

2016

Monday May 30, (Memorial Day)

Got here at 5⁰⁰ for our maintenance week - cottage was neat as a pin, - Thanks, Copy. -

No water, pump was out, actually the well. was out when Copy got here, so we contacted Steve Bacon. Well is the old pressurized jet system - has developed leaks. Contacted him to drill a new one - supposedly this week.

Tuesday May 31

Got up and started chores. Old foam bumpers at the beach were to be thrown out. Trash day is Thursday June 2. Threw out cots, and cleaned above bathroom. Threw out small chest, and tidied linen. where the foam bumpers and dock was, totally overgrown. We cleared it out. Joe painted the picnic table with the paint left over from Copy painting the exterior this spring. Mowed the lawn.

Put the dock out, our first time. Didn't realize the blocks went on the beach under the 1st pier till all done. On well. Learning curve.

Wed June 1

County Lady came for the well approval. It appears that the well must be 50 ft from septic, and septic 100 ft from lake. She was concerned about the age and style of the septic. Expressed concern about failure. I stressed that usage was minimal - only 2 bdrms here, and seasonal - so she let it go. (over)

But, she put the new well in front of the house. Probably better, because the well head can't be vulnerable to being hit by a car as it would be if placed in rear. However, the feeder line must cross the sink drain. I couldn't tell her about that. -

Thursday June 2 -

Steve Baern got here at 9⁰⁰am to drill the new well. New well all in by 5:30 - water pressure is fantastic - the utility room is clear and Steve Baern is a great guy!!

Also, Steve is the owner of Bellaire Jog cabins - asked him about fixing the side -

going home Friday - back in a week or so -

June 20-29 - 2016 Lizzie & Marjorie, Peter Dog
23-29 Anne & Mim Jackson (her grade school friend)
Weather was sunny & windy w rain one morning Sun. So there was no Flea Market @ Brownwood. We went and walked around anyway and I got doughnuts. 😊
We all went to Charlevoix and Guntzwillers to enjoy some shopping. I got some new VCR Tapes and we had our own movie night every evening. Mom & I enjoyed "The Graduate" and many more.
The cottage needs a new copy of Dances w Wolves. Ours is cracked. Bellaire Flea Market on Friday's had a copy for 50¢ but I didn't know our copy was bad. 8-12 Fridays Buy the tape if you see it. Mom, Anne & I were sitting at →

The window table drinking coffee when we learned of LeeAnn's unexpected passing. I was very sad for her loss and remembered getting to know her up here. We were all shocked and had John in our thoughts and prayers.

I did a lot of walking w petey on road & trails. I let him off the leash in the woods and he got to be a "real" dog exploring & tracking. Rock hunted at Charlevoix, Nature Preserve and Torch Lake public Park. While alone I locked my keys in Jeep at Torch park.

Window was cracked open and a man got a hanger and hooked my keys from the seat into my hand! Wow - Checking twice before closing door. Did not find many petoskeys, water level was high.

Mom & I ate at Shorts for the first time and had a great lunch. Bakersfield & Roben.

We washed bedroom & bathroom rugs and mowed once. Grass is growing fast.

New well gives a lot of pressure and was blowing out gasket in kitchen.

Drip was stopped with Teflon tape. Shower is best when turned on

just a little bit to soften shower spray.

The well should ALWAYS Be Turned OFF at the breaker box when cottage is empty.

Until the pressure level of the well is reduced these old fixtures are at risk of bursting. To avoid days of flowing water in the cottage water should not be left on when leaving. Michigan Magic was enjoyed by All June 2016

June 20-29 Mayjone

We had a good combination of bright, beautiful Michigan days and nippy nights. It was great seeing the stuffed animal museum - Guntzillers - after hearing about ^{it} for some time. I was very grateful to be in our beautiful retreat again with both of my daughters - along with Mimi whom I have known since she was a child.

