

Birch Barken

Weekend of August 13, 2005



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Could we have asked for a nicer weekend? I will answer that! NO!! It was beautiful.

It was perfect for the Corn & Sausage Roast. A huge Thank You goes out to Bernie & Blair Garceau for a wonderful night at the Yacht Club. The corn was awesome and the sausage great. There was a lot of great deserts. Thank you also goes to the ladies who donated them.

Okay on to the week we had. Monday started off quiet. Nyla went to the doctor in the afternoon and was cleared for take off. She got to take off the butterfly bandages. She starts therapy on Tuesday.

Monday night we joined my sister & brother-in-law, niece and her boyfriend at the Silverhawks game. I am happy to report they won.

Tuesday we went to dinner with them at Texas Road House in Elkhart.

Wednesday was a quiet day at the house for Nyla and the boys. We joined our friends from Klinger Lake at Fisher Lake Inn for a Birthday dinner. The boys got to meet Barker Bohns Jr. a professional bowler. Now they can watch for him this winter on TV.

Thursday it was a great day for Nyla during the day. She got to take the boys to their father's for the weekend. They

had to go get a final fitting for their tuxes. That's right I said tuxes. They now have a step mother. Their dad married on the beach in South Haven in the morning and back to Kalamazoo to the reception. Nyla picked them up right before the Corn & Sausage roast. They got to "help" Blair & Bernie. Thursday night Nyla had a ladies golf outing meeting and after that we went to dinner with Patty & John Luecht and Blair Garceau. We went to Pitts in Union and a nice dinner and great time with our friends. After dinner Nyla & I got things ready for Friday morning.

Friday off to work I went and Nyla was off to the Golf Outing. She was so excited for it she was picking her partners up at 7:30 ... she was there at 6:30 IST. She went home for some breakfast. They finally got on the same time and off they went. They got the outing set up and their team started out. Nyla had to watch as she was not given the okay to golf. It seems she can't swing a club yet. Maybe next year.

Friday night we went with our friends from the east side. The Garceaus, Vitales, Bolingers & Luechts and met the Fallons out in front of the camp swimming area for the candlelight ceremony. Nyla had never seen it. She truly enjoyed it.

Saturday morning we went to the farmers market in Cass. and out to breakfast. Home we came and got ready for the evening. Nyla was very excited when we got home all she could talk about was

BLYC Calendar

- Aug. 13Board of Directors Meeting
- Aug. 13.....Kids Turtle Raft Project
- Aug. 13RegattaKidz
- Aug. 27Fall Dinner

seeing see her good friends George and Trixy. She loves seeing them. They had Trixy's sister and her daughters with them.

Sunday was a crazy day for us we had our open house for selling the house and we had to clean, paint a little and John put up some trim in the kitchen. It sure was a busy morning. They boys, Nyla and I had to get out of the house. Mike Lutz let us hang out at his home. Thank you Mike.

Sunday night we went to have cake & ice cream with Katie Luecht. It was her 12th Birthday on Thursday. Happy Birthday Katie.

Now that have have been bored by our week go out and enjoy yourself on the lake.

Don't forget about the Board of Directors Meeting tomorrow morning at 9 am, the Turtle Raft day at the Yacht Club at 10 am and the KidsRegatta at 1:30 pm at Bill King's on the North side. I will tell you my boys sailed last year and can not wait for that.

Splish Splashin' Away.

John Erhardt
Commodore 2005.

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for future publication. Just e-mail the info to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or, if you must, put the materials in the red Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore), mail to Phil Vitale, 120 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax your items to (269) 445-9200. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200.

Birch Lake Notes

Corn & Sausage

Last Saturday's Corn and Sausage Roast was a huge success thanks to everyone that helped and to everyone that came, ate and had fun. Many Birch Lakers stayed after their meal to catch up with their neighbors while their children played nearby. It was a very social and delicious event, so if you missed it you really missed it this year and we hope to see you next year.

