

1997 Michigan Schedule

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5-31 to 6-6 _____

6-7 to 6-13 BRUCE

6-14 to 6-20 Carolyn

6-21 to 6-27 Carolyn

6-28 to 7-4 HARVEY

JULY						
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7-5 to 7-11 HARVEY

7-12 to 7-18 MARJORIE

7-19 to 7-25 BRUCE

7-26 to 8-1 BRUCE

AUGUST						
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8-2 to 8-8 MARJORIE

8-9 to 8-15 MARJORIE

8-16 to 8-22 _____

8-23 to 8-29 Carolyn

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Electric Meter Reading : 88.6 Left propane tank in use

May 19th to May 24th Len, Carolyn, ^(Wednesday) Lucy, John Sara & Duke ^(Wednesday)

The cottage weathered the winter well, no problems with opening it up, there were not many flies on the floor. Len & I arrived at 2¹⁵ Mon.

May 19 John & Sara get here shortly after. The weeping willow is just coming out, no other leaves are out, yet. It has been a very cold & rainy spring. The evergreens or yews in front of the cottage have been eaten bare by the deer over the winter. Hope they come back. Thank goodness for the fire wood. The lows have been

in the 30's to 50's & finally get into the 60's on Thurs.

John & Sara found the 1st dozen morels on Wed. on Thurs. we found 3 doz more! What a culinary treat. These things are really hard to spot. Len got checked out in a plane at the Bellair Air Port. He flew all over the area, the windows of nice weather is gone now, so we will have to wait till next time to get up & take pictures. Len mowed the lawn. John put up the dock in less than ideal conditions, burrs. I found a nice table lamp in the Rainbow Shoppe, we put a 150 watt bulb in it & it makes a nice reading lamp for the living room. I brought up blinds for the garage windows but I can't get to them, ^(windows) I'll put them up later this summer when the garage is clear.

John & Sara May 19 → May 24

After years of searching for morel mushrooms, this season we hit the jack pot. First find turn out 13 shrooms, next day (in ^{same} area) we found 36, and on the third day, along with mom, we came in @ 69 for a total of over 12 dozen,

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Sunday June 1st → Friday June 5th Len + Carolyn, Lucy (LT. propane tank in use)

Arrived at 2⁰⁰ PM to beautiful blue skies + 85° temp, what a change from rain drenched Ohio. When we pulled in, a couple fellows in a bass boat were catching a big wall eye in front of the cottage (Keith there must be 5 or 6 waiting for you) The mosquitoes + black flies are fierce, you can't be out without insect repellent, even ^(the dog) Lucy. We rented a plane twice + flew all over, it was beautiful! I took a lot of pictures, Mackinac Bridge from the air is impressive. I bought another lamp. (Yellow base) just need to find a shade for it. We didn't get to any garage sales to find it.

The left propane tank (the one in service) is almost empty. I ordered a replacement on Thurs, June 5th, it will be delivered on Thurs June 12th. Just use left tank until it runs out + switch to right tank, which is full (I had it tank replaced last fall because it was leaking, they came out the same day + replaced it)

The weather has been ideal this week I can't believe our good fortune. The only problem has been the mosquitoes which have been the worst in years, per the local folks.

We left for home on Friday June 6th, looking forward to Jessica + Keith's wedding on Saturday.

Sunday June 8th - Fri June 13th Jess + Keith (sans Trak)

What a week! We got a late start on Sunday - we were exhausted after all of the excitement Saturday - so we didn't get up here until after dark. On the way up, south of Grayling, we ran into a huge cloud of ~~was~~ mosquitoes. Our windshield was immediately so covered with bug guts that we could hardly see - Keith finally had to stop + use carburetor/choke cleaner to clean them off so we could see to drive - windshield washer fluid didn't even make a dent. I took pictures of the front of the truck, because it has to be seen to be believed - it was just ghastly. (We have dubbed it "The Great Bug Massacre!")

On Tues we ran completely out of propane. The Amerigas guy said

we'd been running off of both tanks. Luckily they were nice enough to make a special trip out that day (without charging us, either) or else we wouldn't have had a stove or hot water until Thurs. Anyway, both tanks are now filled (& we're still using the left tank) - Please be careful to shut gas off completely to avoid this happening to anyone else.

The weather has been just beautiful - especially since it snowed up here 2 weeks ago! A lady in T.C. said they got 200 inches of snow this year, & that no one wanted to hear a word about "The Greenhouse Effect." ☺ Fishing was great, too - there are bass spawning in front of the cabin & pike are everywhere (I even caught one, this year!) & a big one, too!

We're leaving a day early because I'm sick as a dog (I always did get sick @ the worst times!). I have some sort of cold/flu thing - I sound like a cross between Kathleen Turner & Grover!! At this point, we both just want to be at home!!

-Til next year!

P.S. We went to see our board @ the boardwalk - it

says:

Keith
& Jess

DUNLOOKIN

Married

June 7, 1997

We are looking forward to a beautiful life together - and we're glad many of you could be there to see us begin it. Love to all!

