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RED ROCK PONDS RESORT

HOLLY, NY, JULY 17, - 19. 2009

This campout was an invitation from Chapter 1; at a campground that opened last fall in Holly, NY. At one time, the grounds were mined for red rocks; leaving several quarries which are now fishing ponds. Members attending from Chapter 1 were: Maria & Craig Donnelly, Paul & Jan Weitz, Dave & Pat Van Umersom. Guest were Karl & Robin Laesser, Allen & Tammy Gielow, Ellen Donnelly and Bob Miller. Members from Chapter 12 were: John & Wendy Gaydica, Scott & Joni Parkhill and Bob & Caroline Rindo. Four Ramblers added Thursday night to their outing.

Friday's fish fry was held at Tillman's Historic Village Inn, which is located on the corner of route 98 & 104. Rindo's returned to Batavia to celebrate O-AT-KA's 50th anniversary at the Muckdogs baseball game which was **rained out** in the second inning. Cotton Candy was purchased with our Muckbucks for all to enjoy at the fire.

Our campfire was provided by John Gaydica with his propane fireplace under the pavilion **due to rain!!!!** Chef Craig served blueberry pancakes on Saturday morning; having a prior Harley road trip to the fruit and veggie markets (Watts Farm & Country Markets, and Brown's Berry Patch) in the area.



Craig & Maria Donnelly

On Saturday, we all enjoyed a trip to the Ridge Road Station.

The 30,000 square foot store has something for everyone. All sizes of trains from G scale to Z, Model airplanes and cars, telescopes, compasses, brainteasers, bears, Yankee Candles and etc. The Christmas trees, statues, and ornaments are abundant. For the children there are collectables, dolls and building toys. They say "the coffee's on, the trains are rolling thru the huge display, so come on by." Then after dinner we all enjoyed an 18" campfire. (campground rules) We all had such a good time, the weekend went by too fast for us. If I had more page left, I'd tell the story about who ran over the Witch but that will have to keep until the next campfire! Keep em roaring!



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SPRAGUE BROOK PARK JULY 10, 11, & 12:



This was one of our best attended campouts. Seems a few had different routes to find it! Members who attended were; Dick & Marge Betz, Bob & Carole Bohnstadt, John & Wendy Gaydica, David & Jo Ann Krehl, Bill & Judy Murray, Scott & Joni Parkhill, Charles & Ida Pause, Howard & Sandy Pitt, Ron & Arly Sendker and Ron & Dianne Smith. Visiting the campout were Bob & Caroline Rindo (thanks for the delicious meal everyone) and Allen & Joan Hauth. Due to predicted storms on Saturday, the evening meal out was switched from Friday to Saturday. Several reported that it rained and rained on Saturday and without a building; motorhomes came to a dry rescue for games or visiting. Smith's and Murray's were chairpersons for the event and they had several **20 amp** problems but they persevered!

Norcold Voluntarily Further Extends Refrigerator Recall

Norcold has voluntarily extended a prior recall to include refrigerator models 1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002. Each cooling unit under the extension has a serial number between 1273701 and 1536607.

Norcold has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Transportation Canada of the extension upon becoming aware that the recall could involve additional refrigerators, which may under certain conditions, result in high temperatures and possibly a fire.

In addition to the recall above, Norcold has determined that it is necessary to modify the remedy associated with a previous recall to models 1200LR and 1200LRIM with cooling unit serial numbers 700000 and 1008700, manufactured between December 1996 and February 1999. Owners who responded to this previous recall will be contacted instructing them to bring their recreational vehicle into a service center so that a safety thermal switch kit can be installed on the replaced cooling unit.

Vehicle owners with these newly recalled models or those who obtained a remedy to models 1200LR, 1201LRM and 1200LRIM must stop operating their refrigerator until it has been inspected and repaired. Persons owning an affected refrigerator can call Norcold at 1-800-767-9101 for additional important information and to obtain the location of the nearest Norcold Service Center. Information is also available at www.norcold.com (Select Customer Support, then Recall Info).

"The first priority of Norcold is the safety of our customers," said Kevin Phillips, VP of Sales and Marketing for Thetford. "We continue to improve upon our products and these recalls are a result of that continuous improvement process."

"There will be no charge for the parts and labor to repair the defect," Phillips noted. "We encourage customers to bring their unit to a Norcold Service Center as soon as possible to ensure their continued safety."

Letters detailing the recall extension will be sent to all Manufacturers, Distributors, Dealers and Service Centers. Owners of the previous recall remedy will be contacted as soon as possible.

1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM Series Models

Norcold has voluntarily recalled 1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM model gas/electric refrigerators built from 1996 through February of 2001. Affected models have a cooling unit serial number (found on the solution chamber and viewed through the refrigerator vent door outside the RV) from 700000-1273700.

