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HARVEST TIME IN WESTERN NEW YORK REGION 1/ NEW YORK STATE RALLY SEPTEMBER 15th-18th, 2011 SOUTHWOODS RV RESORT, INC. BYRON, NY

Excited and with great anticipation; we decided to add a night on to camping , so we went out to Southwoods RV Resort on Tuesday. Our dog, Cinderella always wants to go and she sits in the driver's seat until take off to see if she will be included. So we brought her for one night. It was a 10 mile drive, we enjoyed the scenery as we passed the farms with standing corn and golden buckwheat. When we arrived Judy & Gary LaGasse were already on a site with a recently purchased new diesel coach. They were awaiting a call as they were under contract with Caledonia RV for a tow brake system, something called Air Force One! A high flutening new system which eliminates the Brake Buddy; that would be a relief! Bob viewed the arrangement of one on display when we went to Camping World for the donations. Air Force One uses a small amount of air from the coaches air brake system to create a vacuum to activate the power brakes of the towed. Once installed the entire system is invisible and always ready for towing with **no set up or take down**. Sounds good to me! The next day we returned home to pick up the donations from Genesee County donors and to return the dog to our daughter's watch. Loaded to the hilt, we returned to camp and several more campers were there.



Our circle of friendship was starting to fill up. Our rally parking was planned around the pavilion which was at our disposal for the weekend. A campfire pit was conveniently located just off the porch of the pavilion. Sue & Mike Curran, campground owners, were very attentive to our needs and bless their hearts as they supplied wood for our campfire. That evening we all worked to fill the Goodie Bags and decided what items would be best in the Brown Bag Auction, the Silent Auction or as Door Prizes. Items were moved back and forth until a final decision was made. With all the helpers, we were done in no time. We cleaned up the trash that we made and everybody went their way or returned to their campers.

More campers were arriving on Thursday, the first official “early parking” day. What a site to see, three and four in a line checking in. Registration started and Goodie Bags were presented. We had 45 units attend and of which five couples were “First Timers” and they wore the printed ribbons proudly.



We had leisure time until 6:30pm, so members went to Camping World, Batavia Downs Casino, garage sales, hardware stores, Greg'reys Bakery, shopping and lunch in Batavia. Chapter 12 with the help of Chapter 1 provided our Thursday dinner meal of a hot dog roast with beans, chips, pickles and cupcakes served from a pretty tiered stand. The opening ceremonies and flag presentation was offered. The evening commenced with cards and table games.

Friday, the first official day of the Rally, we all enjoyed hospitality at the pavilion. We were free to visit & wander until Social hour; where plans for Fish Fry dinner at various local eateries was discussed. Everyone returned by 7:00pm for the Brown Bag Auction. All auction items were concealed in brown bags; you had no idea what you were bidding on. Craig Donnelly, NY St. Asst. Mgr., was our auctioneer and he is quite the performer. He always had several bidders per bag and sometimes he had members raise their own bid. It was a fun time! Lots of laughs! That event raised \$360.00 dollars for the HRRVC Scholarship Fund. Great job Craig! An ice cream social with a special 50th Anniversary cake for Paul & Janet Weitz, of Chapter 1, followed. Congratulations to the happy couple.





Saturday was a full schedule. Starting with a delicious hot breakfast served by the officers of Region 1. In the afternoon there was Bean Bag Baseball. Four teams performed to the best of their ability; many antics were enjoyed by the sideline spectators. A building project to replace the flag holder entertained the guys during the afternoon. The campground sponsored a Wine Tasting Party and later the owner came by with a hay wagon and many members jumped on for the ride. Our social hour was followed by a catered dinner from Clor's of Batavia, which was served by Chapter 100. We had 3 entrees to choose from and several side dishes. At 7:00pm, we all gathered in the pavilion for entertainment. Our newly elected Region 1 Director, Scott Parkhill introduced several officers. He then presented Past Director, Paul Brand, with a thank you gift from the Region 1. Our entertainment was the magician, Bill Gormont, who wowed us with his mind games, audience participation, stories of camping and magic. Closing ceremonies, Retirement of flags, the raffle and door prizes were next. During hospitality Sunday morning a bulletin board displayed the grand total of \$868.00 raised from all activities to be donated to the HRRVC Scholarship Fund. In these hard economic times, we can be thankful for the organizers, workers and attendees who provided such a wonderful, lighted hearted, good time. We have so many good photos that I can't wait till they are posted on the web site for all to see the rest of



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Chapter 12 & Region 1 - 2011 Events

Oct. 7, 8, 9

Ives Run Campground on Hammond Lake

US Army Corp of Engineers Park
Tioga, Pa.

877-444-6777

Ask for the Hawthorne Loop. This will be a joint campout with Chapter 1.

**Please call Joni
@ (716)692-
8323 if you plan
on going to this
campout!**

Hello all!

Gayle has done some research. There will be a play in Wellsboro over the weekend while we are in the area. The web site for the theater is hamiltongibson.org. The name of the play is 'The Gentlemen of Verona'. You can go to the site and read the description. Should we be fortunate to be heading to Ives Run it looks to me to be a great evening of entertainment! This would happen on Sat. providing that we can get tickets. Plans also are to go the same restaurant, Lake view Lodge for Fri. evening dinner. Sunday mid afternoon plan on a Pot luck meal. Any other suggestions for activities would be welcome. We will be in touch as soon as we find out if the area is going to be open.

Paul & Jan Weitz Chapter 1

This campground has been flooded and some areas were closed until 9/30/2011. (per the rangers) Until Joni is notified of a continued closing; let's plan on going. Last check by Bob Jae; the water was going down rapidly. In the meantime; perhaps you would like to check out the Elk. A work camper does a Blog that we follow and she suggest the web site-"Elk of Benezette." It looks like a 2.5 hour ride, west of Ives Run. The folks from Chapter 1 may know of a closer viewing area.

Destination Vacation

November 6—11, 2011

Disney's Fort Wilderness Re-
sort & Campground

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This is one good deal! Joni has secured a great package for \$61.00 a night. When we checked in January to camp there for the Leukemia Race that are children were in, the sites were \$100.00 night-nothing extra!



WINE TASTING PARTY