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John & David checked cottage while they were here over New Years.

It was 10° in cottage, all looked well.

Carolyn & Len checked cottage Jan 15th, we checked roof with 33" of snow on it. Rafters looked OK. Deers are dining on yew in front of cottage. Snow is knee deep. Lake is frozen, covered in snow. Wind chill off lake at least -15° (instant skin freeze.)

April 28 1999 Meter Reading 1010 66° + sunny

Len & Carolyn opened cottage, everything weathered well over the winter. Len repaired dock braces, put screws in all the Top boards (but not in newer piece, that didn't need it). I sweep floors, generally got everything ready to go. I ordered a replacement tank for left propane tank. Len cut down overhanging white pine bows from roof over living room. That really looks great now. The Spar polyurethane I put on window sills did the job I wanted it to do. Everything is ready to go for another great year!

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RT propane tank in use

Lt tank delivered 6/9

June 3rd → 6th John & Harry put up dock, mowed grass
Toke continued by John

June 14 thru 26th Copy, Harvey Danny and Bobby -
We made the 573 mile trip from Erie, Pa. in 13 hours
stopping to eat & eat in Marshall, at the fireworks
store in Fremont Indiana, and twice for gas.

Mary couldn't come this year because of having no vacation
days. I suppose I could have forced her to take "unpaid
vacation" and come, but that's not my style. Anyhow, it
is a lot different without her - forever.

We brought a new lawnmower for the cottage. It is a
Toro self-propelled model, about 20 years old I picked up
cheap and renovated. It mowed very well.

The boys are spending most of their time with the Holdz
girls, who are also here. Amanda is 18, Jennifer is 20
Samantha is 14, and Laura is 12. Carol will be up July 7.

6/20 It's the summer solstice today at 3:48 PM. Today, Mr.
Boat: Tom Greene came with his 1972 Ford Torino, and hauled the
boat to the launch site. After all the steps, and hooks were
off, he pulled forward about 10 feet, and then backed up
briskly. He hit the brakes, and the boat slid right off
the trailer into the water. It was clean. He knew what
he was doing. He reminds me of Bill Davis, who I miss
very much despite his imperfections in life.

NOTE: I repaired (oiled) the bathroom door lock after Danny needed vice
grips to get out one day.

An earwig bumbled onto a piece of tape and got stuck. I managed
to get him free, but it cost him an antenna.

Bicycles: The green bike was making a grinding sound when pedaling, or

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CONT'D: coasting. I ~~had~~ found metal particles and ball bearings loose inside. Apparently the bearing-keeper came to pieces. I could see ~~no~~ other damage. The wheel rolls better, but the shift no longer shifts.

The red bike had to be welded in the back where the brakes and fender attach; 2 places. Nobody could do it in less than 2 weeks, so I'm taking the frame home to weld it myself.

ANTENNA: The antenna was worked on, and now gets in channels 7 and 9. - In color. We forgot to put the frigging glass jar on the top of the mast. We were on the hot roof in bare feet. This could have made up for it.

Boat Trailer: I painted it. The only thing I couldn't do is the springs and wheels. I'll get them next time.

ELECTRIC: The power has been fluctuating, flickering and blinking throughout our stay.

SMALL MOTOR: The small motor would not start. I removed the spark plugs and found no gap in either one. When I replaced them, the recoil snapped on the first pull. What can I say?

shower: I painted and cleaned the shower floor and walls. I hope you like it. This time I cleaned the sand and dried in the microwave. Then I put it in a salt shaker and got even distribution.

From Harvey III...

I have to say that I thoroughly (sp?) enjoyed myself this time around. As terrible as I thought it was going to be without my mother, that it was not. It was just the guys up here this time. To my surprise, there were no huge fights or serious quarreling. I am able only to take so much of such a limited amount of people in my direct presence constantly, so I'll be glad to get home and AWAY from these fellows for a few days. No offense to them, but, you know...

I think I've found the best word to describe this place: relaxing. Here, I get away from my real life and live a completely different one. I hope everyone knows what I mean.

It was 20 degrees for a month UNTIL the day we came up, then it dropped to 50. A little bittersweet irony, I suppose. Regardless, we still got the swimming dock out the 2nd day. Damn was it cold! It got much warmer though, better for swimming.

That^{was} basically the most popular activity: swimming to the dock. I also learned how to canoe this year. I went out once by myself on a windy day - I got taken down the lake. It was quite the challenge to get back - but I made it (barely). Also the Holda girls were here, and without them it would have been pretty boring.

I took the boat (motor) out as well. The jetskiers loved to hit our waves and followed us around. I was sorta worried but got over it. We went to the island, which I have not been to in years. It always seemed so much more impressive.

I'm 17 this year, so this is my last year here as a kid. That's kind of scary but also good. I hope I change not at all, and stay a kid. Of course in some aspects one must "grow up" - learn responsibility - but what I've come to notice is so many lose the spark of fun they used to have.

I went to a party w/ the Holdas in that really nice brown house down the road of the Holdas. All the people were doctors + lawyers.

One guy, Shaheem, was very cool to us "youngins". By the end of the night they had shaved his head bald! It was some crazy shit, I never knew doctors + lawyers had so much fun. But that's how I'd like to be as an adult. I'll be able to come here alone w/o my dad next year, I doubt that will happen. See ya + remember this place is here to have fun, so HAVE FUN!

