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1984 Lenny & Carolyn

Friday, May 11th Arrived 5:00 PM No problem opening place up.
Right Pet propane tank empty - ordered another Sat. 12th.

Weather, cloudy, windy, chilly (44°) late afternoon cleared & sunny. The woods were full of beautiful wild flowers.
Left for home Sat AM, 5/13, Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day

P.S. didn't get any space heater oil, had it on for about
an hour fused fireplace + electric blankets for warmth

1984 June 18 - 30 Copy Mary Kelly, 'Manny' + Ellen Klofft,
Manny's Mom.

The Cabin was immaculate - only 12 flies. However, the dishes showed the evidence of carelessness, or indifference. We had to wash everything before we could use it. We attended to the following matters:

- ① Lawn mower I brought another motor along which always started on one or 2 pulls. The motor could not be adapted to the ~~deck~~ we have due to the ~~motor~~ self drive feature, which used a longer shaft than the standard mower. I exchanged gas tank - carburetor units on the motors. They were identical, and now the mower started much better than before. You can now vary the speed and everything. Please note that the mower starts easier if ~~the~~ it is slanted toward the rear - handle side. (I had the blade sharpened @ Belaire Hardware)
- ② Small boat, I did the seats with chloro-pental wood preservative - as well as the stern. These wooden areas soaked up a lot of it.

Note on the lawn mower - priming the carburetor with a few drops of gas helps a lot. after it has sat unused for awhile.

- ③ Grim story while mowing by the kerosene tank, I hit a rabbit's nest. There were 4 bunnies in it. one was pulverized, another had a patch of skin (1 square inch) taken from his flank. the other were unhurt and escaped. I executed the damaged bunny with Benzomate @ gas., and played

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to be more careful in the future. I do not imagine any wild creature - vertebrate or invertebrate anticipating the arrival of us, or anyone else like us, without fear and loathing.

- ④ Camp fire. It is my intention to establish a campfire much as Bruce and I did in the early 1950's at the back of Barron Rd. (195 Hudson Rd.) That was an initiation in our neighborhood for years. Accordingly, I have set up a ring of stones down there - you'll find them and will have the first fire in it on 6/20/04.
- ⑤ The float looks great. Whoever thought that thing sitting neglected all those years could look that good again?
- ⑥ Wood preservative. I found wood preservative in the garage and I treated the seats of the boat (small), and the exposed wood areas on the front porch. All the wood I treated was very thirsty for the stuff. I started doing the top of the dock with it completing the first section.
- ⑦ Refridgerator the gasket was really shot and I couldn't adjust the latch to take up the gap. So I found some weatherstripping that was about the right thickness and did the door. Seems ok.
- ⑧ "Big boat" the battery was left here all winter, but is okay and charged up ok. I checked the plugs and put grease in the lower unit - there is a quart of grease in the yellow ^{pump} can. The "small" motor is greased up in the lower unit - It runs great.

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July 7-21 Bruce, Rickie, Jess, Ethan, and Dawn Barrett.

Lots of Activity this year; most notably a new speed boat and furniture. Got the couch and chair at a garage sale in Bellaire for 80⁰⁰. Comfort and durability were the key selling points. Bought the boat, motor, & trailer from Mark Osborn in Central Lake. Please read the book before operating. Did a lot of waterskiing. Did a lot of cleaning out, most notably the boat house. Other points of interest as follows:

Fuel oil - The only local source for No 1 fuel oil is The Farmer's Exchange Co-op in Elsworth. The guy in Bellaire (Woodland oil) claims he has #1 but I don't trust him since the last disaster. The most likely explanation for the problem we had is that when they delivered the 50 gallons, the line might not have been cleaned which would result in about 20 gals of #2 fuel oil - Thus we got a mixture. So to avoid similar problems in the future, suggest we buy in 5 gal quantities in Elsworth.

Old boat - Put it out on the road with for sale signs and got quite a few inquiries. Asking 400⁰⁰ for the boat, 300⁰⁰ for the motor or 500⁰⁰ for both. The motor runs good, and we have receipts from DeWitts for service work done two years ago. If you don't sell it, please put it in the yard

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and I'll take care of it when I come up later.

John's wooden boat - Sold to Bill Rice of Central Lake for \$100.00. He needs the registration. (I gave him the one for the fiberglass boat by mistake) The money is on the bulletin board.

Wood preservative - I brought some Pentatrol and finished treating the dock which Copy strated. I also re-treated the window sills and the small boat.

Water skis - I will buy new bindings to refurbish the "Ski Craft" skis.

