

WNY Sam's Campout

August 13-16, 2015

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Our campout to Lake Bluff began on, August 13 with Thursday arrivals to included Rich and Carol Ward, Dick & Judy Cox, Carol & Butch Ellis and Bill and Ann Marino & their daughter Melissa. They enjoyed a card game of Hand and Foot and an evening campfire.

Everyone else arrived on Friday and many of our members headed to Conley's for dinner and enjoyed a relaxing dinner lake side. Mike and I did not attend, but heard the stories of paper



airplane fights, with our group once again misbehaving and worries of being kicked out of the restaurant!!





The rain did not deter our Friday night activities, and Chuck got a nice fire going as one by one we gathered around for conversation, laughs and fellowship!! Tabitha, Ron - Camping World Ambassadors and their friend Jane also joined our Friday fire as special guests to the group. Mark and Liz also brought friends of theirs, (Audrey Tom) who stayed at one of the campground cabins and joined our group for the week end.



Saturday Morning Breakfast was donuts, bagels with butter, cream cheese and yummy homemade jams, compliments of, Pam and Chuck. Rounding out the morning meal were juice, coffee and tea, fresh fruit and yogurt with granola and cereal to provide the sweet crunch we were craving!



As we gathered around the easy ups, the rain held off for the shortest meeting on record!!



Meeting adjourned, many campers headed out to enjoy the area attractions. It was noted that almost everyone headed out for some activity or another, which included the old and new lighthouses on Sodus Bay, Chimney Bluff Park, with many campers climbing to the top for a



brehtaking view, wineries, the Renaissance Faire in Sterling NY, a radio museum and the Rail Road museum, whose location still remains a mystery. It was a very hot Saturday, and our hikers couldn't get enough cold water. Linda gave Jack an ice cold bottle, thinking that it would melt and be refreshing once it hit the hot air. Sorry Jack!! He didn't get much of a drink, but I guess it provided a cooling ice pack and there was still ice in the bottle at 7 pm Saturday night. Chuck and Pam headed to the campground pool where they enjoyed a refreshing dip when they returned to camp after the day's exploration. The Wards never did find the bear at the top of the Bluff, even though they insisted there were wild animals up there and tried to scare me down.



At six o'clock, we gathered once again at Chuck and Pam's, our hosts for the weekend, where Chuck made a charcoal fire and put a grill over the fire pit to cook upon. Everyone cooked their own burgers and dogs, (not Ralphy or his friends, happily he was safely back at his rig), supplemented with our traditional pot luck goodies. We enjoyed cold macaroni salads, mac and cheese, cole slaws, bean salads, fresh corn and a lettuce less fresh salad with everything else included. For dessert, there was a delicious display of cookies, cakes, and fresh fruit desserts. WNY Sam's is never lacking for good food, drink and friendships!!



We enjoyed another fine fire and the starry night ended happily as everyone returned to their rigs after a long fulfilled day.



Sunday morning found the campers wide awake and silly after a good night sleep. We enjoyed a continental breakfast and some of us showed our bites and rashes from the previous day's hikes. Carol and Rich Ward brought out a miracle cream they got in Florida. Rich said "this stuff works really good—just don't read what's in it". His topical anesthetic promised to cure almost everything from bites, stings, rashes,

arthritis, cramps, dementia, baldness, itching, weight gain, growing old, diarrhea, memory loss, money problem, dry lips, and a slew of other ailments, if it didn't KILL YOU FIRST!! Our real time demonstration for those of us who were daring and desperate enough to try it, proved that it really did work. Rashes and bites appeared less red and swollen, although that might be one of the side effects, delusion and poor eye sight. Other side effects included hairy 7tongue, money problems, vanishing, hot flashes, pain, tooth loss, hearing loss, diarrhea, loss of ability to make good decisions and DEATH!! Perhaps Carol and Rich can get us a truckload next time they're in Florida!! It's really awesome stuff!!! And it REALLY WORKS!!!

As it does every month, sadly, the week end came to a close way too quickly. Everyone said their goodbyes, packed up their camp and left, anticipating our next outing at South Woods, with our hosts, Nancy and Keith.

WNY Sam's August Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chuck at 10:01 am

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Pray w/Chaplain Carol Ellis

The Samboree in July was a great success. Everyone had a good time. The group made \$150 for a charity TBA. Although our chapter did not win Best Booth, much thought, work and inspiration was made to this year's booths for all chapters.

The Fall Fest will be held at Herkimer Fairgrounds September 25-27. Carol Ellis has registrations forms. Forms are also available on our web site.

Chuck told of area attractions: Sodus Bay, Chimney Bluff, wineries Renaissance Faire, hiking. That being said, Chuck told the group he had nothing else to add.

Dinner tonight will be at Bradford's Rig: 6 PM and he will build a charcoal fire and grill to cook on. Question on if we needed rolls, many offered to share what they brought and we did not need extra.

NEW BUSINESS: Roster sheet to show who attends each camp month. This would help the Wagon Master Committee with projections on which months were most and least attended and possibly help with securing future campground and site needs. Linda offered to make a spread sheet and will put this together for September outing,

Many said they would enjoy a cup of coffee with dinner and it was decided that we will make a half a pot or so for the group to enjoy.

Next campout is at South Woods. Nancy and Keith will host.

Still need a host for October. No one volunteered at the meeting but by the end of the week end, Wards and Coxes will co-host the final campout of the season.

Thank you to everyone who hosted one of our campouts this season!!

With nothing else to be said, a motion to adjourn was made by Terri and Seconded by Don. All in favor and carried. Happily, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda DeRose

Good Sam's standby Secretary

Hurry Back Diana....We missed you!!

