



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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The Caribbean party last Saturday night was a splashing success. Jim and Sally Beck had the inspiration for the Jimmy Buffet music theme and they and their crew miraculously transformed the clubhouse into Margaritaville for the occasion. The laid back tropical attitude must have caught on, because it seemed to me that the lake residents were quieter than usual on Sunday morning.

Bring friends and family this Saturday to the Corn and Sausage Roast at the clubhouse beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Ind. time), 6:30 p.m. (Mich. time). No belly dancers are expected (with the possible exception of Dick Bender), but there will be plenty to eat and drink.

Looking ahead, please include in your plans the Fall Dinner on Saturday, August 23. A reservation form is included with this issue of the Birch Barker, and can be delivered with your check for \$8.50 per adult and \$4.50 per child to Al Cover or Scott Troeger or to any director.

Items of news and gossip are always in demand for the Birch Barker. There is a special confidential drop box for such matters at the Sante's, and any director or Birch Barker deliverer will I'm sure arrange to forward items to the Editor.

The sailors have been chased off the course by thunderstorms two weekends in a row. Could this be Nature's way of warning those who sail faster than the Commodore? Take heed!

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS NOTICE OF 1997 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the Birch Lake Homeowners' Association will take place on Saturday, August 16, 1997 at 10 a.m. (Ind. time), 11 a.m. (Mich. time) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club clubhouse for the election of a board of 5 directors to serve for a term of three years, and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Members whose \$10 dues were paid by July 1 are entitled to vote for the election of directors. There will also be reports on the activities, membership and finances of the Homeowners' Association, information regarding the Constantine Public Schools proposed 9.16 mill property tax increase and other matters of interest to Birch Lake property owners.

NEEDED:

Camp Tannadoonah is urgently in need of the donation of a sound, seaworthy, non-leaking, aluminum fishing boat to replace a very unsound, very leaky, totally un-seaworthy boat now in use. This boat is needed to serve as the sailing instructors chase boat for camp sailors while sailing classes are in session. The current leaky vessel is a 14 footer with a 9 HP motor, (we have the motor) hopefully your donation should be similar in length. If you have such a critter laying around and are not using it and wish to donate it, please call Bruce Harlan 476-9714.

Heavenly Birch Lake Ladies Luncheon

Thanks to all who have responded so well to our Luncheon. We hope you will enjoy the luncheon as much as we have enjoyed preparing everything for you. Chief Crafter Darlene Troyer and her trainees turned Lind Harman's house into an Angel Factory (quote by Sue Wagner) the last few weeks and now Darlene will put on her Chef's hat and take on the preparation of the delicious luncheon.

If you have not already done so, we would appreciate you filling out the slip and dropping it and the cost of the tickets off to a member of the committee.

Looking forward to seeing everyone !!!!!

Date : Tuesday, August 12, 1997
 Place: BLYC
 Time: 11:00 (Indiana Time) 12:00 (Michigan)
 Tickets: \$7.50

Linda Curtis 2431	Darlene Troyer 2639	Lind Harman 2039
Sue Wagner 2090	Maryann O'Neill 2831	Blair Garceau 9862

I have made reservations for the Heavenly Birch Lake Luncheon on Tuesday, August 12th.

Enclosed is the amount of \$ _____ for _____ person or persons.

Please list the names for those attending for the name tags.

Last Sunday was the best of times and the worst of times for Tory Troeger. Tory (who is 6 years old) made it up on water skis for the first time. Later that day, however, she had a bad fall on her bicycle and must stay out of the water until her scratches and scrapes heal. Tory and her family thank the kind couple who brought her and her bike home; they were visiting friends at the lake and because of the urgency of the moment their names cannot now be recalled, but their helpful deed will not be forgotten. We can thank Dan Covey, Cheryl Papandria and Jennifer Ball for their first aid and attention to Tory.

Libby Troeger reported seeing a very large cat-like creature while jogging up the road on the Northeast side of the lake on Saturday afternoon. Her husband Tom (who is recovering from a black eye incurred after he remarked "are you sure it wasn't a pink elephant") confirms that neither of them had heard the news reports of the cattle killed near Union the night before, allegedly by a large member of the cat family.

The Bolinger Family in # 152 are spending their first summer as residents on Birch Lake but they have a problem. It is family tradition that they spend the Labor Day Weekend renting cottages with a few other family members on some unspecified lake. Of course, now they don't want to leave Birch Lake to rent somewhere else and their cottage isn't big enough for the others to stay so... if anyone would be interested in renting their cottage to a nice family of a Birch Lake family, please call Jim or Debbie at 476-2782 or Debbie at work 219/258-1615. It is a promise they would take good care AND you would be doing your part to maintain family tradition and unity, American values and all that is important, etc., etc.