When I come up later this year I will take care of bringing in the boat & swim dock. Also plan to make replacement wooden parts for the Sale boat over the winter.

We had an beautiful two weeks. I was really on vacation this year - read lots of "Michigan books," swam, sunbathed, & pugged out. Dawn & I are getting a little better at our water skiing, and Jessica & Ethan both gave it a whirl. The new boat is so nice - we even took Bruce skiing to Central Lake & back!

We had fun the last two days with a whole crowd - 10 of us altogether! We all managed to find someplace to play & eat & all, & this was the first time I was ever in Michigan with Margerie - Bruce, too. Thank goodness she didn't make me can any cherries! And the red raspberries she brought were so good!

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Mother, Marjorie, Lizzie, Phoebe, and Karla

Arrived July 19 - 84 Left July 30.

Was welcomed by Bruce, Rickie, Jessica, Ethan and Dawn. Everything under control every one very comfortable during the over lap. Great excitement about the new boat with every one needing a sample ride. We brought George and a great change from last year. He made such a fuss at 3.00 A.M. we let him out doors and we were never he was gone but he came home at dark next day. it is the same every day. a constant thorn in our thoughts.

Each day has been very beautiful. no rain since we have been here. 7-28-84 Mother, Marjorie, Lizzie, Phoebe, Karla

Our four generation stay has been enjoyable with very few incidents of frayed nerves, although when you think of our age mixture, it's pretty amazing. We laughed so much, especially in the evenings when Phoebe, Lizzie, Mother and I were playing uno, solitaire, Parcheesi, Bowl and Score and Old Maid (just once).

Phoebe swam a lot. Karla loved playing in the water. We think the new boat is stupendous. We pulled Phoebe on her Crayola raft, and I waterskiied a long and glorious ride, even criss-crossed the wake.

Lizzie did all the big cleaning jobs... and we all worked together to wash and iron the curtains. They look so much better.

The Hoover washer is great. We washed all our clothes once, and then the towels and sheets before we left. Hanging clothes out is one of my special enjoyments.

We had real "live" one for the boat. He offered us \$400 cash, but we didn't want to take \$100 less than Bruce's very generous bargain price. So we gave him Bruce's phone number... but he didn't come back.

Getting that boat away from beside the road was a real gut-buster. Lizzie, Phoebe, and I did it... a kid, an expectant Mom, and me, and Phoebe supervised. Well, we got ^{it} around the bushes, trees, rocks and squishy sand, the front wheels always twanging in some wrong direction. That was really fun.

There's one mama
Duck with 9 very
tame babies...

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TOASTER

The toaster makes like a sparkler every now and then and is quite temperamental, so it must need some work.

BIKE

Sizzie didn't know she had to inflate the red bike's tire before every ride so the tube got ruined. We bought a new one, had it put on. The guy that did it for us showed us that the connecting link on the chain is half broken. I found some connectors at the auto repair place by the drug store in Central Lake. Not knowing what size, I bought one package of each of the 2 they had. The unwanted one can be returned. The only bicycle repair place is in Bellaire between Tony's and Dingman's, but we didn't have time to take it there. Maybe we've been riding it that way for a while, I don't know. The repair links are in the kid's seat.

We had a great time, such a wonderful start with Richie, Bruce, Jessica ^{DAWN} and Ethan. We canned some cherries, made some jam, visited Charlevoix and Brownwood, of course.

SYBIL

Next time you are in Charlevoix, see if you can meet "Sybil" - she appears to be a local lady, maybe wealthy, definitely eccentric, and very well-known by all. She had on a yellow rubber suit, ducks, and a wool stocking cap on an 80° day. In the restaurant she walked in, stood by our table and stared at us unblinking for at least 5 min, and would have joined us with very little encouragement. Ask any of us about Sybil. We will be glad to tell you more.

Hey, wait a minute! I just read my mom's version of what happened to the red bike. The Silly thing had a slow leak & I fixed it by popping the sucker!! The kid seat works real well and it makes a nice basket otherwise. That kid seat can hold up to 40 lbs. We have had a nice stay, the weather was great every day. Tried fishing every night, I got a lot of bites but never a catch. I saw turtles & bats and made wonderful mosquito food, in the process.

August 3-10 Jenny & Carolyn

Typical on & off August weather. Nice, quite relaxing time.

AUG 31 - SEPT 4 - LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Bruce & Rickie

Lots of traffic all the way up - we learned later that this was the 27th ANNUAL MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK, WHICH IS A BIG EVENT UP HERE! YOU TALK ABOUT RAIN! WE HAD AN EXCITING TIME TAKING IN THE DOCKS. I ALSO LEARNED THAT MY CAR IS A LITTLE SMALL TO HAUL THE NEW BOAT - I NEEDED A PUSH IN ORDER TO GET OUT OF THE LAKE.

