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## HIDDEN VALLEY CAMPGROUND

Jamestown, NY

August 19, 20 & 21, 2011

We took a lovely ride down thru the country to Hidden Valley. We criss crossed back roads and it was very scenic. There was one area where the road was washed out on a high hill; a traffic light had been erected to guide us thru the one lane. Other than that, Route 86 (East of Jamestown) was being re-paved and it was one lane, rough, skinny, and threacherous. We arrived about 1:30 on Thursday. After check in, it was pick your own site but not the ones by our favorite shade tree, as the new owners wanted them saved for late-overnighters.

Bob walked around and ended up talking to a couple (Phil & Laura Betza) from NJ who we had meet at Turning Stones in April. Small World! It turns out they were joining our campout as guests of the Donnelly's.



As Bob blabs on and I grow impatient waiting, 2 more long coaches pull in behind us. The coaches look alike. Their Twins! I realized it must be the Pitt's so I hopped out to wave to them. Sure enough, and the second coach was their friends, Bob & Donna Taylor of Rochester. We all parked near the creek side.

Once set up was done, we had a tour of the new beautiful coach. Pitt's and Taylor's invited us to go to the casino for lunch but we had lunch on the way so we declined. We started a fire and Phil & Laura joined us. It sprinkled! It rained, so we retreated to their awning. It wasn't to long and it looked clear so we went back to the fire and visited until 11:30pm.

On Friday, the following members arrived: Craig, Maria & Ellie Donnelly, John & Wendy Gaydica, Norm & Pat Lemke, Bob & Carole Bohnstadt, Charlie & Ida Pause, Scott & Joni Parkhill, and Bob & Bonnie Jae.

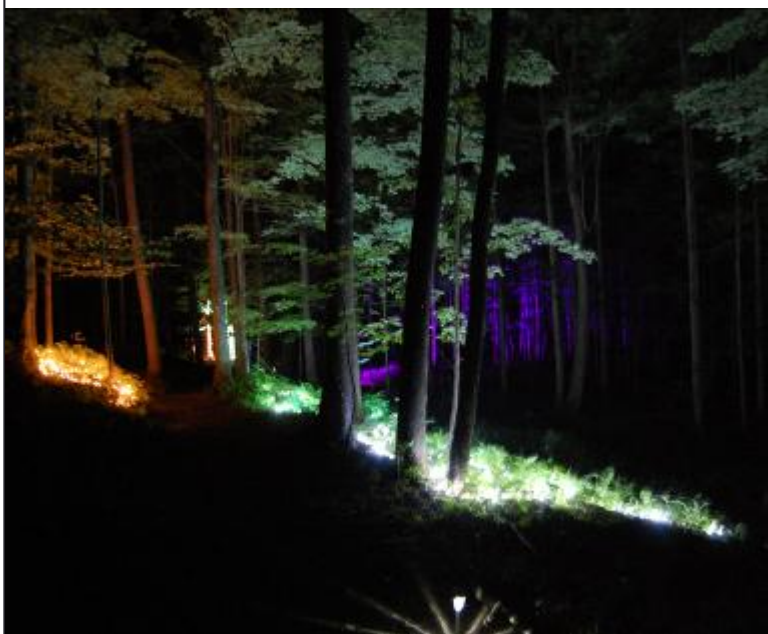
## Hidden Valley Continued



We had cocktails around the campers. It was a great time visiting and catching up on all the summer news. Sandy Pitt had made reservations for Fish Fry at the Nic-L-Inn so we all departed for there. There was a big cloud burst! It rained so hard as we were arriving. Never the less, the restaurant was packed with customers in 2 dining rooms and one outdoor seating area. Would you believe this, the waitress told us that they put scrap food out along the forest edge each night to keep the bears out of their garbage cans. It would seem that would attract them for further pilfering. Returning to camp we spotted 3 deer but no bears! We had a big campfire, thanks to Norm, the wood bearer. It rained hard during the night, so they tell me.



Saturday morning we had a hot breakfast with eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and lots of trimmings. This was followed by a Business Meeting. Along with other announcements, President Joni reminded everyone that dinner would be at 5:00pm because the hall was needed by another group. She also reminded members to bring flashlights for the 1 mile evening walk thru the illuminated forest called Heron's. Campers had the late morning and afternoon to go scouting. Some went for groceries, some went car shopping, some played card games, while some played in the creek.



Since no over-nighters had pulled in by our favorite shade tree we had cocktails there as it was hot and muggy. After a delicious turkey & gravy dinner; everyone's thoughts turned to getting ready for the Heron's adventure. Joni went to each camper checking on who was going and who needed a ride. Very thoughtful of you Joni! You're the best organizer! Kudos!

Campfire was skipped as the illuminated walking tour & bingo completed the evening. Sunday morning there was a Continental breakfast, plus Craig's version of Blueberry pancakes which were delicious before heading home.

## THE REST OF THE STORY!



ON THE MARQUEE-HO



OUR HRRVC



THE PITT'S AND TAYLOR'S



SISTER'S—CAROL & BONNIE



PITT'S ARE FULL TIMER'S NOW!



HONEY DIPPER

## KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP BASKET



Kansas State Flower

Imagine my surprise when I was told that I was the lucky winner of the Kansas State Scholarship basket. Maria Donnelly wrote an e-mail telling me that I had won and she was bringing the basket home for me. It was a beautiful woven cane basket with several colors. It was all wrapped in yellow cello paper and bow. It included a Sunflower letter opener and a Sunflower book mark. There was 2 bottles of red wine, a bag of pancake mix, Pineapple Jalapeno Jelly, Salsa, Bar-B-Que sauce, Lavender soap and Lavender hand & body lotion, all made in Kansas. There was a printed form attached with the donor's name and address which I used to write a thank you note. I'll bring some of the salsa and dip to the next campout to share with all of you!

## Chapter 12 & Region 1 - 2011 Events

Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18

**Region 1/N.Y. State Rally**

**HARVEST TIME IN  
WESTERN NEW  
YORK**

**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!!*

*Remember  
your 12 Cup-  
cakes!*



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.*

## 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.*

### NEW PHOTOS ON WEB SITE

The photos on our web site were from very old events. During the winter, Bob Rindo worked on the photos from last year's camping events; putting them in order per campout. Bob Jae sent his to us and he assisted with some storage problems. Then the photos were sent to Maria Donnelly. Maria worked up a new venue (individual albums per campout) and posted them on the HRRVC WEB, Chapter 12 page. They are available on the HRRVC web site. Check it out @ HRRVC.ORG. Great job Bob, Bob and Maria!