1997 BIRCH LAKE FALL DINNER RESERVATION

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We hope everyone enjoyed **JIMMY BUFFETT** night. We would like to thank our bartenders, Dean Davis, Scott & Holly Troeger and Claudia Gableman. Also, thanks to Phyllis Davis and Marty Asire for taking money at the door. We wouldn't have gotten the decorating accomplished without the help of Amy Everett, Melanie & Bill Hall, Brad & Amy Ross Medich, Jeff Walz and Brad Parsons. Special sailing contributions were added by Captain Bob King which gave it that extra touch! Decoration contributions by Van Huffels, Janet Reynolds and Steve Mark were greatly appreciated. The extra efforts on clean-up by Captain Bob & Leslie King made a big job easier. We appreciate everyone's support and the great turn out. Last, but not least we wouldn't have had to hire Ruby, had we known of the great talents of Dick Bender!! What a sport. Thanks to all of you Buffett lovers. Maybe we can do it again next summer. Jim & Sally Beck

TWIN STROLLER FOR SALE - Used less than 6 months excellent condition Paid \$135. will sell for \$80. Call 476-9534

Move over **BRIAN MACHALLECK**, we have another barefooter on the Southside to fill your shoes (or lack of). **ROSS GABLEMAN** bought Brian's old barefoot pants at the Lake Garage Sale and after three tries started barefootin'. We guess instead of filling Brian's shoes he has filled his pants! Congratulations, Ross!

A big **THANK YOU** for all the contributions to the **LADIES GOLF OUTING**. It was a beautiful day for golf and friends. The luncheon of smoked chicken walnut salad was enjoyed by all. The generosity of the following mentioned helped make the day very special! We would like to thank Dick Bender, Rich Mullin, Randy Welch, Bill King, Bob King, Dan Reynolds, Tim Steffen, Make Richwine, Tom Rogers, Liz Conran, Tom's Garage, Eagle Lake Marina, Bonnie & Clydes Restaurant, Ted Durham, and Park Shores Golf Course.

AVAILABLE: White notecards with Birch Lake in blue script. Envelopes included. 25 per pack for \$8.50. Call 8820 or stop by the Mullin's on week-ends. Will be made available at the Corn and Sausage Roast on Saturday, August 9th.

1996 CONNELLY BLADE WAKE BOARD FOR SALE - Like New. \$120. Call Brett Asire at 476-2181

RABBITS FOR SALE - Trybus' Rabbit Ranch has only a few rabbits left for sale, at a reduced price! Each pet rabbit is only \$15 each. Three breeds to choose from and many different colors. Babies and adults for sale. All dwarf size and healthy. They make great pets and 4-H Projects.

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END OF THE SUMMER SALE! Cute cuddly **GUINEA PIGS** for sale. All are reasonable prices! All of the guinea pigs stay around 2 pounds. All are purebred. Call if interested 476-2563 and ask for John.

Camp Tannadoonah, one of Birch Lake's greatest treasure, closes its 67th season with a candle lighting ceremony on their waterfront at approx. 8:30 PM Friday evening August 8th. Lore has it that if the candles set afloat on the water drift into the lake, the camper will return next year--if they drift toward shore--well, they always come back anyway. Camp Tannadoonah had a great year with 395 campers enjoying the camping experience. You are all invited to watch and listen to the ceremony from your boat.

Many lake people have asked how they can help Tannadoonah. Before the Birch Barker is put to bed for the 1997 season we will have a schedule of "help" events for Camp and would encourage all of you to take an active role in helping to keep Tannadoonah a viable place for our youngsters to enjoy camp life. Major renovations began in early spring, and were temporarily suspended during the camping season, but will resume after camp closes on the 9th of August. We will keep you up-to-date with our needs for labor and funding.

With the interest shown this year we plan to provide a Camp Tannadoonah page for the Birch Barker next season. This will keep all of you abreast of the camp happenings and their schedule throughout the 1998 camping season and beyond.

Bruce Harlan

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FLEET NEWS

The last two Sundays were sad days for sailors. Last weekend several boats were on their way out to the course when a storm blew in. The threat diminished around the same time the breeze died. The standings remain the same.

I understand we would have had some new/old people out had the wind cooperated. Maybe this Sunday ... see you on the water!

The final printing of regatta kid T-shirts are in. They were on a table at the Buffett party, but most were not picked up. If you ordered a shirt please pick it up at the Corn & Sausage Roast this Saturday. If you can't make the roast, call me at 2128 on Sunday.

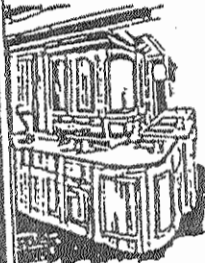
I am close to ordering the Birch Lake Yacht Club burgees from a local print shop. If you want to add your name to the list -or- register your vote on the color let me know.
Bob King

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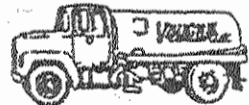
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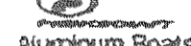
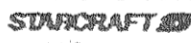
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