

The Three Rivers Chapter Chatter



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The Three Rivers May campout was held at the "Lady Bug" RV Park, May 15th - 17th, 2015 and was hosted by Larry and Carolyn Brinkman.

A busy weekend was planned and it began with dinner at "Country Bob's" which was made more exciting when the electricity went off. After we fumbled around in the half-light a few minutes power was restored and everyone enjoyed the fine food. Back at the campground the meeting room was open for games.

Saturday morning it rained quite hard but it did not dampen the spirits of those who were involved in the preparation of our on site lunch of hot dogs, polish sausage, chips and a variety of goodies for dessert. The day's activities included a rousing game of "CAMPO", a few games of Washers (when the rain finally moved on) and a dress-up photo session. Everyone had a good time.

Dinner was prepared on site with volunteers working under the guidance of the Brinkmans. Pork steaks, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, slaw and desserts were each prepared by teams of campers with another team of volunteers handling cleanup. The evening was spent around the campfire enjoying yet another variation of "Smores" devised by Carolyn.

The weather blew up again Saturday night but by morning our Sunday started with the usual potluck breakfast and was followed by the monthly business meeting.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

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

Roll Call was taken. Memberships represented included; Brinkman, Ehrhard, Ford, Francis, Hunter, Luzynski, Sheehan, Stanton, Stiern, Tschannen, Weber, and Weeks.

Carolyn asked those present to acknowledge a May birthday or anniversary. We sang Happy Birthday to honor Don Ford, Don Gassmann and Jack Tschannen.

Minutes of the April 2015 meeting were read. Those minutes were approved with a correction to the Treasurer's report (balance was \$459.15 instead of 448.14).

Treasure Renate Ehrhard reported the current balance in the Chapter's account is \$459.15 and it was approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Brinkman received an email from the Good Sam State Director informing the Three Rivers Chapter that we are to receive our 40th anniversary certificate at the State Samboree in September. A copy of the announcement will be included in the next Newsletter.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wagonmaster Linda Hunter reported on the forthcoming campouts. Details will be in the Newsletter.

In addition:

Dale Hunter noted that there was a lot of construction in the Effingham IL area, which may affect our travels to the July campout. Bob Stiern will check this out and see if any adjustments to the directions in the Newsletter are needed.

Jim Stanton requested approval to travel beyond the 150-mile limit if he is able to secure the Osage Beach Campground for the September campout. There were no objections raised.

Jim and Renate Ehrhard noted that the annual Chapter donation to Dogs for the Deaf will be sent in late June or early July. Therefore, please bring the cans you have collected (crushed if possible) and any donations you may wish to give in cash or check (made out to "Dogs for the Deaf") to the June campout. If you are unable to attend the campout, please make arrangements with Jim and Renate to get your contributions to them soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Brinkman related the story that inspired his attempt to obtain a replacement Mike Matheny signed baseball for Leo and Sandy's grandson, Ryan. Many in the group indicated that they would like to assist in the completion of this effort.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

Those who had a chance to "Face-time" with Irv Charpiot last evening were happy to report that he seemed to be doing well. He is having problems with the rig and expects a new engine in July.

Janette Tschannen reported that Janet Basse was recovering from Shoulder replacement as well.

Everyone was happy to see Sandy Luzynski, who joined us as Larry and Carolyn's house guest for the weekend.

Thanks to Carolyn and Larry for a great weekend the weather notwithstanding.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Francis and seconded by Phyllis Stanton. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

50/50 was won by Bob Stiern who immediately donated it to the Ryan's baseball project

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

This is also the meeting to bring your aluminum cans and/or monetary donations for Dogs for the Deaf

Campout, hosted by Jim and Renate Ehrhard at Cape Camping & RV Park, 1900 Kings Highway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. (Phone 1-800-335-1178 or 573-332-8888) You should have made your reservation at the Camp Ground and notified Jim & Renate that you will be attending by now but if you still want to attend, get ahold of Jim or Renate ASAP @ 636-942-4885.

COST: \$28.07 per night

DIRECTIONS: I-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 of sneaks up on you).

ACTIVITIES: The campground will provide information concerning local events, points of interest etc.

Friday Night: Eat at the campground. The hosts will provide the food.

Saturday: Outdoor games will be available for the adventurous

Night: Dinner at a local restaurant.

Sunday: Potluck breakfast followed by the business meeting.

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

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.

August 14th - 16th

Campout hosted by Don and Betty Ford at Lazy Days Camp Ground, 214 Hwy J, Danville, MO 63361 (Phone 573-564-2949) Please make your own reservations with the campground by **August 1st** and notify Bob or Jan of your intent to attend by **August 5th**.

COST: \$27.00 per night

DIRECTIONS: I-70 west to exit 170, turn left on Highway J, the campground is 1.4 miles on the left

ACTIVITIES:

Friday: 1:00 pm, Tour Callaway nuclear power plant. A 2 hour walking tour with stairs through un-air-conditioned spaces.

Saturday: Possible tour of the Churchill Museum in Fulton.

THE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE BEYOND JULY IS SHOWN BELOW

Note: the trade shown below in red

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

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

In addition to the corrections to the Mini-Phone Book and Membership List previously distributed:

Linda Francis has a new email address: <mailto:lfrancisrrt@gmail.com>

Here is the email Carolyn received from the State Director regarding the 40th anniversary of the Three Rivers Chapter

Three Rivers President and Members

I am pleased to let you know that you and your Chapter will be receiving a Certificate of Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of the Three Rivers Chapter at the Missouri State Samboree in September.

I hope you and many of your Chapter Members will be able to attend to share in the awarding of this Certificate.

Congratulations

Sharon Waddell
State Director
Missouri Good Sams

And, as Jim Ehrhard would say, "A true story"

She Lost Her Keys

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: ***"I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."***

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. ***"Are you kidding me?"*** he barked, ***"I dropped you off!"***

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, ***"Well, come and get me."***

He retorted, ***"I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"***

Welcome to the golden years...