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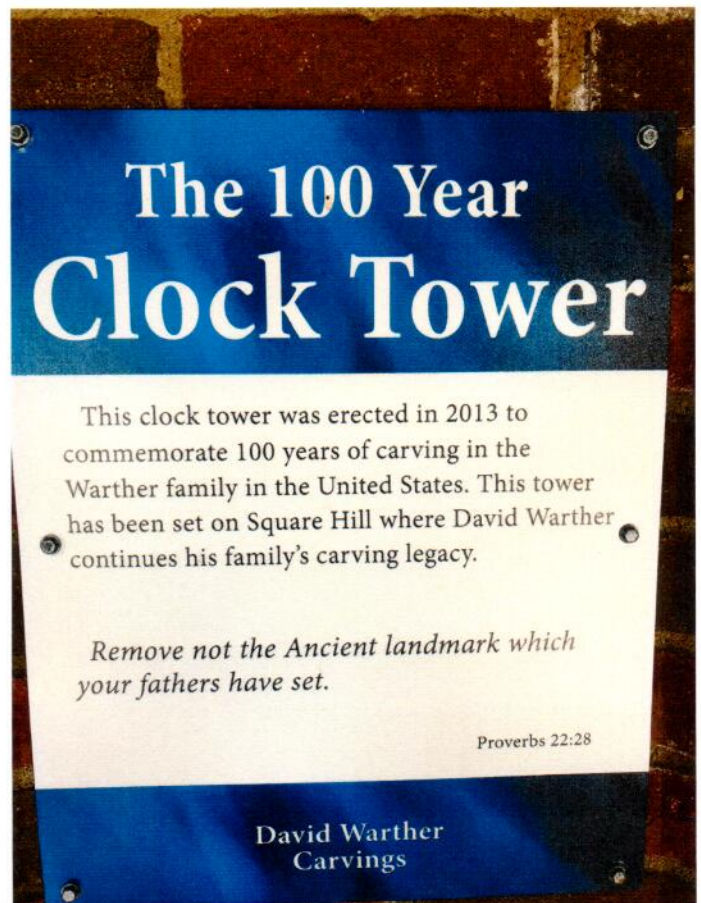
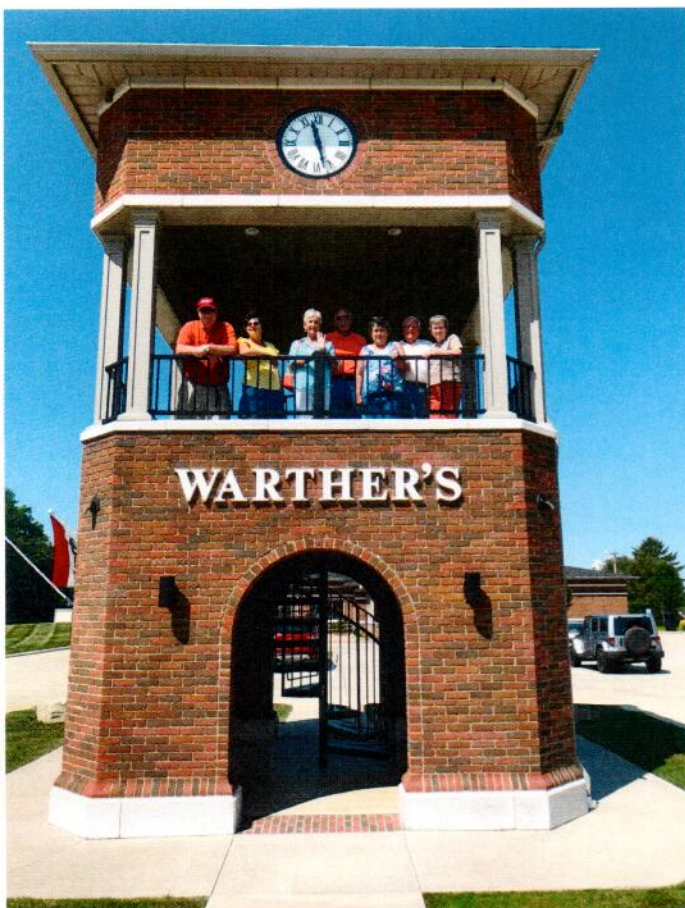
## AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2018 Vol. 44/Issue 7



The August pre-campout started in Ohio Amish Country from August 12 - 16 and was attended by Pete and Jaki Romanchuk, Steve and Marie Van Hart, Mike and Leslie Ostyn, Bert and Judy Ruth, Ron and Judy Tackett, and Stewart and Tammy Smith. Some of us went out to eat at Bags Sports Bar in Millersburg on Sunday, and following dinner, we got together to plan what the game plan was during on time in the area.

