



Volume Ten, July 31, 1999

COMMODORES COMMENTS

Talk about the "Dog Days of Summer"! Wow, how much hotter can it get? Thankfully, we have the water to cool us. I really wouldn't want to be stuck in town during this kind of weather. Just don't overdo it. Even though we have the lake, it's still possible to get too hot!

There was a very good turnout for the Boating Safety Class. I understand nearly sixty people attended. Thanks to Dan Covey for offering this class.

In reply to the news of the Zebra mussels found on the South Side, a few mussels were discovered late last summer on the East and North shores. It was inevitable that they would make their way into our lake, particularly with all the "drop-ins" we have. Due to our clean water and low algae, they should not thrive here!

Start working on building your appetites for the Corn and Sausage Roast... it's not far off. It will be Saturday Aug. 7th at 5:30 pm(IN) at the Yacht Club.

The Fall Dinner is also approaching on Saturday Aug 21st at the Yacht Club. The dinner will be catered by Bonnie and Clyde's. You need to make reservations, as the seating in the Yacht Club is limited. So, don't procrastinate!

We failed to mention the winner of the bottle cap guessing contest at the Vice-Commodore's party. Arriving late, but submitting a guess with the exact number (4000), was Bob Temple. The prize was a 1.75 liter of liquor of your choice, graciously donated by Bruce and Sue Wagner. So be sure and stop by the Temple's for some Baileys' on ice!

Board members and Homeowner's Association members, please take notice. The Board meeting scheduled for Aug. 7th has been changed to the following weekend, Sat. Aug. 14th, 9:00 am at the Yacht Club, with the Annual Homeowners meeting to follow (approx. 10:00 am). The change is due to the Corn & Sausage Roast occurring on the 7th.

Have a great week and try to stay cool!!

Jim Beck, Commodore

COMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Fri/ Aug. 6 - Ladies Golf 9:30 IN time(see note)

Fri/ Aug. 6 - Lunch following (again... see note)

Sat/ Aug. 7 - Corn Roast

Sat/ Aug. 21 - Fall Dinner

PLEASE NOTE: TIMES OF EVENTS.....ALL TIMES ARE INDIANA TIME UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

Editor's Notes:

If you have items for the BARKER, they should reach me by Monday of the week you would like them to appear. Put your information in the special box at the bottom of the hill on Lakeview Drive... Call 476-2840... Or E-Mail Eblackwood@netscape.net.

NOTES ON UP COMING EVENTS

Ladies Golf and Luncheon

The Ladies Golf Outing will be at Garver Lake Course at 9:30 IN time on Friday, Aug. 6. Lunch will follow at Lindy's, just outside Dowagiac, at 12:30 IN time for both golfers and non golfers. Since we will not have the usual Ladies luncheon, all Birch Lake Ladies, are encouraged to join the golfers for lunch and camaraderie at Lindy's. (See sign up form inside) Directions to the course: Take 12 west toward Edwardsburg; pass Eagle Lake Rd on right, take a left on Garver Lake Rd, this dead ends on May St, take a right, follow to Garver Lake golf course.

Corn Roast

Plan to attend the Annual Corn Roast, Saturday Aug. 7th, 5:30 at the Yacht Club. . If you want to help out, please call Jim or Sally Beck at 476-2760. \$6.00 for adults, \$3 for children, and under 5 free.

Celebration at Tom's

Aug. 14 11:00 to 3:30 (MI time). See the attached blue flyer for more details. See you there!

Fall Dinner

Make your reservations for the Fall Dinner early. Dinner will take place at the Yacht Club on Aug. 21st. Cocktails will be at 5:30 with dinner following at 6:30 Make reservations by clipping and sending in the blue attached coupon.

LAKE NOTES

Lake Notes are compiled from local history publications including Birch Barkers and other newspaper archives.

The 1st issue of the Birch Barker was distributed in 1943 or 1944. The editor was Chuck Schott; Denny Horvath was Sec. and Treas.; and Marsha Enyeart, Jane Cox, and Gilbert Eberhart were reporters. One of the first paid advertisers was Lanky's Williamsville Store, who advertised block ice cut from Birch Lake and delivered. The Coxes printed the Barker for the first couple of years and then the Schotts bought a mimeograph to use at the Lake. After a lapse in publication from 1953 to 1957, Julie (Ebling) Weaver and a group of Junior Yacht Club members reorganized the paper and it has been a yearly Yacht Club publication ever since. (*Birch Barker* 6/27/64, 8/26/72, & *Denny Weesner*)

This is the last issue of the Birch Barker for the summer of 1950. I want to acknowledge the help of our advertisers, Tubby's General Store, Lazy Lodge, Breece Store, Old Gold Cigarettes, Vandalia Heating and Plumbing Co...(*Birch Barker*, 9/3/50)

Sandra Krchmar

NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

The 148th Cass County Fair was a great success. My brother, Brett Asire, Caleb Walker and I attended the fair on Monday evening. Even though the temperature was in the high eighties we still had a great time. We started out by watching the Demolition Derby. Being protective of our own cars, Caleb and I weren't too impressed but Brett really got into it. Corey Crocker of Dowagiac won the event. We then went on to tour the barns. Caleb showed us the newly refurbished 5-H Club barn (of which he is a member). After talking to some of Caleb's friend we went on to watch the circus which featured a tight-rope walker, trapeze demonstration and the motorcycle "Cage of Terror". A good time was had by all and we look forward to next year's fair.

