



# Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hello...this is Commodore Bob. Please pardon me--I was confused. The class reunion is one week later than I thought. You will have to wait one more week to hear from lovely Linda Curtis.

No more talk about the weather. We are just going to assume that all weekends from now until Labor Day will be hot and sunny.

I had an opportunity Sunday morning to accompany Earl Troeger and witness the start and finish of the sunfish race. There wasn't much wind, but three determined sailors raced in spite of the calm. Do you remember when dozens of sailboats would race on Sunday mornings? What a beautiful sight that was. It would be nice to revive interest in sailing here at Birch Lake. I'm sure that there are dozens of sailboats out there, tucked away in sheds and garages that would just love to be used. If you're interested call Earl, Don Harman or Harold Cranmer.

The date for the Birch Lake Men's Golf Outing is rapidly approaching (see the ad in this week's Barker). We still need donations and sponsors to help with the expenses. If you can help out, contact any officer or director.

We still need sponsors for a party for the kids at the lake. A little girl approached me Saturday and as she looked up at me with plaintive eyes she said "Please Mister, can't you please have a party for us kids?" I was almost moved to tears. Since I don't have any children, I am sort of in the dark about how to organize a Kid's Party. I have a feeling that there are plenty of parents out there that would love to help, but are too bashful. So shed those fears and come forward--the children will love you for it.

The weekend after you read this will be the Fourth of July Holiday. Lots of things are upcoming to keep everyone entertained, namely the Boat Parade, the Fireworks Show and the Pancake Breakfast. Keep those fireworks donations coming in and a BIG THANKS to those who have contributed to date.

## SUMMER "1994" EVENTS

(all times Indiana)

- July 2nd - Boat Parade - 4:00p.m.  
July 2nd - Fireworks - at dark  
July 3rd - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00a.m. at Camp  
Tannadoonah  
July 3rd - Sailboat Race (Sunfish & MC, etc.) -  
10:30a.m.  
July 3rd - Fireworks Raindate  
July 4th - Sailboat Race (Sunfish & MC, etc.) -  
10:30a.m.  
July 6th - Aerobics with Claudia - 10:00a.m. -  
BLYC  
July 8th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
July 13th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
July 15th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
July 16th - Vice-commandore's Cocktail Party/Karaoke  
Night - 8:00p.m. - BLYC  
July 20th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
July 22nd - Ladies Golf Outing  
July 27th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
July 29th - Birch Lake Golf Outing  
Aug. 3rd - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 5th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 10th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 12th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 13th - Fun Run - 9:00 or 10:00a.m.  
Aug. 13th - Corn and Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m.-  
BLYC  
Aug. 17th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 19th - Aerobics - 10:00a.m. - BLYC  
Aug. 27th - Fall Dinner - 6:00p.m. - BLYC

## FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTORS

The following Birch Lake families have contributed to the Fireworks Fund as of June 27, 1994. A big THANK YOU to all of them.

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**HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY PHYLLIS CATHERINE RASMUSSEN!**

**SAILING NEWS**

A rather disappointing showing for our first Sunfish Race of the season. Thanks to the 3 who did compete, we did kick-off the season.

Tom Howard won out over Don Harman in a race where the lead changed several times. John Gableman sailed well in the light air to finish 3rd. Thanks guys for your participation.

The next races will be held as our July 4th Regatta. Races will be held at 10:30a.m. All on Sunday, July 3rd and 10:30a.m. All Monday, July 4th. Both Sunfish and MC Races will be held.

This weekend come over to Diamond Lake for MC races both Saturday and Sunday. Earl Troeger

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

The annual Birch Lake 4th of July boat parade will be held Saturday, July 2nd, at 4:00p.m. (The later time will allow more time for preparation.)

Each year Birch Lakers decorate their boats in a variety of ways from the hideous to the prettiest, from extravagant to sublime. All boats receive a trophy. There is no entry fee. Past decorations include an IU boat, a Notre Dame boat, a Budweiser boat, Gilligan's Island, Flamingo Road, Cleopatra's Barge, etc. Even a few balloons and a couple of flags are welcome! Come join in the fun and be in the parade. Categories include:

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

To officially enter the parade receive a registration number at the Reynolds pier on the South side (3-level natural cedar home). Display the number on the side of your boat and parade past the panel of judges on the Gableman's pier (a 2 story natural cedar home also on the South side). Continue around the lake and meet back at the Gableman's for the presentation of trophies.

This is a fun event and a great way to bring family and friends together. If you have never participated, this year is the year! Call Claudia Gableman at #2132 if you have any questions.

