

July 19, 2009

Well, it is a nice “comfortable” hello to all our camping friends!!! This is a change from last month for sure. Who would expect to camp in July and need a jacket in the cool evening instead of needing a dip in the pool to cool off?? Go figure! Anyway, the weather cooperated for us (except for a little rain Friday night – giving “flashbacks” to the May campout) and we had a GREAT weekend. The hosts providing this were Allen and Carolyn Crist with Ken and Sharon Dickman. Other members camping or just visiting were Steve and Iris Lewis, Dick and Marsha Helm, Guy and Jan Givens, Gary and Carolyn Rexroad, George and Sherry Gehring, Ron and Carol Koenes, Wilbur and Ginny Haggerty with visits from Eric Cohee and Bob and Nancy Eoff. Guests that paid us a visit were Cheryl Lewis and boyfriend Matt; also, Dick and Marsha’s family members – son Richie and daughter Mary Ann and husband Doug Rowlett with their children Brady and Alexis and her boyfriend Jake Misner. We also had 12 canines in attendance and one feline!!! So another weekend full of 2 legged and 4 legged friends!

Ken had an exciting time early on demonstrating his “new way to fish” – beating the pole in the water!? Claims he was scaring off a snake! Hmm???? Several men welcomed Wilbur and Ginny by moving the big rocks so they could make the turn into the campground. Speaking of welcoming, let’s welcome Allen into the 21st Century. He got a laptop!!! Now if we can just get him to use the Internet and e-mail! Go, Allen!! And speaking of Allen, it was so very great to see him back doing HIS thing – tending the campfire and playing the washer game. He is definitely on the mend. Hanging around Friday afternoon, Sharon treated us to her yummy frozen s’mores and they were from a “no guilt” recipe. While eating them we almost took bets while watching the “droopy drawers” parade pass us; wonder how they don’t lose their pants??? Hmm!!! Also, several got into playing the washer game. All found out why you don’t want Carolyn R. on your team – look out!! Right, Iris??? Eventually it was time for dinner so we all went to the Westside Restaurant in Logansport (except for Jan who was feeling poorly; her hubby did bring her back dinner). We all found something delicious to order. We also found out that “someone” was sporting “orange undies”!! Not only that, back at the campground she was given “orange measuring cups and spoons” to go with them!! Not everyone can take claim to that!!!! Also, upon returning to the campout, Wilbur and Ginny found that Princess had thoroughly enjoyed their “blinds”!!! Three sets totally destroyed! (Guess she wasn’t happy that she didn’t get to go with us.) There was still another surprise that evening. Ken got Sharon the Dutch oven she had been wanting; she was thrilled! After all these surprises, we settled down around a nice warm campfire and enjoyed visiting until the rain snuck in; time to retire for the night.

Saturday morning started off with pranks; seems Ken got locked in the shower room! He thought Dave (from the campgrounds) had wedged a board so he couldn’t get out. Was it Dave?? Or someone else??? Looks like later Dave got locked in!! The men were very careful to take that board in with them (all the way in) so they didn’t get stuck! Time to eat breakfast; Carolyn C. and Sharon cooked up wonderful casseroles, baked goods plus fruit. It was all yummy! The pranks didn’t stop after breakfast; someone had Wilbur looking for his key to the Cricket and George was very sneaky with taking off with one of Carolyn R.’s earrings!! Never a dull moment! Several were industrious and got in power walking or dog walking; need to do something to be able to eat all these “lo cal” meals!! Speaking of which, Sharon put her new Dutch oven to work and made an apple cobbler; Iris made a peach cobbler. Great job, girls!! Ice cream was available to garnish this tasty afternoon treat. It was back to fun and games with major competition in the washer game (gee, who kept singing “We Are the Champions”??); several enjoyed playing Euchre and Sequence. Soon it was time for our pitch in with many wonderful dishes arriving. This was followed by our meeting.

Chaplain Sherry said a prayer and President Ron led us in the Pledge. Guests were introduced; minutes and the treasurer’s report from June were read and approved; correspondence was shared. One of the items shared was a note from Lee and Betty Wilkinson. We were told that Lee has yet another new fungus in his lungs that they are treating with IVs; it has been one thing after another. Please keep them in your prayers. (Also, please keep Tonya Berg in your prayers as she recovers from a recent surgery.) Details and changes of future campouts were discussed; please note the following information:

AUGUST CAMPOUT

When: August 21, 22, 23

Hosts: Wilbur and Ginny Haggerty haggertyw@hotmail.com

Bob and Nancy Eoff eoffs@comcast.net

Place: Bozarth's Campground near Lagro

Plans: Friday – dinner at the Bozarth's Grill (sandwich style menu); Saturday morning breakfast
Provided (waffles, pancakes and sausage)

NOTE!! Bozarth's Campground has permanent sites and this is a first for them to have "overnight campers". We will be in an open area. They are adding electricity to accommodate us planning on 12 rigs showing up. The following have already told the hosts they plan on being there: the hosts Eoffs and Haggertys, Givens, Rexroads, Gehrings, Koeneses, Lewises, Dickmans, Crists and Helms. IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST AND YOU ARE PLANNING ON COMING, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOSTS IMMEDIATELY SO THEY CAN INFORM THE CAMPGROUND FOR HOW MANY THEY WILL NEED TO SET UP. Also, if you have a table or canopy, please bring them. The cost should be at least \$22.50 per night.

SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT (CHANGE IN LOCATION MADE!!)

When: September 18, 19, 20

Hosts: Dick and Marsha Helm mapahelm@yahoo.com

George and Sherry Gehring sherry_geh@yahoo.com

Place: Lakeview Campgrounds near Rochester

Plans: Info will follow in the next newsletter!!! You still can let the hosts know now if you are planning on coming.

FALL SAMBOREE

When: September 24, 25, 26, 27

Where: Shelbyville Fairgrounds

NOTE: Check the state newsletter you received for reservation form, deadline to send in, directions, etc.

Don't forget it is HOB0 parking so those going need to travel together if they are going to park together!!!

CAMPING CONTINUES!!

When: September 27, 28, 29

Where: Little Farm on the River near Rising Sun, Indiana

(The following have indicated they are wanting to do this: Rexroads, Givens, Helms, Dickmans and possibly Crists – if there are any others interested let Carolyn Rexroad know IMMEDIATELY so we can get sites right on the Ohio River!)

Little Farm is a lovely campground with a lot to do; it is also near the Victoria Casino which has a wonderful buffet and the Victoria Golf Course.

Donations were collected for Back Roads Dog Rescue. The 50/50 drawing was done and Carol Koenes won \$13.

Time enjoy a lovely evening around the campfire.

Sunday morning found several heading off to church services and all eventually packing up and heading home with some stopping for lunch at Pizza Hut in Peru. Thank you, hosts, for a wonderful weekend!!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

28 Paul Berg
30 Lee Wilkinson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8 Ken and Sharon Dickman
11 Ron and Carol Koenes
19 Steve and Iris Lewis

Hope to see you at the August campout!!!

Carolyn Rexroad
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