Monday started out with a breakfast buffet at the Farmstead Restaurant in Berlin. Then we began the shopping and touring around of the Amish area. Some of us made a stop at the David Warther Carvings in Sugarcreek, where over 80 carvings are featured that are made from antique ivory, ebony wood, and abalone pearl.

Pictured below on the left, from left to right: Mike Ostyn, Leslie Ostyn, Jaki Romanchuk, Pete Romanchuk, Judy Ruth, Bert Ruth, Marie Van Hart; not pictured, Steve Van Hart; Pictured below on the right is a plaque telling about the clock tower





The next stop was the World's Largest Cuckoo Clock, which is in Sugarcreek.



Then we were off to the Breitenbach Winery, which is located between Dover and Sugarcreek. In German, the name of the winery means "bright or broad stream." After some of us did some wine tasting, several of us shared a bottle of wine.

Next we headed back to Berlin and walked through the Berlin Village Gift Barn and Country Gatherings where we found a mini-motorhome planter.



Moving right along, we stopped at Keim Lumber Company in Millersburg. This store sells specialty wood among other things. Pictured below is a hat that was carved by JoHannes Michelsen for 2008 Charm Days and is on display at Keim Lumber.



Our next stop was at Hershberger's Farm and Bakery near Millersburg. Also, there is a farm store with USA made wooden toys, tack, bird seed, leather goods, a petting zoo, and more.





Pictured to the left is Mike Ostyn in a big chair at Hersherber's; this picture brings to mind Lily Tomlin as Edith Ann in 'Laugh In'



It's time to eat again so we're off to Der Dutchman in Walnut Creek. This restaurant has a terrific view of the valley out the picture windows of the dining room. Just down the

street from the restaurant is Coblentz Chocolate Company, and they have over 114 hand-made candies in the store.

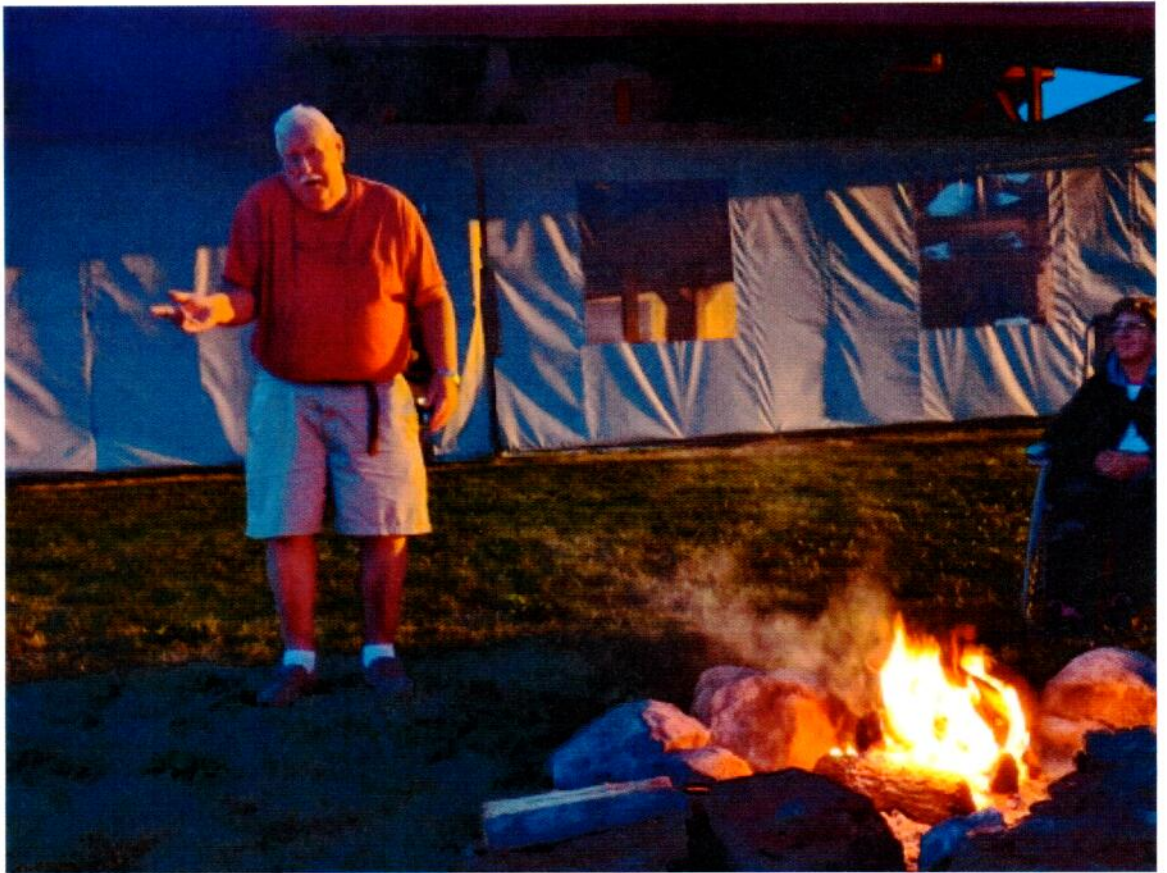
After dinner, it was time to go back to the campground for a fire.



