 to 29 _____	South _____
13 to 19 _____	
12 and under _____	

NAMES:

PHONE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LOST

While skiing on West side an old Hydroflite Combi white slalom ski was dropped and could not be found later.

If found, please call John or Claudia Gableman - #2132.

KID'S PARTY

(Note: Change of Date and Time)

Hey Kids!! Have your parents mark your calendars for the Kid's Party (ages 4 to 13 years) to be held on Sunday, August 18th, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. (IN) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Plan for a fun time of face painting, jewelry making, and all kinds of games for boys and girls. Light munchies and drinks will also be provided. Anyone interested in helping with different activities please call Pam Mullin at #8820 or Claudia Gableman at #2132. Hope to see you all there!

WATER SAFETY

It is becoming quite evident that a review of the boating rules is necessary for the ever increasing number of wave riders and jet skis. Numerous Michigan laws are ignored everyday. The majority of violations seem to come from guests using these water vehicles. If you are going to allow other people to use your wave riders, please thoroughly explain the rules to them, because you are liable should an accident occur. Here are a few examples of things people have been observed doing:

1. Racing side by side within a few feet of each other.
2. Jumping the wake with two very small children on the watercraft, one in front and one in back of the driver.
3. Playing chicken in the middle of the lake.
4. Using the watercraft to spray swimmers.
5. Driving while facing the opposite direction.

Let's try to abide by these very simple rules:

1. If you want to "play" or "hot dog" on the watercraft, do so in the middle of the lake and not within 100 feet of any other watercraft (including wave riders and jet skis).
2. Operate the craft in a counter clockwise direction at all times with no sudden turns or spins.
3. Stay 100 feet from docks, piers, people and boats.
4. Observe the courtesy rules of the lake. Do not use the wave riders or jet skis before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.

Please use common sense. Let's not make a tragic accident force us to realize how dangerous these machines can be if operated in a wreckless manner. Water Safety Comm.

FREE

Davis' (North side) have an old refrigerator in working condition they are giving away (FREE). Call #2396.

WATER QUALITY

Several people have been observed bathing and shampooing regularly in the lake. If you are not using biodegradable soap or shampoo, don't use the lake for a bathtub.

It is also becoming noticeable that the lake is being used as an ashtray. Not only is this unsightly and thoughtless, but also the tobacco is harmful to the natural nutrients in the lake.

So be a good neighbor: refrain from bathing in the lake and throwing tobacco in the lake.

FRITZ'S CHAMPION RABBIT

Fritz Trybus won championship Best of Breed trophy for his dutch rabbit, Merlin, at the Cass County Fair. He was interviewed on the Dowagiac radio station and said hello to all his Birch Lake neighbors. He also won 5 blue ribbons A class ranking for all his animals along with his sister, Gretchen and little brother, John.

Fritz and his champion rabbit, Merlin, are now looking for a suitable mate to raise other little bunnies for next year's show.

* Lost beagle dog roaming around East shore. Looks like it had a recent litter of pups. If anyone would like to give it a home contact Fritz Trybus at #2563.

CALEB'S CHAMPION HORSE AND HOGS

Caleb Walker (West side) took part in the Cass County Fair. He was awarded Reserve Champion for his pair of hogs.

His horse, Rakessa, took a 1st, 2nd, 5th and Reserve Champion awards.

After a successful fair Caleb is spending this week at Camp Tannadoonah.

Congratulations Caleb!

CAMPER

Attending Camp Tannadoonah this week is Scott Bouwkamp of Cincinnati, Ohio. Scott is the grandson of Beth and Howard Blackwood (Cove).

WELCOME BACK DAVE AND CHRISTINE

Connie and Earl Troeger are happy to have son, Dave, and wife, Christine, back at Birch. Dave and Christine were married June 1st in Naperville, Illinois and have been busy with other friends' weddings ever since.

Connie and Earl were also presented with their 4th grandson, Brett Thomas, born to Tom and Libby Troeger of Indianapolis, Indiana on July 14th.

DUFOUR AND WIRT WEDDING

June 15th Angie Lovejoy and Jeanne Wells (of Elkhart) gave a beautiful bridal luncheon shower on Angie's patio for Jenne Dufour, daughter of Sue and Duffy Dufour (E-120).

July 13th Jenne married Kevin Wirt of Elkhart, Indiana at Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart. A reception at the Matterhorn Restaurant followed the ceremony.

After a honeymoon trip to Toronto, Canada, the couple is residing at 122 Alfred St., Elkhart.

