

# Three Rivers Chapter Chatter



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The first campout of the year was held at Mark Twain Cave Campground, 300 Cave Hollow Road, Hannibal, MO, hosted by Kevin and Sue Sheehan.

## Thanks to Sue Sheehan for the following description of the weekend activities

On Thursday there were several rigs present. Sheehan, Stern, Ford, Hunter, Larry Brinkman and Weeks.

Stern and Ford have new rigs, Sheehan has a different rig so we didn't recognize each other at first (-:-).

All but Weeks went to dinner at Sleepy Hollow right across from Cave Campground.

We sat outside and enjoyed the view of the Mississippi River and the weather. After dinner we discovered the wine shop, gift shop and ice cream store.

Outside was a pool for bumper boats containing a large amount of very large carp. Bob bought some feed for the fish. That was a sight

On Friday, most went into town looking for good junk. We didn't have Irv to guide us so we were all a little lost. But somehow we found some good junk. Main Street in Hannibal has a lot of very interesting shops; everything from crafts to antiques to fudge and ice cream.

We all met at 5:30 at the pavilion to share pizza and salad. Some great desserts were provided by Linda and Betty.

The campground filled up very quickly during the day so we were surrounded by activity, especially kids riding bikes.

One camping family caught our attention though. They were set up very near the pavilion when a young boy about 10 started playing his guitar like he knew what he was doing. He was then joined by a young girl, about 12 years old, playing a fiddle. Awesome! But then they were joined by another young girl, about 6 years old, also playing the fiddle. We listened for a few minutes then invited them, with their parents' permission, to please join us at the pavilion.

They entertained us for about an hour. They told us they had only been playing for a few years, they are siblings and there was one more little brother. They were from Branson and belong to a performing group of others like them. They are home schooled. Their parents were just as delightful. Those kids were incredible!

On Saturday, most wandered out for breakfast and shopping. There were 4 couples that met at the Mark Twain River Boat and enjoyed a narrated one-hour cruise on the Mississippi River.

At 5 P.M. We all met at the on-site winery for dinner. The on-site restaurant was not open as anticipated, but they were able to cater a dinner at a dining area of the winery. It was outstanding. We had roast beef and pulled pork, two different kinds of potatoes and gravy. We also had delicious green beans and cookies for desert.

After dinner we took the opportunity to hold our meeting. The hosts were concerned about having to carry potluck dishes up all the steps to the winery in the morning so after checking with everyone, we decided to forgo the potluck and maybe meet for breakfast. Larry suggested Golden Coral and that was ok with everyone.

### **President**

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Joan Weeks

### **Wagon**

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Linda Hunter

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### **Scrap**

### **Booker**

Sue Sheehan

So--, Sunday many members met at the Golden Coral for a nice breakfast then headed back to the camp to pack up and head home.

## **APRIL BUSINESS MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Three Rivers Good Sam RV Chapter was held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Mark Twain Cave Campground, 300 Cave Hollow Road, Hannibal, MO.

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Hunter at 6:05 P.M. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Memberships represented included; Brinkman, Ford, Hunter, Picraux, Sheehan, Stern and Weeks.

President Hunter asked those present to acknowledge any April birthdays or anniversaries. We congratulated Bob and Jan Stern on 53 years of marriage.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Joan Weeks reported a balance of \$465.49.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Dogs for the Deaf: Jim Ehrhard sent word that price of aluminum is up and we should start collecting cans again.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No Correspondence received.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bob Stern asked if there has been consideration regarding his recommendation to abolish mandatory meeting rooms.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bob Stern asked if the meeting rooms were mandatory.

Carolyn Brinkman said that according to the by-laws, the meetings are to be held at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings after the potluck breakfast.

No one at the meeting had a copy of the by-laws. President Hunter said this discussion will be tabled until a copy of the bi-laws has been made available. Carolyn Brinkman said she will email a copy to President Hunter and he will forward to members.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:**

It was reported that Irv Charpiot was back in the hospital with breathing problems.

Jan Stern said that Jim Ehrhard has had surgery and can now hear quite well.

Denny Francis dad was in serious condition at the hospital.

We thanked our hosts Kevin and Sue Sheehan for a delightful place for our camp out.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Sheehan and seconded by Bob Stern. The motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

**50 / 50 Was won by Kevin Sheehan**

## **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

### **May 20th – 22th Note: This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May**

Campout, hosted by Bob and Sharon Burhorn at Meramec Springs Country Store RV, 20458 MO-highway 8, St. James, Missouri, 65559. phone (573)-265-3796. Please make your reservations with the campground by May 5<sup>th</sup> and notify Bob (636-208-4419) or Sharon (636-208-7130) of your intent to attend. Campground information is available at:

<http://www.goodsamclub.com/travel/campgroundsandrvparks/generalinfo.aspx?cgid=210100152>

COST: as of 3/01/2016

\$26 for 30-amp service

\$28 for 50-amp service

Not all sites have 50-amp service, there are pull-thrus and back-ins. All have full hookups.

Gravel interior road, activities center.

