

August 23, 2009

Hello Circus City Sams Members!!

Could have sworn this is August and not October but it sure felt like the latter this past weekend!!! Although it was cool with sprinkles and rain, OUR atmosphere was “warm and sunny” from reuniting with our camping friends. It was great seeing so many come. We “initiated” Bozarth’s Recreational Resort’s “club camping” area. This was new to them (as they, until now, have been strictly a “permanent camper” grounds) and they did a wonderful job getting the “club area” set up. It was spacious, nice and level, and complete with electricity, water, fire rings and some picnic tables. They intend to do even more for next year’s season and we are looking forward to it. We already have 2 camping outings scheduled for there.

Hosts for this weekend were Wilbur and Ginny Haggerty with Bob and Nancy Eoff. The rest of the camping group consisted of Ken and Sharon Dickman, Dick and Marsha Helm, George and Sherry Gehring, Guy and Jan Givens, Ron and Carol Koenes, Larry and Ruth Yoder, Gary and Carolyn Rexroad, Nancy and Bill Plummer, Lance and Shelley Agness with children Alicia (Gwen) and Ethan, Eric and Teresa Cohee and Allen and Carolyn Crist. (We also had 9 dogs and 1 cat!) For Saturday only were Steve and Iris Lewis. It was absolutely GREAT having the Yoders finally camp with us. It has been a while since they have been able to for a variety of reasons. We all enjoyed their “new to them” Class C motor home. It is terrific for them; just right to keep them on the road and camping with us. Ron and Carol arrived with their new motor home and we enjoyed seeing theirs as well. Know they will now be spending a lot of time on the road enjoying their new rig. As many arrived Friday afternoon, it was off and on sprinkles or rain. Some of us visited during this time and some napped. Wonder who got startled during his nap by his phone ringing and rolled over only to break his wife’s hummingbird that was on the bed – are we talking that someone is now in the “doghouse”??? :o) Most arrived in time for dinner which was just a short walk away at the Bozarth’s grill. We had the dining hall to eat in and many choices to decide on from the menu. All were pleased with their selection. With our stomachs full, it was time to head back to the campsites. Seems Wilbur had a bit of trouble getting his Cricket to go in reverse!!! Heaven forbid thinking that someone might have sabotaged it!?? Some of us decided to try to walk off dinner. Eventually it was time to get a campfire going. Guess timing was off as it started to rain just after. We all then gathered under the canopies hoping it would soon quit. Well, it didn’t. Many of us were starting to have “flashbacks” of the May campout and evacuation!!! (Actually several of us were sitting there just waiting to hear the Freightliner start up!!! Again, it was a continuous rain and we were parked by the pond!!). Some diehards weathered the rain until after 9:30 but then even they gave up and went in to a drier environment.

Well, what do you know? It was Saturday morning and we were still there. No need to evacuate over night!!! We awakened to no rain but cool temps. Time to gather around the campfire and visit for a while until it was time to eat (seems we do an awful lot of that!!). Our hosts provided a yummy breakfast of homemade pancakes and waffles with sausage patties

and links with a fruit salad and juice. They did a good job! After breakfast, why was Dick inviting others to “feel his pants”?? Guess you just had to be there!!! The sun decided to show up for a while and it even started to warm up. Now the next question is why was Sharon sporting goggles??? Hmm??? After breakfast some headed to the camp store to shop while others played Euchre and the washer game. And some of us found out “what” Sherry hides in her “undies” drawer!! :o) Anyone want to know??? Steve and Iris finally made it to the campout. He was in Tennessee Friday having his physical for his new job there (yes, he is going to Tennessee now and not Wisconsin – jobs changed); good news for them is the physical went well- bad news for us is eventually we will be losing them. A positive bit of news for us is that he doesn’t have to be there until after the October campout. Time for lunch and some ate at the Bozarth Grill. This was followed by a “table tennis” demonstration by Wilbur and his friend John Foor. That was great fun watching them. Ginny does a good job with a paddle, too!!! Even Lance got into the act! The rest of the afternoon was spent playing more games, visiting around the campfire and preparing our pitch in dishes. Soon it was time for dinner and as always we had a vast array of delicious food from which to choose. This was followed by the meeting. Sherry shared a prayer and Ron let the pledge. Ron announced we have another new couple as members – Tim and Terry Finster (Koenes’ daughter and son-in-law). So a big welcome to them! Minutes and the treasurer’s report were read and approved. Our account balance is \$590.56. August birthdays and anniversaries were announced; correspondence was shared.

