

# Michigan Regulates Billboard Placement

As you drive along Michigan's highways this spring and summer -- on your way to the lake for a week-end of sailing, or to a state park campground -- you may notice that outdoor advertising does not compete with the scenery for your attention to the same degree as in past years.

In the interest of Michigan's scenic beauty, the State Legislature last year passed a law requiring the licensing, regulation and control of outdoor advertising found next to state highways.

Although it is now illegal for signs to be erected in certain locations, the Legislature recognized that sign owners, and land owners, have valuable property rights. Under specific conditions, compensation may be paid for loss of these rights.

For example, compensation is paid to the sign owner for giving up rights to the sign as well as for giving up a rental or lease agreement for the land. The owner of the property also receives compensation for the loss of the right to allow signs at that location in the future.

It is important to note that signs existing before March 31, 1972, when the new outdoor advertising law went into effect, may have been in violation of a still older law, and thus they are considered illegal. The present law requires that these signs also be removed, but without compensation.

You may notice red tags on some signs located along the state high-

ways. Since the department of state highways cannot always determine the identity of the land owner, these tags serve as notice to the owner of the sign and to the land owner that the sign does not comply with Michigan's outdoor advertising law.

These owners have 60 days after the sign is tagged to remove it, make it conform to the law or to file a written claim for compensation with the department of state highways.

Any sign owner failing to remove an illegal sign is subject to a penalty of double the cost of removal.

## Campers, Boats Are On Display

A camping and outdoors sports show, is currently featured at the Livonia Mall through April 21.

Pop-up and fold-down campers priced from \$1,300 all the way up to a \$20,000 motor home can be seen among the 28 vehicles on display.

The national introduction of the new Ford camper, classes on different phases of sailing using an electronic sailing simulator (see related story), fly-casting demonstrations and representatives from country-wide trailer park organizations will be among the show's offerings.

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## Livonia Mall Show To Feature Sailing Simulator

An electronic simulator is being used to teach sailing on dry land by Mike Scott of Redford Marine Sailboats, Inc. at the Livonia Mall's camper and outdoor sports show.

Designed by Roy Bacon, an international figure in sailing circles, it enables a person to get the actual feeling of sailing a boat before he ever hits the water.

Bacon found people had three main apprehensions which often kept them from ever learning to sail. It seemed difficult to learn sailing terminology; they feared heeling or capsizing; and they had a sense of mystery and mystique about sailing a boat.

It is Bacon's intention to overcome these apprehensions through the use of the device he invented.

Scott will mount the device on a motorized turntable atop a specially built trailer and use a fan to simulate wind conditions in his Livonia Mall demonstrations.

He will give lessons in terminology, rigging and sailing theory in addition to his use of the simulator at specified times throughout the shopping day.

"Sailing is really catching on," Scott reported. "Youth has in-

fluenced the older generation to get with nature, rather than fighting it. With sailing, there is no noise, air or water pollution.

"People these days want peace and tranquility. Twenty sailboats can go by and you will never know it, except for their beauty. Let one power boat come along and the soundless world of everybody around is shattered."

Once you have invested in a sailboat, there are few additional costs, Scott said. It costs nothing to use, and the whole family can take an active part.

"There is a whole society to sailing," he noted. "Sailing people gather to talk, to compare notes. It is of interest to the 15-year-old boy and the 65-year-old man."

"The whole dynamics of sailing is very technical, and there is always more to learn. A real professional sailor can make the same boat go twice as fast as the novice."

Scott, who is 31 years old and a Redford resident, is a practicing tax accountant. He recently opened up his sailing company as an outgrowth of his intense interest in the sport. General offices for the Redford-based firm are at 24821 Five Mile.

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## Forest Vehicle Rules Up For Discussion...



Michigan's Department of Natural Resources has previewed proposed new rules for controlled use of wheeled, motorized vehicles--trail bikes, motorcycles, ATVs--on northern state forest lands.

The recommended regulations were outlined before the Natural Resources Commission, which will be asked to act on the measures at its April 12-13 meeting in Lansing.

The newest proposals would permit the use of off-road vehicles (ORVs) on state forest roads, trails

or areas not posted against such activities by the DNR.

In an effort to keep these machines from being run helter-skelter across state forests, the latest rules would also make it unlawful, without proper DNR permission, to operate ORVs where there is no visible evidence of a forest road or trail.

Another safeguard would require the permission of the DNR before state forest lands could be used by operators of ORVs for organized events such as races and endurance contests.