



MCW AUGUST NEWSLETTER

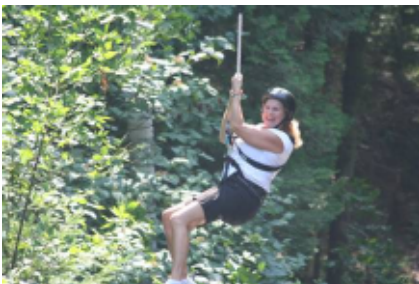
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Mackinaw City was the place to be for our “up north” camp-out. Most of the 14 coaches arrived on Thursday and the fun began right away. Bob and Bev Garcia got a new electric cart and Bob was taking some of the guys for a test drive. Apparently there is a WEIGHT limit on these things. Bob Garcia and Ran were on the front seat, Bob Dunn and Jim Milroth on the back. When Bob took off, the cart did a wheelie. The front tires went up in the air which caused the backseat passengers to make a hasty dismount. This all happened in front of about 12 of the wives. Wish we had a camera for that one!! Thursday night everyone was on their own. Quite a few went to Mama Mia’s for pasta or pizza while others opted for pasties at one of the local restaurants.

On Friday, 10 people went over to Mackinac Island. Paszkos and Dunns took their own bikes and went around the island TWICE. Other people took in local sites, relaxed around the campground or went to see “Harry Potter” (Judy and Sharon). Marty Senkowski had a nice dinner waiting for everyone when we all returned. Judy made yummy desserts. The rain basically held off until AFTER dinner, the business meeting and dessert.



Saturday was another fun day. 20 of us went to Historic Mill Creek which was just a mile or so down the road from the campground. We watched a movie about the history and restoration of this historic site. There were saw cutting demonstrations, naturalist talks and nature walks. The highlight of the day for 6 brave Winnies was the Adventure “add-on” which included Rock Climbing, going over a Suspended Cable Bridge and a ride on the Zip-line. What a riot!!! A few of us overcame our fear of heights and were rewarded with a great ride. Watching the others Zip over the river and LAND on a platform (some more graceful than others) was worth the price of admission into the park. Bill Hornsby, Bob Paszko and Bob Dunn even did the Rock Climbing. We have pictures to prove these amazing feats of courage!!!



After dinner (again provided by Marty and Judy), we had a nice campfire down by the Lake. We all talked, laughed and enjoyed snacks and “jello” while waiting for the fireworks show from St. Ignace. We couldn’t believe so many were still up AND outside until quite late. It was a wonderful night and everyone seemed to have a good time.

After breakfast it was time for most to say their goodbyes. A lot were heading to other places and continuing with their vacation – a few stayed an extra day.

We were sorry Bob and Bev Garcia had to leave a day early. Bob was under the weather the whole time they were there and thought he would do better at home WITH medicine. It's just a coincidence that the Detroit Dream Cruise was on that day (Just kidding – hope you're feeling much better).

Pam and Phil want to thank everybody for welcoming our guests, Sherry and Jerry Kunkel. They really enjoyed the group. We are trying to get them to buy Paszko's motor home so Bob and Sherry can get that "bath and 1/2".



BUSINESS MEETING

The August meeting of the Motor Cities Winnies was called to order by President Bob Dunn at 6:35 PM. The following members were present: Dunns, Eickholdts, Emersons, Hanlons, Heids, Hennells, Hornsbys, Marzions, Milroths, Paszkos, Scramlins, Senkowskis, and Turriss.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes from the July meeting were read by Secretary Pam Scramlin. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam Scramlin gave the treasurer's report for Nancy Johnson

