



ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Summer has finally arrived at Birch Lake... thunderstorms, sunny skies and temperatures in the 80's!

It was so nice to see so many of you Birch Lakers at the Commodore's Cocktail Party. The food, drink and conversation were great. Thanks to Bill King and Bob Waddle for tending bar and to both of them, as well as Dan Reynolds and John Gableman for help in cleaning up.

In last weeks Birch Barker Thelma Koontz announced plans for a Luau on Saturday, July 24th. She is in need of some volunteers, especially entertainers. Here's a chance to "let your hair down" (but keep your grass skirt on!) and have some fun. Call Thelma at #9657 and volunteer today.

The Fireworks Display is all set for July 3rd with the 4th as a backup date. We are still considerably short of funds for this event. Please consider a contribution by contacting any Birch Lake Director.

Lastly, as summer kicks in to high gear, please exercise common sense when operating all forms of water craft. Follow the rules and be considerate of your neighbors and we will have an accident-free summer.

Rich Mullin
Commodore 1993

SUMMER "1993" EVENTS
(all times Indiana)

June 18th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
June 23rd - Wednesday - Ladies Coffee - 10:00a.m. BLYC
June 25th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
July 2nd - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
July 3rd - Boat Parade - 10:00a.m.
July 3rd - Fireworks - at dark
July 4th - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00a.m.
July 4th - Fireworks raindate
July 5th - Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Aerobics
Today only 10:00a.m. Aerobathon
July 9th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
July 11th - Kid's Party
July 16th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
July 23rd - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
July 24th - Luau - 6:00p.m. - BLYC
July 30th - Birch Lake Golf Open
July 30th - Ladies Luncheon
Aug. 6th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
Aug. 13th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
Aug. 14th - Triathlon - 9 or 10:00a.m.
Aug. 14th - Corn & Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m. BLYC
Aug. 20th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
Aug. 27th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. BLYC
Aug. 28th - Fall Dinner - 6:00p.m. - BLYC
Oct. ? - Hayride & Pig Roast

KID'S PARTY POSTPONED

The Kid's Party has been postponed! Hopefully, the new date will be July 11th.

A chairperson is still needed! If you are interested, please call Rich or Pam Mullins at #476-8820 or Bob Waddle at #476-2293.

SAILING REMINDER

Important Meeting Today, Saturday, June 19th, 4:00p.m.(IN) at the Yacht Club.

Sunfish Races scheduled to start tomorrow, Sunday, June 20th, 10:30a.m.(IN).

We need all sailors input to help start and continue with a successful Sailing Program.

See you Saturday, 4:00p.m.(IN)!

STARTERS FOR THE RACES ARE NEEDED. Please come to the Sailors Meeting if interested. We need your help!

LADIES COFFEE

ATTENTION Birch Lake Ladies! Denny Weesner is hostessing a Ladies Coffee on Wednesday, July 23rd, 10:00a.m.(IN) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

It will be a good time to meet or get reacquainted with your neighbors.

Continental Breakfast will be served. Hoping to see a lot of you on the 23rd.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRAD ZESINGER!

ACTION COMMITTEE

The Yacht Club has formed an Action Committee to review current lake laws and make recommendations for new laws for our lake. Members of the committee are: Julie Rans, Brad Walker, Bob Waddle, Bud Zesinger, Dick Bender, Bill King, Jim Foos, Terry Curtis, Dan Reynolds, and Tim Steffen. Anyone with a suggestion should contact a committee member before June 26th.

JET SKIS & WAVE RUNNERS

Remember that personal watercraft must follow the same rules as regular watercraft. The following laws must be adhered to:

1. Always operate in a counter clockwise direction.
2. No wake within 100 feet of shore, piers, or rafts. Leave the dock area at idle speed until watercraft is 100 feet from pier or raft.
3. Must maintain 100 feet distance from all other watercraft (including other wave runners) at wake speed.
4. Must maintain 150 feet distance when following another watercraft (including other wave runners) at wake speed.

COURTESY RULES

- 1) Do not operate jet skis or wave runners before 9:00a.m. or after 7:00p.m. (Indiana)
- 2) Do not hot dog on the lake other than in the middle of the lake.

Thanks,
Water Safety Committee

AEROBICS REMINDER

Don't forget FREE Aerobics at the Yacht Club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the summer from 9:00 to 10:00a.m.(IN) starting July 7th.

Aerobic 2 hour kickoff July 5th from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.(IN). Bring towel and weights if desired.

TRASH BURNING

Not only is trash burning unneighborly and discourteous, it is not good for the environment.

Porter Township passed an ordinance banning the burning of anything other than wood products: branches, leaves and paper.

The fine for trash burning is about the same as the cost for garbage pick-up for one year. So please be considerate of your neighbor. Thank you.

GOLF NEWS

A beautiful golden trophy is in the proud possession of Nicholas Bergan, our resident champion golfer.

In the Linnen - Jeffries tournament at Hampshire Golf Course in Dowagiac for 13 year olds, Nick came out first.

Congratulations, Nick!

FIRST ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE COVE OPEN

Competitors: Cisco Minix, Nick Bergan and Bruce Wagner.
18 hole tournament. Bruce wanted 2 strokes a hole....

Final score: 1st - Nick (81); 2nd - Cisco (98); and
3rd - Bruce (107).

BOAT PARADE

Start thinking about how to decorate your boat for the annual holiday Boat Parade Saturday, July 3rd, at 10:00a.m.(IN).

