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April 10 2010 John & Lee Ann

Just stopped by to see if everything was intact after the winter.

May 23 2010 John & Carolyn Electric Meter 06067

The cottage opened up very well. All systems running. John cut the grass in 85° + sunny heat. A lot of boats out for pre-Memorial Day weekend.

June 2nd to 28th Copy - Harvey & Rickie June 3rd to 23rd

JUNE 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 Pack for mid trip	2 leave @ 5:30 AM	3 Arrive @ 6:30 PM EST RI	4 THE CAR ROLLS INTO THE LAKE - YES!	5 RAINY DAY
6 BEACH and FLEA MARKET A WHOLE DAY	7 Painted backside of outside	8 Painted Southside Lower half	9 prepared garage for painting	10 Paint E + W sides of garage	11 PAINTED E side, garage finish W side	12 color fan
13 moved the float anchor back	14 Paint N side to top of windows	15 Paint N porch area Have pine needles	16 Paint over porch START DOCK	17	18	19 all CORRAL DOCK COMPLETED
20 Brown wrap all exterior DO.	21 SOLIST	22 Got Boat going - did good. PAINT S side	23 Rickie + H. leave @ 3:00 PM	24 Paint upper of S. side	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Sunday June 27th 5^{PM} Jenny Harry + Max
Left Tuesday June 29th

July 2nd Carolyn washed double bed quilt, tan blanket, brown and gold twin blankets

Copys paint job is absolutely beautiful, the swim raft is back in position and the dock is up. Thanks to Cipy, Harvey + Pickie

July 3rd → 10th John + LeeAnn

Arrived up here to booming lake activity for pre 4th of July festivities. Central Lake was very crowded during the parade and park BBQ cookout. Very Americana + patriotic. We saw the Fikewoods from the pontoon boat c Maria, and neighbors Steve + Cathy. Maybe 200+ boats out to see them. The weather was hot during the day, but cool at night. During the week, I was finally able to get my speedboat out and burn a \$50 tank of gas. The week went by fast. Was able to cut the grass and do some weed trimming. On our last Saturday, the Smiths, Sara + Jeff, are having a huge wedding party lakefront. Tent, Pig Roast, Open bar, fireworks, and live music. We were invited and definitely crashing this one. LeeAnn and myself are officially engaged as of 8/09 and will keep you posted on our wedding time in the near future. We just had a great time this week and look forward to our family meeting in October about the future of the cottage and the generational transitions. LeeAnn left the preter pewter Moose Shot glass with stories to be told behind it. Everyone enjoy as much as we have John + LeeAnn

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Saturday
Friday July 10 - Friday July 16

Anne, John (my son-in-law) and James, Michael +
Judy - my grandchildren.

Absolutely perfect weather all week - James remembers
coming here as a toddler, Mike doesn't remember coming
as an infant, and this is Judy's 1st trip - she is seven.

John + the kids swam, swam some more, and swam.

Had a ball. Went to Charlevoix on Tuesday - again -
perfect - no crowds.

John spent one entire afternoon weeding the
beach - he got @ 5 gallon pails of weeds out -
but some were stubborn. Beach looks immensely
better.

An excellent vacation, very stress-free - kids were
good - no fights - just the usual picking.

Went to Traverse City to the Children's Science
Museum - a hands on display about the Great Lakes.
Nice but a little going for James.

Cool, cloudy on last day - Thursday - but that's
O.K. - gave us a chance to tidy up - pulled
furniture out to sweep, wiped off bug top, etc -

Leaving Friday a.m. early
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SAT
July 17 to 24th SAT
Marjorie and Kathy Mooney -
(longtime friend and classmate)

Lucky us! We had beautiful, bright days.
We saw Carolyn every day which was great.
This has been a totally lazy time for us -
we went nowhere but that was fine.

The cherries were already done (early this year)
which was a disappointment.

Down the road on the way to Central Lake is
"Monroe Farms". Wonderful fresh vegetables. I
got the cottage flowers there, too. The owner is
named Myra and a lovely girl.

My contribution to the aesthetic value of the
place this year was to bleach the shower
curtain bottom --- Black bottom is OK for cakes
and Derby Day pies but not for shower curtains.

Briefly visited Tom Greene and saw three of the
girls - Jennie, Amanda and Laura.

We're all rested and ready to face the world!

* Bruce, Copsy, Caroline & Marge: Thank you
all for my wonderful week at your
Golden Pond. The quilt was what I needed
you were generous to share it with me!
Love from Horts all over the world,
Kathy Hort Mooney

Sat July 24 - 31st Liz, Karla, Rose ^{Pregnant w/ 4} Lil Bea in 8th month
and the swimming dogs Bessie & Petey

We had beautiful weather 80s day & 60-70@night
Ohio was in the mid 90s when we left so this was
relaxing for our bodies to get these temps up here.
We saw Tom Greene, Jenny & her boyfriend Brian.
We stopped at Monroe Farms and got tomatoes and talked →

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Cont-July 24-31

with the owners. Kept the new plants Mom put in watered because they get dry and wilted quick. Our week was fun filled w/ swimming @ our beach, walked Petoskey and got lunch, walked Charlevoix and swam in Very Big waves, Gaylord Big Buck for a steak, Sunday Brownwood flea market with fresh warm doughnuts mmmm. I got a round rug like one of Mom's and a thick "No Trip" rug for kitchen at the flea market. We enjoyed two beach fires and made smores, hotdogs, Ho Bo pies under the full moon. We fed a mom duck w/ 4 babies - it was 5 at the start of the week. The cottage looks beautiful inside and out thanks to the many hands that everyone contributes. John Pry weeded most of the beach and I worked on it a few days also - it looks the best in years "We have a beach again!"

The hoe worked great to loosen them and a bucket to gather made the job fairly easy to get the weeds out.

This cottage is a wonderful legacy Harvey & Mother left for us. I hope and pray it is never sold and we can all

share it for many years to come. Until next year "Michigan Magic"

Sat July 31st - Sun Aug 8th - Jess, Keith, Jenna, Marissa, Will & Chili

Another year, another wonderful relaxing time for us up here.

