

Birch Barker

Weekend of August 2, 2008

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On Sunday, July 27, Birchie, the Birch Lake Monster was sited just off the Dufour Cottage on the East side of Birch Lake. The creature was of indeterminate size, and details are unclear because the photographer had to shoot into the sun. Birchie appears to be a serpent-like reptile, but since we can't see much below the water level, his length is unknown. Birchie made a meal of several turtles on the turtle pad seen at left in this photo (The turtles are gone -- so Birchie had to have eaten them.) We don't know what the object in the upper right corner of the photo is as it was moving too fast for us to identify.

Commodore's Comments

Last week in my column I said that the corn & sausage roast was the 9th of August, I had misplaced my notes that would have told me that it was the 2nd. So at this time, I would like to invite everyone up to the yacht club, this Saturday, the 2nd, from 6 to 8 pm for some great eats.

Sorry for any confusion!

This coming Thursday will be the Ladies luncheon at Brewster's in Three Rivers at noon — any questions give Amy a call. The next event this month will be the Fall Dinner that will be held on August 23. Come out and meet some old and new friends and also learn who will be the new Vice Commodore — hope to see you there.

Golf, golf and more golf ... the Men's outing was last Friday, and a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to Artie and all the people that made this event and the great food possible.

The Ladies golf was held Friday at Sauganash C.C. in Three Rivers — and I'm sure that a great time was had by all. Thanks to Fran and Amy for all their work, in putting on this event.

As my time as Commodore winds down, there are so many wonderful people around this lake that I need to thank for everything that they do. I know if I start putting names in the Barker I will most likely forget someone. For everyone that takes time out of their schedule to help with all our fantastic events I want to say Thank You! Without all of you, these events would not take place and we would be just another lake in Michigan.

2008 BLYC Calendar*

- Sat. Aug 2 — BL Garage Sale, 8am - 3pm
- Sat. Aug 2 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. Aug 2 — Corn & Sausage Roast 6-8 pm
- Fri. Aug 7 — Ladies' Luncheon, Noon
- Sat. Aug 23 — Fall Dinner
- Sat. Sept 6 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Oct 4 — Annual Chili Cook Off
- TBA — Sailing Awards, Fish & Wing Dinner, Card Party

*all dates and times are tentative.
Watch the Barker for updates

But instead that is why we can call our lake "One Of The Great Lakes."

Hope everyone has a great and safe weekend and we will "see you on the pond".

-Mike Lutz
Commodore 2008

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. 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). You can also mail your items to: Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200. Please note, if you do not receive a Barker, please call Mike Lutz at 476-2843 or (cell) 269-207-1153.

— Birch Lake Notes —

Birchie Unveiled ...

The monster is the arm of Nick Wirt, Sue and Duffy Dufour's grandson, who also (I guess) came up with the idea of Birchie. The object in upper right is a famous picture of a UFO seen flying over Edwards AFB in 1957, supposedly.

Birch Lake Garage Sale

Several East side homes will participate in the Birch Lake Garage Sale today, Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Ladies' Luncheon

The BLYC Ladies' Luncheon (formerly linked to the BLYC Ladies' Golf Tournament) will be held on Thursday, August 7 at Brewster's in Three Rivers (at the corner of Hoffman and 131) at Noon.

Sympathies

Our sympathies to the family of Blake Christopher Habich, 23 months, who died recently in the Chicago area. Blake was the grandson of Jean and Donald Habich.

In memory, the BLYC made a donation to the Advocate Christ Medical Center Organ Donation Transplant Education Fund.

Birch Lake Book Club

Birch Barker Kid of the Week



Remy McCay, Matt Mentz-McCay, Nick Fraser, and Lauren McCay (Cove) are the first of this week's BB Kids ...

This month, the Birch Lake Book Club is reading "Burning Rainbow Farm" by Dean Kuipers. This book is a non fiction account of two men, Tom Crosslin and his lover, Rollie Rohm, who founded Rainbow Farm as the center of marijuana and environmental activism in Michigan. They drew thousands of blue-collar

libertarians and militiamen to its annual hemp festivals. This farm was located off of M-60 near Vandalia. When the authorities came in to close the place down, the state's two best known pot advocates burned the farm in protest. County officials called the FBI and within five days, Tom and Rollie were dead.

