



Volume Twelve, August 14, 1999

COMMODORES COMMENTS

Well, another annual event has passed and that means the summer is winding down. The Annual Corn and Sausage Roast was a huge success, with nearly 200 residents and guests in attendance. Thanks to all who were there. A special thanks to John Gableman and his hearty group of cooks... Bob Waddle, Jim Hettmansperger, Bernie Garceau, Buzz Rasmussen and Tim Lauver.

The corn and sausage was delicious! Kevin Bullard, of Bullard Farms, again donated the corn. So, if you stop by their market on CR 17 in Elkhart, give him a big thanks.

Special thanks, also, to Earl Troeger for taking care of the sausage and delivering it to the lake. And... to all who helped inside... the corn shuckers... Tom Rogers and Rick Russwurm, the servers... Sandra Krchmar, Richard Blue, Vicki Rogers, Sally Beck, Bruce and Sue Wagner, and Pattie Russwurm, our greeters at the door... Dave and Judy Olson. Without volunteers like these, it would be impossible to have events like this. Again, thanks to all.

On Sunday, Dick Bender and Marsha Slack hosted a little party of their own on the South shore, featuring a live band and hog roast. Dick Bender treated us with a song and Marc Golden wooed the crowd with a rendition of "Danny Boy". I didn't know we had so much undiscovered talent on the lake. But, as I told Marc, I wonder if that's why we don't do Karaoke anymore!! (Just kidding, Marc)

Also, I took part in a fun water fight Sunday afternoon, organized by Calvin King. He wants to schedule more of these, so if you have any water guns, he would like to recruit you for his team.

Board members, check the schedule notes below for details on our meeting this Saturday, with the Homeowners Association to follow. Plan to attend.

Remember to get your reservations in for the fall dinner on Aug. 21st. Seating is limited so don't procrastinate. Also, make sure to make payment with your reservation.

Hope you have a great week!

Jim Beck, Commodore

COMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Sat/Aug. 14 - Regatta Kidz... Board Mtg... Homeowners Association Mtg... Tom's Garage Open House

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

Celebration at Tom's

Aug. 14 11:00 to 3:30 (MI time). Open house.....Celebrating 30 Years of being an important part of the Lake community!

Regatta Kidz

August 14th at 2:00 P.M. (IN time).

Board and Homeowners Association Meetings

Board Mtg. August 14, 9:00 A.M. (IN time) at the Yacht Club, followed by Homeowners Assoc. Mtg. at 10:00 A.M.

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 coupon attached to last week's Barker or call or whatever works to reserve your space.

LAKE NOTES

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

Williamsville was laid out by Josiah Williams in March 1848. He had the first store and built a grist mill where flour was made.

Late in the 1880's, they stopped making flour at the mill but continued grinding feed, and making cider and sorghum... At this time, the population of Williamsville was around 300, with one general store, one blacksmith shop, one cabinet and paint shop, two physicians, and a sawmill.

The general store played a very important part in the history of Williamsville because it was the center of all business transactions in the early days. Part of the time it housed the post office and most of the time the only telephone in the vicinity.

In 1969, Tom and Betty Griffith opened Tom's Garage & Welding just north of Breece's general store. Originally, the repair of farm vehicles was Tom's prime concern. Besides gas, cigarettes were sold, then snacks, and then groceries were added. In the early years, their daughters Chris, Rachel, and Becky assisted customers; then by 1977 just Becky, Tom, and Betty were left to run the place.

When the Griffiths celebrated their anniversary in 1994, they stated, "...it has been 25 years of real pleasure serving our many, many loyal customers." The Birch Barker commented, "It (Tom's Garage) has always been a family operated business which has served the people of Birch Lake very well over the last 25 years." (*Birch Barker 6/11/94, Some history of Tom's Garage by Betty Griffith, Tom's Garage by Richard Whiteman, Jr.*)

Sandra Krchmar

BEST OF BECK'S BISTRO

Entree of the Week

SPAGHETTI PIE

6oz. Cooked Spaghetti

2T margarine

1/3C Parmesan Cheese

2 beaten eggs

1C cottage cheese

1/2C shredded Mozzarella

Sauce: 1 lrg. jar Ragu (you can add peppers, onions, sugar oregano, etc)

Cook spaghetti, drain, add margarine, Parmesan cheese, and eggs. Toss lightly. Place in bottom of casserole. Spread cottage cheese on top. Add cooked ground beef to top and add sauce. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes and sprinkle Mozzarella cheese on top of hot spaghetti casserole.



