



BUSY BEE WINNIES NEWSLETTER

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The Busy Bee Winnies September Campout with 11 coaches and 19 members was held at Off Shore RV Resort, Bellevue, Iowa on September 6 - 9, 2018. Also attending were Iowa Winnie Hawks Vice President David and Cathy Good and guest, Barb Boie.

On Thursday evening a tour and tasting at Simply Parker's BBQ and Dipping Sauces was held. Misty Parker, the owner, was our tour guide. They make sauces and cheeses. They have a retail shop where you can buy the dipping sauces and other products made in Iowa. Simply Parkers makes all of the "Grab and Go crackers and cheese snack packs for Casey's. We ate pulled pork in a bun, meat balls with sauce, and crackers and pretzels as we sampled the sauces and many assorted cheese dips which many of us bought.

We returned to the campground to enjoy a campfire at Jim and Kathy Conlon's fire ring.

Friday we went to Czipar's Apple Orchard where Shelley, the owner gave us a tour and explanation of their apple operation. They have about 1700 trees and 23 varieties of apples. We saw their equipment for sorting apples, and the cider press.



They have a variety of products for sale including homemade donuts made with 100% apple juice which we all sampled.

On the way back to Bellevue we stopped at Abbey Hill Lane to the church Gift Shop where we could buy caramels made and sold by the contemplative nuns of



Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey. The Abbey was founded in 1964. While we were there we looked in to see the chapel.

We stopped at Saint Donatus Catholic Church, in St. Donatus, home to the first outdoor Way of the Cross in the United States. The Way of the Cross and Pieta Chapel were established in 1861. We walked through the cemetery behind the church observing some of the elaborate iron crosses on some of the earlier graves. Some of us walked up the hill to 2 Stations of the Cross. We were able to go into the church and see the beautiful stained glass windows and Alter.

In the afternoon we toured Clark Boats west of Bellevue. Kris, the owner, had a surprise for us. In front of her business she had her "Midas" Chevy Van 1978 Class C motorhome that she



restored. She was very creative and used turquoise and black and white as her colors, inside and

out. In the office area she had her dog, pet raccoon, and African Gray Parrots, rescue birds. Kris's dad started the business 40 years ago. Every CLARK BOAT and pontoon is designed and set up to meet the individual requirements of its new



owner. From the console placement to storage, coolers and tackle

boxes, every detail of the final layout is specifically matched to the way the boat or pontoon will be

used. All Clark Boats meet Coast Guard Requirements. They ship their boats and pontoons all over the world. They also do repairs to boats and motors. Kris treated us to cookies and coffee/water after the tour.

The Busy Bee's had their meeting at the Baymont Inn in the afternoon led by VP Ken Pitt with Sally Boie, secretary pro team. Some members paid their dues for 2019 to Treasurer Mary Jane Schieltz.

That evening we had dinner at the Off Shore Restaurant and enjoyed our meal with a view of the Mississippi River. Back at the campground, we had a campfire and some members played games.

Saturday morning everyone had a leisurely breakfast and free time. Lunch was at Potter's Mill in The Flatted Fifth Blues and BBQ. Mark Herman, the owner, told us about the gristmill which opened



in 1843, being the oldest in the state of Iowa. The big beams in the ceiling are one piece of oak. The mill stopped producing flour in

1969. In 1980 it was bought at auction and the owners spent 5 years restoring it. In 1985 it was a B&B/Event Center. Mark bought it in 2014 and has live Blues and Jazz Music on the weekends. On the upper floor is a Coffee Shop, Art Gallery, and "A Corner to Fill" which is a tribute to two special family members.

In the afternoon we toured Mont Rest Inn, an 1893 Victorian House with a bluff-top view of the Mississippi River. There are 9 rooms in the main house and 4 in the carriage house. Our guide, Naomi has worked there since 1992. On Dec. 24, 1996 Mont Rest had a devastating fire that destroyed some of the historic building. There are pictures at montrest.com. The owner had the Victorian mansion rebuilt and added the dining room and the Diorama of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.



Back at the campground Busy Bee member, Jim Ferguson gave some of us a tour of his Winnie Drop pull trailer.

Dinner was at the Spruce Harbor Inn near the campground. We had a view of the Mississippi River and members watched the Iowa/Iowa State football game on TV while we enjoyed our meal.

We again enjoyed a campfire at Conlon's and were treated to S'mores.

Sunday morning church service was led by Glen and Sally who played her accordion. We met at Grandpa's Parlour after the service for breakfast.

We want to thank the committee Jim and Kathy Conlon, Marvin and Mary Jane Schieltz, and Mike and Sharon Donahue for the interesting and enjoyable weekend. It was great to have Mike and Sharon Donahue commute from Dubuque as they do not have a motorhome at this time.

Cheryl Cooper would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers that she received regarding her brother, Dallas Jass death.

The Busy Bee dues and Iowa Winnie Hawk dues are due by November. The dues are \$10.00 for Busy Bee's and \$10 for Iowa Winnie Hawks. They may be paid to the Treasurer, Mary Jane Schieltz at the November meeting or mailed to her at the address below. Please make checks payable to the Busy Bee's. Those that joined at GNR do not need to renew your dues they are good until next year.

The Busy Bee's are saddened by the death of our Charter Member Mille Cummings who passed away September 1, 2018. She was 93 years of age. Millie was one of the founding persons to being the Busy Bee Chapter. In later years she would attend Busy Bee Campouts whenever possible. Her family would drive the motor home to the campout for her. Upon her death she still had her

Winnebago. Her family had placed a bee in her casket spray she had in her motor home. She also has a crocheted Winnebago picture in the Office at Winnebago. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Millie's family.



THE NEXT BUSY BEE WINNIES CAMPOUT WILL BE OCT. 4 – 7 AT PORTH RV PARK, 101 GROVE STREET, CALAMUS, IA . The camping is \$20 a night full hook ups. Pay when you get there. The hosts are Sally & Glen Boie, Carol & Bob Hustad, Mark & Donna Petersen. Everyone should have received a schedule by e-mail. If not please e-mail or call Carol at 319-270-7352 or buttoneyes17@gmail.com.

The November 3rd meeting will be a luncheon at Bill' Pizza & Smokehouse in Independence, IA. Please contact Shari & Paul Harberts to make a reservation at either 319-404-1382 or e-mail psharb818@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 10 Lyle Airey
Sept 25 Roger Swyter

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 11 Jim Conlon
Oct 16 Myrna Elliott
Oct 24 Ken Pitt
Oct 25 Don Harper
Oct 27 Janie Schieltz

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Sept 12 Dick & Pat Niel 1964
Sept 14 Myrna & Charles (deceased) Elliott 1952

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