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June 17-28 James Cliff Sammy^{7yrs} & Daniel^{5yrs}.

We just had 10 wonderful days up here. The cottage looks great and everything is just the same as it was 10 years ago. It is really special that we keep that "Michigan magic" going. The kids really enjoyed the water & the sand. Sammy broke his record of going across ~~the~~ the lake & back in 4 different Boats. Danny made sand castles and jumped on everyone. Jenny & Harry made it there on Friday. We spent the time by the lake soaking up the sun & being lazy. John came up Sunday (Sara stayed home) ~~and~~ we had a fire by the lake. Cliff made the biggest fire, complete w/ sparklers. Harry had a "blast" lighting fireworks. Jenny & Harry left the next morning. & John stayed the week with us. John ~~th~~ took us around to find rocks on the different beaches he has found. ~~We~~ and gave us many Boat rides. We bought 2 lawn chairs for the cottage so I could complete my goal of sitting by the lake the whole time!!!

Being up here brings me back to the to the times with Mother, Mom Aunt Margorie Lizzy Jenny & John. Those times I'll never forget. So it is nice to be making ~~more~~ memories for Sam & Dan also. Love you all. James.

June 22 → 29 1997 John

The weather was great this week for outdoor activity. The mayflies were out in full force and covered the sky at night. They all disappeared by the end of the week. Sara did not come up because she wanted to save her time off of work for the end of the summer. It was enjoyable spending time with Janice + Cliff and the kids and showing them different activities and places. The sailboat was taken out several times a day and worked great. I was finally able to take the canoe out with Janice and was amazed at how maneuverable and light it was to paddle. I launched the speed boat from out front and it started right up and ran well all week. I changed the lower unit gear oil and noticed water mixed in the oil. This should be filled or changed each season. See you all soon and have a great summer.

- I left 2 1/2 tanks of gas for the boat

- The gas for the lawn mower is fresh this season.

Mon 6-30 thru Sat. 7/12/97 Copy, Mary Kelly, Harvey Danny + Bobby

We arrived at about 8:00 PM after a 12 hour trip which included a 1 hour stopover at Shelton Fireworks at Angola, Indiana. Total mileage was 572 miles. We brought Bobby Brigham, a lifelong friend of the boys, who is like a family member to all of us.

The weather was very hot - 90° + on Tuesday. The kids put out the swindock with only minor supervision. They swam and caught over 200 crayfish, and a mudpuppy, 2 turtles and a baby duck. The baby duck was an "orphan" separated from its mother. Other ducks and a swan were trying to drown it when Kelly saved it. It was very small - a hatchling and would chase after you if you walked away. That proved to be its undoing when it was stepped on and killed. We all cried.

I did some trimming along the north side of the cottage. cutting dead lower branches from the white pine trees mainly. I think these lower dying or dead branches should be removed up to 6 or 7 feet. Enough light could get into that area to allow bushes or shrubs to grow so we can regain the privacy we all crave. I trimmed the tree by the garage to get the branches off the roof. Raking the pine needles would allow the grass to grow better in the northeast area. The could be put in the garden areas to moulder and build a better topsoil and improve water retention.

Sunday July 13th to Saturday July 19th

Margorie + Carolyn doing the cherry express sequel Arrived Sunday to beautiful but very hot weather. Monday we picked early tart cherries (Shooks #15) we made jam + canned some quarts for pies. Two days later we hit the orchards for the big beautiful sweet ones. It was at this time ~~we~~ caught "cherry fever" We processed a total of 23 quarts before we ran out of jars. What a great time we had!

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Sunday July 13 - Sat July 19 - MARJORIE AND CAROLYN

Two sisters again spend a week together rebonding and accomplishing so much (see previous entry!)

SERENDIPITY... ~~that was~~ every marked everything we planned and did... perfect timing for cherry types; perfect compatibility in all activities in the kitchen; (and elsewhere); two great trips to Charlevoix; ice cream; nondestructive impairment from alcohol; delicious swims; fantastic weather; a little companionship with the Greenes; a satisfying cleaning job done at the end - although Copsy, Mary and all had left it beautiful; a good vacation for my little baby Alice.

Well... it was great to be here again after missing last year. Carolyn and I have had a marvelous week.

We attended the Meadowbrook Fiesta... only stayed about an hour. It was rather small. The rummage sale at the church was better - ^{we found ourselves} buying some glass tumblers - and some others from K-Mart. Gin and tonic just doesn't seem right in plastic tumblers.

We didn't boat - no time or driving desire to do so. I thought the beach and lawn looked very good.

Few weeds in either place. The yews are growing back ^{from the deer chomping}

To all: I hope your weeks are as great as ours... and don't forget to check the mailbox.

Important - !!

Marjorie

P.S. Certainly enjoyed listening to my CDs on the Casio. That little machine is great.