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Birch Barker Kid of the Week



Julie Lacy entertained these great-nieces and nephews Monday along with their parents and grandparents. All 18 of them enjoyed Birch Lake. Aunt Julie Greene stopped by too!

This case has been compared to the Waco Incident and the David Karesh story. Little Vandalia was in the national news. Scot Teter, was the prosecuting attorney at the time and has agreed to come and talk to our

book group on August 16 (Saturday) at 10 am in the Yacht Club. Anyone who might be interested is welcome to come and join us for what promises to be a very interesting morning.

Thanks!

We just wanted to say "thank you" to our new friend Karen & raise awareness to the cause of Pet Resource Network, a local animal rescue group that she heads 6 miles east of Allegan. If you are looking for a new addition to your family, big or small, please consider adopting a loveable critter. Karen runs a great, clean facility with many different breeds to choose from & she is able to place nearly 600 pets a year! Pets come with shots and a clean heartworm for a suggested donation. Contact her at (269) 694-4703, e-mail prnmail@petresourcenetwork.org, or view pictures of potential pets on the web at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MI234.html>

*-Christopher & Brynn Carey
(kids of Marty Asire)*

Missing items ... thefts?

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Randy & Fran Welch submitted both of these great Kids-o-the-Week photos.



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The campers from Tannadoonah made their annual visit around the lake last week, serenading residents and visitors with a medley of camp songs. The photo at left was taken on the north side ... The photo below shows a group waiting on the east side for their turn to listen ... but unfortunately time and darkness prevailed and the campers had to go back before the east siders got to hear them ... Oh well, maybe next year.




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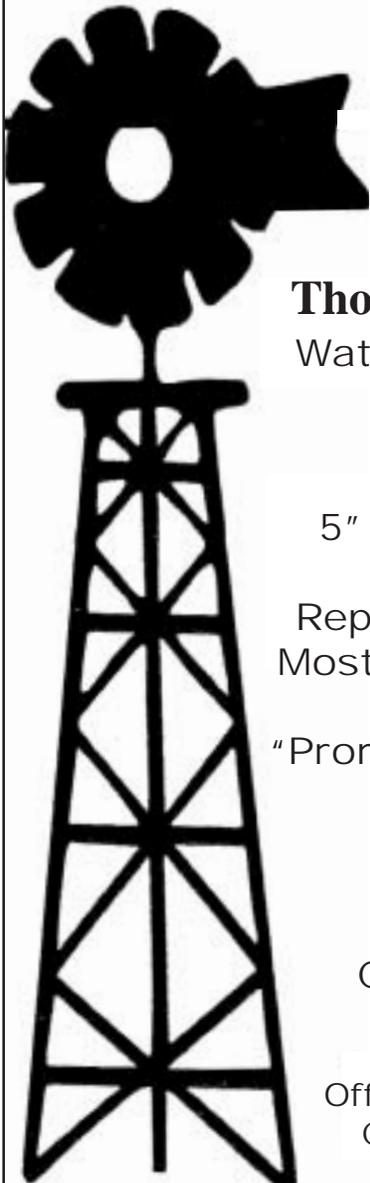
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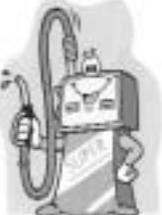
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Which way do we go?

None of the other MC sailors could figure out why Jeff Smitley was sailing off in the wrong direction Sunday, until we realized that it was the rest of us that were headed for the wrong mark. Heated tempers and ruffled feathers ensued, but a few of us managed to finish the race. I have scored that race for those that finished - the others who did not finish due to the confusion will not be scored. The second race went much better than the first (except for me, of course -- these guys forget that they're supposed to let the fleet captain win once in awhile).

Thanks to Deb, Lind, and the others in the Committee Boat for keeping all us sailors in line. We couldn't do it without you.

-Fleet Captain Bill

Kids' Regatta August 16th!

Hey kids, the annual Kids' Regatta will be held Saturday, August 16 at Don and Lind Harman's home on the east side. This is a chance for all kids (young and old) to join the crew of one of Birch Lake's sailboats for races, fun, and food. Watch this spot for further information.

