

# The Three Rivers Chapter Chatter



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2015's first campout for the Three Rivers Good Sam RV Chapter was held April 17th thru 19th, 2015 at the Happy Trails RV Park, Phillipsburg, MO, hosted by Larry and Darlene Picraux.

Those who made it in by Thursday enjoyed dinner at T's Redneck Steakhouse followed by games in the recreation room.

Friday saw the remaining members arrive while those already in camp began to explore the many attractions that were found in Lebanon. Of course the antique malls, thrift shops and flea markets were hit hard. The Bass Pro Shop in Springfield was also a popular destination. Following dinner at Dowd's Catfish House the group once again descended on the rec-room for more fun and games.

Saturday was highlighted by more shopping along with visits to The Route 66 Museum and Research Center, the Lebanon Garage Sale and browsing through Ballhagen's Puzzle Store. The few scattered rainstorms that popped up did not deter our group even a little bit. Following dinner at the Elm Street Eatery we were treated to a great evening's entertainment at the Prater Country Music Show right there in Lebanon.

Sunday started with the potluck breakfast that was followed by the monthly business meeting.

## THE BUSINESS MEETING

President Carolyn Brinkman called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. She led us in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Memberships present included; Brinkman, Charpiot, Ford, Haynes, Hunter, Picraux, Sheehan, Stanton, Tschannen and Weeks.

President Brinkman asked those present to acknowledge an April birthday or anniversary. We sang Happy Birthday to honor Irvin Charpiot.

Minutes of the March 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Janette Tschannen presented the Treasurer's report as provided by Treasure Renate Ehrhard. The current balance in the Chapter's account is \$448.14.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Carolyn received a letter from the Good Sam State Director informing the all Chapters that the State Treasurer's office will be vacant and asking if any Chapter had a member interested in serving the State in this capacity? We had no volunteers.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wagonmaster Linda Hunter reported on the forthcoming meetings. Details are found below.

### President

Carolyn Brinkman

### Vice President

Jim Stanton

### Secretary

Irv Charpiot

### Treasurer

Renate Ehrhard

### Wagon Master

Linda Hunter

### Newsletter

Jim Stanton

### Webmaster

Don Ford

### Scrapbooker

Sue Sheehan

Irv Charpiot explained that because many of our members do not have the ability to collect coupons and most of the coupons he is mailing are from Dot and him and his neighbors, would the Chapter like to discontinue paying the postage? The general response was "we wish to continue to pay the postage".

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed what was a fattening and busy weekend thanks to Darlene and Larry Picraux.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Stanton. Seconded by Phyllis Stanton, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### May 15th - 17th

Campout, hosted by Larry and Carolyn Brinkman at the Ladybug RV Park, 355 Hwy F, Cuba MO 65453 (phone: 573-885-3622 or <http://www.ladybugrvpark.com>). Please make your reservations with the **RV Park by May 1st and by now, should have notified** Carolyn (phone: 314-972-2414 or <mailto:ckbrink52@gmail.com>) that you will be attending.

COST: 50 amps - \$28; 30 amps - \$26

DIRECTIONS: Highway I-44 West to exit 203; at the stop sign turn right on Hwy F, go about 1/4 mile to RV Park entrance on the right.

#### ACTIVITIES:

NOTE: Cost for Saturday lunch, dinner, dessert and snacks served at the campground will be \$20.00 per couple. Please get the money to Larry or Carolyn at or before the April campout so they will know how much food to purchase.

#### SCHEDULE:

Friday -- 4:15 pm - Meet to carpool to Country Bob's in St. James for dinner.

-- 4:30 pm - Leave for St. James - Order off the menu or choose the Fish & Chicken Buffet.

-- After dinner - Games and snacks in the meeting room.

Saturday -- Breakfast on your own.

-- 9:00 am - Prep for dinner.

-- 10:00 am - Washer Tournament - please bring a washer game if you have one.

Get your game hat on - prizes will be awarded!

-- 12:00 - Hot dogs, Polish sausage, chips & cookies for lunch.

