

1988

The Great Drought Year!

May 19 - 22nd Thur. → Sun Len & Carolyn to open cottage

Electric meter 46.1 1/2 Rt. fuel tanks in use

Weather was in 70's & beautiful blue sky with great white clouds,

Lake was completely calm for 1 1/2 days, (mirror like) so was Lake Michigan.

Everything started up well, faucet handles in kitchen kept slipping

& didn't turn water off (same problem last fall) Same type of handle won't solve problem so ^{we} did a switch, at least water turns off now.

Len mowed lawn, the old mower started on second pull.

Len changed washers in bathroom sink faucets, no more drips

Thermometer on porch was stolen over the winter, I kick myself for not bringing it in, ^(last fall) we replaced it with a cheap ^{model} replacement.

There is a great new True Value Hardware Store in Bellair, that has everything! The old Dingman building has been transformed.

Len "corked" the top of the open pipe of the antenna on roof so we won't get any more rust stains on roof.

Wate to leave this beautiful, quiet place -

June 5 → June 12 John & Sara.

We got married on the 4th and was up here on the 5th. First couple of days have been tremendously hot (91° → 94°) and very dry. Farmers are praying for rain, so I might be a good omen for that. Toward the end of the week, it cooled down a bit with some rain & overcast weather.

There was even frost warnings on Wed & Thurs. morning. Was able to set up the dock and launch the ski boat. No problems with the boat except had to recharge battery a couple times. When setting up the dock, noticed that the 2 medium posts and crossbar were missing. Overall, had a wonderful time.

July 2-15 Bruce, Rickie, Jess, Ethan, & Gina Heynderfer

It's been a beautiful two weeks. First week was too hot for our taste - high 90's and 100° one day - hence the other fan. It's not great, but it was available over 4th of July weekend.

The second week was more normal - mid 70's to 80's, and one nice long, much-needed rain Weds night. A totally gorgeous, clear day Thurs.

The toaster oven was a \$10 garage sale special. It worked well for frozen French fries, baked potatoes, melting cheese on sandwiches & such like.* Watch the electric frypan - the cord gets super hot and you can smell the aroma of rubber cooking along with whatever else you're cooking. [*If you don't want to use it, stick it in the utility room.] Also found all our popcorn burning in old corn popper, so we got a hot air popper - take your pick. It was too tall to fit in the cupboard, so I stuck it next to the other one on the floor.

John and Sara had the cottage in beautiful shape as usual. It's so nice to come up here and just be able to settle in. He even left us a couple of cold beers - Thanks!

MADE A NEW ROCK SECTION - ITS TREATED WOOD AND BOY IS IT HEAVY!

GOT THE BIG BOAT TUNED UP AT ALS - RUNS MUCH BETTER FOR SKIING. ALSO

BOUGHT A NEW BATTERY FOR THE BOAT.

MISC OTHER NEW STUFF - SMOKEY JOE,

BICYCLE SEAT, FULL LENGTH MIRROR,

FLASH LIGHT. DONATED A "NEW" SKI

"EL BRUTO" FISH CLOCK

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ALSO PLAN TO GET SOME MORE FIREWOOD
OVER LABOR DAY.

TALKED TO SMITH; HE DIDN'T SEEM TO
BE VERY FRIENDLY (?) YOU'LL NOTICE
THAT HE'S TRYING TO SELL THE FULL
100 FOOT LOT - HOPE NOBODY BUYS
IT. HE SAID THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY
FIREWOOD TO SELL - MY GENERAL IMPRESSION
WAS THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH USE FOR
"SUMMER PEOPLE" - STRANGE, BECAUSE HE'S
ALWAYS BEEN SO FRIENDLY IN THE PAST,
I CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE
CANOE AND FOUND OUT THAT IT ISN'T
NECESSARY (YOU ONLY NEED IT IF YOU
OPERATE IT WITH AN OUTBOARD MOTOR).

Well, there isn't much to ~~write~~ write
about, except that I made a new
clock. ~~We~~ We ~~hung~~ hung it in the
double bedroom. (pardon the scribblings.
I can't write very well in the morning.)