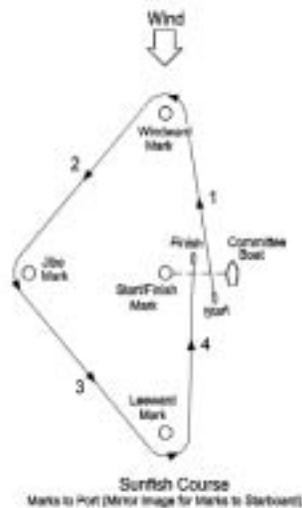
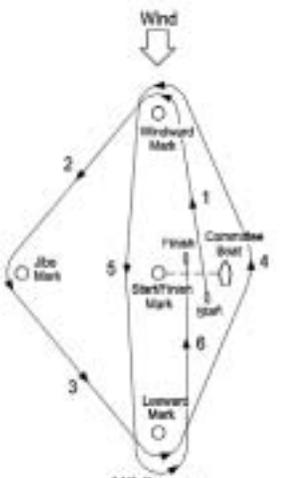
Last week's results & totals

Date.....27-Jul.....27-Jul.....Total.....Season
Race14.....15.....Points.....Average

| MC Scow | | | | |
|----------------|---|-----|-------|------|
| Scott Troeger | 5 | 1 | 18276 | 1523 |
| Harold Cranmer | 2 | 3 | 21233 | 1517 |
| Bob King | * | 4 | 15460 | 1405 |
| Phil Vitale | * | 2 | 16229 | 1352 |
| Jim Bolinger | * | DNS | 10781 | 1348 |
| Don Harman | 6 | 6 | 17275 | 1329 |
| Jeff Smitley | 1 | 5 | 19636 | 1309 |
| Bill Luecht | 4 | 8 | 18561 | 1237 |
| Dave Olson | 3 | 7 | 13026 | 1184 |

| Sunfish | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Tom Howard | 1 | 3 | 20486 | 1576 |
| Rick Russwurm | 2 | 1 | 6163 | 1541 |
| Katie Luecht | DNS | DNS | 7613 | 1523 |
| Erica Vitale | 4 | 2 | 12097 | 1512 |
| Sandy Vitale | 3 | DNS | 10341 | 1477 |
| Mike Gotstein | DNS | DNS | 2813 | 1407 |

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season; DNF (Did Not Finish) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place); DNF not counted toward minimum number of races needed; DQ (Disqualified) 0 points; STT (Stopped to Teach) scored as first place; CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives a 1st place finish for that day - counted toward season total.; Season Points are awarded on Square of a system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.); Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted; * Did not complete due to course mix-up (not scored towards season points, however, race will count toward minimum number of races needed to qualify.



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Bath time, Yikes!



There comes a time in every dog's life when they can't escape the inevitable conclusion: he smells. In fact, he smells really bad. When you know the dog is entering the room before you see his furry body amble through the doorway, action must be taken. Yes, Rover, it's bath time! As doggie caretaker, keeping your canine clean is your responsibility. Unfortunately, you may dread bath time almost as much as Rover does. The good news is that not all dogs need to be bathed particularly often. In fact, bathing a dog too often can be bad for his skin because it strips off the protective oils. The frequency of bathing depends a lot on your dog. Some dogs just get stinky faster. For example, retrievers and other water dogs generally have oily coats (to repel water), so they get a case of doggie odor more quickly than some other breeds. Short-haired dogs and dogs that spend a lot of time inside also generally need fewer baths than long-haired breeds or dogs that love to go outside and roll in disgusting things. Your nose will tell you how often you need to bathe your dog. Before you wash your dog, brush him. Removing all the loose hair and

