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RED ROCK PONDS CAMPGROUND, HOLLY, NY June 25, 26, & 27th, 2010

Bonnie ended up having to work all day so we left home at 4:15. I had to hit the brakes a little hard as a car turned in front of me without much warning. A short time later we smelled hot brakes. I found a place to pull over and checked the wheels. No smoke, just a little smell. We had twenty miles to go so we proceeded, now the ABS warning light is on. The club was pulling out for dinner as we pulled in, we told them to go ahead and we would get set up and relax. I did not notice any strong brake smell so I am hoping all is good. Art was the first of the group to come back and he started the fire. It was not long before the rest returned and most gathered around the campfire. It was a beautiful evening, calm and clear. We actually saw the Space Station go over. We had lots of stories and other good conversation. Before I knew it, it was after 10:00 and folks were not long in saying goodnight and heading to their units. It was easy to see our way home with the full moon!

We are in the back part of the campground and have about ten units that pretty much fills the circle. It was a nice quiet night and cool enough for good sleeping. The highlight of the evening was seeing a pair of Orioles in the tree by the fire just before dark.

Lots of birds here so I was awake early as they were happily singing and greeting the new day. Bonnie woke up to some workers throwing rocks and setting concrete forms. I wandered out to the pavilion about 8:00 am.



As always John had the coffee pot ready and Scott was soon firing up the griddle for pancakes. The pancakes were great and complimented by orange juice, sausage, coffee cake and cantaloupe. We were entertained when the concrete truck showed up and 5 or 6 guys worked the concrete to form what is to become a basketball court. Bonnie went off with a group of shoppers around eleven. I choose to stay and read some magazines I am behind on. The weather man was wrong

again and the rain that was to stay north of the lake is here. The concrete guys have had to build a tent over the new pour.

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Guess I will get a snack for lunch. Looking forward to a turkey dinner tonight.

Bonnie and the shopping group returned with their treasures. She bought a few gifts for Christmas and some delicious cherries and strawberries. Then around 3:30 most wandered up to the pavilion for "Happy Hour", snacks and conversation. Judy tried in vain to convince the concrete workers that they should return the tables to the pavilion that they borrowed to tent their fresh concrete during the rain. The tables were all wet so we made do with what we had left. Dinner was at 5:30pm. Bonnie used the convection oven that is part of the microwave for the first time to make corn spoon bread. It was good and there were only a few crumbs left in the dish. The main course was turkey breast and gravy; squash, dressing, carrots, and sweet potatoes. To many desserts to remember. I had coconut cream pie, but a few of the other desserts were strawberry shortcake, peanut butter pie, pumpkin pie, carrot cake, and I'm sure I missed some. After dinner some went to the wine tasting at the campgrounds club house.

Folks were back from the wine tasting pretty quick and the guys got the fire burning pretty quickly. Again a



nice evening of talk and stories. Several campers bring their dogs and they are all well behaved and I believe everyone enjoys them. Campfire broke up a little after 10, it's cool so should be a good night to sleep.

Wow! The weekend passed quickly. We had a great continental breakfast and were able to all gather around one long table. I think about 19 in all. (Betz's, Bohnstadt's, Gaydica's, Hanson's, Jae's, Lemke's, Murray's, Parkhill's, and Chapter 1 - Dennis Shaver, and Dick & Ann Pfaff) After a quick clean up we all set about "breaking camp" and packing up. We were able to pull out shortly after 10. No problems with the brakes on the way home so I am hoping we are all set.

Just have to get someone to look at the ABS system and why the light is on. We stopped at Flying J to fill up and should be set to head to Vermont on Thursday. We were in the driveway and unloaded by 12:30pm. Good thing because it is a hot and sticky day out there. Now to catch up around here. It was great to see everyone and catch up on what happened over the winter.

Thanks for checking in and see you on down the road. Bob Jae HR116338

FOUR WINDS CAMPGROUND - PORTAGEVILLE, NY.