Copy, I really like the campfire you built, but I would suggest that we relocate it (on the beach?) so that we can move the swimming float in and out, EASIER.

- MADE A COUPLE OF FIRES - NICE!
- MOVED THE SILVER PIG DOWN THE HILL AND COVERED WITH ~~THE~~ THE NEW TARP (16'x12' POLYETHYLENE FOR \$12.50) ALSO COVERED THE SMALL BOAT.
- BICYCLE - RED ONE NEEDS THE CHAIN LINK REPLACED - IT'S ON THE HANDLE BAR (THE NEW ONE.)
- BOAT MOTORS - I DRAINED AND FILLED THE GEAR HOUSINGS ON THE EVINRUDES AND THE CHRYSLER
- BROUGHT UP A foam "mattress topper" that we got at J.C. Penney's - it really makes a big difference
- I organized the log book a little, hope nobody minds. Also, I

started a file book with one of
Daddy's old file boxes. This should
be used to file pertinent info.

- Bought 10 gal of No 1 fuel oil
right before we left. \$12.50
- PS- I've figure out why the garage
door won't close properly - I'll
fix it next year.
- Took All of the wood pieces
off of the sailboat - to be
restored or replaced over winter
- Took home the new boat top
& sides for repair.

Oct. 26-27-29; Arrived 5:30 PM Friday, Caschi, Butch, Gene, Hank.

Rainy but in 60's

Meter: 34.85

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April 27, 1985 Lenny + Carolyn weather cold but sunny
Electric meter: 35.0 → the discrepancy puzzled me??

We met + spoke to G. Smith from across the road + he mentioned the electric company had removed + checked the meter → which G. Smith was checking out. He does keep an eye on our place.

Also he is in the wood business, \$25.00 a cord, mows lawns, repairs etc. etc. (Also ordered a cord of wood a week at a time)

He will mow the lawn a couple times for us before the end of May. The cottage opened without a problem, Lenny trimmed evergreens in front

P.S. The toaster is dead - rest in peace!

With great regret we left Mon early AM, 4/29 wish we could of stayed a week!

MAY 18th - Copy & Bruce - Met "Smitty" in the first swim. NICE GUY. Came up to put the boat in the water or tear off Copy's bumper - whichever one comes first. The water is very cold! Brought up the sailboat wood parts. Smitty said that Sat 18th was the first day with NO RAIN in a week - Got pretty cold at night - Smitty got us some more wood.

June 18-28 1985 Copy, Mary Kelly Harvey Danny and Stephanie.

The lake is about a foot below normal. This gives us more land, but at the end of the dock, I was only in water to my knees. This makes it tough to dock the boat maybe we can dredge out a channel to the dock or something.

6/29/85 I saw the new toaster - nice. However I fixed the old one in about 5 minutes by adjusting the switch mechanism. I put it back in service because the cord is better. I have an original cord for that toaster at home though.

I put up an antenna this year

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I, regretfully, plan to abandon the practice of leaving items such as gasoline, heating oil etc for subsequent visitors, because I have not experienced reciprocity.

6/23 We all have colds, fevers, etc. It doesn't keep us from having a good time though. The weather has been "marginal" - cool and cloudy, some rain.

The new boat is great. The lake has been lowered I would say a foot, and it has to be anchored out further.

I got the TV antenna-rotor up finally. All of it was surplus material at no cost to the fund, except for the wiring, but I have no receipts.

7-3 to 7-10, KERE, Lizzie, Karla & Rosemary, Trip up was OK but, long. We made a lot of stops for the kids, it took us 10 HRS.

KERE cut most of the dead limbs out of the two tall trees, we had a great fire on the beach that night. We saw the sky light up from the fireworks at Central Lake. The new boat is ~~sooooo~~ nice, we weren't able to ski because a two year old and a 7 month baby ^{doesn't} make a good watcher. We took a lot of rides and the baby would fall asleep everytime. We went to Brownwood on Sunday and discovered they have a Flea Market every week. There were many glass things and a neat old man that makes wooden toys. We bought a paddle boat from him & he gave Karla a little car. We walked down the back path and viewed Torch Lake from Brownwoods dock. We walked the Beach at Charlevoix and I got more petoskeys for my rock garden & my neighbors fish tank. All of us got a sunburn that day.

