



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I'm sitting up here looking down at Birch Lake and I'm thinking about the weather situation (rain, mist, and wind) yuck. But on the brighter side we are at Beautiful Birch Lake and not at our 8:00 to 5:00 jobs. A long weekend yeah!

A few reminders for all of you there is a director's meeting June 3rd 9:00 a.m. at the BLYC, and at 10:00 am everyone interested in lending a hand and a roller brush to clean up the club please come on over to the Southside. PS I've been hearing rumors that Bruce Wagner has been practicing all week for this occasion.

Thanks to Doris Sante for the first issue of the Birch Barker. I look forward to reading it every weekend.

Please be safe and courteous out on the waters of Birch Lake.

Linda Curtis, Commodore

And what are your comments Vice...

I'm absolutely not going to complain about the weather, however there has been mention of marina's running specials on arks.

An enormous thank you to Tom Rogers (Cove) for donating dumpsters and trash removal for the club house. We appreciate your kindness, Tom.

A number of us have noticed a sizeable amount of dead raccoons lately. A conservation officer affirmed that death due to distemper is a common occurrence in the spring. Symptoms resemble rabies. The disease may be transmitted to animals but not humans. The officer advised destroying any raccoons exhibiting unusual behavior and burial.

On that cheery little note I'll sign off. Have a good week. Keep on healing, Bernie!
-Sue Wagner, Vice

1995 EVENTS

June 3 9:00am Director's meeting and Clubhouse clean-up

June 10 5:30pm Commodores Party

July 2 8:00am Pancake Breakfast at the camp

July 2 Fireworks at dark

July 3 Fireworks - rain date

July 4 4:00 Boat Parade

July 8 8-4 Garage sale

July 15 8pm Karaoke Party

July 28 Women's golf outing

August 4 Men's Golf outing

August 12 5:30pm Corn and sausage - BLYC

August 26 6:00pm Fall Dinner - BLYC

1995 BLYC MEMBERS are listed below. The list includes those paid as of last weekend. The astricks indicate firework's contributions made to date. If you wish to join or help with firework cost please give donations to your nearest director or mail to Mike Machalleck.

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If you have paid and are not on the list please call me at 476-2227. Typing this list was a challenge for a non-secretary using Word Perfect.

INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION AND PROPERTY TAXES - Many Birch Lakers made phone calls and contributed money which helped to defeat a \$20 million dollar school bond issue that would have raised your taxes 8 mills per year for 30 years (on a piece of property with a market value of \$200,000, the cost to you would be \$800 per year). The Constantine School Board can return with a new bond issue every six months. We feel the way to solve this problem over a long period of time is to replace members of the school board with new members who will be responsible and conservative and will keep the public informed with truthful information.

Therefore, we are endorsing and supporting two candidates for the school board election of June 12th.

Marla King is an excellent candidate. She farms with her husband and has two children in the Constantine School District. We know from hearing her speak at previous bond issue meetings that she is conservative and responsible. She took a very strong position against the recently defeated bond issue. She has a great deal of courage and speaks her mind. She would keep us informed and is fiscally conservative.

Dan Reynolds lives here on Birch Lake and is a self-employed insurance agent. He has an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in Education. He has been a teacher and part of management in a large Fort Wayne high school. He is fiscally conservative and has a responsible attitude about school issues. I can assure you he will keep us informed with truthful information. He also took a strong stance against the bond issue.

We need your help!! If this is your legal residence, we ask that you go to the polls on **Saturday, June 12th** and vote for these two people. You could help additionally by volunteering to make phone calls.

If this is not your legal residence, your wallet is still affected and you can help by being a part of the telephone committee. We are trying to reach as many registered voters as possible by telephone.

If you are willing to help in this endeavor to keep your property taxes at a reasonable rate, please call Dean or Phyllis Davis at 476-2396.

Please leave Barker News in ugly brown box behind 15222 BirchLake Shore (Southwest corner of Lake). News deadline is Monday evening.

