



# Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It is Tuesday, July 4th, and I'm sitting up here looking down on Birch Lake and reflecting back on a very beautiful and successful weekend. The weather was super - sun, blue skies and a breeze for the sailors. It is so great to watch the Regatta Races and see the fleet increasing in numbers.

Because I am the Commodore, I had the great privilege of going over to Camp Tannadoonah today and presenting Jo Murphy and Pat Laing with a check in the amount of \$1,375. Yes, that is what the Pancake Breakfast (Sunday) netted, thanks to everyone who attended (total 431), what a great turnout. It gets larger every year. Marty and Doris Sante just keep making it better. I would like to personally thank them for a job well done.

Many other people were important to make to breakfast a success. They were:

Batter mixer: Marge Gotstein  
Pancake flippers: Liz Cover, Mike Gotstein  
Coffee server: Helen Toth  
Dishwasher: Don Harman  
Sausage cooks: Terry Curtis, Bob Waddle  
Juice: Dave Olson  
Fruit servers: Lind Harman, Judy Olson  
Counter servers: Bruce Wagner  
Keeping tables clean: Karen Curtis, Ray Sanders, John Scofield  
Cashiers: Katha, Lori, & Mike Machalleck.

Thanks a million to the volunteers. We really missed the help of Mattie (flipper) and Jerry Williams (counter) who have been regular workers but were in Las Vegas greeting a new Grandchild. Also, a special thank you to Bob Waddle for providing the necessary electrical chords.

We also have three others to thank, our new griddle, coffee pot and roaster oven. They all made the job a lot easier.

What about the fireworks! They also get better every year - I hope everyone enjoyed them. Thanks again for the cash donations we have enough to cover the cost. And thanks to Bob Waddle for setting up the event and helping me clean up the beach at the Camp the next morning.

On Tuesday we had our Boat Parade. I was there first hand to witness the many special floats. We all owe Claudia Gableman and her helpers a big hand. Look inside this weeks Barker for her report and names of all the people who helped.

Well I know I'm running short of space but I would like to mention as of Monday we had 147 paid members at the BLYC. The biggest number ever. Let's please keep it up. Also, watch for the next big event - Karaoke Night on Saturday, July 15th at 8:00 given by our Vice, Sue Wagner. If you have never attended this event, please stop by, we have alot of hidden talent on our Lake.

We will have many guests visiting our Lake for the Garage Sale, Saturday. If you plan to enter or leave Lake in the am or pm you might consider doing so before the sales begin at 8:00 or after 4:00. In past years the roads have been very difficult to navigate due to walking shoppers.

Please be safe and courteous.

God Bless,

Linda Curtis,  
Commodore 1995

## 1995 EVENTS

June 30 9:00am Claudia's Aerobics Begins at BLYC  
July 8 8-4 Garage sale  
July 15 8pm Karoake Party  
July 28 Women's golf outing  
July 20 Ladies Coffee  
August 4 Men's Golf outing  
August 12 5:30pm Corn and sausage - BLYC  
August 26 6:00pm Fall Dinner - BLYC

## WOW!!!

What an ingenious creative group of Birch Lakers we have! Despite precarious weather conditions the Boat Parade proceeded as scheduled. Fourteen families outdid themselves and created a memorable 4th of July boat parade. Six judges had the formidable task of deciding the categories of winners. Kudos to our "Itos": Sue and Pat Williams, Jeanne Weaver, Harold Cranmer, Gretchen Trybus, and Jo Murphy. A special thank you to the Reynolds for providing the boat numbers (a potentially dangerous job)! The creative participants are as follows:

- #1 - Hettmansperger's Houston Rockets - *Best Sports Boat*
- #2 - Gableman's Birch Lake Blossoms - *Best Animated Boat*
- #3 - Dudeck's Patriotic - *Best Pontoon*
- #4 - Henderson's Animal House - *Best Performing Boat*
- #5 - Sander's Sailin in the 60's - *Most Unique*
- #6 - Shear's The Flintstone's - *Most Creative*
- #7 - Horvath's Margaritaville - *Most Colorful*
- #8 - Ball's Star Spangled Barge - *Most Patriotic*
- #9 - Foos's Go Willy Go - *Best Action Adventure*
- #10 - Trybus's Stars and Stripes Forever - *Best Holiday Theme*
- #11 - Arnold's Belle of Birch Lake - *Best Overall*
- #12 & #13 - Lindsay's Arnolds and Chevy car - *Most Original and Most Musical*
- #14 - Monroe's Balloon Fishing Boat - *Best Fishing Boat*

We hope all contestants, participants, and audience had a great time. See you next year!

