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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Sunday, July 30th - we are eagerly anticipating the Fourth of July, celebrated Birch Lake style. Hopefully the fireworks will elicit the customary oohs and aahs. The boat parade and pancake breakfast, combined with countless family gatherings/cookouts, make this holiday a spirit lifting, fun-filled time that brings out the child in all of us.

Thank you, Tom Nagy, for the donation of new speakers for the yacht club.

Start tuning up now for karaoke, July 27th at BLYC. The Vice, Scott Troeger, is planning a super shindig.

Minor faux pas - major guffaw. What a difference in concept one letter of the alphabet can make! Anyone who read News from the Cove last week might wish to reread it, mentally replacing a g with an h. Just which g should be abundantly obvious.

What a grand sight it was last Friday to watch campers singing around a campfire as Princess Tannadoonah sat poised in her canoe. We are so fortunate to have the camp as neighbors. Hopefully we'll be able to present Jo Murphy and Pat Laing with a healthy check from the Pancake Breakfast proceeds.

Have a simply marvelous week!

Sue

Camp Tannadoonah has openings for the week of July 7 - 13. Contact Mrs. Murphy at 476-2177. I was recently reminded of something that might be of interest to some of you. Tannadoonah also takes day campers.

We are still in need of "hole sponsors" (\$50 and \$100) for the Men's Golf Outing, as well as door prizes. There will be a registration table at the pancake breakfast for both the Men's and Women's golf outings.

Start cleaning out your unused items for the second annual Birch Lake community garage sale to be held on Saturday, July 13th. Put a balloon on your mailbox as a sign you are participating. Staci Whiteman will come by the day of the sale to collect donations for advertising.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All times given are Indiana)

July 5 Aerobics 9:00 am

July 6 Boat Parade 2:00 pm

July 7 Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am

July 8, 10 Aerobics 9:00 am

July 13 All-lake Garage Sale

July 26 Men's Golf Outing

July 27 Karoake Party 8-12 pm

Aug. 2 Ladies' Golf Outing

Aug. 10 Corn & Sausage Roast

Aug. 31 Fall Dinner

BOAT PARADE

The annual 4th of July Boat Parade will be held Saturday, July 6th at 2:00 p.m. Decorate your boat in any style! Be fancy like these past entries - Cleopatra's Barge, the Giant Supersoaker, Pirate ship, Gilligan's Island, etc. or just put a few flags and balloons and join in the fun! There is no entry fee and all boats receive a prize. At 2:00 pick up your entry number at the Reynolds (two story natural cedar home on the south side) and proceed past the judges on the Gableman's pier a few houses from Reynolds. All boats then parade around the lake for all to see. Back at the Gableman's, awards will be presented.

Let's keep this wonderful Birch Lake tradition going! Participate and become part of the fun. If you have any questions call Claudia Gableman at #2132.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held Sunday morning at the camp. Serving time will be from 8 - 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 5 to 10 years old, under 5 years free. Proceeds for the benefit of Camp Tannadoonah.

BIRCH LAKE AEROBICS

Aerobics has started again every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the yacht club. There is no charge. Classes are an hour long. Bring a towel or mat and hand weights if possible. Call Claudia Gableman if you have questions - #2132.



THE 36th ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE OPEN

DATE: Friday, July 26

TIME: Shotgun Start at 11:00 a.m. (IN)

PLACE: Park Shores Golf Club, Cassopolis, MI

PRICE: \$50 per man for golf, cart, favor, door prizes, prime

rib, refreshments

\$25 per man, dinner and door prize.

Remember, we have a deadline for golf fees on July 20th. This outing is on a first-come first-served basis. Our tournament has been limited to 72 golfers. For reservations, call:

Al Cover 9339

Rich Mullin 8820 or (219) 277-8884

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE

The Toth's welcomed their 18th grandchild in October. Connor Joseph Russell joined brother Patrick and mom and dad, Mike and Paula (Toth) Russell. Other Toth grandchildren making news are recent Marian High School graduates Erik Kushto and John DeHart. Erik will be attending Notre Dame in the fall. Joe and Helen were visited by the lovely Karen Toth Evans, along with husband Mark and children Ashley and Daniel from Portland, Oregon. Their visits are always too short.

Peggy and Dick Cowen (W350) enjoyed their granddaughters all week, Janelle and Elizabeth Andriano from Fort Wayne. Mother Stacia, Daddy Fred, and Brother Gregory arrived July 3rd. All the Cowen clan including Brad, Steve, and Diane looked forward to the fireworks. Swimming, sunning, fishing, tubing, up to "Tom's" - what a perfect week!

Are you in need of something to keep your lap warm this winter? I have the solution. A young male black/grey tiger cat has been dining on our back porch for two weeks, and needs a permanent home. Call Marty or John Ball #2102, or stop by cottage #98 on the south side.

