



## Newsletter – Fall 2018 Coldwater

Camping with Friends was the theme and boy did it fit. We had 47 people attend. Friends that camped were the Milroths, Krecs, Van Harts, Atkinsons, Battles, Garcias, Harringtons. Longs, Ostyns, Sagles, Schraders, Stolzes, Tuckers, Zieglers, Harmons, Meyerses, Simondses, Kuepfers, and Romanchuks.



We had three guests. Wayne and Cheryl Cavanaugh, who may become member of WWW, and Joan Warnaar, Leslie Ostyn's sister who was visiting from Florida.



On Thursday Bert and Judy Ruth and Steve Van Hart put up the GNR decoration that won us first place for our number of coaches so people that weren't at GNR could see it. That evening about 40 of us went to dinner at Coldwater Gardens Café and had a good time. A fire was attempted but was broke early when 100's of uninvited guests arrived, mosquitos.

Poor Bill and Gail Battle arrived after a bit of trouble. They were on the way to Thunder Bay when Bill stopped short because someone cut him off. Gail was in the back of the coach getting Bill a drink. She flew forward hitting her head on the ottoman and engine hump. She woke up with two slightly blackened eyes. Bill joked he was trying to give her "Five in the mouth and missed". Thankfully Gail is all right.

On Friday everyone went all different directions. Some went shopping or sightseeing or off to make their chili. At Happy Hour Steve Van Hart presented Mike Ostyn with his Seersucker Vest.



Dinner was the Chili cook off which Lansing Area Winnies won. We had three competing Chilis and five others for sharing. Dessert was Vernor Floats. Mike Ostyn did his Sid Suit Shop – Seersucker Suit Skit complete with his seersucker vest. It is a funny one man skit about a man that goes into Sid's Suit shop to buy a suit and the funny things that happen in the process.



The main entertainment was provided by the Winnie Minstrels, aka, David and Marguerite Schrader. Jan Sagle, Bill Battle, and Judy Ruth did the chicken dance.



Fire lasted until 9:00 even though the pesky mosquitos were back.

Saturday breakfast was egg, spinach, and cheese bake, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, and pork belly. We had two more visitors, Anthony Van Hart and his girlfriend Abby. All three chapters had their meetings during the day and the state meeting was just before dinner. Mike Ostyn was sworn in as Motor City Winnies Vice President.



The rest of the day was spent at the Apple Fest in Coldwater or just relaxing. The State meeting kept getting interrupted to let the caterer in the door delivering the dinner. Janice Sagle was made second Vice President for the state. Dinner was make your own sandwiches of either chicken or pulled pork, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, and chocolate pudding dessert. The 50/50 raffle raised \$201. Winners were

Pete Romanchuk for \$20, which he almost didn't get because he wasn't paying attention to his tickets. Janet Atkinson won \$30 and Leslie Ostyn won \$50. Then tickets were drawn to get rid of the remaining bottles of Vernors from GNR. Entertainment was Trivia run by Jerry and Linda Kuepfer. Winners after two tie breaker questions were 1<sup>st</sup> place team of the

Cavanaughs, Sagles, and Janet Atkinson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the Kingsleys and Schrader's. Prizes were candy.

Gloria Long did find a local rescue to come for the stray kitten.



Next year looks to be pretty busy and interesting. Outings planned are Shipshewana on May 14 – 16. Alice Springs in Ionia, May 17 – 19, Turkeyville June 13 – 20, GNR pre-rally July 16 – 20 and GNR July 22- 27, Sanford Lake August 11 – 18, Markin Glen Farm sometime in August, Tentatively Petoskey KOA September 20 – 21, Hidden Ridge Race Day, October 11 – 13. Lansing tentatively has a holiday dinner at Lula's on November 19.

### **Next State Rally**

June 21-23, 2019 Poncho's Pond, Ludington Golden Oldies Anniversary

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