It never would have been possible without a lot of help. First, a big thank you to our co-chairs Scott and Dawn Troyer. They helped us with the planning and organizing the event. Scott was in full swing all day Saturday with the set up, the cooking and the clean up. It sure makes a big job so much easier to have good help and fun people to work with.

Add to the list of good people: Vickie and Tom Rogers, Sandy and Phil Vitale, Lind and Don Harman, Debbie and Jim Bolinger, Judy and Dave Olsen, John and Nyla Erhardt, Shanna and Ryan Gableman, Carol and Fred Freihofer, Patti Luecht, and Bob Waddle. These friends showed up early and stayed late to help us out. Thanks you guys! We couldn't have done it without you.

This year we had homemade desserts because they went over so well at the spaghetti dinner. Thanks for the idea Linda Bergan. Our homemade treats

were made by Dawn Troyer, Debbie Bolinger, Vickie Rogers, Lind Harman, Celia Fallon, Patti Luecht, Nyla Erhardt and Judy Olsen. These goodies were melt-in-your-mouth delicious.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mike Lutz for donating our outstanding t-shirts. They were awesome and it was a true gift for all of us. Thanks so much.

Thank you to everyone for helping us out and for coming to enjoy the evening. We hope to see all of you next year.

-Bernie and Blair Garceau

Editor's Note: The Corn and Sausage Roast cleared over \$400.

From the archives

Now that the very successful 2005 Corn & Sausage Roast has been added to Birch Lake history, a peek at the first one might be fun. It was held on Aug. 6, 1988 and was chaired by Bill Holleman, a former resident of the Cove. Dan Reynolds was commodore and some of the same people are still involved!

A big thank you to Bernie and Blair Garceau for keeping the tradition alive for the 18th year.

-Annie Archives

Turtle Raft Project

The organizers of the Turtle Raft Craft project have asked that kids attending this Saturday's event should bring a

hammer to use.

EMS Port-A-Pit BBQ

August 13th the Newberg Ambulance Department will sponsor a Port-A-Pit chicken and rib dinner fund raiser at the Fire Department at M-60 and M-40 starting at 11 a.m. Chicken dinners are \$6 per person and rib dinners will be \$7. Come on over and support your local Fire Department. Carry outs are available!

Homeowners Meeting

The BLYC Homeowners Committee will have its annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 9 am at the Yacht Club. To answer questions regarding the sewer, guests will include Ken Jones of Wightman Petrie and Carl Klappauf of the Porter Twp. Sewer Board.

Line Dancing

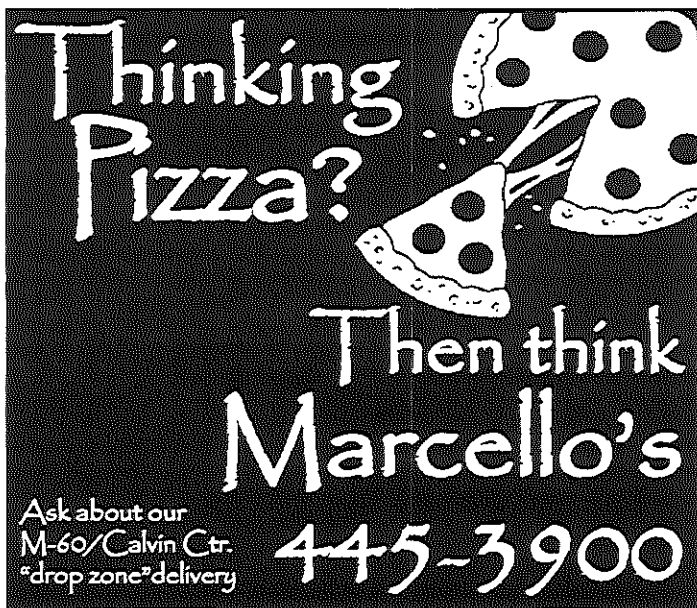
Line Dancers continue to have a great time at the Yacht Club every Monday morning 10:30 am Indiana time.

