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The Gravel Lake Wave

Every Gravel Laker has experienced it- often when we least expect it. Sometimes it happens while sitting on the dock. Other times it happens when fishing with a buddy, or as a boat passes by. At once you realize what it is: the Gravel Lake wave (GLW).

Everyone has their own variation. For some, a quick flick of the wrist is enough. For others, it's a nod and a friendly "hello!" Still for others it's a loud "how ya do'in!" and a frantic two-armed wave that some have confused as a distress signal. No matter your choice, the Gravel Lake wave is something we all share. It is the simple courtesy that we extend to one another as Lakers to say, "Hello, dear friend, let us share this beautiful summertime on this beautiful body of H20." Just like the

Indians who offered a peace pipe to those in their presence, the GL wave is a sign of peace amongst the various Gravel Lake beaches. The GL wave a sign of respect for our neighbors, and a tradition that will continue for generations to come.

So next time you pass someone on a walk, or putt-putt by another boat during a sunset cruise, reach out to your fellow Gravel Laker with your own salutation. I guarantee you will receive one in return.

Steve Paramski, Contributing Writer



Fourth of July Activity Results

Fun Run 2009 Results:

Overall Top Finishers: 1st- Jeremy Davies 2nd- Ryan Sawyer 3rd- Frank Gadzala

19 & Under:

1st- Ryan Sawyers 2nd- Frank Gadzala 3rd- Daniel Mizdrak

20-30:

1st- Jeremy Davies 2nd- Aaron Meschke 3rd- John Kehlenbeck 31-40:

1st- Bart Richards 2nd- Heidi Kusserelis 3rd- Kerry Moore

41-50:

1st- Tom Kusserelis 2nd- Dave Sutton 3rd- Diane Thomson

51 & Up:

1st- Carole DeSimone2nd- Mary Bires

3rd- Sharon Sedgwick



Congratulations to all participants! As a sidenote, I apologize if your name is misspelled. The people that did registration are not the best spellers, not to mention, they write like cavemen. Sorry in advance.

In addition, the race will be run a little differently next year, with more age categories, specifically in "19 & Under" category.

Boat Parade

People really had fun with the Rockin' 50's boat parade theme.

We have some very artistic and creative people on Gravel Lake!

I had a lot of fun sitting on the end of my pier, watching the boats go by. Great job to all participants!

1st- The Pinkos family, Idle Ease

2nd- The Mills family, Sandy Beach

3rd- The Melton family, Chamberlain



Fourth of July Activity Results (contniued from page 3)

Paddle Boat Regatta

One thing I love about the Paddle Boat Regatta is that no matter what, chaos always ensues. We had a capsized vessel, a hijacked paddle boat, a stolen (but returned) paddle boat, a two-man team in a one-man kayak, and water balloons being launched from all over. It was very fun! We apologize for the last-minute time change. Doing so allowed more people to participate. Thank you for your cooperation.

Paddle Boat

1st- Sean Mencel / Tyler Smith

2nd- Emily Moore / Danni Young

3rd- Emma Eaton / Jane Eaton / Gina Fazzani

2-person Canoe / Kayak

1st- Steve Paramski / Steve O'Leary

2nd- Dominic Chiodo / Mike Chiodo

3rd- Kyle Gouwens / Tyler Gouwens

1-man Canoe / Kayak

1st- Harry Laski

2nd- Matt Jurusik

3rd- Daniel Mizdrak



Again, I apologize if names are misspelled. The person registering participants has not yet mastered the art of legible handwriting.



Know Your Riparian Rights- A Brief Summary of Riparian Laws - Part 1 of 3

Here is some summary, precedent, and expert legal opinion regarding riparian law that is relevant to the Gravel Lake community. This is an enormous subject, but I have tried to condense the material that can be explored from the links on the Gravel Lake Association website into a more centralized and easily digestible article.

Riparian Rights

Riparian rights are property rights which run with the land. Only land which abuts a natural body of water has riparian rights. A riparian property owner has the following property rights:

- 1 Access to water
- 2 Install a dock anchored to his bottomland
- 3. Anchor a boat on his bottomland or secure it to his dock.
- 4. Use water from the lake or stream for domestic purposes.
- 5. Control any temporarily or periodically exposed bottomland from the water's edge to the high water mark against trespass.

Riparian Rights are Neither Severable Nor Transferable

The Michigan Supreme Court in Thompson vs Enz (1967) declared the following:

- 1. Riparian rights are common to all riparian owners on the same body of water, and rest entirely upon the fact of title in the fee to the shore land.
- 2. Riparian rights are not alienable, severable, divisible, or assignable apart from the land which includes, or is bounded by, a natural watercourse.
- 3. Non-riparian owners may not acquire riparian rights by conveyance or reservation, but may acquire easements, licenses, or the like for a right-of-way for access to a water course.



