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- **Fall Meeting:** September 21-24, 2017 Mahaska County Fairgrounds, Oskaloosa, IA

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*****A REMINDER FOR MEMBERS ABOUT STATE FUNCTIONS*****

Your officers appreciate part of the RV lifestyle being spontaneity...**HOWEVER**, when meals are catered and breakfasts provided by the local chapters, it is helpful and fiscally prudent to have your reservations as soon as possible. We want to have plenty of food, as we are sure you would want to eat when you are there, but we don't want to pay for extras when trying to guess who might be coming! Also, some tours hinge on numbers attending and having the proper number of guides available.

Fall State Campout Important Information

Thursday - For early Arrivals

We have lined up a tour of the Red Rock Dam at 1:30

There are some restrictions on this tour - there are a lot of steps

There are security measures that must be followed.

1. We must have the name, address and phone number of all participants at least 1 week prior to the day of the tour. You need to send an email to Barb at bp1748@aol.com so we can email the information to the Corp of Engineers office at Red Rock.
2. All Participants must be an American Citizen (hopefully we all fit this requirement)
3. No more than 30 people will be allowed on the tour.
4. No handbags, book bags, backpacks, etc. will be allowed inside the dam.
5. No cameras or video recorders will be allowed inside the dam.

There is an alternative activity for the afternoon - Those not choosing to go on the Dam Tour may like to drive on into Pella and shop the town square which includes 2 bakeries and 2 specialty meat shops.

Friday Morning

We will be touring the Tassel Ridge Winery - There is a \$5.00 fee that is already included in Your registration fee.

We are still working on a Friday afternoon tour - the one we had lined up just canceled on us.

Saturday Morning

We will be touring the Dumont Museum in Sigourney - Again the admission to this museum is included in your registration fee.

Note from the President's

We would like to take this time to thank everyone that extended the helping hands that we needed to make the State Rally a success that it was. This was definitely a group effort and we needed all the help we got.

Jim Reynolds did a great job handling the job of Parking for the Winnie Korns mostly on his own with a few help from his friends.

We received a lot of compliments on the decorations of the hall. Applause to the Busy Bee's for the ideas to get it started. Thank You to those who came early to help set up and make sure everything was ready for our guests. A special thanks to Larry and Sue Wiley that came early just to help get things set up... NEW Busy Bee's making a commitment to the Club. They didn't get to stay for the whole event because of prior commitments. A Big Shout Out to the We Wan To Go's for

the excellent breakfasts that were served. I heard a lot of comments from the “out of stators” saying they were really impressed with the selection and quality of food that was served. I know it isn’t always easy to have to get up early and be the preparers and servers of that breakfast but please know it was much appreciated. Thank You to those of you that took on these responsibilities I don’t think enough can be said for the effort that was put forth by Sally and Glen Boie. It was a lot of work to put together not one but two programs for us. Everyone loved the Patriotic Program on Saturday night that Bonnie, Sally and Glenn put on. The Polka Service on Sunday morning was so special. I loved it and I had people come up to me and tell me they did too. For me, the Sunday Service made the weekend extra special. Randall Weller did a great job with the message for the day. (Who would believe that he was a retired Lawyer and not a minister?) Ken and I were really newbies when it comes to planning a rally, this having been only the 2nd one we ever attended. I know that it would not have gone nearly as smoothly as it did without the help of Shari and Paul (our secretary and director) and Carol Gammon our treasurer. Many people do not see the work these people do behind the scenes. Carol has spent hours posting all the registrations, income and expenses that come in. As someone that doesn't even balance my checkbook, I can't even imagine the record keeping issues, With 8 states and 17 Coaches from out of Iowa, 69 people in attendance, we feel it was a success but there is lots of room for improvement. I know the space between the State Rally and GNR is a deterrent because of the commitment in time. I know there were some who went home in between. I'd like to say, you have a better chance of getting to know people from other places and hear of some places you might want to go. Most especially make new friends. If you haven't made your plans for yet for next year put the State Rally on your schedule. There are going to be some changes you might want to check out - Next year the State Rally will be in the Amana's with some really nice tours being lined up.

*******UPDATE ON CHAPTER ASSIGNMENTS*******

Since the Winnie Kornes are in the process of disbanding due to low numbers and health problems of the members they have, we will be asking for the Busy Bees to help with Breakfast on Friday morning and the WWTG's to help on Saturday morning at the Fall Meeting. The Reynolds' will be sharing the needs prior to the Meeting so everyone can be prepared.

GNR RECAP

The pre-GNR & GNR weeks were HOT to say the least. The Busy Bees came up with ideas for decorations, but due to forecast severe storms that went through the area the night before decoration judging, they were not assembled until that morning. A “Barn Raising” took place as the barn front created last year was recreated (and saved). The Busy Bees are THANKFUL for all of the help from other Winnie Hawks to complete them in a timely manner. The exciting storm that went through on Wednesday night remodeled both Lyle’s tent and the Club’s tent, and placed one of them teetering on the Jensen’s unit (View). As I type this it occurs to me that their view from their View was a TENT ROOF!!!! The view from their neighbor’s coach sure looked bad!!! ALL present were expecting the damage to their coach to be MUCH WORSE than it was. All hands present pitched in as it was necessary to clean up and try to get ready for the decorations the next morning and the Row Parties the next evening. The Harberts’ tent not previously erected and a salvaged tent made from the good parts of the 2 demolished tents were reconstructed to carry on. A meeting was held on Friday morning to discuss purchasing new tents and/or replacing Lyle’s tent...at this time Lyle is still trying to locate parts, so the officers who were put in charge of exploring new tents have not done anything, because Lyle is thinking repair not replace. Hopefully by the Fall Meeting we will know more. By bedtime Thursday evening a few energetic folks began tear down, due to the fact more inclement weather was forecast. THANKS to them, scheduled tear down Friday went very smoothly, as the others had done most of it. It was good not to worry on Friday night when it rained again.

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Train Display in Hampton





Head of Row 2017 @ GNR



Entertainers at Hampton