

## MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER



The first campout of the camping season found the River M's at Reelfoot State Park in Tiptonville, TN. On Wednesday, Bill and Sally, and their son Chris met up with Judy north of Covington and traveled together. After setting up, we rode to the Dairy Queen for burgers, toured the town of Tiptonville which was bigger than we thought and stopped to get a bundle of firewood, hoping for a campfire one evening. Later in the day, we were joined by the Baker's and Klancy and Jackie showed up after darkness had set in. The maintenance crew came around to tell us to unhook our water lines overnight because it may freeze. After having many days of spring like weather, we were not blessed with warm weather over the weekend. Thursday morning the Wood clan, joined by Judy headed to Union City to visit Discovery Park America. We enjoyed the daVinci exhibit and I guess I was unaware that he also painted "The Last Supper" and the "Mona Lisa" whose copies were on display. The various machines he was credited with inventing were very interesting, and included models of block and tackle, ball bearings, flight, mechanical robotics, leverage, and water pump. He was definitely a man ahead of his time. Kids were out of school for spring break so the campground and Discovery Park were over run with over exuberant younguns. Before we left Discovery Park, we met up with Glenn and Linda in the snack bar. Great attraction.

Back at camp we found out that Klancy was camping with a pic line in her arm with antibiotics flowing. All this from a bout with diverticulosis. She had made up her mind to make this camping trip no matter what. We also found out at Ms Georginna was in a nursing home in Illinois where her other daughter lives. Buster and Wilma weren't able to camp as planned as Buster wasn't feeling his best. We really missed those of you who couldn't make it and hope to see you at Hollywood in April.



A couple of his inventions.

The Carters and Wilsons pulled in and later that same day and we all gathered at the Woods to catch up with each other, have St. Patrick's Day cake and ice cream. Klancy brought sherbert which was very refreshing. Some of the gals played rummikub.

I must have been in a fog Friday because I can't remember what transpired except that we had a good meal at the Blue Bank Resort which was within walking distance. The food was excellent and we were entertained by a songstress during our meal. The fresh yeast rolls with strawberry butter was a hit and so was the homemade salad dressing. Once again we gathered at the Woods rig to close out the day. Oh yes, Bill, Chris and I took a long drive in the area and wound up across the state line into Kentucky. We came to a crossroad out in the middle of nowhere and took a left which brought us back into Tennessee on the other side of the lake. We checked out the airport campground and saw where the lodge had been torn down. Stopped at Gray's Fishing Resort which has been there for over 40 years and had yummy cheeseburgers.

Saturday morning we had our meeting at the Woods rig. Bill passed along a lot of info from the state committee meeting that he attended. A surprising announcement that Mississippi Good Sam has folded since they couldn't get anyone to take the director job. This was hard to hear as I know some of you attended their Rally last year and had a real good time. Our chapter will be helping Bluff City and Golden Circle with the West TN Rally to be held at Natchez Trace State Park in September. If you haven't reserved a spot you need to do it ASAP. We are on site 37. Also at the Lebanon Rally in October our chapter will be responsible for monitoring galloping dominoes and ladder golf. We will also be helping K-Town with Saturday morning breakfast. We volunteered to decorate a window. Several years ago we won first place so are looking for ideas from everyone this time. The state will be celebrating 40 years and the window theme should reflect "40 years in a nutshell. Some of you may have photos of past samborees we can use. Klancy won the Pot of Gold and Reggie won the door prize of a pair of camper themed coasters. Saturday afternoon the gals got together and played rummikub. Linda brought snacks of donuts and lemon pound cake. The guys sat around outside and solved all the worlds problems and since it was a somewhat warmer day, we were finally able to have a campfire that evening, bundled up against the still chilly night.