mats makes the bath easier on everyone. Obviously, you have to wash less hair, but also on a long-haired dog, you are less likely to have matting problems if the dog has been thoroughly brushed out first. Water tends to turn small tangles into mats and small mats into big mats. If your dog has twigs, straw, or other pieces of crud in his fur, remove them. Clip out anything sticky like pitch or tar using clippers. Once you have decided that yes, today is THE day, you need to get your bathing supplies together. Get everything you need in the bathroom before you go find Rover. The most important thing you need is dog shampoo. Dogs' skin is a different pH than peoples' so it's not a good idea to use human shampoo on a dog. You'll also need a lot of old towels. The bigger and hairier your dog, the more towels you need. Ideally, it helps to have a hand sprayer and a bathtub tether to hold Rover in place. Once you have Rover in the bathroom, close the door. After you have him in the bathtub or shower, begin by thoroughly wetting down his fur. Follow the instructions on the bottle of shampoo, especially if you are doing a flea bath. Generally it's easiest to work

in the shampoo if you water it down with some water in your hand first. When you are done soaping up the dog, move to the rinse cycle. Rinsing is extremely important and generally takes at least twice as long as the soaping up process (that's why a hand sprayer is very helpful). You don't want any soap residue left because it can irritate your dog's skin. When the bath is done, the dog will inevitably shake. Probably all over you. If you can, it's nice to have the dog do one really big shake while he's still in the shower or tub (but if not, be ready to wipe down your bathroom later -- remember you did close the door, so he shouldn't be running all over the house). Then towel dry the dog. Most dogs love this part and forget all about the indignity of the bath. (Okay, maybe not.) Keep Rover out of drafts until he's completely dry, and then revel in the joy of a clean hound.

Yap at cha next week.
-Fido's Friend
LEASH YOUR DOG IT'S THE LAW!

Birch Lake Wordsearch

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Answers to the Golf Wordsearch from last week

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Spaghetti dinner a smash!



Special thanks to the PattiCam for the great photos



A special Thank You to the ladies that made and donated the wonderful desserts for the spaghetti dinner. This would include (but not limited to): Deb Bolinger, (scrumptious pies); Lucene Daley, (900 cookies); Vickie Rogers, (carrot cake); Patti Luecht (banana cream pie); Lee King (cookie bars); Sandy Baucus (choc chip cookie whipped dessert); Patti Russwurm (rice krispy treats). YUMMY!



One more Kid of the Week

Couldn't resist printing this great photo of the final kid of the week, Sandy Baucus, who celebrated her 26th birthday at the Spaghetti Dinner ... Sandy is seen at left, receiving a bouquet of flowers from her much-older husband Bob. Happy birthday Sandy!

FALL DINNER INFORMATION
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Water Quality Committee Report

Water Quality Program
Water Quality Committee Lake Management Report
Rick Russwurm Chairman, Bob & Gert Temple, Terry Dugan

Water testing update:

Independent Lake water monitoring will be conducted throughout the month of August. The testing will be in accordance with DEQ guidelines. The samples will be taken and analyzed by a DEQ Certified Laboratory. Upon completion of the monitoring program the results will be published.

For your information:

In this column, you are frequently subjected to a lot of terms regarding water quality as well as various testing methodologies and analytical terms regarding the characterization of water quality and comparisons between various lakes. A tremendous resource if you have not already looked at it is the web site for the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, which Bob and Gert have worked with for years. The web address is www.mlswa.org. This is a great place to wander around in and learn a lot not only monitoring but legal issues related to riparian etc. Thus when you are sitting on the computer and get tired of solitaire, pull this site up, bookmark it, and then spend a little time reading. What follows are a few suggestions of things you might look at on your first visit.

There is a section labeled MLSA Information. Good reading here is Lake Classification 1 and 2. This gets into trophic status and what it means. Easy to read and very informative. After that go to the Projects section in the middle of the page and click on Michigan Water Coop Monitoring Programs. Then click CLMP on the left side of the page. This brings up the main page with lots of info directly related to issues we have here on the lake and what we are monitoring. You can read about various exotics such as Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels, purple loosestrife etc. Further down there is a page labeled CLMP Components. Clicking on this brings you to all the sampling techniques that Bob and Gert have been participating in with MLSA for many years that are used to evaluate the trophic index of the lake. Back on the previous page you can scroll down and look at data for all of these indexes not only for Birch Lake but for all the lakes participating in the monitoring program from 1998 to the present.

Thus, again, if you have not visited this website, it can be extremely valuable in helping you understand that great body of water that brings us here.