Pictured left to right: Judy Tackett, Ron Tackett, Stewart Smith, Bert Ruth, Pete Romanchuk, Judy Ruth, Tammy Smith, Steve Van Hart, Mike Ostyn; Not pictured: Marie Van Hart, Jaki Romanchuk (she was walking), Leslie Ostyn



Pictured to the right: Mike Ostyn's rendition of 'The Seersucker Suit' story; Mike was the campfire entertainment, and there was never a dull moment. Mike had several stories to tell. Maybe Mike should consider being a comedian in his next life.



Tuesday morning started with a trip to Lehman's Hardware Store in Kidron. This is a different kind of hardware store because it caters to the Amish but also has items that the English (that's us!) might need.

Pictured to the left are Bert and Judy Ruth ready to take a ride in an Amish buggy.

After walking through Lehman's and making our purchases, we were off to JM Smucker's Co. Store and Cafe in Orrville. What an interesting store! Besides Smucker products, a few of the other products in the store include Crisco, Hungry Jack, Jif, Folger's, and Pillsbury.

Pictured to the right: Marie Van Hart with her new friend, 'The Pillsbury Dough Boy'; he was rather soft but cute.







Pictured to the left, a group picture outside of Smucker's; front row: Judy Ruth, Marie Van Hart, Jaki Romanchuk; middle row: Leslie Ostyn, Tammy Smith, Pete Romanchuk, Bert Ruth; back row: Mike Ostyn, Ron Tackett, Judy Tackett, Steve Van Hart, Stewart Smith

After leaving Smucker's, it was time for lunch at the Amish Door in Wilmot. Following lunch, you had to make a trip next door to the bakery to taste / smell the goodies or buy some for a snack later. Some of us went by Heini's Cheese Chalet near Berlin to taste the cheese samples. As if any of us needed more food? Others went to Berlin to shop, their coach to rest, to Charm, or to another city in the area.



Pictured above and to the right: Pete Romanchuk relaxes while Jaki is off to shop.

Next it's eating time again. We ate dinner at Chalet in the Valley Restaurant in Charm. The restaurant serves authentic Austrian, Swiss, and Amish Cuisine. It sure was good! Following dinner, it's back to the campground where Stewart and Tammy Smith gave tours of their Forza. The campfire that night was near their coach.

Pictured to the right, left to right: Pete Romanchuk, Jaki Romanchuk, Bert Ruth, Judy Ruth, Tammy Smith, Stewart Smith, Steve Van Hart, Leslie Ostyn, Mike Ostyn, Judy Tackett, Ron Tackett





Since the guys were tired of shopping, they decided to send the women shopping on Wednesday while they prepared dinner. Needless to say, the women jumped at the chance! The first stop for the women was Wendell August Forge near Berlin. This shop has handcrafted metalware that is made in the USA. Some of the items that can be found in the store are cutting boards, serving boards, cheese cutting boards, butcher blocks, utensil caddies, napkin holders, wine boxes, and ornaments just to name a few of the items. Then the women were off to Berlin to shop. One of the stops was at a quilt shop while another was at the Kaufman's Country Accents where Tammy Smith took the picture below on the right. Left to right: Jaki Romanchuk, Leslie Ostyn, Judy Ruth, Marie Van Hart



Other shops where we stopped included Queen Ann's Lace and Sol's just to name a few of the stops. Then it was time to head back to the campground for dinner and to see what kind of cooks the guys really are.