July 31st - Aug 5th Jenny & Harry

We did just about everything that could be done.
The weather was hot & sunny - so swimming was
on top of the list. The cottage was in tip-top
shape and the toaster oven was preferable to cranking up
the oven on these hot days. The boat ran great.
We tried the Star of Charlevoix with a dinner cruise.
Of course the day we went there was thunderstorm
warnings but we decided to brave it and sit on the
open top deck. The bottom deck is closed up and has
a jazz band. With a windy beginning - it turned

out to be a pleasant evening. (Even though the Salad Course was whipped around a bit.) It's a different experience to fry up here. We enjoyed ourselves so much up here and are now trying to psych up for heading back to Reality!!

THE WEATHER WAS TRULY GREAT, AND THE LAKE WATER WAS LIKE BATH WATER. EVERYTHING WENT OK EXCEPT THE EVILRUPE MOTOR RAN ROUGH, MAYBE A SIMPLE ADJUSTMENT WILL WORK ON IT, BUT WE LEFT IT ALONE AFTER THAT, SO WATCH OUT, SO FROM THE BOTH OF US IT WAS A REAL NICE TIME.

JENNY & HARRY

8-8-88 - 8-21-88 Copy Mary Kelly Harvey and Panny. Well it's been awhile, and it was sure good to see the place again. It was immaculate, the cottage, no flies not one.

The first week it was very hot - ninety every day but somehow in sync with the summer everywhere else, and therefore enjoyable. The second week was more normal (90° at 2:00 AM, climbing to the mid seventies during the day) and also a pleasant.

The kids loved it. Harvey caught 18 crayfish and Kelly caught 48 Minnows with the minnow trap. Harvey was down at the lake every morning for a long time. He really grooved in on the place.

We used the little dryer, and saved the line for optimal use - towels + sheets. We hope you like the new skillet.

Mary + Copy.

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9-2-88 — 9-6-88 — BRUCE & RICKIE —

9-30-88 — 10-3-88 Len, Carolyn, Genie & Hank
To Close cottage. Rained hard the whole time — went to
Soo locks & saw them in the rain (cold rain) — No problems
closing cottage.

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Electric meter 50.3, Left Pet gas tank in use & Pet tank is full.

April 21, 22, 23 Len, Carolyn & Zigfield

Arrived at 2:30^{PM}, Sun shining, cottage in good shape, not many flies. Got 32°
overnight. Sat. we went to Ellsworth & purchased ^{(K-1) (10 gal)} fuel oil which is \$1.50/gal, both
cans are full & ready to go. Sat. turned out to be a beautiful sunny day,
We trimmed shrubs in front & trimmed out of control holly bushes,
they should come back as neat little bushes (I hope)
We replaced spigot on hot water tanks.

There has been a ~~wood~~ wood pecker attack on one of our remaining
beech trees — We put al. foil in the holes & other distractions up.

Reluctantly we are leaving Sun @ 7⁰⁰ AM, wish we could spend
a week here this summer to touch up the paint.

July 1st → 5th John, Jenny & Harry

Everything is smooth & beautiful around here. The weather was great
for the 4th of July festivities. We set the dock up and launched the boat with
no problems. The boat is running in tip-top form, in fact, the best I've ever
seen it run. Had some problems with the 7½ motor and didn't have time to
follow-up on it. I talked with the Smith's next door and they seemed to be
in an all-right mood.

JULY 13 TO 22 - BRUCE, RICKIE, JESS, & ETHAN
ARRIVED LATE FRIDAY - BEAUTIFUL CLEAN COTTAGE
WITH THE BEDS MADE-UP - THANKS, GUYS!
HAD A LAID BACK WEEK. WEATHER WAS
CLASSIC MICHIGAN; SUNNY MID 80's during
day - 60's AT NIGHT. FOUND A SOURCE
FOR FIREWOOD - WILL HAVE $\frac{1}{2}$ CORD DELIVERED
LABOR DAY WEEKEND FROM RANDY SMITH IN
CENTRAL LAKE.

IN WRITING AN ENTRY THIS YEAR, I HAVE A
PROBLEM - I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY.