Know Your Riparian Rights- A Brief Summary of Riparian Laws - Part 1 of 3

In Addition to Natural Rights, A Riparian Has Correlative Rights:

A riparian property owner may use his waterfront property to increase his comfort or prosperity for commercial and recreational pursuits, but they must be reasonable at all times and cannot encroach or infringe unreasonably upon the use of the surface of the lake or stream by other riparians or members of the public.

A Permit from the Department of Environmental Quality is Required for Any of the Following:

- 1. Dedicate any portion of the surface of a lake or stream for commercial use, such as a marina.
- 2. Build a seawall closer to the water's edge than the high-water mark.
- 3. Dredge or place fill in a lake or stream.
- 4. Increase or decrease the size of a lake or stream.
- 5. Dig a channel to connect a pond to a lake or stream.

A Riparian May Not:

- 1. Permanently anchor a raft or moor a boat on bottomland that belongs to other riparian property owners.
- 2. Install a pier an unreasonable length out into a lake or stream.
- 3. Transfer his riparian rights to another person.
- 4. Unreasonably restrict the use of the surface of a lake or stream by members of the public.

Compiled by Marc Mascarello, Contributing Writer

The Gravel Lake Association does not have the authority to enforce Michigan state legal precedents nor Porter Township ordinances. It is, however, within our realm to provide as much information on the topic as possible. For greater detail, research the citations listed on page 6.



All About Dragonflies!



Dragonfly (googleimages)



Damselfly (googleimages)

Dragonflies are a colorful insect that can be seen and heard buzzing around Gravel Lake. Dragonflies have six pairs of legs but are not able to walk with them. They can only stand on these legs and use their large wings to fly about. Dragonflies have large multifaceted eyes that help them hunt for food and fly through the air. They are often found around water because their larvae, or offspring, are aquatic. These larvae are referred to as nymphs and if they are disturbed in their habitat they may even bite. Most of a dragonfly's life is spent in the nymph form, living underwater and feeding off of small tadpoles or tiny insects like mosquitoes that are close to the surface of the water. These nymphs breathe through gills in their abdomens and swim by shooting water from the same opening to propel them through the water. After a few years nymphs will climb up a water dwelling plant and the exposure to the air causes them to begin their life as a mature dragonfly as they begin to breathe air. The skin of the nymph splits behind the head and the dragon fly will emerge and leave its old larval form behind as it flies away. If you look closely on the shores of Gravel Lake or perhaps on the piers and docks you might find the left behind skin of a larval dragonfly.

Dragonflies can be distinguished from the similar looking damselfly by looking at the position of the wings. Dragonflies hold their wings perpendicular to their long narrow bodies whereas damselflies hold them closer to their body in a parallel fashion.

Dragonflies are a colorful, plentiful addition to the wildlife on Gravel Lake. They even help to control the mosquito and insect population by feeding off of other small bugs as they fly through the summer air.

Tricia Barker, Contributing Writer

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Michigan Waterfront Alliance, Inc.

http://www.mwai.org/

Internet Operations

Gravel Lake Association Google Group

New to our association is a very useful communication tool called a Google group. The purpose of this group is to keep members informed of important information and events as effectively as possible. As a member of the Gravel Lake Association Google group you can check from time to time for new updates as well as receive emails from the group with updates as they are posted. This group will replace the mass emails that our faithful President used to send for meetings



and other important information. The information will be posted directly on the Google group and the group will email you with the update. This will be a more streamlined process for keeping you informed.

How do I find our Google Group?

Go to: http://groups.google.com/group/gravel-lake-association?hl=en

How do I join our Google Group?

Look part way down the right hand column of the Gravel Lake Association group site to find "Join this group". Click on it. You will be directed to a sign in page where you have two options:

If you already have a Google account you can enter your username and password and click "sign in". If you do not have a Google account you can click "Create an account" and follow the direction on the next page.

What settings should I choose when joining our Google Group?

When you join you will be directed to a screen that says "Edit my membership". Choose an option from the list that will suit your needs. ("Email" is suggested as it will give you more frequent information). Type in a nickname if you desire and click "Save these settings".

What do I do now that I've joined?

You'll know you have joined successfully because you will be able to view all of the information on the Google group and you will receive emails notifying you of updates. You will not be able to post to the Google group as a member so sit back and wait for the Gravel Lake Association information to come to you. If your email address changes it is important that you change it with Google groups so you can still receive emails with updates and sign in to the website. If you need assistance working through this process please feel free to contact Melissa Dunigan at madunigan@gmail.com.