**APARTMENT SIZE COMBINATION WASHER AND DRYER**- New, never used, cost \$895, sell for \$395 #9714

**ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD**-Loaned and not returned-Please return video to Tom's Garage as soon as possible.

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**GARAGE SALES** - Saturday is the big day. The sales start at 8:00 am and go until 4:00 pm. Watch for balloons on the mailboxes for sales. There will be around 15 sales located between The Lazy Lodge and the turn around at Montagues. Don't forget to stop in at the Yacht Club.

**BURNING TRASH**-It is requested people do not burn their and trash. This should be a courteous consideration for your neighbor plus good for the environment. It is also a safety factor as we had a Lake Resident struck by an exploding aerosol can a couple years ago, causing burns and the expense of a hospital visit. Reliable, inexpensive trash service is readily available.

**BILL and MARYANN O'NEILL** of Kinsey Street will celebrate a late 4th with all of their children visiting them this weekend. Patrick and Lezli O'Neill are coming from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Erin and Phil Bentkowski from Palos Hills, Illinois and Mike and Laura O'Neill with Son Sean from Elkhart.

Bill and Maryann are looking forward to having everyone together even if it is only for a few days.

**SAILING NEWS** - The Birch Lake Sailing Season got off with a bang Saturday afternoon. High winds that were both gusty and shifty (sounds like old girlfriends), greeted the fleets. Both fleets have one person showing the way after the first two races. Harold Cranmer sailed home first in both races as did Tom Howard in his tough to beat Sunfish. There is a virtual tie for second between four boats in the MC Fleet while Mike Machalleck has a solid 2nd in the Sunfish Fleet.

Sunday's races had to be canceled due to lack of wind. High winds again greeted the sailors on Tuesday and only one race was completed. Tom Troeger and Harold Cranmer had a great race with Tom winning at the finish line. In the Sunfish race, Rick Harman led the way with Tom Howard coming in second.

Seven MC's and nine Sunfish competed in the 4th of July Regatta which is also the start of our Season. We have plenty of room for more. Come out and join the sailors.

All of the Sailors that past weekend wish to thank our starters for the races. Saturday, Herm Kruggel and Jim Roytek braved the high winds and on Tuesday George Iams with Sons Brady, Wade and Tyler did the same. Many thanks guys from all of us.

#### July 4th Results

MC's	SUNFISH
1st Harold Cranmer	1st Tom Howard
2nd Tom Troeger (George, Wade, and Tyler Crewing)	2nd Mike Machalleck
3rd Don Harman (Bob Waddle, Crew)	3rd-Tied Scott Troeger
4th Dick Green, Daughter Kathy	3rd-Tied Dave Olson
5th Earl Troeger	3rd-Tied Rick Harman
6th Bruce Harlan	6th Kevin Kruggel (Connor, Crew)
7th Vic Jones	7th Bob King
	8th Steve Sante
	9th John Gableman

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Are we going to have fun or what! Come join the festivities at the Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. You don't have to be a pro to participate. It's a scramble tournament which teams up four players of varying abilities. Everybody hits a shot, but you only continue from the best ball. How can you beat that. Of course it's a fun easy way to play the game for the frequent player, but it's really a good way for a beginner to have a chance to get out on the course and have some fun. No pressure at all. So for those of you who have never played or played only a few times here's a chance to learn more about the game.

We'll be starting at 9:00 IN at Park Shores Golf Course in Cassopolis. After golf we'll be having a funfilled lunch including the awards ceremony at the Yacht Club.

Please submit the following entry form with the \$25 entry fee to either Liz Cover #9339 Denny Weisner #2569 or Fran Welch #2670.

Entry deadline is July 21.

