

Smoke Signals

May 2012

They say "April Showers bring May flowers" and spring has truly arrived in Indiana. All of our spring flowers were up and blooming the end of March when we arrived home from our winter in Florida. Our rose bushes were loaded with buds. Some of the buds have finally opened up and such pretty red and white and pink roses! Most important of all.... It's time to go camping and enjoy our monthly campouts along with all the rallies!! So let's get started.....

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Our May Birthday is: Chuck McDanell - 13th. May Anniversary's are: Bob and Barbara Bell - 25th, Adrian and Judy Combs - 27th. If my calculations are right the Bells celebrate their 50th this year and the Combs their 52nd. Happy birthday to Chuck and special Happy Anniversary wishes to the Bells and Combs.

2012 Rallies and Campouts:

***Denotes there will be a chapter meeting held.*

May 16th - 20th - Illinois State Rally at Joliet, IL. There's a limit of 80 sites available. So, if you plan to go and haven't made your reservations yet, you need to hurry.

*** May Chapter Campout Note from Larry and Phyllis - I've called the Follow The River RV Resort about our May campout. I have sites 140 to 150 blocked out for May 25,26,27 or 24,25,26,27 what ever works for you. You must reserve for a minimum of three days since it is a holiday week-end. You can call them at 812-427-3330 & tell them you are with Chapter 57 of HR. I've talked with the Bustle's & they will host this week-end.*

Note: The campground has ask us to make our reservations by April 27 or they were going to release the sites we haven't reserved. If you haven't made your reservations and want to go, you need to call now to see if you can still get in. More information regarding activities for this weekend will be provided later. The address for the campground is 25 Markland Town Road, Florence, IN 47020. This is at the corner of Markland Town Road and State Road 156 according to last years campground map. We've made our reservation and hope you have, too.

***June 6th - 10th - The theme for this year's Indiana State Rally is "Ole' Fashioned Hoosier Campout" and will be held at the Elkhart Campground in Elkhart, IN. There isn't any monetary rally fee this year, but they are asking you to bring some food items to help with meals. You will pay your camping fee and the registration form is on the Holiday Rambler website. You must send one night's camping fee along with your registration form by May 20, 2012.*

***July 15th - 21st Arrive on the July 15th and depart on the July 21st with early parking July 14th. Arrangements can be made with the HRRVC office for earlier arrival or later departure. - The Bar Triple C Presents: Cattle, Coal, & Cowboys at the 48th International Rally at the Complex in Gillette, Wy. Registrations postmarked prior to June 1 will be entered into a drawing for a partial registration refund. Registration forms and information about tours are in the Ramblings and on the web site. The Region V Lunch will be July 18th at 1:00 pm. The average price is \$8 to \$11. If you would like to attend please notify your Chapter President by May 14th.*

August 15th - 19th - Region V/Kentucky State Rally at Renfro Valley, KY

***August 24th - 26 - Chapter campout at Delaware County Fairgrounds at Muncie, IN*

September 11th - 16th - Missouri State Rally at Danville, MO

September 13th - 16th - Michigan State Rally at Holland, MI

***September 23 - 26 - Chapter campout at Shipshewanna South Campground in Shipshewanna, IN*

***October 14 - 17 - Chapter campout at Patoka Lake State Park at Birdseye, IN*

***December - Chapter Christmas luncheon TBD*

Check your Ramblings or the Region V and Indiana websites for further information then mark your calendars and make your reservations for all of these fun Holiday Rambler gatherings. The 2012 camping season is getting busy!!

State Council Meeting

Camping for the Indiana State Council weekend were Ed and Debbie Koch and Mike and Sharon Mathews with Mary Ann Key, and Mary Ellen Velasquez driving in for the Saturday meeting. It was great to see both of them. We had a nice building to use and a lot of the weekend was spent socializing and playing games. Some updated information was given to us about the upcoming Indiana State Rally, which will sent in a seperate email. A discussion was held as to whether we should continue camping for the spring State Council meeting or go to a one day meeting. A vote was tabled until the Council meeting at the State Rally in June so that each chapter would have time to discuss it with their members and present their decision at that time. If you won't be at the May campout and have an opinion you'd like to express, please contact Mike prior to the campout.

International Membership Renewal

We've been told that HRRVC will no longer be mailing dues notices for your International dues, if they have an email address on file for you. Be sure to watch your email and pay those dues when you receive your notice. That can be done by either sending a check or calling the office and giving Christi a credit card number.

2012 Scholarship Winner

We received this notice from Doyle McMurry, National Scholarship Chairman and Region IV National Director:

"I would like to inform you that one of your Chapter 57 members was a sponsor of a Scholarship Winner.

Larry and Phyllis Bousman sponsored their grandson, Alex W. Gordon and Alex has been awarded a \$2000.00 HRRVC Scholarship."

Congratulations to Alex from Chapter 57!!

About our members...

Several of our chapter members are currently at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen for the Ramblin' Pusher's Maintenance Session. Dick Reidenbach is past President and remains very involved with this chapter as does Barbara as Tours Chair. Many of our members are involved with parking and helping in many other jobs. Those attending from Chapter 57 in addition to Dick and Barb are: Adrian and Judy Combs, Bob and Norma Blair, Mike and Sharon Mathews, Bob and Barbara Bell, Bob and Joyce Montgomery, Ed and Debbie Koch, Terry and Lillian Doane, and Chuck and Dianne McDanell. Judy Combs said she's received a recent email from Valerie Markle that Norm continues to improve after his health scare this winter. They are missed this week and we hope that Norm continues to improve and hope to see them both at a future Holiday event.

Note: If you have anything you'd like for us to know about, please send it to me and I'll be glad to add it to the next newsletter..

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms!!

Safe Travels to all....

Sharon Mathews #105155
Secretary