ETHAN
GREEN

Little tidbit: Ducks are carnivorous!
Yep - they love crayfish! (And they
looked so innocent). There's a family
of 11 that'll eat out of your hand -
but BE CAREFUL! HA HA HA HA... (evil laughter)

August 8 to 21 1989 - Copy, Kelly, Harvey + DANNY
Got in Monday at 9:30 PM to an immediate cottage.
The weather was cool - about 60°, as it was on our
lay over in Findlay. Mary just got a job, and couldn't
come along, and I quit my job and couldn't stay away.
Mrs Smith came almost immediately to inform us that
the boat broke away from its mooring in a storm on
Friday and beached down the way (no damage). Jim
took it to his wharf and secured it for us. Thanks Smith!
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Shower

I undertook to correct problems with our shower, which
has leaked for many years. The metal sheathing at the base
was rusted mostly in front leading me to believe the major

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leakage occurs in the front around the door. Accordingly I removed the rusted strip from the front and found the cement base was deteriorating at an alarming rate. Indeed, I found cracking occurring at both corners inside the shower at the front.

I bought "waterplug" expanding leak-stopping cement and patched the outside ^{INSIDE} eroded areas. It sets in a few minutes. I bought muretic acid and thoroughly etched the ^{shower} floor. I then caulked along the bottom and edges where leakage could conceivably occur, and then painted. I used a piece of hardboard paneling that Greg Halden gave me to replace the front base strip.

8/20/89. We have used the shower for several days now and I've noticed no dampness along the base board in back. I hope this solves that problem. (WIAA?)

The Interlochen Public radio station on 88.3 FM plays a variety of classical music throughout the day. It is beautiful and calming.

The ceiling fan is really nice. It not only looks good and appropriate for the cottage, but cools the whole cottage when used in conjunction with a window fan blowing into the living room area.

Sept 2 → Sept. 5 John & Sara

Beautiful weather for the Labor Day weekend. We didn't spend too much time around the cottage because of adventuring out. Went up to the Mackinac Bridge & U.P. on Sunday & Charlevoix all day Labor Day. Boat was running tip-top & enjoyed some scenic cruises. Bought a porcelain fruit basket for the mantel at a price I won't disclose at a Central Lake garage sale. Also brought up a Mr. Coffee maker to take up more space in the utility room. Overall a very enjoyable time and hate to see the summer come to a close.

P.S.

Fresh linen on bed, Had a great time, can't wait till 90's.

9-8-89 - 9-10-89 - Bruce & Rickie

LONGER THAN NORMAL TRIP UP DUE TO HAVING MOTHER'S OLD MATTRESS & BOX SPRING ON TOP OF THE CAR - LUCKILY THERE WAS ONLY A FEW RAIN DROPS. BROUGHT UP SOME OTHER ITEMS: NEW CANOE PADDLE, BICYCLE PUMP, MASK, FINS & SNORKEL (GOOD QUALITY SILICONE RBR.), COAT RACK (ETHAN MADE THIS IN SHOP-8TH GRADE.) - TOOK THE OLD MATTRESS & "BOX SPRING" TO THE DUMP - ERNIE CHARGED \$800, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT TO GET RID OF IT! WE KEPT THE FOAM PAD FOR FUTURE USE - LIKE ON THE SLEEP SOFA OR FLOOR - HEY, THE SHOWER IS GREAT! I AGREE THAT A SMALLER SHELF UNIT WOULD IMPROVE THE BATHROOM. RAINED ALL DAY SAT. PUT DOCKS AND BOATS AWAY - NO SURPRISES. TALKED TO RANDY SMITH - DIDN'T WANT TO DELIVER WOOD ON RAINY DAY. WILL DELIVER WHEN WE'RE UP AGAIN - WILL CALL HIM AHEAD (HE LIVES ON BELL ST IN CENTRAL LAKE)

The place looked well-loved when we arrived! The floors were freshly scrubbed, beds were clean, 10 yrs of crud had been cleaned out from behind the fridge, the bathroom was no longer the least bit creepy-fantastic! We really only had today here. How nice of it to rain dismally from morning to night to make it seem longer.

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Bruce's idea → Also, why not one of Mother's white cabinets (or both? unsure how wide they are) for the bathroom? We could attach a shelf + towel bar to the side for the shower, & the towels would be less accessible for nesting material. How to get it (them?) up here? Oh well, details!
Love John + Sara's ceramic contribution! Do you think there could possibly have been more than one of those ever made?!

Oct. 8th (Sun) to Tue Oct 10th - Pet gas RT Tanks in use
Jen + Carolyn Electric meter ready - 54.8

Weather sunny + cold - got to 22° ^{Sun} night, we got to be here for the first killing frost. We tarred chimney etc., re caulked around picture windows, repainted around windows with an almost matching paint will try to do better next year.

