

The Overloader's News

Spring 2010

Apple Creek Campground, Grass Lake, MI.

May 19-22

Apple Creek

Well, this will be the last newsletter that I will be writing and I will try and bring you up to date on what is happening in our chapter and with the International Club.



**Apple Creek Campground
&
R.V. Park**

Most of us arrived on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the Apple Creek RV Park located near Grass Lake, Michigan. Our Hosts were Carol & Oscar Case and they did a wonderful job. We only had one day of on again, off again rain and wonderfully warm and sunny weather the rest of the time. We were able to sit out in a circle and talk and have campfires almost the



Early arrivals

entire time and it was heavenly! It almost reminded me of the wild west days and circling of the wagons. In fact we came back from the clubhouse

one evening to find that the "wood fairies" had made a delivery and we could keep the fires going! Thank you to that couple for doing so! We also proved once again that we are the "Fun Bunch" and we had a great mix of people!

Pot Luck

Thursday evening we met for a potluck supper and it goes without saying that we have great cooks and had a very nice variety of dishes to choose from. Friday morning we gathered for a potluck breakfast and we again had many yummy dishes to choose from. Potluck breakfasts are becoming popular. That evening our hosts provided Sloppy Joe's and lettuce and we brought the salad fixing's. Carol Ralston also brought a birthday cake to celebrate hubby Jim's birthday. 39 again Jim? Saturday



Jim Ralston celebrates his birthday

morning the men did their pancake and sausage breakfast for us and they did a great job as usual. We ladies brought along our plain baseball caps and awaited instructions. We were told that we were to take them back to our rigs and decorate them to reflect our husbands hobbies and personalities and to use what we had

in our RV's and not to buy anything. Ladies disappeared and thinking caps went on.



The ice-cream social was a big hit!!

Later that afternoon we again assembled and had an ice cream social and then back to the camping area for our famous "Lawn Chair Baseball" game. Shirley was really strict with us about the rules and this time the men only beat us by 2 points.

Cookout

It was such a beautiful day that we decided not to return to the clubhouse for supper. We put the picnic tables together and pulled out the hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs for supper with our hosts providing the entire meal. We all agreed that it was really nice to eat outside for a change.



The Hat Contest

After our meal we ladies modeled the hats reflecting our husbands hobbies and personalities and the ladies did

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And the winner is ..

things. When asked why she said, "because he does get a bright idea at times". Deb Fair was the winner with a map of Texas, a compass, and playing cards (a loaner in hearts) on his hat. It was pointed out that it was me and not Bob who needed the compass! Afterward some of us played Nickel Bingo and eventually we all made it to the campfire. A really nice evening. Sunday morning brought coffee and rolls and sad goodbyes until the next rally.

RVFEST

Our business meeting was held on Friday morning. As most of you know Les & Jean are no longer associated with Gulf Stream. Gulf Stream asked for the return of their motor home this



Les & Jean Potteiger

spring. A deal could not be worked out for the sale of rig and Les and Jean now own another brand. Gulf Stream is in a new phase of restructuring the International Club. They have hired a new director and will use different members as wagon masters for each rally. They are encouraging us to attend FMCA rallies as well. The first

rally under the newly organized International Club will be in Traverse City, Michigan, August 23-29, 2010. If you are interested contact Bonnie or check the International's web site for more information.

With Gulf Stream having canceled Back Home this winter Les & Jean and their good friends planned RVFEST in it's place. It will be held June 21-28, 2010 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana. It is not associated with Gulf Stream and any brand can attend so if you have friends who would also like to attend they are welcome. At this point there are 84 rigs and 163 people signed up. It is \$250 per rig for 2 people. Contact Les if you are interested in attending. Email lpotteiger@aol.com or (540) 854-7973. We have 7 couples from our club signed up at present.



Good Sam Rally

There will also be "The Rally" which is a large Good Sam rally being held in Louisville, KY. On July 22-26, 2010. Go on line to The Rally 2010 for more information if you are interested. It is \$250 a rig for 2 people to dry camp or \$350 for electric. Five couples from our club have signed up and it is my understanding that Les & Jean will attend and just enjoy themselves like the rest of us!

Fall Rally 2010

Our Fall Rally will be held September 16 – 19, 2010 at the Bayshore Campground in Sebawaing,

Michigan. A favorite place for our rallies. Our hosts will be Stan & Toni Dobies with help from John Verellen. Camping will be \$22 a night and includes water, electric and dump

Fall Rally 2011

Bob & Betsy Stevens have volunteered to host the Fall 2011 rally at the KC Campground in Milan, Michigan September 22-25, 2011. Camping will be \$28 a night with 30 amp electric, water, and dump station.



We had neighbors join in on the fun

Spring Rally 2011

Our spring Rally 2011 – we still need someone to step up. If you have not done a rally yet or haven't done one for awhile please consider it. We have a hosting guide that steers you through the entire process to make it easier for you.

Pull Tabs

Please continue to save your pull tabs for KOA Kids with Cancer Camps. We will be turning them in at RVFEST in June.

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SOB's Welcome

Many changes are happening at Gulf Stream during this time of reorganization of the RV Club. The company is doing few motorized and lots of towables. Bonnie told me in an email that we may now invite friends



Lazy days of spring

and former members with "Some Other Brands" to join our club. We discussed this possibility with the club at this business meeting. The club voted to now open up our club to other brands as members of the club. You may invite them one time as a guest and they will pay the same rally fee and camping fees as everyone else. They then have the option of joining the club and paying the same \$5 yearly dues as everyone else. Wayne & Margaret Overholser are our first members under this new policy. The new officers will bring up the changes to the bylaws at the Fall meeting.



New officers getting elected

New Officers

The election of officers were held and our new officers will be Presidents Bob & Betsy Stevens, Vice Presidents Jim & Carol Ralston and Sec/Treasure Stan & Toni Dobies. They will take over at the conclusion of the old business at the business meeting in the fall. We wish them well! It was also voted that Deb Fair would continue as the "official historian" and Jim Forgrave will continue as the "official web master". With the changes in the club we encourage you to check out the Michigan Overloaders web site at <http://overloaders.bravehost.com>



*New staffers will take over this fall.
Welcome aboard guys!*



It's almost time for a bonfire.

\$5 Dues are due

Yearly dues of \$5.00 are now due. If you have not already paid them please send them to Toni Dobies, 708 Tewksbury Court, Rochester Hills, Mi. 48307. Remember that being current on your dues is what keeps you in the directory and on the mailing list.



New Pres. Bob & Betsy Stevens

Goodbye

It's been a pleasure to be your Presidents these last 6 years and we know that you will be in good hands when the new staff takes over in the fall.

Thanks for all the help and support you've given us. See you down the road.

DEB FAIR