Drink of the Week

ITALIAN CREAM LIQUOR

1 1/2C whipping cream

1 Can (14oz) Sweetened Condensed Milk

1C Frangelico Liquor

3/4C vodka

1tsp. Vanilla

1/2 tsp. almond extract

Place all ingredients in a blender. Process briefly until completely blended. Pour into bottles or airtight container and refrigerate. Serve chilled. Yield: About 2 1/2 pints of liquor. May be stored in fridge up to 1 month.



TRAIN LOVERS TRIP

If you can manage to pry yourself away from the lake on Saturday or Sunday, a place worth visiting is the Hesston Steam Museum in LaPorte County, Indiana. The Museum features various types of steam powered engines, ranging from locomotives to the LaPorte County Courthouse's original power plant. There are three different gauges of trains that run on the one hundred and fifty-five acres that constitute the museum's property. While older adults will probably want to ride the standard gauge train and reminisce about a time when "steam was king", the children are sure to be taken with the smaller trains that run on a track that is only seven and a half inches wide.

Admission to the grounds is free, tickets to ride the trains cost three dollars for adults and two dollars for children twelve and under. Memberships can also be purchased. The museum is open 12:00 till 5:00 IN

time on weekends. The museum is located off exit 49 of the IN Toll Road. Turn right onto St Rd 39 and proceed to 1000N. The museum is located two miles further down the road.

Star Stuff

Identifying constellations in the night sky is fun, but it's even more fun to amaze your friends by being able to point out planets. Finding planets is relatively easy if you have a general idea of where to look. They are usually much brighter than most other objects in the night sky. Jupiter and Saturn can be seen high in the southeast in the early morning hours over Birch Lake.

Jupiter looks like an intensely bright, cream-colored star. It far outshines anything nearby. Saturn is now about 12 degrees to the lower left of Jupiter, about the width of 2 fingers held at arms length. It looks like a moderately bright, golden star.

Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system. It's about 11 times as wide as Earth, and it's heavier than all the other planets combined. Saturn ranks number two, but it's not nearly as heavy as Jupiter.

Jupiter and Saturn are both encircled by rings. The rings of Saturn are broad and bright. They're made of small bits of ice, so they reflect a lot of sunlight. The rings of Jupiter, on the other hand, are thin, rocky, and dark — so dark, in fact, that they weren't discovered until the 1970's.

Look for Jupiter and Saturn in the southeast pre-dawn sky. With a good pair of binoculars, you can see some of Jupiter's moons! Watch each night to see them change position around the giant planet.

Next, Mars and Antares. Keep looking up.

Stewart Spratt.

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.

LADIES OUTING PERFECT

The ladies of Birch Lake enjoyed a beautiful morning on Garver Lake Golf Course. Of the 16 golfers, the 4 winners were Jan Reynolds, Karen Curtis, Linda Curtis and Linda Rasmussen with a score of 38. A big THANK YOU to Curtis Cleaning Services and Sandy Vitale for their monetary donations which went to the winners. Following golf, 25 ladies had a lovely luncheon at Lindys. We had a fun day! BLYC Golf Committee: Betsy Custard and Leslie King.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE LAKE OR... (how crazy can it get)



NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

Jack Asire is in rehab and hopefully back home soon.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

I wanted to thank our neighbors for making us feel at home. The transition of moving is such a difficult task, but it seems much easier thanks to the warm welcome we received. I, myself, have been coming to Birch Lake since I was a child (Grandma & Grandpa Arnold built a cottage here when my father was a child). I really wanted my son Nicholas to be able to enjoy Birch as I did and now he can. Doug, Nicholas and I moved here from Elkhart and purchased the house owned by Mr. & Mrs. Shearer. We will be living here year round and looking forward to meeting many more of you. (Nicholas is 8 yrs. Old and has already met a couple of friends, but you can never have too many.)