Weesner memorial planned

There will be a memorial service on Aug. 27 at the Birch Lake Yacht Club for Berneil Weesner. It will be at 10:30 AM.

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Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Brynn Alexandra Machalleck

The proud parents are Brian and Kristina Machalleck, and the happy grandparents are Mike and Katha Machalleck. She was born on July 30th.

Thanks for helping at Corn & Sausage Roast

What another great turn out Bernie & Blair Garceau had for the Corn & Sausage Roast. The food was excellent.

Thank you to Bruce and Sue Wagner for taking the table to sell Birch Lake Tee Shirts, Visors, and Totes. Once again we did a great job in sales. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have not been able to attend any of the social gatherings were these items could be seen, give me a call.

-Vickie Rogers



Birch Lake stuff for sale

Sun Visors, foam with coil back in royal blue — \$4; Canvas Totes, navy blue in color imprinted in white — \$12; Tee Shirts, Jerzee heavyweight blend white with navy blue imprint, Youth Sizes Small (6-8) Medium (10-12) Large (14-16) — \$10; Adult Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large — \$12; Adult XX-Large, and XXX-Large — \$14. To buy or order call Vickie Rogers at 476-2383

Porter Sewer Board

The Porter Township Sewer Board members are available to help. If you have questions or concerns, call a member or attend one of two monthly meetings, Monday nights at 7 pm MI at the town hall. Members are Steve Holtz (chairman), of Long Lake, 641-7008; Carl Klappauf (vice chairman), Birch Lake, 476-2663; Herm Kruggel, Birch Lake, 476-2169; Gert Temple, 476-2773 and Pam Bryant, Shavehead Lake, 641-2001.

For information see the Website: <http://www.wightmanasoc.com/porter/porter.html>

Paid your dues for 2005?

If you still haven't paid your dues for 2005, checks are still being accepted for any amount. Make check payable to The Birch Lake Yacht Club and give it to any director!

You are invited to the BLYC Fall Dinner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

**At the Birch Lake Yacht Club
Cocktails & Appetizers at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6 pm
\$20 per person**

Reservations must be made by Saturday, August 20

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Shanna's cell phone: 269.501.9379

Or drop the reservation form at the Gableman home
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Menu

Appetizers

- § Roasted Red Pepper, Spinach & Goat Cheese Crostinis
- § WonTon Cups filled with Dried Cherries, Gorgonzola Cheese, Pears & Rosemary Walnuts
- § Shrimp Spring Rolls with Hoisin Dipping Sauce & Spicy Mustard

Main Dish

- § Roasted Herb Chicken

Sides

- § Layered Potatoes with Bechamel Sauce & Pesto Bread Crumbs
- § Roasted Summer Vegetables & CousCous (tiny Pasta)
- § Mixed Green Salad & Two Dressings

Dessert

- § Chocolate Molten Cakes with Rum Chocolate Sauce & Berries

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45th annual mens' open wrapup

Forty Five years and still going strong is the Birch Lake Open!

This is such a fun event to be a part of for several reasons. The cooperation and support of the volunteers and sponsors, plus the camaraderie makes the effort worthwhile!

We have a lot of fun, and the event can be better — more about that later.

Now, let the "thank yous" begin!

Our hole sponsors were again very generous to both the mens' and ladies' tournaments.

The mens' event hand out \$710 in prizes because of their cooperation! Give a round of applause for the following hole sponsors:

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- Rick Russwurm
- Transamerica, Dan Reynolds

Tim Steffen once again stepped up to provide refreshments for the dinner, and Artie McElwee provided the Keggerator to keep the libations provided by Mr. Steffen nice and cold.

On the volunteer front, there are

numerous people to thank.

Let's start with the pretty ladies who helped brighten the end of our day. Their help kept our expenses down and helped feeding 84 guys at once go very smoothly.

Volunteer servers were:

- Deb Bolinger
- Carol Freihofer
- Blair Garceau
- Patti Russwurm
- Debbie Tagon
- Sandy Vitale
- Becky Wiseman

Bob King, Mike Lutz and Phil Vitale made sure the course was well provisioned so we could avoid dehydration while golfing.

