



SUMMER STATE RALLY JUNE 24-26

Hillbilly Heaven welcomed 19 coaches from Motor Cities. (It would have been an even 20, but the Scramlins left before the weekend because of a wedding.) Tuesday, right before they got there, the Simonds were hit by a car. A girl was texting and went off the road, then overcorrected, spinning her right into the driver's side of the motor home - twice. It took the help of the men there to pull out the damaged part so they could get into the bays. Many arrived on Wednesday, and Patsy (and Bruce) Mc Cowan were kind enough to make a spaghetti dinner with a salad bar in their motor home, and Marian Van Houten made a cake. It was suggested that they make dinner again for Thursday. This evolved into a great pot luck dinner Thursday in the Round House (It wasn't really "round," but this was Vacation Station, and everything was labeled with train terms.) for the whole club.

Friday we had the Opening Ceremony and General Meeting before dinner prepared by Motor Cities. The pressure was great to hurry the meeting because WIT people love to eat. We prepared roast beef au jus, potato salad, baked beans, salad and strawberry shortcake. We received many compliments. Thank you to the committee of Melinda Dunn, Nance Johnson, and Patsy McCowan. Afterwards, Donnie ran the euchre tournament in which our new member, MJ Wright, won \$30.00.

Saturday started with breakfast at the Roundhouse along with the WIT Store. Next came the SkyMed seminar, followed by the computer seminar run by our own Bob Paszko. The Pampered Chef seminar was at 12:00, followed by the Ice Cream Social. A new way of doing things – during the Ice Cream Social, you went up to collect your door prizes. It was streamlined and we didn't have to sit there all night while everyone was called up individually. The Book Exchange was set up and a table with free goodies left from the goodie bags. We also had a canned food drive. We then had a WIT Tours Seminar presented by Doug Formanek. The afternoon was taken up by an endless Beanbag Baseball Tournament. Motor Cities came in first and second was Grand Valley Winnies. We have to bring back the traveling trophy next year.

After a catered dinner, we had Installation of Officers and then games set up by the Simonds. The winners of the craft show were announced, and we had a good showing. Nancy Yates won for her painting, Patsy McCowan for her jewelry, Marian Van Houten for her shirt painting, Bill Battle for his wood carving, and Judy Ruth won Best In Show for her needlework. Marie Eickholdt won the Women's Money Hat. The team of Jerry Gibbons and Cal Cheesbrough won 1st place in the Snake Toss. Motor Cities won the Out House competition and received \$50.00 for the club. A thank you to Bruce McCowan who brought the cardboard, and dried it out after it rained so hard the covered part of his truck leaked. Bev Simonds won 2nd place guessing the amount of candy in the Candy Jar while Bob Garcia was the farthest off. Bert won the "old folks" award for being the first to greet a newcomer.

The games after dinner had many winners, but the winners from the Motor Cities were as follows.
toilet paper hoop toss – Bruce McCowan tissue pull – Judy Ruth (what concentration!)
face the cookie – Bob Garcia stack the golf balls – Bruce McCowan
separate the M & M's – Sherry Paszko

I hope I haven't missed anyone. It was a really packed weekend and to top it off we got two new members. Welcome to MJ and Jay Wright and Char and Jack Otterbacher! We told them that we have so many volunteers (for games etc.) that we would never put them on the spot. (I added that because I hate to get in front of people to play games, but I'll always be there to cheer and laugh.) Just wait until they get to know us...



BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

By President Bob Dunn at 10:39 Saturday, June 25, 2011

II. ATTENDANCE

Members present were Barnes, Battles, Bolters, Di Salvos, Dunns, Eickholdts, Emersons, Garcias, Gibbons, Hennells, Hornsbys, Johnsons, Loves, McCowans, Paszkos, Ruths, Simonds, Van Houtens, and Yates. We had two visitors, the Ottenbachers and Jay Wrights. There were also two lovely dogs (Battle's and Wright's) who sat quietly, happy because they couldn't understand a word that was said.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. Minutes were read by Bev Garcia.
 - 1. Minutes were published in the newsletter.
 - 2. Motion to accept minutes by Bert Ruth, seconded by John Di Salvo. Motion passed.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Treasurer's Report was read by Nance Johnson.
 - 1. We have 37 members and 2 honorary members
 - 2. Bank Balance \$1,140.00
- B. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Skip Yates, Seconded by Bill Battle. Motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. MCW shirts, sweatshirts, and hats
 - 1. See Nance Johnson to order T-Shirts and Sweatshirts.
 - 2. The cost will depend on how many order.
 - 3. Ron displayed samples, sweatshirts can come in any color.
 - 4. Some hats were available and more could be ordered.
 - 4. Nancy Yates also has a catalog and will bring it to GNR and August.
- B. Member signs
 - 1. We have a wooden sign from which members individual names hang.
 - 2. See Bill Hornsby if you would like your name engraved in wood.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. President's Comments
 - 1. Bob welcomed visitors MJ and Jay Wright and Char and Jack Otterbacher.
 - 2. Bob thanked everyone for doing such a great job on Friday night's dinner.
 - 3. Bob said it was an honor to be the president of our club because we have such great participation.
 - 4. He said that the president's job is the easiest because we all help. (The look on Melinda's face got a laugh.)
 - 5. Bob said the By-Law's were approved by WIT and everyone should be receiving a copy along with other info in a membership folder.
- B. Treasurer's Audit
 - 1. An audit needed to be done this weekend.
 - 2. Volunteers to audit were Judy Ruth and Sharon Emerson
- C. Elections
 - 1. President is our former 1st VP, Ron Johnson. Vote was unanimous.
 - 2. 1st VP is our former 2nd VP, Bob Paszko. Vote was unanimous.
 - 3. 2nd VP was nominated by Nancy Yates, seconded by Bruce McCowan. Skip Yates accepted and the vote was unanimous.
 - 4. Treasurer – Nance Johnson agreed to stay on. Vote was unanimous.
 - 5. Secretary – Bev Garcia agreed to stay on. Vote was unanimous.
- D. Members
 - 1. Linda Turri is finally doing better and is doing some walking. She has been fighting infection in her legs for 9 months.
 - 2. Ben Duerksen died and MCW sent a card and money. Ran and Donnie shared anecdotes about Ben.
- E. Future campouts
 - 1. We have no wagon masters for the October Campout. Volunteers would be appreciated, or it will be "President's Choice."

