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THE VILLAGES @ TURNING STONES

VERNON, NY

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An early spring campout! We were invited to join the Rambling Mohawks, Chapter 100, for their start up weekend. They had reserved 20 sites in the 500 loop which is for groups. The 500 loop is called Green Ash Village. It has 21 sites and it is designed on a cul-de-sac. In the middle of the cul-de-sac was a large fire ring for groups; so no one had to worry about sparks flying up on their awnings. Each site was paved, had cable, and trash cans on a pole. They provide internet but the signal was not strong enough to reach this area. Someone said, "we could hook up in a building/pavilion nearby."

Driving in to camp there was an abundance of daffodils, and a few tulips all around each camping area. The trees were just starting to bud out. The main entrance has a row of red budded trees, with flower gardens in the center. Camping was \$36.00 a night, off season. The Rindos arrived on Wednesday as they wanted to attend a fund raiser dinner for the Utica College Football team that evening. At check in, Milkman hauls out all his cards: Good Sam, AAA,

KOA, even his Dunkin Donuts card! The check in clerk said, "you wished!" Other campers checked in on Thursday and by Friday night all 20 sites were full. What a great attendance for Chapter 100 as there was only 4 units from Chapter 12.



On Thursday, we had breakfast and drove over to Sherrill to visit the Oneida Company Store. This is an outlet for Oneida products: silverware, pots and pans, china and some glassware. It has

changed since our last visit there. They are in the same building but they have switched ends. They no longer have all the discount items out except for on special weeks. We did purchase a few pickle forks and clam knives. The factory is empty or rented out as all manufacturing has been shipped overseas for several years now. After we drove to Wal-Mart for a couple of things that I forgot to pack. Soap for the bathroom you can't go without! Bob needed a TV hookup part; he couldn't get cable to work right and there was 72 channels ad-

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vertised. One has to get them all, ya know! When we returned to camp the Chapter 100 campers totaled 7. We had lunch and joined them for a visit. Later Maria & Craig Donnelly arrived with their big beautiful rig. Some of the Chapter 100 members were going to Vernon Downs casino for the dinner buffet. Some one mentioned that the machines pay better at the Vernon Downs in comparison to Turning Stone Casino. We made dinner on site and watched **a little of all 72 channels.** (Did you ever want to strangle someone?) We set the cell phone alarms so I could get up and watch the Royal Wedding. It was beautiful and had some cute highlights.



Mid-morning Friday we visited the Downs, which was about 7 miles away. It is in a one story building and it compares to the one in Batavia. They painted the ceilings black and moved in the machines. They did have a large bar area with many TV's to watch the races. It was non-smoking. The race track and a large hotel was nearby. We didn't see the dinning area so I can't comment on that feature.

Paul Roberts had passed out free ice cream cone coupons for a place nearby so on the return trip we had ice cream in lieu of lunch. We wanted the cones dipped in chocolate and that delicacy was not included. (59¢)

Returning to camp for cocktails, the Parkhill's and Sendker's had arrived. Joni was asking who wanted to go for the Friday Fish Fry; she ended up making reservations at Joel's Steak House for 30 campers. Having promised a ride there, Bob and I went up to our car to make room for people. As we were emptying it out, I noticed a screw in the back right tire. Would you believe it? While deciding what to do about it, Bob reached down and touched it and it fell out. We were lucky, it wasn't in deep enough to make the tire go flat. After dinner, we passed on the campfire as it was bitter cold out by then.

Saturday morning we enjoyed a big spread at the Continental breakfast down by the fire ring. It was cool but not miserable. Scott had a Counsel meeting planned for 10:00am to go over plans for the Region 1/NY St Rally. Jan & Paul Weitz (Chapter 1) had arrived (by car) to attend this meeting. Our day was spent back at Utica College with our grandson for the Moose A Polasa event. (carnival & football) I'm not sure what others did for the day, except for the pot luck dinner but we returned for campfire to visit for a couple hours.

Sunday morning we enjoyed another Continental breakfast before packing up to go home. Gee, the time went so quickly, even when you are out for four days. We may as well book longer stays with the price of gas & diesel. We topped the tank at one of the gas stations near the casino at \$4.25 per gal. for diesel. Why doesn't someone do something to lower the price? Unbelievable!

We had a great weekend and would like to do it again sometime! Thanks to Chapter 100 and all the hosts and hostess for their camping arrangements and itinerary plans.



Chapter 12 & Region 1 - 2011 Events

May 13, 14, 15th
Annual Apple Blossom Festival
Williamson, N.Y.
Call Joni if interested.

May 20, 21, 22
Beaver Meadows
Java Center, N. Y.
585-457-3101
Reservations should be called in no later than 4/1/2011

June 24, 25, 26
Woodstream Campground
Gainesville, N.Y.
877-CAMPNOW
www.woodstreamcampsite.com.

July 18-22-
International Rally
DuQuion, Ill.
Early parking begins 7/15

August 19, 20, 21
Hidden Valley CG
Jamestown, N.Y.
716-569-5433
www.heronnightlights.com
Please call in your reservation before July 4th. More details to follow on Night Lights at The Heron.

Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18
Region 1/N.Y. State Rally
Southwoods RV Park
Byron, N. Y.
585-548-9002

We are assigned to do Hospitality for the Region 1 Rally.
Hope to see you there!!

Oct. 7, 8, 9
Ives Run Campground on Hammond Lake
US Army Corp of Engineers Park
Tioga, Pa.
877-444-6777

Reservation must be called in 6 months in advance. (4/7/2011)
Ask for the Hawthorne Loop. This will be a joint campout with Chapter 1.

Hosts will be needed for all Chapter events.

Destination Vacation

November 6—11, 2011
Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground
Please call Joni Parkhill @ 716-692-8323 or e-mail @ momgum@aol.com.