Artie McElwee ran the 50-50 drawing and helped set up the yacht club for dinner, bought and delivered the keg, and did other odds and ends that always come with an event.

Numerous golfers and their families donated quality door prizes. Jan Temple, Bob Temple's daughter, donated 20 dozen golf balls and 80 thermal travel mugs for both the mens' and ladies' outings.

I believe that's everyone. if I forgot anyone, I apologize. Rich Mullin and I thank you for your help!

The 45th running of this event enjoyed a great day, weather-wise. We had 20 teams competing for the top 3 team awards.

As for the winners, the top spot went to the team of Jim Bolinger, Rick Harman, Don Harman and Jon Rondot.

Coming in second was the team of Bernie Garceau, Jim Hettmansperger, Jimmy Hettmansperger and Jerry Lintz.

Rounding out the top three was the team of Bud Zesinger, Brad Zesinger, Jack Miller and Terry Wiseman.

I mentioned in my opening comments that the event can be better. One area that is a priority is playing at a course that has enough golf carts.

I am going to go out on a limb and suggest Sauganash in Three Rivers or Four Lakes in Adamsville. All of the people I've discussed this with agreed. I did not reserve Park Shore for the 46th outing so a decision on this issue will need to be made. Give your thoughts to John Erhardt, Ryan Gableman, Rich Mullin or myself. The 46th annual BLP is only 50 weeks away!

Thanks again everyone!

-Fry



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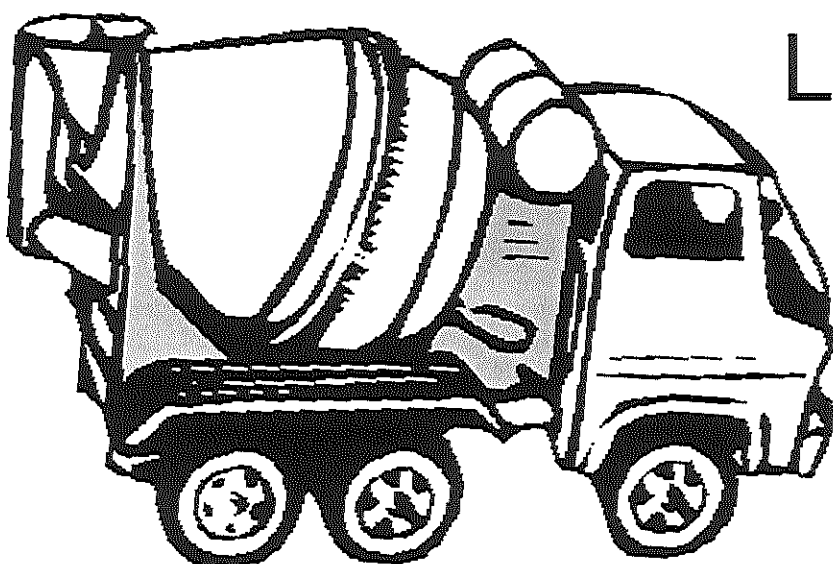
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Ladies Golf Outing: Lots of Fun!

On Friday, Aug 5, 35 women hit the links at Park Shore Golf Course for 9 holes of golf, and 14 more women joined in for lunch at Lindy's in Dowagiac. There were several mother-daughter participants, but most unique was the three generations of Harmans. Lind Harman was joined by her daughter and granddaughter, Barb and Abby Rondot, up from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and those who donated gifts, all 9 foursomes (ok, there was one threesome) walked away with prizes. First place went to the team of Becky Wiseman, Pam Mullin, Joan Westrate, and Jean Goldy with a team score of 31. Bev Kruggel, Nancy Truex, Mardy Miller and Pat Ritschard took second place with a score of 35. There was a three way tie for third place

with a score of 37, but Linda Curtis, Lind Harman, Barb Rondot and Abby Rondot triumphed in the tie breaker. The remaining teams had scores ranging from 39 to 45. Congratulations to all our golfers! Not only did we have fun, but everyone was a winner!

