

1992

May 2 + 3rd Sat + Sun. Len + Carolyn

Driving up on Sat it was 70° in lower MI then we went through a thunder storm, result, down to 50°, on to cottage. The place weathered through the winter well. No problem opening up. The 1st propane tank was empty. I left a note at place in Bellaire for them to deliver full tank ASAP, hope they do it. Had it billed to Bruce.

The Farmers exchange was closed, ~~so please~~ couldn't get heating oil, we had enough, thank goodness. After the 2nd cold front went through Sat night it got down to 42°, rain too! About 10-11th Sun, clouds broke up & we saw blue sky.

Len put new wood blocks on mower handle. The grass hasn't even started growing, up here is just out of the throws of winter, buds just coming on trees.

To escape the cold cottage & get warm in the car we went to Traverse City on Sun. The outlet was few not crowded.

We headed for home Monday morning it was still cold weather.

July 1 → 12th John + Sara

July 3 → 8th Jenny + Harry

We arrived at 12⁰⁰ on Wednesday to a warm overcast day. The weather has been raining for the last couple of weeks and things were very green, especially our yard, and the beach. I cut the grass while Sara put in a great effort of de-weeding the beach. We put in the dock in between cloud bursts and rough weather. Temperatures were in the 50's at night and up to the 70's in the day. Weather was nice for the 4th of July and did not rain on the C.L. parade, which would of improved it. We all saw the fireworks

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From ^Athe boat after a party over at Deep Water Point. Sunday was the first complete sunny day to which we could get the boat launched finally and complete setting up the dock. The weather rained on & off the rest of the week.

Sara & I went to Traverse City to shop the outlets and then hit the Cherry Festival that was going on this week. We also went to Charlevoix a couple of times to hang out. They had a Craft festival on the 11th (Sat.) with the park area swallowed up with craft booths and big price tags.

On Monday, 7/6, we had a cookout in the evening and invited Dick & Shirley Miller from DWP. to join us. During this time, we were able to flag down the pontoon plane that had been flying around all day while in the boat to inquire about a ride. He came over to our beach and gave us all a ride (2 people at a time) for \$10 a head. The ride was great to ^{see} the area from a birdseye view while going over Torch Lake. It's amazing how much you can see in a 10 minute plane ride verses 6 hours of driving.

The neighbors Jim & Helen were up for the week and we had many pleasant chats with them. Jim began building a storage shed by the beach in between rain spells.

It was a great pleasure to overlap a day with Margorie, Liz, Karla, & Rose on Saturday eve & Sun morning and to catch up on each other.

Updates:

- Propane Tanks - checked in town and (R) tank had been Replaced and paid. (L) tank still going.
- Boat - Running good so far. I spent a day getting the motor Ready. I changed the lower gear oil and had found a good amount of water in the oil ~~so~~ went changing it.

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Trees - I trimmed the dead branches off the south side pine tree line and ended up with a huge amount of branches. Needless to say, I had a great beach bonfire (20 ft. flame) on a calm wet night that lasted 1/2 hour and left a small stack of ~~branches~~ ashes, thus disposing of all the brush.

Grass/Yard - Our grassseed that we planted last October did not take except for a very few spots, or should I say blades.

Overall, had a great time despite the weather. Hey, I'll take 3 sunny days out of 12 day stay verses no sun on a weekend stay.

July ~~11~~ to July 19 Marjorie, Lizzie, Karla, Rosemary, The bad weather went home with John and Sara. Only our first day ^{fully} here (Sunday) was rainy. Some days were cloudy, but we had at least ~~two~~ ^{four} perfect Michigan days -- and the rest were fine. Sara and John had everything ready for us, and it was most enjoyable visiting with them. The beach is weed-free because Sara worked 3 days to clean it. Thanks, Sara! John had done lots of trimming which gives us ~~more~~ more room on our lot. It looks nice here.

I love the way this place has most everything you could need to do whatever you want.

Being that it was most chilly during most of John's stay -- and for our first day - The desperate need for a wood supply became apparent. We looked in the paper for an ad - ^{then} asked Mr. Greene -- (He said look in the paper for an ad.) Then, the next morning

Smitty called out "Hi, Neighbor," and came over to chat. I asked him where I could get some wood... and the problem was solved... He had wood for sale and gave us probably \$35 worth for only \$20... and brought it over. We stacked it in the boat house and have been enjoying fires every night. He also told us about firestarters by DUROSLAME (494) for sale at Prevas. They are very handy.

We trimmed the privets severely... You couldn't see the mailbox or oncoming traffic. MR Greene offered to bring his chain saw down and take them down to the ground. That would probably be a good idea because they don't look too hot.

I had a most enjoyable time preparing and planting a flower bed for us to look at out the window. I see the sedum I planted in

1973 is all over the place down the hill etc. Also the thymes had made new plants in unseemly places, so I transplanted them, reset the Costmary and Sage plants which had also lived all these years. Amazing. Please water them all. I used a gal. jug.

I enjoyed seeing some of Mother's things here... it makes me sad she can't come any more. Thanks, Bruce, for bringing some of her things up.

We Skied and used the new knee board it's really neat, the Greene girls were spinning 360 degrees!! The Tube-a-Ruba is neat also, we learned that it's best on your knees ^{fast} otherwise it's a super douch.

Karla and Rosemary were afraid of being out in the deep water, I know how they feel it gives me the creeps having your legs down in the middle of the lake. We have had a really nice week the weather was

and the hose.
THE TUBE SCARED THE KIDS, IT KEPT GOING DOWNWARD AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS.
NOT THE TUBE SHIT OUT OF THE KIDS, IT KEPT GOING DOWNWARD AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS.

bad the first day and nice the rest of the week. We went to Charlevoix and while at the beach a fog rolled in off the lake it was really weird. You could barely see the lighthouse and it honked its horn every 30 sec. It stayed foggy the whole time we were there but, the town was clear. Very Weird!!

