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Wagonmasters are
Watnes and Gastels.
Please let them know if
you are coming.

OCTOBER 11-14
GENESEO
CAMPGROUND
22978 IL HWY 82
GENESEO, IL
(309) 944-6465

**Directions: From Rockford - I-39 to
Route 30. Take Rt. 30 west to I-
88. (This avoids tolls) Take Exit #6.
East (left) on Rt. 92. South (right)
on Rt. 82. The campground is on the
left before the canal and just past
the Green River. There are two
driveways. Take the second one.
The first is for a private residence
not connected to the campground.**

SEPTEMBER OUTING

(submitted by Delores Frost)

Our September outing was at Paul Wolff Campground in Elgin, IL, which is a Kane County campground. Members attending were Browns, Jim, Frosts, Gastels, Hickses, Korzuns, Olsons, and Watnes. Our sites were in a group setting and fairly level, which was great! On Thursday our trip to Titan Tiny Homes was brief, as they only had one unit in the shop. It was a sauna, hair salon, which was going to Ohio. Questions were asked by our group and Chris explained other details about made to order units. They do seem to have their building techniques up to par. They even have one of their units currently in Switzerland! We went back to the campground, where some took side trips and others enjoyed the breeze and great shade trees. Our dogs'n more supper was great with plenty of good food as usual. Friday morning some went for lunch at Rookies, while Dennis and Paula took a trip to the Mount Hope Cemetery and looked for family plots of Paula's family. They also went looking for a previous home that had been occupied by her family and returned to the campground with a picture of the home. At 1:30 we left for the pumpkin farm, where several picked up a few low calorie items, like taffy apples and cider donuts. We then headed to the Upstairs, Downstairs Antique Shop where we explored the booths looking for the cardinal caper cardinal hidden for fun and prizes. Dennis looked upstairs and downstairs and finally spotted the cardinal. Toby was second and Barb was third. Assorted prizes were handed out and everyone received back scratchers. We went back to the campground and relaxed before changing into our shirts before heading to Giffords for dinner. Our own room at Giffords was nice but somehow Gastels' dinner order got misplaced and after reordering they received their dinner late. The manager came in to see how things were and after a few suggestions from our group they arrived with four bowls of their buttercake to share among the fifteen of us. Saturday morning we left for Burnt Toast for breakfast. The parking lot was full of cars but upon entering the restaurant we didn't see enough people to account for the cars but after a ten minute wait for our table we followed the host to our table, we turned the corner and low and behold there sat all those customers. Mary, our waitress, was very efficient and right on the ball. The food was hot and everyone seemed to enjoy their breakfasts, with a few take-home boxes also. Back at the campground, some played beanbag baseball and Giant Jenga, while others went to the Fisher Nut

Factory outlet. Our potluck was held in the shelter on the hill and the food was delicious as usual. We had to move some of our cars, even though we were the only people in the area. Still not too sure why they were a problem but we did it. After dinner and conversation we enjoyed another campfire with color added. Every night's campfire was cut short because of the very hungry mosquitoes! Sunday morning brought us back to the shelter for finger foods. We had wonderful weather and we wished everyone a safe trip home. A special shout-out to Browns, who offered to help Frosts plan the outing! Thanks, Gwen and Lee, for stepping up!

ELECTION RESULTS

At our September meeting we unanimously elected our officers for next year. President – David Hicks, VP – Jim Diehl, Secretary – Delores Frost, and Treasurer – Lynne Hicks. They will be sworn in at our October meeting. Thanks for stepping up and offering to lead our club next year!

