

The Three Rivers Chapter Chatter



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The July campout of the Three Rivers Good Sam Chapter was held July 18 - 20, 2014 at Cozy-C, Bowling Green, Missouri hosted by Leo and Sandy Luzynski.

Members attending were: Charpiot, Hunter, Luzynski, Picraux, Stanton, Tschannen and Weeks.

For those campers in on Thursday, Leo and Sandy had arranged for dinner at the Bowling Green Diner after which everyone took advantage of the nice weather and just hung out and visited.

Friday was a day to explore the area "on your own." Linda Hunter led the "junking" expedition while others visited favorite shops in Amish Country, relaxed on the Louisiana waterfront or just plain relaxed in camp. Dinner was at the "Saints Avenue Cafe" where much damage was done to their very good buffet. Returning to camp, a shortened game of pass-the-trash was won by Joan Weeks. Her second straight win (you'd think she would show a little mercy).

Saturday was similar to Friday in that folks scattered in different directions to continue "junking", exploring and visiting the Amish shops. Added to the list of sites were the "Louisiana Area Historical Museum" where the stories of the area were brought to life by the many displays; and the Stark Brothers Nursery.

The highlight of the weekend was an authentic Amish dinner at the home of Barbara Yoder. Prepared by Mrs. Yoder and her daughter, then served by her granddaughters, the food was wonderful and without end. Capped off by huge pieces of cake and pie we were so full the cars all sagged low on the way back to camp.

One more game of pass-the-trash won this time by your editor.

Sunday morning the Chapter meeting followed our potluck breakfast.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The regular meeting of the Three Rivers Good Sam RV Chapter was held on July 20th, 2014. Vice President Jim Stanton called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M. He led us in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Jim asked for members to acknowledge a July Birthday or Anniversary. We sang Happy Birthday to honor Leo Luzynski and Janette Tschannen. No Anniversaries were declared.

Minutes of the June 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Janette Tschannen presented the Treasurer's report for Renate Ehrhard with a balance of \$316.29. It was approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wagonmaster Linda Hunter reported on the forthcoming campouts. Details are shown below.

She reminded everyone that the September meeting will be at the Samboree. Several items have been donated to serve as Samboree attendance prizes. The number of items donated will help satisfy our chapter's obligation of one gift for every two memberships.

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Carolyn Brinkman
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Renate Ehrhard
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Irv Charpiot is in charge of locating a campground for us to gather the night (9/23) before our entry into the Samboree.

Irv Charpiot reported that coupons totaling \$1,914.85 were mailed to the U. S. Navy base in Yokosuka, Japan, July 15th, 2014. The annual total for 2014 thus far is \$18,533.48. The postage cost was \$5.80.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

Fred Basse will have hip replacement surgery August 13th. Please include him in your prayers.

Thanks to Leo and Sandy Luzynski for arranging for the Amish Dinner. It was fantastic. And furthermore, what great weather!!

A motion to adjourn was made by Janette Tschannen; seconded by Phyllis Stanton and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

50/50 won by Larry Picraux

FUTURE MEETINGS:

August 15th -- 17th: Campout hosted by Jerry and Joan Weeks at The Double J Campground, 9683 Palm Rd., Chatham IL (Springfield) 62629, phones: 217-483-9998 or 888-483-9998 (www.doublejcampground.com). You should have made your reservations with the campground and notified Jerry or Joan of your plans at 314-843-8525 by **July 15th**.

DIRECTIONS: I-55 to exit 83 left toward Frazee Rd. Turn right onto Freeze Rd. continue onto Douglas to Palm Rd. Campground is about 2 miles from exit.

COST: \$30 / Day

ACTIVITIES: There are many things to do & see, the Illinois State Fair August 7th to 17th, the Lincoln Library and Lincoln's Tomb. We will have a visitor's guidebook available for all to see.

Friday: Open visit or site seeing.

Saturday: Tours of your choice, meet for dinner (TBA) followed by games and socializing in the evening.

Sunday: Pot luck breakfast. Meeting to follow.

September 24th -- 28th (MO Samboree): Due to Fred's impending surgery **Linda and Dale Hunter** (636-337-7925 or <mailto:bdhunter40@hotmail.com>) will relieve the Basses and coordinate Chapter activities for this campout.

Carolyn reports that she has commitments for seven of the eight \$10 items to be donated as attendance prizes. Looks like we need one more, could you help? Contact Carolyn (314-972-2414 or <mailto:ckbrink52@gmail.com>) if you can. Thanks.

Everyone donating attendance prizes, please bring them with you to the August meeting in Springfield IL.

Get your registration forms to State by September 10th and let the **Hunters** know that you are planning to attend. Registration forms were distributed with the May Newsletter; if you need another copy, contact Jim Stanton.

Attached with this Newsletter is a note from State Director Sharon Waddell with additional information you may find of interest.

DIRECTIONS: Will appear here when the campground for the night of 9/23 is selected.

COST: 9/25 thru 9/28 Preregistered \$70, plus "Early Bird" for 9/24, \$15 ==> \$85 total
See registration form for other combinations

ACTIVITIES: Three Rivers Activities: Monthly meeting
Monthly Dinner
Samboree Activities: 3 Rivers conducts Horseshoes and Washer Toss games
Schedule of Events: to be published

October 17th -- 19th Campout hosted by Jim and Phyllis Stanton at Big Creek RV Park, 47247 State Hwy. 49, Annapolis, MO 63620. Phone: 573-598-1064; or <mailto:bigcreekrvpark@gmail.com>. Please Make your own reservations with Big Creek and notify Jim or Phyllis of your intent to attend by **October 1st**.

DIRECTIONS: I-55 South to US 67 Exit; South on 67 to Hwy 221; Right on 221 (7 miles). Stay on 221 to Hwy 21, South 9 Miles to Hwy 49. Stay on 49 About 4 miles to RV Park on the left.

