



# Birch Barker

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A Publication by the Birch Lake Yacht Club

## COMMODORES' COMMENTS

July 11, 1998  
Issue 7

Well, I must say, if you did not have a good time last weekend, then you surely were not on Birch Lake. Not the one in Vandalia, Michigan!

Thanks to Gablemans, Wisemans and Reynolds for their time in organizing the boat parade. I must admit I enjoyed my own barge of bathing beauties, but just as the movie box office attests to, the Titanic was #1. Great job to all entrants. It certainly sets the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events off to a great start.

The fireworks were spectacular again this year. And in case you are wondering, I was in constant radio contact with the fireworks team in order to guarantee you maximum visual pleasure. And, also, I used that same radio to end the rain earlier in the day. Ha!

The multitudes ascended in an orderly fashion up to the Camp, and were treated to a delicious pancake breakfast. The staff at this eatery seem to get better every year. This year we are glad to announce a donation of \$1510 will be given to Camp Tannadoonah. Thanks to all attendees, and special thanks to the Harmans' hard work.

Don't forget this Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> is the annual lake wide garage sale. Sell some of those items that have been left by visitors over the years!

On a personal note, the fun was enhanced at the Cover's Cottage last weekend by a faithful Fourth of July visitor. Liz's Sister, Michelle, was here from San Francisco, and her style and cosmopolitan flair made our award winning boat-float a possibility.

Al Cover, Commodore

### 1998 SCHEDULE- July

*Indiana time*

Garage Sale	Saturday, July 11, 8am	
Director's Meeting	Saturday, July 11, 9am	BLYC
Vice-Commodore Party	Saturday, July 18, 5:30	BLYC
Ladies Luncheon	Thursday, July 23, 11:30	BLYC
Mens' Golf	Friday, July 31	Park Shore/BLYC

Director's meetings, 9am Saturday, July 11, August 15, September 5

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**GARAGE SALE** - Saturday and Sunday - July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 - Klimek's Cottage 206 - Matt is going under tent with musical gadgets & instruments! Joyce is cleaning out the Lamp Shack. Live music.

**FOR RENT-LAKEFRONT** on Westside - \$550 weekly - Please call Brad Walker 2515

**CAMP TANNADOONAH** is now in session! There were 64 campers enjoying the natural beauty of Birch Lake. The handicraft program can still use several items that you might have around. The items can be dropped off at Camp or at Olson's #127. Items needed include baby food jars, plastic bottles & lids, gallon milk jugs, shoe boxes, old white sheets, fabric scraps, pie tins.

If you are looking for a **babysitter** during the week or weekends, call Natalie Dudeck at 2395.

**PANCAKES** - Don and I would like to thank all those who volunteered and a special thanks to all who worked. Terry & Linda Curtis, Bill & Maryann O'Neill, Dave & Judy Olson, Mike & Katha Machelleck, Sue & Bruce Wagner, Tony, Deb & Tony, Jr. Saccos. Helen Toth, Marc Golden, Marty Sante, Barb Rondot & the man that kept the batter flowing, Jim Bolinger. A very big *thank you* to Marty Sante, Bruce & Sue Wagner for their expert advise!

Thanks to all who attended (403) you made it a great morning. It's a great way to support the Camp. *Don & Lind Harman*

**COVE TURTLE RACES** - The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Turtle Races were held on Saturday afternoon after the Boat Parade. As Tim Blackwood explained to the crowd, these races got started when Howard and Beth, wanting some peace and quiet, sent their brood out to hunt for turtles to race. Little did they know then that the races would come to be an annual event that includes approximately 150 people! (Tim cautioned parents to choose their children's activities carefully.)

While waiting for all the entrants to be registered, the crowd was entertained with songs and jokes from the much younger set (Where did they get all those bar jokes?) Then Mary Hinkin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jill Crowley sang beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.

A big thanks goes to the Blackwoods for hosting this annual event and to Loretta Drolet and the Minix's for letting us all trample across their yards.

In case you missed it last Sunday, the Cove crowd managed to top their record of pulling 7 skiers. Paul Hill's boat impressed us all by pulling 10 skiers out of the water - and no, they weren't all 60 pound kids. The "kids" ranged in age from 13 to 61!

**CASS COUNTY BOATING SAFETY CLASS**

**July 11, 25 and August 8**

**8am to 1 Michigan time**

Classes we be held at the Sheriff's Office, 321 M 62 North in Cassopolis. Call 445-8644 between 9am & 4 to register. No charge for class. Certificate for 12 to 15 year olds - must be 12 this year. Adults welcome, Need to bring: Social Security Number, #2 Pencil and Sack Lunch. According to the Sheriff's Office, the new law will grandfather this class. So if you are between 14 and 19, planning to operate a waver runner next year you might consider this class.