I got some foaming bath cleaner & disinfectant, and it worked like magic on the mold in the shower & curtain. They should call it Mold Magic! We did our laundry in the Hoover, what a neat machine it's just right for up here. We wanted to put the floating dock out but, didn't fit it into our week stay. Tried fishing Again, this year. Again, No luck. What's this shit about Tom catching all those fish up here in '83, what's his secret??? The ducks were cute as usual and the swans brassy as ever. Karla got a kick out of the sand this year and the water didn't interest her. A real switch from last year. The weather was good and the cottage gets in better shape every year with everyones improvements. We enjoyed ourselves,
KERE, Lizzie, Karla & Rosemary

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7-14 to 7-26 - Bruce, Rickie, Jess, Ethan, Dee
Arrived to a beautiful cottage - thanks [Barrett]
Liz & Kere & helpers. - Everybody learned to
water ski this year. Weather was beautiful -
only one "Michigan day" - only had to light the
heater on two mornings. Put the float out,
but it tore away the anchor (55 gal drum
lid ripped off), so that's another project for
next year. Jessica donated her old bike.
I finished up the project to replace the
wood on the sail boat. Got to know
Jim Smith pretty well - he's going to try to
sell the "Silver Pig" for us - told him 300⁰⁰
for the motor, 400⁰⁰ for the boat, or both
for 500⁰⁰. Learned that there is quite a bit of
politics concerning the water level - long
story; I'll tell you in person. I plan on
joining the "Upper Chain of Lakes Assoc."
so I can get the newsletter to find
out what's happening - (costs \$7⁰⁰)
Liz & Kere, thanks for leaving a full tank
of gas for the boat - That was nice.

Don't be surprised if you wake up
one morning and find a whole bunch of
ducks at the front door. They got so
close ~~for~~ to us, Dee & I each got to pet
one. Well, I got to pet one too! Not only that,
but the ducks would come and eat out of our
hands. They also would bite off your fingers!
Also, I found about eleven clams when Jess, Dee,
and I went clam hunting. The fishing trip
was a total disaster. I wanted to go on the
swim float. Dee, who was driving, insisted on
going somewhere else. Finally, we decided to
go home and relax. We also saw three raccoons
walking across the beach.

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JANICE & CLIFF - LAST WEEK
OF JULY;

BRUCE & RICKIE - LABOR DAY
WEEKEND

CAME UP ON SAT AM - THE

SPIRITS WERE SOMEWHAT DAMPENED

BY THE PASSING OF RICKIE'S DAD ON

THURS. NIGHT BUT WE HAD A GOOD

TIME IN MEMORY OF HIM. GOT

THE BOAT MOTOR FIXED - BOUGHT

A USED "LOWER UNIT" FROM NORTH

TORCH MARINA, TORCH LAKE CITY FOR

\$150.00 - NICE PEOPLE. PUT THE UNIT

ON AND LAUNCHED THE BOAT IN CENTRAL

LAKE TO SEE HOW IT WORKED - DELAYED

A COUPLE OF HOURS BY A DEAD BATTERY....

THINGS ARE STARTING SLOW - PUN -

BOAT RUNS GOOD NOW. CLEANED

THE BOTTOM OF THE BOAT WITH SOME

REAL POWERFUL SHIT - WORKED GREAT!

PUT THE DOCK AWAY - WEATHER WAS MARGINAL

ON SUNDAY BUT A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET

MAKE UP FOR EVERYTHING - BROUGHT

UP SOME EVA SPONGE MATERIAL WHICH

WILL SERVE AS "DOCK BUMMERS" NEXT

YEAR.

John & John Confield September 20 → 22

It didn't rain the whole time, but close. Temperature in the 70's in day & 50's at night. The lake is very rough & looks like it will stay that way, at least while I'm here. My track record has been rain for the last 3 times I've come up here. Does the sun really exist around here??? Anyway, had a great time.

October 27th (Sun) → to Wed Oct. 30th early AM.

Arrived Sun at 3:00 PM. Sunny cool beautiful fall weather. Temp of high 50's remained so the entire time here.

There is a small leak at bottom of pump tank, was temporarily stopped & a cork wedged between tank & floor, I think this was the cause of our increased wetness of pump room. The cottage was beautifully clean, there was a poor country mouse trapped inside the cottage, which we let out when we got here. The 10 gal. of #1 fuel oil was a blessing, we were able to replace supply (2, 5 gal cans in garage) because we were here on a week day when the Farmer's Market was open. The tarp on the silver pig was ripped & it was full of leaves & H₂O we cleared the drain on the boat & covered it & the blue tarp, figured it would be worth nothing if it was left full of H₂O & leaves all winter. This was also the year of the flies, millions of them. The wood was wonderful & we enjoyed a fire in the fireplace every night since it got in the 30's, at least we had no snow this year. Everyone's efforts have made this cottage a beautiful living place with everyone's talents being expressed & appreciated by all. How lucky we all are!!!

