

April 21, 2009

Happy 2009 Camping Season to all!!

This season got a good start at Caboose Lake Campgrounds near Remington, IN with some new rigs and excitement for one of the “canine campers”!!!. Our hosts were Ron and Carol Koenes and Larry and Ruth Yoder. Those able to attend for the weekend were Daniel and Terry Wilson, Dick and Marsha Helm, Ken and Sharon Dickman, Allen and Carolyn Crist, Steve and Iris Lewis, Guy and Jan Givens with hosts Ron and Carol Koenes. (Notice Gary and I were not able to make it but thanks to Carolyn Crist – my “spy” – I can report on the weekend!!!) Givens arrived on Thursday evening in their new motor home. Beaner’s job was to chase out all the “geesers” from the lake before everyone arrived. To Jan and Guy’s SCARY surprise, an osprey with a “6 foot wingspan” had other ideas!!! He swept down to attack little Beaner “twice”!! Jan found Guy moving “faster than she ever saw him move before in her life” to save Bean. This was even more than Bean and HIS “attitude” could handle!! Thanks to Bean’s jacket he wasn’t injured (OR scooped up); Guy and Jan were relieved, to say the least. (Guess it wasn’t a “good start” of camping season for poor little Bean!) Next to arrive were Daniel and Terry Wilson in their new Wildcat 5th Wheel. You need to ask Terry about the kitchen “refuse” disposal; talk about handy!!! The weather was beautiful on Friday with all arriving just in time for Carol’s delicious soup supper. You had your choice of chicken noodle soup, ham and bean soup, and chili. She also provided a wonderful dessert of chocolate chip cookies and oatmeal raisin cookies. Most turned in early as the weather turned quite cool after the sun went down. Allen, Dick and Steve stayed out a little longer and witnessed a “blow out” on a semi on the highway near the campground!! Ask Dick what color the seat of his chair might be now!!!

Saturday morning woke us to fresh coffee and the famous “Ron and Carol Breakfast in a Bag”. They also showed off their new condiment trays for the omelet fixings; all the women are now wanting one (that is those with Internet access.....poor Carolyn C!!). A call came from Cohees wishing they had changed plans so they could have been there since the weather was nice after all. Needless to say, with a lake on the premises, we all knew where Ken would be. Told tales about all his catches but none were seen. Several spent the afternoon at the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm for a tour and being able to observe the birthing of a calf. I understand that Marsha was doing more “moaning and groaning” than mama cow!! She was quite relieved when the calf was born (hmmmm....she – was that Marsha or the mama cow????)

The pitch in for supper was an array of “good dishes” from our wonderful cooks of our club. This was followed with the meeting. Reminder – registration for the Spring Samboree (MAY 21-24) at Boone County Fairgrounds near Lebanon must be received by May 1st to be parked together as a group!! This year, again, we have donated to the Relay for Life - \$100 for a trackside sign and \$20 for 2 luminaries in memory of deceased members and in honor of member survivors. We have been supporting

individually the Back Roads Animal Rescue for a while now. Please consider if we still want to support them or if you have any other projects in mind we could help. Bring those ideas to the next meeting.

May Campout Information!!

When: May 15, 16, 17

Where: Lakeview Campground outside of Rochester, IN

Hosts: Steve and Iris Lewis – 765-473-6425 (lewisiris@comcast.net)

Gary and Carolyn Rexroad – 765-985-2577 (booboo1234@comcast.net)

Plans: Friday evening dinner provided – hotdogs and fixins' with dessert

Saturday morning breakfast provided – sausage gravy and biscuits with fresh fruit

Some fun activities planned for the day (bring a little "cash")

Pitch in dinner Saturday night

Please contact the hosts ASAP to let them know you are coming! Campground contact info and directions are provided below. Don't forget your donations to Back Roads Dog Rescue; they truly appreciate them.

The 50/50 was won by Terry Wilson- \$10.50. Go, Terry!! Following the meeting, Marsha and Sharon joined Allen at the campfire ring and assisted in making a crackling fire for the evening. Winners of the "Top Lawn Chair Snoozers" award for the afternoon were Ken Dickman and Guy Givens! Congratulations, men, but probably was no surprise to any of us! Some turned in early again except for the hearty campers! Guy, Jan and Ron stayed out long enough to see the red hot ambers but "no marshmallows to roast"! Bummer! We woke up Sunday to sprinkles and a soggy ground but all our troopers found their way to Koenes' rig for fresh coffee and conversation. Some went on home and some stopped in Monticello for lunch.

May Birthdays: the 1st – Betty Wilkinson

the 31st – Ruth Yoder

May Anniversaries: the 4th – Dick and Marsha Helm

See you at the May campout: contact the hosts and ask an RV friend to join us!!!

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