**BOAT PARADE** - The 1998 Fourth of July Boat Parade was a lively success. There were 13 entries which showed a great deal of creativity. The winners were as follows:

Foos <i>Titanic</i>	Most Spectacular & Best Overall
Cover <i>Commodore &amp; His Court of Queens</i>	Most Royal Float
Scott Troeger <i>In the Tub</i>	Most Humorous
McKay	Most Classic
LaPierre <i>Bubble Girls</i>	Most Bubbly
Zesinger - followed by Pitakos <i>Birch Bucs</i>	Most adventuresome
Ball <i>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - John &amp; Marty</i> Celebrated their 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.	Most Enduring
Salter	Most Patriotic
Green <i>Jaws</i>	Most Threatening
Gableman <i>Al Gore</i>	Best Skinny Dippers (No, Brittany did not know they Using her old dolls.)
Lindsey <i>Banana Split</i>	Sweetest Treats
Henderson	Best Stars & Stripes
Donat	Best Crew

There has already been talk around the Foos and Cover cottages about themes for next year so we're sure to be in for another great parade in 1999! We might watch for our Commodore to be practicing piloting his boat in preparation for next year.

**Birch Lake is a Natural!** - As I sit at water's edge, the wind is blowing and I hear two Red-Tail Hawks calling to each other. My family greatly appreciates all of the natural wonders of Birch Lake. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> summer, and we continue to experience new and different adventures in the animal life of the Lake. As we encounter something new (a wounded Red-Tail Hawk, an injured Easter Box Turtle, a curious baby ground hog, various kinds of snakes, etc.) We get out our animal resource books of which we have acquired many and look up the information to try and help the critter. We have learned a lot, and shared the knowledge and many of the animals with lots of school classrooms and friends.

## Turtles (cont)

I was recently asked to share some of our acquired info regarding turtles. Our family has collected and rescued quite a variety of slowed paced, hard shelled creatures. We are so fond of them, that we have made a "turtle garden" for a few of them. Our Lake area is the home of eight kinds of water turtles and a lovely terrestrial (or box) turtle.

Look to a future issue of the Barker for a photo essay on many of these interesting, long living reptiles. *By Lu Kelly (Cove) 2652*

### **As of last weekend the following fireworks contributions have been received from the following families:**

Asire, J.	Foos	Linderfeld	Scofield
Asire, M.	Funk	Lindzy	Sikorski
Ball	Garceau	Lochmandy	Slayter/Herms
Ball, J., Sr.	Golden	Machalleck J	Stout
Barker	Gotstein	Machalleck	Steffen
Beck	Green	McCay	Stevens
Bender	Greenig	Messner	Tom's Garage
Benjamin	Groszek	Miller	Toth
Bergan	Harlan	Minix	Troeger, E.
Bernaciak	Harman	Monroe	Troeger, T.
Blackwood	Harris, B.	Montague	Troeger, S.
Bliler	Harris, G	Mullin	Trybus
Blue	Hayden	Mumaw	Tudor
Brovold	Hobich	Olson	Tunncliffe
Budcinski	Hogoboom	O'Brien, J.	Valentijn
Burket	Hettmansperger	O'Brien, N.	Vath
Caenepeel	Horvath, S.	O'Neil	Waddle
Cover	Howard/	Papandria	Wagner
Cowen	Garoutte	Parnell/	Walker
Cranmer	Jones	Niezdowski	Weesner, K.
Curtis, S	Kelly	Pletcher	Weesner, B.
Curtis, T.	King, Bob	Price	White
Davis	King, Bill	Rasmussen	Williams, J.
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Dirutigliano	Klimec	Richwine	Wozniak
Doba	Kolber	Richmond	Yoshizawa
Dobosiewicz	Koontz	Rogers, T&S	Zesinger
Drinkall	Krueger	Robers, T&V	
Dugan	Kruggel	Russworm	
Dunlap	Kruggel, Kevin	Rzeszewski	
Eberhart	LaPierre	Sacco	
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Foley	Leatherman	Sheetz	

If you have paid in the past week or so, your name will appear on the next list. If you wish to donate, please give to a director or mail to Holly Troeger, 63606 Birch Road, 49095

# 38<sup>th</sup> BIRCH LAKE OPEN

Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, Mi

Friday, July 31 at 11:00am (IN), shotgun start!

The \$50/man entry fee covers golf, cart, favor, door prizes, refreshments and prime rib dinner. While the deadline for registration is July 26<sup>th</sup>, remember this is on a first-come-first serve basis... we fill the course with 72 golfers. Thanks again to those who have sponsored holes and provided door prizes in the past, we hope you will support this years event as well.

Contact Rich Mullin at 8820/277-8884 - Al Cover at 9339 - John Ball - stop by his place or 219-295-6021

.....ENTRY FORM.....

## 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE OPEN

I am registering for MENS WOMENS (Please circle one) Payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## LADIES GOLF OUTING

Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, MI

Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am (Indiana Time)

Join us at the next Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. We will play a "scramble" again, teaming four players of varying abilities... you needn't be a pro to play. Everyone takes their shot and you all move to the "best ball". It's a great way for both beginners and frequent golfers to go out on the course and have some fun!

