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COMMODORE S COMMENTS

It's Sunday and we're back home in Munster. Just took a cold shower...No, not that - our hot water heater decided to die while we were vacationing at the lake. Too bad I didn't know before I cut the grass.

I hope that the sun came out at the lake the way it did here in the afternoon. The weekend was not great--weatherwise. Because of the rain, we decided to see Forrest Gump on Saturday. What a good movie! I would like for once to be able to bawl my eyes out at a movie like this instead of sitting there and holding it in. Right now I'm choked up thinking about Bubba and all the young men that he represented.

Oh well, digressing again.

We hope that you are joining us this Saturday for the annual Fall Dinner. This was to be the last yearly event, but the sailors decided that they had to celebrate a very successful season with a Cocktail Party on Labor Day weekend. And luckily, they have invited all of ous to join them. Sunday night, September 4th at 5:30p.m.(IN) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club be there or be square.

Thank you to Helen Weesner for her beautiful remembrances of Birch Lake last week. As I read them, I tried to picture Birch Lake the way that it must have looked back then. It must have been even prettier then than now. Last week's Barker is already filed away for future readings. I'm sure that our Editor could find room for the musing of some of our long time residents in future Barkers.

Well, I've avoided it as long as I can. This is it. Finis. Farewell. After this issue, new Commodore Linda Curtis will provide the comments on this page. I have enjoyed being Commodore for a year. I have many very special memories.

My wife, Sue, deserves many thanks for all of her help. She always came through for me. I also want to thank all of you wonderful people who helped me in so many ways throughout the year. THANK YOU!

Bob Waddle, Commodore 1994

P.S. I just read these comments over and I was going to trash them. But, what the Hell.

SUMMER "1994" EVENTS

(all times Indiana)

27th Fall Dinner - 5:30p.m. Cocktails -Aug.

6:30p.m. Dinner

28th Aug.

Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.
Director's Meeting - 9:00a.m. - BLYC Sept. 3rd Very last Aerobic workout - 10:00a.m.-Sept. 3rd

BLYC

Labor Day Regatta - 2 races Labor Day Regatta - 1 race Sept. 3rd

4th Sept.

4th Sailors Season Ending Cocktail Party Sept.

5:30p.m. - BLYC

SAILING NEWS

What a great sailing day last Sunday. Some of you may have thought the day was another loser however the sailors had an exciting day on the water. The four races were all in doubt until the boats crossed the finish line. Marty and Doris Sante had to call some really close races.

MC'S

Dave Troeger bested Don Harman in the 1st race but Don returned the favor in the second race. Tom Troeger looked as though he could have won both races only to take 2 - thirds. Dick Green and Harold Cranmer exchanged the other positions in some real close races.

SUNFISH

Kevin and Connor Kruggel won the 1st race with Tom Howard, Rick Harman, Steve Sante, John Gableman, Jeff Howard, Scott Troeger, and Dave Olson close behind. The Second race was even closer with Tom Howard prevailing over John Gableman and Kevin and Connor Kruggel. This was by far John Gableman's best finish of the year and the 8 Sunfish were the most out this year. Let's keep it up!

SEASON STANDINGS

MC'S

Dave Troeger	15	Races
Don Harman	13	**
Tom Troeger	15	11
Harold Cranmer	14	"
Dick Green	10	11
Bruce Harlan	9	11 %
Vic Jones	6	11
	Don Harman Tom Troeger Harold Cranmer Dick Green Bruce Harlan	Don Harman 13 Tom Troeger 15 Harold Cranmer 14 Dick Green 10 Bruce Harlan 9

12 Races must be sailed to qualify. Labor Day Regatta does not count.

SUNFISH

1st	Tom Howard	16	Races
2nd	Rick Harman	16	11
3rd	John Gableman	13	11
4th	Dave Olson		11

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This Sunday are the last scheduled season races. Day will be a separate Regatta with two races Saturday and one race on Sunday.

Don't forget the Season Ending Cocktail Party Sunday, Sept. 4th at 5:30p.m.. The sailors will be your hosts and everyone on the lake is invited to attend.

