

**Fw: Eagle Lake time capsule**

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Dear Mr. Tiedemann.

Contratulations! you found my old Marker! when I saw the milfoil nets go down there I figured they'd stay and so would the marker, [for all eternity](#).

Well, there is indeed a story behind it... so let me began in the beginning...

Ive been going to Eagle Lake for a week or so in the summer most of my life, and we used to rent a cabin from Duane Stanton on Bluff Point.

There has been a time capsule there in that location for 30 years now, it started out as a simple placard I put out as a kid for a year, then 2 years, 3, 5 and ultimately the 10 year capsules. Originally the sign rod fit down into a fixture permanantly in the lake bed, but after all these years I doubt the wing nut would still have been intact.

Our last year on Eagle lake as a family was 1987, but as late as 1992 or so we would go up for a day and Duanes daughter would let us use the dock to ski out of, and thats when the 1992 capsule went down, not too far after that the property was sold to the current owner and sadly, we never returned to that special spot where I grew up.

Flash forward 10 more years, Im now renting myself from the Cerny's and always have somebody's kid along, eather a buddy's son or neighborhood kid or a match from the Big Brothers program... and when I mentioned that I had a time capsule that we should retrieve that year they said that we HAVE to put down a new one, to get in another 10 years! its 10:30 at night the day before we leave for the camp, Im still packing [so we threw together something quickly](#)... they picked out what to write in it and all they came up with was my odometer readings, [what the cats were doing](#), and such. That summer we went out there and swapped out capsules after having to navigate what was at the time a growing milfoil bed. Having grown up in that spot however, I knew every landmark there, every stone, every log and water intake so I was still able to locate it next to the 15 foot log that was its own landmark.

Today I still rent for 10 days or so from the Cerny's and have a college buddies son along for his 3rd summer at Eagle Lake . [Elias is 14](#) and Eagle Lake is his favorite spot in the world, and despite a couple of wet summers he has had a fantastic time learning to water ski, hike, fish and drive my Boat. He has been talking about this summer since the end of last summer and now that its here he cant wait to make the trip up from Richmond VA where he lives and spend another week at the camp.

[I applaud the efforts to control the milfoil up there, I first noticed it in 1987 as a patch about half way between the bridge and the Aldens camp, but as you know now its everywhere. Its uplifting seeing the](#)

work being done to mediate it. I will be up there this year from the 28th till August 7th, if your also at the lake during that time Id love to say hi! I have heard of your name before but I don't know many of the current residents up there, my uncle used to own a camp when I was a kid and we'd visit various folks like the Aldens back in the '70's but there are only a few folks that I know these days.

Glad I could add an interesting story to the history of Eagle Lake , if only by accident.

Keith
