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President's Corner

We're almost complete! There is a light at the end of the tunnel for our sewer project. Many of you have already hooked-up to the system while the rest of us are probably waiting for contractors to come to our house next. Soon, all of us will be able to "flush in peace" knowing that we no longer risk septic system contamination to the lake.

Some of you know that this project has been a long time coming. I was just a kid in the '80s when the Gravel Lake Association first attempted this noble cause. Your neighbors Frank Enright, John Deren, and Jeanette Garrison, to name a few, could all tell you the fight they fought to get this project rolling. Unfortunately, the time was not right. However, it was such forethought that sparked the important project which is now near completion. We can all be thankful to the Gravel Lake Association of the 1980s that raised this topic for discussion and decision.

Peace of mind should be the result of a sewer system around Gravel Lake. I'm hopeful that another benefit of sewers is increased property values. Sewers around the lake should further increase the desirability of Gravel Lake and strengthen our significant real estate investments. The hailstorm of April may do the same thing, too! I can't help but think that everyone's new siding, roofs, additions, and remodeling will give the lake yet another boost.

Thanks for your continued support of the Gravel Lake Association and have a restful winter.

Craig DeSimone
President – Gravel Lake Association

Boating Regulation Highlights

At this point everyone is likely aware of the increased presence of law enforcement officers this summer on Gravel Lake. We felt that a little refresher on the more important and sometimes lesser known boating laws would ensure that Gravel Lakers need not be ticketed. Check out the list below before you go out on the lake:

Registration Regulations

- The registration numbers must be displayed on both sides of the bow of your vessel and be at least three-inch-high block letters with contrasting color to the background.
- The registration card for your vessel must be on board at all times if your watercraft is more than 16 feet long OR it has a motor.
- Your registration needs to be renewed every three years.

Operation Regulations

- You cannot exceed either the stated maximum weight capacity or the maximum number of people; if you do it will be deemed reckless by the officer.
- On a vessel 16 feet or longer you must have one Personal Floatation Device (PDF) for every person and one throwable on the vessel.
- Vessels that are less than 16 feet can choose to have either a wearable PDF or a throwable for each person.
- All vessels must have a fire extinguisher in usable condition and stored in an accessible area.
- Vessels from 16 to 26 feet long and under engine power are required to have a whistle audible for at least one-half mile.

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Boating Regulation Highlights - continued

Hours of Operation

- Boats can be out on the water from sunset to sunrise with the proper lights: green and red navigational lights and a white anchor light.
- Boats can only pull skiers from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset (DNR and Sheriff officers bring sunrise and sunset charts with them on patrol)
- Personal Watercraft (PWC) cannot be operated between sunset and 8am.

Other Points of Interest

- Any powered vessel must give way to non-powered vessels. In most cases this means that your pontoon must give way to a sailboat. The reason for this is maneuverability; a sailboat, kayak, etc. will not be able to correct in time to avoid a collision. On Gravel Lake, we have a seaplane as well, and it is important to recognize that the seaplane is powered but has very limited maneuverability. Please be courteous out there with seaplanes or sailboats!
- Alcohol brings some interesting regulation when boating in Michigan. If you have blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.10% you are considered under the influence. If you have a BAC greater than 0.07% but less than 0.10% it will be up to the officer to decide if you are under the influence. Most importantly: By operating a vessel on Michigan waters, you have consented to be tested for alcohol or drugs if arrested by a law enforcement official. Be careful!

Check out www.michigan.gov/dnr for more information or take a Boating Safety Course if you have the time. If you have any further questions about this article or boating feel free to email me at madunigan@gmail.com.

Melissa Dunigan, Contributor

Resource: Boat Michigan: a course on responsible boating. 2009 Edition. Boat Ed, Dallas. 2009.

Gravel Lake Brag Board

Moon Rimes has been a resident of Streeter Beach since 1960. While out fishing in July with his buddy Doc Rucinski also of Streeter, Moon was able to land this giant 29 inch 9 lb walleye. Way to go Moon!!



Swimmer's Itch

If you've been in the shallows of Gravel Lake in late spring or early summer you may have experienced an itchy red pinpoint rash called Swimmer's Itch. The medical name for Swimmer's Itch is Ceracarial Dermatitis, named for the trematode parasite that causes this unpleasant sensation. Don't bother looking for these parasites, because they are invisible to the naked eye. Ceracaria are tiny parasites that are released in snail excrement when they have fully matured within the snail. When the ceracaria leaves a snail it begins searching for a home in the vascular system of a rodent, goose, or duck where it will mature to adulthood.

