

July 22, 2008

Hi my camping buddies!!!

At the last minute, Iris ended up with several things “on her plate” so she asked me to do the newsletter for her. So for this month.....”I’m backkkk!!” We had a wonderful time this past weekend at Bear Creek Farms in Bryant, IN. It was extremely hot and humid but that didn’t stop us from having fun. Attending were our hosts – George and Sherry Gehring and Guy and Jan Givens -- as well as Lee and Betty Wilkinson, Steve and Iris Lewis, Ken and Sharon Dickman, Wilbur and Ginny Haggerty, Bob and Nancy Eoff, Lance and Shelly Agness and children Alicia and Ethan, and Gary and Carolyn Rexroad.

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Allen and Carolyn Crist were only able to join us for a visit Friday and then again on Saturday for the buffet and theatre due to a change in Allen’s work schedule. Great they could make it that much.

Dickmans arrived Thursday. Then 5 of us caravanned from the LaFontaine area on Friday morning only to be stuck behind the highway painters. Ask George what color they were using (or just check out his truck!!). It was great to have the Haggertys able to actually camp with us again after Wilbur’s accident. Unfortunately it didn’t change Wilbur any; he’s still the same wiseguy!! That’s ok. Wilkinsons made it in not long after the group did; Agnesses didn’t arrive until evening. Guess Shelly decided to shake us all up a bit because as they were setting up, she took a nasty fall. Red Cross experts to the rescue!! Sharon checked her out and put her foot “on ice”; Lance ultimately took her to ER where it was determined she has a chipped bone in her foot and a sprain. So Shelly is now making a fashion statement with wearing foot apparel that does NOT match!! Glad she is ok. Eventually most of us went to dinner at The Homestead which had lots of yummy choices.

Friday night held more excitement as Jan had our newest canine member with her – Floozie (AKA “escape artist”) and another rescue dog named Daisy (AKA Chubette!! – note: she has now found a permanent home. Congratulations, Jan!) They were quite the entertainment for the weekend. Floozie especially left her “paw prints” on our hearts--- and Alisa’s (Eoff’s granddaughter) shirt, Nancy’s shirt and Jan’s shirt!!! Paw, paw, who has the “poopie” paw??? Hmm!! As was stated, it was a very HOT weekend needing 4 fans to keep us cool. Ethan really wanted a campfire but we told him we would need 4 more fans to keep cool if we did that!

Saturday morning we were treated to those special donuts from the bakery in Wabash. We ventured into assorted outings (some did this Friday, too) – checked out the shops, museums, pool and horseshow. Lee and Betty’s granddaughter Elizabeth paid us a visit in the afternoon. She brought along her daughters Catheryn and Claudia. They all got to be part of the “battle of the water guns”! It all started out between Ethan and Gary but even Elizabeth nailed Betty. This eventually escalated to a WAR between Jan and Wilbur – you just had to be there to see who finally got SOAKED!! Anyway, this fun sure did cool us off some.

We took time for the meeting before dinner. In Carolyn Crist’s absence, Betty Wilkinson presided. Steve gave an update on the webpage. The domain name is [circuscitysams.org](http://circuscitysams.org). The site is currently under construction but check it out from time to time. Thanks, Steve.

We received communication that the **Bill Monroe Memorial Music Park and Campground in Morgantown, IN** is now a “Good Sam” affiliated campground . Some of you might want to check it out. (This can also be checked on line at [www.beanblossom.com](http://www.beanblossom.com) and at <http://www.goodsamclub.com/>.) For those of you interested in the **Fall Samboree**, it is **Sept. 26, 27, & 28<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Wayne, IN.** **Registration forms are in the state newsletter you should have just received and this needs to be in by Sept. 1 if you want block parking (after that it is hobo).** Several in our group indicated they are interested in going. Donations for Back-Roads Dog Rescue were collected. The meeting was wrapped up with Ginny winning the 50/50. Congratulations!

### **August campout information!!**

Due to a family commitment, the Wilkinsons are unable to host with the Rexroads; but the Gehrings and Lewises offered their help. Thanks!

### **August 15, 16 & 17 Place: Old Mill Run, Thorntown, IN**

Friday night’s dinner will be provided – hot dogs and trimmings, chips and a veggie tray.

Saturday’s breakfast will also be provided – assorted coffee cakes and a fruit salad.

Please call or e-mail the hosts to let them know if you are coming. Rexroads; Gehrings; Lewises. Don’t forget your donations to the dog rescue group.

After the meeting, we went to The Homestead for the buffet dinner; several went on to the theatre performance which was fantastic.

Sunday found us visiting, attending the church service and eventually packing up to go home. Another great weekend was had with the camping club. Thanks so much to the hosts; job well done.

### August Birthdays August Anniversaries

28 Paul Berg 8 Ken & Sharon Dickman

30 Lee Wilkinson 11 Ron & Carol Koenes

19 Steve & Iris Lewis

Sincerely,

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