The verdict on the guys cooking dinner for the women was that they did an excellent job!! The food was delicious! Now that we know that the guys are good cooks, the women might want to consider having them cook more often at the outings.





At our last campfire at Evergreen Park RV Resort, we tasted some moonshine cake that was so kindly provided by Ron and Judy Tackett. Thank you!

Pictured below, left to right: Tammy Smith, Steve Van Hart, Judy Tackett, Ron Tackett, Leslie Ostyn, Jaki Romanchuk, Pete Romanchuk, Mike Ostyn, Bert Ruth, Judy Ruth



The following morning Stewart and Tammy Smith headed to Canada and New York for some more rallies. Ron and Judy Tackett headed for home while the rest of us traveled to the MCW outing at Sauder Village in Archbold, OH, which was held from August 17 - 19. There were twenty MCW members at the outing plus the

Klein/Litch. Everybody but the Tuckers arrived on Thursday, and they got to the outing before lunch on Friday so that they could participate in the various scheduled activities for the day. One bad thing about the area was the sweat bees. No one was bitten but they sure were annoying.







Dinner on Thursday was at Mom's Diner in Archbold.



Pictured to the right, around the table starting on the left: Steve Van Hart, Marie Van Hart, Pam Scramlin, Phil Scramlin, Jerry Gibbons, Barb Gibbons, Leslie Ostyn, Mike Ostyn, Paul Klein, Nancy Litch, Nancy Yates, Skip Yates, Pete Romanchuk, Jaki Romanchuk, Bert Ruth, Judy Ruth, Joy Stolz, Dan Stolz, Nancy Harrington, Tom Harrington



Pictured around the evening fire, left to right: Jerry Gibbons, Barb Gibbons, Nancy Harrington (standing), Pam Scramlin, Tom Harrington, Mike Ostyn, Skip Yates, Steve Van Hart, Leslie Ostyn, Bert Ruth, Judy Ruth, Joy Stolz, Dan Stolz, Pete Romanchuk, Paul Klein

When the sweat bees left, then the mosquitos showed up. We just couldn't win!



Friday morning started with a trip to the Stella Leona Artisan Chocolates in Pettisville. This candy is hand-made and so tasty!



After lunch, we stopped at a covered bridge while on our way to a winery and a candy factory. It seemed like a good Kodak moment.

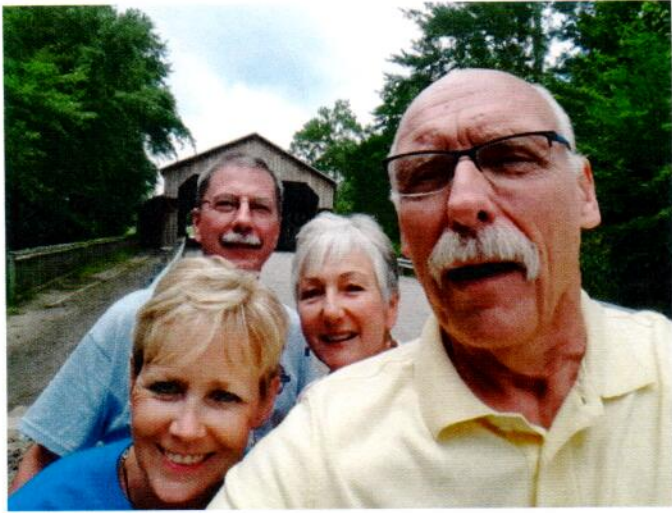


Pictured to the left: name of the covered bridge - Lockport, dated 1999

Pictured to the right, front row: Leslie Ostyn, Miriam Tucker, Judy Ruth, Nancy Harrington; back row: Mike Ostyn, Jim Tucker, Steve Van Hart, Barb Gibbons, Jerry Gibbons, Pam Scramlin, Bert Ruth, Tom Harrington







Pictured to the left at the covered bridge, front row: Joy Stolz, Pete Romanchuk; back row: Dan Stolz, Jaki Romanchuk

Our next stop after the covered bridge was the Stoney Ridge Winery.

Pictured below to the left: belly-up-to the bar to wine taste



Pictured below to the right: relaxing with a drink on the winery's patio after the wine tasting



Now we're off to Spangler's, The Dum-Dums Company in Bryan to take a tour of the candy factory. We rode on a trolley through the factory but we still were required to wear a hair net.