On a sadder note: Jack Asire fell last Saturday while attempting to raise a new flag on their flagpole. He suffered a broken femur bone and was taken by ambulance to Three Rivers Hospital. He was later transferred to Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Jack is in good spirits and is looking forward to a speedy recovery. Jack and the rest of his family would like to express their appreciation to the Newberg Township Volunteer Rescue Squad. They responded quickly to the 911 call and were very courteous and professional. They are certainly a group to be proud of.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Do we think no news is good news?

NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

Anthony Sacco (a.k.a. Meatball) pulled another one while visiting us ...he remarked that "our rug looked Egyptian." When I asked him why, he explained that Egyptians use hieroglyphics! Not bad for a 5 year old.

As you're reading this, I will be playing with the light of my life. (NOPE, not Marc), my grandson Ben. I'm excited even just writing about his coming here. A more obnoxious grandma you will not find.

On a more serious note, Gabby's spouse "Grumpy" would like to request that those persons walking their dogs clean up their own (dogs) (*Ed Note: We are a family paper so you fill in the word*) or at least have the good grace to step in it themselves.

From Gabby

NEWS FROM THE NORTH SHORE

Grandma's Hint:

An incentive to potty training is a trip to "Mr. Tom's for candy

Phyllis Davis

NEWS FROM THE COVE

By Sunny Waters

Great excitement! As a result of last week's interview, Bill and Rita Lyzen have been invited to make a guest appearance on "The Price is Right"! We had no idea the Barker has such far reaching consequences. Sure hope Rita wears her heron dress.

Spotlight on Scott Bouwkamp

Scott is the son of Margaret and David Bouwkamp and the eldest grandchild of the Blackwoods. He is spending a good chunk of Summer at Birch Lake before entering high school.

The interview went something like this:

Barker: The standard question, Scott, what are your favorite activities?

Scott: Skiing, fishing and hockey.

Barker: What do you like best about Birch Lake?

Scott: Fishing. Birch lake doesn't offer (snow) skiing and hockey.

Barker: Aside from those, what would be your ideal pastime?

Scott: Sleeping 24 hrs a day.

Barker: What would you do to offset that?

Scott: Take a nap!

Love this young man's sense of humor. Thank you, Scotty.

Next weeks News will be written by a good friend and fellow journalist, Sandy Beach. B.S. and I are taking time off to entertain our family from Texas. Hope y'all will understand.

Problems in the Cove

For some time, we Cove dwellers have been aware of Tom Rogers' rather bizarre addiction to tiki torches. For several summers we were puzzled by the disappearance of our torches and the mushrooming numbers in the Rogers' yard. After much coercion he will be entering a rehab facility and, after release, attending TTA (Tiki Torches Anonymous.) Good luck, Tom.

That's it for now, dears. Enjoy yourselves

Sunny

BEST OF BECK'S BISTRO

Entree of the Week

MANGO SALSA

2 ripe mangos, peeled, pitted & chopped
 1/4C chopped red onions
 1/3C chopped fresh cilantro
 1/4C snipped fresh mint
 2/3 Serrano or Jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
 1T lime juice
 Very good on grilled Red Snapper or any white fish



Drink of the Week

BECK'S BLOODY MARY

1 1/2oz Vodka
 3oz Clamato juice
 2oz regular tomato juice
 1oz Dill pickle juice
 Splash of lemon juice
 dash of celery salt
 dash of lemon pepper
 a few drops of Tabasco to taste
 Mix and pour over ice and add a slice of dill pickle.



DIRECTORY'S

EXTRA DIRECTORY'S CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$2.00. Please call Jim and Sally at 476-2760 or stop and pick one up. Evenings after 5pm or anytime on weekends.

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST AND SAFETY EXHIBITION

The Porter Township is holding their 5th annual Celebration of Services and Safety on Aug. 14 at 7:00AM (Mich time) at the Cass County Shrine Club, Union Rd., Union, MI. They will have more than 30 booths plus demonstrations and exhibits on health, safety and community.

Free immunizations....Breakfast by donation...
 Children under 5 free.