The defect is a potential cooling unit leak caused during AC electric mode operation. If a leak occurs, the refrigerator's cooling performance will deteriorate and a yellow powder residue will be evident at the cooling unit's heating element. Because extended operation of a leaking cooling unit in the AC electric mode may result in a fire, immediate repair.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, and want to assure that your refrigerator provides you years of safe, reliable and dependable service.

An affected refrigerator without a leak must still be serviced to have its cooling unit repaired to prevent any potential future problem.

Persons owning one of the affected models should:

Turn Off the refrigerator. Do not use it until it has been repaired. Contact a Dealer/Service Center to arrange a service date as soon as possible. The cooling unit will be repaired at no charge for parts and labor. **(We received a letter telling us to send in the invoice and we would receive a \$50.00 gas card from them)**

HRRVC NEW WEBSITE

It's up and working! Maria reported that about 600 members have registered. This new site will have so many advantages, it's loaded!

Have you signed on yet?

www.hrrvc.org. Type in your International number and a password.

Register with your name, address, phone numbers, chapter name and number. We have only tried a few searches so far. We used the persons name to look up the person who wrote the Ramblings article with the humorous story and the round photos which enhanced the article. (page 48) I sent him an e-mail to say "great job!" He responded from Fl. Maria showed us a short cut! At the bottom of each article in the Ramblings she has programmed a contact area, the email is all set up there. There are many ways to search, try this search-"coconut roll". See what comes up.



The National Officers are listed separately. You can reach them now with a click of the keys. Think how quickly we can contact them now with ideas, suggestions, constructive criticisms, appraisal etc.

We hadn't taken the time to set up the "FRIENDS' section yet so during the campout at Holly, Maria showed us very quickly. You can add members to this section so you do not have to look up their e-mail each time. The friend you list will be contacted for acceptance. You can select one or a number of friends when you want to do an e-mail to them.

Maria has added the International Rally daily Newspaper to the web site. This can be found under Events-click International Rally and it's in the middle of page.

Now readers, we challenge you to search for the photo of "Gracie" who came camping with our chapter.

NAVISTAR

Everyone is talking about Navistar. Who are they? They have purchased the Monaco and Holiday Rambler lines.

Our curiosity getting the better of us, we went to Google (internet) them.

Located in Warrenville, Il, Navistar International Corp. is a holding company whose subsidiaries and affiliates produce International brand commercial and military trucks, MaxxForce brand diesel engines, IC brand school and commercial buses, the Monaco, Holiday Rambler, Safari, Beaver, McKenzie and R-Vision brand RVs and Workhorse chassis for motor homes and step vans. The company also provides truck and diesel engine and service parts. Another affiliate offers financing services.

If I understand this correctly, the MaxxForce 2010 advanced EGR Engine is new with **GREEN diesel technology**-or an electric motor. There are 6 school buses on the road already in California. All states need help to clean up the environment.

Many Monaco employees have been hired by Navistar to get the start up going.

We'll be waiting to hear more good news.

Chapter 12 & Region 1 - 2009 Events

August 14, 15, 16

***Fireman's Field East Aurora**

East Aurora, NY

Grandchild Weekend III

Notice: This has been changed to a regular campout.

So far no hosts; meals will be figured out with all "attendees." Let Joni know if you are attending.

September 11, 12, 13

Maine State Rally "^^"

Shore Hills Camp

Boothbay, ME **Region One Rally will be included at this event .**

September 18, 19, 20

***Pope Haven Campground**

Randolph, NY

716 -358-4900

**Hosts: Ron & Arly Sendker
(716) 634-9827**

Pope Haven continued: Pope Haven Campground, the site of our Sept. camp out is looking for reservations to be made. 3 of the sites reserved are full hook-ups and they would like to see these reserved ASAP. This is a popular weekend for them and they don't want to hold sites too long. If you do call, please let Joni know. *Thanks!*

October 1, 2, 3, 4

Region One Rally "^^"

Vermont/ **Location change: to be included @ Maine.**

October 2, 3, 4

***Fireman's Field**

City of Tonawanda

Two Mile Creek Road

Tonawanda, NY

Hosts: Joni & Scott Parkhill

(716)692-8328

Wendy & John Gaydica

(716)759-0640

***Chapter 12 official campouts.** Chairmen will be needed. SOB's welcome!

- 10 sites reserved @ Pope Haven.
- "^^" - Reservation forms available in the *Ramblings*



Karl and Robin Laesser have a Presidential unit. Karl is a Holiday Rambler from childhood. He swapped stories with Joni.