The cottage is beautiful and shows all the loving care everyone has given it. The shower repair done by Cepy won the grand prize this year ~~this year~~. Ethan's hat rack is a natural for the cottage. Rick of fire wood was here when we arrived, it is stacked in garage now. Left early Tues AM - with forecast of

rain.

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May 4th Friday - Carolyn & Len opened cottage

Rt. pet fuel tank in use

Electric meter reading 54.8

There were a billion dead flies this year - We poured 5 gal.

of #1 heating oil into tanks - We didn't get a refill in Elsworth. sorry

but we also didn't get the space heater going either, possibly the filter needs cleaned out in back, we didn't have time to do it.

It rained all the way up but it wasn't raining here. A lovely time,

I can hardly wait until we can stay a week or so.

June 30th → July 5th John, Sara, Jenny, & Harry.

Arrived late Sat. night to a new landmark for spotting the cottage from the road. Apparently a Z-28 wrapped itself around the pine tree on the corner of our lot and stripped the bark. No one was seriously injured. Better the tree than the bathhouse.

We spent a whole day hopping around Charlevoix. Lot of people and activity going on for the 4th. Also went out to the Bear Pines on another day. I recommend the scenic drive very highly. They have made great strides as far as improving the lookout points and paving the Road. Overall a great time.

On the 4th, we stayed around the cottage most of the day. We did get to boat over to Deepwater Point and party down at the River. Saw the fireworks up at C.H. from the boat. Some things improve over time, but the fireworks haven't. I think they ~~are~~ used the Deluxe package from the Korner Store.

No problems whatsoever with the boat. I have never seen it run better. Overall had a great time & great weather.

JULY 19th — 26th - BRUCE, RICKIE, JESS, ETHAN
BEAUTIFUL WEATHER ALL WEEK - BOAT RUNNING
GREAT. DIDN'T GET INVOLVED WITH ANY
MAJOR PROJECTS THIS YEAR... KIND
OF A "SLUGFEST". HAD PLANNED TO GET
THE STOVE WORKING BUT THE WEATHER
WAS TOO NICE... DIDN'T WANT TO CRANK
UP THE STOVE WHEN IT WAS 85°F. I
WASN'T ALLOWED TO SNORKLE OR WATER
SKI BECAUSE OF MY EYE... IT JUST ISN'T
THE SAME! HOOKED UP MOTHER'S STEREO, BUT
ONE OF THE SPEAKERS ISN'T WORKING - THE
CONNECTION IS BAD - IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S
BEEN REPAIRED BEFORE?

July 11-19, Kere, Lizzie, Karla and Rose
We had a busy week, it went to quick. We
waterskied a lot and the girls knee boarded. Kere
fixed the knee board so we could use it! The boat
ran great no problems. The little motor works well
also, after cleaning the sparkplugs and fixing a pinched
fuel line. We wanted to fish but ran out of time.
We went to Charlavoix and had a fun day at the shops
and the beach. I got a bunch of rocks to line my
flower bed at home, So much for gas mileage going home.

We took the advice of Jenny & Harry and went to
Sleeping bear dunes. The scenic drive was very nice the
450 foot drop to lake Mich. impressed us the most. It
didn't look very far until you saw the people, they
looked like ants! We went on the 1.7 mile trail in
the dunes. It was 1.7 ONE way, by the time we
got back I bet we had walked 6. Never again!!
We called it the toucher trail, we were lucky we took

2 pop cans filled with water. It was very hot and a very tough trail it's a miracle we all made it. I recom^mend the scenic drive but, skip the 1.7 mile hike it sucks!

We went to Brownwood and walked to Torch Lake. I found 54 petoskey's in the water by the Brownwood dock! It was great, they were everywhere. The weather was nice the whole week and rainy the last day. The girls had a great time swimming and feeding the ducks. They played with Carol Greene's 4 daughters a great deal. We went to Greene's & had a beach fire we cooked hotdogs & S'mores. Her husband, Sure likes to talk. Kere & him went to C.L. on his ^{gas} Hobie Cat Catamaran, Kere had fun.

We didn't sail or canoe just skied, Kere wanted to master one ski but never got it. He sure did try!

