



Birch Barken

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We certainly had a grand time Saturday night at the Fall Dinner. I still have stardust in my eyes and a good feeling in my heart. I couldn't believe the total count of people (122) that came to say farewell to Bob and hello to me. Bob sure did a super job in the commodoreship position.

I'm glad he let me tag along with him all year. Hey Bob don't be surprised if I call for advice next Spring. Thanks a million Bob!!!

I'm very excited about being the commodore - I love all the people at Birch Lake and we sure are blessed with a great group of them.

Hey, speaking of good people, I would like to thank Illene Golden, Terry Curtis, Jim Bergen and Bruce Wagner for tending bar. See Illene, it is easy mixing drinks even if you don't tip a few yourself. Also, a big thanks to Mike & Katha Machalleck and Marty & Doris Sante for collecting the money at the door. Mike said we had another record - attendance - for 1994.

Thanks to Pam and Rich Mullin for donating the centerpieces (they were beautiful). Thanks Mullins!

Hey, my new Vice-commodore, Sue Wagner - were you guys surprised (another gal in charge) - she is going to do a great job. Sue has been my right hand woman all year. Thanks Sue.

Thanks Earl Troeger for everything and Brad Walker for mopping the floor that evening. He sure does a good job behind a mop (we better not tell Nancy or Brad will be doing that at home every week - it's our secret Brad Shhh!).

Oh, I almost forgot my grandsons, Kevin and Ryan Wilken, and my best helper, Staci Whiteman, for setting up tables and chairs and to everyone that helped take them down at the end of the evening. Well I'm sure I've talked to much (I usually do) so Sue, what are your comments and thoughts -----

Linda Curtis
Commodore 1995

VICE-COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Well, Madame Commodore, I'm really happy and enthused about this new venture. Birch Lake has been near and dear to me for many years and it will be gratifying to return the pleasure by serving. The responsibility is great but, as you said, when there is a job to be done there is no dearth of willing workers. The Fall Dinner is a good example of "many hands make light work". When clean up time came, tables and chairs were folded and stacked in no time and Brad Walker, armed with mop and bucket, swabbed the deck with dispatch. Many thanks to all of you and don't forget how to do that in '95!

After the delicious dinner we all enjoyed, several of the fairer members suggested that, with two women in office, the clubhouse might be seeing some notable changes in the Ladies' room. Such improvements might be knocking out the wall adjoining the two restrooms and making one larger plush powder room, letting the gentlemen attend to matters in a portable facility out back. But don't worry, "Outboards", we wouldn't be so unkind. Then again -----

Well, Linda, let's rest up this winter in preparation for a great season to come. I'm excited and eager to start!

Sue Wagner
Vice-commodore 1995

Summer '1994" EVENTS

(all times Indiana)

- Sept. 3rd - Director's Meeting - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Sept. 3rd - Very last Aerobic workout - 10:00a.m.- BLYC
- Sept. 3rd - Labor Day Regatta - 2 races - 1:30p.m.
- Sept. 4th - Labor Day Regatta - 1 race - 10:30a.m.
- Sept. 4th - Sailor's Cocktail Party - 5:30p.m.
BLYC - everyone invited
- Sept. 20th - Tree removal in front of Blue's - Birch Road closed during that time.
- Sept. 22nd - Raindate for Blue's tree removal

SAILING NEWS

The sailing season series ended on a fast note last weekend. Strong winds greeted the brave souls who ventured out. The races were close and thrilling. Only about 15 seconds separated the first 3 boats in the first MC Race. Dave Troeger won by a few seconds over his dad (Earl). Harold Cranmer came flying in to get 3rd place. Dick Green and Bruce Harlan rounded out the 5 boats.

In the second race Dave Troeger won again sailing his Uncle Tom's boat. Don Harman and Harold Cranmer were next.

In the Sunfish Race Rick Harman once again proved he is the best high wind sailor with 2 firsts. Tom Howard had 2 seconds. Scott Troeger was third in the first race while Steve Sante had a strong third in the second race. Jeff Howard and Kevin and Connor Kruggel were next in the first race and Dave Olson and Scott Troeger were fourth and fifth in the second race. Bob King and John Gableman rounded out the Sunfish Fleet.

We want to thank Earl Troeger, Bob Waddle, Marty and Doris Sante for starting the races this season.