**AEROBICS AND BIRCH LAKE WALK**

Aerobics at the Yacht Club will start Wednesday, July 6th, at 10:00a.m. (Indiana time). There is no fee. Just bring your mat and or a towel, water, and weights if desired. Aerobics will continue every Wed. and Fri. throughout the summer. (Sorry, no aerobics on Mondays due to the instructor getting educated at WMU.) To make up for the lost day of exercise, let's have a Birch Lake walk every Tuesday at 10:00a.m. Meet at the Yacht Club with your walking shoes and we'll walk about 3 miles around most of the lake. Claudia Gableman

**TEEN NIGHT CANCELED**

Due to no supervisors Teen Night has been canceled. If any adult finds they have time to supervise this event - please call the Wiseman/Ball's at #476-9560.

### BIRCH LAKE SWEATSHIRTS & T-SHIRTS

Newly designed six-color shirts by Coy Jankowski will be ready next weekend and for sale at the Pancake Breakfast. Only large and extra large will be available next weekend. You may special order different sizes and logo changes on a prepaid basis at the breakfast also. A limited number of sweatpants will also be available in large and medium.

Sweatshirts and pants --- \$30.00 each

T-Shirts --- \$15.00 each

Questions ---- call Dan Reynolds at #8877.

### INFANT, CHILD AND ADULT CPR AND RESCUE BREATHING COURSE

Linda Rasmussen has once again arranged a Level B Infant, Child and Adult CPR and Rescue Breathing Course to be given at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. This class is handled by the American Heart Association and twelve (12) participants are needed for a class to be held. Sharon Varricchio, who is a Certified American Red Cross instructor, will be teaching the course.

Date: Saturday, July 16th

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Michigan time)

Where: Birch Lake Yacht Club

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Please call or leave a message with Linda or Buzz Rasmussen at #476-2021 if you'd like to attend or have any questions regarding the class. It is important that you reply by Wednesday, July 13th.

### SHIPWRECK FOUND IN BIRCH LAKE

Two divers from Hart City Scuba (Elkhart, Indiana) and Birch Lake resident, Tim Steffen, of the West Bank, found and recovered a steel 12 foot row boat. It was located in 35 feet of water -- 290° from North - directly off the residents pier head. Anyone capable of identifying the manufacture and date of production is welcome to view it, located on the West Bank, as you float by.

### 74TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Les Jensen (S42) graduated from Wheatfield High School (Indiana) in 1920. There were 15 students in his class.

The reunion was held last weekend with about 100 people attending. Representatives from a lot of the classes (1920 to 1970) were at the reunion. Les was the oldest surviving member. His family attended the reunion too and met some distant cousins and heard about some great experiences.

Before the reunion Grandpa, Leslie, gave granddaughter, Lesley Greenig, a tour of the old homestead and showed her the bank where her great grandfather worked and her great, great grandfather's movie (silent pictures) house. The Jensen family band played music for dances that were held in the movie house.

### EARLY ANNUAL SUBMERSION

Bill King would like to announce that his wife, Le, entered the waters of Birch Lake on the date of Thursday, June 16th, instead of her annual submersion on July 4th. (It couldn't have anything to do with the weather, could it Le?)

THE JOHN GABLEMAN FAMILY WELCOME 2 NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. John Gableman would like to announce and welcome the arrival of their new granddaughter, Ashley Ferguson, age 3 and their new daughter-in-law (and Ashley's mother), Susan Conner, to the Gableman family. Chuck Gableman married Susan Conner on Saturday, May 21st, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Brittany Gableman caught the bouquet. John and Claudia demand at least two decades before the tradition passes on.  
Congratulations, Chuck and Susan!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

If you find an orange dock-bumper strip anywhere on the lake, please call #1-683-9430. Reward!

LOST

Blue ensolite (one person) raft is missing from Wiseman's (South shore). Possibly floated towards southeast shore.  
If found, please call Wiseman's at #476-9560.

LOST

One spreader knife at the Commodore's Cocktail Party -- not an expensive one but one I used a lot. It's about 6 inches long with a wooden handle and a wide blade serrated on one side. If you happened to find it, please call #2128 and I'll be happy to pick it up. Thanks. Le King.

FOUND

A portion of plastic paddle was found. Contact Waddle's (East side) at #2293.

FOUND

Found - 2 life jackets. Call John Gableman's and give correct description - they are yours. #2132.

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER

Babysitting - Experienced babysitter would like job. Please call Bethany Wood at #2591.

SECOND ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Second Annual Craft Show by "The Enchanted Cottage".