1997 - JULY 19 - 25 BRUCE + RICKIE, PAT
+ JUDI - ARRIVED 6:00 PM SAT... IT WAS
VERY HOT. HAD A COOKOUT + PLAYED CARDS.
(WE PLAYED A LOT OF BRIDGE). IT COOLED
DOWN CONSIDERABLY OVERNIGHT AND WE
HAD TO BUILD A FIRE IN THE MORNING
(FIRST FIRE WE'VE HAD IN SEVERAL YEARS). IT
WAS OVERCAST FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
FROM THEN ON, IT WAS BEAUTIFUL. TOOK
A LONG BOAT RIDE ALL OVER THE ENTIRE
LAKE. ONLY ONE SWAN VISITED (ALTHOUGH
WE SAW OTHERS AROUND THE LAKE) AND ONLY
A FEW DUCKS, TOO - BOUGHT ANOTHER "CORD"
ALIAS "RICK", ALIAS "FACE CORD" FROM JAME
SHAFFER FOR \$45⁰⁰. THERE WAS APPROX 2
LAYERS OF OLD SEASONED WOOD LEFT, WHICH
IS ON THE TOP. THE NEW WOOD WILL BE FULLY
SEASONED BY FALL. I ALSO BOUGHT SOME
SPREADABLE ASPHALT TO RESEAL THE CHIMNEY
FLASHING WHICH HAD SOME VISABLE CRACKS SHOWING.
IT RAINED AGAIN LAST NIGHT AND THE LEAK
APPEARS TO BE FIXED - THE 2 SIDED MIRROR
GOT BROKEN - I did it, + I will replace it. Only the
magnifying side is broken, so I am leaving it until
I can replace it, but be careful when you handle it.

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JULY 28 - JULY 31 — ETHAN + STEPHANIE

SHORT TRIP THIS TIME; COULDN'T GET THE FULL WEEK OFF. WEATHER WAS GORGEOUS BUT NOT WARM ENOUGH FOR SWIMMING. FOUND A DEAD MOUSE IN THE TOILET THE FIRST MORNING!

SHISHKEBOB (SPELLING?) FOR DINNER! DELICIOUS! IF YOU GET A CRAVING FOR SOME KILLER MUFFINS, CHECK OUT THE MUFFIN TIN IN ALDEN (YOU CAN'T MISS IT — HIDEOUS PINK SIGN!) ATE AT THE DOCKSIDE ONE NIGHT; KILLER BURGER! DIDN'T DO ANY BOATING THIS YEAR; WE WERE TOO BUSY VEGING OUT. ~~UNTIL~~ UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

~~Aug 2~~ ^{11th} August 2, ¹⁴ Liz, ¹² Karla, ¹⁴ Rose } Allen LeVan } Aug 5th - 9th
MaryAnn + Brian LeVan, Brian broke his arm 2 days before departure.

Brian's misfortune shortened our trip, however, we still had a great time despite being here only 3 full days. Went to Whitney's in Charlevoix and had raw oysters, yum! I forced Liz to try them also. Kids enjoyed a day at L. Michigan. We saw many large boats + yachts. Again it was such a pleasure to be here. Aug. 9, 1997.

I came up w/ three children, we were here for 3 days before MaryAnn + Brian got here. They left on Sat 9th, we (Karla, Rose, I) stayed until Monday. I have had a great time, the weather has been beautiful all week. We enjoyed boating w/ SKI's, tube, kneeboard, I crossed a double wake this year. We saw people using a wakeboard, the guy tried to do

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a flip. I'm content crossing the wake on two skis!

The only boat ladder I could find was the old one. the middle board was rotted & broke.

It's on the work bench in the garage. It's of no use, unless the board can be replaced. Also the top of the kitchen chair came off. It has been glued in the past. I didn't know what glue to use or the best way to do it so, I left the piece on top of the refrigerator.

If Harvey were here today he would fix it w/ Epoxy

We have seen plenty of wildlife; ducks, birds (Chimney, Jays, robin, peckers, crows), A midget red squirrel, 1 swan on our last day all alone, and best of all a ^{15^{lb}}₂₀ racoon by the fire. It scared the shit out of MaryAnn & I. All it wanted was the scraps of food in the grass from the kids making Hobo pies. It sure was big and healthy.

We went to Charlevoix, saw flowers in memoriam to the man killed less than two weeks before from a fireworks explosion. ~~we~~ It happened at the end of the channel at round lake.

We also found out the Ramseys house is the 3-4th house down from The Seven Eleven.

We think it has a wht picket fence, swingset and tons of flowers in the yard. I squeezed the info from a local kid. The oyster bar bartender was tight lipped even though he knew Mr. Ramsey. At the Charlevoix beach a pervert showed me his butt. I said, Hey - get out of here, and he walked back into the bushes. The guy was a nut w/ black

lace, seethrough, woman's underwear on. I was petoskey hunting walking towards the cement plant when he came out of nowhere. It didn't scare me until later when I thought about it. I think I'm a pervert magnet. I'm glad it didn't happen to the kids. I found over a dozen petoskeys in our driveway. If it is a rainy day and your bored, hunt petoskeys in the driveway, I put them under the spicket. This vacation has been full of "Michigan Magic" and strong memories of Harvey, Mother and all of us as kids. John, Janice and Jenny. Love to all, Liz
P.S. Bring Michigan pictures to add to the photo album.