July 9th-16th Jess, Jenna, Marissa, Will, Jenna's friends Katie Borkholder & Lauren Oke, & Roo

We had a wonderful week! The weather was beautiful the first few days (80° ish & sunny), and while it got up to 90° + Weds & Thurs it cooled down at night so the cabin didn't get too oven-y. Then Fri we had a grey, chilly "Michigan Day" but the sun came out just in time to give us one final sunset. We did lots of swimming^{or}, snorkeling, row-boating, & lazing about - along with the usual activities of going to Bachman's, Bellaire, Brownwood, ^{Alden} Charlevoix & Traverse City. We had a lot of fun showing Katie & Lauren the sights, but also just making plenty of time to relax & do whatever at the cottage, which is always glorious. (Marissa watched "Titanic" at least six times.) Mostly what we did? Laugh. Talk. Enjoy each other. Which is a perfect, magical way to spend a week here.

Some misc stuff: The door to the ^{Small} ~~big~~ bedroom is broken. Or more precisely, the brackets that hold the one side closed are broken. I don't know if they can be replaced but the door itself is fine.

The water heater should probably be turned off if we're going to turn off the well. It's too easy for it to burn up if there's no water ... just my (actually Keith's) suggestion.

The grocery store in Central Lake allows you to drop off ~~of~~ your trash there any time they are open - they charge \$3/bag. This made me so happy as trash disposal is always a problem for us. Also, Bellaire has recycling bins across from Shanty Creek which are available

the water was perfect!

P.S. Not sure how long the green bath mat has been hanging in the bathroom - I meant to take it w/ our stuff to the laundromat but I forgot. It looks like it's seen better days too...

24/7. Plastics 1-7, ^{cans, glass,} paper, cardboard - no need to sort.

I didn't mow. I did pick up about 7 million sticks - not sure if we had a big storm or if the trees are just shedding a lot. We really missed Keith, who was working & not able to get away. But we still had a lovely time & I really enjoyed being totally outnumbered by 5 great kids. More memories - my heart is happy. ♥

July 22 - 31 Harvey III & Rique, Emily, Danny & TWINS OLLIE & JOSIE (1), FRIENDS JASON & TORI TRANT

Rique and I arrived after a fairly quiet ride from our new home in St. Clairsville, OH. Our friends Jason & Tori met us later in the day followed by Danny, Emily, and the twins that night. A full house of babies in the cottage meant some camping out in the yard with tents to accommodate. This was not as bad as it may sound with wonderful weather throughout our stay.

The hot and clear days meant lots of time in and around the lake for swimming and to give the babies time to meet their daily quota of sand/rock eating. We also invested in an enormous "float city" floating patio which seats 6-8 adults - complete with built-in drink holders and 2 coolers! We left it in the garage, so feel free to inflate and use if you feel like lake lounging.

As far as yard work, I spent a bit of time on my Sisyphus-esque task of hauling eroded sand back onto the beach. I rebuilt a rock border near where the dock is set up to make the yard/beach border more distinguishable.

RE: COLIFORM IN THE WELL WATER

~~RE:~~ I performed another independent test for coliform and definitely confirmed the initial test results. While it may sound alarming, the truth is that coliform in groundwater wells is extremely common like Bruce mentioned in his email with the fact sheet. I'd bet that it was also present in the old well - we just didn't have it tested so we didn't know.

Our options are to do a chlorine bleach disinfection/flush to kill current contamination and re-test to see if that did the trick. If not, we have other treatment options available for ongoing disinfection if necessary.

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July 22-31 Harvey III et. al.

→ In the mean time, here are the water options:

1. Boil water (rolling boil) for 3 minutes to kill coliform.
2. Buy bottled - we've left some gallons of Glacier from Family Fare in Bellaire which can be refilled there for 39 cents each.
3. Drink the water anyway - I drank it with no ill-effects. We all showered, washed dishes, rinsed off, etc. and did not experience problems.

For younger children, it's advised to drink bottled water to be on the safe side.