Tammy Barbour 14826 Walden Dr.
(Hill, overlooking the Lake)

Earl and Connie Troeger have enjoyed a pleasant summer at Birch Lake, having had their three sons and families spend a good deal of time at the lake. Jeff and Sue, with sons Chris and Matt, were here about three weeks in early July. Their home is Steamboat Springs, CO. Tom and Libby, with children Chad, Brett, Wade, and Aubrey, from Indianapolis, have been up many weekends this summer. Chad and Brett just finished an enjoyable week at Camp Tannadoonah. Dave and Christine, with daughters Carly and Lauren from South Bend, have also enjoyed the fun.

Connie did suffer the loss of her father Ken Lamont in July. He was 91 years old. Ken and his wife Peg built the cottage in 1948. They enjoyed several years at the lake before selling. Connie and Earl were able to buy it back and raise three boys at beautiful Birch Lake

We hope everyone is able to enjoy the lake as we have for more than 50 years.

NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

The east siders enjoyed a very big weekend. Katie Luecht celebrated her 6th birthday with family and friends. The adults celebrated with Patty Punch.

The Golden household was FULL! Grandson Ben and his folks, Lisa and Jon from IL, Mike Golden from Houston, Amy Golden from Boston, and Jack from Las Vegas were all here. (Jack is Ilene's dad and is known for his power walking around the east side.)

The Dennerts granddaughter was visiting for the weekend and could be seen making the moves on baby Ben!

On Sunday, the whole Golden household went to a wonderful party hosted by Dick & Marsha, and Fred & Mary. Not only did Marc Golden hit most of the notes while singing DANNY BOY, but he also was probably the 1st Jewish man to bless the hog for the roast!
Gabby

NEWS FROM THE NORTH SHORE

Jeanine and Ed Wood, from San Jose spent time with the Bliler's this summer, even with the heat and humidity. Their children, from Sunnyvale and Reno, are frequent visitors at the Lake. While here, they celebrated Grace's big 80th Birthday at the Lake.

The Bliler's also attended Ed's 55th Class Reunion

from Riley High School (Class of '44).

We are looking forward to next summer!

NEWS FROM THE COVE

By Sunny Waters

Before I say another word, allow me to apologize for Sandy Beach's vitriolic vituperation in last week's Barker. We had hoped the medication would've kicked in by now but apparently the trauma she suffered as a youngster refuses to die. It would seem that young Sandy's grandmother insisted that she try a piece of homemade rhubarb pie and the poor child just snapped. Knowing that, please try to forgive; it can even happen in high office.

Judging from the turnout, the Corn and Sausage event was a success. Hordes of hungry people arrived with growling tummies and left with happy faces; if a bit butter smeared. The cooking crew did their usual stellar job and Jim Hettmansperger deserves a solid gold beer can for completely renovating the fire pit.

Happy Birthday to Bill Lloyd, Aug 11 and to Loretta Drolet Aug 15.

B.S and I are looking forward to the 30th Anniversary shindig at Tom's this weekend. The Griffiths are such an institution on Birch Lake. Where else could our children go on a 10c candy shopping spree and who else comes to the rescue when your car is ailing or you're flipping pancakes and discover the Mrs. Butterworth's bottle is dry. Tom, Betty and Becky are special people. Hope to see you all there.

Jack Asire, HEAL!

Make the most of these waning summer days. All too soon they will become nostalgic memories.

Til next week - Sunny

FROM THE NATIONAL DESK

If you have a chance, pick up a copy of *Newsweek* dated Aug 9, 1999. The article on George W. has a Birch Lake connectionthis will be explained at a later date. (Ed. Note: This kind of coverage will put us in contention for numerous international awards for coverage of national events in a weekly lake publication).

