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The Arizona and Michigan groups didn't get together in February because it just didn't work out. On February 19, the Florida group meet for lunch at Sweet Tomatoes in Brandon. There were twelve members from MCW, two members from Lansing, and two just from the state in attendance. The buffet was really good, and there was a wide variety of food.



Pictured left to right: Ron Tackett, Gary Kingsley (Water Wonderland Winnies, WWW; Lansing Area Winnies, LAW), Virginia Kingsley (WWW, LAW), Judy Tackett



Left to right around the table: Marie Van Hart, Steve Van Hart, Rick Martin (WWW), Pat Martin (WWW), Bob Ziegler, Jan Ziegler, Gail Battle; not pictured Bill Battle, photographer; Thank you, Bill!



Left to right around the booth: Bob Garcia, George Krec, Rosa Krec, Bev Garcia



Florida One Day Attraction

If you are looking for a day trip from the Tampa area, then you need to check out Solomon's Castle in Ono. It truly is a site to see. The castle covers 12,000 square feet and was home to Howard Solomon until his death in 2016 but his wife, Queen Peggy still lives in the castle plus other family members live on the grounds. In 1972 Howard bought 40 acres of swamp land and started building his castle, which is covered with silver colored metal printing plates that were salvaged from a newspaper business. In the three story castle, there are 90 stained glass windows that were created by Howard. The main floor of the castle is his art gallery where he exhibits some of his work. His art pieces are made from junk that had been discarded by others. Some of his talents included welding, painting, carpentry, wood turning, and a sense of humor





Howard was constantly busy and had various projects going on. When he started giving tours of his castle, then he needed to build a restaurant, which is name The Boat in the Moat. The food is pretty good. The restaurant is a 60 foot replica of a 16th century Portuguese Galleon. Not only is there a restaurant on the grounds but there is a bed and breakfast if you would like to stay the night at the castle.



Howard even built his own replica on the Alamo plus his Easter Island statue. He was very creative and imaginative. Ono is close to Arcadia, which has several antique shops. It's definitely worth the trip!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH BIRTHDAYS		MARCH ANNIVERSARIES		
George Krec	6	Bert and Judy Ruth	3/11/72	46 years
Bob Dunn	10	Ron and Judy Tackett	3/13/04	14 years
Bert Ruth	22	Loren & Gail Winn	3/24/73	45 years
Loren Winn	29			

CALENDAR 2018

May 18-20	Spring State Campout St. Louis Campground 8489 North Bagley Road St. Louis, MI
June 22-24	Summer State Campout Barry County Fairgrounds (50 amp / water, no sewer) 1350 M-37 Hastings, MI
July 23-28	GNR Forest City, IA
Pre-rally August 12-16	Ohio Amish
August 17-19	Wapakoneta or Sauder Village (Ohio) You will be notified when to call for reservations, and tell them you're with Motor Cities Winnies. Wagon Masters Romanchuks & Van Harts
Pre-rally September 4-12	4, 5, 6 - TBD 7, 8, 9 - TBD 10, 11, 12 - TBD, arrive in Coldwater on Sept. 13
September 14-16	Fall State Campout Harbor Cove RV Resort (full hook-up, 50 amp) 632 Race Street Coldwater, MI (Applefest)
October 5-7	Maumee Bay State Park (outing with Maumee Valley Winnies) 1400 State Park Road Oregon, OH Wagon Masters Rohrborns & Garcias
December 1	Christmas Party, TBD

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