LADIES GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Join the Birch Lake Ladies for golf and/or lunch. Novice golfers welcome; we play a best ball scramble. Arrange your foursomes or be grouped with some new friends. The cost is \$15, which includes 9 holes of golf and 1/2 of a cart at Garver Lake Golf Course. Golf at 9:30 am (IN) followed by lunch at 12:30 (IN) at Lindy's. This will be an "open menu" with individual checks. Watch for a map in a future Barker. Please send reservation and check to: Birch Lake Yacht Club c/o Leslie King
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REGISTER YOUR OPINION WITH THE BOARD REGARDING THE Y2K FIREWORKS. DROP YOUR BALLOT OFF TO A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER. Ballot is on blue flyer attached to this issue. Must be turned in before the Board meeting to count.

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 Fleet Captain - Scott Troeger



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Editors Note: (Beth Blackwood) The Water Quality Committee and Homeowners Association have both been doing a great job this year of educating all of us on what's being done to protect our lake environmentally and looking after our interests in many, many ways. Let them know if you have any concerns or want any additional information. They are:

Water Quality Committee:

Bob & Gertie Temple Dan & Janet Reynolds
 Terry & Linda Curtis

Homeowners Association:

Dean Davis Herm Kruggel
 Scott Troeger Bill King
 Rick Russwurm

WEEK'S TIMES (IN) THAT WAVE RUNNER'S MUST BE OFF THE LAKE

Fri 7-30	7:05	Tues 8-3	7:00
Sat 7-31	7:04	Wed 8-4	6:59
Sun 8-1	7:02	Thur 8-5	6:58
Mon 8-2	7:01	Fri 8-6	6:56

Star Stuff

In recent weeks, you've probably seen the term "Dog Days" used a few times. This term is commonly used to refer to the hottest, stickiest time of the year. The "Dog Days" actually get their name from the dog star, Sirius. At this time of year, Sirius appears quite near the Sun in our sky. It's also the brightest star in Earth's night sky, so ancient sky watchers thought the heat from Sirius and the Sun combined to produce the year's hottest weather. *Sirius is hotter than the Sun, but it's also 50 trillion miles from Earth. At such a great distance, Sirius doesn't do anything to warm our planet.*

Sirius played a crucial role in daily life in ancient Egypt. Its first appearance in the morning twilight marked the beginning of the Egyptian year. It also heralded the annual flooding of the Nile River, which deposited fertile soil in the Nile Valley. Three thousand years ago, this pre-dawn appearance occurred in early July. Today, though, it happens several weeks later. That's because Earth wobbles on it's axis. The wobble takes 26000 years to complete and causes the stars and constellations to shift position with respect to the sun.

Look for Sirius later in August. It will become visible low in the eastern pre-dawn sky as an intensely bright, blue-white star. Even so, the last couple of weeks have been oppressively hot. Call them "Dog Days" or what you want.

Keep looking up.

Stewart Spratt

TANNADOONAH

"A GATHERING OF FRIENDS ON A HILL, AMONG THE TREES, OVERLOOKING A LAKE"

This picturesque camp, with more than 100 acres, has been part of the Birch Lake scene for the past 69 years.

Many of us feel this is a "treasure" for our lake and needs our help if it is to present a healthy and rustic environment to those who, each year, enjoy its wild beauty.

Like all "treasures", it can lose value, both monetarily and intrinsically, should it not be cared for and maintained on a regular basis.

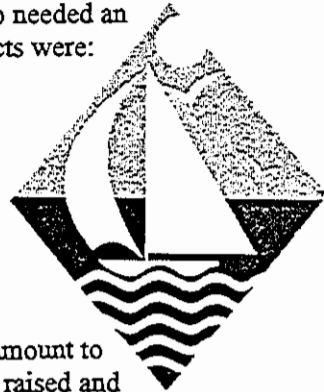
Approximately a year ago, Bob Herms, Dean Davis, Ben Wosniak and Rick Russwurm asked to meet with board members from the River Bend Council of Campfire Inc. in South Bend. We felt the camp needed an infusion of money for a number of projects that had been put off too long. Some of these projects were:

1. Carpentry and plumbing repairs to the Morris Lodge - \$2,000.00 approximately
2. Carpentry repairs to the main lodge - \$2,500.00 approximately
3. Roof repairs to four cabins \$450.00 per cabin \$1,800.00 approximately
4. A new double oven \$3,000.00 approximately
5. Camp electrical replacement and repairs to the waterfront - \$1,000.00 approximately
6. Camp access sign and road repairs - \$500.00 approximately
7. Other repairs in various locations throughout the camp??.
8. New refrigerator for the kitchen - \$2,500.00 approximately

With these projects in mind, our foursome felt a realistic goal for our fund-raiser should amount to \$13,700.00. Thanks to the following contributors, a total of \$13,600.00, as of July 1, has been raised and donated to the South Bend Council. To each of you who felt this Camp continues to be a Birch Lake "Treasure", and therefore gave most generously, we sincerely THANK YOU. It was a great financial effort by all of you!!