We'll get the water problem solved, everyone. If all else fails, we can survive by drinking the pure, unfiltered lake water which we have a bountiful amount of available. -:) Kidding!

See you all in October,

- HARVEY III

August 8-13 Nora, Stephanie + Ethan

Another magical experience. Lots of sunbathing and stargazing. Trips to Alden and Charlevoix. Explored Fisherman's Island State Park. It has a lovely crescent beach with good Petoskey hunting, and some nice rugged trails along the forested ridge-line between campsites. Bruce and Rickie came up on Thursday. Had a couple of yummy dinners at the Blue Pelican. Visited Brownwood and the mostly-flooded beach at Torch Lake City, where we found more Petoskeys. This was the first year I got into looking for them.

The pair of swans has been coming right up to our beach! Nora named them Bert and Emma. The beach looks great! Thank you!

~~impatient~~

AUG 11 TO 18 - BRUCE + RICKIE - CAME UP ON THURSDAY ON A HOT SUNNY DAY. WE STAYED AT THE BLUE PELICAN FOR TWO NIGHTS TO OVERLAP WITH ETHAN + STEPH FAMILY. IT HAS BEEN A VERY HOT DRY SUMMER AND THE LAWN ARE ALL BROWNED OUT. WE HAD A VERY HEAVY RAIN FALL ON ONE NIGHT WHICH REALLY COOLED OFF EVERYTHING. AFTER ETHAN + STEPH LEFT EARLY SAT IT WAS RAINY SO WE STAYED AROUND THE COTTAGE. PAT + JUDY ARRIVED LATE SUNDAY, DELAYED BY A FLAT TIRE. WE SPENT OUR TIME PLAYING BRIDGE AND EATING... THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES. WE DRANK THE WATER WITH NO ISSUES. I FIXED THE BROKEN DOOR. WE ~~HAD~~ HEADED FOR HOME EARLY THURSDAY MORNING. TOOK CAROLYN TO DINNER AT SHANTY CREEK THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Closing - 2016

Sept 5- Labor Day

Joe + I arrived 9:30 Labor Day, - Monday
Took the dock in.

Tues.

Joe mowed the lawn,
I cleaned the drain pit out, faucets almost covered.

Got another well test kit, but won't be able to test till spring - office is closed.

Dug the rot out of the back wall.

Back wall covered - was supposed to be fixed but raining,

Wed

Joe fixed the shower faucets from leaking -
Temporarily covered back wall - full of rot -
Bloom came out + pumped the septic -
was very full - overdue to be pumped.

Found a handyman who has fixed Bellaire
Joe homes before - he is doing the walls.
Got a break in the rain so he came to do
it before we left.

5pm - Steve came + we drained the well -

5:15 going to Ohio -

See you in the spring -

Joe + Anne

Opening

2017

Wednesday May 31

Got there at 10 pm - didn't leave till after
Joe's disability hearing. Traffic bad at
Ann Arbor. Just turned on electric,
left water till morning

Thursday June 1

Today is trash day, but nothing to
put out.

Turned on the water - all was OK -
new instructions in front -

Mowed - grass was 2 ft high -
Huge pine branch down in front - Joe
chopped up + burned it.

Mailbox was rotted off at ground -
nebor propped it against boat house -
Joe dug and installed a new post.

Cleaned - usual spider shit everywhere

Friday June 2

Joe finished trimming out new aball.
Then we took down all the screens and
cleaned them. Put the dock up - Its
on its last legs -

Leaving to night -

Have a good season everyone -

Love,

Joe + Anne

June 18-23 Ethan, Stephanie + Nora

We got pretty lucky with the weather for so early in the season. Nora and I half-lived on the dock, as usual. So many ducklings! Took Nora to Sleeping Bear Dunes for the first time. We celebrated solstice by stargazing from the dock. Ethan and Nora saw a shooting star at the exact moment of solstice: 12:24 a.m. on the 21st. I saw one shoot across the Milky Way a few minutes later. Overlapped with Bruce and Rickie and had a couple of nice dinners with them at the Blue Pelican, where they were staying.