Amy Green

JUNE 27 - JULY 3 ——— ETHAN + STEPH

ARRIVED SUNDAY AFTERNOON. HAD DECENT WEATHER - NOT GREAT, BUT NOT AWFUL. ONLY ONE OR TWO "MICHIGAN" DAYS - OVERCAST, COOL, DRIZZLY. DIDN'T DO MUCH ALL WEEK EXCEPT LAZE AROUND - WITH OCCASIONAL SHOPPING TRIP TO BREAK UP THE BLISSFUL MONOTONY, FIRST TIME IN MICHIGAN AS A MARRIED GUY - CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO START OUR LIFE TOGETHER THAN HERE AT DUNLOOKIN...

NOT TOO MANY DUCKS, ONLY 1 SWAN, BUT DID SEE A COUPLE WILD TURKEY FAMILIES.

DON'T TRUST THE CLOCKS WHEN YOU ARRIVE. THE ELECTRICITY HAS BEEN ON THE FRITZ - IT GOES OUT OFF AND ON FOR A COUPLE SECONDS TO A COUPLE HOURS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS - THE FUSES ARE OKAY. I'M NO ELECTRICIAN, AND I WASN'T SURE WHO TO CONTACT AND LACK THE CASH ON HAND TO HAVE SOMEBODY COME OUT AND TAKE A LOOK AT THINGS.

I scoff at Ethan's attempts to rationally explain the weird electricity. It's obvious that we have a poltergeist on our hands here. That, or the Cottage Fairy is schizoprenic or has some sort of evil cousin.

I don't know. Maybe someone's just trying to tell us that we shouldn't pay any attention to such foolish inventions as clocks when we're on vacation.

The only productive thing I've done this year is to put an ant trap by the bread box. I actually brought gardening gloves and was

going to weed the beach a bit, but I decided that the only way to distinguish a week in Michigan as a honeymoon instead of a vacation was to be completely worthless. After all, I needed to save my energy for other activities...

UPDATE ON THE 78'S PROJECT: LITTLE TO NO PROGRESS, UNFORTUNATELY. IT MAY TAKE PROFESSIONAL SOFTWARE AND HOURS OF PAINSTAKING WORK TO RESTORE THEM TO LISTENABLE QUALITY. GIVE ME ANOTHER YEAR, EH?

EVERYTHING IS ON; RIGHT PROPANE TANK STILL IN USE.

P.S. IF YOU SEE A BLACK ZIPPO LIGHTER AROUND WITH A U.S.S. BELLEAUWOOD EMPLOYE ON IT, IT'S MINE.

July 3 → July 16 John + SARA

7/3 → 7/10 Delgado Family - Hector, Dianne, Scott, Eric, Jeff

Arrived to a clean cottage ready to go with all systems up. The weather was in the 90's and windy all week.

Spent most of the 1st week on the lake boating and fishing. We picked loads of sweet cherries at King's orchards.

The boat was running good and given a clean-over on the outside from various dock & fire scuffings.

Lake Michigan was unusually warm this year and was able to go swimming at Eastport Beach once this decade. The rest of the family arrived the 2nd week for more lake activity with the weather holding out to ideal conditions.

7/3-7/16 John & Sara Cont.

The electricity went out for good on the first night. Hector & I switched some wires to get some juice for the one working line (pump line) so that the Refrigerator and bedroom lights worked. Had an electrician look at it and told me that our fuse box was in good shape and that the problem was outside in powerline. Electric Company came out that day and fixed the problem. Its all fixed now.

Notes:

- (R) gas tank Ran out, ~~switched~~ switched to (L) tank. New tank ordered and delivered.
- Recommended to use 30-35 Amp Fuses in box and not the ~~40~~ 40 Amps that were in there. I switched them and left the proper extra ones on top of fusebox in case a fuse blows.

July 11 - July 23 1999 Janice Cliff Sammy & Danny.
We arrive @ 0730 in the morning after driving all night. The weather has been sunny & warm. We love the fans, the new table & top the bathroom. Cliff's brother & wife came with their 2 grand kids and we spent the whole weekend in the water. The water float is the greatest. I love being able to get up the ladder!! The speed boat was running great until Jenny & I was driving & taking c Sammy & Danny then it just stopped. No one could figure out why, Dad Cliff John & Danny all checked it out. Even new spark plugs wouldn't work. Dad

will work with it next week when he is up here again. Both of the boats have expired registration tags on them!!

The nights were clear with many stars.

We had camp fires & ate many toasted ^{marsh}mallows. The cottage looks great and is always a wonderful time. Cliff got a Hobie Cat sail boat - we kept the pontoons & the mast at the edge of the woods. The rest of it is at Mom & Dad's house in Central Lake.

It needs work but by next year ~~we~~ we will be up & sailing. Thanks for everything Love you all. Love Janice.

★ Happy Honeymoon Margorie & Walt!!! ★
Behave!!!

July 29 - Aug. 7 - Liz, Karla, Rosemary, Paul

We had a wonderful week. The lake was warm and the weather hot. The big boat started after Uncle Lanny saw that the butterfly valve was stuck shut. It has started easily ever since. We only went out in it about three times, I skied. The kids hung out with three of the Holder (Greene) girls the whole week. Each night teenagers would swarm together and have a blast together. They all became close friends and exchanged Email addresses. Katie & David & Steven were at Carolyn's, Hank & Jeanie came up also. They took us to the Rosebud Cafe for the Friday night fish fry. ~~Umm~~ (good) I took a van load of kids to the Sleeping Bear Dunes. Paul, Karla, Rose, Steven, Jenny and Laura. We had a real nice time and Paul & Jenny climbed up the 450 ft. →

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Liz Contr

Bluff. It took them about 20 minutes. The Hummingbirds are really feeding on our feeder, they are fighting over it. I found a stray cat (kitten) on our second day here. We befriended it and decided to take it back to Ohio. I think I'm temporarily insane. My reasoning is, it will be shot, poisoned, taken to APL or frozen from exposure. Basically I am saving it from death. It's a loving little female orange tiger, she is real afraid of humans and is trusting us amazingly fast. We have had a nice time, Paul is going to be a Senior this year and has enlisted in the Airforce. I am glad we had this week together to become close and get to know each other. Karla will be a Junior and Rose a freshman. I am a sixth year Junior almost SR!!! I have been recharged and gained memories to think about for the rest of the year. Michigan Magic- Yes!!