May 21, 22, 23, 2010



"Toby and Bill Murray"

We had 5 units enjoy the May campout at 4 Winds Campground. Parkhill's, Gaydica's, Sendker's and co-hosts Murray's and Smith's were in attendance. Bill and Judy had the newest member of their family in attendance. "Toby" Murray attended his very first Chapter 12 campout. He was a hit.

We had lovely sites in the "lower valley" that was right next to a bubbling brook. We did have some members that enjoyed fishing in that brook. (unfortunately, no fish were caught) It was a weekend where we really had to rough it...no television service at all! And we ate all our meals out in the fresh air - yes, that's right...NO RAIN!!!

Friday night we ventured out to the local bowling alley for our Friday fish fry adventure. We were able to witness some "Glo" bowling while we were there. The meal was delicious.

Saturday afternoon most of us ventured to Warsaw. We visited the Lantz's Bulk Foods store on Route 20A. This is a really cool place and that I highly recommend for anyone. There was a little bit of everything. I couldn't believe the array of sprinkles they had there. There is seating available to eat lunch there also. We did not, but I bet it's really good. I think everyone walked out with some sort of purchase. After that we drove into the town. Some of us hit a few garage sales. Arly received a great early Birthday present from Ron that he purchased at a sale. (It involved Nascar!!)

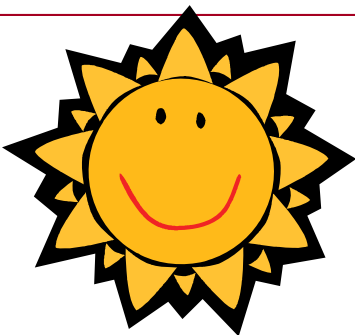
We had a GREAT dinner prepared by our hosts Saturday evening. A bonfire later that evening was enjoyed by all.

After our Sunday morning meal, we all departed for home. It was a wonderfully relaxing weekend. Joni Parkhill HR83021



John, Arly & Ron

SUNSHINE CLUB



We would like to extend "GET WELL WISHES" to Norman Lemke. He is recovering from triple aortic aneurysm surgery just three weeks ago.

If you would like to send a Get Well Card, here is the address:

Norman Lemke

1026 Center Road

W. Seneca, NY 14224

Chapter 12 & Region 1 - 2010 Events

July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 – International Rally
Perry, Georgia

**** July 30, 31, Aug. 1 – Hidden Valley CG**
Jamestown, N.Y.
716-569-5433

Host: Howard & Sandy Pitt (716) 664-1497
Dave & JoAnn Krehl

Must call in your reservation before July 4th.

"DESTINATION WEEK"
Aug. 13th - 21st

**** Aug. 13, 14, 15 – The Villages @ Turn-
ing Stone RV Park**
Verona, N.Y.
315-361-7275

Host: John & Deborah Matyas
(716) 775-3223

**Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18 : Strawberry Park RV
Resort**
www.strawberrypark.net
Preston, Connecticut
274 miles (approve. 4 1/2 hours)

**Mystic, Ct, Newport, RI, Providence, RI,
Groton, Ct., Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun**

**Aug. 18, 19, 20, 21: Newburgh/KOA RV
Resort**
www.newburghkoa.com
Plattekill, NY
153 Miles (approx. 3 hrs.)

**NYC bus trip, West Point, antiques in
New Platz, Orange County Choppers**

Aug. 21: Cheerful Valley Campground
Phelps, NY
264 Miles (approx. 4 1/2 hrs)

Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6: Region 1 Rally
Rideau Acres
Kingston, Ontario
613-546-2711

Registration Deadline: July 30, 2010
Write up in the Ramblings-pg 65

****Sept. 24, 25, 26: Branches of Niagara CG**
www.branchesofniagara.com
Grand Island, N.Y.
773-7600

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Oct TBA: Wine train adventure @ Spring Lake Winery

- Board train on Lockport @ 10 am
- 1 hr. train ride with breakfast
- 1 hr. tour of Medina Railroad Museum
- Spring Lake Winery – lunch with music
- Wine tastings available \$\$

Board train @ 3:30pm. Returns to Lockport @ 4pm.

Camping available nearby @ Daisy Barn Campground,
Wilson, NY if desired.