Aug 30 → Sept 5 John & Sara

Labor Day weekend was overcast and a steady rain when we arrived. It looked and felt like an autumn weekday with some maple trees beginning to turn bright red.

On Monday, Labor Day, was my 41st Birthday and Sara & I went on the 40th Mackinac Bridge Walk. We left the cottage at ~~8~~ 2:30 am (that's when we usually arrive back at the cottage after a night out) and drove the 80 miles in patches of dense fog. However, we sure beat the crowds and literally walked through the whole thing without any waiting in lines or traffic. Sara out-raced me and got certificate # 161 and mine was 1400's (out of 60,000). The weather turned out beautiful that day and for the rest of the week. Other highlights, Dad took me on a 1 hr plane ride over the area which was incredible.

Monday Sept 1 (Labor Day also John's Birthday) to Sun Sept 7th

Len, Carolyn & Lucy. It was a lovely week at the cottage. It was kind of chilly at times (38°), a very chilly swim to retrieve the swim float, there was no lock on the chain just 6 or 7 granny knots. Rich Wilks, John's friend from Central Lake helped John get the boat in. John gave the bottom an acid treatment, it cleaned up real nice. Len mowed the grass which needed it badly. All in all we didn't travel far from the cottage just enjoyed being here. Duke & Lucy had a great time talking long walks with either Sara or I or both.

John & Sara left on Friday at 5 AM so Sara wouldn't miss her class on Friday evening. Len & I left early Sunday after a very eventful week.

Thurs Oct 23, 1997 Len, Carolyn & John

Arrived to brisk sunny weather, by Sunday it was snowing. The maples were in their full autumn colors.

The cottage closed up nicely

Left for home Wed Oct 29

Heating oil, 5+ gal in Tank, 5 gal in garage.

Electric Meter reading 96.2 Lt propane just started, Rt tank empty

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First Choice - Bruce
 2nd Choice - Marjorie
 3rd Choice - Carolyn
 4th Choice - Harvey
 5th Choice - Bruce
 6th Choice - Marjorie
 7th Choice - Carolyn
 8th Choice - Harvey

Complete by Jan 15th
 Complete by Jan 31st
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5-30 to 6-5 CAROLYN

6-6 to 6-12 _____

6-13 to 6-19 CAROLYN

6-20 to 6-26 CAROLYN

6-27 to 7-3 BRUCE

7-4 to 7-10 BRUCE (JESS)

7-11 to 7-17 MARJORIE

7-18 to 7-24 MARJORIE

7-25 to 7-31 COPY

8-1 to 8-7 MARJORIE

8-8 to 8-14 BRUCE (ETHAN)

8-15 to 8-21 COPY

8-22 to 8-28 COPY

May 20th 1998 Len, Carolyn / John + Sara

Opened cottage, repaired leaking pipe by pump.
Ordered & received right propane tank. Left tank in use
at this time. John + Sara put up dock. Weather has been
in 70s + 80s, lake smooth. Very small amt of rain this spring
every thing is dry. The lg. boat motor is ready to go, gear oil
has been replaced. Battery needs to be charged.

Left for home Thur May 28th.

June 21st - 28th Janice Cliff Sammy + Danny
Along + Cliff's Brother Denny, Kat + Grandson
Christopher. The weather was perfect - Sunny
& Hot. We spent most of our time lake side.
Cliff + Denny put the big Boat in and it
ran great. We all had a 3 day pirate
hunt, ending at "Blood island" finding the
pirates' booty!!! The kids really believed
they found the treasure. There is nothing
like Michigan! Hi to everyone + We
all love you!! Janice.

JUNE 27TH BRUCE + RICKIE WITH PAT + JUDI
BARRETT - ARRIVED AROUND 5:00 PM
TO A BEAUTIFUL CLEAN COTTAGE. THE
WEATHER WAS HOT AND WE EXPERIENCED
PERIODIC RAIN ON THE WAY UP. PAT +
JUDI'S A/C STOPPED WORKING, SO THEIR TRIP
WAS NOT REAL PLEASANT. JANICE + CLIFF
AND THE BOYS STOPPED OVER TO VISIT.
THEY CAME ON CAROLYN AND LENNY'S
NEW PONTOON BOAT. WE HAD A NICE

