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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Monday morning update...

As you all know, it was not our typical weekend at Birch Lake. I would like to thank every one for complying with the Marine Sheriff's request of staying off the Lake Saturday, to make their search easier. I would also like to thank the Birch Lake folks who donated food, time and boats to assist. The BLYC donated pop, ice and GatorAde. I went to the landing Thursday, Friday and Saturday to deliver the drinks on behalf of the Birch Lake residence. I would again like to express to the John Erwin Family our prayers are with them.

P.S. Dan Covey, Cass County Marine Sheriff, said he and officers from Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, and Berrien Springs rescue units were impressed with our cooperation and wanted to thank all of you.

We had a great time at the Ladies Golf Outing, it was a beautiful day, sunny and dry. We have quite a few outstanding golfers on our Lake. (PS I'm not one of them). Thanks to Liz, Fran and Denny for doing all of the work.

Wow, Saturday Night at the Cocktail Party was a fun time too. Our little combo was a smashing success. The food was superb thanks to the Machallecks, Wagners, Santes and my Daughters, Tina and Karen, for doing a job well done.

I have been asked by the Vice, Sue Wagner, to mention that the fall dinner reservations are filling up. Please contact Sue or your nearest director ASAP. The space at the club is limited. She cannot except walkins that evening. So please call in your reservations now.

Also coming up is the Corn and Sausage Roast, Saturday August 12th. The same crew of good looking cooks will be on hand to run the grills for us - John, Gary, Tim, Doug plus Terry and Ron. Anyone interested in helping with other duties that evening please call me at 2431.

Please be safe and courteous.

God Bless.

Linda Curtis,
Commodore 1995

1995 EVENTS

M-W-F 9:00am Claudia's Aerobics Begins at BLYC

August 12 5:30pm Corn and sausage - BLYC

August 26 6:00pm Fall Dinner - BLYC

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRITZ TRYBUS! Birch Lake is proud to have the Champion Rabbit Showman of the Cass County 1995 Fair. After being awarded the Junior Showman award for 11-12 year olds, Fritz went into final competition against the senior intermediate and beginning showmen winners. While his Mom, Margie and Sister, Gretchen and Brother, John waited patiently, Fritz beat out the competition based on his knowledge of rabbits, handling, posing, and examining included. Fritz was presented with the Roger Locke Memorial Trophy, where his name will be engraved along side other past rabbit champion showmen. He gets to keep the trophy for one year, and then must return it to the Cass County Fair next year.

Additional, Fritz's rabbit "Lady" won the Champion Dutch Rabbit Trophy, as the best Dutch Rabbit at the Fair. She is a one year old doe who now resides on the Northeast shores of Birch Lake.

Congratulations Fritz and "Lady" - All your hard work all year long certainly paid off at the Fair!

CONDOLENCES to the family of Neil Onofryton who passed away this past week.

ANOTHER BLACKWOOD GRANDBABY - Mallory Thomas was born to Dave and Ann Thomas of South Bend. Congratulations to all and especially to Mallory for choosing such a great family to join.

THE ANNUAL FALL DINNER is, hard to believe, only three weeks away. Be sure to make your reservations early. Call any director or Sue Wagner at 2090. Cocktail hour at 5:30, dinner at 6:30.

BRUCE WAGNER is perfecting his rocking chair skills. The Wagner's daughter, Ann Long, is visiting from Arlington, Texas along with three year old Matthew and four months old Katie Elizabeth. Katie eagerly anticipates her toes being "baptized" in Birch Lake.

A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES were left, after the Women's Golf Luncheon, at the Yacht Club.

DECALS - You'll find a little gift attached to your Birch Barker this week, compliments of BLYC. Each residence has been issued two decals and we would like to suggest that they be affixed to the upper right corner of the front windshield. Besides displaying community spirit they provide a quick and easy means of identification of Birch Lake neighbors. If you would like additional decals, they may be purchased for \$1.00 each. Call Wagners at 2090.

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LADIES GOLF OUTING - Just a quick note to thank everyone who attended the Ladies Golf Outing. We had 18 golfers and 2 lovely ladies who drove the beverage cart. Thank you Lynn Harman and Staci Whiteman. The luncheon that followed was delicious - this was catered in by Margaret Thomas of Goshen. Also, a special thanks to all who helped make the event successful, Liz Cover, Denny Weesner and Fran Welch.

