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POPE HAVEN CAMPGROUND

Sept. 18, 19 & 20th, 2009



Summer may be over (what summer?) but there is still plenty of fun to be had! Fall is upon us, and the changing scenery is beautiful...also looks cool! There were 8 members who made it to the campout: Dick & Marge Betz, John & Wendy Gaydica, Art & Donna Hanson, Bob & Bonnie Jae, Norm & Pat Lemke, Bill & Judy Murray, Scott & Joni Parkhill, and our hosts-Ron & Arly Sendker.

The following is an excerpt from Bob Jae's trip journal as the Rindo's couldn't make this campout!

Hope to be in camp by 3:00PM. Plan is to get a fish fry tonight and then visit the Amish shops that surround the area tomorrow. There are new people for us to meet. We start with appetizers around 3pm and then off to town for a fish fry. We rode with a couple and missed a turn on the way back. So I used google maps on my blackberry to get back to the campground, sure gets dark early now days. The campfire was going and I enjoyed that until about 11 then a good night sleep. Nice quiet campground.

When we sat down at the fire Friday night Ron said he was losing power in the coach and that it would eventually come back on. They turned on some lights that we could see from the fire and sure enough they would go out. Several other checked their coaches and the microwave clock blinking was a clue that they had lost power also. Ron mentioned that he had a Progressive EMS and surge protection system and he believed that was causing the power loss. So he watch his meter and it was dropping down to below 105 volts which is where the EMS disconnects power. I also have a Progressive EMS system and mine is newer and retains the code for why the power was disconnected. I looked at mine and I had a PE3 code which is high voltage. So a little research on the internet showed that probably what was happening was one leg was going low and one high. Ron and I must have been on opposite legs. The research showed that this was called a floating ground and is often caused by a loose connection on the big transformer on the pole. One of the seasonal campers came by and asked if we were having problems and said that he could see a glow on top of the transformer.

Cooking breakfast was interesting according to Ron as the power continued to come and go. When the office opened we reported all the details to them and they made a call to the Electric Company. Later three trucks showed up and they ended up tightening the connection on the transformer for the neutral wire. After that we had no more problems. (Continued on page 3)



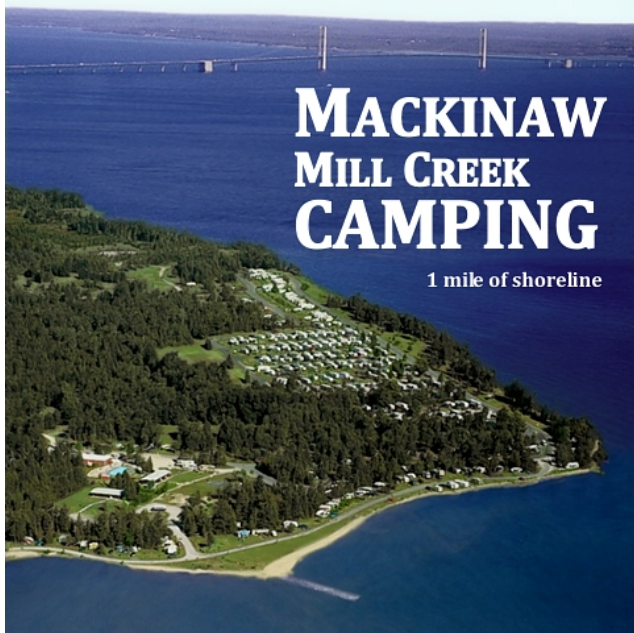
Wendy with her mittens!



2009 Michigan State Rally - Wished You Were Here!

September 17—20, 2009

VIEWS MACKINAC BRIDGE AND MACKINAC ISLAND



If you missed this rally, you missed a great one. The rally was held in Mackinaw City and we stayed at the Mill Creek Campground (right on Lake Huron). From our campsite we walked about 100 ft. to the shore and could see Mackinac Island and the Mackinac Bridge - doesn't get any better than that. The Mackinac Bridge is the dividing line with Lake Michigan on one side and Lake Huron on the other.

There were 125 units at the rally. There were several optional tours including light houses etc. On Sat. night we had a dinner mystery show and were served a pasty. They are a tradition in this area and were used to feed workers a hot meal that could be delivered to them. They are similar to a pot pie you can hold in your hand if you wish. Legend says they were put in the arm-pit to keep them warm - ugh - glad it's only a leg-end! The inside is beef or chicken with veggies and potatoes. They can be served with gravy on top which is what we had. They are pronounced with a short vowel sound or...could be confused with pasties which you defi-

nately do NOT eat! The first time we saw a sign for them downtown - we thought it was a typo and was pasta - boy were we wrong!