AUG 7 TO 14 - BRUCE, RICKIE, PAT + JUDI

WE HAD AN EASY TRIP UP.... A LITTLE

RAIN, HERE & THERE. THE WEATHER

DURING THE WEEK WAS MUCH COOLER

THAN WHAT WE'VE BEEN USED TO AT

HOME.... MID 60'S WITH A LOW OF

50. WE DID HAVE 2 BEAUTIFUL DAYS

WHERE IT GOT UP TO MID 70'S. WE

HAD SOME MAJOR RAIN STORMS A

COUPLE OF NIGHTS, AND DURING THE

DAYS TOO. WE REALLY ENJOYED THE

HUMMING BIRD FEEDER, TOO! WE DIDN'T

GET TO DO ALL OF THE TYPICAL

OUTDOOR THINGS DUE TO THE WEATHER,

BUT WE DID GET TO GO SWIMMING ONE DAY. NO BOATING, THOUGH. SO, WE PLAYED A LOT OF BRIDGE... 26 RUBBERS. THE LITTLE STEREO DIED, SO I GOT A REPLACEMENT AT WALMART. WE ALSO PICKED UP SOME TOWEL BARS FOR THE BATHROOM. I RETURNED THE RECORDS THAT ETHAN HAD BORROWED. I WAS SURPRISED THAT THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS THAT HE DIDN'T TAKE. WE WILL HAVE SOME CDS BY NEXT YEAR. I LIKE THE TOILET SEAT, BRUCE

① Aug 21 - 28th Jess, Keith, & Teak

Had a nice trip up - we actually got going at a decent hour (8 am) so we had time to make a little side trip to Lake Huron, which was neat. The weather for our entire vacation has been just beautiful - high 70's, low 80's, sunny & breezy, with cool nights - in short, perfect Michigan weather!

Our vacation has been pleasant, if relatively uneventful (which was what I was hoping for after last year). We were a little leery going through Flint, I have to admit. (For those of you who haven't heard, on the way up here last year some moron side-swiped us & we slammed into the concrete median at 75 m.p.h. Very exciting. Then we sat there for 45 mins, unable to move because the truck was destroyed, while people honked, flipped us off, & screamed obscenities at us. LOVING those Flint-ites. Somebody

And then somebody rear-ended us & hit the boat.

finally stopped... but to make a long story short, it was a total pain in the ass... however we were lucky we weren't killed, so I guess it helps to have that perspective.) ☺
Anyway we looked for "our spot" this year when we passed through Flint, but most of the skid/paint marks on the wall have faded.

He wants
me to put that
this is
"trophy"
size.
☺
The fishing was great this year - the most & biggest fish we've seen so far. Keith even caught a 5# smallmouth!!! It was huge!! Keith had his new boat this year - it has a 150 hp motor & it SMOKES!!! Wow! We made it down to the islands (Bellaire end) in about 3 minutes. Hopefully we will get to take Dad skiing behind it next year. ☺

We went on another neat adventure, too - we ran across an article in the Lake Co Gazette called Secret Places: Three Unique & Little Known Places that Define the Beauty Up North. We went to see High Rollaway, which is a glacial cut above the Manistee River. It falls about 400 ft (according to the article) ^{the view} & was just spectacular. However much of the trail was sandy two-track so I wouldn't recommend taking a car... the other two places sound more accessible & we're going to try & find them next year. I'm putting the article in the log book in case anyone else is interested.

Other than that, we stuck to the basics - went to Charlevoix, the Docksides, the movie (Runaway Bride) in Bellaire, ate out a lot so we didn't have to cook (heaven), enjoyed the hummingbird feeder & new stereo, played Gin Rummy for hours at a time, fed the ducks, got the now-traditional "Central Lake Hairdo" for Keith (just go to the barbershop, tell him what you want, & then sit back as he gives you the only haircut he knows), & just generally relaxed & enjoyed life & each other's company. ☺

Small tidbits: ↓

* We broke a bowl accidentally - it was smashed so we pitched it. Sorry about that...

* Took the swim dock in - hope the location we put it is okay. That puppy is hard to steer.

* If possible, could we leave the yellow ties on the dock for Keith's boat next year? That would be so much easier, if it's not too much of a pain when taking down/putting up dock.

* Speaking of the dock! I actually think the wood ~~is~~ is in pretty good shape - just a little spring-y. For a low-cost fix, what do you think about just attaching a 2x4 to the middle of the underside of each section? I think that would give added support to the boards, which is really all we need. (I got the idea from the one section that already has a support board - it seems very secure.) Just a thought...

* The new owner of the former "Mrs Pete's Place" says they're going to build a little motel right next door. He said it will be small (24 rooms) but I'll bet it'll be an improvement over what ^{other hotels are here} ~~is~~ now! (Just ask Mom!)

Once again, we had a great time & are sorry to leave!!

Until next year... ☺ Jess, Keith, & the dog-ster

Sept. 8th 1999 John, Sara, Len & Carolyn Kitchen window is broken, how???