Water temperature affects the maturation process of the ceracaria and it is in late May or early June when the cool waters of Gravel Lake make the ideal conditions for ceracaria release from the snails. This tiny worm can also be left in the water or sand and attach itself to a human if it cannot find a rodent, goose, or duck. Because it is unable to penetrate a human's vascular system, it wreaks its own havoc in the humans skin even though it dies upon entry. It is when a human has an allergic reaction to the ceracaria when it truly becomes Swimmer's Itch. Usually the effects of this red pinpoint rash do not last beyond several days. Sometimes this rash can be confused with chiggers or flea bites because of the small red bumps that appear on the skin. Don't be alarmed if your Swimmers Itch rash increases in size after 24 hours, as this is quite normal. Also, just like any allergic reaction, multiple exposures will lead to increased redness and subsequent itchiness.

According to the Department of Environmental Quality in Michigan, prevention may lie in keeping birds away. This can be achieved by discouraging feeding, as well as decreasing the hospitable environments that snails love such as concrete walls or large slick rocks in the water.

Treatment for an intense Swimmers Itch include antihistamines and topical corticosteroids, even a poison ivy treatment may help decrease the itching. Avoid scratching because the tiny abrasions left in your skin can irritate your skin and make it worse. Be weary of these little buggers next season when it is time once again to swim in Gravel Lake!



Treasurers Report

Deposits

2010 Membership Dues - 2 Dues	\$78.00
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2010 Membership Dues - 4 Dues	\$148.00
2010 Membership Dues - 3 Dues	\$105.00
2010 Membership Dues - 24 Dues	\$992.00
2010 Membership Dues - 24 Dues	\$960.00
2010 Membership Dues - 24 Dues	\$917.00
2010 Membership Dues - 22 Dues	\$856.00
Split the Pot	\$151.00
2010 Membership Dues - 17 Dues	\$649.00
2010 Membership Dues - 16 Dues	\$592.00
2010 Membership Dues - 12 Dues	\$435.00
2010 Membership Dues - 24 Dues	\$887.00
Phone Directory Advertising	\$230.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$175.00
2010 Membership Dues - 8 Dues	\$287.00
Phone Directory Advertising	\$680.00
Fun Run	\$40.00
Bowling Outing	\$60.00
Split the Pot - August Meeting	\$105.00
Raffle Tickets - Social	\$194.00
2010 Membership Dues	\$245.00
Silent Auction - Social	\$655.00
Ticket Sales	\$1,570.00
Silent Auction - Social	\$290.00
2010 Membership Dues	\$85.00
Gravel Lake Apparel - Sales	\$914.00

Total Deposits \$12,370.00



Treasurers Report - continued

Expenses

The Michigan Riparian	\$368.00
United States Post Office - Stamps for invoices	\$149.60
Tom Flavin - Reimbursement for No Wake Signs	\$98.53
Superior Imaging - Spring Gravel Lakers	\$399.56
South Michigan Insurance Agency	\$100.00
Postmaster - PO Box Rental	\$24.00
Michigan Lakes & Streams - Membership Dues	\$175.00
Melissa Dunigan - Reimbursement for Trophies	\$27.83
Melissa Dunigan - Reimbursement for postage	\$10.50
Bruce Melton - Reimbursement for bouy maintenance	\$56.46
Lauren Micheli	\$116.28
Down Under	\$1,486.00
Lawton Fire Department	\$100.00
Judy Semplinski Boat Parade Placques	\$35.88
JMC Studios, Inc. - Website Hosting	\$60.00
Rumpelshirtskin	\$2,104.38
Auto Owners Insurance	\$216.00
VFW Hall - Social	\$350.00
VFW Hall - Cleanup	\$75.00
Laggis Fish Farm	\$500.00
Jespaes Pizza - Social	\$186.00
Jespaes Pizza - Social	\$86.30
Superior Imaging - Spring Gravel Lakers	
Suzanne Reed - Social kids games & misc expenses	\$230.97
Logan Smith - DJ for Social	\$200.00
Thornton Insurance Agency - D & O Insurance	\$924.25
Craig DeSimone -Reimbursement for Donation to Raabs	\$53.71
FOP - Donation for Tree Removal in Channel	\$100.00