BOB WARD will be leaving for Palm Beach Atlantic College August 26.

SAILING NEWS - Last Sunday brought light winds again to the Birch Lake Sailors. One race was sailed with the following results:

MC's	Sunfish
1. Dave Troeger	1. Tom Howard
2. Harold Cranmer	2. Scott Troeger
3. Ric Harman	3. Bob King
4. Dick Green	4. John Gableman
5. Bruce Harlan	
6. Vic Jones	

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EARL AND CONNIE TROEGER were privileged to have all six of their grandchildren visiting over that past two weekends.

Chris and Matt, Sons of Jeff and Sue Troeger, Chad, Brett and Wade, Sons of Tome and Libby Troeger and Carly, Daughter of Dave and Christine all had a great time at the Lake.

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THE DRINKALL COTTAGE on the East Side saw lots of excitement as the whole family was up on the 16th of July and thru the week as Tom and Shirley Drinkall celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on July 15th with a surprise party, including family and friends, at the Queen Anne Inn in South Bend with a continuation on the 16th with the family at Birch Lake. Present at the Lake were Mike and Cris (Daughter) Emmert with their daughter's Becky, Trisha and Katie from Granger, Cam and Lorie (Daughter) Weaver with Sons Brian and Derek of Elkhart, Claude and Pam (Daughter) Alexander of Panama City Beach, Florida and Tim Drinkall (Son) of Vienna, Austria. Everyone had a terrific time and the weather was perfect. It's not often that everyone is here at the sametime which made this extra special. Our family has been at Birch Lake since 1925 when the lot was purchased by Owen Gorsuch. It has been loved and enjoyed for all these years and is now seeing the 5th generation.

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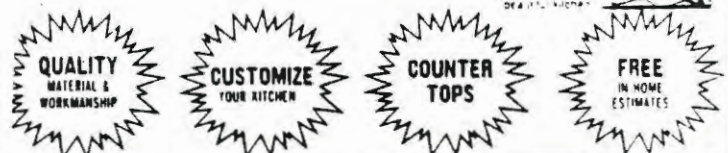
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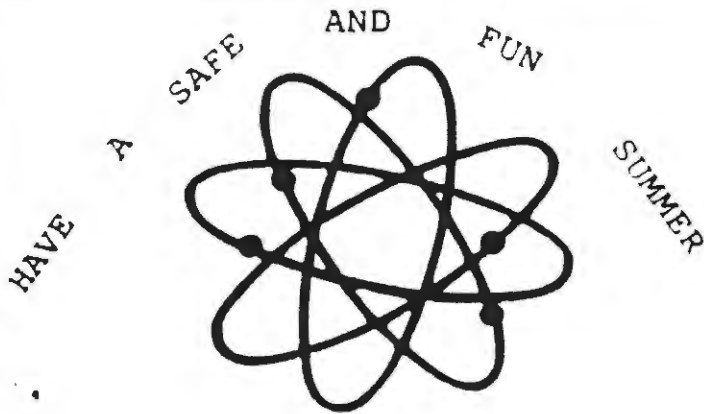
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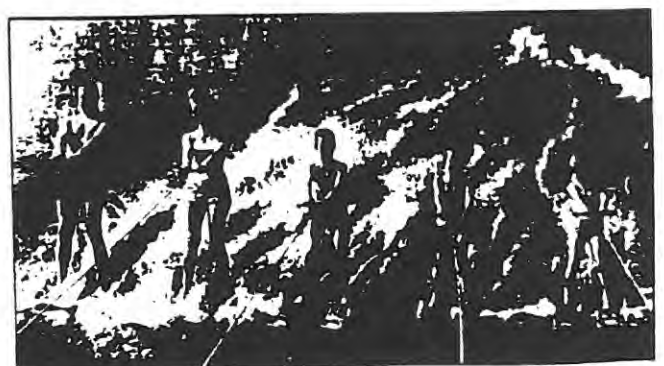
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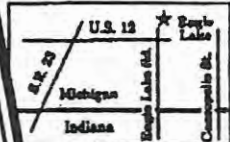
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