The swimming clock wasn't out and we could not find where to anchor it, we didn't know what to look for. Well, we took a brick and rope and took it out waist deep and the kids swam. I got the best couple of days in the world to sail. It was really nice, we all got a ride and enjoyed it a lot. The Sheriff is out with force this year it's a lady with PMS and no mercy!! HA just joking Love it here Liz

~~SUN~~ JULY 21 TO SAT JULY 27 - BRUCE, RICKIE, PAT, & JUDI - TRIP UP WAS MOSTLY CLEAR, WITH SOME SPOTTY RAIN. A BIT COOL AT NIGHT... DOWN INTO THE 40's! IN JULY!

TOO COOL FOR WATER SPORTS, SO WE PLAYED ALOT OF BRIDGE, DRANK BEER, PIGGED OUT, ETC... THE USUAL FOR MICHIGAN! WOW, THE FLOWER BEDS REALLY SPRUCED UP THE PLACE...

THEY LOOK REALLY GOOD, WE WATERED THEM, AND SO DID GOD. I REALLY LIKE THE WAY THE PLACE LOOKS WITH THE LOWER TREE LIMBS PRUNED. THE BEACH LOOKS GREAT! (WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT FOR A FEW YEARS) I CAN REALLY APPRECIATE SARAS EFFORTS BECAUSE I'VE TRIED TO CLEAR IT MYSELF IN YEARS PAST.

NOTE LEFT ON
TABLE WHEN
WE ARRIVED - Bruce

JULY 1992

Welcome ... we aren't glad to be leaving!!
It's been a great week. Hope yours
is as enjoyable.

Jim has sided his storage shed and
is going to roof it today.

Our decorative fungi are gorgeous.
I liked watching them develop. All the
kids just itched to kick them down.
The log book tells it all in detail....
but this sheet will say the extras.

You have to carefully help the
kitchen windows open and close
with one person inside and one outside.

We ~~le~~ left propane tank on - and
fuel tanks in boat... convenience.

If we did wrong, please tell us.
Very good 3 bean salad in the fridge a couple
of beers a cooler and a carton of worms on
the top shelf. We didn't have time to fish, you
can use them to catch a fresh fish dinner.

Also there is a half a bag of potatoes in the
utility room.

Love
Sizzie
and
Marjorie

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AND I KNOW WHAT A BITCH IT IS - LIZZIE,
YOU'LL HAVE TO STOP AND SEE JOHN STEPHEN'S
PROJECT S.T.R.A.T. AGAIN. NOT MUCH
HAS CHANGED ~~in~~ IN 12 YEARS, EXCEPT
HE HAS EXPANDED HIS HOUSE AND ADDED
THINGS LIKE ROOFS AND BASEMENTS. WHAT
A TRIP (THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE
EVER SEEN IT).... WE DIDN'T GET
WET UNTIL FRIDAY (LAST DAY!)... IT
JUST HASN'T BEEN VERY USER FRIENDLY.
I TRIED TO TAKE A RIDE ON THE KNEE
BOARD BUT I COULDN'T EVEN GET ON
IT... I NEED TO SEE SOMEBODY RIDE
IT FIRST SO I'LL KNOW HOW ITS DONE.

Aug 15-22 Kere, Lizzie, Karla & Rosemary, We drove up on our
11th anniversary and had great weather the whole week.
We took canoe rides every evening it's really fun!! We
skied and tubed and tried to knee board. That thing is
really hard to get up on. I guess you have to go fast
like starting out on skis. The boat ran great after
we charged the battery with the charger. It wasn't
dead but it didn't have enough juice to start it. No
trouble after it was charged. We put out the floating
dock and brought it back in, we marked the chain with
a milk jug. The leaves are starting to change already!!
It was apparent from Grayling to the cottage and they
were changing more through the week. We stopped and
saw John Shepard he was very friendly after not seeing
him for 12 years. He has expanded a lot since we were there
last. The girls played with the Greene (Holda) girls
all week and that gave Kere & I a well deserved break.
We had a great time and really enjoyed ourselves.
The neighbors were noisy all week building, mowing etc. ARGGGG

1730 - finished notes
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BRUCE & RICKIE - AUG-28-31 - TRIP UP WAS
RAINY ALL THE WAY... 55°F ARE YOU SURE
ITS AUGUST? MARJORIE'S FLOWER GARDEN IS LOOKIN
GOOD! THIS WAS AN EXPENSIVE TRIP... FOR THE CAR..
I PUT 300⁰⁰ INTO IT BEFORE THE TRIP AND ANOTHER
100⁰⁰ IN BELIZE - HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH TAKING DOWN
THE DOCK AND PUTTING THE BOAT AWAY... SAT WAS
A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY, 78°. PUT UP NEW HOUSE
NO. 120. CHECKED WITH REALTORS TO FIND OUT
HOW TO GET A CERTIFIED APPRAISAL - GOT A COUPLE
OF CONTACTS. SUNDAY WAS VERY BRISK AND
WINDY

John & Sara October 10 → 14 1992

Arrived up here to a brisk, sunny day. The leaves are a few days
after their peak, but still very bright and colorful all around us. The
Cottage was in tip top shape and warm inside. There were hords, tons,
Chords, milleniums, etc... of live Flies in the kitchen picture window.
We got out the Sweeper and swept them up several times a day until the
Sweeper vibrated with Flies. Its a mystery to me where they came from,
but they kept coming. By our last day, the numbers where Reduced.

Weather was bizare, but nice. Strong wind & Rain in early morning
with calm clear skies at evening time. Even snowed once briefly. It didn't
get light in the morning until 8³⁰ A and sunset at 7⁰⁰ P - pitch dark at 7³⁰ P.
Temperatures mostly in 50's during peak afternoon and 30/40's at night.

