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Fall Rally 08

What a wonderful rally we had Sept. 18-21 in White Cloud, MI. Our hosts Fred & Dixie Dawe ordered up the best weather any of us could remember having had at a fall rally in many years. After all the rain we had the previous weekend, many of us were ready to hit the road early and as Bob & I arrived on Tuesday, we found that 4 other couples had similar ideas. In fact the weather was so nice that we never did get to finish the puzzle we started and have it set aside for another time.



Our hosts Dixie & Fred Dawe

Wednesday

On Wednesday our hosts invited us to their home on Peck Lake for a cookout & pontoon ride on the lake. Fred & Dixie's 88 year old Aunt Gladys made us the best apple and raspberry pies. The red raspberries coming from Fred & Dixie's own back yard. Yummy! Joyce & Aunt Gladys became instant friends and Joyce proclaimed that she had more fun than she's had in a long time.

Thursday

On Thursday afternoon our host provided us with fresh bakery donuts, hot cider and coffee while we caught up with each other and



Joanne Hoogstra gets some breakfast

our adventures over the summer. We had a great soup supper that evening with two different home made soups and Stanley lusted after Dixie's home made chicken soup. Alas, there is no actual recipe except for the 6 1/2 pound chicken & Aunt Gladys home made noodles along with a few veggies and seasonings added to Fred's taste. The weather was perfect to sit around the campfire with the guys wondering if they could build a fire to compare with Steve and Brad's. They did manage to do just fine but we missed them anyway. And of course we always think of Jacolyn's shoes. We should have framed those!

Friday

The following morning we all met for coffee & had our business meeting. The \$2 increase in the rally fee was discussed and noted that we had not increased that fee for 6 years. As we all know, the cost of food and supplies has gone up for everyone. This additional cash is then directly available to the rally host to cover their cost and figured into their budget. It was suggested by a member that the \$5 membership fee be raised to \$10 to accommodate this increased cost but it was voted down. Instead it was agreed that the host should charge what is needed to cover their cost. After all, if

you were to have family or friends come for three days & tried to feed and entertain them for \$10 a piece during that time I am sure you can see that our hosts do an amazing job.

We also voted to continue volunteering the clean up project at the Back Home Rally next year. Bonnie is suggesting that we get our reservations and \$50 deposit in to her for next years Back Home Rally soon and request your campsite with a 2nd and possibly 3rd choice listed as well. It seems she's getting lots of reservations now. She said



she would do her best to park us

Jerry Hoogstra & Rex Ferguson

together. Two weeks ago the Main Streams were at the printers so we should soon be receiving them.

After the business meeting the ladies assembled to learn to make bows while the men took advantage of the fine weather and played horse shoes. Later in the afternoon we assembled again to play not one but two games of bean bag baseball. The men won the 1st game while it ended in a tie the second game. However, the guys really made the throwing line a long way back for us ladies and during the second game we ladies were trying to play the game while running back & forth to our rigs for table services and our

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while the guys sat and grumbled that we ladies were going out of rotation. We ladies are after all, multitaskers.



Rex says...did you see that!

After the wonderful casserole Dixie prepared for us, many people chose to play cards or take advantage of the beautiful evening and sit by the fire once again.

Saturday

Saturday arrived and our great guys once again provided us with a wonderful sausage & pancake breakfast. A friend of Fred supplied us with real maple syrup for our pancakes and it was really delicious.



Bob Fair & Jim Ralston in kitchen

We all met in the town of Jugville, on Robinson Lake at the "Shack" for lunch which Gulf Stream treated us to. What a beautiful place and it was anything but a shack. Huge log cabin style buildings (a bed & breakfast facility) with many acres of beautiful grounds, a boat launch, sandy beach, pavilions to enjoy the view from, and a museum as well. nice way to spend an afternoon.

That evening we assembled for our evening meal and Stan Dobies & Jim Smith kept us amused as we bought tickets and bid on White Elephant items wrapped in newspaper. We had a lot of laughs over that activity.



Later we always enjoy a bonfire

Sunday

On Sunday we again assembled for coffee & rolls and sadly said our goodbyes. We all happily departed with our choice of Dixie's home



The boys enjoy the great weather

made jams, peaches, or pickles! However, a few couples chose to stay 2 and spend another day. It was very successful rally!!

Hosts

We need to have some people step up & commit to hosting for either the spring or fall rallies of 2010. We'll be asking in the spring so if you haven't hosted for a while please consider doing so again.

Spring Rally

Our spring rally will be held May 14 - 17, 2009 at the Moscow Maples RV Park in Moscow, MI. So mark the date on your calendar & plan to come to the Irish Hills for a lot of fun! A Russian/Dr. Zhivago theme will be used. Marlene & Ed Capa will assist our hosts with this rally. You should have received info on their rally by now. They're having fun with it's location & we're sure to have a good time.



Mosco Maples RV Park

Anniversary

Our chapter's 20th anniversary is this next year & will be held Sept 17 - 20, 2009 in Niles, MI. at the Spaulding Lake Campground. We hope you all will come join us & have a good time. There's three stocked fishing ponds there & you may catch up to 5 fish per day for free. You won't need a licence, just your own bait is all. We'll have a contest for largest fish caught. There'll be lots of attractions in the area so we should have a good time.



Spaulding Lake Campground