DIRECTIONS: From junction of I-44 and MO Hwy 8 (exit 195): go east thru town of St. James, 5.4 mi on MO Hwy 8, campground entrance is on the right at top of the hill.

ACTIVITIES:

Attention Trout Fisherpersons - Trout fishing 2 miles east at Maramec Springs Park

Whistle blows at 7:00am.

Parking Fee \$7.00 gets everyone in the vehicle in the park. \$3.00 daily trout tag gets you four fish if you are a good fisherperson - - that's less than a buck a fish! !.

I have a permanent parking tag so anyone riding with me gets in FREE!

- - or - -

Tour Old Maramec Iron Works and the Agriculture Museum in the park.

Details: - - - <http://www.maramecspringpark.com/park/>

Steelville, Mo. - - visit Historic Main Street.

Meramec Music Theater. Schedule see: <http://www.meramecmusictheatre.com/schedule.html>

Saturday May 21 has performance by Brian Free & Assurance – a southern gospel concert.

RESTAURANTS:

Sybil's restaurant and gifts in St. James. (We all have been there before, for a 2015 winter luncheon meeting) - - See: <http://sybills.com/>

Country Bob's Cafe in St. James. See: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/country-bobs-cafe-saint-james>

### **June 10th – 12th (2nd Weekend)**

A campout hosted by Larry and Darlene Picraux at the Happy Trails RV Park, 18376 Campground Road, Phillipsburg, MO 65722 (phone: 417-532-3422, <http://www.happytrailrvpark.com/>). **By May 19th**, please make your own reservations with the campground and notify Larry and Darlene (573-746-5732) that you plan to attend.

**REMEMBER, THIS IS THE MONTH TO BRING YOUR CASH DONATIONS FOR DOGS FOR THE DEAF.**

COST: 50 amps - \$34.00, 30 amps - \$32.00 (We can get a 15% discount if we have 8 or more rigs)

DIRECTIONS: I-44 west to exit 123, left on Dove Rd., over I-44 and left on Campground Rd.  
Campground is about 0.2 miles on the right

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday 6/9

If enough campers are interested; a tour of Tracker Boats can be arranged

Friday 6/10

6:00 pm. - Grilling at the campground. Larry and Darlene will provide the meats (pulled pork for sure) along with chips and buns. Side dishes are welcome.

Saturday 6/11

Morning tour of the Whirlwind Alpaca Ranch, if enough are interested.

Activities at the Cowan Convention Center.

5:00 pm. – Dinner at the Elm Street Eatery (subject to availability)

6:30 pm. – Leave campground for the Prater Country Music Show (starts at 7:00)

Cost: \$10.00 per person.

Sunday 6/12

8:30 am. - Potluck Breakfast followed by the business meeting.

### **July 15th, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17th**

A campout hosted by Dennis and Linda Francis at the Big Creek RV Park, 47247 Highway 49, Annapolis, MO 63620 (phone: 573-598-1064, <http://www.bigcreekrvpark.com/>. **By July 1st**, please make your own reservations with the campground and notify Dennis and Linda (636-337-7182) that you plan to attend.

DIRECTIONS: US-67 south to MO-221 in Farmington. Take 221 west to MO-21 then south to MO-49.

#### SPECIAL INFORMATION:

Big River has special Christmas in July

Friday... Host to supply tuna and chicken salad, buns, chips.

Bring side dish salads (maybe pasta, bean etc.) or dessert

Sunday Pot luck

MORE INFO LATER

#### **THE REMAINING 2016 MEETINGS ARE SHOWN BELOW:**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>
August	Charpiot	TBD
September	Ehrhard	TBD
October	Stiern	TBD
November	Ford	TBD
December	Tschannen	TBD

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



Here is an email received from Irv Charpiot early in April:

“Friends:

Attached is a copy of letter from Japan. It was postmarked 3/26/16.

No coupons have been mailed to Japan since January.

Please thank everyone for their prayers, cards, telephone calls and thoughts.

We will see you all shortly.”



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18 February 2016

Dear Irvin Charpiot,

The Fleet and Family Support Center’s (FFSC) primary objective is to provide unified, customer focused, consistent and efficient programs to our customers, and to support mission and family readiness. We provide the right services at the right time to help meet the unique challenges of the military lifestyle; a particularly invaluable service for those military families serving overseas. Your continued support of our Coupons for Sailors Program is just one example of how our close relationship with the Yokosuka Military community has enabled us to exceed our goals.

We are limited on the variety of coupons we receive through our Commissary and Navy Exchange, however, with your dedication and efforts in sending us additional coupons, we are able to offer more options and our service members and their families are able to save even more money!

With an increase in shipping cost, time involved with clipping and packing coupons, we offer the following reminders regarding utilization of coupons in an overseas location:

- ✦ Coupons are only valid for six months after the expiration date.
- ✦ Coupons from companies such as Target, Wal-Mart, and restaurants are non-usable.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the FFSC Yokosuka as we strive to provide valuable resources and programs to our service members and their families.

Sincerely,

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