Electric Meter reading - 38.7

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Arrived 5-30 pm. May 9 to May, 13, 1986.

Carolyn, John, Janice and me had a pleasant trip stopping at Frankenmuth and had lunch at Zender's - then checked into Bonners and felt like Christmas - on to the cottage - swept the flies Carolyn had everything working in a short time.
(AP)

Stopped at Anip in Grayling - Then Michigan Magic took over. Every day has been simply beautiful. A perfect weekend. A fantastic mother's day for Carolyn and I -

Be sure to check ~~the~~ a very good "Junk Store" in Belaire.

We took a slow cruise around the lake shore in small boat. The lake was smooth as glass all weekend / atypical for sure, but we absorbed 100%. The breeze came in on Monday afternoon, felt good on our sun burned bodies.

Opening cottage - electric meter 38.7, Left Pit tank still in use Valve to empty hot water heater replaced, the plastic one broke last fall when closing cottage. The cork stopped leak on bottom of pump tank but there is another major leak at pipe joint from reserve tank to motor + pump section.

Didn't have to use heating oil so there is about 10 gal in tank. John cleaned garage of flies + mowed lawn, I (CQS) trimmed hedges, Janice + Mother had kitchen details.

This was the weekend for the National Mushroom (Morel) Festival but it has been so dry there are none to be seen or had. We took a couple long walks in woods + there are a million wild flowers blooming, my guest was the pink Lady Slipper, I didn't find any this must be the territory for the yellow variety.

There is evidence that we have mice in the cottage, they had been every place! I shall leave Decon for them next fall.

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Bruce, Rickie, Jessica, Ethan & Chris Barrett - June 14 to 28th - Lots of excitement this year! Weather so-so - two very bad storms - The worst I've ever seen - 60 MPH winds. On the 3rd day, the small boat got loose and was gone. We put the big boat in at Central Lake so that we could look for the little boat - I had the 3 kids with me at the time. A BIG wave came and swamped the big boat - The kids jumped out - lucky. And I stayed with the boat - It was very SCARY - Thank God everyone had life preservers.

After a week, Pat & Judy came up with an R.V. & 3 other kids. They stayed for 4 days and took Chris with them. Other misc # events:

- Sold The Silver Pig for 400⁰⁰
- Bought a new swimming float.
- Bought a new holding tank for the pump.
- Jessica lost her contact lens
- Had a fire works display by Ethan & Chris.
- Did a lot of water skiing.
- USED THE HOOVER WASHER YES, I'M A BELIEVER!

DOCK BUMPERS INSTALLED

We converted a bunch of towels and dish towels to rope, courtesy of several delightful mouse nests (also lost a drawerful of these pillows for the same reason). I never knew mouse nests smelled so bad! I also cleaned out the cupboards beside the sink (same reason), but I ran out of paper

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paper. This way we'll know the last time it was done, anyhow.

When Bruce and I put up the dock, the first posts were in the water. About a week later they lowered the lake water level. Oh well - we weren't about to do it all over again!

I noticed Bruce failed to mention that I drove the boat all the way to the cottage from Central Lake that first day we put it in, & I didn't swamp the boat! He barely got it around the head (as far as Zimmerman's with the red pontoon boat). Ethan swam for shore & knocked on the Zimmerman's door and they came & rescued Jess & Christopher before Chris managed to drown Jess. I was blissfully unaware that all this was happening until Jess & Christopher burst in in their soaking clothes, wearing strange purple towels & announced, "The boat's sinking but we're OK. Can we have some towels?" What a ~~for~~ day that was - we lost the rowboat, swamped the big boat, Jess lost a lens, the kids nearly drowned, & a section of the dock broke!

There's an over-friendly ground squirrel who has a passion for swan bread, so we put a sponge in his entrance & exit area - the hole in the screen door. So far, he hasn't found another way in - but not from lack of looking!

You might leave him a few peanuts every so often.

There are plenty of swans to feed, but they haven't dropped by lately. There is a family of medium sized ducks that are brave ~~enough~~ enough to be fed. All the little ~~do~~ ducks won't stick around for a free meal. I saw three turtles while I was snorkeling ~~off~~ over by Radke's place. I finally rowed across the

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lake and back, which has been one of my goals for years. You wouldn't believe how close the dropoff is to shore over there. I want to add one more thing. Pity the fella who bought the boat! It's his first boat.

Katie, David, Granny, Steven & Gray (7.4.86-7.11.86)
(Great weather) all week long. Nights did get a little nippy.