Pictured to the right: front row: Miriam Tucker, Joy Stolz, Barb Gibbons,

Judy Ruth, Marie Van Hart, Steve Van Hart; back row: Jim Tucker, Dan Stolz, Jerry Gibbons, Bert Ruth, Tom Harrington, Nancy Harrington, Pete Romanchuk, Jaki Romanchuk, Paul Klein, Nancy Litch, Skip Yates, Nancy Yates, Pam Scramlin, Leslie Ostyn, Mike Ostyn





Dinner was at the Barn Restaurant, which is next to the campground. Several of us got drenched on the way to dinner because it was raining so hard.



Pictured to the right, around the table starting on the left: Miriam Tucker, Joy Stolz, Pam Scramlin, Judy Ruth, Jaki Romanchuk, Nancy Harrington, Leslie Ostyn, Barb Gibbons, Nancy Yates, Anne (Evan's

girlfriend), Nancy Litch, Paul Klein, Evan Klein-Litch, Skip Yates, Jerry Gibbons, Mike Ostyn, Tom Harrington, Pete Romanchuk, Bert Ruth, Steve Van Hart, Dan Stolz, Jim Tucker

By the time dinner was over, the rain had stopped. So back at the campground, Steve Van Hart started a campfire for all of us to come and warm up.



Saturday morning breakfast included pancakes and sausage.



Pictured above are the pancake cooks: Mike Ostyn, Pete Romanchuk, Bert Ruth

Thank you guys for a delicious breakfast, which was enjoyed by all MCW members!





On Saturday, some of the MCW members visited Historic Sauder Village and Farm, which is Ohio's largest living history village with costumed guides and working craftsmen. Some of us went shopping at the Sauder Furniture Outlet, the Antique Mall, and the Doughbox Bakery. While others went to the 22nd Annual Rug Hooking Exhibit, which was held on the grounds. Then there were others who just decided to relax and take it easy at the campground.

For dinner on Saturday, pulled chicken, brats, and hot dogs were provided while the MCW members provided a dish to pass. Some of the food that we ate included various salads, corn-on-the cob, cookies, pies, and the list goes on. The food was delicious!





Following dinner, we had our last campfire of the weekend.

The sweat bees were so bad that some of us had a flyswatter to try to keep the pesky insects away while others decided to stay inside their coach. Someone even brought their personal bug zapper.

Pictured to the right: Bert Ruth (far left) is holding up his flyswatter.



On Sunday morning, we all gathered to eat doughnuts and say our goodbyes.

Thank you very much to the Romanchuks for providing the donuts!!

The tasty donuts came from the Doughbox Bakery.

So until next time!



## June Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER** By President Steve Van Hart at 10:05 a.m., Saturday, June 23, 2018

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Ron & Judy Tackett, Jim & Miriam Tucker, Dan & Joy Stolz, Bob & Jan Ziegler, Pete & Jaki Romanchuk, Tom & Nancy Harrington, Mike & Leslie Ostyn, Bert & Judy Ruth, Bob & Bev Garcia, George & Rosa Krec, Steve & Marie Van Hart

**III. MEMBERS**

New members - None

Members that dropped out - None

**IV. THANK YOU**

Bob Garcia for serving as the State President & for setting up the Show & Tell

Judy Ruth for completing the paperwork for the September outing

Pete Romanchuk for working on the Amish outing for August

Ron & Judy Tackett for working on the MCW basket for the June State Rally

Joy Stolz & Judy Ruth for coordinating the walking tacos for dinner on Friday night at the State Rally & for Bert

Ruth & Dan Stolz for assisting their wives with the walking tacos

**V. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Recognized those members who were present with a June birthday or anniversary

**VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Motion to suspend reading of the minutes - Judy Ruth, seconded by Bob Ziegler. Passed; Copy of May minutes was passed out for members to read. Motion to accept as is - Judy Tackett, seconded by George Krec. Passed.

**VII. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Marie Van Hart went over the treasury report for May, which was passed out to members; Motion to accept as is - Jaki Romanchuk, seconded by Ron Tackett. Passed.