CAMP NOTES

Amber Holeman: Or "Ms. Amber" to you campers. Amber and her family were residents of Birch Lake for most of Amber's grade school years. The family moved to Otsego MI when Amber was in high school. However she continued her relationship to Camp Tanadoonah begun when she started attending camp, while living at the lake

Amber, now a sophomore at Notre Dame, was first a camper, then a swoppy (dishwasher) and now a counselor for four years. Her love for THE CAMP (and the chance to renew old friendships) has always been her motivation for returning to Birch Lake. She has been at Tanadoonah for 11 years in one capacity or another.

Ed Note: send us your camp memories

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

Fri 8-13 6:47	Tues 8-17 6:41
Sat 8-14 6:46	Wed 8-18 6:40
Sun 8-15 6:44	Thur 8-19 6:38
Mon 8-16 6:43	Fri 8-20 6:37

The poem below was written by Gertie Temple as an expression from Birch Lake.

Sometimes when I'm so pensive
Reminiscing of the past,
Of when you were a child,
My, you grew up fast!
Grandma, Grandpa, Mom and Dad;
their home here - your home here
I know my lovely blue
Has always been protected
By families like you.

And now I'm being introduced
To your baby's nose.
I feel its hands caressing me;
I feel its little toes.

We'll watch your child grow
And you'll be watching me,
I'm sure.
You'll keep my shoreline sandy clean,
My water safe and pure.

You knew me as a child
At my very best.
So now I'm asking you
To please inform the rest -
The new.

For *no one* has the right to steal
Your child's chance to see and feel
The magic that I held for you
The magic of my lovely blue.

BIRCH LAKE

And now a word from the BLYC Water Quality Committee.....

Phosphorus from *fertilizers* on your *lakefront* lawn run directly into the *lake* and fertilize lake plants not only in your beach, but in your *neighbor's beach*!!!!!!!

Plants get greener, die, sink to the bottom and add more nutrients. Once in the lake, a pound of phosphorus can generate several hundred pounds of aquatic plants.

Eliminate Fertilizing

You can have a green lawn by using a *Pump* to sprinkle the already phosphorus enriched *lake water* on your grass.

Keep your shoreline
Keep your neighbor's shoreline
Keep Birch Lake's shoreline - Sandy Clean!

BLYC SAILING NEWS

It certainly didn't seem like a typical Sunday in August. We had the best winds of the season, and during the first race it felt as if it might snow. The Northerly winds again permitted a course with exceptionally long tacking legs, but the boats remained closely grouped and there were some "photo-finishes" in both Sunfish races. Rick Harman swept both MC races, and Earl Troeger's son Tom (with his son Chad) demonstrated that he hasn't forgotten how to get a good start (but his memory got a little hazy after that). Tom Howard won the first Sunfish race by half a mile and came from behind to win the second race by half an inch, bringing the season standings for first place in that class to a razor thin margin. Special thanks are due to Steve, Julie and Chad Plaia for shivering through the races on the committee boat.

The August 8, 1999 race results and standings are:

Class	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points	Average
MC				
Don Harman	3	3		1526.16
Harold Cranmer	2	2		1513.55
Rick Harman	1	1		1502.37
Bruce Harlan	DNS	DNS		1423.91
Tom & Chad Troeger	DNS	4		
Sunfish				
Scott Troeger	3	2		1517.27
Tom Howard	1	1		1513.77
Bob King	2	4		1463.11
Dave Olson	5	3		1382.94
Steve Barron	4	5		
Jim Bolinger	DNS	DNS		1337.56
Dennis Savastano	DNS	DNS		
John Slayter	DNS	DNS		
F. Pettit	DNS	DNS		
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS		



Next races: Sunday, August 15, 1999 at 11 a.m. (Ind. time), 12 p.m. (Mich. time).

RegattaKidz: Saturday, August 14 at 2:00 p.m. (Ind. time), 3:00 p.m. (Mich. time).

This will be the 3rd annual regatta for kids. Remember, any type of sailboat with any number and combination of kids and adults is welcome. For a short, quick course, meet out by the orange buoys a few minutes before the race. If you need a boat or a ride, call any of the sailors.

Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain

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Sept. 11 at Purdue	Nov. 6 at Tennessee
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