

BIG LAKE PARADE

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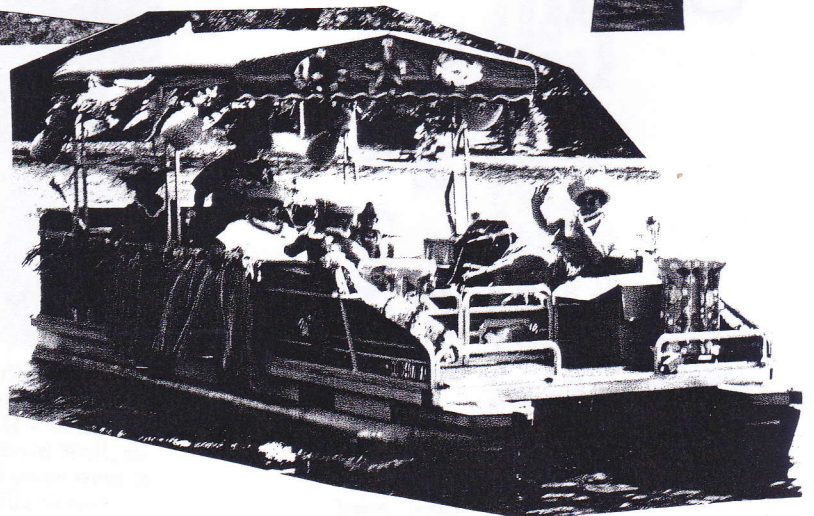
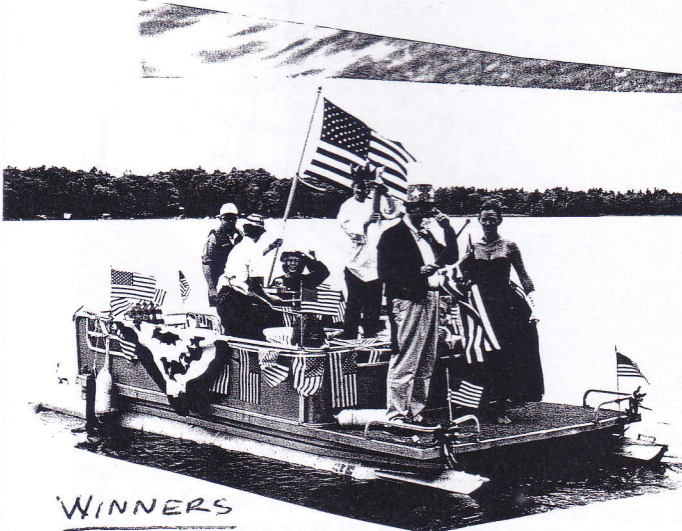
Big Lake used to host a "Floating Parade" every summer. Many residents would decorate their pontoons, motor boats or canoes with balloons and crepe paper. One year there was even a polka band playing on one of the boats.

This event was held from 1988 to 1987. It even made televised news one year. A homemade traveling trophy was awarded to the best decorated boat.

I would spend many hours painting cardboard in preparation of the big event. One year we entered as "The Flowering Flotation", another year as "Disney on Big Lake" and our final year as "Fort Big Lake". It was a fun event to look forward to but because of declining participation it was discontinued.



* The pontoon parade was rejuvenated on July 4th, 1999. Over 40 boats participated. The floatation started at Big Lake Resort and continued around the lake until threatening clouds and thunder broke up the parade as boats scattered for safety.



WINNERS

2000 - BARRY BERGQUIST
2001 - TIM DELOVELY
2002 - JOHN & KIM PETERSON
2003 - PATLY SWANSON