Electric meter reading 1063 → 4 We made this a 9-9-99 visit.

There are mice in cottage, all the boxed food has been chewed. We think they are getting in around pump ground wire. There was a hole, Len filled it with putty, hoping that will keep them out, they did a number on what's left of the baseboard in bath room & utility room. John & Sara took the dock in.

Len & John had brought the boat in day before. Sun 9/12 John got boat all cleaned, motor winterized, everything packed into garage.

Oct 12th Len & Carolyn, drained pump & pipes, closed cottage for the winter

The Year 2000

Propane: Right Tank full & in use

May 15, 2000

Lt Tank empty, new tank ordered 5/15/00

Cottage opened for season, a bolt broke on face plate of pump, but luckily there was enough left, so it could be removed. Four bolts were replaced and a new gasket, did the trick. Len mowed the lawn.

Electric meter reading: 1064

June 11-14 John & Sarah - cut grass, set up dock, serviced boat motor (55 hp)

June 14-24, 2000 Copy, Harvey, Danny and Joe Bricher

The trip started in Erie, Pa at 5 AM this morning. We travelled to Ohio via RT 5 and from there took I-90/271 to Twinsburg, Ohio and picked up the Ohio Turnpike in Hudson. We encountered very light traffic, but numerous construction zones with "50 mph, FINER Doubled" threats. I felt they should have paid me to drive on it. We got off at exit 3 and took Ohio 109 to MI 120 (North). We then proceeded west on 120 to Angola, Indiana where we stopped at Sheldon's Fireworks outlet for about an hour. From 120, you turn right at the stop sign. This is "OLD RT 27." We travelled thru Tekonsha, Grand Coldwater and etc to Charlotte where OLD 27 turns into RT 50. The rest is history. We arrived at 5:30 PM having travelled 589 miles.

6-22-2000 The weather, on the whole, has been pretty crappy with frequent rain, and cloudiness; temperature mostly in the 60s. The boys have rented a lot of videos which we

VCR: have watched on the Magnavox VCR we bought from Mrs Rouse for \$20.00. It will remain here for everybody's enjoyment. We went to Charlevoix and Traverse City, also.

Re: MOWERS

There was difficulty with both lawnmowers. The fuel adjustments were grossly out of phase on both. The Toro will start on the 4th or 5th pull when cold. The old mower starts on the third. One must expect them to be balky after sitting all winter - they start and crap out. This is

2/25, normal. Just keep trying but don't change the adjustments. This only makes it worse. The self-propelled Toro is a dream. I don't know how we ever mowed without self-propulsion. Mowing the hill area laterally is a lot easier than going up and down the hill.

Habochi: I brought a small Habochi for the cottage. It is nice for two or three people. I hope you all like it.

The large Habochi was not in good condition. I had to repaint it. It has been only one season since it was totally reconditioned. I suspect people have been extinguishing the coals by pouring water on them when the grill is hot. This is very bad for the grill. I just let them burn out. The inner grate is on its last legs. Please - no more water.

TRIMMING: I have cut out a ton of deadwood from the perimeter of the property. I will continue to do this. We burned much of it in our campfires at night campfire/beer/fireworks --- who could ask for more?

2000 FROM HARVEY III

Throughout my year I look very forward to my time here. Then it gets here and it's gone so fast -- kind of sad actually. Throughout all the hardships, however, I never leave this place unhappy. It's definitely relaxing. ~~Minimally~~ I'll spare everyone the descriptions -- how many times have I already gone through that? :). This place has a lot to offer -- most importantly, it's just a chance to take it easy. The weather wasn't warm but we swam anyway. We had some fires, some bike riding, a little sightseeing -- overall, a good time and I wish it hadn't come to such an end already.

July 1-8, 2000 Marjorie, Walt, and Lady

We have to comment on our first trip up on a pre-holiday weekend. For 30 miles before, thru, and after Flint, it was three lanes bumper to bumper, creeping. We lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours in that, but no matter, we arrived all in one piece and, as usual, overjoyed to see our beautiful retreat again.

Getting into the swing of things, Walt made the screen doors work better, and also the window hinges. He replaced the defective wall switch in the bedroom. We couldn't get one that allowed the wire to enter from the top, so he did it like the one in the utility room.

Our presents to the cottage — and you-all have fun: Bananim's the Wild Monkey hand puppet; a squeezie worry ball if you need it; and finally the wishful thinking T-shirt for all the girls...

When I planted the flowers, I gave them some slow release fertilizer pellets that last 4 months. Someone writing later ^{this year} let me know how ^{the flowers} they did, please.

We got cherry fever bad on July 3, picking 55 lbs of big, fat, beautiful, shiny, black sweet cherries. I canned 35 qts. My idea of fun. Seriously. I learned one new thing I will pass on. Don't leave sweets soaking in water as you are able to do with sour cherries. The sweets swell up and split. This happened after I had canned more than half of them, but those ^{split} ones I did ~~can~~ the next day turned out all right.

We had a great time seeing the great Fourth of July Parade in Central Lake with Johnny. He also took ^{us} on a boat ride that was incredible.

The weather was nice - warm and sunny - blanket nights. It rained a couple times at night.

The hummingbirds have been fascinating. We've seen them at least 75 times. Liquid mixture: $\frac{1}{3}$ c sugar to 1 cup water... no red coloring necessary or desirable.

We bought a new dishpan and some buckets - 1 lg. and 2 small. Couldn't find any around here before we went cherry picking. That brown dishpan was awfully beat-up. The new one is smaller - (only size I saw.).