Total Expenses **\$8,234.25**

Checkbook Balance as of 10/15/10	\$19,101.47
Other Assets:	
Certificate of Deposit - Maturity Date 2/12/11	\$5,194.58
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Certificate of Deposit - Maturity Date 4/12/11	\$5,247.82
Total Other Assets	15,636.98

Total Funds **\$34,738.45**

Paid Membership

Last Name	First Name	Beach	Last Name	First Name	Beach
Addington	Doug & Marsha	Willow	Engle	Dale & MaryAnn	Willow
Airgood	Annette & Ralph	Lewis	Enright	Frank & Gerry	Gebhard
Anderson	Ed & Lois	Sandy	Fallon	Edward	Chamberlin
Anderson	Harold & Karen	Sandy	Fallon	L.J. & Cathy	Streeter
Barber	Ray & Diane	Sandy	Faustino	John & Patti	Winkler
Barker	Timothy	Chamberlin	Fazzini	Mark & Mary	Gebhard
Bartock	David & Susan	Streeter	Fernandez	Tom & Karen	Lewis
Beebe	Joyce	Chamberlin	Fewell	Chris & Amy	Sandy
Biss	Sherman & Billie	Idle Ease	Flavin	Tom & Lynn	Sandy
Bleeker/Hornblower	Brian & Margot	Sandy	Fortney	Mark & Geri	Gebhard
Bognor	Jack	Streeter	Fox	Richard & Dorothy	Streeter
Boroughf	Laura & John	Gebhard	Frick	Ronald & Mari	Gebhard
Bounardj	Ellen	Chamberlin	Galassi	Paul & Judy	Winkler
Braglia	James & Sharon	Sandy	Garcia	Victor & June	Willow
Bridgham	Richard & Debra	Streeter	Garrett	Greg & Marianne	Streeter
Brockner	Terry & Judy	Sandy	Garrison	Jeanette	Idle Ease
Brooks	Lamar & Kathy	Willow	Gaspar	Jim & Audry	Idle Ease
Brown	David & Mary	Sandy	Gillund	Terry & Marge	Winkler
Brown	David	Winkler	Goepfrich/Lord	Josephine/Rose	Lewis
Bukacek	Richard & Paula	Huff's Landing	Gordon	Mark & Perry	Gebhard
Carlos	Paul & Vicki	Chamberlin	Gordon	Mark & Perri	Gebhard
Carpenter	Shelly	Sandy	Gott	Don & Beth	Idle Ease
Caskey	John	Gebhard	Gryczewski	Bob & Donna	Willow
Cerney	Jim & Jane	Winkler	Gutmann	Heinz & Hertha	Willow
Chiodo	Mike & Linda	Sandy	Haas	Jane	Chamberlin
Cleary	William & Mary	Gebhard	Habart	Wilma	Idle Ease
Clifford	Mike & Joanne	Sandy	Haley	Thomas	Idle Ease
Custer	Mark & MaryBeth	Sandy	Hart	Chuck & Mary	Sandy
Czajkowski /Koepp	Brian & Patti	Streeter	Heneghan	Martin & Kathy	Sandy
Deren	John	Huff's Landing	Herchenroether	Eric & Rachael	Sandy
DeRosa	Rick & Donna	Streeter	Heuring	Mike & Marge	Idle Ease
DeSimone	Craig	Chamberlin	Hochsprung	Kenneth & Marysue	Lewis
DeSimone	Carole	Willow	Howard	Marjorie	Chamberlin
Dorsey	Deborah / John	Streeter	Huber	Tom & Karen	Streeter
Dragicevich	Waneta	Huff's Landing	Humble	Warren & Nancy	Sandy
Dudeck	Leroy & Rosemary	Gebhard	Hunter	Mark & Susan	Idle Ease
Dyrek	Vince & Nancy	Gebhard	Jabaay	Jim & Patti	Idle Ease
Earl	Art & Francis	Sandy	Jacques	Beverly & Jim	Idle Ease
Edwards	Charles & Sheila	Sandy	Jandacek	Ed & Diane	Lewis
Eggers	Herb & Lory	Gebhard	Jennings	Alice	Gebhard

