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## Thefts reported along East Lakeshore

Sometime during the late evening of August 4 or early morning of August 15<sup>th</sup>, several vehicles were broken into by breaking windows. It's not known what all was stolen from them. Also, Rainbow Park boats had radios, CD or tape players and gas tanks stolen from the boats moored there during that same time. It appeared the thieves were selective since there were vehicles right next to some that were broken into that weren't touched. So be on the lookout for anyone who looks suspicious in your area.



# Magician Lake News

Newsletter of the Magician Lake Improvement Association  
September 2006

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Just a short note to encourage you to send your survey back to us. We use the information we gather and it goes to local and state governments too. Even if most of the questions don't apply to you we would like to have the survey back and, please, let us know what we are doing right or wrong.

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## Kite Tube Recall

Sportsstuff Wego Kite Tubes  
Withdrawn from Market after

Reports of Deaths and Injuries

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Sportsstuff, Inc., of Omaha, Nebraska is voluntarily recalling about 19,000 Wego Kite Tubes.

CPSC staff is aware of 39 injury incidents with 29 of those resulting in medical treatment. Those injuries include a broken neck, punctured lung, chest and back injuries and facial injuries. Sportsstuff has received reports of two deaths in the United States and a variety of serious injuries. Sportsstuff has been unable to determine the cause of the incidents. Nevertheless, the company has withdrawn the kite tube from the market and is undertaking this voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution.

The Sportsstuff Wego Kite Tube is a 10-foot-wide, circular, yellow inflatable watercraft designed to be towed behind a power boat. A rider in the tube becomes airborne by pulling on handles attached to the floor of the tube. Model 53-5000 is printed on the tube near the product valve. The floor of the tube has black caution warning stripes. The cover for the product bears a skull and crossbones and the statement "Never Kite higher than you are willing to fall." The tubes were imported and sold through marine distributors, mail order catalogs, and various retailers from approximately October 1, 2005 to July 11, 2006 for about \$500 to \$600.

Consumers should immediately stop using the kite tubes and contact Sportsstuff at (866) 831-5524 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at [www.sportsstuff.com](http://www.sportsstuff.com) for more information.

## MLIA Web Site

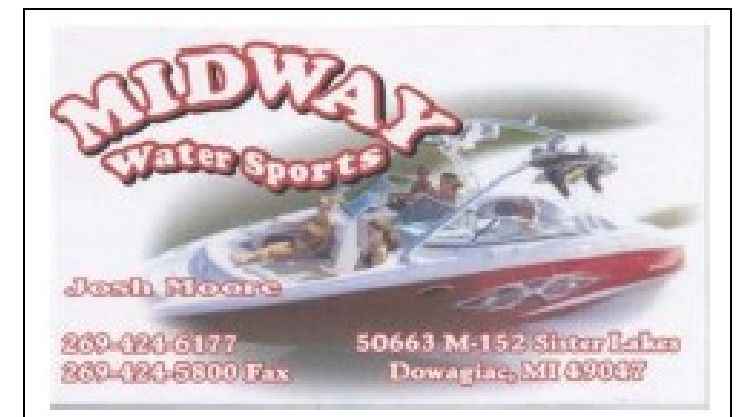
Come see us at <http://www.magician-lake.org> to view the home page and navigate from there. That's a dash in between magician and lake, not an underscore. We try to update portions of this every week so there's always something new to see. Current Lake level is one of those items that's updated several times a week.

## Dues Time Again!

Last call for dues. Any member not paid up will not receive another newsletter or Riparian so please get them in ASAP.

## Contact numbers for Sheriffs

Marine officer in Cass, Deputy Phil Esarey (269) 445-1225, E-mail: [phile@cassco.org](mailto:phile@cassco.org) Cass County dispatch is 269 445 8644 and Van Buren Sheriff's 269 657 3101 When using a cell phone people contacting 911 have occasionally gotten a busy signal. Hang up and try again or have these dispatch numbers in your cell phone.