A special thanks to PAUL CROWLEY (a Campfire board member), JUDY OLSON (a Campfire board member), BRUCE HARLAN and GAYLAN ALLSOP (both Campfire board members). A Herculean effort on the part of DEAN DAVIS, BEN WOZNIAK and RICK RUSSWURM. All of you, through your financial support, have continued interest in... "A gathering of friends on a hill, among the trees, overlooking a lake."

P.S. To those of you who, somehow, were not contacted during our financial drive you may still send your contribution to Dean Davis, Ben Wozniak or Rick Russwurm.



Bob Herms

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BLYC SAILING NEWS



Northwesterly winds freshened at times to a heeling breeze, and the four MC'S and seven Sunfish were closely grouped for some of the legs. The wind developed an annoying tendency to drop off suddenly and shift wildly, which turned the last few hundred yards of the second Sunfish race into something of a game of chance. (The Fleet Captain denies selling his soul for that wind shift.) Harold Cranmer, who actually likes light, shifty winds, racked up two firsts in the MC class. There was a lively race committee on the "Grateful Lady," consisting of Stan Pitakos, Jim Beck and Stewart and Mike Spratt.

The July 25, 1999 race results and standings are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Cumulative Points Average</u>
MC			
Don Harman	2	3	1533.00
Harold Cranmer	1	1	1505.71
Rick Harman	3	2	1495.83
Bruce Harlan	4	4	1423.91
Sunfish			
Scott Troeger	1	1	1521.71
Tom Howard	4	2	1505.64
Bob King	2	4	1472.93
Dave Olson	5	3	1376.07
Jim Bolinger	3	6	1343.50
John Slayter	6	7	
F. Pettit	7	5	
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	



Next races: Sunday, August 1, 1999 at 11 a.m. (Ind. time), 12 p.m. (Mich. time).

It's time to get ready for the Regatta Kidz. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 14 at 2:00 p.m. (Indiana time), 3:00 p.m. (Michigan time). Kids (loosely defined) can sail either alone, with other kids or with adults. We'll plan some short, quick courses.

Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain

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For Sale: Shore Station bench, 60" wide redwood with mounting brackets for either Shore Station pier or any 2" (2"x4", 2"x6") pier board. Excellent condition \$75. Call Bruce Harlan 476-9714 or see at 14886 Lakeshore Drive.

For Rent: Cottage West Side. Call Brad Walker 476-2515.

For Rent: Last 3 weeks of August and 1st 3 weeks of September... 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage on the south shore 14852 Lakeshore. Two living areas and 2 car garage. Call 616-476-9740 until Aug. 6... then 915-698-0712, Doug Eichorst.

For Sale: 1993 Ebbtide Campione OMC 6 Cylinder, 4 barrel carb IO and custom trailer. \$8,700. Call Al or Liz Cover @ 476-9339 or (219) 825-3911

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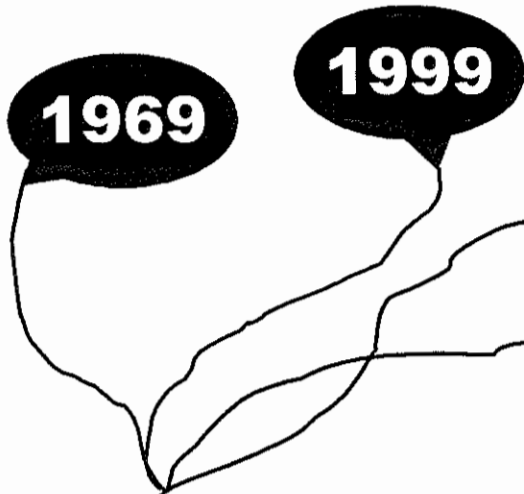
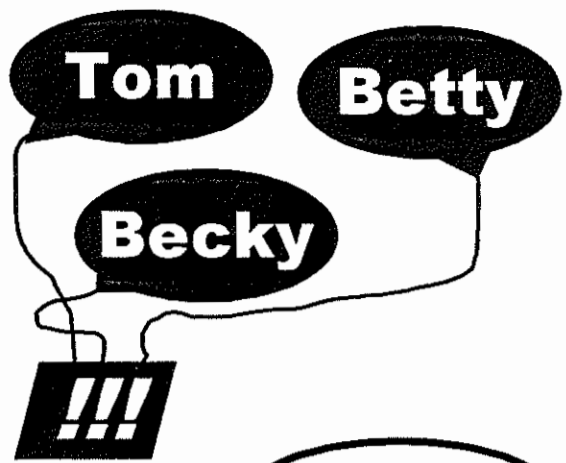
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