

The
Weekend
Of

Aug 21,
2021

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Nice dragonfly pic from Mr. Bob (King, north shore).

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen Goodbye. Adieu, Adieu, To you and you and you. These are my last Comments as your Commodore as on this Saturday August 21st at 6 pm, I will be passing the baton (it actually is an antique life jacket with past commodores' names on it) to Barb Cassady when she takes the helm of the Birch Lake Yacht Club. If you don't have tickets, please call me (317-506-1680) as I have a small stash of tickets that have even been paid for so you can attend. We will start with beverages (leaded and unleaded) and festive hors d'oeuvres from Carrie Rogers. This is all happening al fresco under tents and the front porch of the dining hall at Camp Tannadoonah. At 7 pm we have a cere-

mony where I will have Barb put on the magical ruby red flip flops and have her repeat after me: "There's no place like Birch. There's no place like Birch. There's no place like Birch." Other comments are made and with additional beverages and snack-y-snacks, we call it a day. So please join us on Saturday and learn who will be our next Vice Commodore.

I want to thank the board for their support this year. Barb will have the best group of folks to work with. Their names are listed towards the back of the Barker so when you see them, say thanks for their service to our beautiful lake. If you are interested in joining the board, let me know and I will put your name forward. We are always looking for new folks to join, and this is better and a lot more fun than any student council or other board that you may have been coerced/forced to serve on. That and we are back to having festive

2021 Birch Lake Calendar*

August 21 - Cass County household waste collection, Road Commission, 9-noon

August 21 - BLYC Fall "Dinner" Cocktail Party, 6 pm at Camp T (PAGE 2)

Aug. 27 - Ladies Lunch & Style Show, 11 am, Woodfire, Dowagiac, (PAGE 2)

September 5 - Labor Day flotilla, (PAGE 2)

Oct. 16 - Crockpot Challenge (PAGE 2)

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

Sept. 11, 9 am @ BLYC

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gatherings.

It is my hope that with continued COVID-19 vaccinations and when they come available, booster shots, this pandemic will start backing down. There is

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— Birch Lake Notes —

so much our lake has to offer, and we still have time this summer and fall to enjoy it together. If I can make the trip, Sharon and I will be heading to an out of state wedding at the end of the month while Scout is visiting my sister in Nebraska. We then close on our Indy home, and from September first onward, Birch Lake is our only residence.

It has been an honor to serve as Commodore, and I have had fun writing these weekly comments. Sharon has been a great editor reading my drafts and correcting my grammar. As a former schoolteacher, she has a keen eye for sentence structure, punctuation and putting words in the proper tense.

I will see you on the roads around Birch, and when Scout returns from his vacation, you will see the three of us out on the lake.

Until that time

*~Now Past-Commodore Dan,
First Mate Sharon,
and Scout the Wonder Dog*

Labor Day Weekend Flotilla

Sunday, Sept. 5, 6 pm. Due to the past successful flotillas, let's do it again! Meet in the middle of the lake with your boat. Bring an Appetizer. Boats will be tied together and we will walk from boat



to boat sharing food and camaraderie. Look for the boats in middle!

Cass County waste collection

Cass County will host a household waste collection day this Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 am-noon at the Cass County Road Commission, 340 N O'Keefe St, Cass. The first 300 lbs of waste is free to drop off, then there will be a \$1.74/lb fee for additional materials.

Crockpot Challenge

Crockpot challenge will (tentatively, based on the state of Covid rules) be on October 16. No September 4 date due to that being Labor Day weekend. Watch the printed and online Barker for any additional information. Thanks,

~BP.

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Sunday morning did not look very promising for sailing. With the wind howling at 1 to 2 mph at 10, it looked very doubtful. Luckily, we were able to go out at 11 when the wind picked up. We got a little of a late start but nevertheless, we got two races in. In the MC fleet we had eight sailors go out and battle the raging wind. Sunfish fleet had seven in their races and managed to get two races in. After two races we decided to give it up because the wind was very crazy. Had wind in one spot and nothing in another so it was making going around the marks very difficult. A couple shout outs. One to Buzz Rasmussen and Rick Doolittle for coming out, and joining the spectator fleet were the Welches. We appreciate the fact that they were there in case they were needed. Putting out the marks again this week for us was our very friendly and efficient Tom Cassidy. I know I say

it every week but we can't appreciate how much he does for the sailors every Sunday. So thank you Tom for being there for us.

On the committee boat we were full this week with Good Patti Russwurm, Deb Hall and her good friend Lori Tobias, and all the way from Danville, Indiana was Bad Patty's friend Judy Soto. We certainly enjoyed having them aboard. It always makes sailing fun when you've got a friendly and dependable crew.

