

Three Rivers Chapter Chatter



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Please pause for a moment in memory
of friends and fellow campers lost in
June

Ron Haynes age 79

Elvet Lewis age 89

The June Campout, hosted by Darlene and Larry Picraux, was held June 10th thru 12th at Happy Trails RV Park, Phillipsburg, MO.

All attendees were in camp by Friday afternoon and included the following: Ehrhard, Ford, Hunter, Picraux, Sheehan, and Stanton.

Those arriving early on Friday managed to squeeze in the usual excursions in search of treasure disguised as other people's junk. The main course for dinner, pulled pork and brats was provided by the Darlene and Larry. The rest of the campers showed up with side dishes and desserts. While the meeting room was very hot, the pavilion proved to be the place to hangout. So...that evening was spent doing just that; hangin', chatta' and telling tales.

Saturday morning it was "up and at 'em" to make our way to the Whirlwind Alpaca Ranch. Our hosts, Liz and Linda Mitchko guided us through a very interesting visit which started with the history of the Ranch and their Alpacas, whose blood lines can be traced all the way back to the high country of the Andes Mountains. There are about 100 Alpacas on the Ranch but only about 25 were where we could see them and they were really quite aloof. The tour included information about the types of "fiber" (I'd say wool) sheared from the animals and the means by which it is turned into those warm and soft Alpaca sweaters we pay the big bucks for. Really a great excursion.

Leftovers from Friday night made up our lunch, then in the afternoon it was back to the pavilion or exploring (read junking) around the area. And then, what we do best, dinner was at the Elm Street Eatery.

After dinner it was off to the "Prater Country Music Show which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning included our regular potluck breakfast followed by the monthly business meeting. Most folks stayed over 'till Monday before heading home. To this day their activities remain a mystery to this editor.

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Three Rivers Good Sam RV Chapter was held on 6/12/2016 at Happy Trails RV Park in Phillipsburg

The meeting was called to order by President Hunter at 9:33 A.M and he then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hunter asked those present to acknowledge a June birthday or anniversary. We congratulated Jim and Phyllis Stanton on their 53rd wedding anniversary.

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Minutes of the May 2016 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers' report was given by Linda Hunter with a balance of \$481.99.

Wagon Master Linda Hunter reported on the forthcoming functions details are below.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Hunter received an email from Sharon Waddell to notify him we should have received the Miracle Maker Patches. President Hunter will follow up as no patches have been received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jim Ehrhard reported that the price of aluminum has increase and to resume collecting cans for donations to Dogs for The Deaf. Jim also reported that a donation for \$100.00 has been sent.

Secretary Sue Sheehan will be collecting and sending coupons for the Overseas Coupon Program during the absence of Irv Charpiot.

OLD BUSINESS:

The review of the By-Laws by the committee has not yet reported their findings. Vice President Stanton stated that, since we are already committed to abiding by the "International Constitution and By-laws" and the MO State "Standard Operation Procedures" (as amended), we need only prepare a set of "Rules and Operating Guidelines for the Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS:

New members are needed for our club. Suggestions were to circulate a brochure with our club details included. Also the question was asked if members were required to own an RV to belong to the club or is being a Good Sam member be OK by Sue. "Case in point; a couple who are our friends would stay in our RV at camp outs."

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

A donation to the American Cancer Society for \$40.00 will be made on behalf of Ron Haynes and his family.

Irv Charpiot is getting around a little. He was able to go to the funeral home and pay his respects to the Haynes Family. President Hunter also saw him at the Byerly Open House in Eureka. Larry said that Irv is still very tired and weak.

Sandy Luzynski is said to be doing well.

A Special thanks to Larry and Darlene Picraux for a wonderful time and place. A great time was had by all.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Sheehan. Seconded by Larry Picraux and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

With such a small group and without the tickets, 50/50 was suspended

FUTURE MEETINGS:

July 15th, 16th & 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/>). You should have made your own reservations with the campground and notified Dennis and Linda (636-337-7182) that you plan to attend by now.

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

COST: Good Sam Rate \$32.40

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
Saturday... Hillbilly Golf and games, dinner at the Abby
Sunday.... Pot luck and meeting

August 19th, 20th & 21st

A campout at the Perryville Campground, 300 Lake Drive, Perryville, MO 63775 hosted by Dale and Linda Hunter. Please make your reservations with the Campground (573-547-8303) and with Linda or Dale (636-337-7925) by **August 1st** if you are planning to attend.

DIRECTIONS: I-55 south exit 129, right on MO-51 and then immediately right onto Lake Drive.

COST: \$32.39 / night

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

Friday: Supper, Hero Sandwiches provided by the Hunters. Please bring side dishes.
Saturday: The Popeye exhibit in Chester II (Includes "Popeye" characters).
Barrens Winery tour.
Dinner out at a location yet to be determined.
Sunday: Potluck breakfast followed the business meeting.

September 16th, 17th & 18th

A campout at the Lazy Days RV Park, 214 Hwy-J Danville, MO 63361, hosted by Jim and Renate Ehrhard. Be sure you make your reservations with the campground (573-564-2949) and notify Jim & Renate by **September 1st** if you plan to attend.

DIRECTIONS: I-70 west to exit 170 (Montgomery City / Danville), up the ramp, turn left on Hwy-J, stay on Hwy-J to Campground entrance on the left.

COST: TBD

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

Friday: Main dish provided by the Ehrhards. Please bring side dishes or desserts.
Saturday: Dinner out at a location yet to be determined.
Sunday: Potluck breakfast followed the business meeting.

THE REMAINING 2016 MEETINGS ARE SHOWN BELOW:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>
October	Stiern	TBD
November	Ford	Holland's Café & BBQ, High Ridge MO
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.

The Campers, June 2016



Alpaca!



A final note:

For those who were wondering, the "Chapter Hot Line" effective 1 January 2016 was delivered as an additional attachment with the December 2015 Newsletter. To get a replacement, contact Jim Stanton