**VIII. HISTORIAN**

No report was given.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

If you haven't paid your dues, then please take care of it as soon as possible.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Election of Officers**

1. President, Steve Van Hart

2. Vice President, Judy Ruth nominated Pete Romanchuk but he declined; no VP

3. Secretary, Marie Van Hart

4. Treasurer, Pam Scramlin

**B. Recommendations for State outings**

1. Camping Rates - go to nicer campgrounds; prefer full hookups

2. Food - Friday Dinner have a pot luck; Saturday Dinner - catered; Sunday Breakfast - catered; Get sponsors for meals; Sunday Breakfast - serve coffee & donuts or hot breakfast (15 MCW members voted for coffee & donuts; 7 wanted hot breakfast)

**XI. NEXT OUTINGS**

A. GNR, July 23-27, theme - 'Red, White & W,' Winnebago's 60th anniversary in 2018; Sunday, July 22 - Michigan Meet & Greet, sign up sheet for what to bring to the potluck dinner, Ron Atkinson has sheet

B. Sauder Village, Ohio, call 800-590-9755 to make your reservation, August 17-19, check in at hotel lobby, gravel pad, full hookups, have access to hotel pool; Pre-rally - August 12-16, Amish Country, Ohio at Evergreen Park RV Resort, call 330-359-2787 to make your reservation, 5 have signed up so far; Wagon Masters - Romanchuks & Van Harts

C. Fall State Campout, September 14-16, Harbor Cove RV Resort, Coldwater

1. Friday night chili cookout, coming to outing signup to bring chili for MCW - Ron Tackett; Judy Tackett & Marie Van Hart to coordinate

2. Linda Kuepfer to handle the program

3. Judy Ruth has the reservation form

4. Theme - "Camping with Friends," decorations - fall colors for tablecloths & make fires for centerpieces, Judy Tackett & Marie Van Hart to handle

5. Pre-rally caravan - dropping, no volunteers



- D. October 5-7 - joint outing with Ohio (Maumee Valley Winnies) at Maumee Bay State Park, Ohio - Bob Garcia, & Jim Rohrborn to assist with organizing the outing with Ohio (Dale & Sharon Viers); e-mail Dale Viers at [dale@Viers.com](mailto:dale@Viers.com) if you plan on attending; if coming early or staying late, have to call Maumee Bay & probably will have to move; Friday Dinner - on own; Saturday Breakfast - Ohio is making breakfast; Saturday Dinner - Tony Packo hot dogs, bring dish to share
- E. November campout - no interest
- F. Christmas Party, December 1; suggestions on where to have it
- G. Fall 2019, September tentative 13-15, Timber Ridge Resort near Traverse City

**XII. STEWART SMITH PROVIDED SOME SUGGESTIONS**

- A. Joint outing with another chapter within Michigan
- B. Membership - reach out & call members who have dropped off & say you want them back
- C. Friendship outing, one per year with SOB

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mike Ostin, seconded by Bob Ziegler. Passed  
Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. (55 minutes)

## TREASURY REPORT

July 31, 2018

CHECKING

Beginning balance:	June 30, 2018	\$ 2,194.61
	Deposits:	
	Dues collected (6)	\$ 90.00
	Total deposits:	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
Withdrawals:	None	\$ 0.00
	Total withdrawals:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending balance:	July 31, 2018	<u>\$ 2,284.61</u>





# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES		
Marian Van Houten	1	Bill and Marion Marzion	9/13/52	66 years
Randy Wright	1	Jack and Char Otterbacher	9/20/67	51 years
Bob Garcia	10	Dan and Joy Stolz	9/25/04	14 years
Joanne Daniels	14			
Elda Augustine	16			
Steve Van Hart	25			
Thomas Harrington	26			

## CALENDAR 2018

- September 14-16 Fall State Campout (full hookups)  
Harbor Cove RV Resort  
632 Race Street  
Coldwater, MI
- October 5-7 Joint outing with Ohio (Maumee Valley Winnies)  
Maumee Bay State Park  
1400 State Park Road  
Oregon, OH  
To make your reservation, send an e-mail to  
Dale Viers at [dale@viers.com](mailto:dale@viers.com) or call 419-349-8765 by September 27  
MCW Wagon Masters Garcias, Rohrborns
- December 1 Christmas Party, lunch at 12:30 pm  
Weber's Boutique Hotel & Restaurant  
3050 Jackson Road  
Ann Arbor, MI

## CALENDAR 2019

- May Spring State Campout  
Alice Springs RV Park & Resort  
5087 Alice Court  
Ionia, MI
- June Summer State Rally
- July 22-27 GNR  
Forest City, IA
- August Wagon Master Yates
- September Fall State Campout
- October Wagon Master Harringtons

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