We are still in search for a new fleet captain so be thinking about if you would like to help out the sailing committee. It's only a few weeks in the summer and you do have to make some decisions on whether the fleets go out or not. But again, everybody understands we can't control the wind and you do the best you can. So consider being fleet captain.

On Sunday I hope we see you back



on the lake for some sailing again.

Sail on!

~Fleet Captain, Bill
(and ghostwriter, BP)




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BLYC Season Standings to date

| Date | 15-Aug | 15-Aug | Total | Point | Races | % |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Race | 20 | 21 | Points | Average | Finished | Finished |
| MC Scow/Sailor | | | Total MC Races=> 19 | | | |
| Scott Troeger #1489 | 1 | 1 | 24990 | 1562 | 15 | 71% |
| Barb Cassady #2506 | 4 | 2 | 27702 | 1539 | 18 | 86% |
| Bill Luecht #1579 | 6 | 7 | 30289 | 1442 | 21 | 100% |
| Phil Vitale #500 | 2 | 5 | 2817 | 1409 | 2 | 10% |
| Pat Welch #1979 | 7 | 4 | 20573 | 1372 | 14 | 67% |
| Pat McGann #1735 | DNS | 3 | 20547 | 1370 | 13 | 62% |
| Bob King #1199 | DNS | DNS | 1369 | 1369 | 1 | 5% |
| Amber Grundy | 3 | 8 | 21048 | 1316 | 16 | 76% |
| Sandy Vitale #500/2 | 5 | 6 | 22484 | 1249 | 18 | 86% |
| Sunfish/Sailor | | | Total Sunfish Races=> 19 | | | |
| Peter Soldato | DNS | DNS | 4644 | 1548 | 14 | 14% |
| Rick Russwurm | DNS | DNS | 29229 | 1538 | 19 | 90% |
| Scott Temple | DNS | DNS | 23225 | 1452 | 16 | 76% |
| Steve Frew | 3 | 2 | 25770 | 1432 | 17 | 81% |
| Stewart Spratt | 5 | 5 | 25183 | 1399 | 18 | 86% |
| Bob Niezgodski | 2 | 1 | 25268 | 1330 | 19 | 90% |
| Herb Cleveland | 1 | 3 | 26497 | 1325 | 19 | 90% |
| Tammy Walls | 4 | 4 | 3699 | 1233 | 3 | 14% |
| Amy Troeger | DNS | DNS | 3681 | 1227 | 3 | 14% |
| Pat McGann | DNS | DNS | 4701 | 1175 | 4 | 19% |
| Jeff Walls | 6 | 6 | 17496 | 1166 | 14 | 67% |
| Camille Butler | 7 | 7 | 19540 | 1149 | 17 | 81% |

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) **DSQ** (Disqualified) scores as last place (if 5 boats started the race, will be scored as 5th place); **DNF, DSQ** not counted toward minimum number of races needed; **CB** - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total; **Season Points** are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.); **Season Place** = total season points/number of races attempted; **Crew** - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

BIRCH LAKE

Mind your wake

*** In addition to the 100' no wake zones around the lakeshores, all boats should produce no wakes in the shallow areas marked with an * ... wakes in these areas disturb the lake bottom and are causing damage to sea walls and yards. Please do not run through these fragile areas at wake speed.**

Thank you!

The map shows the outline of Birch Lake with several 'No wake zone' areas indicated by arrows and asterisks. A central black box contains the following text: 'No Wake in the entire Cove! Stay 100' from Camp T's buoys! Stay 100' from docks, rafts, towed rafts, all boats, skiers and tubers. Keep all skiers and towed rafters 100' from other boats, piers & rafts'. A note at the bottom right says 'Caution-congestion at boat landing'.

— Water Quality Report —

Purple Loosestrife on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started the Purple Loosestrife Management Program in 2000. The Program has been very effective. In 2000 we had 10 sites located, some of which were very dense, spread around all shores of the lake. We continue to monitor for Purple Loosestrife each year and remove the plants that we find.

The Plants bloom from late June or early July until about the end of August. In early September they begin to drop their dried seeds. Hopefully all blooming plants have been removed by this time to prevent future growth next season.

If you see, or suspect you see the plant, please call Bruce Wagner, our Water Quality committee Purple Loosestrife Specialist (Cottage 269-476-2090 or Cell 574-286-7183) or any member of the Water Quality Committee to have it checked out.

This year, so far Purple Loosestrife was removed from three sites. We typically find the loosestrife each year in three or four locations and the volume of plants at each site has diminished.