Our summers are so hectic w/ Keith's business that it's very special for us to get time together as a family - and this is

the perfect place to do it! Weather was rather hot (90°) one

day but nothing unbearable - overall we lucked out again in

that regard. We swam, fished, went for "little red boat" rides

(inflatable inner-tube thing), & lazed around. Went to the beach

on Grand Traverse Bay @ Torch Lake City for the big waves...

but the bay was like glass! So we all swam in it & petosky hunted, but it was a little bit of a disappointment being so calm. The next day we took the kids to Sleeping Bear Dunes - and on the way back we found a fabulous beach that more than made up for the wimpy waves of the previous day! If you are over that way, it's worth stopping - Esch Road Beach off of 22 (right on Lake Michigan). Gorgeous, sandy beach for miles, with the dunes in view up the coast line - I think it will be an annual jaunt for us. Other than that discovery we didn't venture out much (except for daily trips to the grocery store, of course). Mom & Dad came up on Friday & we overlapped with them for a couple days, which is always nice. And now we are ready to head back to reality, refreshed & recharged in every way!

FRIDAY AUG 6 - MON AUG 16

BRUCE & RICKIE WITH PAT & JUDI BARRETT - GOT AN EARLY START AND ARRIVED AT 2:00 PM. THE WEATHER WAS HOT, HUMID, & SUNNY ALL WEEK. THE FANS MADE IT TOLERABLE... THE OLD GREEN ONE WORKS SO GOOD. WE TOOK THE 3 BAKEN GRANDKIDS TO VISIT THE PARKS IN CENTRAL LAKE AND BELLAIRE. WE SPENT TWO NIGHTS AT THE BLUE PELICAN... THEY HAVE 7 ROOMS... WE ENJOYED THE AIR CONDITIONING! ORIGINALLY, THEY HAD 20 ROOMS WITH ONE BATHROOM AT THE END OF THE HALL. OUR STAY INCLUDED BREAKFAST AT BROTHER'S RESTAURANT (COVERS ANYTHING YOU WANT). THE COTTAGE LOOKS GREAT WITH THE NEW PAINT. THE SCREEN ON THE SIDE DOOR NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

WE MIGHT WANT TO GET SOME SCREEN GUARDS FOR BOTH DOOR. THE TOILET FLUSHING HAS GOTTEN MUCH WORST... THE "FLUSH ASSISTOR" WORK WELL. NOT SURE WHAT IS CAUSING THE PROBLEM. WE DEFROSTED THE FRIDGE DURING OUR STAY AND DID SOME GENERAL CLEANING.... CHECK OUT HUMPHRY BOGART. JESS & FAMILY STAYED OVER AN EXTRA DAY AND LEFT EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNING. PAT & JUDI ARRIVED LATER IN THE DAY - WE PLAYED A LOT OF BRIDGE AND EAT WELL. TOOK A TRIP TO THE RAINBOW RESALE SHOP IN CHARLEVOIX AND THE THREE SISTER'S SHOP IN BELLAIRE, AS WELL AS NIFFY THRIFTY - IT WAS REALLY TOO HOT TO DO MUCH OUTSIDE. WE ADDED A PLUG STRIP IN THE KITCHEN. WE BROUGHT UP AN ELECTRIC TEA KETTLE BUT IT WAS SO CRAPPY THAT WE ARE GOING TO RETURN IT, WE'LL PLAN TO GET A BETTER ONE NEXT YEAR. I FOUND THE FILE OF RECEIPTS IN THE FILE BOX... SOME ARE OLD, DATING BACK TO 2006 - PAT & JUDI LEFT ON SAT AM AND ETH & STEPH & NORA ARRIVED AROUND 6:30. WE COOKED DINNER AND VISITED. WE SPENT ANOTHER 2 NIGHTS AT THE BLUE PELICAN. ON SUNDAY, WE TOOK NORA FOR AN OUTING WHILE ETH & STEPH VISITED CHARLEVOIX, WE HEADED FOR HOME EARLY MONDAY MORNING -

For those of you unfamiliar with the Electrolysis sweeper, be aware that the hose can attach at either

end. One end is for suction & one end is for blowing.
It works pretty darn well when you attach the
Hose to the appropriate end!!

Saturday, August 14 - Thursday, August 19

Ethan, Stephanie & Nora

Arrived to overlap with Bruce & Rickie
for two days, which meant two evenings
of great dinners! We had the most
amazing sunset I've ever seen on
Sunday. The entire sky turned gold for
about 20 seconds. That was followed
on Monday night by a gorgeous starry,
cloudy sky. The half moon slowly
emerging from behind a bank of
cloud was literally breathtaking.

Nora had lots of fun in the lake, of
course, as well as at the nice little
playground in Central Lake.

Aug 28th - Sept 7th Janie & Jim

We started off with sunny weather
with a temperature 92° and ended the
week with Rainy weather and temperature
of 66°!! Crazy Weather!! We enjoyed
our week doing all the things you
do in Michigan. It was great ending
our time with John & Leann and Mom.
Cottage look great. We bought fire
wood & put it in the Boat house. The
new hummingbird feeder is wonderful.

Love you all. Janie x x o

Sept 4th → Sept 12th John & LeeAnn

Arrived up here on Sat. with some stormy, windy, Raining weather, but had the warm reception from Janice & Jim. Got to spend a couple of days over Labor Day with them and had a great time together. Mostly Fall-like warm-summer weather most of the week except for the following Friday (and from the looks of it, today when we leave on Sunday). LeeAnn & I put up the dock for the season, and rolled in the swim Raft, which turned out to be quite the challenge at my age. But got it at least secured up on the beach. Spent most of our evenings going out and supporting local social establishments. Helped Mom over at the Co. home closing down for the season. Only had one cold boating afternoon on the pontoon boat before bringing it in for the year. I enjoyed the week, relaxing, spending time w/ John, Carolyn couple days w/ Janice & Jim ☺ and Lily the dog, and doing what I call vacation, enjoyed the time here - LeeAnn - Sept. 13th

Sept 14th Electric meter reading 08023 Closed cottage for winter

I taped the front window on the outside. The crank was broken off. Who did that? Carolyn

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Wed 5/10/11 - Copy to open up; Elec meter: 8029

Arrived at 6:00 pm after a 12½ hour 572 mile ride.

The first thing I noticed was a huge limb from the giant white pine on the north side on the porch roof. I got up there and pushed it off and saw no damage was done. There are numerous branches on the ground wherever the trees were. I'm going to need a chainsaw to clean up.

