



# Birch Barken

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

HAPPY 4th! Big busy weekend ahead. Enjoy the Boat Parade by observing at 10:00 AM (IN) Saturday or better yet be a participant. Also, our Fireworks celebration is Saturday night at DUSK at Camp Tannadoonah. This year's display promises to be SPECTACULAR. Don't miss it. Pray for good weather! If you haven't made your donation yet, please do so. And, don't forget the Pancake Breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah's dining hall Sunday morning. You'll taste some great pancakes, sausage and more! The proceeds will benefit both the Camp and your Yacht Club.

Then rest up for next week because Saturday night the Yacht Club is going to ROCK! Get out your dancin' shoes and don't miss this event. Doors open at 7:30 PM (IN) and the Band will play from 8:00 PM till 11:00 PM (IN). \$2.00 donation requested.

We are way behind in our Birch Lake Yacht Club membership dues. Please pay Mike Machalleck or any of your Directors as soon as possible.

I've received several complaints from residents about smoke from burning leaves and trash. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

Is Sail Boat Racing dead on Birch Lake? We need an organizer. If interested call me at #476-2132. We also need an organizer for the Childrens Party.

In anticipation of heavy boat traffic this weekend, please be extra cautious and help make this a fun, safe holiday weekend.

John Gableman  
Commodore 1992

## BOAT PARADE

Don't forget to watch the July 4th Boat Parade at 10:00 AM (IN). APPLAUSE is appreciated.

## BIG THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Phil Dudeck, Mike Machelleck and especially John Gableman for redoing the Birch Lake Yacht Club women's restroom. It looks great!!

### SUMMER "1992" EVENTS

July 4th Boat Parade - 10:00 AM (IN)  
July 4th Fireworks - Dusk  
July 5th Pancake Breakfast - 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM(IN)  
July 5th Fireworks Raindate  
July 11th Dance - Live Band - BLYC  
July 29th Ladies Luncheon  
July 31st Men's Golf Outing  
Aug. 8th Triathlon  
Aug. 8th Corn & Sausage Roast  
Aug. 22nd Fall Dinner

### PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

When: This Sunday, July 5th - 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM(IN)  
Where: Camp Tannadoonah Dining Hall

Each year the Birch Lake Yacht Club has been cooking a great breakfast to give the camp financial support.

Our Treasurer will be at the door if you wish to pay your Birch Lake Yacht Club dues or contribute to the Fireworks Fund.

Breakfast cost will be \$4.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for children under 10 years.

### WATER QUALITY REPORT

Because of the Lee Maager Birch Lake Survey Program we are happy to report that 84 septic systems have been replaced which were found to be in violation of the Cass County Sewage Disposal Regulation.

These systems had final disposals which were in the ground water and/or less than 50 feet from the lake. Fortunately, 84 new systems have lessened the once frequent sighting of sewage slicks.

Unfortunatly, a sewage slick was sighted by one of our 9 monitors, Linda Curtis. Her suspicions were confirmed when her sample results indicated recent entrance of excretory human wastes to the water.

We published our progress report map in the Barker and told you that we were sad to report that there are still a few people who remain in violation and refuse to comply with the law and continue to pollute Birch Lake.

See attached map.

Submitted by Water Quality Committee

### TRASH BURNING

Over the years we have asked that trash and garbage not be burned. Not only is this unneighborly and discourteous, it is also not good for the environment.

Trash burners have basically ignored this request. Therefore Porter Township passed an ordinance banning the burning of anything other than wood products: branches, leaves and paper. Please report any violators to the Sheriff's Department.

By the way, the fine for trash burning is about the same as the cost for garbage pick up for one year. Submitted by a concerned resident.

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### PAST COMMODORE'S REMEMBERED

1960 - Ray Messner	1977 - Judy Olson
1961 - John Machalleck	1978 - Dick Whiteman
1962 - Bill King	1979 - Roy Henderson
1963 - Seldon Foote	1980 - Dave Anthony
1964 - Earl Troeger	1981 - Chuck Fortino
1965 - Chas Purdy	1982 - Earl Troeger
1966 - John Ball	1983 - Earl Troeger
1967 - Dale Bratcher	1984 - Herm Kruggel
1968 - Floyd Fulmer	1985 - Randy Welch
1969 - Dick Cowen	1986 - Mike Machalleck
1970 - Jack Troeger	1987 - Ken Tate
1971 - Bruce Harlan	1988 - Dan Reynolds
1972 - J. Beehler	1989 - Harold Crammer
1973 - Terry Montague	1990 - Buzz Rasmussen
1974 - Bob Ross	1991 - Bud Zesinger
1975 - Joe O'Brien	1992 - John Gableman (Current)
1976 - Bill Hayden	

This list was compiled through research and the help of Nadine Brown, Judy Olson, and Arline Machalleck.