After golf in the morning we will share a delicious lunch as well as the awards ceremony at the Yacht Club. The cost is \$25 - make checks payable to Birch Lake Yacht Club - Ladies Golf Outing. It is always helpful to make your own foursome, otherwise we will assemble groups as best we can. Please submit your entry no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Call, drop off, or mail your form and payment to:

Pam Mullin  
14859 Birch NoShore Drive  
476-8820 or 277-8884

Leslie King  
1958 Denslow Drive  
299-0705

Liz Cover  
62893 Lake View Drive  
476-9339

**THE VICE COMMODORE'S PARTY** - Saturday, July 18 at 7pm will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Caribbean Night", with Jimmy Buffett music, margarita, "phun food", and NO "Ruby" this year! Come casual in your Island Attire and enjoy the evening. We had a great turnout and a great time last year. We hope to see you all there. We could use any "Parrot-Head" type decorations we could borrow and bartenders are in deed needed. If you have any decorations or would like to help, please contact me at 2760. See you there. *Jim Beck*

We have **NEW NEIGHBORS** at Birch Lake! Norman and Carolyn Salo have built on a ten acre wooded plat on Harvey Street near Lakeview Drive. Norman had retired from Fruit Belt Electric and Carolyn joined him in retirement two weeks ago after many years at Miles Laboratory (Now Bayer) in Elkhart. They are year around residents and very nice neighbors. We all wish them years of happy retirement. Their address is 15249 Harvey Street. *Bill Hayden*

### "It's For The Birds"

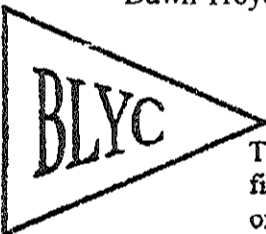
Maybe you thought the birds were singing their summer songs but what they have really been singing about is the BLYC Ladies' Luncheon. We hope you are planning to be with us again this year. We had a great time last year and hope to continue the tradition. As we said last year "It won't be any fun without you!" This year's theme, as you can tell by our title, is about birds.

The luncheon will be held Thursday, July 23 at 11:30 A.M. (IN time) or 12:30 P.M. (MI time) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. The luncheon will consist of hors d'oeuvres, a variety of luncheon salads to please everyone, and dessert. There will be a special gift for each lady and many Door Prizes. The cost of the tickets are \$7.50.

You can contact committee members for reservations and tickets. We would appreciate you doing this as soon as possible to help us anticipate the number who will be attending. Please help us out, when you pick up your tickets, with the exact amount of cash or a check made out to the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

We will be happy to accept any donated Door Prizes. We are looking forward to sharing a delightful afternoon with you again.

Darlene Troyer 476-2639    Linda Curtis 476-2431    Lind Harman 476-2039  
 Dawn Troyer 476-2198    Helen Toth 476-2877    Maryann O'Neill 476-2831



## FLEET NEWS

July 1998

The 4th of July weekend was kind to the sailors. We had ample wind to squeeze in five races for the Regatta. Thanks go out to the starters. Team Sante ran three races on Friday & the Plaia crew ran two races Saturday. Spectators are welcome -- hang around the start & finish lines, there were several photo finishes!

This Sunday we shift out of Regatta mode to start the regular Season. The races are Sundays at 11:00 am (IN) until the Labor Day Regatta. I heard a rather funny story at the Pancake breakfast -- that there was a misunderstanding about the cost to sail in the club races. To clear up any possible confusion, the \$10 sailing dues are for *the year*. This helps defray our expenses for trophies & awards. Regardless, I hope everyone knows they are welcome to join us on the course.

We are surrounded by Yacht Clubs that are sponsoring learn-to-sail classes. Last week I inserted the Diamond Lake Yacht Club schedule -- I understand Eagle has classes as well. On a yet to be determined date this year we will offer free classes for any one (big or little) who is interested. Watch this space!

#### 4th of July Regatta Results:

		race #					Points	Place
		1	2	3	4	5		
Sunfish	T. Howard	3	1	1	2	1	8.7	1
	S. Troeger	1	3	2	3	2	17.4	2-tie
	B. King	2	2	3	1	3	17.4	2-tie
	J. Bollinger	5	5	4	4	5	46.0	4
	D. Olson	8	4	5	3	4	54.0	5
	M. Machalleck	4	6	6	5	dns	54.4	6
	J. Gableman	6	7	dns	6	dns	63.4	7
	J. Slaytor	7	8	dns	dns	dns	68.0	8
	R. Dwenger	dns	dns	dns	7	6	69.7	9
	T. Athanas	dns	9	7	dns	dns	70.0	10
MCs	H. Cranmer	1	1	1	1	2	3.0	1
	D. Harmon	2	2	2	2	1	12.0	2
	B. Harlan	3	3	3	3	dns	28.5	3

Regatta scoring is based on an old Olympic formula assigning points to each place. A dns earns points of the last best plus one. Low points win. Regular season scoring reverts to the "square of 40" formula ...

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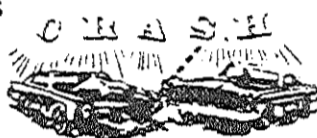
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