Paid Membership

Last Name	First Name	Beach	Last Name	First Name	Beach
Jensen	Shirley	Chamberlin	Micheli / Miller	Jennifer / Michael	Sandy
Jilek	James & Jill	Streeter	Militello	Frank and Becky	Streeter
Johnson	Ken & Laurie	Winkler	Mills	Steven & Rebecca	Sandy
Jones	Terry & Fran	Sandy	Moore	Richard & May Britt	Willow
Jones	Corinne	Streeter	Morkunas	Lynn Gilliland & Dennis	Sandy
Jurusik	Mike & Tracy	Sandy	Murphy	Wayne & Linda	Gebhard
Kanwischer	Norman & Ardath	Huff's Landing	Murphy	Doug, Dale, & Judy	Gebhard
Kapercev	Victor & Darlene	Idle Ease	Murray	Pat & Ann	Winkler
Keene	Larry & Connie	Dugan's	Nedvar	Jane	Idle Ease
Kehlenbeck	Mark & Jane (Miles Sullivan)	Idle Ease	Orr	John & Angelina	Sandy
Kelly	Erwin & Betty	Sandy	Osborn	Mark & Melanie	Willow
Kitzmler	Greg & Jennifer	Sandy	Ossowski	Tiffany & Michael	Sandy
Komorowski	Lori	Winkler	Oxley	Chris & Stacey	Dugan's
Kopetski	Stephen & Suzanne	Willow	Parisi	John & Diane	Sandy
Kotal	Loretta	Winkler	Paulik	Mark & April	Streeter
Kozlowski	Bruno & Mary Ann	Streeter	Pechous	Kenneth & Pamela	Winkler
Krzyszowski	Marion	Winkler	Pederson	Randy & Debbie	Sandy
LaForge	Ed & Ann	Winkler	Pinkos	Steve & Janice	Idle Ease
Lalone	Kevin & Tammy	Dugan's	Poyser	Steve & Sheila	Chamberlin
Lalone	Keith & Michelle	Sandy	Poyser	Todd	Streeter
LaMonte	John & Mary Ann	Winkler	Prichard	Jim & Shirley	Idle Ease
Laski	Harry & Vicki	Dugan's	Puttkammer	Thomas & Lauren	Dugan's
Lawrence	Paul & Cathy	Sandy	Quick	Raymond & Judy	Winkler
Leisten	Gary & Vickie	Sandy	Raab	Ron & Susan	Gebhard
Lochow	Robert & Karen	Streeter	Rau	Jim & Donna	Willow
Locicero	Mark & Brenda	Gebhard	Reber	Barry	Streeter
Lowe	Dasher & Maria	Sandy	Reed	Ray & Suzanne	Sandy
Mahany	Mark & Tina	Sandy	Reeder	Bev & Harley	Chamberlin
Mascarello	Mike	Willow	Rhoades	David & Melissa	Sandy
Mattax	Ed & Kathy	Winkler	Rimes	June & Moon	Streeter
Mattox	Tom & Virginia	Streeter	Rockwell	Jim & Arlene	Chamberlin
Mayer	Mark & Elizabeth	Streeter	Roesch	Lenore	Huff's Landing
Mc Bride	Jeffrey	Chamberlin	Rogers	Priscilla & Mark	Chamberlin
McDevitt	Dan & Marilyn	Huff's Landing	Rucinski	Peter & Beverly	Streeter
McGreal	Lillian	Sandy	Sadowski	Mike & Sue	Winkler
Melton	Winifred	Chamberlin	Saigh	Don & Sharlene	Sandy
Meskimen	Bob & Nancy	Streeter	Schlueter	Bob & Linda	Sandy
Metz	William & Pat	Winkler	Schnaith	Robert & Terry	Winkler
Micheli	Betty	Willow	Schroeder	Jim & Pat	Sandy
			Schroeder	Dean & Denise	Willow

