



LAKE JAYCO JYPSIES



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Off To The Races, Jungle Style !!



The 2014 Michigan State Rally was held in St. Louis Michigan on June 13-15. In attendance: Walt & Linda Ament, Garth Burgon, Dick & Brenda Dunham, Jerry & Barb Hodges, Ron & Bev Irwin, Bob & Carol Oshnock, and Sue Wireman.

Our club hosted this year's rally. Our theme was "Off to the Races". Everyone worked very hard and we pulled it off in grand fashion. Everyone was impressed with our efforts to make this a fun and unique rally.

On Friday the Jypsies gathered for a group breakfast. We were protected from the elements by a canopy with walls. We spent the day setting up the hall and making sure everything was ready.



The evening started with a pot-luck salad dinner. Sue hand made baskets and jungle animals for center pieces. We filled them with candy for an added "sweetness". We placed an animal cracker/animal box/animal hat at each place following the "Animal Races" theme. After dinner we had 8 jungle animal races. People made bets of a quarter on their favorite animal. We used dice and a race board to cheer on the winners. Then the best...the payoff! Anyone betting on the winning animal won a share of the pot. Winning amounts on a quarter bet ranged from \$.75 up to \$3.25. Everyone had a great time. They were still talking



about it on Sunday at breakfast. After dinner we had an ice cream social for those who worked up an appetite at the race track...or just love ice cream!

Saturday was pretty standard. Meetings, craft sales, book exchanges, Euchre, and out door games. Look at that form.....nice work ladies!



There were 3 guessing games to keep you busy in the interim. The short president's meeting was held where the future of the rally was discussed. We are working on better attendance to be able to continue with this much anticipated annual event. It's often the only time we see our other Michigan camping buddies. The first and most important suggestion is all clubs allow SOB's in their groups (see how ahead of the time our club is?????), as well as both the State and International rallies. Starting this August anyone can attend the International Rally. 2014 International will be in Goshen Indiana. Please contact Bev if you need information.

We also discussed changing the rotation of responsibilities for the Rally in the future. We eliminated the parking, hospitality and serving positions. We will continue having a host club and games Club. Each unit will be responsible for bringing one dozen cookies/goodies. The host club will obtain volunteers to fill the goodies/drinks for the weekend. Everyone is responsible for their own parking (which is pretty much what we have doing for years anyway). One note, please save the front row, in front of the building for handicapped parking.

Other things discussed were the contract with the Church of God Campground. We are on the calendar until 2015. We have a contract for 2015 and 2016. Next June the camping fees will be raised until 14.00/night an increase of \$2.00. We can rent the hall for 75.00 per weekend, a \$25.00 increase from this year. Everyone voted to keep the status quo on the date, place, and agenda.

The evening activities included a catered chicken/beef dinner and entertainment by “Roadkill Jack” We concluded the evening with the closing ceremony consisting of prizes for game, 50/25/25 raffle, door prizes for everyone, grand prize giveaways, and saying good-bye to another great weekend with our Michigan friends.

Sunday morning we served Crock-pot Oatmeal with raisins, brown sugar and mild. We also had mini cinnamon rolls and mini blue berry muffins.

I would like to acknowledge some special contributions ensuring the success of this rally

*Bob Oshnock prepared and printed another excellent Rally program book and took all these great pictures

*Sue Wireman hand made baskets and jungle animals for the center pieces and Jaybird napkin holders for each member

*Barb Hodges hand made a quilt and camping place mats for grand prizes. Jerry contributed a variety of gifts for the goodie bags and game prizes

*Walt and Linda prepared, judged and awarded prizes for two guessing games

*Dick Dunham hand made and painted Jaybird refrigerator magnet/clips for the goodie bags

*Gail Angelini donated all the oatmeal for the breakfast

*Garth Burgon did an excellent job of officiating our Jungle race night

*Ron Irwin made the greatest race board ever

*Brenda Dunham did all the shopping and food preparation. She also procured the goodie bags from TSC Tractor Supply

**Every one did a stellar job, all weekend long for a successful and fun activity night at the races



Whew, lots of work but a boat load of fun. Now we get relax for 6 years!!!!