The time here was magical, as always.

BRUCE & RICKIE JUNE 21-

CAME UP WED 21ST WITH MINIMAL HASSLE. THERE WAS LOTS OF CONSTRUCTION, BUT NO TIE-UPS. WE STAYED 2 NIGHTS AT THE BLUE PELICAN AND HAD DINNER THERE WITH ETHAN + FAMILY - I GOT A PILE OF FIREWOOD DELIVERED BY DYLAN BUFFMAN IN CENTRAL LAKE (\$80), MOWED THE "GRASS". THE MOWER IS A BIT TRICKY TO GET STARTED (THE CHOKE ISN'T WORKING PROPERLY) IT RUNS OK ONCE IT WARMS UP (AFTER HOLDING THE CHOKE IN BY HAND). I BROUGHT UP SOME FINS, MASKS, & SNORKELS. BTW... THANK YOU TO WHOEVER MOVED THE WOOD RACK SO THAT THE DOOR OPENS! SPOKE TO "HILL TOP LAWN SERVICES" WHO ARE MOWING OUR NEIGHBORS YARDS - WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER THEM FOR SPRING & FALL CLEAN-UP. I GOT THEIR GARD CARD

2017

ETHAN, STEPH, & NORA LEFT FOR HOME ON FRIDAY, AND WE SETTLED IN. WE WENT SLEEPING BEAR DUNES ON SAT, AND DROVE THE PIERCE STOCKING SCENIC DRIVE - PAT & JUDI BARRETT CAME UP ON SUNDAY - THE WEATHER TURNED UGLY ON MONDAY... COLD & RAINY - THANK GOODNESS THERE WAS SOME FUEL OIL... THE HEATER WORKED GREAT - WE STAYED IN ALL DAY PLAYING BRIDGE. BOUGHT 10 GALS OF KEROSENE (\$39.60) IN ELSWORTH. WE WERE ABLE TO ENJOY A WALK EVERY MORNING (BETWEEN THE RAIN SHOWERS). I UPDATED THE COTTAGE FILES ADDING IN THE MOST RECENT YEARLY FILE FOLDERS.

July 1st - July 8th 2017 - Jess, Keith, Jenna, Marissa, Will, Julie Denton, Lauren Oke, Rood & Kono ☺ Our time here was wonderful but went much too quickly. Since this was Julie's first time here we took a day & did the Dunes - everyone made it to the top! We took a trip to Traverse City, hunted for petoskeys @ Eastport, picked cherries - and since Keith was here for the first time in 4(?) years we had the boat, so we "big mabled" our hearts out. We also got to ride down to Central Lake for the fireworks over the lake (which were quite lovely - this year). We had a brief visit w/ Carolyn & Jenny too, which was great - so good to see & hug them both. Lauren was a huge help all week... because of her, I did not have to do the dishes once!! And we had absolutely perfect weather - sunny & milder in the beginning of the week for our dune trip, but warmer & still sunny to allow for lots of swimming for the rest of the week. We didn't really do any projects except we did put the swim dock out, & we bought some cleaning supplies. All in all we had a wonderful time as usual & are sorry to have to leave so soon. ♥

July 8-15, 2017 - HARVEY III & RICAQUE, CORY CARR & SARA FREDETTE

We had a bit of a rough start this year as our car gave us some trouble up near Kalkaska. After a tow to the Central Lake Auto Clinic, we received the bad news - AC compressor. We've known this was in need of replacing for quite some time so it wasn't too shocking. Needless to say we were grateful for our friends Cory and Sara for getting around this week. It took a week for the car to finish as "it's a real pain working inside that engine" and the son of the father-son duo "had a concert he was going to" for a few days. Things move a little more slowly here, I guess!