The weather is wierdly warm given the last few weeks of rain and cold around the great lakes. It was 72° when I got here. It plunged to around 40 as it got dark.

Fortunately, I siphoned the kerosene into the tank and tested the heater overnight. It was 82°.

Everything works well; the pump was up and going right away, and the water heater was easy to light. I just threw the switch. Remember the bygone day of Petgas?

5-11 — It's 2 PM and 800! I just clean the pine needle clumps off the roof and I am breaking a sweat.

5-11 Spent much of the day cutting and hauling fallen timber. Very nice - 82° and sunny.

5-12 Cold and rainy all day long. Worked on wood.

5-17 I finished cutting up all the fallen branches on the ground. Carolyn's electric chain saw was a big help. She came up on the 15th (rues).

5/20 Bad news: the lawnmower will not run. Gas goes to the carb, but won't go any further. There is good spark, and it will run when starter spray is used - but only for 3.5 seconds. We brought Carolyn's mower over only to find it won't run either - same circumstances. @!#!

June 26 - July ⁷ 2011 - Harvey III and girlfriend Ricque (now fiancé, but more on that later)
Ricque and I arrived to meet my parents after a 13-14 hour drive from West Chester, PA (right outside of Philly), where we're both currently going to school. This is the third summer Ricque's come up with me. The two prior trips were during June, and the weather was as cold as you'd expect for early summer in northern Michigan. The first few days this year started off similarly, but the gods smiled upon us and the temperature made its way up into the 80s. With this warmer weather, I was able to show Ricque what I really enjoy while I'm here - the swimming! We spent several afternoons out at the swimming dock, diving and snorkeling. The swimmer's itch isn't too bad if you rinse off as soon as you emerge from the water.

We spent the July 4th holiday in Central Lake for the annual cookout at Thurston. There weren't as many people milling about this year as I remember in past summers, but it was still a decent crowd. Rather than stay in town for their fireworks show, we returned to the cottage for a fire and a show of our own. My father always takes the scenic-route from Erie to the cottage, heading west to the OH-IV border then north on M-66 through MI. Although the route adds a few hours to his trip, he's able to stop at Shelton Fireworks on the IV state line and pick up some good stuff. We had a great time shooting off bottle rockets and firecrackers, and could even see the Central Lake show from our dock. I really enjoyed the "great migration" of boats to and from Central Lake for the show. Considering how many boats went to watch, I'm sure navigating one in the dark after watching such a bright display of fireworks must have been quite a challenge! The beer probably complicates matters further, too. 😊

Ricque and I took a few of the typical day trips - first to Charlevoix, then to the Grass River Natural Area outside of Bellaire with my mom (a great spot for nature hiking not too far from the cottage on the Alden Highway; I highly recommend it if you've never gone), and finally to the Sleeping Bear Dunes and Traverse City. The annual Cherry Festival was underway in Traverse, so there were tons of people and lots of buzzing activity all around. We'd never been to the Cherry Festival until this year, so it was an enjoyable first experience. It was at the Dunes that I proposed to Ricque - we walked the entire trail from the first major sand dune near the parking lot all the way to Lake Michigan before I finally popped the question at the shoreline. The trail is quite challenging, so it was incredibly relieving to finally ask (contd.)

Harvey III + Rique (contd.)

(contd.) — her after such a nerve-wracking, tiring hike! Fortunately, Rique really loved the setup and payoff, despite the challenge.

In the midst of the late fall/early winter months, what I find myself missing about our shared "escape" here at the cottage are the small things. The way the water and the trees smell, the intermittent buzzing or chirping of a lone cricket or grasshopper, the occasional turtle that pops its head up above the calm water as it swims along in the morning... I have a hard time collecting these into an objective list of things for everyone — to enjoy because I know every single one of us enjoys ourselves differently. And that's one of the great appeals of this place to me; we all love it in different ways. I'm thankful I've been able to spend so many years ^{coming} up here, and truly hope we can all continue enjoying the place (in our own ways) for years to come.

Copy, Mary and (see above) 6-26-11 thru 7/8/11

Arrived @ 8:30 PM after a fairly easy trip, although it rained a very fine misty rain on the way quite a few times. We were quite tired and hence, my memories are a bit foggy. Harvey and Rique (RICKIE) arrived the next day around --- oh well --- Anyway, we ate together, relaxed, drank beer and wine, and LIVED. I watered the Mullen plant, painted the kerosene cans, and fixed the busted dock section. Otherwise I just relaxed. I was able to coax the lawnmower into action enough to get the grass cut, with Harvey (the son's) help

7-9 thru 7-15-11 Harry, Jenny & Max.

Great Weather — we enjoyed every possible lake activity that an 11 year old boy dreams up! It's fun to do it all over again. Sorry to say, we did not do any projects to the place, but we had a great time. BUT HARRY FIXED SOME THINGS!

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June 7 → June 14 John, LeeAnn, Danny Sheets

We arrived after a workday on Tues to a beautiful, sunny 80°+ evening and got out on the boat right away. Our friend Danny came up with us. He is my boating buddy in Ohio whom I sold my speedboat to last year. That night, the cold front came in and stormed all through the next morning. It stayed that way most of the time until Sunday morning with some sunny breaks here and there. Our first couple of days, we resorted to PLAN B indoor activities of hanging out at Blue Pelican in C.O. and Short's in Bellefleur.

On Friday, Dan and I got both lawn mowers started and got the grass cut and trimmed. It took starting fluid to get the gas flowing until they ran smooth. That evening, our friends Sharon and Debbie drove in from Columbus and stayed the weekend.

Saturday was the Central Lake Car Show. Although it was windy, cool, and overcast, there was a big turnout of people with a lot of Hot Rods lining the street. We all ended up in Charlevoix for a fish dinner at the Village Pub. That night, we had a massive beach fire and burned all the branches and trimmings from Coby's noble effort. Mom ordered firewood last May and should last us for the summer.

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On Sunday, the weather improved and we were in the warm and sun again. Other friends John & Kim from Columbus who were staying in Boyne Falls joined us at Brownwood Flea market. We then went to Barnes Park Beach & Rock hunted for a while and then went on a pontoon Rick around the lake. We ended up at the cottage and had a Cherry Brat cookout & Short's Growler Brew.