2000 from Matt -

I have been looking forward to my time here at the cottage. It is so restful and quiet most of the time. There's so many different things while we are here that we can't do in the city.

As soon as I get here I forget about home, and since I bring laddy with us I don't have to board her at home.

I always look for things to do while Majorie is busy canning or cooking, so I find little odd jobs here to do to make things a little easier for our stay it's a lot of fun.

There is something a little mystical about this place - especially when you know that the cottage fairy is always around watching over you. I love it here and I am a little sad when I think of leaving.

Friday evening we had a wonderful picnic at Carolyn & Dennis - John, Janice, Cliff and boys there also. We girls had gone to Brownwood in the morning - Bye for this year - a memorable week.

7/9/00 James Cliff Sammy & Danny
Had great weather, good boating - Many
fish. Cliff got his sailboat out and running
a few days. Mom & Dad was up here which
made it very fun & nice to have them
near by. Denny Kat & Grand kids were
up for 4 days and had a great time.
The lawn mower worked like the charm.
Had trouble in the speed boat until we clean
the spark plugs then the boys went
testing. Margorie your flower were
watered 2x day & look great. Mother would
love it!!!! There were many different types
of hummingbird the ^{pecker} feeding is really a plus.
We love up here & think about it all
year round. Tell next year. Love you
all.!!!

July 23, 2000 - Sunday thru Friday -

Anne, Phoebe, James, Michael, with Tina, Sydney,
and Christopher Jr.

Left 7:30 Sunday night - thought it would be
easier driving with 2 toddlers + 2 infants at night
when they would sleep - HA! Got here at 3:00 am -
Karla, Rose, + Kim Epling are here already sleeping
in the boat house. I picked Phoebe up today outside
of Pittsburgh - she was at her in-laws. So I had been
in three states today with 12 hrs of driving - not
too numb.

Spent Monday laying on the beach - the kids
played on the beach from 8 am till 8 pm -

(over)

They are in heaven. I love being here with kids -
Tuesday - window in the kitchen is broken -
the glass - will fix it today - was like that when
I got here - can't crank open - gears worn out -
will discuss replacements with Bruce. Maybe
just change gears with a less used window.

Got James a cap-gun from Bachmans -
almost as bad as a drum set.

Weather has been absolutely perfect. went to
Charlevoix today (Wed) but couldn't really save
it with 2 toddlers + 2 infants - but James +
Sydney got to see the bridge raise!

→ WHY DON'T WE GET RID OF ALL THOSE OLD
MAGAZINES IN THE BEDROOM ?? I hesitate
to throw anything out - probably the Greer in me.

Thursday: getting ready to go on Friday morning -
Apologize about the boat cover - but we (girls + I)
did the best we could - it was ripped + Broken -
raining bad - Jessica + Keith aren't coming so
we knew we needed to cover it the best we could.

Also - am defrosting pig - I think something
from the Pleistocene age is embedded in the
ice -

8-5- Bruce, Rickie, Pat + Judi Barrett

to 8-12-2000

Not much time to write - weather was marginal,
with monsoon rains a couple days + nights, but never
really hot or cold. We did have one beautiful day
for jet skiing + water stuff. (Pat + Judi brought up

Bruce got the boat cover mended, + got screws
for the framework, so it is working a little better now.
That was about our only project.

a pair of two sisters - great fun!

I don't like to be negative in here, but please clean the bathroom before you leave, and if you must have a haircut, don't just leave the trimmings in the yard. They don't wash away, + they take a very long time to biodegrade.

Anyhow, we played lots of bridge + cooked some great meals. Gave the movie a miss (Scary Movie), and made only one excursion, to Alden. Bruce + I brought up our new bikes, and we rode several times, until the (much needed!) road resurfacing made it a problem. I think we have them + the bike rack broken in now, so we can enjoy them at home now, too.

Margarie, your flowers are doing beautifully - a nice & welcome touch. They certainly were well-watered while we were here (courtesy of Mother Nature).

P.S. to John + Sara - fantastic job on the dock this year! Straight as an arrow - how'd you manage it?

8-13 to 8-21 Liz, Karla, Rose + Justin Derriekson

The weather was cool Sixties with a sunny high of 70's only a couple of days. We went to the Dunes and Charlevoix. The boat ran well and we were able to ski on our last day. The girls hung out w/ Jenny Holda Greene and other kids around the lake. They have become social butterflies up here. The hummingbirds came real frequently when the feeder was cleaned. They are getting brave even when we move in the kitchen. The pull chain came out of the light above the sink and it seemed more than any of us could fix other than that we had

a wonderful stay. We extended our stay two days when we heard that Ethan & Steph were not able to come up. That was nice since I postponed our trip one day for my 20th reunion. on Sat Aug. 12.

We saw Jenny & Harry & Max and Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Lenny. It is nice to have family close. The CD's are sooooo cool. I remember Harvey playing all those songs as a kid up here. Untill next year. I am leaving my demo CD up here that I made this winter.

Oct 22, 2000

Electric meter reading 1113

Closed cottage for winter

Cottage checked several times during winter

2001

Hummingbird legend
1 C water
1/3 C sugar

May 29 2001 Len & Carolyn, started up cottage for summer. Everything is working well.