-- 2:00 pm - Craft activity (details later).

-- 4:00 pm - Prep & cook & set up for dinner.

-- 5:00 pm - Dinner at the campground: BBQ pork steaks, corn on the cob, baked beans, slaw & dessert.

-- After dinner, clean up.

-- Later, Makin s'mores for dessert and then???????

Sunday -- 8:30 am - Potluck breakfast followed by a business meeting.

**June 26th - 28th** **Note: This is the 4th weekend of the month**

Campout, hosted by Jim and Renate Ehrhard at Cape Camping & RV Park, 1900 Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. (Phone 1-800-335-1178 or <mailto:jimreneh@charter.net>) You are asked to make your reservation at the Camp Ground and notify Jim & Renate that you will be attending not later than **June 1st**

COST: \$28 per night

DIRECTIONS: I-5 South to exit 99 (I-55 business / MO 34 E / US 61 South), left under I-55 and +/- 1.5 miles to Golden Eagle Ct. and the Campground on the left.

**July 17th - 19th**

Campout hosted by Bob and Jan Stiern at Camp Lakewood, 1217 W. Rickelman, Effingham, IL 62401 (Phone 1-800-961-1198 or 217-342-6233) Please make your own reservations with the campground by **July 4th** and notify Bob or Jan of your intent to attend by **July 11th**. Campground information is available at:

[www.camplakewoodcampground.com](http://www.camplakewoodcampground.com)

COST: \$35 per night, full hookups less 10% for Good Samers.

DIRECTIONS: I-57/70 going east, exit at 162. Turn right, onto US Rte. 45 go to traffic light at PILOT truck stop. Turn left on Rickelman Ave go 2 miles, just beyond the mobile home park. Turn left into Camp Lakewood.

SPECIAL INFO: They have cottages for rent \$83 per night or \$75 per night for two nights.

ACTIVITIES: Will advise later.

**THE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE BEYOND JULY IS SHOWN BELOW**

**Note: the trade shown below in red**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>
August	Ford	TBD
September	<b>Stanton</b>	TBD
<b>9/24-9/27 MO STATE SAMBOREE, SEDALIA MO</b>		
October	Luzynski	Big Creek RV Park
November	Weeks	TBD
December	<b>Tschannen</b>	TBD

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

**AND ... FOR YOUR EXTENDED PLANNING HERE IS THE ....**

<b>2016 ASST. WAGON MASTER SCHEDULE</b>			
JANUARY	BRINKMAN	JULY	WEBER
FEBRUARY	HUNTER	AUGUST	FRANCIS
MARCH	HAYNES	SEPTEMBER	CHARPIOT
APRIL	SHEEHAN	OCTOBER	EHRHARD
MAY	BURHORN	NOVEMBER	STIERN
JUNE	PICRAUX	DECEMBER	FORD

## **Irv Charpiot has provided the following corrections to the Mini-phone Book and Membership List previously distributed:**

- 1: Bob and Sharon Burhorn E-mail is [rburhorn@hotmail.com](mailto:rburhorn@hotmail.com) not [rburnhoro@](mailto:rburnhoro@)  
And new phone numbers for:  
Bob, (636) 208-4419 and  
Sharon, (636) 208-7130
- 2: Don and Bette Ford's E-mail address "[ibentruitt@yahoo.com](mailto:ibentruitt@yahoo.com)" is no longer active. Please scratch it out.
- 3: The Weeks now have a cell phone #: 314-640-4667

**Final Note:** Mini phone books are being mailed to those active members who did not attend the March meeting.

### **Random thoughts as we age!**

The biggest lie I tell myself: "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller?

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

Lord, grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and friends to post my bail when I finally snap!

I don't have white hair. I have "wisdom highlights".

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than "please". I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do the second week . . .

Even duct tape can't fix Stupid ... but it can muffle the sound.

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age, "Getting lucky", means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for.

Chocolate comes from cocoa which is a tree ... that makes it a plant which means ... chocolate is salad!

**Have I sent this to you already... or did you send it to me?**