LABOR DAY SAILING SCHEDULE

- Saturday, Sept. 3rd - 1:30p.m. 2 Races
- Sunday, Sept. 4th - 10:30a.m. 1 Race
- Sunday, Sept. 4th - 5:30p.m. Cocktail Party
at BLYC for everyone.

This will be our season ending event. Come help the sailors celebrate our most successful season in several years. Trophies will be presented at the party.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SAILING SEASON RESULTS

SUNFISH

1st	Tom Howard	18	Races
2nd	Rick Harman	18	"
3rd	John Gableman	15	"
4th	Dave Olson	13	"
5th	Kevin Kruggel	8	"
6th	Steve Cranmer	6	"
7th	Scott Troeger	9	"
8th	Jeff Howard	8	"
9th	Steve Sante	3	"
10th	Mike Machalleck	3	"
11th	Tom Athanas	2	"
12th	Bob King	1	"

MC'S

1st	Dave Troeger	16	Races
2nd	Don Harman	14	"
3rd	Tom Troeger	17	"
4th	Harold Cranmer	16	"
5th	Dick Green	12	"
6th	Bruce Harlan	11	"
7th	Vic Jones	6	"

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Cecil J. Sheetz. He was a long time resident of Birch Lake (S007). Mr. Sheetz is survived by his wife, Ruth and two sons, Harold and Kenneth, 3 grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

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.

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.

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. Raindate: September 22nd.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

Several people have expressed interest in obtaining the most recently taken Aerial Photograph of Birch Lake (from Aerial Graphics). If ten or more photos are ordered, the price drops from \$69.00 each to \$46.00 each. Photos are 22" X 24" in size. Orders will have to be pre-paid and this is a one-time order. Call Bob Waddle (#2293) or Linda Curtis (#2591) if interested.

NEW 1994 BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORIES

All members should have your NEW 1994 Birch Lake Directory. Additional Directories can be purchased for \$3.00 each. See your Director or call Machalleck's #2642.

BLYC/TROEGER PONTOON TRAILER

The BLYC/Troeger pontoon trailer can be used for a \$10.00 fee payable to Birch Lake Yacht Club. The \$10.00 fee is used for repairs and upkeep of the trailer.

BIRCH LAKE HERON/CAMP TANNADOONAH POSTERS

The posters will be available to purchase at the Sailors Cocktail Party, September 4th at the Yacht Club.

There has been a lot of requests for them again, so we will bring them out for resale. Can you believe they are from 1989 - great posters designed by Coy Jankowski.

Price - \$25.00 each unsigned.

ATTENTION BIRCH LAKE COOKS

Guys and Gals start saving your tried and true recipes for our Birch Lake Cook Book. We will be collecting recipes all winter and thru the spring. Please drop off your recipes at the home of Deborah Curtis, 63085 Birch Road (East side) and Janet Reynolds, 14930 Birch Lakeshore Dr. (South side).

We will be selling them at the Pancake Breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah next summer. Deborah Curtis.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following work was written by 8½ year old Sarah Mullin (N259) for the 1993-94 National PTA Reflections Program - If I Could Give the World a Gift... Sarah received third place at Prairie Vista Elementary School. Thank you Sarah for sharing your excellent work with us.

MY REFLECTIONS

By: Sarah Mullin

IF I COULD GIVE THE WORLD A GIFT....it would be a trip to Birch Lake. Because the lake is fun all year long.

In the Spring we plant flowers, get ready for summer. We sometimes spend the night there. We clean our boat. We catch Lightning Bugs at night. There are a lot of them.

In Fall I like to come up and rake all the leaves and then play/jump in the leaves. It is really fun! We rake up some of the leaves and then we go inside and make Hot Cocoa. We eat lunch and then we go back outside and rake some more. We spend the night there. It is really pretty when the leaves fall down. We like to go on boat rides and wear sweatshirts and sweatpants at night and see all the lights.

In the Winter we sled, make fires in the fireplace. Some people ice skate and cross country ski on the lake. It snows a lot at the lake. My family plays a lot of board games like Scrabble, Monopoly. We also like to rent movies from Tom's. We stay overnight at the cottage. We take out the pier and the boat.