Despite the troubles, we had a great week. We enjoyed all the local sights and sounds including Short's and the Smokehouse in Bellaire as well as a new distillery in downtown Central Lake. Really cool place - I highly recommend visiting for a unique cocktail.

Weather was a little here-and-there: we had great days with bright sun in the 80s alongside some misty, dreary days that never breached the 70' mark. We took advantage when we could with swimming, fires, and all the fun. We even took a day trip out to Sleeping Bear Dunes on a cooler day and braved the "Big" dune climb. It surely would have been a lot worse if the weather was blistery in the 80s for that beast of a climb.

We took care of just a few bits of maintenance around the cabin including getting large needle piles and bits of moss off the cottage and boat house roofs, raking endless piles of pine needles, adding some reclaimed sand back to some more eroded spots on the beach, and scrubbing/mopping the cottage floor. Always happy to do it knowing more people are coming up to enjoy the Michigan Magic.

We saw Jennifer Hilda and her husband our last night - told them all about our move down to FL as well and how we'd love to visit once we're settled in down south. This was the perfect place to recharge a bit before our big move. See you next year!

Paul & Sandy Davis • July 16-22, 2017 *

The drive up was pretty good except for the construction on 23. We pulled in and it was ~~exactly~~ how Paul remembered. He said it was such a good feeling coming back to something so familiar. We were greeted with a welcome note and a parking pass for the Dunes. (Thanks Harvey & Riccage!) and also a couple beers from the local brewery, Shorts. We really enjoyed the 60's vibe of the Cottage! @❤️ We enjoyed looking through old photos, reading the log book and feeling like we were a part of something special that our family has created and sustained for the past 50 years.

Second day in we found two large petosky stones on shore!

We took the opportunity to venture up to Empire to enjoy the very agreeable weather Michigan has ~~given~~ ^{given} us that day. ✨ We hiked the Cottonwood Trail on the scenic drive, didn't realize the trail was so long or we would have brought water!

We also visited Charlevoix and Kings for some hand picked cherries. We got fresh blueberries too and made blueberry pancakes the next morning. Everything is exactly as Paul remembered ☺️

Wednesday we went to Bellaire and got takeout from Papa K pizza and had a picnic at Craven Park. Afterwards we thought we'd hike some of the trails there in the park but we had seemed to attract every insect in the woods! This ended about as well as you could imagine.

Me, bathing flies away with Paul's hat and Paul using his shirt waving it around in effort to get them away. Running out like maniacs! Sure the maintenance guy thought we were nuts! →

We went downtown Bellaire to Shorts Brewery
and tried some more Beers. Yum!!

Our last days we spent at the beach reading,
relaxing and soaking in the sun. ☀
Such beautiful peaceful surroundings!! yoga on the dock!

Paul mowed the front, sides and back lawn
(edge of beach) after about 30 mins and a lot
of cussing trying to get the mower running consistently. ☹
I pulled a lot of the weeds around the patio
door/ beds. Lots of hummingbird activity!

The ducks came up on shore a few times to say hi!
We had beautiful weather all week. Started in the
mid 70s w/ chilly evenings and ended in mid-upper 80s.
Only one storm came through WED. Night. Crazy wind!

We signed our names/anniversary in the garage ♥
"DUNLOOKIN" May 20, 2017 ♥

We truly can't wait to come back!!!