Our last day Monday, we were able to put the clock out finally. John & Kim stopped by again and we all hung out at the Sandbar on the lake for the afternoon. Overall, the week went smooth with the full spectrum of weather. The cottage looked good and held us well. It's tough leaving in the middle of the week on a beautiful day.

Hello to all and have a Great Summer & Look Forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

Hi John &
Shawn
Love
JoJ

John

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July 16-25 Liz, Ryan Stone, Petey & Bessie.

Mom & Anne were unable to come up this year so at the last minute I changed plans and came up with my new guy and the dogs. We stayed two days longer than planned because we could. My girls and their guys will come up with baby Bea for our 3rd week 7/30-8/6 Very odd being here w/o kids. The weather was record setting blistering hot 95 in shade our first few days, cooled down to normal Mich. weather at end of week. We swam a lot Lake temp 80° bathwater. Sunday flea market @ Brownwood - heard the lady who owns it is retiring and this may be the last year. None of her family want to take it over so it may be closing forever 😞. Charlevoix for Venetian fest and swam in Lk. Mich. Found a bucket of Petoskeys and Ryan enjoyed hunting them with me. He found some too. White fish sandwich & pt. of Magic Hat beer @ Whitney's oyster bar in Charlevoix - passed on raw oysters this year. Swim dock started to sink on one corner on our 5th day and we rolled it to shore until barrel can be fixed. It was looking like the Titanic out there slowly sinking. We watched Jenny Holda get married 7/23 on their Shore and saw all the girls - Jen, Amanda, Sam, Laura and their Mom Carol. We had lunch after ceremony and passed on Steak dinner party that evening. It was a beautiful - short wedding and Jenny & Brian seem very happy together. Tom gave her away and said, "I'm not going to just give her away but, I'll sell her to you." Priceless Statement from salty old (88) Tom Green. He was bitchin about his taxes being 6,000\$ when they use to be 500. He cracks me up every time I see him, reminds me of Henry Fonda in Golden Pond. →

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Liz Cont- 7/16-25

Everything was fine w/ cottage No problems w/ anything. We have enjoyed every minute of our stay and found it hard to leave on 7th day so we stayed 9^{days} Enchanting Michigan Magic collecting the sights, sounds and smells in my memory bank so during the cold Ohio winter I can close my eyes and think about my "Happy Place" our beautiful retreat. 2nd generation must never loose this!! Be prepared to collaborate to continue this legacy distant cousins must unite as a functioning family.

Much love to all Lizzie

*July 30th - August 6th Rose & Bryan, Karla & Todd Hall, Baby Bea 9 months :) We drove through the night Friday and arrived around 4am Saturday. Bea slept almost the whole ride!!! We enjoyed an awesome sunrise, fed the swans and crashed for the early morning. Karla and Todd ventured to Traverse City Saturday afternoon while Bea enjoyed her first day on our beach! She loved the shoreline and splashing in the shallow water all week! We all slammed DELICIOUS doughnuts at Brownwood on Sunday and stopped to view Torch Lake. Monday we went on a hunt to rent a boat/waverunner and ended up finding Daniel Deeter #231-590-5478 in Bellaire renting out Seadoos. The deal was \$35/hour but we wheeled and dealt him for 6 hours @ \$150. Had a blast scooting around the lake! Rained Tuesday but were able to visit Friske Farm on 31 North and see the farm animals. Wednesday we went to Charlevoix and swam in lake Michigan. The waves were atleast 4 feet and biggest we have ever seen there!!! Soaked up the "Michigan Magic" here at the cottage the last couple days. Flooding dock was an easy fix early in the

July 30th - August 6th 2011 Cont -
Week with some caulk and got plenty of use throughout
our stay. The boys went on a canoe mission and
came home with 20 Crawdaddies that were boiled for
a late night snack. We left a hammock by the beach,
hope it can be enjoyed with the great view. Use
caution, weight limit 200 pounds our estimate :) To sum
it up: Amazing week!!! Leaving cottage up and going...
until next time :)

Aug 6th - Aug 13th, 2011 - Jess, Keith, Jenna¹⁰, Marissa⁷
+ Will⁵ - also Chili the dog

Arrived to a spotless + welcoming cabin after a quick
trip up with only one stop (a minor miracle w/ 3 kids and
a dog and lots of coffee for the grownups ☺). Our time
up here has flown by in a happy blur. We had a few
small adventures (trips to Brownwood, Torch Lake City,
Charlevoix + Petosky) but for the most part were content
to just hang around here + enjoy each other... fishing,
swimming, boating, playing with crawdaddies, getting sand
in every crevice, etc etc. We lucked out again with
beautiful (and not too hot) weather - some rain rolled in
and out a couple different days but didn't stay long.

~~Keith~~ Mom + Dad arrived to overlap on Weds + we got
to enjoy their company as well. Keith + Dad installed
a couple more outlets in the kitchen - one ~~be~~ on the far
side of the stove + one behind the canisters. Makes it
easier in the days of charging cell phones, ipods, etc
competing with outlets for coffee makers, toasters, electric
teakettles, etc. (Imagine the changes in lifestyles this
place has seen over the years - it boggles the mind!) We
had a wonderful time as usual + also as usual are sorry to
leave!

BRUCE + RICKIE AUG 10 - 20 - CAME UP ON WEDS TO OVERLAP WITH JESS + FAMILY. WE STAYED AT THE BLUE PELICAN FOR 3 NIGHTS AT 105⁰⁰ WHICH INCLUDED FULL BREAKFAST AT BROTHER'S REST. TOOK THE GRANDKIDS ON A FEW OUTINGS WHICH INCLUDED THE SMURFS MOVIE (SAVE YOUR MONEY!). KEITH HOOKED UP A COUPLE MORE OUTLETS IN THE KITCHEN WHICH SHOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. WE BROUGHT UP A NEW ELECTRIC TEA KETTLE WHICH WORKS GREAT FOR BOILING WATER. RICKIE CONTRIBUTED SOME NEW NON-STICK PANS... PLEASE DON'T USE METAL UTENSILS ON THEM :). JESS & KEITH & KIDS LEFT FOR HOME ON SAT AND IT RAINED MOST OF THE DAY. WE HAD PLANNED TO GO TO PETOSKY BUT ENDED UP STAYING AT THE COTTAGE. PAT + JUDY BARRETT JOINED US ON SUNDAY. THE WEATHER WAS GREAT... NOT TOO HOT... MID 80's. WE PLAYED A LOT OF BRIDGE, EAT WONDERFUL FOOD, AND WINE. WE TOOK A DAY TRIP TO CHARLEVOIX AND SPENT THE NIGHT AT THE WEATHER VANE TERRACE (JUST PAST THE BRIDGE ON THE LEFT). ON WEDS - ON THURSDAY THEY HAD THEIR ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE. WE TOOK CAROLYN TO DINNER AT JACK FIDDLER'S STEAKHOUSE (AT THE BELLAIRE GOLF COURSE) AND HAD AN EXCELLENT MEAL.