Submitted by Bud Zesinger

### AEROBICS

It's finally time to start aerobics! Things will be a little different this year due to the fact I will be taking classes at Western. Aerobics will be every Friday - Saturday - Sunday at 9:00 AM(IN) starting Friday, July 10th. We already have one exception to the time -- Class will be at 10:00 AM(IN) on Saturday, July 11th due to the Birch Lake Yacht Club Director's meeting. There is no charge and bring towel and/or mat. See you on the 10th!

Claudia

### COURTESY RULE

Just a reminder that the Water Safety Committee has requested that Wave Riders and Jet Skis not be operated before 10:00 AM(IN) or after 7:00 PM(IN). So far, we have had excellent cooperation.

THANKS, Water Safety Comm.

### MEMORIAL

Bob Hague, a long time resident of Birch Lake, south side #20, died in South Bend, Indiana on June 2, 1992.

Bob and Betty spent their summers here from 1955 until the last few years when Bob became ill. Their three sons, B. J., Barry and Brian, grew up here and Brian and Cindy (Ball) and their sons, Matt and Mike, continue to enjoy the lake at #98 with the Ball clan.

### WELCOME

Welcome to Richard and Patty Dueringer of South Bend, Indiana. The Dueringers, with girls, Amanda, Ashley, and Whitney, will be spending the month of July next door to Abernethy's (N264) on the North side.

### ZESINGER 4TH OF JULY PARTY

A big get together is planned at the Z's. Invited guests include Sister Jan Wheaton, Mary and George Miller, Cindy Zesinger and her fiance Bill Rheinhardt, Jr., Bud Zesinger, Jr. and Nila, Carol MacLean, Bob Rhodes, Roery and Jan MacLean with children, Jon, Christiann, Julie, and Hunter.

First time Birch Lake visitors from Evansville and Terre Haute include Carolyn and Bill Rheinhardt, Sr., Steve and Debbie Williamson with children Zachary and Sydney, and Jeff and Shelley West with daughter, Raylin.

Please wave hello as you cruise by.....Happy 4th!!

### KING'S TENT CITY

It's time for "tent city" at the King's again -- about the 18th annual!

In addition, Suzy will be celebrating her big "40" so, if you go by and want to wave to her or honk your horn, that would be nice.

### ABERNETHY'S VISITORS

The Abernethy's, North shore, will be a busy place over the 4th.

Tom Abernethy, Spike's brother, will be enjoying Birch Lake with his wife, Susie, and three boys, Matt, Andy, and Todd. They will be arriving from Carmel, California on Friday.

Tait Grorud, a childhood friend of Spike and Tom, will be arriving on Saturday from Los Angeles, California. He is looking forward to a weekend of not worrying about earthquakes!

### 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Dorothy and John Parnell celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Saturday, June 27th.

A garden party and dinner, blessed with perfect weather, was enjoyed by 50 family members and friends, hosted by their children, spouses, and grandchildren: Jeanne Marable from Phoenix, Arizona, her daughter Kim and husband, Ken Poe, from Tucson, Arizona; John, wife Sylvia, and daughters, Laurie and Ashley, from Cincinnati, Ohio; Dick and fiancée, Heidi Tillett, from Stow, Ohio; and Kathy and Ron Niezgodski and son, Bobby, from South Bend, Indiana; Babe Parnell Miller and husband Jay D. Miller from Elkhart with 18 year old twins, Brian and Shane who just graduated from Elkhart High School and were a super help.

The party organizers were Kathy and Babe. Also, thanks to Ron and Staci Whiteman for all their wonderful help.

Dorothy's bridesmaid, Mrs. Fred Martin, from South Bend, Indiana attended, as well as Mahon Smith, John's best man from Niles, Michigan. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kryder from South Bend, Indiana, married the same day and year as the Parnells.

Parnell's granddaughter, Laurie Parnell from Cincinnati, Ohio, will be staying with them for a week attending mini-camp at Camp Tannadoonah for 3 days with Amber Holleman, formerly of Birch Lake.

The highlight of the occasion was a Keepsake Book made and put together by Kathy with a beautifully handmade cover by Kim, of treasured letters, pictures, articles, poems and other memorabilia by family and friends, the climax of a truly wonderful day.

HAPPY "21st" BIRTHDAY --- AMY ROSS!!!

### WELCOME TO GABLEMAN'S VISITORS

If you go by the Gableman's over the 4th, please give a big Birch Lake Welcome to John's son, Chuck Gableman, and his friend, Susan, from West Palm Beach; and to Claudia's sister, Cynthis Cross, and her friend, Ross Davis; and to Claudia's nephew, Richard Cullins, and his two children, Richey and Emily, from St. Louis. WELCOME!