And in the Summer we stay overnight at the lake. We take long walks and everybody is nice at Birch Lake. I have a doll house that I like to play in. In the Summer we have parties. I had my Birthday Party, everybody liked it. My neighbors are very nice. I love to swim in the water! I like to go on a boat ride or paddle boat ride. We like to see the Birch Lake Heron. The Birch Lake Heron's colors are blue, gray and a little black.

I have told you about most of the things we do at Birch Lake all year long. I think this would be a nice gift because the lake is so beautiful and people are nice that I think that everyone should experience it.

NEWS FROM THE COVE

Wait just a minute! How can this be the last edition? Who put Summer on fast forward? "Time flies when you're having fun" keeps gaining new meaning as we see the subtle changes in foliage. Another glorious season at Birch Lake is giving way to a quieting down time. It really has been good, though, hasn't it?

Last Friday's annual Cove party was the scene for rowdy, raucous revelry of rambunctious residents. We're normally all so staid and proper, this is our annual catharsis. Truly, it was a great time.

A high point of the evening: Bill and Rita Lyzen presented Jim Bergan with a certificate commending him on his excellence and expertise on car anti-theft alarms. This is one of those "you had to be there" things, but be sure to ask Jim all about it next time you see him; it's a source of great pride.

Bud and Louise Rieth are home again after a three week trip to several European countries. Concluding a general tour, they spent several days with their former German exchange student and his family at their home in Germany. Hope it was a great time, and welcome home, Bud and Louise.

This concludes News from the Cove for '94. Remember to floss, think Spring, and God bless.

Not quite Sue Wagner -- your Cove neighbors would like to say how proud and happy they are that you are the new Vice-commandore. Congratulations and best of luck in '95.

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THE TROEGER CLAN

by Earl Troeger

Fifty years ago Dr. Carlisle Parker suggested to Earl and Esther Troeger that they consider renting at Birch Lake. They did rent the Lott cottage on the east side for a month next door to the Parkers. Their three boys enjoyed the time at the lake so much that in the Fall Earl Sr. gave them a choice of a boat on Lake Michigan or a cottage on Birch Lake. The family all agreed that the cottage would be more fun because of the range of activities it would provide.

They purchased the land where the Tom Troeger family now resides and in the Spring of "45" Earl Sr. with sons, Earl, Jack and Tom, started to build their log cabin. The logs were delivered by a logging truck on a rainy Saturday and from there on the fun began.

In the meantime the family purchased a Snipe Sailboat and moored it out front. The three boys would go sailing while taking a break from building the cottage.

The Troegers moved in in 1946 and have been very much a part of Birch Lake ever since. Some of the other young people around the lake showed some interest in sailing and the first races were held in 1948.

In the meantime, Ken and Peg Lamont built a log cabin next door and moved in with Connie (Mrs. Earl Troeger) and Dennis.

With the encouragement and backing of our parents the Birch Lake Yacht Club was formed. Howie Anderson, John Bright, Joan and Mike Meyers, Joyce and Barbara Bovik, the Carey boys, Carl and Bruce Parker, Connie Lamont, Earl, Jack and Tom Troeger, Denny Horvath, the Ebeling girls, and the Haines girls were

TROEGER CLAN cont.

some of the early organizers. They were backed by others, including Tom Howard, Jim Howard, Chuck Schott, the Eberharts including Gib, the Zesingers (yes-you too Bud), Kay Jensen, Mary Reed, Ann Doolittle and others.

Races were held every Sunday on a handicap basis. Some sailors would wait an hour to start because the boat speeds varied so much. There was everything from Kayaks to a small homemade cabin boat.

After the races everyone would meet at Lazy Lodge for some snacks and more fun with canoe fights and such. Potluck suppers were held periodically for all the families to get together. Thus evolved our Yacht Club as you know it today.

The Troeger boys after college and time in the service of their country all came back to Good Ole Birch with families of their own. Earl and Connie bought the former Lamont Cottage and sons, Jeff, Tom and Dave then came along too. Jack and Janet with sons, Scott, Tim, and Steve, came back. Dr. Tom and Pat came with Tracie, Troy, Tammy and Todd. Now Scott and Holly, the third generation, are here with Amy and Tory. We have seen this same thing happen many times over with others at Birch and other lakes too.

Sailing grew to a point where there were 15 Snipes and up to 30 Sunfish competing each week. Birch Lake built the Yacht Club on land donated by the Howard family. We hosted several regattas then including the Champayne Regattas and the Snipe Jr. District Championship. Participation comes and goes and right now we are trying to build it up again.