THE HAMMOCK IS A GREAT IDEA, BUT IT CAME APART AND COULDN'T BE SALVAGED SO WE TOOK IT DOWN. WE HAD A GREAT TIME FINDING OUR "BOARDS" ON THE DOCK AT TORCH LAKE (AT DOCKSIDE). 10 DAYS IS JUST ABOUT THE IDEA AMOUNT OF TIME FOR US!
ALSO GOT ANOTHER SMOKEY JOE GRILL.

JANICE + JIM 08/22/11 - 08/31/11

THIS BEING MY THIRD YEAR HERE AT THE COTTAGE WITH JANICE MAKES ME FEEL QUALIFIED TO POST SOMETHING HERE IN THE JOURNAL. FIRST OF ALL, THANKS TO CAROLYN FOR HAVING THE PLACE READY AND SPIC + SPAN CLEAN FOR US UPON ARRIVAL. WE STOPPED AT HER PLACE IN CENTRAL LAKE ON OUR WAY INTO TOWN TO LET HER KNOW WE'D ARRIVED SAFELY, THEN IMMEDIATELY DROVE TO GLEN'S FOR BEER, JAGERMEISTER + ASSORTED PROVISIONS. DURING OUR 10-DAY STAY, THE WEATHER WAS ALMOST PERFECT (A BIT CHILLY FOR FOLKS LIVING IN THE SUB-TROPICS) BUT SUNNY + WARM EVERY DAY AND COOL IN THE EVENINGS. LOTS OF BOATING ACTIVITY ON THE LAKE ALMOST CONSTANTLY. WE RAN BACK + FORTH TO CENTRAL LAKE EVERY DAY AND WERE ABLE TO SPEND LOTS OF TIME WITH CAROLYN. HAD SEVERAL AWESOME CAMPAIRES ON THE BEACH AND BECAME QUITE FRIENDLY WITH A YOUNG FOX, WHO APPARENTLY THINKS THAT THIS IS HIS PROPERTY. HE'S CLEARLY VERY TAME AND DOMESTICATED + HAS ABSOLUTELY NO FEAR OF HUMANS. HE REGULARLY APPROACHED US TO WITHIN 2-3 FEET. WE WERE RELUCTANT TO FEED THE

LITTLE GUY, BUT HE WAS JUST SO DAMNED CUTE!! I WANTED TO CLUB HIM TO DEATH WITH A SHOVEL, BUT JANICE PERSUADED ME NOT TO. SHE'S LIKE THAT, AND I LOVE HER FOR IT. ALL IN ALL, MICHIGAN HAS NOT LOST ONE SINGLE BIT OF ITS MAGIC IN THIS, MY THIRD YEAR. I PRAY I'LL BE BACK FOR MANY MORE. — JOHN + LEANN ARE UP NEXT. I WISH WE COULD HAVE SEEN THEM, BUT SUPPOSEDLY THEY'RE COMING TO VISIT US IN SOUTH FLORIDA THIS WINTER. I HOPE SO, AND I HOPE THEY ENJOY THEIR TIME HERE IN MICHIGAN HALF AS MUCH AS I HAVE. THANK YOU ALL. — JIM

James + Jim Wooley 8/22/11 - 8/31/11

We arrived at the cottage Monday night about 8³⁰pm After a long day of flying + driving. It always feels so welcoming walking through the door. We had 10 fun filled Michigan days. Plenty of eating drinking and relaxing. It is a joy not to live by a clock! Mom + I went to Bellair's rummage sale and we bought a Box of 42 MAD magazines for everybody's Rainy day Reading. I couldn't resist

because I have read the old MAD Mags about 100 times and know them by heart. We also bought a new Boom Box cause the old stereo has seen better days. Jim burned 6 C.D's of assorted songs, we hope you enjoy them! I grabbed 4 new pillows on sale because the old ones looked pretty worn. Freddy The Fox joined us at each of our camp fires looking for handouts. It was very strange & scary to have a wild animal so close. Only in Michigan!!! As always it was the best time ever we hated to see it come to an end. I know that John & LeeAnn will keep the party going for us!! Love you all & miss you. James

9/6 - Ed Creviston, John & LeeAnn
Visitor at lake, friend of John/LeeAnn's
lake was the best, went to Madeline.
Enjoyed seeing the local spot and just hanging
out the cabin. Carolyn is the sweetest lady
ever, she came over for dinner 2x's. Enjoyed
her bean as she did my salads. From a
lake guy straight across in WI - your
lake looks so tall. John's smoked meat
dinner rocks

Sept. 3 → Sept. 14 John & Lee Ann

ARRIVED up here on Sat. of Labor Day weekend. Our work friend Ed followed us up here for a few days. Rainy weekend on and off and quiet chilly. Able to get out and do some boating during warm spells. Went to Mackinac Island on Tuesday & hung out there for the day. The weather was beautiful for the rest of the week day and night. Our friend the Red Fox "Freddie" showed up almost every night at the cottage and just hung out while we sat on the porch. What a cool little critter that seemed quite tame. Spent a few spill over days when Copy showed up and able to put away the outdoor stuff like the Raft and dock. Had an enjoyable time catching up with him. We had mom over for a few cook outs during the week and many visits to the house to warm up and snack on her food. Weather started turning fall-like the last day we were up here with Mom & Lilly leaving in a few days.

Another wonderful time up here in Michigan, we seen friends that we have known for a few years - "Freddie" the Fox was neat we got a few pictures, Good spending time with Copy, the whole 10 days despite the weather were wonderful & love to all - Lee Ann

Copy 9-10 to 28 2011

Came to close for the season and see my dear sister Carolyn. John and LeeAnn were here and stayed over a few days. We got the swimfloat in and the dock down. It was a nice time.