We attended the Apple Festival in Charlevoix on Sunday and mostly just
drove around enjoying the views. The neighbors, Jim & Helen were up for the
week and visited them. The Cottage stayed nice & warm with Firest the heater.
We dumped the 2 full ^(10 gal) cans in boathouse into the tank, And bought an additional
10 gal. into the tank. Marjorie, we watered your plants. All's we had to do was
Show up, and the weather did the Rest. ~~~~~ Until next year ~~~~~

Meter Reading - 0671

Right propane tank in use

Friday Oct 16⁻¹⁹⁹²⁻ @ 4:15 PM Len & Carolyn arrived going through snow showers, just plain snow & ear numbing winds. Our lake was very rough with white caps all over it. During evening it snowed & very strong winds. Sat morning was 40° (not too bad) Clear skies, in afternoon we had an old fashioned snow storm!

The cottage looks beautiful. We closed it for the winter early Sunday morning & headed home.

P.S. - on way home terrible driving 3-4" of snow & ice (a nightmare)

1993 April 16 + 17th + 18th Meter Reading 0672

Right propane tank in use

Came to cottage 3 PM Friday, rainy & cold. To a billions frozen but not dead flies when the cottage got warm they got active. Sat AM the ground was covered with snow & the roads were slippery.

This is the 1st time we have seen the lake still frozen over covered with floating ice packs. Its been a cold late spring in northern M.I. I guess we were lucky, there was 17" of snow in the upper peninsula this AM. The cottage opened up nicely. The place really needs painted badly, the front screen door needs major repair & painted.

There are 2 full 5 gal cans of #1 Kerosene in garage, they sell it at the BP gas station in Bellair now. We found that out after a slippery trip to Ellsworth on Sat AM.

Sat afternoon was Sunny, the snow melted & the ice flows began to move around & break up.

We put Drano down sluggish Shower drain, also left at least a million flies.

Left early Sun AM for hopefully a safe trip home

HARRY & JENNY 7-3-93 - 7-10-93

BROUGHT THE WARM WEATHER WITH US. HIGHS WERE IN THE LOW 90'S & LOWS AT NIGHT IN THE MID 60'S. WE BOTH GOT A NICE SUNTAN. ON THE 6TH WE WENT TO MACKINAC ISLAND AND HAD A FUN TIME, CARRIAGE RIDE OF POINTS OF INTEREST, AND THE FERRY BOAT RIDE WAS FUN TOO. JOHN & SARAH WERE ALSO HERE WITH US ARRIVING A WK. EARLIER. THEY DID MORE YARD WORK TO MAKE THE PLACE NEAT & PRESENTABLE TO ALL. HATE TO LEAVE THIS DAY AS IT IS SUNNY & WARM WITH A CALM LAKE. HOPE NEXT TIME WILL BE AS NICE.

John & Sara Sat. June 26 → Sat. July 10 1993

We arrived here in the early afternoon after a smooth ride up here to a beautiful sunny day. The cottage was full of flies and our first project was to bug them up. The place was in tip top shape and the beer Mom & Dad left really hit the spot. Thanks.

The grass was waist deep and cut it the next day. It took longer to start the lawn mower than it did to cut the grass. It finally started after 75 pulls. All's that was needed was some TLC. verses constant profanity. No problem, I needed the exercise.

We set up the dock and launched the swimming raft. I did some small time dock repair. Sara deweeded the beach again this year. The ski boat was launched and started right up, however it ran only on one cylinder. It ran fine after I replaced a spark plug. (Sounds simple, but that was the 15th step of the diagnostic checklist) We even had the 7 1/2 motor out and running this time, although it still runs rough and can't go top speed. Continued →

I also was able to do some more tree trimming. This year I bottomed off the trees along the Road and boathouse, including some limbs that were hanging low down by the beach. Of course in true style we had a monstrous bonfire on the beach to get rid of the brush. Harry also built a new light box for the beach light post.

We went to the Central Lake 4th of July parade again but passed on the fireworks by boat this year. Instead we had our own display here on the beach with 2 bagfuls of fireworks. We also went to the Cherry Festival in T.C. which was real fun. The weather has been great and only rained ~~three~~^{three} at night throughout this 2 weeks. It's been a great time.

Notes:

- Fresh gas in both Chrysler Big Boat Tanks
- All Rafts leak except for ski tube
- ??? I could not find the file box that contained the engine manuals? Anyone know?
- Most of the items on the endangered list for the utility room are gone (You will find them in various local yard sales.)

BRUCE & RICKIE - JULY 18 → JULY 24, 1993
WITH PAT & JUDI BARRETT - ARRIVED
4:30 - EXPERIENCED HEAVY RAINS ON WAY
UP. SWIMMING DOCK WAS GONE. . . . IT
HAD BROKEN AWAY AND WAS RESCUED
BY THE ROUGES. THE STEEL CABLE HAD
BROKEN. I FIXED WITH CABLE CLAMPS.
BE SURE TO HOOK ANCHOR CHAIN
AROUND BOTH CABLES IN FUTURE.

EPP1

WEATHER HAS BEEN NICE... 80's & WINDY. ★
THE YARD IS LOOKING GOOD... DID SOME
MORE TRIMMING ON THE PINE TREE
CLOSE TO GARAGE. WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE COFFEE TABLE?? GOT SOME
FIREWOOD FROM RALPH HINES IN CENTRAL
LAKE... 25⁰⁰ DELIVERED FOR 1/2 CORD. WE
WERE TAKING A BIKE RIDE DOWN AT
MORMAN PARK AND THE CHAIN BROKE
ON THE BLACK BIKE... OUCH! THERE ARE
QUITE A FEW MAINTAINANCE ITEMS WHICH
NEED ATTENTION... I WILL PLAN ON
SPENDING TWO WEEKS NEXT YEAR:

SOME OF THEM INCLUDE:

- 1- WINDOW CRANK - REPLACE
- 2- BICYCLES NEED SOME TLC
- 3- PAINT & REPAIR FLOATING DOCK - ^{I HAVE TAKEN CHAIN ON BACK ONE. BG} OVER LABOR DAY, I HOPE.
- 4- LAWNMOWER - ? WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?
- 5- SMALL BOAT MOTOR - " " " " ?
- 6- PAINT COTTAGE - WEVE GOT TO DISCUSS THIS!
- 7- GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT - ^{WOOP FOR SURE!}
- 8- SLOW SINKS - KITCHEN & SHOWER. ^{LIQUID PLUMBER}
- 9- REPAIR DOCK - NEEDS A ^{CEGAR!} ~~FIREWOOD~~ BOARD OR ? DID IT -
- 10- SCREEN DOOR ON PORCH -

HAVE HAD A COOKOUT JUST ABOUT
EVERY NIGHT. HAVENT NEEDED TO USE
THE OIL HEATER, BUT ITS BEEN PRETTY
COOL A FEW MORNINGS. GOT TO GO
WATER SKIING SEVERAL TIMES, BUT
STILL HAVENT FIGURED OUT THE KNEE
BOARD.

8/93-
DIDNT
help.

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★ July 24 - Aug. 6 1993; Copy Kelly Danny, Harvey and Misty. Mary could not come because of her job.

The cabin was clean and neat in every detail. You know, that always impresses a lot. It makes arriving a pleasant experience at any hour. It represents acts of love we do for each other in lieu of closer contact.

We left on Monday 7-26 at 6:30 from Erie. We drove I-90 and picked up, yes, the Ohio Turnpike. We drove all the way, all through the night arriving @ 4:30 AB 7/27/93 - 10 hours.

We drove our 1972 Buick, which on the last trip in 1991, gave us large testicles, all the way here. Reliability has fallen off in recent years, but this year, I laugh laughed an all-out, month-long campaign to get it ready for this year's trip, and it paid off; No car trouble. (1/2 quart oil, \$60.00 gas)

Coffee Maker I returned with a drip coffee maker. I took the Mr. Coffee in 1991 to replace the thermostat. It cost less to replace it with a used unit. I regret the delay.

The new handles on the sink are Nice (faucet) way to go. I put new washers on, and stopped the leaking.

It has been warm enough that we did not use the heater. Consequently, I didn't use the oil stored in the garage, except in the Keasens lamp, and a little for cleaning bicycle parts.

Bicycles I put a new chain on the black bicycle in deperation after riding that red beast 4 days. (IT IS HEAVY DUTY.)

Also on the bicycles, I went over them all, tightening loose wheel bearings, spokes etc. I also trued up crooked rims as best I could. The red beast had a flat tire (rear) which I repaired.

8-3-93 We are about to leave (on 8-5) and I wanted to reeap some activities. I tuned the "Red Beast," which tended to understeer compared to the other bikes. I took the steering apart and cleaned the bearings. I found the lower bearing was installed upside down (downside up?) The difference was remarkable. I actually chose to ride it over the black one. I tightened spokes, and wheel bearings on all of them.

August 12, - August 23 - 1993 Marjorie, Liz, Karla, Rosemary.

We've had a great stay. lots of fun, good weather and many things accomplished to help the cottage. We trimmed the privet hedge, yews, and other bushes that needed it. We planted a gaillardia and coreopsis plus 2 hostas in the window garden. All perennials - hope they survive... Lizzie planted a big sedum from the greenhouse and made a miniature sedum garden by the back door. It looks dear. We spent several days working on the weeds on the beach - furthering Sara's great effort. Maybe if we all keep at it, it will stay looking good again. We bought new washcloths, many light bulbs, and other needed supplies. I washed the rugs, scrubbed the kitchen floor well - and waxed it. Only mopped the center of the livingroom - ~~not~~ and swept the bedrooms. As I mentioned in my letters to you all, we need to do a thorough inside cleaning job.

The kitchen hot water faucet was in delicate condition. Copy fixed it before he went home and it was all right.

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until our last day here, when it gave out again -- So sorry we have to leave it nonfunctional. I have not been able to improve the draining in the kitchen sink. The others are all right. I used first the gentle home remedy approach - baking soda - ^{and} vinegar followed by boiling water. Didn't work. Then I got extra strength Industrial Liquid Pumper - a BIG jug -- Didn't work either.

For fun we swam a lot, boated, skied, biked, shopped, moved, ate, drank, and laughed. Saw Tom Greene. He said Carol has moved back to Florida, so her girls weren't here this summer.

Copy made an antenna chart for the TV --- it helped. We watched Buell Durham one night.

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Lizzie -
We drove my Prostar and got here in 7 1/2 hrs. It rode well.

~~We~~ have had a great time, I got a bike at a yard sale for 10.00 and put a tire & tube on the front. It's a really nice girls bike, much easier without the bar to hurt you. It's great that four people can bike ride. Well, I got up on the knee board on about the third try. It's really hard on your arms, but, you can spin backwards once you're going. It was fun, my arms weren't strong enough to do it very long, Skiing is much easier. The girls tried the tube but, it seems to sink. It won't skim the water like all the other 3000 tubes on the lake. (I think they have bottoms)
The front dips and gives them big face fulls of water. Needless to say, they are afraid to do it.

