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Happy Halloween everyone! There is a lot to put in the newsletter this month, forgive me if I forget something. For all those that made it to our campout this month, I think you will agree that we had a FANTASTIC weekend. Great weather and even better friends. This month we were at "Camp Given's", our hosts were of course Guy & Jan Givens and Lance & Shelly Agness. Also attending were: Rexroads, Gehrings, Koenes, Lewis's, Haggertys, Cohes and Eoffs, Crists came by each day and Bobbie Cole stopped by Saturday. We also had guests, Ron and Melodie Thompson, Cheryl Lewis, Charlie Hays, Erin Cohee and Jacob Harrell. We thank them for joining us and hope they had an enjoyable time. Lee and Betty Wilkenson gave us a surprise visit. It was soo good to see them! They will be leaving for Florida the end of this week so we won't see them again until next spring. That made their visit even more special.

Friday our hosts prepared baked spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and of course desserts. Wow was that good! We had a beautiful fire that evening. George put enough wood on it to last till the next morning! Saturday morning Cohees prepared breakfast. There were pancakes and sausage and their very popular "mountain man" breakfast cooked in the Dutch oven. Great Job Eric and Teresa!!! After eating we sat around the campfire, which was still blazing from the night before, (thanks George). Around noon we participated in our annual road cleanup. Afterwards we brought out the pumpkins! You know its getting serious when the Dremmel tools start coming out. Time to get down to business! There were some VERY creative jack-o-lanterns that day. They were judged later in the evening. The winners are: Coolest - Ethan Funniest- Bobbie Craziest- Graydon Scariest- Erin and the Best Over All- Melodie. Congratulations everyone! Following that we had our Auction. Jan is considering changing her career to that of Auctioneer! She is so good, she sold Eric Cohee a slightly used sandwich maker. He has always wanted another one of those. Now if he could only find the one the one that mysteriously came up missing he would have a pair! She sold enough Christmas lights to Guy to string around and light up the pond and before Steve knew it he was the proud owner of a purse and sweater! All he wanted was grape jelly!! She did a great job!!! We raised around \$300 for the club. Thank you to everyone! It was time for our pitch-in supper which consisted of entirely too much food, followed by our meeting. Sherry gave updates on our members that have been ill. Paul Berg is out of the hospital now and Ruth Yoder is doing better. Steve Lewis gave an update on the web site. There are lots more pictures on the site. Visit and check them out. Remember to let him know of any corrections that need to be made. Novembers meeting will be at Uglades in Wabash and the Christmas party will be in Bunker Hill. We will have a \$5 gift exchange. I will have more information on that later. Guy won the 50/50 drawing. After the meeting came to an end Guy and Jan were presented with a sign for "Camp Givens". Allen Crist secured the sign and Carolyn Rexroad made the lettering. It is a much needed "Dogs Crossing" sign so anyone who drives back to the pond will know there are dogs to slow down and watch out for. Allen and Gary drove the post in and attached the sign Sunday morning. It looks great. Carol Koenes gave a class on making balloon flowers. Those were fun, easy and pretty. Thank you Carol. We found out during that class that Jan can be a difficult student! Hers turned out great even if the stems weren't green! We all pulled together another pitch-in lunch. Aren't leftovers great! And so our last campout of the season is over. It has been such a fun summer. Now its time to get the check lists out and winterize the campers. To all of our snow birds, safe journeys to wherever you are traveling to this winter and we will see you next spring!

For the rest of us, we will be meeting again next month at Uglades in Wabash on November 22 at 5:30pm. You will need to let Jan know if you plan to go so she can make the necessary reservations. I will send out reminders by e-mail for November and Decembers meetings.

Now as I near the of the term as your Corresponding Secretary, I just want to thank everyone for letting me serve this position. Carolyn Rexroad will be resuming this job in January. I look forward to reading her newsletters. Thank you all for your patience this year. It was fun and I learned a lot.

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