2009 Treasury Report	July
BEGINNING CAMPING BALANCE 33 members and 1 Honorary Member	\$990.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS TO CAMPGROUNDS	
TOTAL CAMPING FUND	\$990.00
REGULAR BALANCE	
BEGINNING REGULAR BALANCE	\$1,442.30
check from Hornsby from digitizing for hats & shirts	
check to Nancy Johnson for stamps and envelopes	
Dues Deposit for Bolter, Buchfinck, Duerksen, Dunn, Eickholdt, Emerson, Estep, Garcia, Garcia, Gibbons, Hampton, Hanlon, Heid, Hennells, Hornsby, Johnson Laginess, Marzion, McCowan, Milroth, Pasko, Ribarsky, Scramlin, Senkowski, Simonds, Thompson, Trainer, Trathen, Turri, VanHouten, Weiss, Wright, & Yates	
wrote check to Osnat	
wrote check to Rocker left club	

Interest	\$(30.00)
	\$ 0.04
TOTAL REGULAR BALANCE	\$1,412.34
TOTAL BANK BALANCE	\$2,402.34
OUTSTANDING CAMPING FUNDS Holding Checks	
Yogi Bear	\$50.00
Mill Creek Deposit for 813-16,2009 (20 sites) Mackinac	\$640.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS TO CAMPGROUNDS	\$690.00

The treasurer's report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Melinda Dunn said that Jim Eisbrenner's coach has been sold to a broker.

Bob Dunn talked a little bit about GNR and the wonderful time everyone had. The State tent was a success and a great place to meet. He highly recommended people try to attend next year. The theme will be Hollywood Legends- Dead or Alive. Motor Cities Winnies had the largest turn-out of the Michigan chapters.

Bob Paszko talked about the website and what is currently available. He also talked about Business cards for Motor Cities Winnies, brochures and membership applications. We discussed updating rosters, birthday lists etc. on the website. Bob is sensitive to our members' privacy protection, and will check on site security before making any changes/additions to the website. The link for the website is <http://www.waterwonderlandwinnies.com>
Be sure to register when you go on the site.

NEW BUSINESS

The Xmas dinner will be on December 5th at Julianos Restaurant. It is located just north of I696 and VanDyke.

Bob Dunn talked about our need for Wagon masters for 2010. We only have four (4) chapter campouts – April, August, October and November. Give it some thought – if 2 couples do it together, it's really not a big deal. The main duty is to find the campground that can handle 15-20 coaches. That is the normal amount of people that attend. A lot of us traveled 300 miles north to Mackinaw City so we can even broaden our travels south, east and west. We are trying the KOA in Wapakoneta, Ohio this October. It's always fun to try someplace new.

Bill Hornsby asked how many would be interested in going to Turkeyville for an outing. Quite a few sounded interested. Bill Marzion said there are a few campgrounds in that area that should be able to accommodate a group our size.

Bob Paszko awarded the **TRAVELING TROPHY** to Bob and Bev Garcia who entertained quite a few of us by popping wheelies with their new golf cart. If offered a ride, you probably don't want to sit on the back. More weight is definitely needed on the front than on the back.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Marty Senkowski, seconded by Phil Scramlin. Meeting was adjourned 6:55.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Scramlin



Motor Cities Winnies received the Chapter of Excellence award.



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Marian Van Houten	1
Randy Wright	1
Bob Garcia	10
Ben Duerksen	16
Nancy Johnson	23

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Marion Marzion	9/13/1952	57 years
Ed and Marty Senkowski	9/21//1996	13 years
Larry and Joyce Hampton	9/23/1978	31 years

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS FOR 2009

SEPT 18-20	STATE FALL CAMPOUT	IONIA,MI
OCT 16-17	WAPAKONETA KOA	WAPAKONETA,OH
NOV 6-8	JELLYSTONE	FRANKENMUTH,MI
DEC 5	JULIANO'S RESTAURANT	

THIS AND THAT

Johnsons and Scramlins are Wagon Masters for the October campout. It will be held at Wapakoneta Ohio. The outing will be Oct. 16th and 17th. We are staying at a KOA and the fee is \$33.25 full hook up and \$31.55 water and electric. The phone number for reservations is 419-738-6016. Each person will make their own reservations. For the people coming in a day early we are setting up a tour through the Airstream factory. Please send an email to either the Johnsons or the Scramlins letting them know you are going to attend.