Individual prizes were awarded for special "skill" shots. Straightest drive on #1 went to Lind Harman; Two closest to the pin were awarded, with one going to Lesley Greenig on #8; Longest drive on #7 went to Janice Meixel. Prizes were even awarded for the most divots replaced and most balls lost.

A huge "Thank you!" goes out to our sponsors and those who donated gifts. We appreciate your generosity: Bender Plastics; Bender Mold & Machine; Artie McElwee; The Russwurms; Meijer;

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As a committee we enjoyed planning this years golf outing. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends. Thanks to Patty Luecht and her team for volunteering to take the lead in planning the 2006 Ladies Golf Outing. Watch the Barker for details. We look forward to seeing you next year.

-Nyla Erhardt;
Lesley Greenig
Lori Noyer
Allyson Weaver

Birch Lake Notes

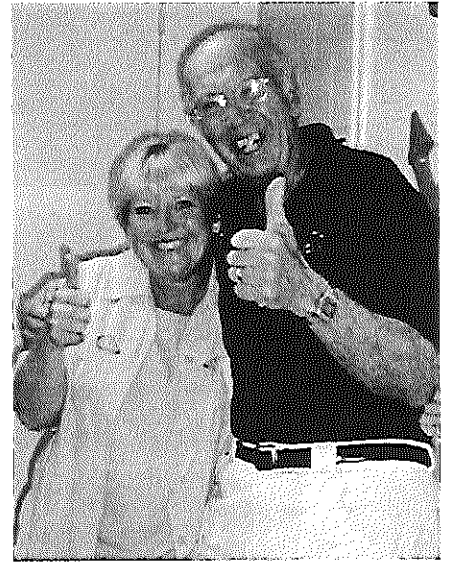
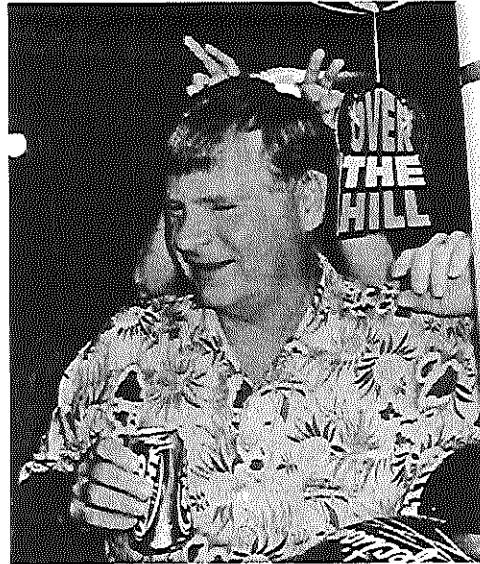
Happy Birthday to some great Birch Lake East Siders!!!!

Judy Olson (below) is celebrating her 63rd birthday on Aug 11th.



Jim Bolinger (center) will be eligible for the senior citizen discount at Denny's on Aug 13th. He will be 55.

Don Harman (right) is just a youngster. He was 68 on August 9th.

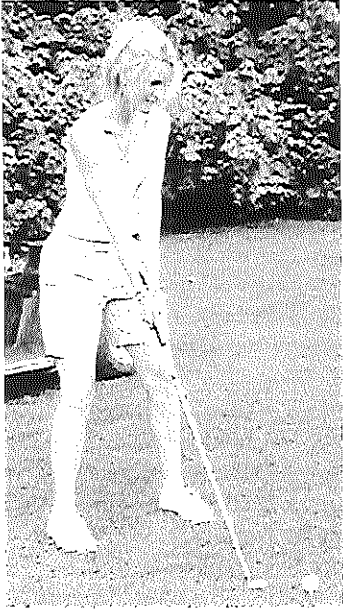


Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee Report

submitted by Dan Reynolds

A Water Quality report
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this week