I met Jim & Helen from next door and got a tour of their house. It's huge inside 4 br & 2 1/2 bath and 2 L.R., I think ~~the~~ ^{their} nice. We had only one oops during our stay and I did it. The burn on the little table is from a toaster oven tray that was burning my hands through the hot pad. I wanted to get a new top for it but didn't have enough money or time. Sorry,

I love it up here, until next year

Aug. 23-30 1990 Copy Mary Kelly Harvey and Danny.

We drove through the night arriving at 2:45 AM on Thurs. 8/23/90. The cottage was spotless, showing the love we all have for this place. I forgot my key and drove back to Marjorie's place from Hinderley - We couldn't find Marjorie's key, so I called Smitty and he had one. And so, we got in without burglar tools ---

The Holdas, Greg, Coral and 4 girls were here at Greenes and the kids got to play with them for one day. They left Friday. Tom Greenes new boat has a 120 hp. engine, and the engine is a 153^{HP} Chevy II engine. - boy, does it haul ass! It was good to see them all.

The shower seems to be holding up well. I always thought, and still do, that the moisture along the baseboard was from the toilet tank sweating. If someone can figure out how to stop that we may save that baseboard.

I only had a week, and the only thing I worked on was the heater, which would not work when I got here. I unhooked the line at both ends and blew out a bunch of crap - soot, insects, etc. I also ended up cleaning out the flue pipes, which had many years of accumulated soot in them. That was a hoot. I tried to move the heater a little, and the pipe came out on the back. Anyway, I got it all back together. I scraped all the soot and scale off of the burner and reamed out the inlet line. It works good now.

I lost the "knee board." It came off from the tow lip and vanished. I'm real sorry. I thought it would float and I searched and searched. I dived to find it, but to no avail. It is gone with the wind and I regret it.

The new brass lamps are wonderful. What an improvement over those little gun bastards! The window frames look much better too.

We went to Traverse City to the Clinch Park Zoo, and do you know what? There is no beaver there. I asked about it, and they said that beavers pine away and die if they can't do stuff, building dams, etc. However, there is a common crow that says, "Eat shit! Eat shit!" The otters were a hoot though. The train has a real oil-fired steam engine. I can't get over that.

Everyone was in good health and the weather was gorgeous. We had days when it was 95°, and it was in the 80's everyday. It was real quiet too - town was deserted until we were about to leave. -Labor day last hurrah close-up-the-cottage people.

September 5th → Sept. 11th John & Sara

Arrived up here to a beautiful day in the early afternoon. The cottage was in top shape. It thunderstormed hard for the next two days but turned into a beautiful weekend in the 70's at day and 50's at night. We got everything put up for the season with little problems. Thanks to Jim & Helen next door for the use of their truck to haul the boat in. All boat motors ~~over~~ were winterized.

We did most of our traveling on the overcast days and stayed around the cottage on the nice ones. Hate to see the season come to a close.

Besides close-up, I did try to organize the P.F.D.'s in the boathouse that seem to have grown in numbers. All stuff remains in boathouse, but just in a different place.

Oct 20 1990 - Arrived at 1:30 PM Sat., Cottage is beautiful! Mtn 57.7 1/2 Stove work great. Cottage closed up for winter Left for home Sun AM 10/21.

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Len - Carolyn - Zig

Sat. June 1st - Beautiful day - 90° - (We haven't had this high of temp. in 20 years of being here. The fans do help alot.)

Meter - 57.8 1/2 - Rt Pet Tank in use

Arrived 2³⁰ PM Sunny day - blue skies - grass is knee high - Cottage opened without a hitch. Weeping willow tree lost a couple large limbs - top of old dead tree by beach came down - many limbs in front yard. We got the sticks picked up on Sat + planned to mow grass Sun - Well you guessed it, it rained cats + dogs all night - Right now we are looking out the window + watching it rain (usually what we do the day after we arrive)

Sun - 11:30 AM It cleared up, Len got the grass mowed + I cut off as much weeping willow limbs ^{as possible} without a ladder. The place looks presentable now. Front shrubs trimmed. I found many lady slipper (wild flowers) in yard + transplanted them up by house so they don't get mowed. All in all it was a wonderful day + half here. We brought the boat battery + boat wax etc with us. - wish we had time to get dock out + launch boat, but maybe Len will get a boat ride some year.

Mon. June 3rd Left about 7⁰⁰ AM Had a wonderful time - Zig did too.

Sat. June 29 → Wed July 10 John + Sara, Dave + Alberta Gibson.