**LET JONI PARKHILL KNOW IF YOU ARE INTER-
ESTED IN DOING THIS (716) 692-8328**

Craig and Maria Donnelly are making arrangements to get a group together for a campout for those that are not attending the International Rally. It will be the weekend of July 16, 17, 18th. It will be at the Watkins's Glen Race track for the Finger Lakes wine festival. The cost is \$35.00 for 2 nights. It will be dry camping. Go to the following website for information and to make reservations. www.theglen.com. Look for tickets & events/ Finger Lakes Wine Festival/Camping.

They have made their reservation for sites in section

F. Use this link, <http://www.flwinefest.com/> and grab the map for Section F. We would be able to all park together. You may also call 1-866-461-7223. It looks like a great event.

Let me know if you are interested or have signed up. My # is (716) 692-8328 -Joni Parkhill

Chapter 12's Destination Vacation - 2010

August 13, 14, 15 - The Villages at Turning Stone RV Park
Verona, N.Y
1-315-361-7275

Sites have been reserved under the name of Parkhill. Just call Turning Stone and have a site put in your name.



August 15, 16, 17, 18 - Strawberry Park RV Resort
Preston, Connecticut
1-860-886-1944

www.strawberrypark.net

274 miles from Turning Stone. Close to Mystic Seaport, Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos, USS Nautilus Submarine Museum, Coast Guard Academy, Misquamicut, RI.

August 18, 19, 20, 21 - Newburgh/KOA RV Resort
Plattekill, N.Y.
1-800-562-7220

www.newburghkoa.com

153 miles from Strawberry RV park. NYC bus trips available from campground. Close to West Point, Orange County Choppers, antiques in New Paltz.



I will be making reservations for Strawberry Park and Newburgh KOA on Monday, July 12th. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me no later than July 12th. I can be reached @ 716-628-4633.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!!!

Scott & Joni Parkhill

ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

We are looking forward to the “Destination Week” trip. There are so many opportunities presented for us. It will be fun to have several units cruising down the road. Memories come back of traveling to the International Rallies and forming a “convoy”. Signs were made up for our windshields: 1 of 18, 2 of 18, 3 of 18, and so forth. At each red light, we announced our unit number as having cleared the intersection. As we were closer to our destination, we drove slower and I for one was hanging out the door with camera, waving to people on the sidewalk. They were all happy to see us arrive. (Why not, \$\$\$\$ coming into town) Years ago, we saw huge military convoys on the road. My brother, Bob, who was in the Army always told a story about deployment convoys. If a vehicle intruded into the convoy line, the unit in front of intruder would slow down. The unit in back of the intruder would speed up, thus providing a “pinch situation” and the intruder could not pull out to continue on his way.

We are busy using the internet to better prepare ourselves for the trip. Bob has info (in addition to all Joni presented) on the United States Coast Guard Academy and the Submarine Force Museum which is located around the Strawberry RV Park.

I want to visit West Point. There is a tour around the campus, and there is a museum. I want to search out information about my cousin, Michael Allen Casp who was a Cadet there. (I have good intentions of making a Military Scrapbook for our family.) Michael aka “Sluggo” was the Captain of the Army football team in 1962. Sluggo was selected to toss the coin to start the one and only game that President Kennedy attended at West Point. Sluggo was a casualty of the Vietnam War and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



Orange County Choppers should be interesting. I don't care too much for “Senior”, the way the writers portray him but I'd like to be able to say that I had met “Rick” who works in the background there.

So guys gas up the engines and gals make plans to buy some cupcakes at the famous Cake Boss Bakery in New York City and join us! Practice defensive driving to avoid problems, **AS THE OTHER GUY IS NOT LOOKING OUT FOR US!** At the beginning of Bob Jae's story, he mentions having to hit the brakes hard due to a driver which turned fast in front of him. We hear more and more of that! Bob Rindo was returning from errands downtown when he came upon an intersection in which a Mother with twins in a stroller was trying to avoid a huge mud puddle. Bob slowed way down to give her time to get back up on sidewalk. The driver behind him laid on his horn! Bob would have liked to go back to the driver to ask ; “What's your problem?” However, in this day and age, he may have been shot!