I spent most of the time cleaning. I worked some more on the side and ~~back~~ ~~do~~ front doors to get them to open and close easier. The front door wasn't latching properly without slamming. That's corrected now with a little filing on the striker plate. I don't think we'll find the door standing open again when we get here. I also worked on the slider, sealing and painting the lower area.

The weather was pretty cool and rainy, but there were several warm and sunny days. It went down to 38° one night, and up to 76° the next day!

The cottage is all set for the winter. I will leave on Thurs. at 15 or 50 AM

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11-11-11 Veteran's Day - John & LeeAnn

We came up for four days, staying at the house in Central Lake, stop over here, just to look at the trees empty ☺ Copy did a wonderful job, closing up - Thanks, John is post-surgery from his right hand/arm - Wonderful time here even in the cold.

Love to All ☺ - Lee Ann

2012

154 gallon heating oil

09985

Copy 5-11-12 to 6-3-12

ELECTRIC METER READING

Found the cottage as I left it except for a few dead insect invaders. All systems functioned well. I added a petcock on the underside of the pump to ease closing and opening procedures.

There was a great deal of wood down from spring wind storms notably, another large branch on the roof.

There was no damage. I cleaned all the debris from the roof and started cutting up the branches. The old willow tree shed a lot of excess baggage, but it's still alive. It won't give up.

The weather is nice, temperature a 60°, sunny 5/12 + 13 I continued to cut up branches and haul them down yonder to woods. I also went to see Tom Greene. He's 98⁽⁸⁹⁾ and doing great. He loaned me a skil saw to help with the cutting, and it was a big help. Helen and Jim Keiser(?) arrived today. There was a dandelion in his lawn, all the seeds gone. He was mowing within 5 minutes.

I have noticed the ice cube trays don't give up their ice easily, so I treated them with vinegar and they work much better now.

I replaced the plug (drain plug) on the pump with a petcock whereby the pump can be drained at closing ~~without~~ by opening it up.

In the last few days, I fixed the window crank in the L.R.; John and I took down, descooted and reinstalled the stove pipe on the heater. We also put up the dock. One section awaits repair. The woodrack is back inside the garage with a load of wood. The lawnmower is working now and new instructions are attached. The shower is not leaking anymore I hope.

2012

Anne, Michael 12, Lucy 10, Saturday 6/16/12 to 6/22/12

Thursday June 21, 2012

Here with Michael, Lucy, Mom, + Jizzabettie. Never been here before this early + didn't know what to expect weatherwise. Been here a week, going home tonight.

Rained everyday, temperatures have been extreme - ranged from 90's to 70's. But has been very tolerable.

Kids have had a good time - thanks to Jizzie - I'm sort of a lump + don't do much - Jizzie has all kinds of great activities. The thing they liked best about me is the fact I let them play with fireworks.

~~They were so into it that they didn't want to stop.~~

BAD Bad-grandma

Too windy + too much current for Jizzie + I to wrestle the floating dock out.

Found a new place - Quatzvillers - on 31 - a must see - like Call of the Wild only better - owned + run by the neatest man + wife team you ever met - lots of neat things to see -

Kids have been great - no fights and I am so proud of the way they act in public -

Lucy found \$3.00 someone had lost in Backmans + spoke up + gave it to the Lady - Michael packed groceries at Gleasons - also, Michael mowed the lawn - did a tolerable job -

June 22nd → 29th ^{Anne} Karla, Rose + Beatrice (20 months). We had an easy 8 hr. night ride with a sleeping baby :) Enjoyed our stay with the 4 generations of women! Bea had a blast on

the beach all week and it brought back awesome childhood memories we have of the cottage! Worked on weeding the beach multiple days and cleaning up the flower garden for Grandma to make beautiful! We got the floating dock out with no trouble to complete the scenic view we are so used to having! Found a snake skin in the wood pile in the garage and a live snake in the flower bed... New memories there, don't recall seeing snakes in years past. Per the neighbor, who walked over to stop me in the middle of a beach fire building, Michigan has a fire ban! As ALWAYS we truly enjoyed the Michigan Magic, until next year... much love, Karla, Rose & Bea

Mayjoice, Liz and Petey and Bessie 6/16/12 - 6/30/12

Being here in June is a first for us and we arrived to find Copy's huge piles of wood and brush, pinecones and needles, the result of his weeks of work here. Also obvious were many repairs and improvements. Nice work, Copy.

Our place here is so wonderful for kids. Just think of how many of you have spent your whole life enjoying the joys of your summers here - and we older folks have come for our Michigan Magic Renewal that we love.

These weeks were extra special for me because the first part was with Anne and great grandchildren Michael and Lucille "Lucy" Pry. (Guess where Lucille got her name.)

and
Week two with Liz and my granddaughters Karla and Rosemary and 1 3/4 year old Beatrice (guess where she got her name.) With sand to play in, a mama duck and 8 babies who came every day along with constant swans including one astounding group of 11 that Karla and Rose got pictures of, this was kid paradise.

The energy of 20 year olds is awesome - and Karla cleaned most of the beach - Anne and Rose working on it too. Rose cleaned out the flower bed better than I ever did starting in 1970! Liz did a repair job to eliminate the ankle-twister groove in the patio blocks by the lakeside door. I repainted the mailbox and oil-stained the picnic table. We had beautiful weather - some hot; some brisk; plenty of swimming time and one big rain-storm. All in all 2012 in Michigan was a wonderful time for me and my families here.

Liz-
6/16
6/20

Anne, Lucy

Mom & I had a great 2 Weeks!! Tons of fun w/ Michael & Lucy Anne and Mom the first week. Tons More Fun 2nd WK with 4 generations Full Circle both weeks I must say it was Super Special! My heart beams with pride for all our women in our family - Young & Old. Gathered were Marjorie, Carolyn, Liz, Karla, Rosemary and Bea with ~~Lilly~~ dog. Fun All Girl time! Mom & I did a lot of little spring cleaning stuff. We had great weather and floating dock is out! Last year the dock started to sink from one barrel being full of water. The barrel was sealed last year and SO FAR SO GOOD - still level. I brought back John Shepherd info & sealed it. OMG - ~~Wonderful~~ Enjoyed my stay visited new things and old Favorites - Spirit of the Woods Museum on Rt 31 was interesting and free @well donations accepted.