Lots of ducks & swans swimming around. Also, saw a Garfish by the dock.

Everything in the cottage was super. We found everything we needed. We helped ourselves to everything too.

See you at the wedding reception next Sat!

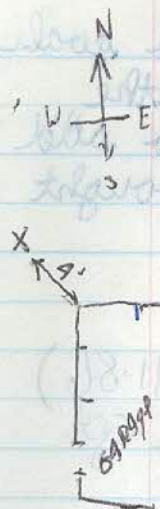
Cory, Mary, Harney (Mammy) Danny & Kelly - 7/14 - 26 1986
and, Grandpa, "Bucky" - Ellen Sheehan; Mary's Mom.

The cottage was so clean and nice. I have noticed similar comments from all the others to this effect. We/all are getting excellent in leaving the place nice for the next group. We all are a diverse group and this place furnishes joy to us all. If only we could get together here now and then with each other. - at least some of us.

The weather has been wonderful, hot - 80's, but still with a cool breeze. It is the way I always want it.

The kids are having a wonderful time catching bugs swimming, etc. Sometimes they are bored, but boredom is functional because it enables you to return home refreshed and vital, and not in despair.

Everything ~~sto~~ seems extraordinarily ship-shape here. The boat runs fine, and since it is so stable (not tippy) the kids like to ride in it and are not scared anymore.



I have been concerned about the septic tank for a couple years now, and noticed the toilet seemed to be slow, and so I called DeForest Septic Service on 7/22/86 and they sucked it out finding the tank on the first thrust of the probe. It is located about 4 feet from the north west corner of the garage. The toilet still runs slow, but I think now that it's because it is a quiet flush model which substitutes expelling suction for velocity in transporting the waste. We have a 500 gal concrete tank - it wasn't "loaded" either.

There are two cracked rafters ^(above?) in the small bedroom either from snow in the winter, or where I always get on the roof. Speaking of that, I saw some daylight around the chimney and so I had to get some cement to patch it. It's on the shelf in the garage if anything else comes up.

I fiddled around with the light pole, and got the switch to turn off the light while power remains in the outlet. the whole thing turns off on the porch as always.



Beware 7/25 Beware of the electric skillet. Although it didn't burn out at the handle it will give you an electrical tickle if you touch it with grounded feet. I checked wiring but could find nothing obvious. It still works well however.

7-28-86
8-4-86

Lizzie, Karla & Rosemary, Mary Sharkey & Travis & Sonny ^{Dog}

We have had a great week and have done as many things possible with the children. The cottage seems to be in good shape inside and out. We have had typical Mich weather, breezy & sunny. It has rained only at night for 4 nights in a row. We went for a few rides in the motor boat. Not enough people for waterskiing again this year, hopefully next. Karla & I fished, no luck. I went for a sail by myself & then we all went except the dog. He went on the motor b

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though, Mary's dog liked swimming as much as the kids. The floating dock is nice but, the seagull poop is gross! They should chew their food better!! Uck

* Mary - Grace, Sunny, and I had a great vacation. Francis is really starting to be daring while swimming. Sunny chased the ducks, luckily he caught none. This is such a beautiful place, we really needed the peacefulness. Thanks to you for inviting us - we'll never forget this vacation! P.S. Brownwood was a great little place. Interesting trip, etc.

Janice & Cliff 8/23 - 8/30

It was great to be up here again. Everything worked great & no incidents! The weather was cold & rainy. It went down to 35° one night. Thank goodness for the fireplace & the electric blankets. We put a ski mirror on the boat so we ski with just two people. It works great.

Bruce & Rickie 8-29 - 9-2 LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Had an easy trip up. Went over to Dockside with Janice & Cliff and taught them the five points of shuffleboard. By the time the evening was over, we had learned a few things about shuffleboard! A good time! Those poor devils had to get up very early for the trip home. The weather was predicted to be bad, but it has been beautiful - 75 to 80° - Got all the ch...

SNAGS. GOT THE FIRE WOOD SUPPLY
REPLENISHED - THE PRICE HAS GONE
DOWN TO 25¢/"CORD". PLANNING
SOME projects for next year -
NEW GARAGE door, PAINT THE NEW SWIMMING
DOCK, CHECK INTO A NEW SHOWERSTALL ETC.
Somebody left the plugs out in the back of the boat.
You can't believe how much water there was in
there! It ^{was} draining all the way home from Central
Lake & there was still enough for a little river before
we put it in the boat house.

The weather has been unbelievably gorgeous. We've
been biking & even swimming. The water was warmer
than when we were here in June. More boats out on
the lake than I've ever seen before, too. Nice, relaxing,
restorative weekend. Thanks, we needed that!

