

The Three Rivers Chapter Chatter

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The March meeting of the Three Rivers Good Sam Chapter was cancelled due to the inclement weather on March 16th thus no Newsletter was published for March.

Thanks to Irv and Sandy for their descriptions of April activities -- JWS

The first campout of 2014 was hosted by Don and Betty Ford, April 11 - 13, at the Lady Bug RV Park, Cuba, MO.

Members in attendance included: Brinkman, Burhorn, Charpiot, Ehrhard, Ford, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson, Luzynski, Picraux, Sheehan and Weeks.

Everyone was very excited to begin the first camp out for 2014. Starting on Monday, and through the week, members were rolling in. By Friday we had everyone in camp.

Friday morning several members went "junkin". That's visiting flea markets, yard sales, etc., looking for items mistakenly priced below their true value. Thereby, affording said members the chance to cheaply capture a treasure that they cannot live without. After lunch they brought back the treasures and displayed them for all of us to enjoy. Then we just relaxed during the afternoon, contemplating the evening's dinner.

Dinner was at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Cuba, MO. It was all you could eat fish and shrimp dinner with all the side dishes, desserts and drinks. Everyone walked out filled to the brim. Then it was off to Steelville for the Brian Free and "Assurance" Gospel Music Concert in the Meramec Music Theater. "Assurance" gave us a good performance of gospel music and ministries for all to enjoy.

Saturday we awoke to beautiful weather. Some members worked on R.V.'s, went to a craft sale or visited antique stores Others enjoyed catching up on the latest news. After lunch we visited Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba. It was very interesting to see his collection of gasoline signage and pumps. His collections of neon signs and clocks are fantastic! Outside are donkeys, lamas, emus and long horn steers. Even with hours to investigate it was impossible to see everything in Bob's museum.

Dinner was at Bob's Country Kitchen in St. James. As always it was good but, we'll never loose any weight this way. When we returned back to camp for games, the owner of Bob's Gasoline Alley called and invited our club back for an evening of music and plenty of food. Most of us went back and enjoyed his hospitality.

Breakfast was on Sunday followed by our meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING:

President Carolyn Brinkman called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She led us in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

President Brinkman asked for members to acknowledge a March or April birthday or anniversary. We wished Happy Birthday to Joan Weeks and Irvin Charpiot. Two couples, Don & Bette Ford and Dale & Linda Hunter, celebrated their anniversaries in March.

Minutes of the February 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Renate Erhard, Treasurer, presented her report with a balance of \$249.79.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wagonmaster Linda Hunter reported on the forthcoming campouts. Details appear below. She and Carolyn Brinkman reminded everyone that the September meeting will be at the Samboree.

Irv Charpiot reported that coupons totaling \$5,635.83 were mailed to the U. S. Navy base in Yokosuka, Japan, January 31st, 2014. The postage cost was \$12.35.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

Linda Hunter thanked everyone for the prayers and support for their daughter during her health needs.

Irvin Charpiot expressed his appreciation for everyone's prayers, cards, calls and support during his recent hospitalization.

Thank you Don and Bette Ford for an enjoyable and beautiful weekend. You did a wonderful job of finding fun filled things for us to keep busy with for the entire time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leon Johnson, seconded by Kevin Sheehan, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

May 16th – 18th: A campout weekend hosted by Leon and Jane Johnson at Stonepark Resort, 8614 Berry Rd., Bonne Terre, MO 63628 (573-358-9130). Take a look at <http://www.stoneparkmo.com>. Please make your reservations through Jane or Leon (636-337-8615) by **May 1st**.

DIRECTIONS: Hwy 55 south to Festus, take Hwy 67 South for approx. 15 miles (maybe 20) to Cash Lane, turn right and right again on Berry Rd. Resort entrance is on the right.

COST: \$30.00 / night

SPECIAL INFO:

Friday evening meal: Pot Luck, hot dogs furnished by Leon and Jane. Please bring side dishes and let Jane know what you plan to bring.

Saturday at 5pm: Dinner at Charboneau's Restaurant. 3413 Rosner Rd and Hwy 67.

Both evenings, play cards etc.

Sunday pot luck breakfast followed by meeting.

THINGS OF INTEREST:

Elephant Rock, Bonne Terre Mine, \$2.00 Jewelry Store, St. Francois & St. Joe State Parks, Large Flea Market on Hwy. W. Farmington, 30 Area Wineries, Big River Canoe Rental and Antique Malls

June 20th – 22nd: Campout hosted by Jack and Janette Tschannen at Cape Camping and RV Park, 1900 Kings Highway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, phones: 573-332-8888 or 1-800-335-1178. You are asked to make your own reservations with the campground by **June 5th**, and then notify the Tschannens of your plans at 636-349-9313.

DIRECTIONS: Hwy 55 South to exit 99. Turn left (East) on Hwy 61 (Kings Highway). The campground is 1.5 miles on the left. (Be alert, it kind'a sneaks up on you.)

COST: \$28.07 / night or 3 nights at \$84.22

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

Friday night: To be determined.

Saturday night: Eat out.

Sunday: Potluck breakfast followed by the Business Meeting.

July 18th -- 20th: A camping weekend hosted by Leo and Sandy Luzynski at Cozy C Campground, 16733 US Highway 54, Bowling Green, MO 63334, phone 1-573-324-3055. Please make your own reservations with the campground by July 1st and also let Leo or Sandy know of your intentions at 314-892-4869.

DIRECTIONS: Take US 61 North to US 54, Go East 2.5 miles; the campground will be on the right.

COST: \$27.20 / night - full hookup

AND MEETINGS BEYOND:

The planned meeting locations beyond July are listed below: **Note a trade shown in red (*)**

Month	Host	Location
August	Weeks	Springfield IL
September	Basse	MO Samboree, Sedalia
October	Stanton	Big Creek RV Park
November	Brinkman	TBD
December	*Haynes	TBD
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January	*Hunter	TBD

Please remember to notify Linda at: 636-337-7925 or at <mailto:bdhunter40@hotmail.com> when you have made your selection.

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Last Reminder: - Please make the following change to the "Hot List" distributed with the January Newsletter:

Change the cell number shown for Gary & Jeanne Brickson to: 563-343-8091

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Sorry if you've seen this one before:

Good-bye Mom

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed an elderly lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him.

She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son." He answered, "That's okay." "I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mom' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."

She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mom." The little old lady waved and smiled back at him.

Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries. "That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk. "How come so much? I only bought 5 items."

The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

And you thought this was going to be a tearjerker didn't you?