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VISIT. WE THEN WENT INTO CENTRAL LAKE
TO SEE C & L'S NEW HOUSE, WHICH IS
REALLY A NEAT PLACE. WE HAD A
GREAT COOKOUT DINNER HOSTED BY C & L, TOO!
THE WEATHER HAS BEEN BEAUTIFUL WITH
ONLY OCCASIONAL SPRINKLES. WE FIXED
UP THE SWIMMING DOCK... REPLACED DECKING
AND PURCHASED A NEW LADDER. QUITE AN
IMPROVEMENT! PAT "FIXED" THE OVEN DOOR
SO IT WON'T FALL OFF ITS HINGES... BUT,
YOU NEED TO WEDGE A MATCH TO KEEP IT SHUT.
WE TOOK THE PONTOON TO THE COTTAGE
FOR SAFE KEEPING, AND TOOK IT FOR A TEST
RUN, TOO. WE PLAYED A LOT OF BRIDGE.
JOHN & SARA, AND JESS & KEITH CAME
UP ON FRIDAY 3RD. J & K HAD QUITE AN
"ADVENTURE" ON THE WAY UP. WE HAD
A FIREWORKS DISPLAY THAT EVENING (FIREWORKS
COURTESY OF J & C). P & J LEFT EARLY ON
THE 4TH. WE SEALED THE SWIMMING DOCK
AND PICNIC TABLE. KEITH REINFORCED THE
PICNIC TABLE (IT WAS COMING APART IN PLACES
DUE TO WARPED BOARDS). I GOT TO GO WATERSKIING
BEHIND KEITH'S BOAT.... I THINK I'M GETTING
OLD BECAUSE THE OLD BOP ISN'T WHAT IT
USED TO BE. WE COULDN'T GET THE BOAT
STARTED, BUT KEITH USED HIS MAGIC TOUCH TO
GET IT GOING. HE THINKS THAT IT NEEDS
A NEW CABLE IN ORDER TO GET FULL
SPEED. NOTE ON SWIMMING DOCK...
WHOEVER TAKES IT IN WILL NEED TO
REMOVE THE LADDER PRIOR TO BACKING
IT.

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WE JOINED JOHN & SARA TO WATCH THE CENTRAL LAKE 4TH OF JULY PARADE... MEMORABLE. WE HAD A CHICKEN DINNER AT THE "FEED". NO FIREWORKS THIS YEAR DUE TO LAST YEARS ACCIDENT (WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN HERE ON THE 4TH SINCE 1988!) BROWNWOOD HAS REOPENED AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR 3 YEARS. GOT REAL AMBITIOUS THE LAST DAY.... HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO GO HOME ON TUESDAY, BUT DECIDED TO STAY FOR ANOTHER DAY. SO KEITH AND I (MOSTLY KEITH) PUT IN A BATHROOM VANITY AND TWO CEILING FAN LIGHTS.... HOPE EVERYONE LIKES THEM. ALSO, BOUGHT A NEW TABLE & CHAIRS.

July 3rd - 9th Jess, Keith & Teak

Had a great time - no time to write in detail. You'll have to hear about our "adventure" (as Dad put it) in person. We are on our way down to Flint today & then to Windsor tomorrow for my eye surgery. Weather was beautiful & all in all another wonderful stay ☺

July 10th to 17th Marjorie and Walt ^{Howard} and Lady. It took us only 7 hours to get here. We arrived to see all kinds of beautiful innovations courtesy of Bruce... and Keith. Vanity in the bathroom, fans on bedroom ceilings to cool us, wonderful table and chairs, new surface on swimming dock - and repair of picnic table.... really great (over)

It's been fun for me to show Walt all the "Michigan" things that ~~we enjoy~~ ^{we enjoy} up here.

Brownwood's open again - and Carolyn and I "did" Brownwood while Lennie and Walt painted at C & L's very marvelous new place. It adds such a dimension to Central Lake to have some real "townies" in our gang. C & L had Wally & I for supper one night and several rides on their party barge. We discovered a new activity up here that you NEED to check out. It's Wednesday ~~Evening~~ "Western Night" in downtown Bellaire. Getcher foldin' chairs - go down about 6:30 - starts at 7:00 - lasts till abt 8:30. Great music - line dancing - raffles. A fantastic time. We have loved swimming - seeing Charlevoix again. And to be here with my man and his dog is glorious!

We had a great time here at the "Greer's" place. I think I wore out a set of tires on all the runs to Charlevoix - Bellaire - Central Lake - Cherry Orchards and various other spots of interest. Watching some programs on the "washing machine" was not bad, especially when it was in the spin cycle.

My first experience here will be a memorable time that I won't forget. I will probably long to return to this ~~great~~ great spot up north as they say in Ohio.

I was shown around by a very competent tour guide (when she has her contacts in) "just joking" Marnie is great. So long till next time!