MEMBER NEWS

- Dean was released from rehab just four short weeks after his fall and surgery! He's just like the Energizer Bunny!
- Toby fell Saturday night at the campout when he went outside to help find Barb's phone (again) and he missed the last step and hit his head and landed on his knee. The phone was found, David put the frame back in his glasses, and Toby survived. He went to the doctor after returning home and found his kneecap was not cracked but it will take about six weeks to completely heal. He had a slight concussion but is much improved.
- We are excited because a new guest member couple is going to join us at our October outing. Fred and Juanita Whitney from Byron are coming and we can't wait to meet them! Welcome!
- Jim left for Alabama after our September outing and will return in the spring! Have a great winter, Jim.
- Grosses' family was using their motorhome and found a major tire problem while at a gas station, which was a great place to be for that kind of trouble. The tire was replaced and all is well!

BIRTHDAYS

- October 11 – Dave Wright
- October 13 – Sandy Broz
- October 29 – Joan Pearson
- October 29 – Leth Pearson
- October 30 – Jim Gastel

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 17 – Ted Mapes & Kim Tedrick – 31 years

WINNEBAGO MOTOR HOMES

WMH has what you need to winterize (What? Already?) your unit when you're done camping for the season. If you prefer to have it done professionally, give them a call and schedule it. There are still units for sale on their lot in case you've given some thought to trading in your present unit for another one – either upgrading or downsizing.

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OCTOBER OUTING

Geneseo Campground is our destination for our last campout of the year. We have a great group planning to attend! The campground owners, Bob and Sheila Thompson, purchased the campground just three weeks ago and are planning some changes in the campground. We are having our dogs'n more Thursday night so bring something simple to go with your dogs or brats that we will be cooking over the fire. Following dinner, Bob and Sheila will entertain us with songs and acoustic guitars – at no cost to us! They will take requests (in advance) so it should be a delightful 30-45 minutes to start our weekend. Friday morning it is breakfast on your own, followed by a tour of the museum and carriage house in Geneseo. We need to be there at 10:00. There is a handicapped ramp to enter and an elevator in the building so all three floors are accessible to everyone. There is no fee but donations are welcome. That evening we will wear our shirts as we dine at The Cellar, one of Dean's favorite places to eat. We won't be in the same room because it was already booked. Saturday morning we will have breakfast in town, followed by a free day until our potluck supper. Sunday it's breakfast with finger foods furnished by the wagonmasters. There are many things to do in the area, including the great shops in town, Bishop Hill, and others. Hopefully there won't be any more mosquitoes to drive us nutty!

IL INDIANS

The last outing of the year was held in Crescent City September 20-23. There were 17 in attendance and we were kept busy the entire time (with some nap times built in). Elections were held, with Kelly Crabtree remaining as President, David Hicks as VP, and Chris Crabtree as secretary. The position of treasurer remains open at this time. Please consider volunteering for this. We need the position filled to continue to have a state club.

NEXT YEAR'S HEADS-UP

Committees, wagonmasters, and dues...all need to be taken care of this month.

*There are openings for the committees. It takes more than just two or three people to keep our chapter strong and active.

*There are also some open spots for wagonmasters. Remember you need to sign up for wagonmaster as one of your requirements for membership. You will be assigned a month if you forget to sign up for one you want. There should be two wagonmasters for each outing. The duties are to find things to do during the weekend and provide finger food breakfast for Sunday morning.

*Your \$25 dues need to be paid to Lynne ASAP! If you want newsletter only, the cost is \$7.50. The mailing address to send your money is

Lynne Hicks

5N055 Meadows Ct.

St. Charles, IL 60175

*Just a reminder for the members who are joining for the first time after their guest membership has expired. You are expected to volunteer as wagonmaster for **just one** of the outings during the camping season. You will not do it alone because an experienced member will do it with you. It's pretty easy and fun to do!

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Our last meeting of the year will take place at our luncheon on Saturday, November 10th during our first luncheon of the winter months. The location has not yet been determined. Details next month.

HUMOR CORNER

As a man was treating his daughter and her family to the buffet at the casino when all the bells and whistles for a winning slot machine began to go off. His seven year old grandson was awed. "Wow!" he yelled. "This is like Chuck E. Cheese for old people!"