

Sunday, September 21, 2008

Greetings Circus City Sam members!!

Well, our campout weekend was full of SUPER weather, great friends, fun, food and hosts!!! Thank you very much to our wonderful hosts - Eric and Teresa Cohee and Bob and Nancy Eoff. Others attending for all or part of the weekend were: Erin Cohee (Eric and Teresa's daughter), Ron and Carol Koenes and Carol's sister Betty Webb, Gary and Carolyn Rexroad, Dick and Marsha Helm, Allen and Carolyn Crist, Ken and Sharon Dickman, Lance and Shelley Agness with Alicia and Ethan as well as Alicia's friend, Leighann Gaylord, Paul and Tonya Berg with Samantha and Nick, Ron and Melodie Thompson (Eric's sister and hubby)-with canine guest Abby, Bobbie Cole with son Jay Cole, daughter and son-in-law Julie and Mike Canada and children Bryston and Cheney. Some of the earlier arrivals got in a game of Mexican Dominoes while others arrived and others visited and just enjoyed being together again. We had a wonderful dinner provided by our hosts of chili, cornbread, salad and toppings--yum! Wrapped up the evening with lots of fun around the campfire.

Saturday morning was relaxing for most of us. Eoffs and Cohees were busy preparing a yummy breakfast of pancakes, Mountain Man Casserole and sausage patties. So enjoyed watching all the Dutch Oven and cast iron cooking. Poor Guy didn't get to partake of this as he had to leave for work.....or shall I say "TRY to leave for work"??? Must ask him about his "difficulties" getting "moving"!!!!??? hmm!!! The rest of the morning found some of us visiting garage sales, taking in the Trail of Courage, playing the bean bag game or miniature golf. Still plenty of time to relax around the campfire; of course, Shelley might disagree - ask her about the experience with the bullfrog!! :o) Boy, can she move!

Had about 30 of us attending dinner which had the usual.....tooooo much food. We also had a birthday cake for Carol Koenes! This was followed by the meeting. Carolyn Crist lead the prayer, pledge and the meeting. Guests were introduced and the journal was signed. Shelley read the minutes and treasurer's report. A sad announcement was made. Long time member Elb Hiner passed away this past month. We will remember him in our hearts. **ANNOUNCEMENT!!! 2009 Membership dues is due by November 1; please pay \$10 to Shelley Agness before then!** Carolyn Rexroad reported that the Backroads Dog Rescue was THRILLED with the donation from the club and personal donations from several members. In current times of economic stress it was greatly needed. It was time to vote for the slate of officers for the 2009 year. Our officers will be: Ron Koenes, President; Lance Agness, Vice President; Iris Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Carolyn Rexroad - Corresponding Secretary; Wagonmasters, Guy and Jan Givens. Congratulations one and all!

**October campout: 17, 18, 19 at "Camp Givens" Hosts: Givens and Agness**

Dinner on Friday will be provided. Notice: Wabash will be having the Chili Cookoff - \$5 donation; any further info will be shared

later. Please contact the hosts to let them know you are coming:

Givens - Agness -

REMINDER!! This is our clean up weekend so please come prepared with gloves and a stick to pick up trash on their roadway!!!

Jan still has some openings for hosting in 2009. If you have not signed up yet, please contact her to do so. Jan is also taking ideas for the winter dinners. New coffee pots were purchased for the club and donated by the Rexroads. Teresa Cohee won the 50/50 drawing of \$21.50 which she graciously donated to the Backroads Dog Rescue.

**Upcoming birthdays:**

**September: 26 Ginny Haggerty**  
**28 Terry Wilson**  
**October: 02 Steve Lewis**  
**18 Bob Eoff**

**Upcoming anniversaries:**

**October: 10 Agnesses**

Following the meeting we were treated to homemade ice cream and Dutch Oven apple crisp!! Wow! Ethan entertained us with sharing a story about Lance and the "grenade"!!! Very interesting!!! Ethan also became

quite the sidekick of Fireman Eric. Eric, Lance and Ethan also treated us to popcorn made over the campfire....yum! We also enjoyed colorful campfires due to treated pine cones. Beautiful!

Sunday morning found us enjoying our last day around the campfire. We had some BIG laughs thanks to Ethan's comments compounded by Guy's "2 cents".....something to do with Zander's favorite pasttime, Guy and "bouncing" Jan!!! Sorry if you missed this hilarity!! The morning was wrapped up with several playing pranks on Ethan! Poor kid! Many started to pull out; some of us stayed to continue the camping atmosphere by heading to Shipshewana South on Monday. Hopefully will see many of you at the Fall Samboree in Ft. Wayne this weekend.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Rexroad  
Acting Corresponding Secretary