6/16-6/30

Front Step - I could not fix the blocks by replacing SO. Filled holes with glickkret and got a 3 mat @ dollar General. Water tank went out so neighbor Smitty hooked us up and a repair man replaced the element. Mom fixed the mail box and mailed Anne & I a letter from the cottage to Traverse City and back to the cottage. She received mail from two people and sent mail out almost everyday. She got the mail lady's attention SO. check the mail box, you may get mail. Found 152 petoskeys this year and that's the most I have ever found! Spring pickin finds more. I love this place and everything it offers, 45th parallel Ledger - Magline Michigan the Beautiful soothes my soul.

6/30 - 7.4.2012 -

We enjoyed our time here. We did a bit of work on beach. Enjoyed a trip to Charlevoix and ate at Village. Great fireworks show last night. XOXO Ed & Saraya
Saraya Gaylor

June 30 - July 14 John & LeeAnn

Arrived up here to beautiful mid summer weather with a lot of boating activity on the lake. The cottage was left in great condition with that touch of TLC. Our friends Ed & Saraya from Columbus came up for a few days before the 4th. We just boated and hung out beachside.
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June 30 - July 14 John + LeeAnn Continued.

Mom was up here also at the C.L. house the whole time we were up here and was a great help for making our life easy and vacation. Fun. It was HOT!!! On the 4th of July for the parade + picnic and for the rest of the week. In between the hot spells, we cleared some more limbs from trees, worked on the beach, and cut the grass (w/ Janice's help). Janice + Jim came up from Fla. to share the rest of our cottage week and great hanging out with them.

New Purchases: - Wooden Toilet Seat
- Steel handle Lopper/Tree trimmer

Have a great time to ALL!! John + LeeAnn

July 10 - July 19 Janice + Jim

Had a great 10 days up here at the lake. Spent our time by the water swimming and having great bonfires at night. 1st part was spent with John + LeeAnn, followed by Jenny Harry + Max. Mom + Lilly visited everyday. It was like the old time Michigan Stays. Family is everything!! We got the cottage a new coffee maker the old one died!
See you next year! Love J. + J.

Harry, Jenny

July 14th - 7/21

+ Max

Great weather → Great Times. Motor on row boat works great. New Bed is so much better now. No major projects done.

July 23rd - AUGUST 3rd -- DANNY + EMILY, HARVEY III + RIGQUE

We arrived after a 9 hour trip to an immaculate cottage that was HOT. I had to immediately open the doors and turn on the fans to cool the place down, and the blowing air from the rafters felt like a heater.

We took immediate advantage of the hot weather with swimming to the floating dock and laying out by the beach. After all, you never know when temperatures will suddenly dip into the 50s or 60s around these parts.

We spent the first half of our trip packing our days w/ lots of swimming combined w/ lots of day trips. We took a drive to Charlevoix for the Venetian Festival, but conditions were so rainy that everything was closed up & rained out. ∴ We just kept driving and spent some time in Petoskey - first time for me in a few years.

We stopped at Cormack's Deli on U.S. 31 between Charlevoix and Petoskey for lunch. If you haven't been, it's a great stop with delicious food. Afterward, we visited a few points along Lake Michigan ~~to~~ to see the sights and hunt for a few Petoskeys. Emily spotted one or two, but nothing compared to what Liz found! ← We all think she found ALL of them! ∴

We also made the trip back to Sleeping Bear Dunes and powered through the Dune climb and trail to the Lake Michigan shoreline where I proposed to Rigque last year. For once the crystal clear water was warm enough to swim, so we took full advantage. After the tough hike, it was back to Traverse City and Mocking Brewing Company for a burger and a pint of their Cherry Lager.

→ CNTD.

→ July 2nd - Aug 3rd DANNY, EMILY, RICQUE, HARVEY III (CNTD)

We also hit up all the local spots, including Short's Brewery, ^{MORA} ~~AMAZA~~ Coffee house, the Bellaire smokehouse, ~~movie~~ theater, etc. We took a bike ride into Central Lake, and -most- of the bikes work great. 😊 We went to Brownwood and waited 45 minutes for their (apparently) regionally-renowned donuts. The place is still going strong, and to be honest, the donuts were worth the wait!

Danny and Emily left on July 30th. From there, Ricque and I spent most of our days enjoying the cottage. We did get some work done, though. Ricque further needed the beach and rebuilt several parts of the rock border between the yard and beach. I gave the picnic table some much needed TLC. I secured many of the weak and loose joints to stabilize it for sitting and moving. I also sealed up some of the larger cracks in the wood and gave it another generous coat of the sealant Marjorie left.

I did some minor straightening up in the garage and gave it a big sweep. Ricque took to dusting and removed some of the more extreme cobwebs from the cottage rafters and ceiling fans.

We had a great time sharing in the 'Michigan Magic,' although I missed having my folks up with us. Everyone on my side of the family believes in this place. We're willing to put in the hard work to ensure it's a place we can all keep enjoying for years to come.

P.S. → We ~~all~~ enjoyed checking the mailbox to receive warm, welcoming letters from Marjorie. ~~Interim~~ They made us all smile and appreciate the place even more.

Aug 18 - 22 - BRUCE - 25 - 81 - 2012

~~3rd~~ Aug 4th - Aug 11th 2012 - Jess, Keith, Jenna, Marissa, Will + Chili had a wonderful stay that went much too quickly. Our ride up was smooth + uneventful - the kids are all getting old enough that we only had to make a couple of quick stops. The weather all week has been perfect - 80° + sunny - but the early part of the week was quite windy. We took a trip to Charlevoix

✓ Petosky on Monday & the waves were some of the biggest we've seen. The kids had a blast swimming in them. Later in the week we went to the beach @ Torch Lake City & the bay was the calmest I have ever seen - a real study in contrasts, especially with only a few days difference. Other than those excursions we stuck close to the cabin most of the time. Keith & I (by that I mean mostly Keith) poured concrete to replace the decayed wood around the drain - and also he was feeling energetic so we went ahead & pulled those patio blocks up & poured a concrete stoop at the front door. I think it came out very nice & hope everyone likes it. The kids fed about 17 loaves of bread to various swans/ducks, & Jenna got to feed them out of her hand so that was a ^{special} deal for her. We all tried our hand at waterskiing (except for Will) & I fell nose first & ended up having to go to Stat Care in Charlevoix with a damaged ear drum - so much for showing the kids my waterskiing "skill." ☺ Other than that happening the only bummer was we did not catch a single crawdad this year - although the crawdads probably weren't as bummed about that as the kids were. They had the whole beach sculpted into towns/castles/moats in preparation! All in all a lovely relaxing wonderful week - so thankful for a brief escape from reality to recharge.