This tradition was revived several years ago and has proven to be a highlight of the July 4th festivities. Decorations in the past have ranged from simple to truly elaborate and do not have to follow a July 4th theme. No fee is involved - just pick-up your entry number from the Reynolds' pier (big 2-story cedar house on south side) at 10:00a.m.(IN). As you file past the Gableman's cedar house on the south side, a team of professional(?) judges will be gazing on your creation. Slowly circle the lake (spectators love to take pictures). Upon your return, judges will award trophies and ribbons to every participating boat.

Categories are:

- Most Patriotic
- Most Colorful
- Best Pontoon
- Best Fishing Boat
- Most Original
- Best Overall

Past decorations have included using balloons and banners to elaborate themes such as Gilligan's Island, Gorilla float, Notre Dame float, Founding Fathers boat, and Flamingo Road.

If you would like to bribe the judges beforehand these Birch Lakers have been known to be persuaded: Irene Stefan, Brad Zesinger, Steve Ball, Fran Welch, and Dan Reynolds.

Join with family and friends and partake in this wonderful, fun-filled activity.

Raindate - July 4th at 10:00a.m.(IN)

DAPPER DAN

At approximately 4:30p.m. Friday Dan Reynolds was sited cruising happily around the lake with no fewer than 10 bronzed young lovelies gracing his decks. If raucous laughter were insufficient to draw attention to Dapper Dan and his bevy of beauties, the 2 large bunches of balloons certainly drew the eye.

Really, Dan, have you no shame?
(P.S. - What's your secret?!) Submitted by S.W.

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of these Birch Lake men who passed away this past year:

Gaston DeWulf S073
Dick Whiteman S041

PLEASE HAVE ALL NEWS TO EDITOR BY 5:00P.M. MONDAY...

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

This week I am submitting Bud's favorite cookie recipe. I hope I will be receiving a lot of recipes from all the Birch Lake cooks (female or male) so we can have a new recipe each week. Looking forward to hearing from you... Barb.

OATMEAL GEMS

1 cup raisins	1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup water	1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup solid vegetable shortening	1 teaspoon salt (optional)
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 eggs	1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon vanilla	2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats, uncooked
2-1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour	1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Combine raisins and water in small saucepan. Simmer over low heat 20 to 30 minutes, or until raisins are nicely plumped. Drain liquid from raisins into measuring cup. If necessary, add enough additional water to raisin liquid to measure 1/2 cup. Set drained raisins and 1/2 cup raisin liquid aside to cool.

In a large mixing bowl with an electric mixer, beat shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Stir in reserved 1/2 cup raisin liquid.

Sift the sifted flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves into another mixing bowl. Stir flour mixture into shortening mixture with a spoon. Stir in oats, nuts and reserved raisins; mix well.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls, about 2 inches apart, onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 8 to 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Makes 6 to 7 dozen cookies.

Note: These cookies freeze well.

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EDITOR - Barb Zesinger



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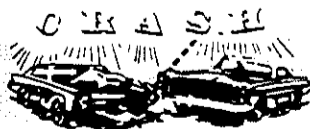
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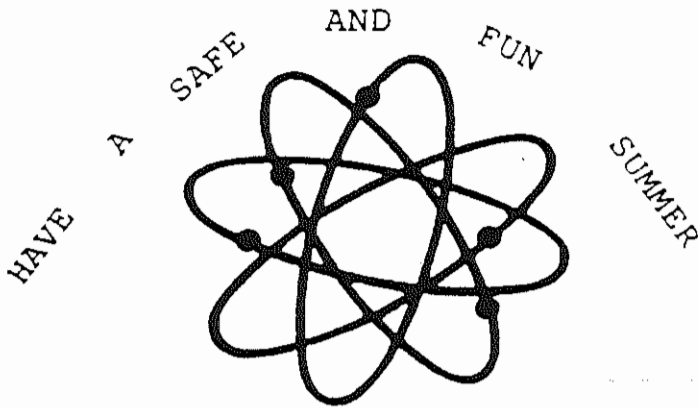
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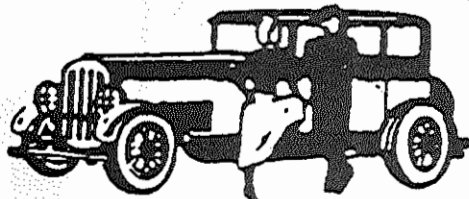
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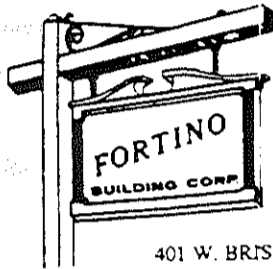
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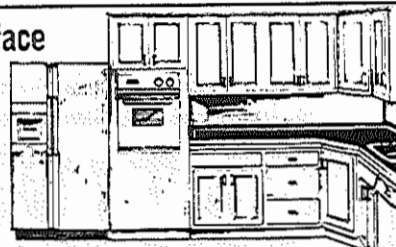
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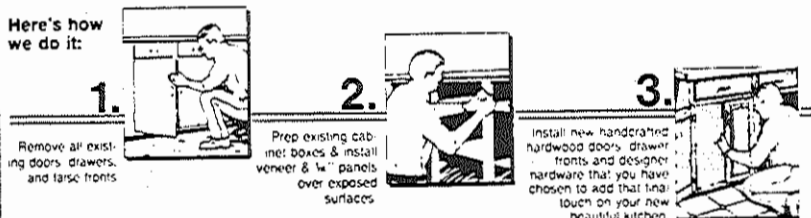
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