What is it?

Purple Loosestrife is a plant that was accidentally introduced to the United

States and distributed as an ornamental. It is most easily identified during the flowering season. This spiked-shaped purple pinkish flower can be seen above the water level in ditches, streams, rivers, lakes and other moist shallow water sites. This plant is an upright hardy perennial four to eight feet tall and most often found in groups.

Effects:

Purple Loosestrife invades marshes, ditches and lake shores quickly replacing native wetland plants. These plants form dense stands that wildlife cannot use for food or cover.

Spread:

Purple Loosestrife will grow from the roots of an established plant, however the plants spread mainly by seed. Having up to 300,000 per stalk, these tiny seeds can live in the soil and water for many years and can be transported great distances by humans, animals and water.

Management (Eradication):

Once the plant becomes easily evident (in mid-July) but before it goes to seed (in early September), Specialist Wagner will slowly tour the lake in his pontoon boat



and with binoculars searching for purple loosestrife, usually about four times per season. You will recognize his pontoon boat by the "Purple Loosestrife" banner hanging on the side. If seen, he (or a volunteer) will later pull each plant (by its roots), bag and properly dispose of it, and the Water Quality Committee will be notified of the plants location.

If you are interested in helping, please give Bruce a call. The more the merrier!

To see what it looks like just enter "*Purple Loosestrife Michigan*" in your browser.

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| I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) | V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake |
| II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff | VI. Thou shalt remain informed and active about other Water Quality issues |
| III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves | |
| IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines | Please pass the word! |

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— Birch Lake History —



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Aries (March 21-April 19)

This week begins with friendly, social occasions, playful activities with kids and possibly a vacation. One thing is certain - you're ready to play! Sports events will be gratifying and upbeat. Note: As the week progresses, get ready for surprises and sudden changes related to your job or your work. You might encounter new people, new places and new situations. Work-related travel might be on the menu. It's a great time to start a new job or begin a new project.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your relationship with a parent or a family member will be gratifying and rewarding as this week begins, especially because you will feel fortunate in matters related to real estate, home and family. Later in the week, you definitely want to play because you're full of fun, creative ideas! You will make an effort to seek out good times! You have always liked your creature comforts because you enjoy the good things in life.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

As this week begins, you are in an upbeat, optimistic frame of mind - no question. You believe in yourself. You believe in your abilities. You believe in your future. This is great! After all, you are the one who is scripting the movie of your life. Grab opportunities to travel or get further education or training. Later in the week, surprising changes at home or within your family will take place. Unexpected repairs and improvements are likely.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Finances and business deals look good at the beginning of this week. This is an excellent time to fund raise or get money from other sources including banks and financial institutions. You might benefit from the wealth of your partner. As the week progresses, it gets busier with unpredictable events. Be smart and stay light on your feet so that you can deal with the unexpected because this week, life is a changing landscape!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You feel positive and happy this week because you're enjoying good times and the emotional support of some people. Interactions with others will be cheerful and friendly. Admittedly, you might be inclined to go overboard or overestimate something in a positive way. Later in the week, you might have unexpected moneymaking ideas because something related to your earnings, cash flow and your possessions will undergo swift, sweeping changes.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is an unusual week for you. At the beginning of the week, you'll feel content and pleased with yourself. You're happy to be in your own skin. However, as the week progresses, life gets more wild and crazy! You'll feel alive and charged with new ideas! Something to do with your immediate environment will be new and different. You might suddenly take on an exercise program or a new regime to improve your health in an invigorating way!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Right now, you feel good about yourself, which is why you will enjoy schmoozing with others - friends as well as groups and organizations. You're confident about your ideas and this translates into positive conversations with friends and relations. Basically, you feel like a winner! Because of an undercurrent of surprise and change this week, you might feel restless. Unexpected news might catch you off guard along with the surprising actions by someone else. I

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Relations with bosses, parents and authority figures are excellent. Because everyone's in a great mood, it's as if you're in a mutual admiration society. Almost certainly, later in the week, someone will surprise you. Possibly, this unexpected impact with someone else will be because of your involvement with a group? Whatever the case, something exciting will catch you off guard.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Oh happy day! You're in a positive frame of mind as this week begins. In fact, you feel confident about your beliefs, your ideas, your politics and your approach to life. Relations with friends are warm and rewarding this week, especially with people who are creative and artistic. Meanwhile, you will impress important people with your cutting-edge, timely ideas. You're the promoter, remember?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Financial matters, earnings and money deals please you very much right now. You feel happy with how your wealth and assets are looking. However, later in the week, travel plans are completely unreliable. You might suddenly have to travel when you least expected to do so. Alternatively, carefully laid travel plans might be canceled or changed. Whatever surprises, might be a fabulous opportunity to explore.