Magician Lake Improvement Association Inc. is registered with the state of Michigan as a not for profit corporation. Officers are: Kay Dukesherer President, Craig McCoy Vice President, Bill Boehnlein Secretary, Dick Morey Treasurer, Dick Stauffer, Charlotte Poole and Dan Kuruzar trustees.

**"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."** *Henry David Thoreau*

## Magician Lake Improvement Association Membership Application

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Make check for \$20.00 payable to Magician Lake Improvement Association and mail it and this application to Dick Morey, 50230 East Lakeshore Drive, Dowagiac, MI, 49047

Magician Lake Improvement Association  
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## Magician Water Level

During our last annual meeting, a discussion was held regarding our lake water level and the hole in the board of the dam. The summer lake level is set by court order at 763 feet above sea level or 1 foot higher than the winter level. The board that's inserted is 1 foot high so, if the water is at the top of the board, the level is at the point set by court order. The summer period is defined as date of occurrence of the spring flood flows to October 1st of each year. The Cass County Drain Commissioner defines the start as April 1<sup>st</sup>. There was also discussion about the hole in the board believed by some as a provision to allow a minimum amount of water to flow downstream. While no document specifically defines this hole, early correspondence indicates there was a consideration made to allow some water to continually flow. In the Engineer's report that was made to address the lake level for the court order, it states "... the most desirable normal summer level for Magician Lake is 763.0 above mean sea level. This is a maximum level as established... .. to avoid saturation of lakeside areas and is high enough to provide adequate boating depths."

A simple law of physics, hydraulics, also demonstrates the lack of effect on plugging this hole. Since there is nothing on the downstream side, this is said to have free discharge. The only factors affecting how much water flows through this hole are the size of the hole, the depth of the hole and the shape of the opening or orifice. It doesn't matter what the size of the body of water is behind it. <http://www.mcnallyinstitute.com/13-html/13-12.htm> has a more detailed explanation for those interested in the engineering aspects. Using the numbers for the size of the hole in our dam and the depth from the top of the water to the center of the hole and the appropriate factor for the shape, it will take 30 days to lower the lake level one inch if there are no other factors. So the hole alone is responsible for 1/30 of an inch a day. And since it's blocked to 80% that means only 20% of 1/30 of an inch is going through or 0.006667 of an inch a day. So where's the water going? One word, evaporation! July and August are the months that have the highest evaporation rates.

This association does not maintain custodianship of the dam, we just report on it. And you can see periodic updates as to what the level is at our web site at <http://www.magician-lake.org>. Any further questions should be directed to the Cass County Drain Commissioner.



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## Annual Meeting Summary

The meeting was held at the Silver Creek Township Hall and called to order by President Kay Dukesherer at 9:03 AM EDT. Other board members present were Dick Morey, Treasurer, Dick Stauffer, Director and Secretary Bill Boehlein. 34 people attended the meeting according to the sign in sheet.

Bill Saunders resigned as a member of the association board and Charlotte Poole was elected by the board to replace Bill.

Minutes from last years meeting were read and accepted. The budget was presented and accepted.

Dick Morey gave a report on the lake water level for Craig McCoy who was absent. Dick distributed copies of Craig's report; a summary of the levels and his actions since the first of the year. Some discussion ensued about the hole in the dam.

Next Dick Stauffer introduced Kirk Graham, one of the Cass county Marine Patrolmen. Kirk answered questions from the floor on various safety and legal topics pertaining to Michigan lakes. He also told the crowd the Marine Patrol has to cover over 990 lakes and they have 5 part-time and 1 full time patrolmen. Besides most of the normal information about distances and speeds, an interesting point was made about boat light. Kirk said that the only lights that are legal for boat operation and the front red and green and the small white marker. Docking and any other lights are not legal.

Some discussion followed about the availability of no phosphate fertilizers. Then Dick Morey gave a water quality report and also asked for volunteers with pontoons this fall to support the high school weed identification program.

One other point of particular note was that the bridge over "Polk Channel" will be replaced and this will disrupt navigation for some time.

See <http://www.magician-lake.org> for the complete minutes.

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