### HALEY MARIE MCELWEE

Bob and April McElwee (E153) will be spending July 4th weekend at Birch Lake with their new daughter, Haley Marie. Haley was born June 6th and weighed 6lbs. 2 oz.. CONGRATULATIONS Bob and April.....

### NORTH SHORE O'BRIENS

The North shore O'Briens are expecting! Granddaughter, Kelly Wanamaker, and husband, Jim, and their two children, Katie and Jake, will be here over the 4th weekend.

Then on July 10th daughter, Patty, and husband, Mike Cotter, and their two kids, Jack and Kathleen, arrive for a 10 day respite. They will be happy to see many (or any) of their old friends.

At the end of July, eldest daughter, Kathy, and husband, George, will arrive from St. Thomas for a month or so and will motor to Indy to visit her daughter and Jim and her grandchildren.

Major is expected in October for a short stay, then back to San Francisco and his Chinese Junk for the duration.

### FULL HOUSE

The Tom Troegers will have a full house over the 4th.

Visiting from Traverse City, MI., is Tom and Pat's newest grandchild, Emily Anne Cernak, age 6 weeks, along with Mom and Dad, Tammy and Jim. Tracey and George Iams and Tyler 8, Wade 6, Brady 3, and Corey 6 months will be here from Mishawaka, Indiana. Troy, Bryan, and Reilly (aged 18 months) Bergin from Granger, Indiana will also be visiting.

Son, Todd, and his bride of 10 months, Cary, from South Bend along with Pat's sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Ken Hinebaugh, from Munster, Indiana will ensure that there will not be a dull moment!

### THIRD GRANDSON

John and Roma Went from East side are proud to announce the birth of their third grandson. Jordan Ray Rader, son of James and Rene' Rader, was born on April 17, 1992. He surprised us by having long black hair at birth, his brothers, Ryan (4) and Jared (2), had no hair and when it did come in was red like their Mom's.

### BIRCH LAKE GOLFER

Our budding Arnold Palmer, Nicholas Bergan, has again made golfing news.

On the St. Joseph County Junior tour, Nick shot 44, including 1 penalty stroke and tied for first place.

At Elbel golf course, he was leading St. Joseph County for 90 points. On Nick's 13th birthday, June 23rd, he played in a golf tournament at Erskine golf course.

### DEER SIGHTING

In all the years Herm and Bev Kruggel have lived on the West shore, last week was their first sighting of deer on their beautiful wooded property. So be sure to keep your eyes open and focused on the woods behind Kruggels' as you go by.

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### CORRECTION

The phone numbers listed for Eagle Lake Marine in the advertising section are incorrect. Our apologies to Eagle Lake Marine.. Please note new phone number as well as some changes in merchandise below. Editor.