Love,

Sandy & Paul Davis

July 23rd - 30th Scott Family

*Bryan, Rose, Bea, Bryce, Dozer : Sunny

We drove up late Sat night into the early morning Sun, not a single problem. Got to enjoy numerous activities, old and new throughout the week. Couldn't have asked for better weather!! Mid 70's - 80's all week with 1 full day of rain. We did cherry picking @ Kings the beginning of the week but went to go back for more the day before we were to leave and the season was over : Glad we didn't miss out on at least the first day. Frijoles is always a favorite place to visit and spend waaay too much on fitters, ice cream and animal seed to feed the goats. We spent an afternoon in Charlevoix and another on Grand Traverse Bay @ the Nature Preserve. It was a great trip for Petoskey hunting but surprisingly the biggest one found this year was on our beach!! Bryan and Bea rented movies on the rainy day and a cottage fire was enjoyable that night : Classic pizza was a HUGE let down this year... \$40+ for poor quality product, Chuckle Cheese pizza at best LOL Bryce turned 1 on the 26th so we celebrated with store bought cupcakes and a family party : I spent much of my time looking after little man but got to witness my daughter spend much needed quality time with her dad : Bryan got the John boat running and cruised around multiple times. We trailed our dirt bike and Bea's quad up which provided more fun opportunities. The Smiths allowed us to ride on their property across the street too!! Our new neighbors in the round house are wonderful!!

Bryan and Brett got to be friends and Kim is super sweet! Brett even let Bryan take his SeaDoo out for an afternoon! The fun didn't last long unfortunately once the boat police gave him a hard time down by Central Lake Bridge. Our payment to them was some serious BBQ ribs after he refused our \$100 for letting us use their wave runner. If (cringe) the cottage needs to be sold in the future, Brett and Kim would like to be given the offer first. He loves the charm and claims he would keep it all the same. Our dogs got to enjoy their first family vacation and they LOVED it!! Sunshine, swimming, stars, bon fires and more bug bites than we can count lol. Wouldn't trade it for anything!! LOVE it here and can't imagine life without this place! ♥

P.S. Shorts Brewery and Torch Lake Cafe GREAT FOOD!!!
..... & BEER

Much love,
The Scotts

2017

July 30 - Aug 5 - Liz & Ryan Stone, petey
Weather 70's - 80's & 60's at night

We took a fishing charter out of Charlevoix on
the Russel-Lyn. Russ & Drew took us and 2 other men
up to Little Traverse Bay to troll for lake trout.

The schools were 100-120' deep. From 1:30 - 6:00 pm
we caught four total. The first three were caught quickly
and when it was my turn we had nothing for hours.

They were reeling them in to head back and
we got one last bite, My Turn finally! Wow it
was hard to bring in and it was 28" long 15 lbs??

It was a lot of fun and beautiful to cruise Lk Michigan.

We petoskey hunted 3 times @ Charlevoix & Nature Preserve.

We visited Guntzwillers so Ryan could see the stuffed animals.

We had dinner and beers @ Shorts during a tornado warning.

Everyone's cell phones started blaring emergency sound!

Everything is green and lush this year and a great
fruit production. The flower garden looks great too
and everything is growing. The cottage seems
in tip top shape, clean and organized.

I think Harvey & Mother would be very proud of
everyone's efforts to keep it going as a family tradition.

I do not want this place to be sold out of the

family with all the upcoming generations.

I didn't want to talk or think about it being sold.

Many of us do not want to loose our cottage!!

2017

8/26

DANNY, EMILY, JOSIE & OLLIE ♥

H, being the end of the Summer, has been chilly!
We haven't had the easiest time with JOEY & Oli.

2 1/2 year olds, one on their own schedule!

They LOVE the water & LOVE finding cray fish
with their Dad.

We arrived late Saturday night. Enjoyed the
sunset & pretty much went straight to bed.

Sunday: We went straight to town. The
park in Bellaire. I've never been to the
slides! The kids loved it! Everything was original
wood & metal. Then we went to Shorts for
lunch before coming back to the cabin. It was
too chilly to swim (68°), but the twins were
able to wade in the water & throw rocks!

Monday: We went to Charlevoix on an impromptu
trip! It was still chilly, but we were able
to enjoy the beach for a bit. We found a few
Petoskies!

Tuesday: Fisherman's Island, Petoskey & Charlevoix
We had so much fun on our short trip that
we went back. It was still chilly, but we made
it work & swam all afternoon. We ended up
meeting a lot of people on both beaches with
kids around the same age! Found several large
Petoskies 😊 Side Note: Charlevoix Pizza is
awesome! We also went to a pottery store =>

where I bought Danny a hand made Ceramic Beer Stein for his 33rd Birthday.

