



the New Moon Lodge Bulletin



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Hello, from Lake of the Woods and New Moon Lodge. Wow! Another year has passed by. Unbelievable! When you keep yourself busy, and have fun at the same time, those months just seem to fly. We like to take this time each year to express our appreciation for your friendships and patronage. Without you New Moon Lodge would be just another island on Lake of the Woods. As we enter into the New Year, our thoughts and prayers are with you, and our sincerest wishes are for a healthy and rewarding 1998 for each and every one of you.

A 1ST IN OUR 40TH YEAR!

In all the years we have been offering awards of trophies and free vacations, a lady has never won. Well, that changed this year when Mrs. Julia Anderson of Ames, IA had her name drawn by Roby Thompson of Long Lake, MN. Congratulations, Julia! We look forward to your visit this August.

We also wish to congratulate the 5 other finalists who won New Moon Lodge T-shirts: Mr. Marvin Pearson of Edmond, OK; Mr. Jeff Dretzka of Dousman, WI; Mr. Brian Laskowski of Mudelein, IL; Mr. Wendell Amos of Estes Park, CO, and Dr. Paul Jacobs, Sr. of Iron Mountain, MI.

Last year's recipient of the Free Vacation was Mr. Ric Roderick. He wrote us this letter: "Let me apologize for not thanking you sooner for such a wonderful complimentary trip for two this year. Your generosity allowed my wife and I to drag our reluctant daughters along. The youngest one, Sarah, had to miss out on soccer tournaments and Erin, the high school senior, didn't want to go because Sarah was going. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Everything about the trip was simply fantastic! The food, friendly staff who went out of their way to make you feel comfortable, the accommodations, the fishing, and the weather (it cooperated). Robert, our fishing guide, was a treasure to experience everyday. He and Sarah had so much fun together when she was learning how to cast from the boat. He took very good care of us and made us feel like friends.

I could make this a long letter because my family and I have so many great

memories to take along but I'll spare you and just thank you again. My wife, Kathy, insists on going back to New Moon soon. And I used to think it was a guy thing.

Have a nice winter, if that's possible.

Sincerely, Ric Roderick

P.S. Thanks a million, Donna, for that birthday cake you baked for Erin and keeping it discreet."

1997, our 40th year of operation, was truly a celebration. Business was up, fishing was excellent (aside from a few short periods), and the weather was beautiful. We were seeing lots of large walleye and bass, along with more numerous small ones; a sign of a healthy fishery. The northerns seem to be making a comeback, as there were more than we have seen in a long time. As well, the muskies are increasing in size and numbers. Our bear hunters were happy to hear the ice was out on time this year. They were ready and raring to go after having to miss last year's spring hunt.

Lloyd and Patsy were at the island over break-up remodelling the Buckhorn kitchen, and doing other little improvements throughout the cabin. Once the guys were out at the island, there was dock work to do and other general maintenance to ready the camp for opening. We had a little extra time this year, as there was nobody in camp for opening weekend. Last year made everyone shy of an early fishing trip. But once our first fishermen arrived on May 24, we didn't stop until mid-September, when we had a short break before the fall fishermen and duck hunters arrived.

Much to everyone's delight, we were able to complete our fleet of Honda 25

HP motors this spring by adding two more, making a total of 9 motors. Also the Viking Barge got a brand new motor. The guys want to show it off by pulling Travis behind it with water skis. Other additions were a 42x72 storage building on mainland, and a skidder to make winter logging a whole lot easier.

Our Square Dancers enjoyed their second annual Weekend. The weather didn't cooperate as well as the year before, but it warmed up enough on the morning of their departure, to dance all the way into Morson on our "Party Barge". They even had people on the docks in Morson coming out to dance as they passed by.

Some of you might remember Arvid Samuelsen, the Norwegian boy who visited and worked here in the mid 70's. Well, he is now a grown man with a family of his own, and we were delighted to have them visit this summer. His lovely wife, Kjersten, enjoyed visiting with everyone but she found it exhausting trying to remember all the English words. Their son, Anders, is Travis's age and they really hit it off. Their daughter, Katarina, is Andy and Kristin's age. They got into all kinds of mischief together. It worked out that some of you who knew him as a teenager happened to be visiting at the time he was here. It was a happy reunion all the way around.