July 16-20 Liz and Ray,

We have had beautiful weather in the 80's and sun everyday. We got two fun things for the cottage. A hummingbird feeder for the window and a thermometer under water at the end of the dock. The lake temp is 84 in the daytime and drops a few degrees at night. Mom & Walt greeted us with a wonderful meal of comfort food. Walt sang & played his guitar at the bon fire. We had a nice evening with them. Ray & I packed a lot of fun in a few days. After having disc surgery in Nov. I was leary to ski. We did and it didn't hurt a bit. Brownwood has reopened after being closed for three years, it hasn't changed any. There is a flea market every Sun. Bellaire has western night on wed. The town is hopping! We saw L & C's cottage (house) in Ch. very nice. We took the boat to breakfast and parked at their dock, very handy. Anne, Joe and James came and we had a nice evening the day before we left. We see at least 5 shooting stars a night, the sky provided us with a breathtaking display every evening. I will return in Aug. with the kids & bring my telescope & book. Being at this cottage makes everyday worries seem trivial. Simplicity is the key to Mich. magic. I Love it here! A hummingbird fed two hrs. after feeder was up. Fill it if you want some good entertainment from nature. Ray asked why the boat isn't named. We had fun thinking of names.

Thurs
- Week of Mon July 20 to ~~Fri~~ July 29 - 1998

Anne + Joe

Joe and I got here Sunday about 2⁰⁰pm -
Suz was here with Ray - we had a great visit
until she left Mon. in the a.m.

I should say Joe and James and I. This is
James first visit - he will be 3 in September.

James is the 5th generation of our family to enjoy
the cottage. I flew to Nevada Friday nite to
pick James up, came back Sat. nite, + Joe picked
us up at Hopkins on Sun morn whence we came
straight here.

Joe is bored to death here. He can't wait to
go back to Ohio. He asks me what I see about
this place. How can I explain? I think about
it myself.

For me thing, being here is like still having
mother here. It's like she will be back any
minute.

after she had her last stroke and couldn't
talk anymore, I was with her and I said to
her, "Mother, I want to be just as good of
a grandma as you were." and she replied
clear as a bell, "You will be, Anne." That
was the last I heard her say. Suz was there
and heard her, too. We couldn't believe it.

But being here with James makes me
feel good, because once I was the grandchild,
and now I am the grandma, and I
hope this place is as wondrous for James
as he grows up as it has been for all
of us.

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Sat Aug 1-8 98 Liz, Karla & Rosemary,

The three of us came up by ourselves for the first time ever. The day before our departure to come my friend Danni called at 10:30 pm to tell me she couldn't come. She had a nice having Emergency Surgery on Monday. She was able to come on Tues. We had sunny weather the first part of the week and overcast & rain the latter. The Hummingbird feeder is really cool. They feed on it real often. I've seen 3 different ones, males & females. They are so cute and little and fast. The kids have had a nice stay and swam a lot this year. Lake temp. is warm 78-84.

Our week went fast. Danni & Betty got here Tues. and we packed the end of the week w/ activities. We needed about 3 more days.

Len & Carolyn's house is real nice. They brought me messages from Danni and helped me to feel comfortable and safe when I was alone with the girls. It's great to have family close up here. Back to reality and getting ready to start school. I'm still at KSU. I'm a fifth yr. JR. I'll have 10 hrs. this fall. I think about the cottage and its tranquility often when tension gets high during the school year. I always think of Mother often when I'm here. My Dad passed away in April and I really miss these special people in my life. Their memories are crisp and will stay w/ me forever. Untill next year. L

Sat. Aug. 8, 1998 2⁰⁰ AM. DANNI & BETTY

We arrived Tues 8-4- around 7:00pm
Even tho we have only been here a
very short time, Liz & girls have managed
to show us sooo much!! We have
been hiking, boating, swimming, bonfires
good meals, good music we have been to
Central Lake, Bellaire, western days, Torch
Lake, Brownwood, Charlevoix, Lake Michigan,
rock hunting, (you know) duck & sea gull
feeding, taught Karla & Rose backgammon.
pizza & ice cream, a little drinking, & lots
of good company!! What a Wonderful
Place!! Wow!! I have to say the
most enjoyable part of my visit was reading
every single page of your journal. (hence the P.O.^m)
What an absolutely wonderful family
heirloom.

"Michigan Magic" has been mentioned in
past pages. Michigan is a place. — The
love, respect, devotion & caring each and
everyone of you bring, everytime you are
here — That's the MAGIC!! Wow

Thank you for sharing ~
We - (Betty 13 & Danni - (her mom) had a
great time. It was nice meeting Carolyn &
Sherry. (we read so much about you)
I sincerely hope you will always
enjoy the "Magic",!! here.

7 hrs. - long trip, rainy, construction in
Ohio & Michigan. Gray
Great Directions. Liz knows
where she's going. Hate to leave
and we didn't see 1 hr of sun
in 4 days.

Cloudy
WEATHER - GRAY - low 80's - 70's

Warmmm Water - RAIN

We had a great time!!