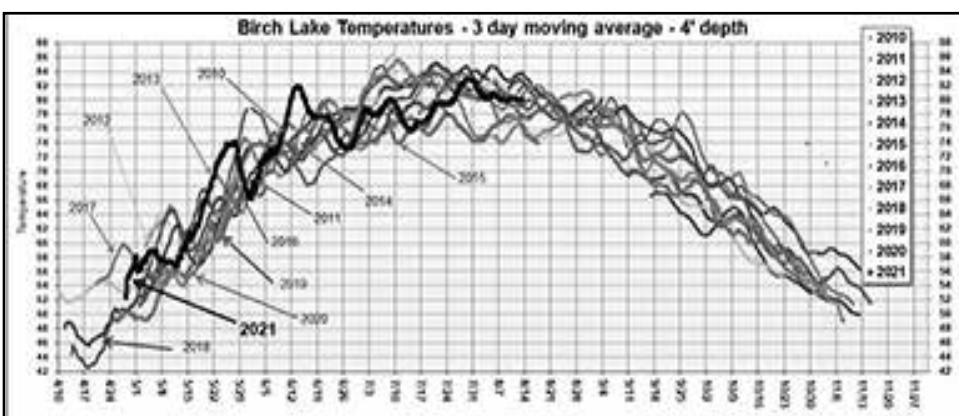
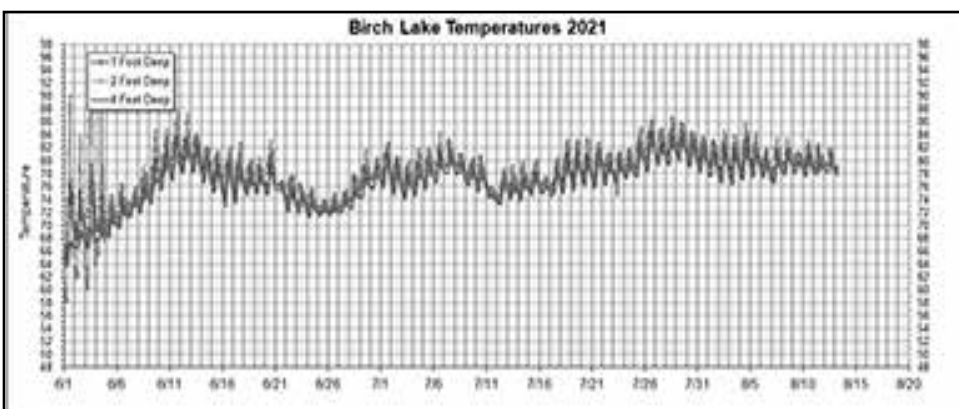
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Life is good! In particular, friendships and partnerships will be warm and enriching! As this week wears on, do be aware that some surprises might catch you off guard related to shared property, taxes, debt, or the wealth of your partner. Hopefully, it will be good news. Meanwhile, travel for pleasure appeals. Some of you might strike up a cozy relationship with someone new and unusual.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You feel happy, confident and have a strong sense of well-being. In particular, your health feels invigorated, which is why you are eager and enthusiastic to handle whatever comes your way. This is good because some surprises from partners and close friends will likely be on the menu later this week. Someone close to you might demand more freedom in the relationship. They might suggest something unusual. Possibly, you will meet a new friend who is unusual or different. Whatever happens in your closest relationships will be surprising, stimulating but at the same time, liberating and exciting.

Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.997
0.2 days until full moon



Sunrise: 06:55:41 AM

Sunset: 20:34:33 PM

Moonrise: 20:40:55 PM

Moonset: 05:33:42 AM

Daylight: 13 Hr 38 Min 52 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies



At a hotel restaurant, a man sees an attractive woman sitting alone at the next table.

Suddenly, she sneezes, and a glass eye comes flying out of her eye socket. It hurls by the man, and he snatches it from the air and hands it back to her.

"This is so embarrassing," the woman says, and she pops her eye back in place. "I'm sorry to have disturbed you. Let me buy dinner to make it up to you. May I join you?" He nods.

The woman is a stimulating conversationalist, stunningly pretty, and the man finds they have a lot in common.

He gets her phone number and asks, "You are the most charming woman I've ever encountered. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?"

"No," she replies.

"You just happened to catch my eye."