Poor Garth, he was missing a campfire so badly, he just sat and stared at an empty firepit!!! Pitiful isn't it? :)



Jypsie's June Jaunt

Our June campout was held at Covenant Bay Campground on June 20,21,22 . In attendance: Walt & Linda Ament, Dave & Peggy Gilmore, Jerry & Barb Hodges, Ron & Bev Irwin, and Sue Wireman.

While a little apprehensive of the campground rules, everything was really nice and the weather was perfect for camping. There was even free evening horse/buggy rides!

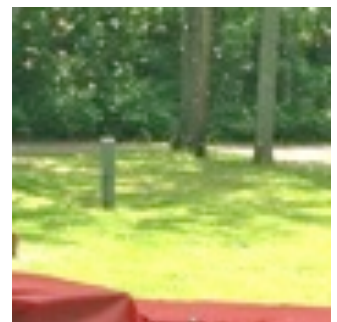


True to form, the men made us go out to dinner on Friday night. We wanted to cook and clean but..... We went to Whitey's in Davison for a palat pleasing dinner. We had a great time even though we couldn't clean up and do dishes.....sigh.

We built a fire and hung out until the mosquitoes chased us inside!

Saturday morning we had our group breakfast. We enjoyed eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit and dum dum DUM...monkey bread!!!! We were all sorry that Peggy was laid up with her recent hand surgery.....only until we found out she couldn't do Monkey Bread!! We wondered why she couldn't do it left handed, I mean really. She most graciously obliged....Whew, that was close. No way could we do without Brenda's buttermilk pancakes AND Peggy's monkey bread. Walt bravely filled in the pancake void but I miss those buttermilk ones...sorry Walt :)

During the afternoon Jerry, Barb, Ron and Sue spent the afternoon going to quilt shops and garage sales while Dave & Peggy went to a wedding reception. Walt and Linda went out as well. I stayed back and relaxed. Ahhhhhhhh! This is NOT snow, it's cottonwood. Really gave our campers with allergies a hard time.



Our pot luck was, as usual, delectable. We had meatballs/pasta, spinach casserole, asparagus casserole, cold pasta salad, strawberry/rhubarb pie, and brownies.

As usual Sunday came too soon and the weekend was over.



See You at Fort Custer!!



Happy Birthday

July 17th	Garth Burgon
July 17th	Betty Begarnie
July 25th	Daryl Dunham
July 26	Jerry Szarama



Happy Anniversary

July 6th	Dick & Brenda Dunham
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This is our 2014 Camping schedule. I have supplied the address, phone number and website for the campgrounds, in addition to the Irwin's camp site number if you wish to be as close together as possible. Please read all notes as they have special information you may need. Please check out websites for pricing, amenities and site maps. If you have any questions, please call Bev (248) 431-8785.

July 18,19,20

Fort Custer Recreation Area

5163 Fort Custer Drive

Augusta, MI 49012

(269) 7314-4200

reservation #: 1800-447-2757

www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport

Fee: \$21.00

Irwin site # 10

August 11 - 15 2014 Jayco International Rally - Goshen, IN

** See attached info

Aug 15,16,17

Hayes State Park

1220 Wamplers Lake Rd.

Onsted, MI 49265

(517)467-7401

reservation #: 1800-447-2757

www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport

Fee: \$25.00

Irwin site # 178

September 19,20,21

Lake Huron Campground

2353 N. Lakeshore Rd.

Carsonville, MI 48419

810-622-0110

www.lakehuroncamp.com

Irwin site # 352

October 17,18,19

P.J's Campground

5250 Williamston Rd.

Stockbridge, MI 49285

517-565-3044

Fee: \$ 20.00 (2013 pricing...subject to change)

Irwin site: No site numbers, just register as Jayco Jypsies

Must send \$20.00 (one night) deposit with your name by Sept 15th