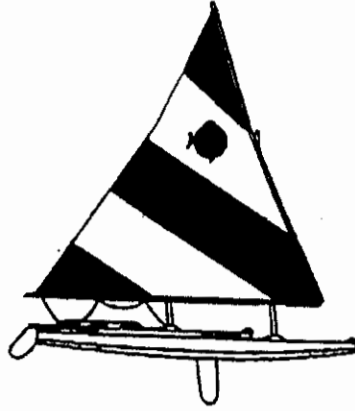
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Saturday afternoons will be the time used. To get involved contact Harold Cranmer 2170, Don Harmon 2039, or Earl Troeger 2237.

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Once again, we at Camp Tannadoonah, would like to thank our Birch Lake neighbors for their continued support. Each year seems to be bigger and better than the year before. Your donation to the camp of \$1375.00 from the Pancake Breakfast is greatly appreciated and you can be assured it will be put to very good use. There are a number of ongoing projects so the money will be applied to one of the more pressing. We are in dire need of a commercial Toaster for the Dining Hall as the original one of 1954 has finally given up!

Pat and I particularly enjoy the Breakfast as we have made many friends over the years and this is the only time that we have the opportunity to renew these acquaintances. We don't get out very often from our little home, hidden among the trees - overlooking the lake! It's a great feeling to be considered a part of the Birch Lake family.

Thanks again for your sincere concern and the very best to you for a safe and fun-filled summer.

Jo Murphy and Pat Laing

**COURTESY RULE FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT** - Birch Lake will again ask that operators of personal watercraft observe the Lake rule that such watercraft will not be operated before 9am or 7pm (Indiana time). This allows residents to enjoy mornings and evenings in quiet.

As a resident, please inform guests and renters of this rule. Also inform guests and renters of the Michigan laws governing boating.

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

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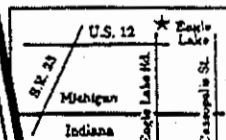
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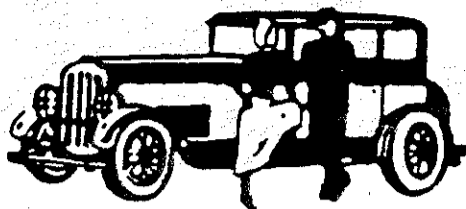
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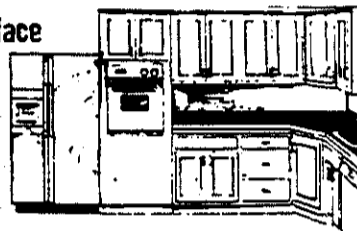
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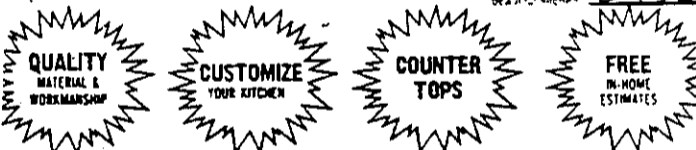
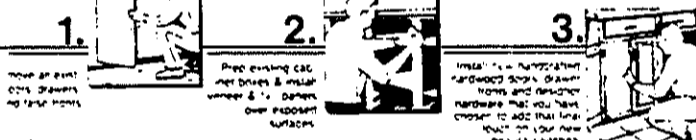
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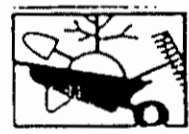
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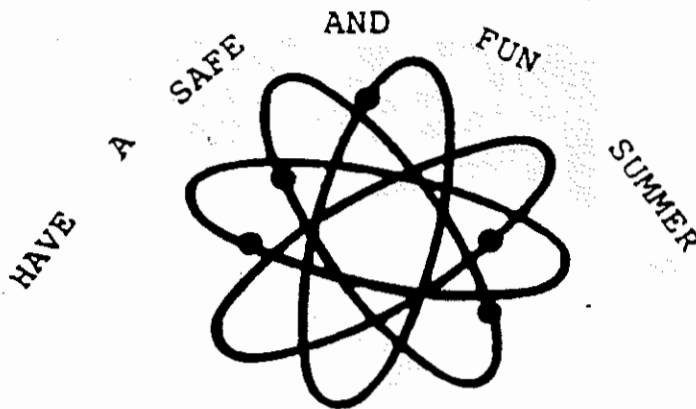
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