In the meantime, the Troegers will be here for a long time and plan to watch all the grandchildren enjoy our beautiful lake.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you Earl for the nice article. It will bring back memories for a lot of folks!

LAST ISSUE - doesn't seem possible but it is! Thank you to all who contributed articles. Thanks to Sue and Bruce Wagner for "News from the Cove". Bob Waddle, your Commodore's Comments were great and on time (thanks)! Anne Torma, Bob Waddle, Terilyn Montague, Brittany Gableman, Louise Rieth, Bev Kruggel, Lind Harman, Sue and Bruce Wagner, Marty Asire, King's, Mullin's a big THANK YOU for delivering the Birch Barkers each week. Also, Bud Zesinger, my wonderful husband who took messages, ads, and articles when I wasn't home.

Good luck to Commodore, Linda Curtis and Vice-commodore, Sue Wagner as you take over for the coming year.

And last but certainly not least, good luck to Doris Sante who will be the Birch Barker Editor in 1995.

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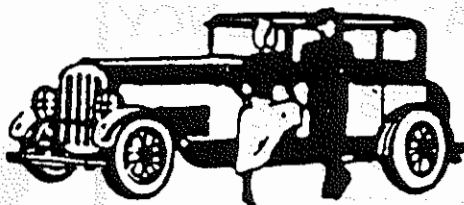
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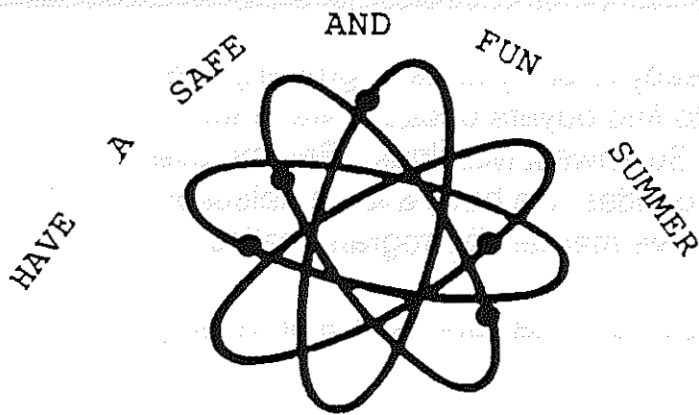
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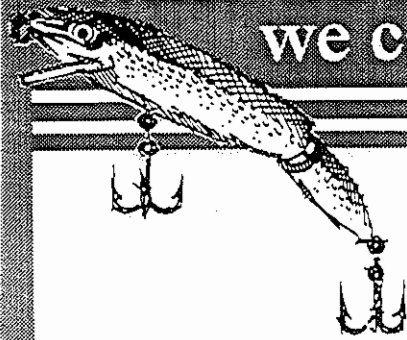
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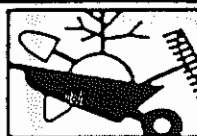
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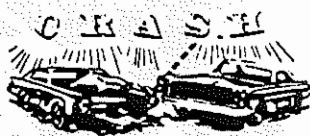
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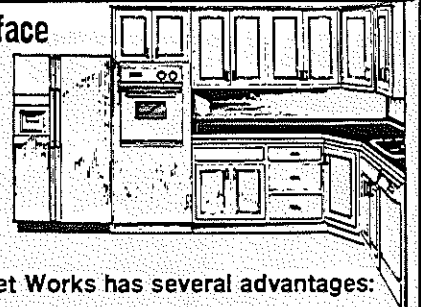
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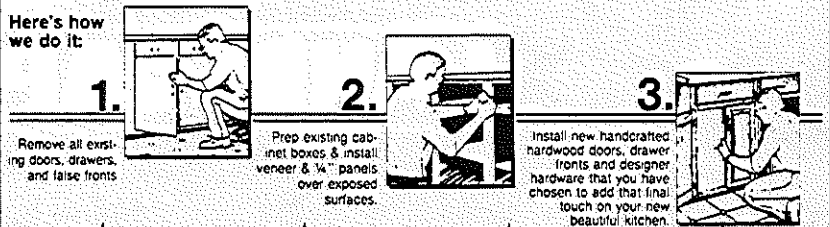
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