Treasurer's Report

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Anderson, Ed & Lois	Sandy	Garrett, Greg & Marianne	Streeter
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Eggers, Herb & Lory	Gebhard	Lori, Komorowski	Winkler
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Leisten, Gary & Vickie	Sandy
Lochow, Robert & Karen	Streeter
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Metz, William & Pat	Winkler
Militello, Frank and Becky	Streeter
Molnar, Terry & Alfreda	Gebhard
Moorman, Tom & RoseMary	Chamberlin
Murphy, Doug, Dale, Wayne, & Judy	Gebhard
Murray, Pat & Ann	Winkler
O'Neill, Stephen & Roberta	Lewis
Orr, John & Angelina	Sandy
Osborn, Mark & Melanie	Willow
Ossowski, Tiffany & Michael	Sandy
Oxley, Chris	Dugan's
Oxley, Keith	Dugan's
Parisi, John & Diane	Sandy
Pechous, Kenneth & Pamela	Winkler
Pederson, Randy & Debbie	Sandy
Pinkos, Steve & Janice	Idle Ease
Poyser, Steve & Sheila	Chamberlin
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Prichard, Jim & Shirley	Idle Ease
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Raab, Ron & Susan Reber, Barry Zwartz, Tom & Kathy

Idle Fase

Theft at Gravel Lake!

Theft happens everywhere, and it has certainly happened at Gravel Lake. However, in the past, most theft has happened in the wintertime. This summer, unfortunately, there have been various acts of theft ranging from gasoline, to patio furniture, to paddle boats. Please be aware of the people around you, and be sure to secure your possessions. Also, keep an eye out for your neighbors. If you see any suspicious activity, call the Lawton Police at 269-624-2382.

Gravel Lake Social 2009



This year's Gravel Lake Social at Melville's II was an absolute blast! Lakers snacked on pizza, danced on the dance floor, and caught up with old friends. There was a raging game of musical chairs and the limbo going on for the kids, there were people playing pool, and the bar area was, of course, quite hoppin'. The silent auction and raffle had some fantastic prizes, such as Cubs, Bears, and Notre Dame tickets, a Gravel Lake bags set, local business gift certificates, gifts donated from local businesses, and other great items. All in all, it was a fantastic time!

Ad area for Chip

Sewer Update

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority (LASA) has indicated that sewer construction should begin after Labor Day and continue until weather prohibits work. They have decided to wait to break ground until after Labor Day to minimize impact to Gravel Lake during the summer season. Property staking has already begun. Please make sure to follow instructions on www.gravellake.org regarding the placement of the stake which determines where your line to the sewer will connect. Looking forward, all owners will be expected to abandon septic tanks and install a connection to the sewer line in the first half of 2010. Now would be a good time to coordinate with your neighbors; find a plumber/excavator you will use to do the work and negotiate a better price!

Weed Treatment Update

By the time you receive this, the board of trustees will likely have decided on a supplier for future weed treatments. The weed treatment committee will make a recommendation to the board and the board will ultimately decide the future of weed treatment on Gravel Lake. Continued membership support for this program is the impetus behind renewing our program. Due to very successful control of Eurasian Watermilfoil, we still have funding left in our SAD (according to Porter Township) and we will use that toward future weed treatments. FYI - this excess can ONLY be used for weed treatment on Gravel Lake. Look to future issues for more details.



Steve's Poetry Corner

Gravel Lake Haiku

Summertime is here Gravel Lake is the best place Friends and family

Hanging out with friends With fun in the sun all day Better wear sunscreen

This place is awesome Wintertime is for the birds As sweet as red wine

Fall is approaching Let's have a great Labor Day Fun for everyone

Gravel Lake Limerick

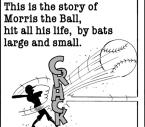
There is a place called Gravel Lake
Where friends and drinks, people make
Enjoy your time there
Your bathing suit, wear
'Cuz life on the lake is so great.

Steve Paramski and Steve O'Leary, Contributing Poets

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Fill out and mail to: Gravel Lake Association, P.O. Box 531, Lawton, MI 49065				
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SIBZ By Jim McGreal







He's been thrown by the best, some with great speed. Others with curve balls, and gum up their sleeves.



He's played with them all, but that's in the past. He now sits behind this prison of glass.



Many years past as they

he misses the game. He misses the ball park and even the rain.

A trophy he's called, but

He sits there until he is moved one last time, to join with some others and leave earth behind.



He's been picked for a journey, a trip to the stars to connect Earth to others, no matter how far.









Classified ads — Free for paid members!

A reminder to all dues-paying members that classified ads on the website are a free benefit of your membership. This includes advertising your personal business. Links to websites or color advertising can be discussed as well, but may entail a fee. Questions and ads can be emailed to Jim McGreal at jim@jmcstudios.com.

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