***Reporters note: As guests of the Bride's parents we would like to say how very beautiful the ceremony was (the bride too!) and the reception was fantastic!!

Kevin is a funeral director with Hartzler Gutermuth Funeral Home and Jenne is office manager at Designe Group.

Submitted by: Helen and Bernie Weesner

HERE THEY COME

Allan and Jackie Burke (South side) are having out-of-town guests this week. Arriving by plane on Thursday, July 25th are Jackie's relatives from Boston. The six of them are here to celebrate Allan and Jackie's son, Scott's, marriage to Lisa DeBattista on Saturday, July 27th.

Staying at Birch Lake are Jackie's sister, Susie and Paul McDonough of Tewsbury, Mass. and her sister, Mary and Gerald Burggren of Saugus, Mass. Her sister, Pat Armstrong of Stoneham and her 86 year old dad, John Connors, of Wilmington, Mass. will be staying with them in their Granger home.

Sister Susie made all the silk bridal flowers for Lisa. They looked so real you just wanted to smell them.

Congratulations to Scott and Lisa on their marriage and to Jackie on gettin a job! Ugh!!

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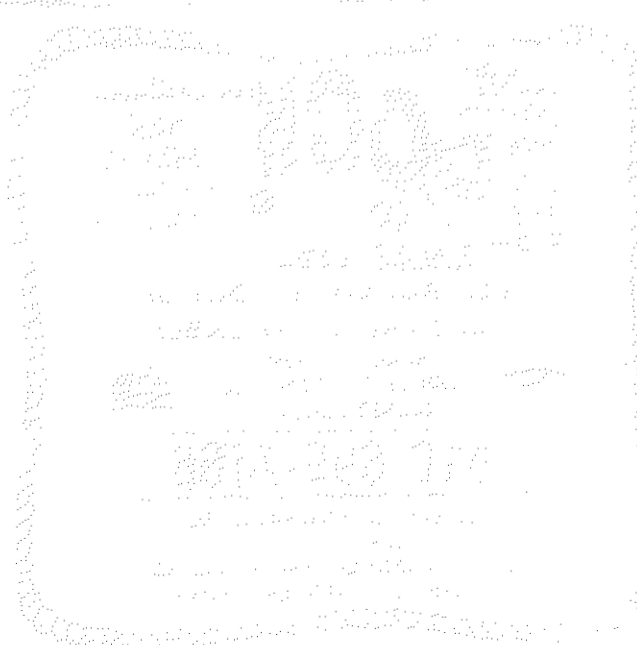
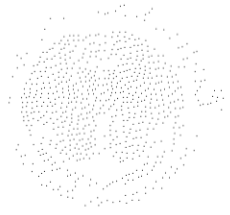
Editor: Barb Zesinger, #2526

WHO IS THIS MAN?



- Clues:
1. A former Commodore!
 2. Recently joined the 50 and over group at the upcoming Birch Lake "Triathlon"...
 3. A charter member of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).
 4. Doesn't want anyone to know he is over 50 years old - likes peace and quiet - so please honk your boat horn and wish him a HAPPY 50th as you go by his house Saturday, July 27th -
- THANKS!!

Submitted by: A. Friend



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Poultry

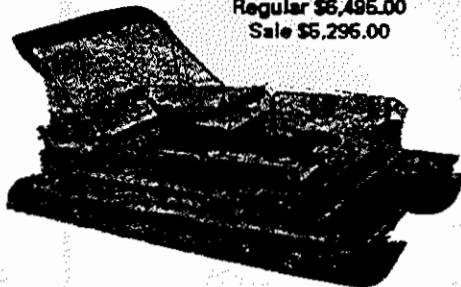
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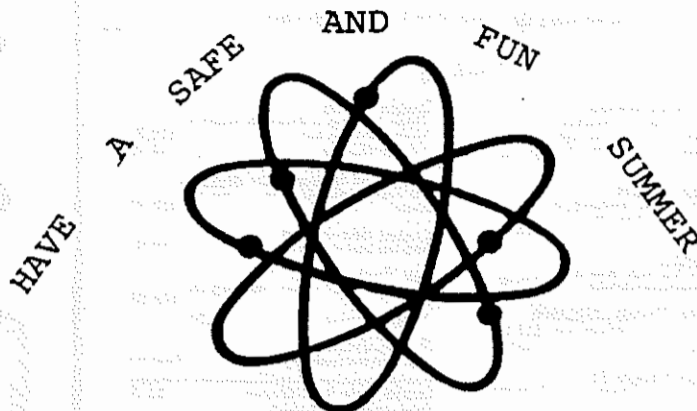
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