Wed: 74°! Finally warm enough to swim.

Also... Danny's Birthday!

I went to town w/ Joey & bought cupcakes at Ruthann's Bakery in Bellare. They were beautiful & delicious. I can't recomant them enough. I made Blueberry Pancakes w/ homemade Blueberry Syrup for a Birthday Breakfast.

We were finally able to swim @ the cabin for a few hours.

I can't help but be saddened this year. It was too chilly to take advantage of all this place has to offer. I'm afraid it will be our last visit & that our children won't remember.

It's like we haven't had a chance to say a proper goodbye. I'm praying we will have another year to make memories & say a final goodbye before we sell. We weren't able to come up w/ Ricque & Harvey, Ma & Pa, as is our tradition. Time will tell if we can come back! One way or another, we will find a way to come back & maybe rent?

Love you all & we will see you soon!

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8/31 Cleaning

We are trying to get the lawn mower started! The lawn is out of control!

We will be braving the frigid waters to take the dock & float in. Johnny won't be using his weeks & we don't want to burden anyone else.

We are sweeping & mopping all floors & washing rugs & linens. I will most likely leave the rugs folded up until the next visitor has a use for them. If we are able to get to anything else, I'll write it here!

9/1 - well, we couldn't get the lawn mower started. :(We did, however, get the float & dock in. That took some muscle, I must say. We usually have four of us.

Rugs & linens are clean, floor is mopped. I hope we didn't miss anything crucial!
Till next time...

Dan &
Em

9-4-17 to 9-10-17

Karla, Todd, Leela (4), Theo (1)

We arrived at the cottage late Monday night (Labor Day) after spending the weekend in Sandusky with Todd's family at Great Wolf Lodge. Even though the weather was crappy (high 50's ^(and lots of rain) and a high of 71 for the week) we had a blast! The kids enjoyed playing in the sand and always ended up in the water in their clothes! haha We played Tenja, tinker toys, pass the pigs and even croquet (sp?) and the driveway bowling! We brought up our electric mini dirt bike and enjoyed rides with the kids! We didn't leave the cottage for 3 days and headed to Bellaire to relieve cabin fever. Friskies ice cream & fudge and shopping at Bachmans made for a fun outing. Friday we went to Charlevoix. It was thankfully a beautiful day! We walked the town, had lunch and headed to the beach. Todd and the kids swam in Lake Michigan and I enjoyed a few moments of peaceful, quiet rock hunting. On the way home we stopped at Friskies. Got pictures of the kids in front of the height chart, played, fed the goats and enjoyed the best caramel apple I've ever had! We tried to get the mower going and couldn't get it to run for more than 7 seconds. I de-mossed, weeded & rearranged the rock border along the side of the cottage. I also cleaned the garage and swept it out real good.

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Being here this week has been bittersweet. This cottage has always been such a blessing in my life. It has been a consistent "special" through all the years. I have always looked forward to sharing all of these adventures with my munchkins. Making new memories at some of my favorites since I was a kid. Leela is finally to the age that she understands the "Michigan Magic". Like Emily said I am worried that Theo may not have the chance to remember. I love this cottage and the family connection to Mother & Harvey so much. I hope we can have many more years for the next generations. This place is seriously our heaven on earth... a happy place to so many! Until next time...

-♡-
Kara

Thursday Sept 14, 2017 - Joe + Anne -

Here to - shut in down. Got here 3:30 -
went to the casino and won for a change,
no reparation to the natives - except what
we leave in tourist \$.

Friday am -
up at 6:30, beginning to shut
down -

Karla left the cottage immaculate -
so we have no cleaning to do.

out of here at 8:50 am -

See you in the spring -

Spring 2018 New share holder members

HGG III - 2

Dan G. - 2

Jessica - 3

Ethan - 1

Liz - 1

Paul - 1

Karla - 1

Rose - 1