Earl Troeger

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY CALVIN KING and KYLE BERNACIAK

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

Camp Tannadoonah and a large team of South Bend and Cass County organizations including the South Bend Public Recreation Commission, South Bend Police and Fire Depts., Cass County Sheriff Dept.-Marine Division, Park Shore Marina, and many others, hosted 40 Special Olympians from the Michiana area to a fun day in the water.

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Park Shore Marina from Diamond Lake and the Indiana River
Rescue School from South Bend provided wave runners, pontoon
boats, and special rescue boats to take the Olympians for
thrilling rides on Birch Lake. Local volunteers manned makeup
booths and handicraft stations under the tent for the creative
Olympians who had great fun making necklaces, bracelets, popsicle
stick art, and gigantic flowers.

The event planners were more than delighted with the Camp facility, the friendly lake volunteers, and especially the beautiful Birch surroundings.

We hope to see them back next year.

Bruce Harlan

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

1995 Commodore, Linda Curtis, has set a Director's Meeting for Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at 9:00a.m.(IN) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

THE VERY LAST AEROBIC WORKOUT

There is one last aerobic blowout workout, Labor Day weekend on Saturday, Sept. 3rd at 10:00a.m. at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Go for it! Claudia.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Tuesday, September 20th, Jim and Shirley Blue, 63457 Birch Road, are having a large tree removed from the front of their house. Due to the size of the tree, the road in front of their house will have to be closed part of the day. That means people using the East shore will have to find an alternate route on Sept. 20th. The tree service will work as fast as possible.

PROUD GRANDPARENTS

Proud grandparents, Eastsiders Betty and Joe O'Brien, report that Nicole Davis notched her second straight Indiana State Championship, swimming for the Marlins down state at Indianapolis. Nicole won the 200 backstroke for the 13-14year old age group. Nicole followed up that performance with a Gold Medal finish in Minneapolis where she took first place in the 200 backstroke in the Midwest Zones. The top swimmers from eight states competed in the Zones last weekend.

Patrick Davis, age 9, competed in the 10 and under events at State for the Marlins as well. Patrick placed within the States top 16 in both 50 back and 50 fly.

Congratulations to both these young Marlins who get a lot of practice here at Birch Lake.

FOUND

Slalom Ski found Thursday, Aug. 18th - North Shore. Call #2825 or (219)232-4670.

NEWS FROM THE COVE

RESCUE AT SEA

Last weekend a tricky gust caused a sailor to tip over in the Cove, his mast and sail hopelessly mired down and ensnarled in weeds. After considerable effort to right the boat Lu Kelly saw the dilemma and, always one with a helping hand, jumped in, made several dives and finally freed the mast. Three cheers for Lu!

DROLET'S 50th

With a gathering of family and friends, John and Loretta celebrated their fifty years of marriage. Saturday morning Father Francis Drolet, John's brother, celebrated mass at Saint Ann's in Cassopolis. A lovely reception was held at the church immediately after. Later in the afternoon the Blackwoods hosted a picnic extraordinaire. Beth, who was flower girl for Aunt Loretta and Uncle John (when she was a very very little girl) Loretta and Uncle John (when she was a very, very little girl, of course) prepared her usual beautiful gourmet offerings. It was truly a wonderful day for a wonderful couple.

FOURTH ANNUAL COVE GATHERING Friday, August 26th

As a most pleasant wind-down to summer, Cove neighbors whip up tasty hors d'oeuvres and congregate at alternating cottages for an evening of food, fun, and friendship; an unbeatable combination. Though a fairly new tradition, it is an event we all anticipate and the concentration of good cooking smells earlier in the day adds extra allure.

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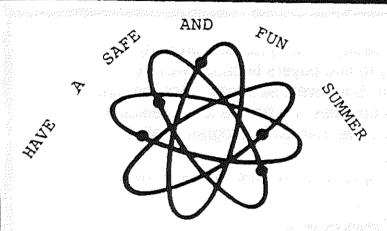
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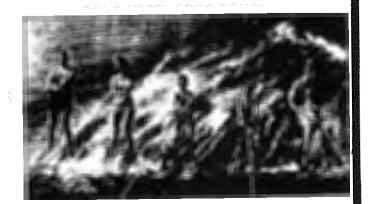
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