As we look forward to this coming year, we have once again made plans for improvements at the Lodge. Water levels permitting, we plan on completing the work on the main dock. We also plan on putting an addition onto the roof of the storage room, increasing the size of Dwight and Donna's apartment, and adding more storage.



1. Lloyd and Patsy sitting in the original dining room. The window to Lloyd's left is now the door to the lounge. The window behind them is now the entrance to the current dining room.
2. A family with a continuing dream.
3. Taking a break with the children in the original staff room.
4. The "Ole M" was our 1st mode of guest transportation. It was in operation until we sold it in the mid-sixties.



5. Dwight has been involved in the business from the beginning.
6. Ringo: A true family dog and everybody's friend for 14 years.
7. Dock area in the early years.
8. 2nd dining room was built in 1961
9. Patsy sharing a joke with a guest in the

- original office.
10. The ladies are standing in front of the 2nd dining room entrance. The doorway between the current dining room and the guides room/store would be right behind them.
11. We have always taken pride in the meals served at New Moon.

FAMILY NEWS

As we mentioned at the beginning of our bulletin, this year has absolutely flown by. It seems like just yesterday we were wishing all of you a happy and healthy 1997, and now 1998 has arrived! So what exactly has been happening to make time speed by? The answer to that question is twofold. First of all, we had a very busy season at the island. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of you folks. Secondly, as our families continue to grow, their interests are becoming broader and more time consuming. Patsy spent her Fall chauffeuring grandchildren to hockey and figure skating, which she enjoyed very much. She is just glad that she can help the children to participate in these sports until the Moms and Dads get off the island. Lloyd has also been busy with requests from his grandsons for shelving for their bedrooms. Of course, knowing Lloyd, the boys didn't just get shelves thrown together, but some really beautiful pieces of furniture. The two of them were able to get away for awhile this August, and took a trip out west to Alberta to visit Lloyd's cousin.

Dwight and Donna will be in Mazatlan at the end of January with her sister and brother-in-law. They are all really excited about the trip, even though it was just after they made their reservations that the big hurricane hit just up the coast. Travis is in HIGH SCHOOL now, and doing great. He continues to enjoy playing hockey, and riding his snowmobile all over Morson. They have two new additions to their family. Missy the cat whom many of you met this summer, and Max, a Siberian Husky pup, who joined the family in early December.

Rocky and Kathy are sticking close to home this winter. They hope to get a lot accomplished on the interior of their home, in between all the trips to town for practices. Andy wasn't too sure about playing hockey with all those big kids (thinking about Travis' team). Once convinced he would probably be the tallest on his team he thought that would be okay, and has been having a great time. He is in Grade 3 now and getting excellent reports. Kristin is in Grade 2. She has started piano lessons and figure skating. She had her first piano recital during her Christmas concert, and did a wonderful job. Her comment is, "It is sure harder than it looks!", but she is learning more all the time and really enjoying it.

And so with another year upon us we look forward to all that it might hold in store, including continued good health for our family and yours, and the joys of watching our children expand their horizons. We also look forward to welcoming you to our little hideaway, where the serenity of a day on Lake of the Woods, followed by a delicious home-cooked meal and friendly conversation can make anyone forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life. If thoughts of warm sunshine, green trees, blue waters, fresh caught fish for shorelunch, and good company are enticing you, please give us a call and we will reserve a spot for you this season. Not to forget our duck hunters; the weather might be chillier, but the allure of Lake of the Woods is the same, and we would love to hear from you. If you would like to make your trip a combination of fishing and hunting, the last half of September or first half of October might be for you.

Thank you again for your patronage and friendship. Our family and staff join us in welcoming you back soon. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

The Moen Family

Lloyd & Patsy
Dwight & Donna
Rocky & Kathy