This years delivery people:

Staci Whiteman - South	Patrick &
Jim Mitchell - East	Sarah Mullins - North
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Wanda Winarski - North End	Sue Wagner - Northwest
	Bev Kruggel - West

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NEWS FROM THE COVE - Loretta Drolet, signed a multi-million dollar contract with MGM last week. She'll be leaving for Hollywood, right after the pancake breakfast, to star in a musical extravaganza. Congratulations, Loretta, and don't forget the little people.

PEDRO KINNER stopped by Birch Lake for a week, over Memorial Day, after a 10 day 3300 mile trip from Tahoe-Glacier-Yellowstone-Devil's Tower- and the Lewis and Clark Trail with my Brother, B. W. Kinner. The best trail on the entire trip was the new mountain bike trail at Lawless Park, how lucky we are to have this trail which may even contain ruins dating back to the early 1800's. It kind of reminds me of the trails we had when we first started coming to Birch lake 45 years ago.

Note: Pedro left a map of Lawless Park which will be included in a near future Barker.

The following information will be published from time to time. It is suggested a copy be made available to guests or renters.

Michigan Laws Regarding Operation of Personal Watercraft: A person shall not operate a personal watercraft unless each person riding on or being towed behind the vessel is wearing a type I, II or III personal flotation device as described in R281.1234 of the Michigan administrative code.

2. While operating a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard type engine cutoff switch, a person shall have the lanyard attached to his or her person, clothing or personal flotation device as is appropriate for the specific vessel.

3. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft from sunset to sunrise.

4. A personal watercraft shall at all times be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner. Maneuvers that are unreasonable or unnecessarily endanger life, limb or property, included but not limited to, weaving through congested vessel traffic, jumping the wake or another vessel unreasonable or unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed, and swerving at the last possible moment to avoid a collision, constitute reckless operation of a vessel, as provided in section 74.

5. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft carrying more persons than the vessel is designed to carry. Carrying more persons than the vessel is designed to carry is prima facie evidence of reckless operation of a watercraft under section 74.

6. A person operating a personal watercraft shall maintain a distance of 100' from any dock, raft, buoyed or occupied bathing area, or shall not cross within 150' behind another vessel, other than a personal watercraft, that is traveling at a speed greater than slow - no wake speed.

7. A person under the age of 12 shall not operate a personal watercraft. A person 12 to 15 years of age may operate a personal watercraft only when accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older, or without adult supervision when in possession of a boating safety certificate in compliance with section 62.

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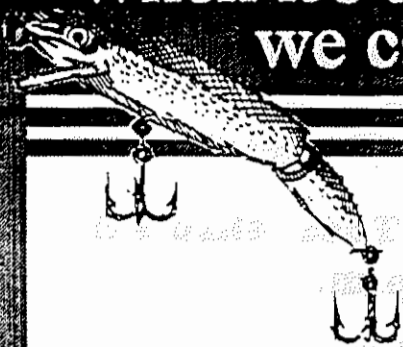
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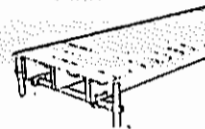
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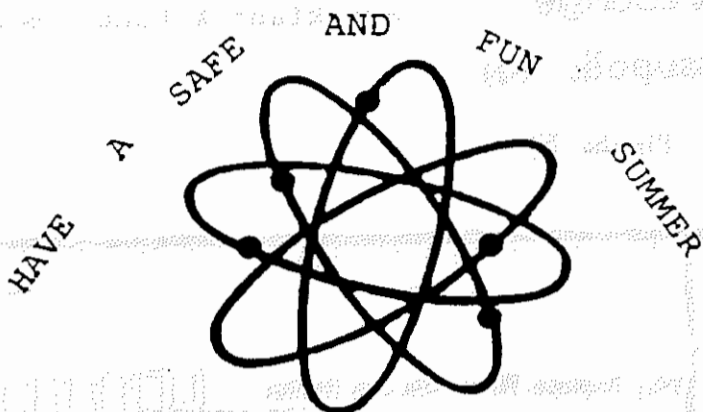
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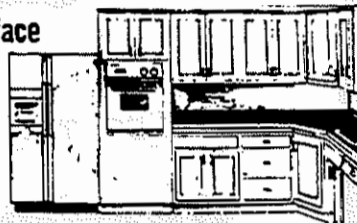
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