Cost: \$30.00 per day

ACTIVITIES:

Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, The Arcadia Valley Mountain Music Fall Festival will be in full swing in Ironton once again. Also The Ozark Heritage Festival will be going-on in Piedmont Saturday and Sunday. Schedules for both should be available soon but are expected to be similar to last year. Big Creek will include both activities in the info packet they prepare.

Friday: Dinner: Eat in Camp, details to follow.

Saturday: Dinner at "The Abby".

Sunday: Potluck breakfast, chapter meeting following breakfast.

AND MEETINGS BEYOND:

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

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>
November	Brinkman	TBD
December	*Haynes	Cafe Palermo, Pacific MO
=====2015=====		
January	*Hunter	TBD
February	Sheehan	TBD
March	Burhorn	TBD
April	Brickson	TBD

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

From Irv & Dorothy Charpiot: Pictures on page 5

July Food Adventure

The Three Rivers July Campout ended yesterday and we stayed an extra day. This meant finding a spot for lunch in the Bowling Green area. We had seen FatBoys Restaurant a day earlier and suggested it for dinner. The Stantons, Tschannens and Luzynskis were trapped into following us for our first Adventure stop. Fortunately there were eight chairs available in the twelve seat dining room. Stuffed Cheeseburgers was the day's special. What is a Stuffed Cheeseburger? Just a cheeseburger with the cheese stuffed between two beef patties instead topping the patty. I had a Western Burger topped with barbeque sauce. Everyone agreed the food , especially the French fries, were fantastic although different.

Monday we left the campground headed north on US 61. It is lunchtime. Lets find a spot. At Taylor Missouri, we

stopped at the Fast Lane Phillips 66 Station. Attached is the 18 Wheeler Grill. Walking in the entrance we encounter a real Peterbilt. All polished with lights blazing. Behind the Peterbilt is a cargo van housing the kitchen. This is a truckers delight. I ordered the Bacon Lover's Delight sandwich. This is an open face BLT with no L. White toast covered with crisp bacon, multiple tomato slices, then topped with cheddar cheese and heated in a broiler. What a delicious combination.

Back on the road headed for Arbela, Missouri, home of the Catfish Place. Looking forward to fresh caught catfish dinner. We registered at the campground office. Got our site location then asked about restaurant hours. "Closed Monday and Tuesday!" Drat! Ham sandwiches in the RV.

Tuesday and Wednesday, everyone knows about the great family style food in the Amana Colonies. Just remind your self how much weight you gained when you visited.

Thursday, off and running toward Strawberry Point, Iowa. Hey there is the Worlds Largest Strawberry in front of City Hall and next-door is the Down Home Country Cookin Cafe. There is a bluegrass band playing on the parking lot. Listened to the Bluegrass Blondie's for a while. Well, it is lunchtime. In we go. My choice from the menu was a half rack of barbeque ribs. "What would you like?" asked the waitress.

"Half rack of ribs" was my reply. "You don't want that" was the waitress's reply. "What?". "You don't want ribs", she repeated. "You want today's special, Barbeque Rib Shank. There is more meat and it is prepared in such a way that the meat just falls of the bone. Comes with baked potato, salad and it is only \$7.99". "But!" "No buts. I'm the owner; I hired the cook. Take my suggestion. You won't be sorry".

I took her suggestion and was not sorry. The Shanks were fantastic.

As we were eating our meal the couple at the next table was paying their bill and the gentleman placed some extra money on the table for a tip. The owner / waiter said "please don't leave a tip. Your coming in was my reward."

As we prepared to pay our bill, Brenda, our waitress asked, "Are you going to the Bluegrass Festival? If so you are entitled to a 10% discount. Put your name on the back of your receipt. Place it in the drum at the ticket table for an attendance prize drawing. Here are three extra receipts. Good luck."

We came to Strawberry Point for the Bluegrass Festival. Friday and Saturday night starting at 6:00 P.M. thru 11:00 P.M. was filled with Bluegrass and gospel music. A new group took the stage every forty-five minutes. Of course we consumed the usual festival food; Brats, hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans. Darn, no funnel cake. But they did have popcorn.

Saturday morning, the Ragbrai! What is a Ragbrai? This bicycling tradition began August 26-31, 1973.

John Karras, writer for Des Moines Register, suggested to Don Kaul, author of the "Over The Coffee" column", to ride his bicycle across Iowa and write about his experiences. Don said he would if John went with him. They would start in Sioux City on August 26 and end on August 31 in Davenport. Through their newspaper they invited the public to join in. An estimated 300 showed up for the start of the ride.

Each year since the ride has taken place. A new route is set forth every year. So over the 36 years 780 Iowa towns have been visited. This year the Ragbrai included Strawberry Point. The town expected up to 20,000 bicycles passing through between 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. We did not try to count. There sure were a lot!

Lunch had to be in the Down Home Country Cookin Café. No daily specials today. Just a simple BLT while we listened to Bluegrass performed by the Schumacher Family Band.

Our festival tickets included the Sunday morning 4-hour devotional and gospel music program. We did not use the tickets because we wanted to head towards the Catfish Place for our missed catfish buffet. We made it!

Registered for the night. Got all hooked up at the assigned site and walked to the restaurant.

Sign on wall:

Buffet Only - No Menu

Buffet includes broiled and fried catfish

Fried shrimp

On rare occasions fried chicken

If you want something else -go somewhere else

We stuffed ourselves with fried catfish. It was worth the early start.

Monday, heading home. But not without a stop for lunch at the 18 Wheeler Café in Taylor, Missouri Made it home. We are sure we lost weight on this trip. Will get on the scale to check it out September 1st.

Dot & Irv Charpiot

