



MCW November Newsletter

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What a GORGEOUS weekend!!!! We had a total of 16 coaches for this last campout of the year. This included 2 “new” couples who joined our group this weekend. Bill and Gail Battle (and daughter, Jackie) are from Ypsilanti. The other couple is from Fraser, MI and look an awful lot like a couple that used to be in our club. Their name is even the same – Welcome back, Jack and Susie Rocker. We were all happy to see Susie again, and seeing she is married to Jack he was allowed back into the club too!!

The campers that came in a day early were invited to a wine and cheese party to help Donnie and Marie Eickholdt celebrate a belated 52nd anniversary. They were staying at the Bavarian Lodge and invited everybody to their room.

I have 3 questions:

How many Winnies can fit into one hotel room? Is it true, security was called? Did Donnie REALLY kick all of you out at 9PM?

They both had big smiles on their faces when I saw them the next day. Happy Anniversary to a great couple – we wish you many more!!

Most of the other coaches arrived in time for dinner on Friday night. The meal was prepared by the Dunns and Paszkos. Sherry made delicious homemade noodles and a lot of people brought yummy desserts. We never go hungry at our outings.

There was a very ENTERTAINING “White Elephant” sale Friday night after dinner. For those of you who were unable to attend, this is where you bring your unwanted “treasures” to sell to unsuspecting victims. The theme seemed to be “EVERYTHING MUST GO” so needless to say our auctioneer, Bob Dunn, resorted to some unusual bundling of items to be sold. This just added to the fun. Some people got so wrapped up in the bidding, they ended up buying back some of their own junk (oops, I mean treasures). Thanks to all who contributed and/or bought things – the evening was a success. We collected \$128.75 for the club.



“Indian Summer” came to Frankenmuth on Saturday. It was sunny and in the 60’s so after a delicious breakfast and club meeting, a lot of the group was off to Birch Run for some Xmas/personal shopping. Others explored Bronners and downtown Frankenmuth, started winterizing their coaches or just relaxed around the campground. Ron and Nance came up early morning and stayed til after dinner. Jim and Bev Simonds got there in time for dinner. Everyone went to DaVinci’s restaurant at night and then we came back to the clubhouse for dessert and games.

The Paszkos and Dunns prepared ham McMuffins for Sunday morning breakfast and then we all reluctantly started saying our goodbyes. No one seemed in any rush to leave. In fact, at the last count, 5 coaches were planning on staying an additional day.

Thanks again to our Wagon-masters for a fun and beautiful weekend. Safe travels to all. Hope to see most of you at the Xmas Party.



BUSINESS MEETING

The November meeting of the Motor Cities Winnies was called to order by President Bob Dunn at 10:10 AM. The following members were present: Dunns, Garcias, Hanlons, Hennells, Hornsbys, Johnsons, McCowans, Milroths, Paszkos, Ribarsky, Ruths, Scramlins, Turris, and Yates. Our new members, Bill Battle, Jack and Susie Rocker, were also in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes from the October meeting were read by Pam Scramlin. Skip Yates made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Patsy McCowan. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2009 Treasury Report	Oct
BEGINNING CAMPING BALANCE 34 members and 1 Honorary Member	\$1,020.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS TO CAMPGROUNDS	
TOTAL CAMPING FUND	\$1,020.00
REGULAR BALANCE	
BEGINNING REGULAR BALANCE	2,002.26
\$10.00 service fee (going to check of this should not be charged)	-10.00
check 1022 Marvelous Promotions for club shirts will replace money	-159.53
check 1023 \$216.00 to Amer. Legion for caterer for Oct. campout	-216.00
collected the \$216.00 from everyone minus \$58.00 for \$2.00 for each person camping.	158.00
\$48.00 for auction of coffee pots ect. That club don't use any more	48.00
Interest	0.04
TOTAL REGULAR BALANCE	\$ 1,822.77
TOTAL BANK BALANCE	\$ 2,842.77

OUTSTANDING CAMPING FUNDS Holding Checks

Yogi Bear \$50.00

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS TO CAMPGROUNDS \$50.00

Nancy Johnson gave the treasurer's report. Charlene Hornsby made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Skip Yates. Report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Melinda Dunn needs to know who is coming to the Xmas party by November 28th. If you are planning on attending, please call or e-mail her. The party is at Juliano's Restaurant on December 5th. This is located just north of I-696 at Van Dyke (in Warren, MI). Also a reminder to bring new, unwrapped hats, gloves, scarves to be donated to different charities. Bob Dunn mentioned an organization that gives to Lighthouse, a soup kitchen and The Haven. If you know of any other place in need, please let Bob or Melinda know.

