

September 20, 2009

Happy Fall y'all!!!! (at least starting Tuesday!!)

What a wonderful camping weekend this was (and NO evacuation at midnight either!!). The weather was great as was the fellowship with our camping buddies. We camped at Lakeview Campground near Rochester, IN with Dick and Marsha Helm as well as George and Sherry Gehring hosting the fun weekend. In addition to the hosts, also able to make it for all or part of the weekend were the following members: Gary and Carolyn Rexroad, Steve and Iris Lewis, Ken and Sharon Dickman, Eric and Teresa Cohee, Ron and Melodie Thompson, Paul and Tonya Berg with children Samantha and Nick, Guy and Jan Givens, Al and Addie Goletz, Allen and Carolyn Crist, and Larry and Ruth Yoder. We also had several guests with us: Jeep and Wendy Langer with daughter Andrea (and doggie Peppermint), Nick's guest – Craig Sheehan; Gehrings' son and daughter-in-law - Mike and Diane Gehring, Thompson's friends - Jason and Kim Coleman with son Brady, and Eric and Melodie's parents - Phil and Melinda Cohee with doggie Peaches. (Gee, that means over the weekend at some point or another there were 37 "humans", 1 cat and 12 dogs!!) For dinner Friday evening the hosts arranged for us to go to Ugalde's in Rochester. They had a great buffet and a wonderful menu from which to make your selections. Great idea!!!

Back at the campgrounds we found many of our camping friends had one dilemma or another. Cohees had trailer problems early on but brought their rig anyway. Givens made a "grand entrance" in their "pop up"!! Seems their motor home died en route (tying up traffic at US 24/SR 13 for quite some time)!!! So they were "roughing it" in the pop up with their 3 little dogs (at least they hung in there and came anyway!!). Lewises broke the handle on their door (Gary to the rescue with his mobile Rexroad's RV and Repair Shop); Givens' chair broke (again Gary to the rescue); and Teresa got locked out of their house (Eric to the rescue on that one!!). What a way to start the weekend! This was election weekend so with 2 willing to run for vice president (Lance Agness and Bill Plummer) ballots were passed out to the members so they could vote before the Saturday meeting. As the evening progressed, we gathered around the campfire enjoying ourselves with singing renditions of "Hee Haw" songs, making s'mores and visiting. It was a wonderful evening.

Come Saturday morning some of us got up and got in some walking. Soon it was time for breakfast. Our hosts provided sausage gravy and biscuits, a fruit salad, assorted muffins and pastries and juice. Yummy breakfast!!! Several got into games and the kids also enjoyed some bike riding. Tonya brought an array of magazines for many to enjoy. Our "one and only Beaner" was soon styling in his new outfit ---- "buttless" PINK jammies (looked like "Chippendale Beanette"). What a hoot! Eventually Eric, Iris and Steve took off to do some geo-caching; several others enjoyed playing Sequence, putt putt and the washer game. Jan, Sharon and Tonya got creative and made some crepes in their cast iron cookware for us to enjoy. They were delicious.

And speaking of delicious, it was time for our carry in dinner and as usual there were tons of yummy items with which to fill our plate (even more than once!).

Our meeting was held with Carolyn Crist, Past President, presiding as our President and Vice President were absent. Sherry shared a prayer and Dick led the pledge. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. Our account balance was \$616.81. September birthdays were announced and those present were invited to stand in the middle of our circle. A name was drawn and the "lucky" one was picked to wear the "new" birthday hat while we sang Happy Birthday to all of them. Ron Thompson (our "mushroom") got to wear the birthday hat but "birthday suit" was optional!! :o) Correspondence was read – a thank you note from Allen, Carolyn and Sissy Crist in appreciation for all the thoughts and concern re their loss of Bunny. We will all miss her; especially her 9PM cookie alarm!! It was announced that the by laws indicate that the nominating committee should be only comprised of 2 members so Allen begged off leaving Gary and Dick as the remaining committee members. Ron Koenes sent his thanks for their taking care of the job. It was announced that Lee Wilkinson is the Cheer Club member this week for our local area. You are encouraged to send him a card or make a phone call. Also, checking on him with Betty, we found out that for some reason he was running a fever this week although his infection is gone. He is to be off his IV come Monday.

### **Samboree Info (repeated)**

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

Date leaving: Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

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) **NOTE** – Ken will be leading our caravan and Dick will be bringing up the rear. Hopefully, this will keep us all together.

### **Continued camping after Samboree**

Attending so far: Givens, Helms, Dickmans, Crists, Goletz, Plummers, Crouchs, Rexroads, Hays (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

Activities: Victoria Casino and the Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY

Extended camping – September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Place: Charlestown State Park near Charlestown, IN

Activities: Weather permitting, on Thursday a lunch cruise on the Belle of Jeffersonville followed by visiting Falls of Ohio State State Park; Friday en route home have lunch at the

Stream Cliff Herb Gardens.