BLYC Ladies' Golf

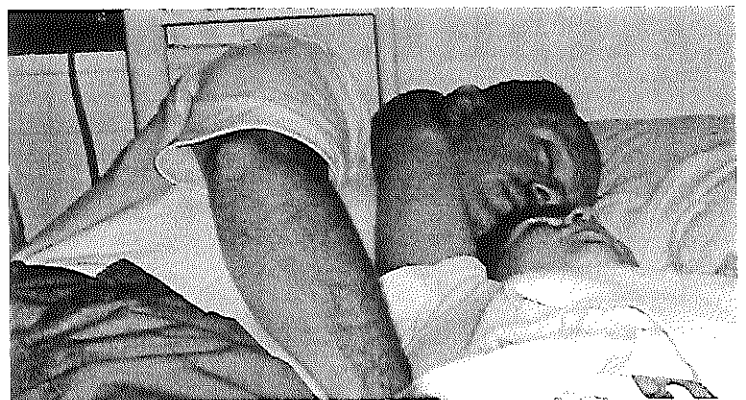


Birch Lakers off the lake ...



Some photos that were just too good not to use this week show several Birch Lakers at various functions. Above are Amy, Scott and Neil Troeger enjoying the Corn & Sausage Roast. At left are three generations of Harman women who golfed together in the ladies' golf outing. Below left and bottom row are volunteers who helped sell shirts, take tickets and generally guide the Corn & Sausagers at last weekend's function. And immediately below are Bill and John Luecht after the Mens' Golf Outing (bad Patty made me put that picture in the paper.

photos supplied by Holly Troeger, Lori Noyer and Patty Luecht. Photos on previous page supplied by Lori Noyer



Recognizing a stroke can save a life ...

A neurologist said that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke ... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and getting patient care within 3 hours which is tough.

- A true story

Susie is recuperating at an incredible pace for someone with a massive stroke all because Sherry saw Susie stumble and asked Susie 3 key questions.

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as she could converse with the paramedics to some extent.

It's a good thing that they still took her to the hospital right away.

-Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, a lack of awareness spells disaster.

The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking these three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently --i.e., It is sunny out today) If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness, and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February.

Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.



BLYC Sailing News



Light air sailing

Last Sunday's weather did not make for easy sailing. Light air makes challenging conditions. But at one o'clock a few showed up and got in two races. Thank you Ryan Gableman for piloting the committee boat.

-Dave Olson, Fleet Captain 2005

Sailing starter(s) still needed

There aren't many weeks left in this year's sailing season, but we still are in need of a person (or people) to help us start the races. The process is very simple and easy to learn (I can teach you in 10 minutes or less).

If you can help us out for a couple hours on any Sunday we would love to hear from you! Please call Dave Olson at 476-2125 to volunteer.

Name.....	1st Race.....	2nd Race.....	Average.....
MC Class.....			
1. Scott Troeger.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1688
2. Harold Cranmer.....	2.....	1.....	1642
3. Don Harman.....	1.....	2.....	1601
4. Rick Harman.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1582
5. Phil Vitale.....	4.....	4.....	1462
6. Jim Bolinger.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1435
7. Bill Luecht.....	3.....	3.....	1430
8. Caleb Walker.....	5.....	5.....	1377
9. Rick Russwurm.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1257
Sunfish.....			
1. Tom Howard.....	STT.....	STT.....	1718
2. Dave Olson.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1689
3. Sandy Vitale.....	1.....	2.....	1620
4. Erica Vitale.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1611
5. Nancy Walker.....	2.....	1.....	1529
6. Steve Richards.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1511
7. Chris Lintner.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1480
8. Cal King & Neil Troeger.....	DNC.....	DNC.....	1356



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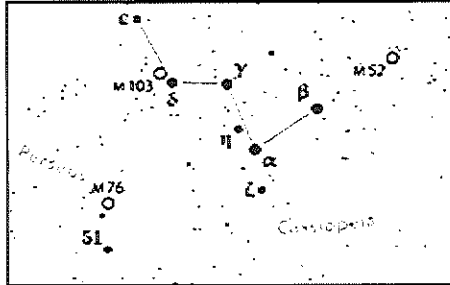
Meteors from the big "W"

The tail end of the Perseid meteor shower can still be seen tonight. The show peaked on Thursday with its bright streaks of light — bits of comet dust that burn up as they plunge into Earth's atmosphere.