~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Brazilian Grilled Pineapple

Brazilian Grilled Pineapple

Ingredients

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 pineapple - peeled, cored, and cut into 6 wedges

Directions

- Step 1

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate.

- Step 2

Whisk brown sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl. Pour sugar mixture into a large resealable plastic bag. Place pineapple wedges in bag and shake to coat each wedge.

- Step 3

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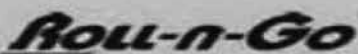
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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Camp's 2021 season has ended

Camp 2021 has come to a close! Thank you to everyone who came out on the lake on Friday night for our annual candlelight serenade. It's always fun to see the boats as we come down the stairs.

On Saturday, our staff sent the last group of campers home, and spent the rest of the day cleaning and organizing camp, taking inventories, and packing away supplies. Once everything was done, we all headed to the Dining Hall for our end-of-the-season staff banquet. We shared stories from the summer, watched a slideshow of highlights from the summer, and staff spent some time giving "shout outs" to each other for positive things that happened over the course of the past 11 weeks.

In that same spirit, I'd like to give some shout outs to the Birch Lake community. So many people here at the lake have pitched in in many ways this summer, and we want to thank for all your support. Please forgive me if I miss anyone.

Thank you to EVERYONE who donates to our fundraising efforts.

There are too many of you to list here.

Thank you to Bob Bender, Patrick Welch, Tricia Stitz, and Bob Pence for serving on our Board of Directors. Tom Kuhn, Mike Sheffieck, Merrill (Welch)

Harvey, and Chas Grundy for serving on Camp Fire committees.

To Patrick Welch and Tom Kuhn for filling in as waterskiing boat drivers, and for loaning us the use of their boats for a few days. Jeff and Jill Robinson also loaned us a boat for a few days. To Tom Mosier for always being available to help with water and well issues. And to everyone who came out to support camp at the Pancake Breakfast in July, and who volunteered their time to make that event successful.

For the Birch Lakers who served as members of our camp staff: Adam Lucassian, Taylor Marquez, Abbey Niezgodski, John Luecht, Cam Petty, Tyler Dits, Gabby Bishop, and Mia Bishop. Many Lake families also sent campers to camp this summer, including the Sniders, Bienzes, Steffens, Fallons, Dufours, Garceaus, Grundys, Kenagys, Pences, Vitales, Trybuses, McCoy, Magros, Palms, Custards, McCays, Robinsons, Keechles (Vaths), Andersons (Foes), Fillenwarths, Myers, Carrolls, Davises, Runners and Soldatos.

My parents, Bill and Sherry Holleman who help in so many ways at Camp and at home to make sure the summer goes smoothly. They drive boats, help with maintenance, mow the lawns, paint buildings, maintain




the garden, help supervise kids, run errands, help in the kitchen, and help anywhere else we need them.


And of course, to my husband Chas, for tech support, helping with projects at camp, picking up supplies when we run out of things, and keeping our household running and putting up with the long hours I put in at camp during the summers.

We couldn't make this happen without all of the help and support we receive from the Birch Lake Community, and we are so grateful to everyone who pitches in to make camp successful.

~Mrs. Amber



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BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YET, Time's running out to pay your dues!



Support the BLYC, support the Lake, support the Community!

\$ ___ - BLYC Member Dues (\$30 / year)

Total contribution:

\$ ___ - BLYC Associate Member* Dues (\$10 / year)

\$ _____

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and for non-lake residents who wish to support the BLYC

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Name _____

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Address _____

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PERFORMING A RESCUE

1



Is patient responsive?

2



Call emergency services!

3



Get AED.

4



Place AED on ground.
Open lid.

5



Remove clothing.
Expose chest.

6



Attach pads.

7



Do not touch the patient.

8



If required, AED will deliver
shock automatically.

9



If present, place CPR device.

10



Follow AED prompts.
Give compressions.

11



If instructed, give breaths.

Automatic AED



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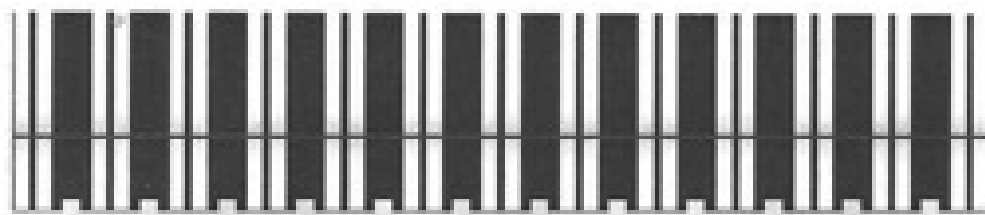


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