2. August campout August 18 - 20
 - a. There are only 18 spots available.
 - b. Saturday and Sunday brunch, along with Friday fish dinner are included in our price.
 - c. Please register by end of June – early July at the latest.
 - d. Elk Viewing, a 7-course dinner and golf are available.
 - e. We will be calling to make our own reservations.
 3. Fall State Outing
 - a. At Hidden Ridge RV Resort
 - b. 2306 12th St., Hopkins, MI 49238
 - c. We don't have to do any work this time!
- F. Acknowledgements
1. Bob Paszko did a GREAT job putting on a computer workshop.
 2. Judy Ruth thanked everyone for the help on our "outhouse." Bruce McCowan was the main builder.
 3. We thanked Bob for doing such a great job as our president. He said that we "made Melinda's job easy."

VII. TRAVEL TROPHY Skip and Nancy Yates presented the trophy to Bill and Gail Battle because not only did they get a new coach and became new members, but they took on being wagon masters for our August outing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Skip Yates moved to adjourn, seconded by Ran Hennells. Passed.
- B. Adjourned at 11:16.

Respectfully submitted by Bev Garcia

2011 TREASURY REPORT

JUNE

BEGINNING CAMPING BALANCE 37 members and 2 Honorary Member	1110
refund camping fee for Heids ck #1048	
TOTAL CAMPING FUND	1110
REGULAR BALANCE	
BEGINNING REGULAR BALANCE	1633.29
2011 dues for Garcia, Johnson, Pasko, Battle, Ruth, Hornsby (\$30.), Trathen, Yates, Love, Marzion, Rocker, Bourdeau, Wright, Laginess, Bolter, Turri, Senkowski, Gibbons, Hennells, VanHouten, Barnes, McCowan, Scramlin, Hanlon, Disalvo, Hampton, & Romanchuk.	420
Deposit back from April 2011 campout wrote check 1043 in Nov 2010	100
Ck 1049 written to Gloria Duerkson for the death of Ben	-50
Interest	0.04
TOTAL REGULAR BALANCE	\$2,103.33
TOTAL BANK BALANCE	\$3,213.33
OUTSTANDING CAMPING FUNDS Holding Checks	
Yogi Bear \$50.00	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS TO CAMPGROUNDS	



JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Beverly Simonds	1
Betty Thompson	6
Tony Turri	6
Charlene Hornsby	8
Bill Battle	14
Jim Milroth	24
Sharon Emerson	25
Bev Garcia	27
Christine Trathen	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Ran & Judy Hennells 7/7/1956 55 years



You are in our thoughts and prayers

Nancy Yates had surgery on her right shoulder where she had two bone spurs that cut her tendon.

She is recovering well and thanks everyone for your kind thoughts and prayers. Nancy is going through re-hab and on August 30 she will have surgery on the left shoulder where she has another bone spur. She said that Skip had his Year of the Hips – now she is having the Year of the Shoulders. She plans to get to as many campouts as she can. Please continue to send her your thoughts and prayers.

Linda Turri is still fighting a painful infection. This has been going on for 9 months. You've gone long enough Linda! We hear you are doing better. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

We hope you all feel 100% better soon!

Sad news ~ Ben Duerksen passed away on June 1st. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He served in WWII in the Airforce. Ben was in many camping groups, including the FMCA Michigan Knights, who run the G.L.A.S.S. Rally in Berrien Springs every Memorial Day. Ben also enjoyed bowling, and even bowled in the Pro-Am Series. Ben and Gloria were camping with the Rockers the weekend before he died, so it was quite a shock. We send our thoughts and prayers to his whole family.



THIS AND THAT

A big THANK YOU to Judy and Bert Ruth for the great gift bags we all got when we came in.

Ron Johnson is cast free, but not for long. He has to have one more surgery.

What two officers had surgery this year and had to come home on oxygen? It's amazing one of them is alive!

COMING EVENTS

July 17-22 WIT GNR

Grand National Rally
Winnebago Industries Rally Grounds
Forest City, IA 50436

August 18-20

Thunder Bay Resort
27800 M-32
Hillman, MI 49746 989-742-4502

September 16-18 State Fall Campout

Hidden Ridge RV Resort
2306 12 St.
Hopkins, MI 49328 Hosts: Grand Valley Winnies

October TBD

November

Frankenmuth – Wagon masters Bolters and Hornsbys
Frankenmuth Jellystone Park 989-652-6668
1339 Weiss St.
Frankenmuth, MI 48734