We used all the boats except the canoe, I sailed across the lake two times, the girls rowed the row boat a lot. I painted the bench seats of the row boat with 3 coats of urethane; they were very thirsty. Mom was always busy doing something and I sort of followed her cue. We really got a lot done around here. The Seagull is Capt. Poopy; lots of swans, deer, wild turkeys, raccoons, ducks - we saw all & loved it

1993

SEPT 3 TO 7 - LABOR DAY WEEKEND
BRUCE & RICKIE - LEFT HOME FRIDAY
AT NOON... ARRIVED AT 7:00PM -
KIND OF RAINY AND OVERCAST ALL
THE WAY UP, BUT CLEAR AND SUNNY
WHEN WE GOT HERE. TOOK IN THE
SWIMMING DOCK, BOAT & DOCK IN
THAT ORDER - NO SNAGS. DID
A QUICKY FIX-IT JOB ON THE SINK
FAUCET... IT'S NOT VERY PRETTY,
BUT IT WORKS! THE SINK NEEDS TO
BE BACK FLUSHED WITH A GARDEN
HOSE... I WILL PLAN ON TACKLING
IT NEXT SUMMER. THE WEATHER
HAS BEEN BEAUTIFUL... GETS COOL
AT NIGHT SO THAT YOU HAVE TO
START THE HEATER IN THE MORNING
I BOUGHT A TOOL SET TO SUPPLEMENT
THE DWINDLING SUPPLY OF WRENCHES.
HAVE JUST BUMMED AROUND FOR
A FEW DAYS... WHEN TO TRAVERSE
CITY AND PETOSKY. RICKIE WORKED
ON BEACH SOMEMORE; CLEARED SOME
OF THE ROCKS. ALSO, ADDED ROCKS
TO SIDE FLOWER BED. THE NEW PLANTS
ARE STILL ALIVE... HOPE THEY MAKE
IT. OH DAMN! I FORGOT TO BRING UP
THE FLOWER PLANT MARJORIE GAVE ME!
I'LL TRY TO REMEMBER TO GIVE IT TO
CAROLYN.

Very nice & quiet for a holiday weekend & gorgeous weather.
Not many boats out & quiet next door, too.

EPP1

The Cottage was beautiful inside & out when we got here! Thank you! I didn't dig up the rocks in the middle of the beach so we can get the swimming dock rolled up into the yard. Still need to do the ones on the other side, but I ran out of time, energy, & inclination.

Oct 14 → 17 We arrived at 6³⁰ P to the sun breaking through the clouds at sunset. John + Sara The temp. was in a comfortable upper 50's and stayed in the 40's at night the couple days we were here. The leaves were at there after peak with plenty of color all around. It rained all day and very foggy in the morning the day Mom + Dad arrived, but cleared by evening. The place looked Great when we arrived from everyone's effort this previous summer. We did a whole lot of nothing besides driving around and buying stuff we didn't need. It looked like a wet Sept. here because the grass was very green and still growing all around. It sure was a God Send to see a real tool kit & fire wood in the garage. Directions to the Knee Board (or should I say Helpful Hints) will be included in future writings. It was extra Great to be up here when Mom + Dad were here for closedown.

Notes: — Propane tank ran out, new one ordered 10/15
— Space Heater kept going out after burning for few hours.
— We bought 3 varieties of garden hoses at a moving sale for \$1.00 a piece for beach cleaning. We cleaned out more beach area in no time at all.

Sat-Sun-Mon

Oct 16th - 17th Meter: 71.4 Rt. Propane tank in us.

Len, Carolyn & Lucy Lily Libby Summer W.A., arrived Sat at 2:30 PM after a rainy drive up. So nice to be here w/ John + Sara. The Space heater worked its own glitches out, works fine now Everything is beautiful in the cottage. I took "The coffee table" home to repair it, it will return, I didn't think anyone would notice, I am also taking home the pennies to replace the missing ones & mount them

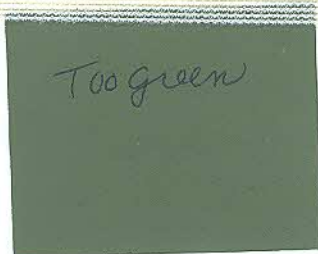
1994 Beatrice M. Greer 8/10/07 - 4-22-94 86½y old
We will all miss her so much

Thur Fri Sat Sun
May 12-13-14-15th Len & Carolyn & Lucy arrived at 2pm
Beautiful warm weather. Cottage weathered the winter well.

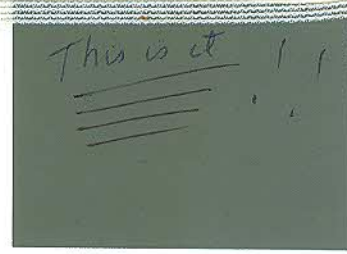
Rt propane tank in use. Meter reading 714. Everything opened up
real easy. The weather is sunny, breezy & 70°. The Best we
have had in years. Most of cottage was scraped. We removed all the
old caulk on foundation & replaced it. We brought 3 paints of
the color candidates for the cottage & the winner was ↓



Esplanade



Valley Forge



MEADOW DUSK

(This showed all
the flaws in wood)

(This was just too
Too green)

(This looked the best!
its pretty close to what
was on before but more grey
in it)

We were really glad to get the caulk replaced, it will
be nice because the caulk will be set & can just be
painted in July.

We didn't tackle the garage. It can be scraped & the
caulk replaced first, in July & then painted after 24 hrs.

Three wild turkeys ambled into our yard, (2 females & a
gander) Every 5 min or so the male turkey flared out into
the classic turkey pose - It was wild!

We looked at replacement wood screen doors for cottage, also
figured the best solution for garage door was just a replacement
of face of door, ¼" ply wood ~~could~~ do it just fine.

Left Sunday AM. for return home - looking forward to July

(P.S. Coffee table has been returned after repair of surf use.)

Spring 1994

Lawn mower - new spark plug, oil changed, new air filter, blades sharpened. Works great! Thanks to Len.

May 20 → 23

Fr → Mon.

John & Sara

Arrived Friday afternoon to warm & sunny weather. It got into the 90's each day over the weekend and a comfortable 50's at night. We were able to set up the dock on a hot afternoon, but the water temperature was very cold. (Not sure how cold, I had to look and feel if my legs were still attached) Of course when setting up the 2nd to last dock section, the post hits this ancient buried log that we couldn't get around unless we re-routed the entire dock. This took an additional hour to tackle. The log piece is on the beach holding up the 1st section.

We put 2 bags of lawn fertilizer and 10 lbs. of grass seed on the lawn to see what would happen. I Raked many pine cones & needles to clear the ground. Sara did some more beach clearing. It's not as thick as it used to be. Dad had cut the grass last week and was still low. Had a great weekend and looking forward to our Summer Stay to tackle more projects.