June 17 → 23, John, The Gibson Family: Dave, Alberta, Jacob, Jessica
Jessica (7 yrs) Tried To Feed The ducks, but no luck.
The ruddiest Ducks I ever came across. The ducks in Ohio will come right up to you. Mom-Alberta was dumbfounded when the kid fishing next door didn't move for hours! I Told Jessica to go over and see if he wanted to play, I felt so Sorry for him or her. Well we went over and found out it was a Statue! Ha Ha met Jim's wife Helen, was very nice. Jacob (9 yrs) found Chris across the Street to play with and Jessica played with his Sister Lindsey. We are liking it so much here Thank you.
(Alberta)

This is Dave writing. Once again I find myself with the good fortune of being about ^{the} 45th latitude, in the friendliest of friendly confines. It's been a decade since Alberta and I have had the privilege of visiting here. This time around we could share the experience with the two new clan members Jacob & Jessica. (Bear with my atrocious hand writing diminished by years of being spoiled by those funky "word processors.") The weather has been the classic G.T.B. systems with a little bit of everything from gusty winds to rain showers to overcast breaking to clear blue skies. Rather chilly, temps ranging from mid 60's to mid 70's. Our travels took us from Charlevoix to the straits of Mackinac and a visit to Mackinac Island, since the Irish settlers invaded the area

In the early 1400's with the Battle of
Makinac, we opted to dine at the local
Irish pub where we all planted our token
quads. Back at the ranch, John & I put considerable
effort in putting up the dock. We utilized the
patented "Gibson Triangulation Method". The technique
employs the latest technology with the aid of
a modern GPS global navigation system (the neighbor
Craig across the street - "The Surveyor"), and
the alignment of the constellations (it was a
nocturnal engagement.) Please be sure to praise
John on a job well done! The launching of the
"tub", on the other hand, was a different story.
We were doing great up until we remembered
that we omitted one important detail. There's this
rubber plug that has to be inserted into the
hole below the waterline of the boat. This prevents
the boat from sinking. Tonight's dinner will be a
grill out (for the 4th night in a row) of Charlevoix's
finest lake trout whitefish, and walleye. Life
couldn't be any better! Hats off to Alberta
and her deep sea diving expedition to
secure the swimming platform. Hope
everyone has an enjoyable vacation! DAVE

- Cottage up and going for the season. Dock is up, Raft
is out, Boat is in and running well. We had a great
week just hanging out and boating. I brought my boat
over and docked it here while the weather held out. Did
a day trip to Mackinac island and want to go back to
explore some more. Kudos to Dave & Alberta for all their
help with setting up and cleaning up. See you All soon. John

June 25 - July 10 James Cliff Sammy & Dan.

We got here @ 6pm Sunday after driving straight up from Florida. We were really ready to kick back but the boys had other ideas. I think in the first hour they rowed the boat, played in the sand, swam off the dock, fed the ducks and got out the croquet set. The weather has been mostly on the good side - Sunny & 85°. I felt I was still in Florida! Mom & Dad was over at their house, so it was very nice to see them daily. A few days later Jenny Harry & Max came up for about a week. Max played on the beach for a little while but always manage to find his favorite thing in the world - the lawnmower!!! We all went up to Central Lake for the 4th of July parade & had a picnic @ mom & dad's house. When it got dark ~~we~~ ~~we~~ Jen & Harry came over & we had a firework display down on the beach. The whole lake was booming with fireworks. It was very pretty. Cliff got his sailboat out & took a few sails ~~across~~ ^{across} the Lake. We were very happy to have boat rides in the big boat & not have any trouble. It is purring like a kitten. The hummingbirds are very active and are a pleasure to watch. John & Sara came up July 7th and ~~we~~ we got some lake time together. We even tried to outrun a rain storm - guess who won?

Everything in the cottage is running good. We are a little concern about the hot water heater. The burner is not lighting correctly. We kept it on pilot and just heated the water for showers.

I would hate to be the one who burns the cottage Down! Thanks Bruce & Rickie for the week & Copy for the 3 days. It meant so much to us!! Michigan means so much to us it would have been very hard to miss a year. Love you all! Janice
This is Sammy.

I like I do every year had a great time. I fed a mom and 3 ducklings about 3 times a day. At first every time I made a small move they would run in fright. But by the last few days they were coming up to the door step. We did many activities this year which was good because no time was wasted. We did many things ~~all~~ ^{all} around the ~~cabin~~ ^{cabin} from doing things the water like boating, tubing, and swimming to cooking marshmallows and hot dogs on the camp fire. On the forth of July we had a great fireworks show. And on our last day I got to meet ~~uncle~~ ^{uncle} Copy and Aunt Mary. And my two ^{cousins} Harvey III and Daniel. Can't wait to come back next year!!!

Tues ~~Wed~~ 7/12K1; Copy, Mary, Harvey III and Donny Greer
We arrived at 5:30 PM and checked in at the Dream Lake hotel in Bellaire, since we aren't due until tomorrow. We got to see Janice for the first time in many years, and her family for the first time ever - Cliff Samray and Dawny. We also saw Johnny and Sarah. It was

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really nice, visiting, getting to know, and blowing off a few fireworks. Who could ask for more?? Oh yes, I had a beer as well.

wed Initially, we found the water heater on the pitz. I took out the burner and cleaned all the soot and rust out of it and it seems okay now. We have hot water.

7/2 Thurs The big boat croppered out when Harway (the son) was taking it out. John was happening by in his four winds, and stopped to help. There was no discernable spark. The engine appears to have a electronic module - "magna power" which could be the culprit.

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The Chrysler started running again a couple day ago. I was concerned the module was bad because we (John and I) couldn't see any spark, but evidently we had a bad ground and it was flooded that day. I tried to put the top back on, but it is too "unstitchable" to work. Harway and Danny drove it last night and drained the fuel. The Avante is running "pretty good" although it craps out sometimes. It ~~starts~~ starts again in a little while, usually. God, is it slow! I fixed the light above the sink. The badminton set was so f-ed up as I've never seen it since I created it 20 years ago. I refurbished it, and restringing the net, and it seems better than it ever was.