Thank You

ETHAN + STEPH, AUGUST 8-14, 1998

ARRIVED TO CABIN IN GOOD CONDITION ON A BEAUTIFUL EVENING. WEATHER WAS PRETTY MUCH PERFECT ALL WEEK, EXCEPT ONE DAY WAS OVERCAST. HAD A BREATHTAKING SUNSET EVERY NIGHT, AND HOPEFULLY GOT LOTS OF GOOD PICTURES FOR THE NEW MICHIGAN ALBUM. (LIZ'S IDEA, I THINK - I LIKE THE IDEA. IT'S IN THE BEDROOM.)

WE GOT TO SEE LOTS OF WILDLIFE THIS WEEK - ON THE WAY TO BELLAIRE OUR PATH WAS CROSSED BY A FAMILY OF WILD TURKEYS, ONE OR TWO ADULTS AND ABOUT 8 YOUNGUNS. ALSO ON EAST TORCH LAKE DRIVE WE ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL FAUNS AND A COUPLE DOES. THERE ARE A COUPLE GROUPS OF ALMOST-MATURE DUCKS WHO WILL EAT^{OUT} OF YOUR HANDS - AND TAKE YOUR FINGERS, TOO, IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL! THERE'S A CORMORANT THAT LIKES TO HANG OUT ON THE SWIMMING DOCK, TOO. AT LEAST I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S A CORMORANT. I LOOKED IN A BIRD BOOK AT THE BOOK NOOK IN C.L. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER KIND OF BIRD HE COULD HAVE BEEN.

WE SAW SEVERAL ANTS RUNNING ABOUT ON THE FIRST DAY OR TWO, SO WE GOT SOME ANT TRAPS. NATURALLY, WE HAVEN'T SPOTTED AN ANT SINCE! THE TRAPS ARE IN THE UTILITY ROOM IF ANYONE NEEDS THEM.

I THINK IT MAY BE TIME TO LOOK INTO GETTING A NEW DOCK, OR AT LEAST GIVING THIS ONE A MAJOR OVERHAUL. THE SECOND SECTION IS FALLING APART, AND THERE'S A BOARD ON THE THIRD SECTION THAT IS ALMOST BROKEN IN TWO. CAREFUL!

I ADMIT I'M NOWHERE NEAR THE HANDYMAN IDEAL, BUT I, TOO, HAVE UNDERTAKEN A PROJECT. I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE OLD 78'S IN THE UTILITY ROOM AND SELECTED (IN MY HUMBLE OPINION) THE BEST ONES. THESE I WILL TAKE HOME WITH ME, AND USING THE TECHNOLOGY AT MY DISPOSAL, I INTEND TO COPY THEM OVER TO COMPACT DISC FORMAT. I LOVE LISTENING TO THOSE OLD ALBUMS WHEN I'M UP HERE — IT'S A MICHIGAN THING, — AND I WANT TO PRESERVE THESE MUSICAL RELICS ON A MORE CONVENIENT MEDIUM. ANYBODY WHO WANTS COPIES WHEN I ~~HA~~ HAVE THEM COMPLETED, LET ME KNOW. MY HUMBLEST APPOLOGIES ~~FOR~~ TO ANYONE WHO MISSES THE RECORDS I'VE BORROWED; REST ASSURED THEY WILL BE RETURNED.

I tried to clean out the shower one morning. That's definitely a job for an empty stomach, but it was fairly rewarding. I mean, who knew that ~~that~~ the plastic shampoo caddy was white? After finishing that job, I sat

down for a nice, relaxing bowl of cereal. It stopped being a nice, relaxing bowl of cereal when I realized that, instead of Honey Crunches of Oats, I was actually eating Honey Crunches of Ants! Bleagh. Hence the ant traps that we ended up not needing. I personally am beginning to think that the one in my cereal was God's little way of telling me not to be a vegetarian. The box of cereal is still here, by the way, so beware!

I weeded part of the beach and found lots of bugs there, too, but as long as they're in their natural habitat and not in my breakfast, I'm fine.

I cleaned the swimming dock the day before we left, but you probably can't tell by now. The Captain and his new buddy get along splendidly. They've teamed up to help us out around the place by attempting to paint the swimming dock white.

The humming bird is the official Most Adorable Thing in the World. We had to hold perfectly still when sitting at the table by the window or he'd get spooked and fly away.

The ducks are cute as well, but that's just a mask for their true evil natures. Guard your toes diligently!

Jiminy

7 WE DIDN'T DO ANY BOATING, SO LIZ'S MESSAGE CONCERNING THE GAS STILL APPLIES.

THE BOAT SHOULD BE DRY NOW. IF NOT, YOU CAN KICK ME THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME! 😊

THE HUMMINGBIRD WAS STILL USING THE FEEDER WHEN WE WERE LEAVING, SO I JUST LEFT THE SAME JUICE IN THERE - COULDN'T SEE WASTING IT. YOU CAN CHANGE IT OR ~~WHATEVER~~ WHATEVER ACCORDING TO YOUR WHIM.

I TURNED OFF THE WATER HEATER AND THE GAS. STILL USING THE RIGHT-HAND TANK.