Date: July 2, 1994  
Time: 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Michigan)  
Where: Mitchell's - 63063 Birch Road  
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MOVING SALE

When: July 2, 1994  
Where: Curtis' - 63085 Birch Road  
Time: 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Indiana)  
What: Furniture - Baby clothes - Household items and a lot of misc. items!

WANTED!

Used row boat wanted in \$100 to \$200 price range. Call Fritz Trybus at #2563.

FOR SALE

- 1) Several bicycles for sale - Gableman's at #2132.  
House #S048.
- 2) Small couch - clean - light upholstery, loose cushions,  
light color wood ends. \$25.  
Call Kelly's at #476-2652.
- 3) Sunfish Sailboat - \$500.  
Call Walker's at #476-2652.
- 4) Swim Float: Approx. 7' X 7', light weight Redwood  
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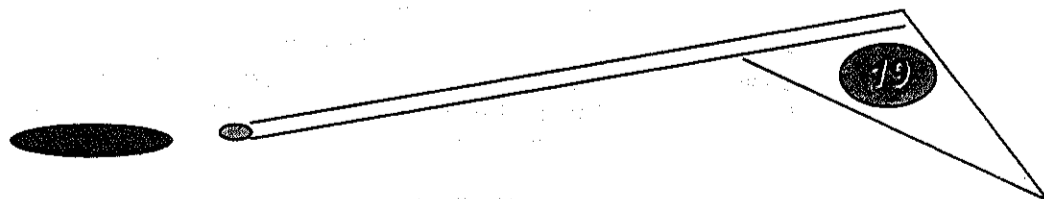
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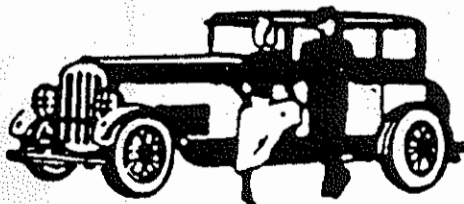
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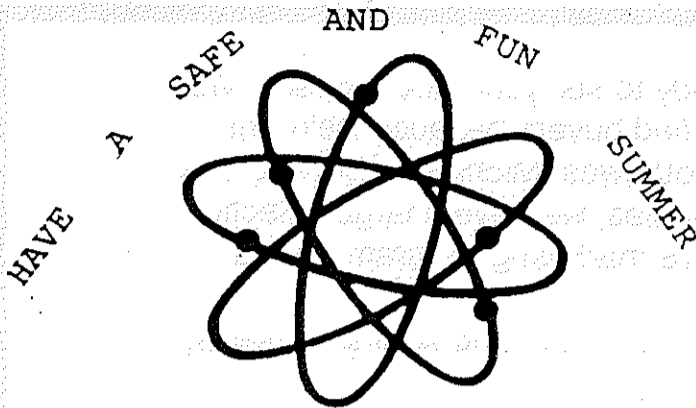
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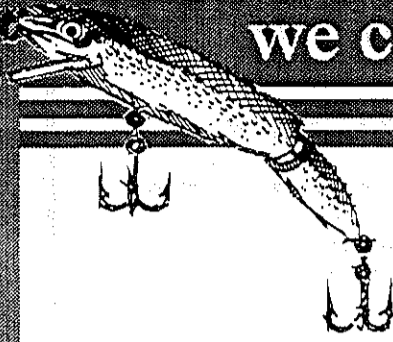


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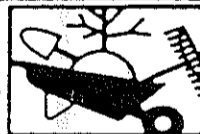
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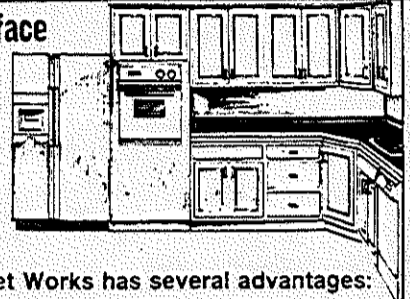
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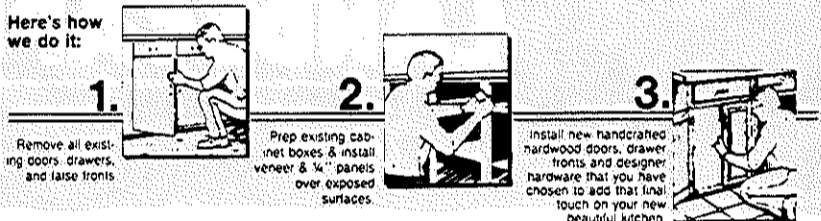
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