I fixed the leak in the coffeemaker and the cord on the electric drill and other stuff I can't think of now.

One more thing about the flattaris; the "air" and "fuel" lines were reversed on the tank, and this is why it wouldn't run. The recoil works okay, but it really needs a new spring and rope.

See the other side for Harway's entry :-)

HARVEY III:

Woah. After a venture overseas through Europe, it certainly was magnificent to come here. Up here, you get to do one thing I was never able to do on the former trips: RELAX. Michigan is the best at doing that, by coming here I'm sure my risk for high blood pressure has decreased 40% (until I get back to Erie, of course!). On the first day at the cottage, the good ol' Chrysler 55 didn't start up for me; it wasn't until our final day that I got it going (oh well). This year it was just the basic family here, minus sister Kelly of course. She's doing fine, though, so if anyone is worried about her there's no need to be. She's happy with what she's doing, and that's really what matters. Through some 'rough' times, she's made it. Blood is thicker than water so the tale tells and as I become an adult it holds more and more true to me. Well, we did the fair lot of the 'regular' stuff ^(check to do list) swimming, non-car travel to both towns (via roller blades this year), road trip day to Traverse City, etc. I moved outta' the house in July of 2000, so this is the most hands-on experience I've had with my family in quite some time. It's told me I miss 'em - even though I only moved mere blocks away, working and going to school makes it so difficult for that thing that either needs slowed or sped (depending on circumstance, of course). Time. Our time up here hasn't progressed too fast or too slow, just right actually. I made a couple big ass fires even though Smokey the Bear up in Belleaire told us fire danger was EXTREME (I was VERY careful - most of the time). I think the highlight of the trip was seeing the relatives. John, Sarah, (C)iff, Jenice and their boys were all up (Janice + C)iff left the day after we came, though). It was great seeing them all, and told me ~~my~~ family doesn't see or hear enough from the rest. I dunno if my father lacks the motivation to try, but I don't. I'm leaving email addresses at the end of this excerpt. If anyone wants to write, ~~don't be shy~~ we'll write back. But -- oh yeah, the trip! Sunny, bright, windy enough to fly a kite! It was more than you could ask for, really. The place just screams heritage to me, and I love being a part of it.

Much love,

Harvey

BIG Harvey: hggcopy@webtv.net
Small Harvey: hebss@hotmail.com

I wanna' hear from ya' (now I just sound silly :~)

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7-21-01; Copy again:

The weather was wonderful - temperatures is the 80's and 90's, sunshine, no mosquitoes (oops) unseen. Both lawn mowers worked perfectly starting up better than last year.

It seems like long ago that I was at home and at work; that is the sign of a good vacation.

I checked the bicycles, but refused to obsess on them as I have in the past.

Well, it's time to go. See you all next year Copy

Marjorie and Walt Sunday July 22 to Monday July 30, 2001

Our first two days here it was scorchin' hot. The humidity was oppressive, and as a result, we had something I've never seen before -- the floors were sopping wet from condensation. We got the fans circulating air, mopped, and dried things out! But it soon cooled down to "Michigan Perfect", sunny days and blanket nights.

We did sour cherry jam. Picked at King's and watched their huge machine take out the pits. Thanks to my sister for the "Heads Up" about this great time saver. Made lots of jam and left some jars for you all to enjoy.

Even though we're here late in July, the sight of the weedy garden under the kitchen window motivated me to have my annual fun of planting. This year I decided to put in some perennials to see if they can make it through the winter.

I planted petunias between, but for the record -

{ L to R, the perennials are ① Blue Mist Spirea-Caryopteris;
② Stonecrop Sedum ③ Don't know its name ④ Giallardia ⑤ Thyme
(already here) ⑥ Pinks ⑦ Balloon Flower-Platycodon ⑧ Sedum ⑨ Sedum
^ both already here

2001

Carol Holda and I went to Alden yesterday so I could get a replacement jar of that great seasoning Bruce turned me on to: Miracle Blend. Those little old people running that spice co. are something. We were belly to belly - back to back with people in there - and I think I saw their (the owners) armored car coming to take their proceeds to the bank. Love stores like that - reminds me of the one in Quaker Square.

We've done Charlevoix - shopped - strolled - we saw the bridge go up like Janice's family did!

Lizzie and teenagers are coming up on Sat. so we are looking forward to being with them for a few days. We'll probably try boating when they get here.

Walt brought his guitar, so when Jenny, Carol, and Laura heard that, they had us over for a session and a bon fire.

Copy had repaired many things that were in need and we are especially grateful that he worked on the water heater and the coffee pot!

The Friday Fun Nights in Bellaire are fun (imagine that!) We heard a teenagers band.... You might get Dixie-Land; Country; who knows.

The gang arrived Sat afternoon. We all found our nesting spots - some temporary until Walt and I clear out Mon. morning! You definitely need kids here. Just ^{having} adults is pretty quiet....

Sunday we girls did Brownwood - whoops - Jim went too. Had a beautiful time all week....

Walt - Had a great time. - (Marnie only gave me this much space)
"Bree Bear" on the mantle is my contribution to the cottage. "Fairie" Please take care of him!