P.S. Nice large yellow jacket & hornet nests inside
the old magnesium boat. PS - WANT A NICE
BIKE RIDE? - GO TO MOHRMAN PARK!

Oct. 24th - 27th Fri - Mon John + Carolyn

Lg round house has been built beside us, thank goodness
for pine trees. Our new neighbors names are Jim + Helen Keaser
with 3 grown boys Jim, Jr., Jerry + Gilbert. Keaser

We arrived at 4:30 PM after leaving cloudy Ohio & seeing clear
blue sky as we moved north. Temp 50° dipping to 32° at night.
Our beautiful cottage is lovely. Everything is sparkling, many
dead flies but not as many as previous years. We began to
sweep them up & I lifted side curtain in kitchen &
there hung a fat healthy BAT!! What a shock! We got
a glass jar & kind of edged it into the jar & deposited it
outside, nasty looking little critter.

The farmers market was closed in Ellsworth so we couldn't
get oil. Left Decon for mice.

Notice new pictures in living room of Aerial view of
Torch Lake & West Traverse Bay. Taken by John + his
friend Dave Gilson.

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Pet gas { Lt. tank in use
(Rt. tank full)

April 25th - 27th Sat - Tues.

Electric Meter 43.3

Len & Carolyn arrived at 12⁰⁰ on Sat. after spending Fri. night at Frankenmuth, very warm & sunny day.

per G. Smith → * It had been an easy winter here with hardly any snow, the area is in need of rain which it did Sun. night, much rain & wind. Monday cool, windy, sunny at times.

No problems opening cottage, no evidence of mice in cottage - Decon I left out last fall undisturbed.

Corn crib house next door is progressing fine next door, visited Jim Keyser who is alone working on house this week. Also saw & spoke to Jim Smith.

We should check into getting a phone in the cottage I think the time has come when communication should be other than the U.S. mail. or pay phones.

Started home Tue AM, wishing we could stay longer.

Life is sweet!

MAY 15-16-17 - "THE RED EYE SPECIAL"

COPY AND BRUCE CAME UP (FRIDAY NIGHT); LEFT HOME AT 8:00 PM AND GOT HERE AT 4:00 AM - LOT'S OF COFFEE! TOOK THE BOAT TO ROSE MCPHERSON IN ELSWORTH TO MAKE UP A NEW TOP - BROUGHT UP A LITTLE CLOTHES DYER THAT COPY DONATED.

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May 29, 30 & 31 John & Susan Delgado

Weather has been sunny & Beautiful (for once). although the predictions have been "possible chance of Thunderstorms". I waited, but they never showed. Temperatures in mid to high 80's. Water temperature is exceptionally warm for this time of year. I have a sunburn to show for this weekend.

Note: Small boat motor (7 $\frac{1}{2}$) is only running one one cylinder (bottom ^{cylinder} plug not running). I tried the routine check over without screwing it up more. Also, the fuel hose from the tank was leaking but managed to fix that.

JULY 11 TO 25 - BRUCE, RICKIE, JESS, & ETHAN - THINGS GOT STARTED KIND OF SLOW FOR US THIS YEAR - CAR TROUBLE ON THE WAY UP - HAD TO RETURN HOME AND GET THE BARGE (OLD FAITHFUL). PICKED UP THE BOAT FROM ROSE (WITH NEW TOP) - HAD BOAT MOTOR TROUBLE THEN - AFTER ONE WEEK, A REBUILT CARB, AND A REBUILT FUEL PUMP, WE WERE BACK IN BUSINESS. WEATHER HAS BEEN SUPER HOT - MID 90'S. THERE WAS A REAL BAD STORM IN TRAVERSE CITY (80 MPH WINDS) AND IT WAS PRETTY BAD HERE, TOO!

PAINTED THE SWIMMING DOCK BRIGHT RED (SUPPOSEDLY A DETERENT FOR SEAGULLS) AND BOUGHT AN INFLATABLE OWL (ANOTHER SUPPOSED

SEAGULL DETERENT) - THE SEAGULLS SEEMED TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF THEIR OWL FRIEND. SO, I KEPT THE GREEN BUCKET AND SCRUB BRUSH ON THE DOCK (HOOKED OVER THE LATTER) SO THAT WE COULD CLEAN UP THE MESSSES.

I HAD PLANS TO ACCOMPLISH ALOT OF CHORES THIS YEAR, BUT THE BOAT HASSLE TOOK UP ALOT OF TIME, AND THE HOT WEATHER DISCOURAGED HARD LABOR.