Paid Membership

Last Name	First Name	Beach
Schuld	Therese	Gebhard
Schultz/Henderson	Lory & Larry	Sandy
Seaverson	Erin & Eric	Chamberlin
Semplinski	Judy	Gebhard
Seput	Walter & Susan	Chamberlin
Siemer	George & Pam	Winkler
Skoropad	George & Florence	Sandy
Smith	Don & Jeanne	Sandy
Spier	Bill & Dorothy	Lewis
Spiller	John & Patricia	Dugan's
Stade	Jon & Heather	Gebhard
Stewart	Ron & June	Sandy
Stogis	Carlie & John	Gebhard
Svrlinga	John & Debbie	Gebhard
Swindeman	John & Maralyn	Winkler
Szynal	Rich & Ewa	Sandy
Toso	Christopher & Linda	Sandy
Tripp	Steve & Valerie	Gebhard
Truhn	George & Norma	Dugan's
Vaickus	Tony & Karen	Idle Ease
Van Schoyck	Chip & Cindy	Lewis
VanBelleghe	Charles & Elaine	Chamberlin
VanMeter	Don & Fran	Sandy
Vitkauskas	Ken & Linda	Streeter
Walsh	Larry & Debbie	Gebhard
Walter	Paul & Patricia	Gebhard
Weis	Bob & Judy	Willow
Welcome	Art & Mary	Sandy
Wells	Ronald & Karen	Idle Ease
Wert	Ron & Claudene	Sandy
West	Jeremy & Lori	Sandy
White	Neil & Marilyn	Sandy
Williams	Mark & Leslie	Sandy
Wilson	Rod	Winkler
Wojtanek	Ken & Judy	Idle Ease
Zaucha	Bruno & Karen	Winkler
Zwartz	Tom & Kathy	Idle Ease

Chip's Ad

Gravel Lake Association

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Fill out and mail to:

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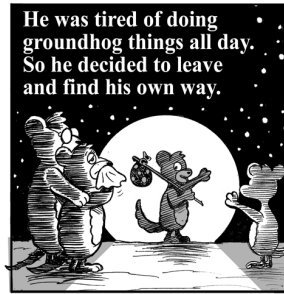
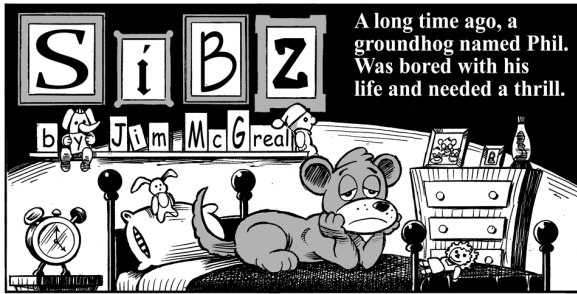
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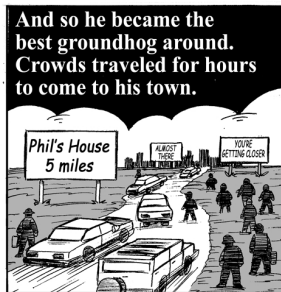
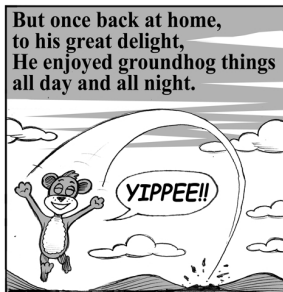
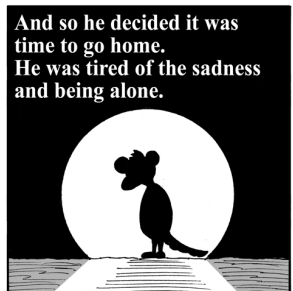
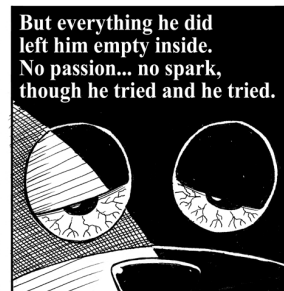
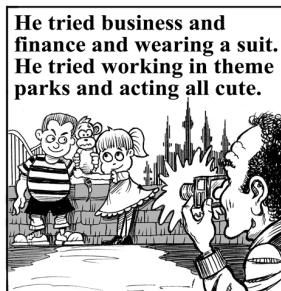
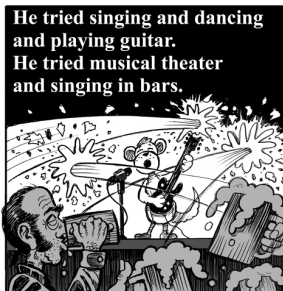
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He wanted to do something no one had done. To find fortune and fame and maybe some fun.



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Our goal is to keep our community informed with news and events which affect our lives and to share in the rich history of Gravel Lake, past, present and future.

Please let us know what you'd like to see on this site.

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