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Liz, Karla, Rosemary, Tim Renner, Kim Eppley

July 28 - August 4 2001

We had a wonderful week. Mom & Walt welcomed us with a good meal and good company. We had two fun days with them & Walt's dog Lady. The kids socialized with the kids around the lake almost every night. We went to the Sand Dunes with Carol & Laura. We all climbed the tourist hill and Tim, Rose & Laura climbed the 450 foot bluff. What A FEAT!! We went to Charlevoix and walked the town & swam in LK Mich. The water in our lake & LK Mich. was comfortable to swim in. We swam a lot this year, every day. We never took the big boat out because the kids tubed with the deaf kid across the lake and ~~Walt~~^{Uncle} Johnny. We were treated to a sandbar boat ride on the Pontoon boat by Johnny as well. Carolyn & Lenny are here and Johnny is up for the weekend. I had a wonderful visit with Johnny. I treated the kids & myself to lunch at Big Buck Brewery in Gaylord. I got the ten beer sampler and enjoyed each flavor & sip. (The kids drove back to the cottage after the sampler) I like that place & the steaks are real good. We have had a wonderful time watching the hummingbirds. Mom planted the bed outside the kitchen window with beautiful flowers. I have had a nice time kicking back and enjoying the simplicity of the area & cottage. The kids saw a comet one evening and it was so big it made the news the next day. No wood, so we got a little from Greene's to have 2 beach fires.

AUG 4-14, 2001 BRUCE + RICKIE PAT + JUDI -
ARRIVED MID AFTERNOON TO A NICE CLEAN COTTAGE -
THANKS TO LIZ + KIDS! IT WAS IN THE 90'S FOR
THE FIRST 6 DAYS, SO WE WERE IN THE WATER
QUITE A BIT. WE WERE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH
JOHN WHO WAS UP FOR THE WEEKEND. HE GAVE
US A RUN OF THE LAKE IN HIS BOAT... I
WAS GOING TO TRY SKIING AGAIN BUT RAN
OUT OF GAS (ME, NOT THE BOAT!) WE ALSO
GOT TO TOUR THE CHANNEL NORTH OF CENTRAL
LAKE.... I HADN'T BEEN UP THERE SINCE THE
EARLY 60's WHEN WE USED TO GO THERE TO
WATER SKI (TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
SMOOTH WATER). JOHN ~~WAS~~ WAS LEAVING ON
MONDAY AM SO WE HAD HIM TAKE THE
BOAT OUT SO THAT HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO
HASSLE WITH IT WHEN HE RETURNS IN LATE
SEPT. WE DID THE LEELANAU WINE COUNTRY.
WE HIT 4 DIFFERENT WINERIES, AND SAMPLED
THEIR WARES. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF
11 WINERIES LISTED, BUT WE GOT "WINED OUT"
PRETTY QUICK. WE PLAYED A LOT OF BRIDGE,
TOO. WE DID SOME CLEANING, CLEARING,
AND DISPOSAL OF MISC ACCUMULATIONS
OF COTTAGE + BOAT HOUSE STUFF. THERE
ARE SOME MAJOR EXPENSE ITEMS LOOMING
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.... A NEW ROOF,
WATER HEATER, + STOVE. MARJORIE'S FLOWERS
REALLY BRIGHTENED UP THE SIDE AREA... AND
THEY SURVIVED THE HOT DRY 2 WEEKS -
ETHAN + STEPH CAME UP ON SAT 11TH, AND
PAT + JUDI WENT HOME + WE STAYED OVER

FOR A FEW DAYS OF OVERLAP, WE DID CHARLEVOIX TOGETHER. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE DONE IT IN ABOUT 10 YEARS.

ETHAN + STEPH AUG 11 - 18

WEATHER GORGEOUS FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS, THEN WE HAD A COUPLE "MICHIGAN DAYS" - OVERCAST, COOL, RAINY. DID OUR USUAL TRIPS TO ALDEN, WENT TO CHARLEVOIX WITH MOM AND DAD. BORROWED CAROLYN + LENNY'S PONTOON BOAT FOR A TOUR OF INTERMEDIATE, SAW SOME LOONS, WATERFOWL IN GENERAL VERY SCARCE THIS YEAR, SO NO FEEDING FRENZIES OUT ON THE DOCK - ONLY SAW FIVE DUCKS TOTAL. HUMMINGBIRDS MAKE UP DIFFERENCE, THOUGH, ALONG WITH WILD TURKEYS.

STEPH'S PARENTS CAME UP ON THURSDAY, STAYING AT THE STONE WATERS INN FOR THE WEEKEND. HAD FUN SHOWING THEM AROUND OUR CORNER OF ANTRIM COUNTY. HAD A NICE CAMPFIRE FRIDAY NIGHT, COMPLETE WITH SMORES.

ANOTHER GREAT WEEK AT DUNLOOKIN!

Put new shelf paper in top cupboards. Leftover roll in junk drawer by sink.

We went swimming and Ethan's wedding ring fell off out by the swim dock. Couldn't see to the bottom that far out so I threw mine in after it. It seemed better to replace both of them than just one. Anyway, they're down there. Kind of cool, really.

Saw the Big Dipper reflected in the Lake. Crazy gorgeous.

Sept 21, 2001 10 days after "the Day of Infamy of the New Century"

John, Sara, Len & Carolyn took duck down on a rainy, windy 55° day. After the first shock, the lake water wasn't too bad. John is the one that got the wettest. Thanks to Steph & Ethan for beaching the swim float, that would have been a very cold swim. John got the sky boat motor winterized and the lower gear oil changed. Len & I got the cottage closed for the winter on Monday Sept 24th. The electric meter read 115.8. I don't know the status of the propane tanks since both were on.

Marjorie's flowers are doing beautifully, the must like the cooler weather, also the 3" of rain we have had the last month helped. The lake is higher than it was during the summer.

The cottage looks great, less cluttered, now we all have to decide what to replace.