We arrived here to hot, humid day well into the 90's. It has been extremely dry up here and most of the grass was brown. In fact, the last rain they got was the day Mom + Dad wrote about above. The cottage was in beautiful shape and the grass had slightly grown. It finally Rained on Mon. → Wed. on and off and was overcast most of that time. This cooled down the temp and kept it in the 70's at day and 50/60's at night - Nice. We put up the dock and launched the boat with no problems. The boat is running in top form and should continue to do so. I cut down the dead tree in front of the beach and rolled the log along the tree line. I would of cut it up, but the chainsaw I had was a smaller model. I trimmed the limbs off of 5 pine trees while I was on a roll. I quit when the stack of limbs was beyond my reach. It looks nice with the extra space

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under the trees and plan to get to the other trees in future visits. The weeping willow looked like it had broken down some more with some major limbs sagging to the ground. I did what I could (without reducing it to a twig).

We had some great activities considering both women are well into pregnancy. Visited Charlevoix a few times in the booming activity. I flew my kite off the pier and had that sucker still going up over 700 ft. until it was out of sight. I took me over an hour to reel it in. Also went to the Bear Dunes & T.C. again this year. Spent the 4th of July here at cottage and saw the parade in Central Lake (it's improving, the parade is now a half hour long, 10 minutes longer, thanks to the Dessert Storm boys insert) We saw the fireworks by boat (among the hundreds) and saw a good show. Also got together some times with Dick & Shirley Miller & kids from DWP acrossed the lake. (Yes, Mrs. Rae still going strong at 89, Mr. Rae passed away 2 yrs ago at 95). Overall, had a fantastic time.

Notes

- (R) Kitchen Picture window won't open, I think the gear is stripped.
- The lower unit gear oil level on the 55 Chrysler should be checked after 30 hrs use. We put less than 10 hrs. on the boat, and it's doing OK.

Have Funnnnn
John

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SAT. July 13 to Sun. July 21 Maryone, Lizzie, Joyce, Karla,
Paul and Rosemary.

We arrived about 4:15 and the children immediately swam for a long time. The weather has been gorgeous. Being able to enjoy this place for the first time since 1984 has made me (Marj.) doubly appreciate all of its wonders (that we all know and enjoy so much.) We all - adults included - have ~~enjoyed~~ spent a lot of time swimming. Three women sharing the tasks makes it all seem like very little work. We have replenished several supplies here... ~~and~~ ^{and} all in all, I enjoyed the challenge of "cookin" here. We picked raspberries in Central Lake - and bought cherries, of course. We didn't boat much.... but enjoyed what little we did. Carol Greene Holda is here. It's great seeing her again. She came to Ohio for a month in 1972. The Pet gas tank in use lasted about 3 more hours - so we had it replaced on the next delivery date. (1) now in use. The kitchen ^{picture} window can be opened (gently) by hand... unreel and lift. (That happened to my barn windows.) Also, we found the wind-up clock to be inoperant - overwound I think. // The girls and I have had a great week, I've swam more this year than I have since I was a kid. All three kids really enjoyed the floating dock with life preservers on. They floated like apples and we all jumped and dove like maniacs, it was great! Carol's girls played a lot with our kids, her kids are nice. Everyone but Joyce swam in Lake Mich. on our outing to Charlevoix, she forgot her suit. It was the warmest I've ever felt it, we swam for hours, Mom too. I skied once and got up on the first try. Mom gave me a smooth drop off and then got up on the first try again for another -

Spin around. She never got a chance to ski, we had gas and not enough time. We only took the boat out two times, It's a great boat. We didn't use any other boats, just swam a lot.

I've got some interesting news that Janice and Jenny ~~and the kids~~ should know about. Bob Greene weighs almost 300 lbs, bald on top, has high blood pressure, struggling through college at 34, doesn't work, eats a lb. of bacon a day and is a drunk. What a catch he would have been!! ^{Info from Carol}

For those of you who don't know, the three of us used to wait for him to jog by everyday. He was a real jock with a great body, at least we thought so.

It has been in the 90's and broke records on Thurs. July 18. It rained two times both being at night. I love this place and look forward to coming again next year.