Note: I noticed one barrel on the swim raft that looks crushed or badly dented since I had seen it last. (If fact, it looks like a beer can in the clutches of an angry Redneck.)

June 27

to July 9

John & Sara

Mostly Rainy weather these 2 weeks. Only had 3 good days of solid sunshine. It rained on the 4th of July and the fireworks were cancelled till Friday the 9th. Scraping done on cottage and garage in preparation of the weekend painting gathering. Lawn was mowed twice within this period.

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6/27 → 7/9 (Continued)

Boat: - New battery was purchased due to old one not holding a charge (it was 6 yrs old.)
- Motor prepped before launching.

~ Boat runs great so far this year.

Had a great time & was a real treat seeing and working with everyone up here all together.

JULY - 7 - 11 BRUCE AND RICKIE -
ARRIVED AROUND 8:00 PM... CHECKED
INTO CENTRAL LAKE MOTEL @ \$32 / NIGHT -
STOPPED BY COTTAGE FOR SHORT VISIT WITH
SARA (JOHN WAS VISITING) - SAW CAROLYN AND
LEN AT MOTEL. THE WEATHER WAS VERY
"IFFY" ON FRIDAY, OUR FIRST BIG DAY,
BUT IT DIDN'T RAIN. GOT THE WHOLE
COTTAGE PAINTED EXCEPT FOR SOME OF
THE WHITE TRIM. MARGE DID UP A GREAT
SPAGHETTI DINNER, WE WERE POORED SO
WE TURNED IN EARLY. NEXT DAY FINISHED
THE TRIM, FIXED THE MAIN DOOR TO THE
GARAGE, REDID THE FRONT AND BACK SCREEN
DOORS, FIXED THE SINK WITH NEW FAUCET.
WOW! DID WE GET ALOT DONE!
HAD OUR "BUSINESS" MTG. BOY WAS I
SORE ON SUNDAY AM! DID SOME WORK ON
THE SWIMMING POOL... WILL NEED TO REPLACE
A BOARD. SEALED IT WITH PENTACROL, AND
WILL PAINT IT WITH DECK PAINT WHEN FIN

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ALL-
FAMILY
Gathering
to
paint
and
repair
Cottage

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BACK IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. WILL ALSO PLAN
TO HAVE A MINI-GARAGE SALE TO GET RID OF
EXCESS "STUFF".

July 7-11 Just for the Record - Present and Working
Marjorie on this weekend: Carolyn, Lennie, John, Sara,
Copy, Marjorie, Bruce and Richie, Harvey III
and Bobby Brigham... well, Harvey and Bobby
worked on catching crawdads, popping fireworks, etc.
(They were good kids... didn't bother the working
grown ups.) As Bruce said, we feel we
really accomplished a lot... it was a great
family experience and our Heritage Cottage
benefitted from the dedicated, working hands
of our family crew. The improved look
on all angles is quite remarkable.
We said goodbye one by one to everybody -
John and Sara left on Sat, Car. + Len on Sun,
and the rest of us on Mon. morning.

July 7-11, 1994 "Copy," Harvey, and Bobby Brigham.

We arrived @ 1:15 AM on Friday morning after a difficult
trip of lightning and heavy rain. I came with
Marjorie. We were concerned ~~how~~ how well we would work
together, but that worry did not materialize, and
we had a wonderful efficient work/eat/drink
cycle of accomplishment. I ~~was~~ hope we can all
get together periodically in the future.

Harvey and Bobby acted like they were in heaven
and provided the Alpha waves which graced us all.
This place would not be the same without children
playing in the water; ~~with~~ with musical laughter...

7-11-94 Copy, Harvey and Bobby.

While cleaning the cottage to leave the hose on the Eureka tank vacuum split near the end. I believe it could be taped for use. A new hose can be purchased. The following is tasks I will do when I (and family) come up 8/3/94.:

1. Tighten toaster knob.
2. Clean + repaint shower/floor

Fri, July 15 - Sat, July 23rd Jessica & Keith Baker

It's been 3 years since I was up here - it felt great to be back. We got a late afternoon start on Friday but made good time, especially considering the fact that we were hauling Keith's boat, & got here about 10:30 PM. The trip took 9 hours, & we were entertained most of the way by eavesdropping on the truckers around us via CB - all I can say is, never mess with a trucker! You'll suddenly find yourself hemmed in by 2 or 3 others 15 miles down the road. They really stick together... and keep those legs covered!

We've had a lot of activity... the boat we brought up is Keith's new fishing boat, which had a depth finder. There are a lot of fish in this lake (believe it or not)! The picture on the bulletin board is just one of the Northern Pike's Keith caught, & it's about 34" long, with many wicked TEETH. We let everything we catch go, so watch out - it's waiting out there for revenge. We went to Charlevoix a couple times & ~~also~~ fished off the pier by the drawbridge. Lake Michigan was beautiful - it was as smooth as glass. We also went to the dunes (that scenic route is awesome - thanks for recommending it). We also went to Traverse City twice because

we got there late the first time & almost everything was closed. There's a couple things in TC that we really recommend I've put the cards for the places on the bulletin board): The first is a plane ride through Torchport. For \$60, 1, 2, or 3 people get 20 minutes in the plane... normally they take you over Torch & the bay, but since we asked they took us over Torch, the bay, & Lake Intermediate. We got to see our cabin from the air - everything is incredibly beautiful from the sky, & so we took a roll & 1/2 of pictures!! Hopefully the ones of the cabin will turn out good. A husband & wife run the planes, & they're both really nice & know what they're doing (a plus, considering you're riding 1000+ feet up in the sky). The second thing that we really enjoyed was actually in TC, in the arcade, first store on the right. It's a place called Twisted Crystal, & you can make your own/ design your own & they'll make it/ or give them creative carte blanche (subject to your approval). They make bracelets, anklets, necklaces, rings, & earrings w/ crystals, stones, & beads - anything you want. I got a custom designed frog necklace made for \$10. It's really a lot of fun, so check it out!