NEWS FROM THE COVE

Bill Lloyd, a man of many skills and talents, painstakingly fashioned a picnic table from wood salvaged from the old Blackwood cottage, as a gift to the family. It is sure to be a treasure.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Hope there aren't any typos this week. That was a dandy last week. Luckily, Wendy and her family have a sense of humor. (Also, Sue *could* fire me).

SAILING RESULTS - SUNDAY JUNE 30

Under typical perverse Birch Lake breezes, 3 MC's and 4 Sunfish sailed. Even though five boats are necessary for an "official" race, the results will be used for season standings (unless more boats show up, in which case these were practice races).

FIRST RACE: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th	MC's Cranmer Harman Jones	Sunfish Howard Troeger Olson King	
SECOND RACE:			
1 st	Harman	Troeger	**
2nd	Jones	Howard	•
3rd	Cranmer	Olson	
4th		King	

FOURTH OF JULY REGATTA THIS WEEKEND

2 races on Thursday at 2:00 1 race on Saturday at 2:00 Makeup on Sunday at 11:00, if necessary

DUES - Here is a list of those who have paid their 1996 dues. An asterisk indicates a fireworks donation.

Courtney*	Sikorski*	Athanas	Reynolds*	Herms*
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Petit*	Foos*	Tjaden*	Troeger, E*	Reith*
Sacco*	Leach*	Harris*	Klimek*	Curtis, S*
Thayer*	Krueger*	Steffen*	Arnold*	Montague*
Wood*	Nagy, EJ*	Cranmer*	Andrews*	Machalleck, M*
Winiarski	Drinkall*	King*	Niezgodski/Parnell*	
McCay*	Wiseman	Rogers, T*	Rogers, Tom & Vicki*	
Gableman*	Valentijn*	Koontz*	Caenepeel*	Burket
Harman*	Morrison*	Garceau*	O'Brien, J*	Griffith/Beers*
Burket	Toth*	Blackwood*	DeCocker*	Groszek*
Sanders*	Barnaby*	Kelly*	Klappauf*	

MICHIGAN WATERCRAFT LAWS

- 1. Boats requiring registration All motorboats; all sailboats 12' or longer; rowboats (privately owned) over 16'; rental or commercial canoes 12' or longer; rental or commercial vessels propelled by any means that are 12' or longer. The registration numbers must be affixed to the watercraft and the certificate of registration must be carried on board when the watercraft is being operated.
- All boats are required to have aboard one Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person on board.
- 3. Approved fire extinguishers must be carried on motorboats with closed compartments and should be carried on all motorboats.
- 4. Running lights are required on all watercraft between sunset and sunrise. (Red and green on front, white on rear).
- 5. Children between 12 and 16 years of age may operate a motorboat of 6 horse-power or more only when accompanied by a person 16 years old or older or when in possession of a boating safety certificate issued after satisfact-orily completing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved course in boating safety. Children less than 12 years old may operate a motorboat of no more than 6 horsepower without supervision or a boating safety certificate. Young operators under age 12 may not operate a vessel powered by more than a total of 35 horsepower engine(s) even though that young operator is properly supervised.
- 6. No person shall operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcoholic beverage or narcotic drugs.
- 7. Any person who operates any watercraft in a careless and heedless manner so as to disregard the rights or safety of others, and at a speed that would endanger or likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless operation.
- 8. No person shall operate any watercraft at a speed greater than will permit him to exercise reasonable care, to bring the watercraft to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
- No person shall operate a watercraft in a manner so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful use by others of any waters.
- 10. All accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage to exceed \$100 shall be reported to local law authorities.
- 11. All motorboats must operate in a counterclockwise direction, insofar as it is reasonably possible.
- 12. No operator of any watercraft shall have in tow any person on water skis, watersled, surfboard, or any similar contrivance during the period one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise.
- 13. There must be one competent observer plus the driver in any watercraft towing water skis, or any similar contrivance and the boat must be equipped with a 170 degree mirror.
- 14. No person being towed on water skis or other similar contrivance shall be closer than 100' to any swimming area, fishing craft, pier, raft or another watercraft.
- 15. The only exception to the regulation above is when landing and taking off then, extreme caution must be used.
- 16. All persons must be seated in seats provided when the watercraft is underway or in motion, sitting on the desk or gunwale is prohibited.
- 17. No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer that 100' to any anchored fishing craft.
- 18. No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than 100' from any swimming area except when docking or debarking.
- 19. A boat shall not be operated within 200' of a bouyed diver's flag (red rectangle with white diagonal strip) unless the boat is tendering the diver(s).

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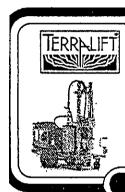
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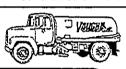
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