Sunday July 21 To Tuesday July 30 - BRUCE, RICKIE, JESSICA, ETHAN, & ALLEN HETZER (ETHAN'S FRIEND) - ARRIVED ABOUT 5:00 PM - CABIN IN GREAT SHAPE. TEMP IN THE HIGH 90'S - DID ALL THE USUAL STUFF... READ BOOKS, EAT, WATER SKI, EAT, SAILING, EAT, GO TO TRAVERSE CITY, EAT... GET THE PICTURE?

→ OINK, OINK! HAD A GREAT ADVENTURE IN ALDEN... LOCKED THE KEYS IN THE CAR... LOCKSMITH MADE 35⁰⁰ FOR 6 SECONDS WORK! GOT SOME NEW "PLASTIC FANTASY" OUTDOOR FURNITURE FOR THE PORCH. DURING THE WEEK, IT REALLY COOLED DOWN... IN THE 70'S. GOT INTO 50'S AT NIGHT. LOTS OF DUCKS TO

Speak for yourself, dad!!

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FEED. GOING TO STOP OFF AT EAST LANSING ON THE WAY BACK SO JESS CAN ATTEND ORIENTATION AT MSU. CONTACTED RANDY SMITH IN CENTRAL LAKE FOR FIREWOOD... HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY SEASONED, BUT WILL TRY TO FIND SOME FOR US BY LABOR DAY. DID SOME PRUNING ON THE TREES LINING THE DRIVE WAY... LEFT A STACK OF BRANCHES. I WILL DEAL WITH THEM LATER. ALSO, ACCIDENTALLY BROKE ONE OF THE BADMITTEN ^(SP) RACKETS... I WILL BRING SOME MORE UP AT LABOR DAY.

I hope someone else gets to enjoy these ducks! They're the friendliest I've ever seen them & even the fuzzy little babies will eat out of your hand!

July 30 - Aug. 1991 "Copy," Mary Kelly, Harvey, Danny and Mithy Perry - 2nd of Kelly's

We arrived at around 5:00 PM Tuesday (7-30) after a harrowing trip fraught with car trouble. We traveled on the (yes) Ohio Turnpike. The Buick overheated and boiled over at Manne. After that was over, we had weak battery trouble, but limped to Angola Ind and stayed overnight at the Redwood Motel (remember?) Even though the battery charger was on all night the car barely started. Off we went up old RT 27 the old way. When we arrived in Marshall, we stopped for breakfast, and I had the battery and charging system checked. Service is a cinch to find the back way. They said the alternator was "marginal" and the battery at age 6 was quite weak. I bought a "Mega Tron" with 650 amps instead of the 450 recommended for the Buick. When we arrived I shut the car off and the generator light stayed on brightly. The alternator

got hot. I had to disconnect the battery terminal. I bought a rebuilt gen alternator at Lake Auto Parts in Central Lake. The guy there was very nice - easy to deal with. All has been well so far - no problems. We went to Traverse City w/o incident.

The weather has been lovely - in the 70's during the day and 55-60 during the night. Upon arriving, everything looked wonderfully clean and neat. (I believe it would look good here after a ^(5P?) grueling trip despite the condition)

1991 August 10 - August 17 Sandy, Tom, Heather & Quinlyn

We like to thank everyone for letting us stay up here for a week. We had a great time swimming and sightseeing. Believe it or not it has been 8 years since we were here last.

I change the washers in the faucets in the Kitchen and Bathroom. I ~~also~~ also had the left tank filled.

The weather could not be better in the 80's during the day and 50-60's in the evenings. Thank you again.

AUG, THE EARLY MORN OF THE 23RD (1:30 A.M.) TILL THE MORN. OF THE 25TH. HARRY & JENNY
AS SOON AS WE ARRIVED WE WENT TO SLEEP.