On Friday a bus picked us up to head for Mackinac Island by boat. Our price of \$47 each included the boat ride (18 minutes), horse drawn wagon tour, and the fort on the island. There are no motorized vehicles on the island (including golf carts). Everything is delivered by horse drawn carriage or wagon. The island homes are pretty much Victorian and very obvious most of the owners are wealthy. There is a very small grocery store on the island which stays open year around. No supermarkets! Approximately 300 people are on the island year around. They travel by snowmobile or walk on the ice to get to the mainland in the winter. Oh my - could we survive without our wheels? People become very disoriented from whiteouts on the lakes in the winter, so pine trees are stuck in holes in the ice to act as a guide to the mainland. Even with those measures, someone becomes lost every couple of years.

Friday night was an optional night at a casino in St. Ignace on the other side of the bridge. Again we were picked up by bus, given a couple of rolls of tokens, and the buffet was \$12.50 each which was very tasty. The rally ended on Sat. Yesterday we took a trip about 70 miles to Sault Ste. Marie to see the locks. It was so interesting and a beautiful day for the trip. We had a great time at the rally and everyone made us feel so welcome.



Attended by: Howie & Sandy Pitt HR 101578 Article by: Sandy Pitt



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We awoke to a nice cool camper at 47°; I had left some windows open by mistake. It was much warmer in the bedroom with the doors closed. I got up and started the furnace and made some hot chocolate.

We ate breakfast all together. The Sendker's, our host couple made eggs, biscuits and gravy and then the Amish man came and we all got pies, pastries and donuts so our bellies were full. Bonnie went to garage sales with a couple and then when she got back we went to visit a few Amish shops and also a friend that used to live in Java. We



talked to him while they dug potatoes. Bonnie found a quilt she admired.



Then we returned to camp for appetizers and conversation. Dinner was sloppy joes and everyone brought a dish to pass. Then ice cream sundaes, another nice campfire and conversation. The weekend is going way to fast. Frost warning out for this area for tonight. Will need to snuggle tonight.

Sunday, we woke up to a nice clear crisp morning. It was about 40° when we got up but the sun made it feel much warmer. Had a nice pancake and sausage breakfast with coffee and juice. Then some visit-

ing and we slowly started to pack up and leave.

Bonnie had a meeting at the Chapel in Getzville so she left before me. When I looked over the MH to put the slides in I noticed that the awning had lost all its tension. Looks like the spring broke so I have a project to get done before the next trip. I think it will be an easy fix once I get the part. Then once I got on the highway one of the basement storage doors popped open. First time for that so I will check them better from now on.

The leaves are starting to change and the sun was out bright so it was an pretty drive home. Had to detour in Ellicottville as there was a festival on Main Street. Other wise it was a great weekend and nice weather we met more new people from the club and heard lots of good stories. The visits with the Amish were fun and we came home with a new game to play.

Thanks for checking in.

Bob Jae HR 116338

Bob says that the trip journal is free to use. <http://www.mytripjournal.com>



GRAND CHAMPIONS!

On 9/26/09, we received an envelop in the mail announcing that we had won 1st place , (Grand Champion) in the Professional status of the HRRVC Newsletter contest! Yeah! (This completes our eligibility to compete any-



more) Thanks to Maria Donnelly, all the roving reporters, the camera men, committees, officers and members!

Congratulations to all!



Chapter 12 & Region 1 - 2009 Events

THE LAST MONTH– GET OUT CAMPING NOW! Move that camper!



October 1, 2, 3, 4

“^” **Region One Rally**

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

October 9, 10 & 11 (date change-10/2,3/ &4 was cancelled)

***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!

HRRVC CHAPTER 12

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2009

LOCATION: Colton RV Center

3176 Niagara Falls Blvd.

N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

Cocktails: TBA

Chairmen: Bob & Caroline Rindo

(585) 409-0026

Elections of Officers will be held at the Christmas party. Please get your nominations for officers to the nominating committee ASAP

Scott Parkhill, (716) 692-8328, Dianne Smith, (716) 695-2169, or Bill Murray (716) 693-0501

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, 'Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?'

'The Lone Ranger replies, 'I see millions of stars.'

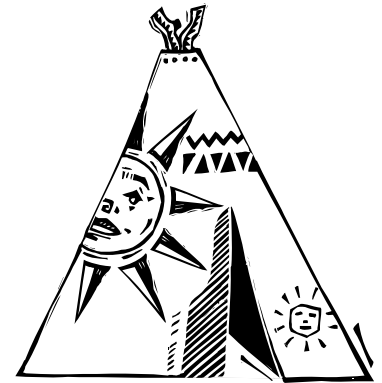
'What that tell you?' asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says,

'Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What's it tell you, Tonto?'

'You dumber than a buffalo. It mean someone stole the tent..'



STAY HEALTHY!

- Have you noticed the handi wipes at your local grocery store, or BJ's?
- Have you heard that many universities are going paper less, all homework to be handed in on computer? The profs do not want to touch the students paper-work.
- The State has mandated all health providers to receive the H1N1 vaccine. They would be fired if they didn't get the vaccine.
- Even ministers of churches are saying stay home if you are ill, don't spread the flu! Never thought we'd hear that!