



# Birch Barken

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It was like dying and going to heaven! Last weekend was almost perfect. Cool nights, warm days...."it just doesn't get any better than this"! Except of course if you are a sailor. Sunday, there was barely a breeze. Too bad, as I was all primed to 'practice' sailing after receiving a lesson from Dr. Jones. Maybe after the Triathlon and before the Corn and Sausage Roast.

As I mentioned last week, make your reservation now for the annual Fall Dinner, August 28, 1993. It is at this dinner that I will pass the Commodoreship to Bob Waddle who, in turn, will announce next year's Vice Commodore. I will also present the Commodore's Award to a couple who has given much of their time and energy over the years to help make Birch Lake the great place that it is. I hope to see many of you there.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of this great summer weather.

Rich Mullin  
Commodore 1993

August 14th - Triathlon - 9:00 a.m.(IN)

August 14th - Corn & Sausage Roast - 5:30 p.m.(IN) - BLYC

August 15th - Sailboat races (2) - 10:30 a.m.(IN)

**SUMMER "1993" EVENTS**  
**(all times Indiana)**

Aug. 14th - Triathlon - 9:00a.m.  
Aug. 14th - Corn & Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 16th - Aerobics - 9:00 to 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 18th - Aerobics - 9:00 to 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 22nd - Sailboat races (2) - 10:30a.m.  
Aug. 28th - Fall Dinner - 5:30p.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 29th - Sailboat races (2) - 10:30a.m.  
Sept. 4th - Sailboat Regatta - 2:00p.m.  
Sept. 5th - Sailboat Regatta - 10:30a.m. - 2 races

**CORN & SAUSAGE ROAST**

Don't forget to extend the fun from the Triathlon and attend the Birch Lake Yacht Club's Annual Corn & Sausage Roast. As usual Bullard Farms has graciously donated their scrumptious sweet corn for our delectable delight. Add to that mouth watering sausage with savory baked beans, potato salad, rye bread, beer, etc. Add to this stimulating conversation, confabulation, interlocution, i.e. chitchat. Must we go on! All this for only \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5 and under. Time: 5:30p.m.(IN). See you there!

**"SPECTRUM"**

When: August 14th  
Time: 9:00 p.m. to Midnight  
Where: Birch Lake Yacht Club  
Price: \$1.00 cover charge  
Music: 50's to 90's Country,  
Rock to Polka

**LAST TEEN NIGHT**

Thanks to the efforts of many wonderful and generous chaperons and the interest of the Birch Lake Teens, Teen Nights on Friday evenings were a great success.

There were many chaperons that planned activities, supervised, and cleaned up afterwards. Special recognition goes to:

Spike and Ann Abernethy  
Steve and Nancy Ball  
Phillip and Betsy Custard  
Terry and Carol Dugan  
John and Claudia Gableman  
Bob and Barbara Pence  
Dennis and Margie Trybus  
Dennis and Rita Tudor  
Terry and Becky Wiseman  
Diana Wozny

Many thanks to all for a terrific season.

Our last Teen Night was August 6th. Fall events begin early!  
Submitted by Nancy Ball

**CAMP TANNADOONAH CANDLELIGHT SERENADE**

Don't forget the candlelight serenade ceremony at Camp Tannadoonah, Friday, August 13th. At dark the campers will sing, marking another wonderful summer at Camp Tannadoonah. Bring your boats close to the camp's shore and be treated to an evening of aural delight. Don't forget to honk your horns at the closing. WE LOVE YOU CAMP TANNADOONAH!!

PLEASE HAVE ALL NEWS TO EDITOR BY 5:00 P.M. MONDAY!  
THE COST FOR "FOR SALE" AD IS \$1.00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CINDY RHEINHARDT!

BIRCH LAKE TRIVIA QUESTION

BIRCH LAKE TRIVIA QUESTION: What is the history behind the mural painted on the outside of the Yacht Club? On the bottom right hand corner are the initials B.R. Contact your editor if you have info.

SUMMER "1993" AEROBIC CLASSES ENDING

Unfortunately, aerobics is coming to a close with the last workout being Wednesday, August 18th. However to ease the loss, the girls are having their annual aerobics luncheon, noon, Monday, August 16th at Jane Nagy's house on the East side. Anyone attending an aerobics class even once is invited to attend. YOU DESERVE IT! Everyone is bringing a salad to pass and of course Jane is providing the mandatory margaritas. So if you would like, come to aerobics class Monday morning and then at noon we will drink and eat. (Somewhere there is a rationale for this!)