The Thank-you barbecue for General RV will probably take place sometime in April. It will be a week day. Bob Dunn will organize this – more information in the spring.

A thank you also goes to John Trathen for making sure we got a good rate at the Yogi Bear campground for this campout. The reservations and pricing went smoothly, Thanks again, John.

There was a brief discussion about what the club should donate in memory of Dave Rung. One suggestion was for the club to donate \$50 to the Alzheimer's Foundation. We will keep this open until the Xmas party, as some members may want to add to the donation.

Bob Dunn displayed the Chapter of Excellence Award that we received and there was a discussion about the WIT pins that used to be given out to the club members that received the award and if anyone would be upset if pins were no longer given. There was a unanimous show of hands that we no longer need the pins.

Judy Hennells talked about the Nashville outing. It is a non-club event scheduled for Sept 28-Oct 4. The estimated cost of the trip is \$436 per couple which includes six nights camping and 3 attractions in Nashville. The campground is requiring \$38.40 per coach by April 1st. Please contact Judy or Sharon Emerson if you plan on going. This event is open to other clubs or anybody else who may want to join us.

The fall state campout location will be at Covenant Hills. Melinda said we are in good shape for this outing. The campground provides the meals, set-up and clean-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Dunn welcomed our new members – Bill and Gail Battle & Jack and Susie Rocker. Bill found us on the website which is a result of the nice work Bob Paszko has done with this site. Susie and Jack discovered they missed the club and decided to rejoin. We are glad to have both couples in the Motor Cities Winnies.

Bob Paszko reminded everyone to sign up on the web so you can have access to club information.

Bob Dunn gave a **preliminary list of 2010 outings and Wagon masters:**

APRIL - McCowans and Hennels are co-wagon masters. They are still looking for a campground and exact date. Typically this first campout of the year is toward the latter part of the month

MAY - State Spring Campout

JUNE - State Rally

JULY – GNR, Forest City, Iowa

AUGUST – is combined campout with Cereal Cities on August 13&14. Hornsbys, Hanlons, and Simonds will be co-wagon masters. We will be staying in Marshall, MI and going to a dinner show in Turkeyville.

SEPTEMBER – State Fall Campout

OCTOBER – Dunns and Paszkos are co-wagon masters. This will be in Mio, MI

NOVEMBER – Milroths and Rockers will be co-wagon masters

DECEMBER – Xmas Party

We will try and have more information and specific dates for all of these events in the December newsletter. Thank you to all who volunteered to be wagon masters!!!

The Bolters did not attend this campout so they are still the proud holders of the **TRAVELING TROPHY.**

A motion to close the meeting was made by Bill Hornsby, seconded by Phil Scramlin. Meeting was adjourned 11:05.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Scramlin



NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Bill and Gail Battle and also welcome back Jack and Susie Rocker.





December Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Ted Emerson	6
Nancy Yates	9
Vickie Estep	14
Bob Paszko	17
Judy Hennells	24
Melinda Dunn	28
Gail Battle	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Phil and Pam Scramlin 12/27/1968 41 years

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS FOR 2009

DEC 5 JULIANO'S RESTAURANT WARREN,MI

THIS AND THAT

Carol Bolter wasn't here to pass on the coveted **TRAVELING TROPHY** but honorable mention should go to Skip Yates for being well enough to join us after having hip surgery and to Karolyne Ribarsky for coming up north with Jack Rocker and leaving the campout with the Milroths. She was last seen transferring her "Randazzo luggage" (plastic bags) from Rocker's coach to Milroth's new car. She'll have to explain the details at the Xmas party.

You are in our thoughts and prayers:

Sandy Rung

Skip Yates is having his 2nd hip replacement surgery early December

Marion Marzion