The rest of our time was spent in swimming, snorkeling, feeding ducks & swans, & of course eating. I also mopped all the floors, recovered the ^{top of the} blanket cupboard in the master bedroom, & washed all the picture windows. The place looks just wonderful*, & I'm really sorry to leave... it's so beautiful & peaceful up here. I hope everyone enjoys themselves as much as we did!

*nice
job painting,
everyone!!

JULY 23 - AUG 3 - BRUCE AND RICKIE -
ARRIVED MID AFTERNOON - PAT AND JUDI
BARRETT DROVE SEPARATELY. WEATHER
MODERATE... NICE, LOTS OF ACTIVITY...
FINISHED UP THE SWIMMING DOCK... AFTER
PUTTING UP THE WIND SOCK AND THE BUCKET,
THERE WAS NO SIGN OF "THE CAPTAIN"... WOW,
MAYBE WE GOT RID OF HIM? DID SOME
CAULKING AND PAINTING OF MISC HOLES,
REPLACED THE DOCK BOARDS, HAD A "BEAUTIFUL"
GARAGE SALE.... ITS TOUGH SELLING JUNK...
GROSSED \$15.50 - STILL A COUPLE OF ITEMS
TO SELL. (THE BIKE - PURPLE GIRLS) THE
OLD FIREPLACE GRATE, I BROUGHT
UP MY BIKE... THE GREEN STERN...
COPY, IT NEEDS SOME TLC. AND I
BOUGHT UP THE FIREPLACE GRATE FROM
3653 DARNOW RD AKA 195 HUDSON RD, AND
IT FITS GREAT. I DID A BUNCH OF SMALL
ITEMS, TRIED THE ^{SKI}BOARD AGAIN, DID A LITTLE
BETTER, BUT STILL NOT "THERE". THE
BOAT WASNT RUNNING REAL WELL, SO
SKIING WAS TOUGH TO GET STARTED -
BOUGHT SOME NEW ITEMS... 4 GREEN
PLASTIC TABLES, SCREW DRIVERS,
FIREWOOD (RALPH HINES 45⁰⁰ BORD DEL.)
MISC CABIN ITEMS (LIGHT BULBS, MATCHES,
VACUUM BAGS, SHELF PAPER, ETC - RICKIE
REDID THE BATHROOM SHELF, AND THE
KITCHEN SHELF UNIT - FIREWOOD... BOUGHT
A FULL CORD AND IT A LOT OF WOOD -
BE CAREFUL AROUND THE WOOD STACK, ESPECIALLY
THE KIDS. HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW

SAUNDER WARDROBES? QUITE AN
IMPROVEMENT OVER THE OLD CARDBOARD
ONES. PAT AND JUDI LEFT ON SAT SO
RICKIE AND I SPENT A FEW DAYS
BY OURSELVES.

The weather has been quite nice, but sort of
in-between. Not cold enough for jackets, but too cold
for swimming, except for kids (70-75°). It hasn't
been real cold at night, though, so the water is warm.

Jackets & hats that had been hanging by the back
door are now in the wardrobe in the twin bedroom,
in case anyone needs/wants them.

Bruce really did wonders clearing up the remains
of the clean-up & garage sale. Stuff went for recycling,
the Book Nook, & the Nifty Thrifty in Bellaire, & only a
minimum to the dump.

Watch out for the group of 4 blood thirsty swans (the
Gang of Four?)!

P.S. I put up a new shower curtain. I really like
it because it is actually long enough & wide enough!
For those who don't, the old one is cleaned & folded on
the bottom shelf in the bathroom & original hooks are
still on the rod.

Oh-almost forgot! There are loons up here this year!
We didn't see any, but we heard them several times -
sort of like a crazy laughing call. Neat!

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August 9 thru 8/10/94 Copy, Mary, Harvey Kelly and Danny.

I found to my horror I had requested off the weekend following when I was scheduled to come up. Jenny and Harry will be coming on Thurs 8/11, and we will depart at that time. We decided to come anyway, even for a couple of days.

We completed the 532 mile trip in 10 hours. We used the Ohio Turnpike and 23. Traffic was very light. We stopped 3 times - two for gas, and I for a flashlight. The instrument panel light spontaneously extinguished themselves and I had no idea how much gas there was, or how fast we were going. Made good time though. The weather is cool - 90 at night, sixty at noon. I tracked the Canadian high on the weather channel, and so I wasn't surprised.

The freezer in the fridge was so loaded with ice that the door was bent. I suggest when people leave, that the fridge be set on "defrost." The underpan must be left empty. 90% of the ice will melt off, but everything stays cold. Saves energy too.

8/10 thru 8/14 Jenny & Harry

The cottage looks great. We really enjoyed the stereo as well. The float escaped during a storm on 8/8 & the neighbors rescued it during the storm. (Jim Keyser) We just pulled it up. We also replaced the light post at the beach. Weather was iffy - warm & cold alternating. Also the new closets are a great improvement.

August 16-23 1994
Lizzie, Karla, Rose, Phoebe & Steve Stallard

8:10 Phoebe & Steve just got here!
I haven't been to this cabin in 9 years
I didn't ~~remember~~ remember much but now
things have started to come back to
me in a steady flow. I'm so happy
that my family has these wonderful
hideaways. I know Steve is in a
enjoyable state. He has never had
the means to go on these kind of
trips. I was so excited on the way
here. Rose, Karla, Liz are going to a
bonfire tonight. Steve & I are staying
behind. well Lots of love!!! Phoebe

8:20 We are having a good time, trip up was ok
until we started to have van trouble in Toledo.