LAST WEEK SAILING NEWS

Racing got underway again Sunday, August 1st, with two very close races sailed by 6 MC sailors. That was the largest number of MC's racing this year. Dave Troeger won both races with Harold Cranmer and Don Harmon very close.

The old Starting Cannon was used for the first time in many years. We will keep this tradition going and hope to have some louder reports.

We are in need of Sunfish sailors. See Rick Harmon or Earl Troeger if interested. See you Sunday Morning.

THIS WEEK'S SAILING NEWS

The wind did not cooperate! We will go again Sunday, August 15th.

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB FALL DINNER

Date: Saturday, August 28th  
Place: Birch Lake Yacht Club  
Time: Cocktails - 5:30 P.M.(IN)  
Dinner - Buffet Style - 6:30 P.M.(IN)  
Price: Adults - \$9.50 & Children under 5 - \$5.50  
Make reservations with BLYC Director!  
Pay at door.

CRITTER SIGHTINGS

While traveling to U.S. 12 via Calvin Hill Road, Ralph and Helen Dunlap (Dun-Gul-Fin on the West side) came upon a wild Turkey hen and her four young feeding along the road. The young were the size of full grown chickens.

The Dunlaps also have an odd critter visit them every night. After dark a bat can always be found clinging to the cedar siding near the back door, evidently to catch insects. Ralph has named it (?) "Ben the Bat". He(?) is always gone the next morning but leaves evidence of his presence on the cement below. This has been going on for the past three summers. Last fall while closing the cottage for the winter our daughter-in-law, Ellen, of South Bend discovered (to her horror) a bat hiding behind a shade inside the screened porch. It was evicted by son, Brad. Was it Ben?

**PRESS RELEASE FOR THE BIRCH BARKER:**

**SPRING DINNER--1994**

We are pleased to announce that the time and place for the Birch Lake Yacht club Spring Dinner have been set. It will take place on Saturday, April 23, 1994 at the Matterhorn Restaurant, which is located at 2041 Cassopolis Street in Elkhart. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 P.M. and dinner will be served at 7:30 P.M. The cost per person will be \$17.00 and there will be a cash bar. Please make plans now to attend.

We have plans to compile a video or slide show featuring beautiful Birch Lake and its beautiful residents which will be shown at the Spring Dinner. We are requesting the donation of at least one photograph from each family on the lake to be used for this purpose. Photos can be delivered to any Director at your convenience or give them to your Director when they canvass in the near future. Please include names for everyone in the photos and your address if you want the pictures returned.

**KARAOKE NIGHT AT BIRCH LAKE**

All you "Shower Sopranos" and "Behind-the-Wheel Baritones" make plans to head down to Club Birch Lake (also known as the Yacht Club) on Saturday evening, September 4th (Labor Day Weekend) for an evening of Karaoke Entertainment. This is an opportunity for anyone who has had dreams of performing to strut their stuff.

In case you are unfamiliar with the Karaoke concept it goes something like this. First you will select a song from a list (there are hundreds of songs available from Country to Oldies to current music selections). Fill out a request card found at your table and hand it to the host. When you are called upon you can sing the song of your choice while your performance is enhanced with background music and rhythm provided by the host. You won't believe that you could sound so good.

Anyone who has been to one of these shows will assure you that some of the most unlikely people sound like recording stars. They will also tell you that once some people begin singing, they must be dragged from the stage to get them to stop.

Showtime is at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday night on September 4, 1993 at the Yacht Club. There will be a cash bar and snacks will be available for nominal charge. There will also be a \$2.00 cover charge which can be paid at the door. Be sure to arrive early for those choice seats.

Bob Waddle  
Vice-commandore

**WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA VISITORS**

The infamous Chuck Gableman, son of John Gableman, will once again be visiting Birch Lake, starting this Saturday, August 14th through the following weekend. Visiting with Chuck will be the beautiful and talented Susan Conner and her delightful daughter, Ashley, all the way from West Palm Beach, Florida. Much to Chuck's chagrin he will be missing the Triathlon, but will be here in time to make the Corn & Sausage Roast and the dance following. We're sure John will have Chuck at the pit during the Roast so make a point to stop and say Hi!

**TEXAS VISITORS**

One year old Matthew Long, of Arlington, Texas, spent this past week at Birch Lake entertaining his grandparents, Bruce and Sue Wagner. Grandpa Bruce properly "baptized" Matthew's toes in the lake. South Bend cousins, James and Tyler Kruk joined in the fun. Matthew also brought his parents, Scott and Ann Long, with him to help with the driving.