AUG 18-25 - BRUCE, RICKIE WITH PAT & JUDI BARRETT - CAME UP FRIDAY ARRIVING MID AFTERNOON. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, SUNNY & CLEAR. SPENT THE NIGHT AT THE PELICAN STAYING IN ROOM #2 "THE BLUE ROOM", QUITE NICE. HAD DINNER THERE TOO... VERY GOOD. PAT & JUDI COULDN'T COME UP UNTIL SUNDAY, SO RICKIE AND I TOOK A TRIP TO TRAVERSE CITY ON

SAT. WE HADN'T BEEN THERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. BIG CHANGE WITH THE SHOPS... ALL GOING UPSCALE - IT WAS VERY CROWDED. MY PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR WAS TO INSTALL SCREEN GUARDS ON BOTH DOORS. BUT IT TURNED INTO A MAJOR REFURBISHING TO PAINT AND INSTALL NEW SCREENS AS WELL (CAROLYN DONATED THE SCREENING) IT TOOK A FULL TWO DAYS - WE SPENT THE NIGHT ON WEDS IN MACKINAC City AT THE AMERICAN BOUTIQUE INN WHICH WAS VERY NICE - TOOK THE FERRY TO MACKINAC ISLAND WHERE WE SPENT THE DAY - WE HAD BEAUTIFUL WEATHER ALL WEEK... INCREDIBLE WEATHER! I WENT SNORKELING A COUPLE TIMES - WE DID THE USUAL BRIDGE PLAYING, GOOD FOOD, & WINE, LOTS OF WINE.

Love the new stoop - it's great! Didn't get a chance to enjoy the refurbished picnic table - it was just too breezy, but it looks really nice!

August 26th - Sept 1st - ♥ - HONEYMOON - ♥ -
Todd & Karla Hall "DUN LOOKIN"

♥ Married ♥ August 25th, 2012 ♥

We had a wonderful wedding and reception at a farm in Brunswick, OH. Immediately after, we jumped in the truck and headed Up North! We arrived at the cottage Sunday morning around 7am. Bruce & Rickie surprised us with beautiful flowers, a bottle of Asti and mints on the pillows! Wide awake from the drive, we got cleaned up and headed to Brownwood for the

flea market and fresh doughnuts!
We walked Central Lake, visited
Bachmann's and headed back to the
cottage to reequip! Monday we enjoyed
the beach & sun! Got permission from
Grandpa Green to ride our dirtbikes
on the trails in his woods! Wow, is it
pretty back there! Todd got gas for
the boat and a new mixer can which is
labeled with the gas/oil ratios. The boat
ran great! Tuesday we got up at the
crack of dawn to head to Charlevoix
and load the ferry to Beaver Island!
It was a 2 1/2 hr ride, as soon as we got
there and into our room we jumped on bikes
we rented from the hotel. We rode a bike
path and asked some locals recommendations
of spots to visit. We decided to pack a bag
and head to "Little Sand Bay"! The ride
was about 2 miles paved roads, 2 miles gravel
roads then 1/2 mile through the woods! It was
worth all the pedaling when we arrived at
the secluded, beautiful bay which we had
all to ourselves! After swimming and soa^{king}
up the sun we decided it would be easier to
ride the beach back to town... HAHA... Yea Right!
After quite some time and very tired legs we
finally made it back to paved roads! Visited
a few stores and museums, got cleaned up
and headed to dinner at "The Circle m".
Awesome food and super friendly staff
↳ the "seafood fondu" was delicious!

who we quickly made friends with. We ended up closing the place down with a group of locals who grew up on the island. We had a blast listening to all their stories and asking them tons of questions! Population 550, graduating class between 1-10, 1 cop for the whole island, flying to mainland for sporting events for school and so on. After the ferry ride home Wed morning we walked Charlevoix, got lunch and headed back to the cottage to recoop again! Thurs & Friday we hung around home, road our dirtbikes again and boated more. We visited the sandbar, explored the island and docked at Aunt Carolyns to have lunch at Classic Pizza. We also brought the floating dock in. Overall we had a GREAT time and enjoyed every second of the "Michigan Magic"! We are so grateful to have this terrific, little slice of heaven on earth to enjoy! ☺ Counting down the days until next year already!!! Life is good! Until next time... ♥ Todd & Karla Hall ♥

Sept 11 2012. Electric Meter 11850

Sept 7 → Sept 15 John (Carolyn & the C.H. House)

Missed out on the Labor Day Festivities this year to go see a KISS + Mötley Crüe concert in Indiana for my 56th birthday. Found out Copy + family would not be coming up, so Mom + I went on with closing down for the season.

Sept 7 → Sept 15 cont.

Congrats to Karla & Todd on their wedding and to be able to come up here for the Honeymoon. Your guys left the cottage in beautiful condition and warm welcomes. There have been great improvements this year to the cottage and noticed the cleaning inside & out. Look forward to our next meeting to personally thank for the special touches.

Closing went pretty smooth with the weather being ideal this week. I took the dock down & put the boats up by myself; a true challenge. It just takes time and proper body mechanics. Mom & I shut down the pump with her being the brain-child of the operation. The Beach is looking much improved and should be tip-top again in the next year or two. The extra Rocks around the sand seem to help keep the sand in the beach. Spent most of the week hanging out in Bellaine and Central Lake visiting friends and boating around. I attended a wedding at Deep Water Point and took Mom to see Jennifer/Scott get hitched. Jen is Dick Miller's oldest daughter that I've seen grow since she was born. That was a fun retro-event. LeeAnn couldn't make it up this time for this long of a stretch because of work schedule. She was missing by all the summer Happy Hour Bar-Flips and locals. Got to go - it's Friday evening as I write this and the weather is just ideal. No leaves have turned around here as of now and still look totally green & summer-like, except with shorter days and cooler nights. Look forward to next year

John