## **Eureka Springs, Arkansas trip Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> including a stop in Branson, Missouri**

**Attending:** Plummers, Givens and Rexroads (joining later Agnesses and Dickmans)

We were reminded that we had decided to do our road clean up at the October campout on Givens/Agness' road. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR STICKS AND GLOVES SO YOU CAN HELP OUT. Iris is making sure we have our bags.

**DUES ARE DUE!!!** Check your expiration date on your National Good Sams card and get it paid well before it expires. Circus City Sams membership dues is now due. You can send it into Iris Lewis now (2025 E. Rachel Lane, Peru) or pay at the October campout. The amount is \$10 and a check can be made to Circus City Sams.

Collection of donations for the Back Roads Dog was done; cash and several items were given. Thank you. The sign up sheet for hosting the campouts for 2010 was circulated and all campouts are covered. Some hosts still need to indicate a campground (keep in mind that Lakeview Campground near Rochester has yet to be chosen so that is available). The winter dinners are available for someone to sign up to take care of choosing a restaurant and making reservations so think about helping out there. Steve mentioned that the current website set up is very limited regarding creativity. He is checking into improving our site and what the cost would be to do so. And as we all know, he will be leaving after the October campout to work in Tennessee. Jan has graciously agreed to take care of doing campout photos and getting them to Steve so he can continue his great job on our website. Since we have several new members we asked if any wanted to order Circus City Sams shirts, etc. Several indicated they were interested in doing this. **If any one else is wanting T-shirts, polos, pullover hoodies, or zipper hoodies please let Carolyn Rexroad or Carol Koenes know.** We already have the minimum required to place an order.

### **NEXT CAMPOUT INFORMATION!!!**

**When:** October 16, 17, &18

**Where:** Givens Campground (829 N CR100E – Wabash, IN)

**Hosts:** Eric and Teresa Cohee [tacohee@hotmail.com](mailto:tacohee@hotmail.com)

Paul and Tonya Berg [cougar\\_berg@dishmail.net](mailto:cougar_berg@dishmail.net)

**Plans:** Lots of activities and surprises planned!!!! Bring a roll of quarters (fees will be charged for some things and donated to Back Roads Dog Rescue). Hosts will be providing dinner Friday evening and breakfast Saturday morning. **PITCH IN INFORMATION!!** They are planning on having it a “cast iron cooked meal”. Paul and Eric will be having Cast Iron Cooking classes for those interested in preparing their dish but needing

help. They also have extra cast iron cookware if you don't have some to use. IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN DOING THIS, please make a monetary donation to them and they will plan it and make it for you!! With this in mind, **PLEASE LET ERIC KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE COMING, IF YOU ARE MAKING YOUR OWN PITCH IN OR IF YOU WILL BE DONATING FUNDS FOR THEM TO DO IT SO THEY CAN GET THEIR PLANS MADE.** Sounds like a fun, event-filled weekend. Hope to see a lot of you there!!!

Officers for 2010 are as follows: President – Ron Koenes; Vice President – Bill Plummer; Secretary/Treasurer- Melodie Thompson; Corresponding Secretary – Carolyn Rexroad; Wagonmaster – Allen Crist.

The 50/50 of \$22.50 was won by Addie Goletz and she graciously donated it to Back Roads Dog Rescue. With that the meeting closed and craziness around the campfire began!!! Guy was again embarrassing Jan with “farting” (later it was discovered that someone planted a “fart box” near him!). Several joined in singing “do your boobs hang low...”; Who was named the “Hugh Hefner of Wabash”??? (Clue – he has a “3 dog harem”!!). Lots of laughs were had over Sherry losing her hearing aide! Someone (??) wrapped Helms’ satellite dish in foil??? Hmm!!! What next?? Kind of afraid to go to bed!!!

Sunday morning some got walking time in again but then the traumatic events started!!! Someone got lock in the outhouse!!! (Who do we know that has a major fear of spiders??) This same person (once finally freed) took off for the showers. She saw the door opened and heard a shower running and proceeded in. The person in the showers heard someone enter and feared a prank was going to happen so to avert it threw open the shower curtain to catch the culprit-----only problem was the “supposed culprit” was female and the “showeree” was male!!!! TMI!!!!!! And Oh, MY!!!! Walked into the wrong side!! And the hilarity begins!!! More craziness and laughs happened around the campfire. Eventually we all settled down and Sherry led a prayer service with Carolyn Crist leading songs. Unfortunately this great weekend had to come to an end. Thank you hosts for a wonderful time.

### **October Birthdays**

2 Steve Lewis  
14 Melodie Thompson  
18 Bob Eoff  
31 Tonya Berg

### **October Anniversaries**

10 Lance and Shelley Agness

Next campout is the last one of this season!! :o( Hope we see a lot of you there!!! Don't forget your donations to the Back Roads Dog Rescue.

Carolyn Rexroad  
Corresponding Secretary

P.S. Yes, you are stuck with me for another year!!!

P.P.S. Just heard from Betty Wilkinson and Lee is back in the hospital. He again has more lung infections and pneumonia. Feel free to send cards to his home (Betty will deliver them to him) or to him at Howard Community Hospital in Kokomo. Definitely keep them both in your prayers!!!!