### TOTH'S GRANDCHILDREN

Helen and Joe Toth are enjoying the company of their grandchildren who, in turn, enjoy the beauties of Birch Lake. A recent achievement of one of their charming granddaughters should be noted. Jenny Tushko is an accomplished skier and, this summer, has skied with only one ski. Way to go, Jenny!

Dr. Toth, whose avocation is gourmet cooking, has recently won a national prize for his original oatmeal cookies. the recipe is not yet for publication.

### THANK YOU

Loretta Drolet thanks Bruce Wagner very much for delivering the Birch Barkers while she was in Seattle and L.A.

Welcome back Loretta!

### FIRST PLACE GOLD MEDAL WINNER

We're happy to report that Nicole Davis, granddaughter of Eastsiders Betty and Joe O'Brien, took 1st place gold medals in both the 50 and 100 yard backstroke in the State Finals for Girls 12 and under age group.

Nicole, swimming for the Michiana Marlins, competed at the IUPU natatorium in Indianapolis over the July 30th - 31st weekend. Her Medlay Relay team took the silver medal as well. Congratulations Nicole and the Marlins.

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE IS SUBMITTED BY ANNE TORMA.

#### Freezer Bread & Butter Pickles

7 cups cucumbers sliced thin  
1/2 cup chopped onions  
2 tablespoons pickling salt

Combine and stir till sugar is dissolve.

2 cups sugar  
1 cup vinegar  
1 teaspoon celery seed

Add cukes and onion. Let stand overnite and freeze. Could be refreezed.

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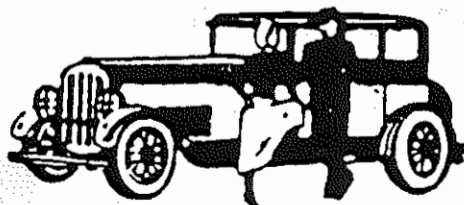
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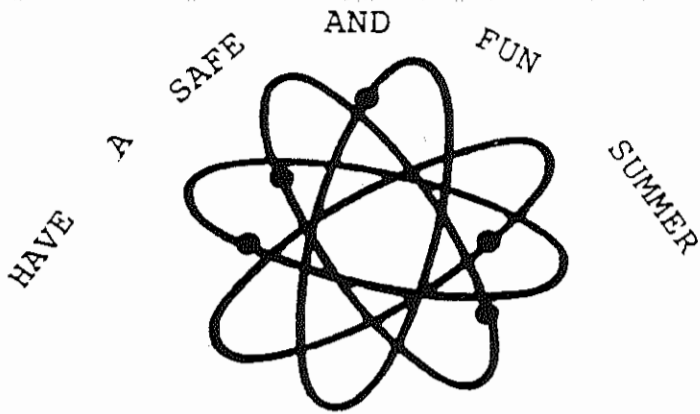
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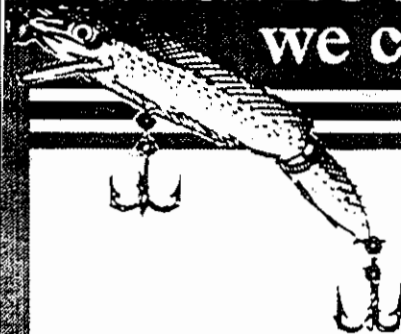
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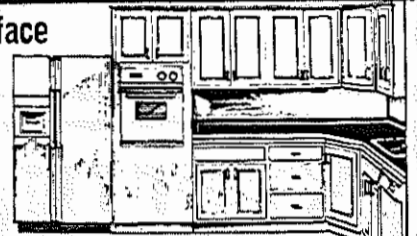
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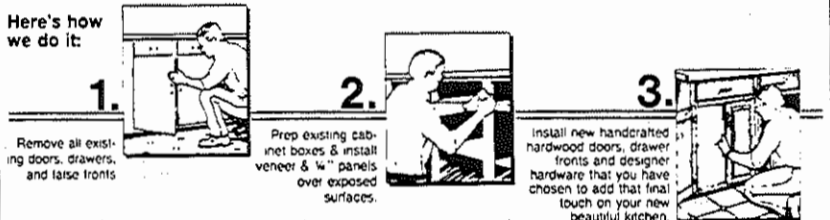
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