Meteors from this shower enter Earth's atmosphere at a speed of 60 km/sec (134,000 miles per hour), from a direction near the boundary between the constellations Perseus and Cassiopeia.

Meteors can be seen anywhere in the sky, so you don't need to look in a particular direction to see them. But if you extend their paths backward, all the true members of this shower will trace back to a common "radiant" point below the "W" of Cassiopeia, which climbs ever higher in the northeastern sky until first light of dawn.

If you missed the beautiful pairing of the Moon and Venus last Sunday evening you're in luck. It was so spectacular that I have decided to repeat the performance through year end. The crescent Moon will be seen near Venus monthly five



more times during Venus's current evening appearance, on Sept. 6, Oct. 6, Nov. 5, Dec. 4 and Jan. 1.

Before then though, watch the waxing gibbous Moon as it makes its way from west to east each evening. Saturday, an hour after sunset, the Moon is in SSW, with reddish Antares, heart of the Scorpion, 6 or 7 degrees to the Moon's left. One star close to the Moon's lower right and two stars 3 and 6 degrees to Moon's upper right mark the head of the Scorpion.

Sunday as the sky darkens, Antares is 7 degrees to the Moon's right. A pair of stars of 2nd and 3rd magnitudes, 0.6 degree apart and some 11 degrees to the

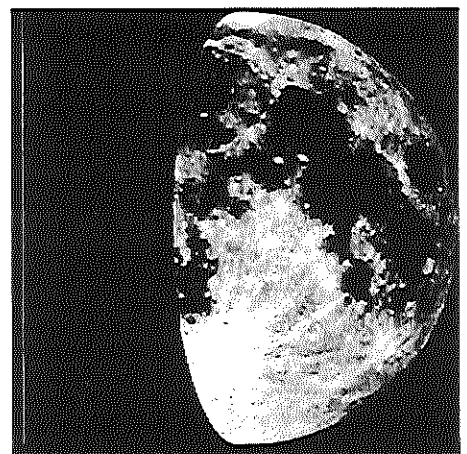
Moon's lower left, marks the end of the Scorpion's tail. By Monday Luna will be surrounded by the stars of the teapot, or Sagittarius, the Archer.

The show is always changing and it never stops. And it's always free.

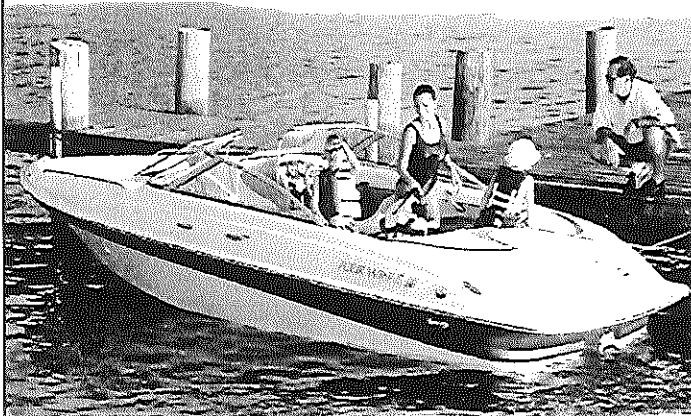
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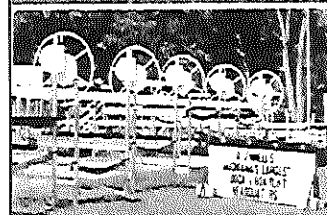


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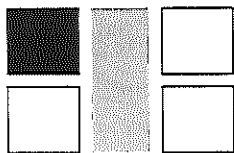
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