I WAS KIND OF PERTURBED TO FIND SEVERAL THINGS MISSING WITHOUT A TRACE OR ANY WORD AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM - EXAMPLES: BOTH PAIRS OF BLUE SWIMFINS, THE BICYCLE PUMP, THE HEDGE TRIMMERS, UTILITY KNIFE, ETC. I BOUGHT REPLACEMENTS FOR THE BIKE PUMP & HEDGE TRIMMERS.

NOTE: WHEN THE ^{PET}GAS TANK IS CLOSE TO RUNNING OUT, YOU WILL START TO SMELL GAS OODRS IN THE CABIN - THIS IS NORMAL ACCORDING TO THE PET GAS PEOPLE - IT'S HARMLESS - AS THE PRESSURE DECREASES, THE EFFICIENCY OF STOVE WILL DECREASES ALSO, WHICH RESULTS IN LESS EFFICIENT BURNING - OH BULLSHIT, THIS IS TOO DIFFICULT - ASK ME ABOUT IT AND I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU - CLEANED UP SOME OF THE WATER REED WEEDS - ALSO, TRANSPLANTED A COUPLE OF TREES TO "FILL THE GAP" TO HIDE THE NEW CABIN. DID SOME PRUNING & TRIMMING, ALSO, - CONTINUED

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BEEN DOING ALLOT OF WATER SKIING
THE BOAT NEEDS TO BE TUNED UP - NEW
POINTS. ETHAN & RICKIE BOTA LEARNED
TO CROSS THE WAKE. JESS WASNT MUCH
INTERESTED IN SKIING THIS YEAR.

The owl's name is Humphrey Bogart.

I achieved my two goals for the year - they
were crossing the wake and catching a turtle.
The latter was the easiest one. I was snorkeling
along when I saw a turtle, so I reached out
and grabbed it. He was not pleased. Crossing
the wake was harder, and it involved a couple
of nasty falls. Also, after the big storm, I found
an unopened can of Miller Lite on the beach.
It freaked dad out. All in all, it was
a good vacation.

P.S. One green vase got broken when
it blew off the counter when the big storm
blew up. Also, watch out for our new
friends, the EARWIGS! (They like nachos.)

John
+ Sarah

August 23, 24, 25

Everything appears to be tip-top around here. Had great
windy Northern weather these days. Was able to do some
water skiing & boat touring. Sold my 9' boat to a family
down the lake.

P.S. Had to inflate Humphrey Bogart when I arrived. He
looked kind of pruned lying down on the counter.
He must of done a hell of a job scaring those critters.

SEPT 4 to 8 LABOR DAY WEEKEND -

BRUCE & RICKIE - A VERY PLEASANT WEEKEND - WEATHER - JUST RIGHT.

BROUGHT UP A CANOE, BUT THE STATE OFFICE WAS CLOSED, SO I DIDN'T GET IT REGISTERED. PICKED UP THE SMALL EVINRUDE FROM AL'S IN CENTRAL LAKE. HE PUT IN A NEW COIL, PLUGS, POINTS, ETC. RUNS GOOD NOW. BROUGHT UP A BOAT COVER FROM SEARS - INSTALLED A CEILING FAN/LIGHT - QUITE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE OLD LIGHT! I GAVE THE OLD SWIMMING DOCK TO SMITH, JUST TO GET RID OF IT. THE TREES THAT I PLANTED ARE STILL ALIVE!

(1981)

→ Mother, Carolyn & Jenny

Oct. 27, to 30 - Overcast and threatening all the way from Stow. Started in a down pour. Stopped at end of turnpike - We stopped at Frankenmuth for a lovely luncheon - arrived at the cottage at 5:00 pm. Never have been so cold in all my life - COLD, COLD - COLD - Carolyn and Jenny - brought wood and Marjorie's fire starters had a bright tasty fire crackling quickly the oil tank sounded empty - With a great courage - praise God for electric blanket the beds were warm and with long nitecaps & bathrobes - extra blankets - the lights went out - next morning - oil was in boiler house - the cottage has been very comfortable.

Bought a better set of food at Central Lake - Had pizza and beer - good - went to (over)

- Ellsworth got some oil and took a quick run to Charlevoix - brought some fudge that's all -

Thursday A.M. crawled out of bed. put on the layers of clothes. Sun was shining brightly - the ground was covered with snow - I took a walk and checked out the outside - looked at the house next door - Ugly, ugly - ugly. getting ready to leave early Friday morning

The cottage was sparkling clean. Wish we could stay a little longer -

Darryl -
Mother

Goodbye, beautiful cottage for another year