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Cory, Mary, Harvey + Donny - Aug 17 to 28 1998

The weather coming up was cloudy with periods of heavy rain. We had a flat tire around Stanton on RT 66 and the Buick used a lot of gasoline. Otherwise, the trip was uneventful.

Kelly is not with us this year. She left in July to sell magazine subscriptions door to door with Fulfillment America. She travels all over the country with a group of other young people and managers. She reports to us she is doing well in sales, but is homesick.

We all liked the vanity in the bathroom, a great improvement over that little old handbasin. The new table is great too.

Donny has been feeding the ducks that come - they come up to the cottage to get him if he isn't there when they think he should be. He's even named them - Snotty, Black-head, squeaky, + Seared. They become so bold that when we sat down by the lake, they would surround us, and sort of glower at us, making us feel uneasy.

The new vanity was leaking at the cold water connection at the faucet. I replaced this with a plastic "riser" as they like to call them. All the flat tires on all the bicycles are, as of today (8/28/98) fixed. The green Styr needs its front brake fixed, but the coaster brake works.

Carolyn and Len came up and I was sorely glad to see them and get to visit. It's been too long.

Oh yes, the electric alarm clock has a wind up alarm that clangs like a fire drill bell. It works good.

We had a fine time this year. Carolyn took a huge nasty bag of garbage for me. I had to buy a tire for the car in Central Lake because of a blowout we had on our way up. I wanted to have a spare. Goodbye until next year

Cory

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This is my very first MASOR entry into this logbook, but hopefully not the last. This year I was not as enthusiastic about coming here as I usually am, but once we arrived I was glad I didn't stay home. As much as I missed home, I'm shocked at how fast the days went by here. I've had a good time here with only the 4 of us. My sister is off on her own, selling magazines across the nation. This gives a 1 on 1 bonding between my brother and I, since we are the only "kids" around (that we've seen).

But together, we have done a number of things together. In fact, this is one of those very rare moments when I get a little time alone. We've gone bike riding to both Central Lake and Bellaire, lots of swimming (especially to the swimming dock), played catch, watched some movies (my dad brought a VCR), gone to Brownwood, had a bonfire; and lots of great food. Also we've been feeding the ducks A LOT. We know them all by name now, (the majority of them). My dad's got the names a little messed up. Not that he's wrong, but just a little misinformed. They're named due to personality or physical appearance: Snotty (runny nose), Flappy (he takes flying jumps for the bread), Scaredy (he's not as bold as the others), Squeaker (he squeaks ALL the time), Blackhead (figure this one out), Baby (he's smaller than the rest), and momma duck (she takes care of BABY). I have to say that the first 4 ducks I mentioned are the boldest ducks I have ever seen. Without any fear they follow us and take bread from us. We've probably given more bread to the ducks than we used. They make pretty good pets to us, even though we aren't holding them captive.

My parents saw no western tines or whatever in Bellaire when they went, and yes it was the correct day (at least that's what they say). Out of the whole time we've been here I saw only one swan, by Bellaire. None by the cottage. That

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hummingbird feeder is really cool, I've only seen them feed twice, most of the time they come and look at us, then leave. That dock is really screwed up as Ethan wrote. I agree in saying it needs to be replaced or at least repaired. The sunsets and stars up here are the best of both I've ever seen. Without any bright city lights^{here}, all of the stars can be seen in glorious splendor. Everything new here is nice, but the vanity in the bathroom was leaking. My dad the handyman repaired it, though. The water's been very blue + warm (78 being the coldest), except for the day after a night of long rain, when a brown substance was all over everything underwater (I believe it to be a plankton, not sure though).

We took the boat out only a few times, and it ran fine. I like the new table & chairs, good improvement. I've been procrastinating on a summer school assignment, so I've had to do it while I was here, what a pain, having to do HOMEWORK here! Oh well, I can't complain much considering it was my fault for not doing it earlier. I'll be entering 11th grade this year, and my brother 8th.

To close my entry, I have a question for all the people who write in this journal: Every entry put into this journal has nothing but positive information included. Why is there hardly ever any negative comments? Is it because there's nothing negative to say OR because no one wants to put negative things in this journal? A question for all to think about. Until next year.

With Love

Harvey Green III

PS: I brought my cat with me this year. One night she got all scared and was running all around the place. I think she got spooked by the cottage fairy!

August 31 I'm thinking, but I'll stick to the facts, positive, negative or otherwise. I, Carolyn, sanded + spar urethane'd window sills in kitchen + living room, Thanks to Copey, bringing it to my attention. For me it was wonderful visiting + seeing all the family this summer while they spent their time at the cottage. All this can only get better!

Oct 20 1998, Meter Reading 1010

No idea which propane tank was in use ^{or} which one is full. System drained, anti-freeze in traps, valves open.

The space heater has been pushed close to wood paneling, ^{possibility} ~~possibility~~ house might burn down if used. ~~we didn't~~ ^{we didn't} move it back in place

Carolyn + Len