WAKEING UP TO A COOL MORN OF 56°. WE TOOK A FEW SHORT BOAT RIDES THE FRI. AND WENT UP TO CHARLEVOIX ON THAT SAT. BEING A VERY SHORT TIME FOR US UP HERE WE MOSTLY JUST HUNG AROUND AND RELAXED. THE BOATS RUNNING FINE AND THOSE DUCKS ARE STILL AROUND.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND - FRI AUG 30 TO TUE SEPT 3
BRUCE AND RICKIE - LEFT HOME AT 11:30
AND GOT CAUGHT UP IN A LOT OF TRAFFIC.
THE TEMPERATURE WAS IN THE 90'S AND
THE CAR (THE 73 BARGE) STARTED TO OVERHEAT.
GOT OFF THE I75 PARKING LOT AND FOUND
OUR WAY UP. WEATHER HAS BEEN GREAT
80'S DURING DAY & 40-50'S AT NIGHT. NO
PROBLEMS WITH THE BOAT, SWIMMING
DOCK, OR DOCK... TOOK THEM ALL
IN ON SATURDAY. WE GAVE THE BIG
BOAT A THOROUGH CLEANING... IT WAS
NEEDED - ALSO WAXED IT, AND
CLEANED THE BOTTOM. ONCE ALL OF
THE WORK WAS DONE WE KICKED BACK
TO RELAX AND ENJOY OURSELVES. PUT
SOME FOAM INSULATION ON THE PUMP COLD
WATER PIPES... TO CUT DOWN ON THE
SWEATING PIPES. I HAD INTENDED TO
BRING UP THE METAL WARDROBE FROM
MOTHERS BUT IT WAS SO NOISY ON TOP
THE CAR THAT I CHANGED MY MIND. SOMEONE
WITH A TRUCK OR VAN CAN MAYBE BRING
IT UP?

People next door had tons of company, including
2 jet skis used almost constantly by 4 or 5 urban
cowboys (complete w/ "yahoo!"). Is there such a thing
as justifiable homicide?

COULDN'T MAKE CONNECTIONS FOR FIRE
WOOD - WILL SEE IF CAROLYN NEEDS
SOME FOR THIS OCT CLOSING. ALSO,
THERE'S NOT MUCH HEATING OIL LEFT,

AND NO PLACE TO BUY ANY. NEED TO
MAKE SURE THAT WE ALWAYS HAVE
5 GALLONS IN THE BOAT HOUSE.

October 9 → October 15 1991 John & Sara

Arrived up here to a beautiful sunny day. The trees are
at the peak of their colors, especially the bright yellow & Red Maples
and oak trees. The temperature has been in the 50's by day
and low 40's at night. Only had 2 rainy days and the others
have been bright & sunny. It sure is different up here in the
peak of fall versus the blazing summer where your main activity
is staying warm, and anything you do involves gathering means
to stay warm. It has been dark at 7³⁰pm & pitch black at

We attended the Apple Festival in Charlevoix on Sat. It
was quite the hopping activity. Central Lake had there homecoming
this weekend and had all the students hanging around town
most of the time. They even had a parade we happen to run
into. It seems like every time ⁱⁿ up here, there's some sort of
parade in Ch.

I filled the Oil heater tank with 10 gal. on Thurs. and ran
out on Sunday morning. Got another 5 gal. son Sun., then another
10 gal. on Mon. As of this sitting, there should be about
8 or 9 gal. left for closing and opening next spring. Wasn't able
to connect on any firewood, but still some left in Bouthouse.

We also spread 10 lbs. of grass seed just for the hell
of it. At the Farmer's Exchange, they said that it was
"Duraturf, it will even grow on concrete". We'll see next
year.

This has been a fantastic beautiful fall week up here, a
Real treat.

P.S. John & Sara's trip - in Oct on way home Snow flurries
all the way to Bay City

Oct 26th Sat. Len & Carolyn - To close cottage
Left Akron with temp 62° clear skies

Arrived Cottage @ 2:30 Raining, temp 43°

Meter reading 63.3 1/2, Left Pet gas in use - Rt tank empty (will replace
in Spring)

Sunday 27th overcast & chilly - 50°

Len. - Tarred around chimney & assort pipes. One of the
supporting wires to antenna was pulled from roof, that
was the reason for leak in bedroom. Hole in roof tarred.

Went to Manufacturers Outlets in Traverse City, Interesting.

So this trip we checked out the outlets in Monroe, MI., saw
Birch Run (at Frankenmuth exit) Stopped at West Branch & saw
Tanger Factory Outlet Center.

We had enough heating oil - next spring we will make sure we are here
when the Farmers Exchange is open & will load up on fuel oil.

This cottage looks beautiful - all the love & care that goes into this
place by everyone who comes here, each of these little personal touches adds
up to a very special place for everyone.

On Sat Oct 27th, a one in 3 chance on the one channel of
TV we get. Cleveland Browns & Pittsburgh Steelers played -
although it was the time change last night, so we will
probably be in bed before the end of the game.

Browns won!

Left Early AM Mon Oct 28th.