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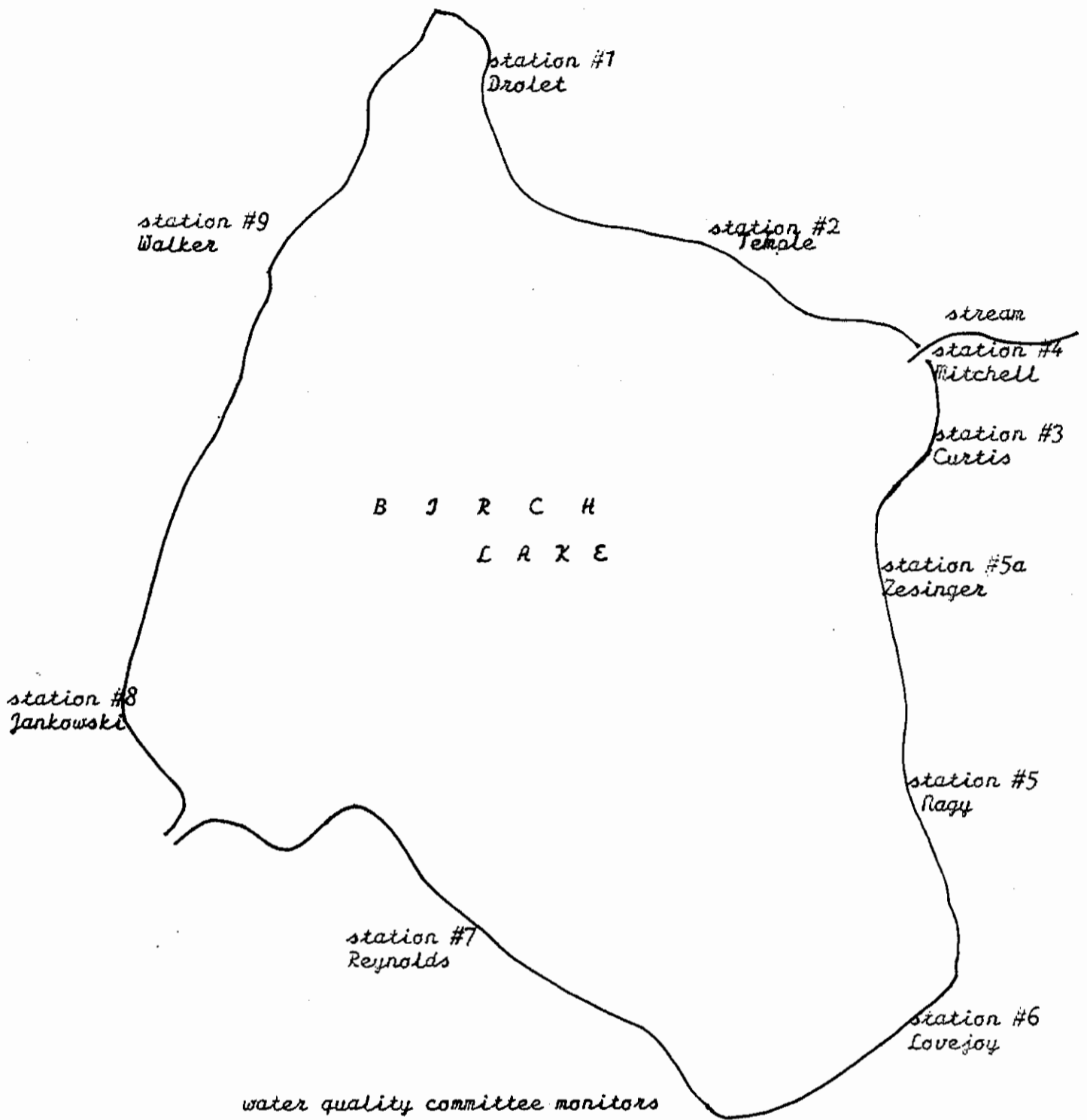
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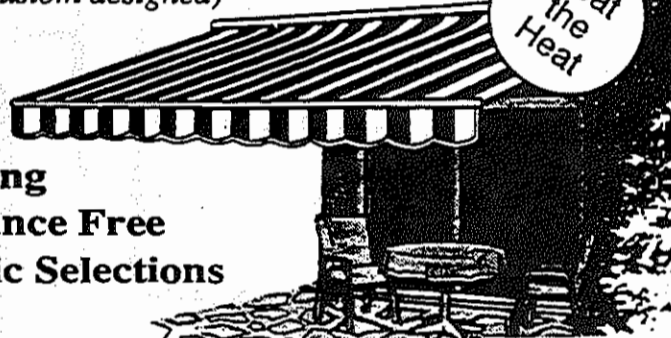
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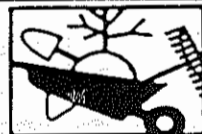
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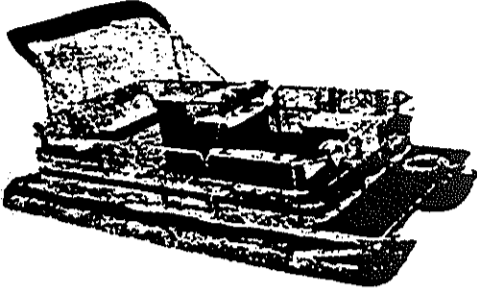
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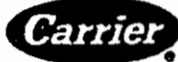


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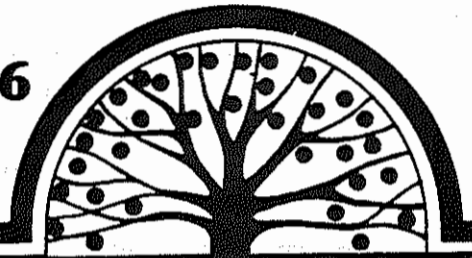
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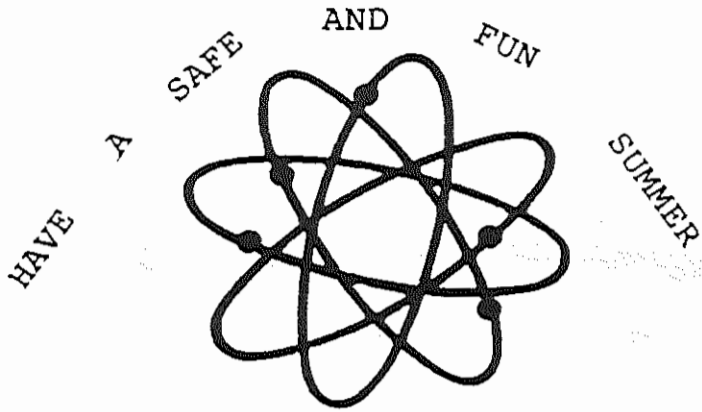
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