It stalls and starts right up, we got here in
good time and had no more problems until
today. It's still stalling and I'm going to get
it looked at before going home. Phoebe & the
Girls are really bonding. I'm showing and teaching
Phoebe & Steve all the rules & heritage of the
cottage & they love it. I've said all the stories
of "when I was A Kid, Jenny & I ^{used} ~~used~~ to."

The Girls remind me of Jenny & I when we were young.

8:23 The van has been driving ok after putting dry gas & injection cleaner
in the gas tank. It will be a fingers crossed trip home.
We have had a wonderful time, I skied once, sailed once,
fished (No Luck) swam. We made HoBo. pies on a
beach fire for lunch, saw Charlevoix & Brownwood.
Had great meals prepared by Phoebe, made sand candles
saw John Shepard (he liked Steve ~~the~~) We saw the Green (Holden's)
the day we got here, they flew to Florida the next morning.

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We had two rainy days, the roof was dripping in between the two bedrooms. We marked the spot with a thumb tack. The switch for the bathroom light seems like it has a short, it won't turn on at times, it has to be wiggled or turned off and on again.

Steve fixed the oven door so it will stay shut but the stopper hinges were rusted out. They served no purpose, he took them out. The ~~robot~~ pilot on the RIGHT is on, light it or, turn it off with a screwdriver. It's nice to not have to light the burners each time.

The cottage looks beautiful, Harvey & Mother would be very proud of everything you all did. I miss Mother and was very moved by reading her log entries of the past. See ya next year, Fizzie

Oh yea, I had to schedule two classes at KSU. over the phone in Central lake on the 18th. It worked.

Sept 9th - 16th Len, Carolyn, Lucy arrived at 2:30 PM to warm sunny weather. Friday night got cold but ^{the} rest of week was warm.

Front door was not locked. The cottage is clean & beautiful.

Len bleached & cleaned the roof facing the road, it looks good with no black stain on it, he re-tarred the chimney, etc.

Hopefully ~~he~~ fixed the leak Lizzie mentioned. We pulled out everything & sweep & scrubbed the floor where needed.

The new shower curtain is a plus, you don't realize how bad something ~~was~~ ^{is} until it's replaced. The wardrobes are just perfect, they really fit right in. They were so nice looking we went & bought a book case so the books had a better place to rest. Rickie I saw the loons in the middle of the lake, did you see the 4 + turkeys? I had to leave the braces in, to hold the styrofoam

(parts need welded)

in the toilet tank, they don't effect the flush. We still get a lot of water on the floor from condensation from toilet bowl, but its not as bad as it was before. I left the caulk in the service room because I'll give the seams another shot when we drain the toilet tank over the winter. Len mowed the lawn. I tried to fix the ding in the floor by back door, but didn't do a very good job the epoxy was too thick now it looks like something is stuck on the floor.

On Thur afternoon discovered leak in fuel(oil) tank all of 5 gal of K-I we poured in on Mon. is gone, there is a rusted area on bottom of tank, I stuck a pin in the hole & covered the ground with sand so the EPA won't get us. If it gets real cold its your problem, if not, its our problem when we come on Oct 29 when we come to close the place down.

Len also changed washers in bathroom, they still drip but not as bad. Also added outlet in twin bed room, he recycled one from garage.

It was a wonderful visit, left 8AM.

SEPT 16 - 18 - BRUCE & RICKIE - JUST A QUICKIE TRIP TO TAKE IN THE DOCK AND BOAT - DIDN'T MAKE IT UP OF LABOR DAY THIS TIME, ARRIVED FRIDAY AT 2:00 PM - NICE TRIP - NICE WEATHER. NO SNAGS.... WELL, ALMOST. WE FORGOT TO BRING A KEY BUT LUCKILY, SMITHS HAD ONE. DID SOME PRUNING ON THE LAKE FRONT CYPRUS... MORE LAKE! ARRIVED, AND GOT BOAT, BOUGHT BOARDS AND CEMENT BLOCKS (SORRY, LEN), AND TOOK IN DOCK -

NEXT DAY (SAT), WE CLEANED THE BOAT BOTTOM, BUT DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO WAX AND POLISH BOAT. I REALLY LIKE THE BOOK CASE AND THE NEW SHELF IN KITCHEN! WEATHER NICE.... DIDN'T NEED THE HEATER NOR FIREPLACE. I THINK IT WILL BE EASIER TO REPLACE THE FUEL DRUM THAN TRYING TO SAVE IT - I'LL LOOK FOR ONE... A SIDE BUNG!! GETTING AN EARLY START TO RETURN HOME ON SUNDAY AM... WOW! THIS IS A NEAT PLACE -

October 9 → 12 John + Sara

We arrived here from Columbus (432 miles) in a Record 6 hrs. 50 min. Drove as though I had a spat of the runs looking for the next Rest Stop. Very warm, windy and Sunny. The leaves look as though they have not reached their peak yet, but still very colorful. It Rained and stormed hard over the weekend during all the festivities. Sara + I were the only ones to go on Central Lakes' Fall color tour that was state-wide advertised (Tourism at its best) We also attended the Apple Festival in Charlevoix. Lake Michigan had 6-8 foot waves that day and was quite the sight.

Mon → Wed were sunny, calm days in the mid 60's. The nights were cold + frost in the morning. We just did some quality leisure time those days. The place looks great after an active summer. It even looks like some of my grass seed and fertilizer took hold. The flowers are a pretty touch.

Oct. 29 Sat. - here Sun 30 left Mon 31st



Meter reading - 765 Rt propane tank in use as of 10/30

ordered new tank 10/30/94

Sun shine & 60°, beautiful weather, Len mowed lawn
We did a patch job on ^{old} fuel oil tank, I painted new
Tank in preparation for setting it up next year

Everything looks beautiful. The store is in very bad
Shape, even down is falling off & it leaks badly, I
feared for my life, thank goodness for leaky cottage
This needs corrected! & fast!

Everything closed up nicely, we left early Monday.

John & Sare - thanks for the great pumpkin. Surprise!