Samboree Info (reservation deadline – send in by September 7th)

Attending so far: Givens, Helms, Gehrings, Dickmans, Crists, Rexroads

Date leaving: Thursday, September 24th

Meeting: Chisolm’s Corner at Rts. 13 and 22/35 (be there and ready to leave by 1PM)

Directions: In case we get split up, it is 9 to 74 then take Exit 116 (Highway 44) – go to stoplight and go straight; come in on the east side of WalMart (pull into WalMart and “regroup” so we arrive at Samboree together for “hobo” parking)

Continued camping after Samboree

Attending so far: Givens, Helms, Dickmans, Crists, Goletz, Plummers, Crouchs**, Rexroads (IF you are not listed and want to come be sure to let Carolyn Rexroad know)

Dates: September 27, 28, and 29

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

Extended camping – September 30th until ?? at Charlestown, IN

**Martin and Karen Crouch are joining our group for this outing. They are from Australia and are touring the US and Canada via camping clubs. They found our website, contacted Steve, Carolyn’s been e-mailing them and now they will be part of our “Little Farm” camping group.

Isn't that great???

October 26th Adventure!!

Our new members Bill and Nancy Plummer are greatly involved with the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge at Eureka Springs, Arkansas (lions, and tigers and bears, oh,my!!) They have graciously invited us to join them on this October trip. I believe all received the details in an e-mail from them a couple weeks ago. Sounds like a great outing. The Givens and Rexroads are joining them and some others are considering it. **IF YOU INTEND TO GO ON THIS TRIP YOU NEED TO LET BILL AND NANCY KNOW BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST.** To sign up for the trip or to get additional info, e-mail them at: bplummer@kconline.com.

Change in the handbook!!

November 21st dinner will be at the Streamliner in Rochester followed by hospitality at the home of Ron and Melodie Thompson. Please let them know if you are planning on attending (melodiethompson@ymail.com).

Other business addressed: Lance and Shelley are making plans for the Christmas Party; info to follow at a later date. Make note that this falls under the duties of the vice president. You need to start planning when you want to be hosts for next year's campouts and let either Jan or Ron know (April and September are already taken). A nominating committee for 2010 offices has been formed (Gary, Allen and Dick). Please be open to taking an office or nominating someone when they contact you. **Check your National Good Sam's membership card!!** If you wait until it is close to the expiration date, you could possibly be dropped until renewed and miss some mailings. Pay early to avoid this. 50/50 drawing was held and won by Steve Lewis. He donated the \$18 to the Back Roads Dog Rescue.

NEXT CAMPOUT INFORMATION!!

When: September 18, 19, 20

Where: Lakeview Campgrounds near Rochester

Hosts: Dick and Marsha Helm mapahelm@yahoo.com

George and Sherry Gehring sherry_geh@yahoo.com

Plans: Dinner out Friday evening; breakfast provided Saturday morning; pitch in Saturday evening. **IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY LET MARSHA KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMING OR HAVE NOT LET HER KNOW IF YOU ARE DOING THE DINNER OUT FRIDAY EVENING, PLEASE LET HER KNOW ASAP!!!** Ron and Carol will be out west at this time so Lance will be covering as Vice President.

(Note: our meeting was momentarily interrupted by the “golf cart parade”!! We took a moment to cheer them on! It was cute.)

The meeting closed and some of us ventured over to the grandstand for karaoke. We cheered on our own songstress – Carolyn Crist – singing some of her favorite Patsy Cline tunes. The “2 Carolyns” even got in a little dancing during this time. It turned into a great night around the campfire; it was nice and warm taking of the evening chill. Some shared some very funny stories, too (one to pass along was something we just found out that happened the night of the evacuation – Ken carried Marsha from her truck to safety!!! Ever the rescuer!!). The sky cleared and we that were still out got a good view of the Big Dipper!! Awesome! (Don’t forget to check the sky this month for the sighting of Mars!!)

On Sunday morning, Sherry led a prayer service and Wilbur played accompaniment on his trumpet for the songs. Our hosts then provided a wide selection of delicious donuts for breakfast. This was followed up by Wilbur playing his version of the old game show “Name That Tune”. Great fun!!! Time for a few more stories around the campfire then several started breaking down and packing up. Thanks, hosts, for a fun weekend.

September Birthdays

5 Ron Thompson
6 Sherry Gehring
7 Guy Givens
15 Dick Helm
19 Carol Koenes
26 Ginny Haggerty
28 Terry Wilson

September Anniversaries

none

Until the next time – Happy Camping!! Don’t forget your donations to Back Roads Dog Rescue!!

Carolyn Rexroad
Corresponding Secretary