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The summer sky

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As darkness falls, the Milky Way arcs high across the eastern sky, running north to south. The W-shaped constellation Cassiopeia is near its northern end, the bright stars of the Summer Triangle mark its middle, and teapot-shaped Sagittarius anchors the southern end.

That band of light outlines the disk of the Milky Way galaxy. But where are we and the Sun in the in all this? We are inside the disk so the stars surround us. This disk in which the Sun and our solar system lie is a collection of younger and middle-aged stars that forms the familiar spiral arms of the Milky Way. We lie in a band called the Orion-Cygnus arm, about 27,000 light-years from galactic center and 20,000 light-years from the outer edge. But there are more stars when we

look in the plane of the disk than when we look above or below it. It's like seeing the trees in a forest when you look to the sides, but open sky when you look up.

The galaxy spans a hundred thousand light-years, and it contains several hundred billion stars. The closest and brightest stars show up as individual pinpoints of light. But the others blend together to form the bright band of the Milky Way.

The Milky Way shines brightest in summer, because we're looking toward the densely populated center of the galaxy. In fact, the heart of the galaxy lies just above the "spout" of Sagittarius's teapot. That part of the sky contains lots of star clusters, and you can find many of them with binoculars -- more beautiful sights in the awe-inspiring Milky Way.

Look for the Milky Way this evening. As darkness falls, the it arcs high across the eastern sky, running north to south. The W-shaped constellation Cassiopeia is near its northern end, (remember we talked about that recently?) the bright stars of the Summer Triangle mark its

middle, and teapot-shaped Sagittarius anchors the southern end. More on the teapot next week.

Enjoy the show. And don't forget...it's free.

-Stu Spratt



The Moon tonight:

The moon for July 26 (at Midnight)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.045
1.9 days since new moon

Horoscope for Birch Lakers

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

You may want to plan physical activities that will help burn off some of their excess energy. You will meet new romantic partners if you get involved in seminars or travel. Stick to doing things that will make you a better person both physically and mentally. Real estate investments could be to your ad vantage. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

You may have difficulties while traveling or problems dealing with close friends or relatives. Social events will be favorable. Be sure to keep communication open with those you live with. Be sure to think twice before you say something that might hurt your partner's feelings. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your romantic inclination should lead to a committed relation ship. Mingle with individuals who are established and can give you some serious insight into business and future trends. Try not to lend or borrow money or belongings this week. You must follow your desires and dreams. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Be sure to get involved with those who can introduce you to unusual forms of entertainment. Look into physical activities that will help get rid of some of that tension you may be feeling. You have bent over backward trying to help them and now it's time to let them stand on their own two feet. Things have been moving so quickly that you need to do something physical to release your tension. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Traffic will be busier than you anticipated, so try to get a head start if you have made plans to travel. You are best to do something energetic with friends instead. Your emotional attitude with respect to your status and direction in society may be unrealistic. Social activities will be satis-

fying. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

It would be in your best interest to stay away from any intimate involvement with a client or coworker. Get out and have some fun. You are best not to retaliate if members of your household are trying to pick a fight. Catch up on correspondence. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

You are best to work behind the scenes on projects that require detail or precision. Your pilgrimage may end up being fruitless. You need to spend less time daydreaming and more time accomplishing. Get ready to do some fancy foot-work when it comes to taking care of your financial situation. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Emotional upset at work will set you back. Take a short business trip if possible. Romance could be exciting if you are spontaneous. Try not to lose your cool, and make your point known. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Don't let friends or relatives rule your life. You can put in some overtime and make extra cash. You need to spend less time day-dreaming and more time accomplishing. Your creative talent may well be recognized by others this week. Your lucky day this

week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Be fair, not colorful. Your lover may not understand your needs so you must figure out a way to communicate them. You're on the right track and you can make money if you are willing to go out on a limb. Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Discuss your objectives with peers or lovers. Things are looking good for you, so open your eyes and get to it. Try to ease any disappointment by making amends. Don't be alarmed. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Deal with in-laws this week. Take on positions that offer on the job training or pay for courses related to the business. Regardless of your first reaction, the outcome will be favorable. You may be confused regarding your love life. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

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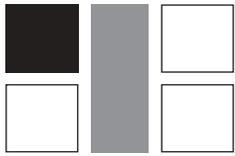
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