

THE SCENT-INEL

Newsletter



MOUNT CLEMENS STINKERS

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Mt. Clemens Stinkers FCRV Ch. 98

Minutes 9/8/04

President Barb Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at Hometown Macomb Community Center. Next Month's hosts, DeKeyser & Garabedian.

Members present were: Michels, Hudock, Williams, Tipsworth, Bell, Garrett, Cramer, Marsh, Matthies, Munson, DiSalvo, Furman, Pittiglio, Garabedian, Trombley, and Garbe. No guests. (16 families present)

The **secretary's report** as reported in the Scentinel was read by Cindy Trombley. Motioned by John DiSalvo, seconded by Cathy Garrett to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. Diane Garabedian read the **treasurer's report** as reported in the Scentinel. Roger Cramer motioned, Jack Matthies seconded to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

Old Business

While discussing the rainy weekend at Addison Oaks, Bob Bell also reported on his new Rig. The Labor Day weekend at Groveland Oaks had beautiful Weather and the hosts Fitzgeralds, Parmentier, & Brown did an excellent job.

Nominating Committee-Arlene Munson presented the slate of officers and we will vote next month. Nominations from the floor can still be accepted. Jean Marsh reminded us that our FCRV card must be current in order to vote. Check your card for your renewal date.

President: Roger Cramer, Diane Garabedian, Barb Matthies

Vice President: Dennis Garrett, Diane Garabedian

Secretary: Judy DeKeyser

Treasurer: Ron Marsh

Board Members: Arlene Munson, Duane Osbourn, Al Fitzgerald, John DiSalvo, Jean Marsh

The Bench The members present at the campout were disappointed with the memorial bench at Groveland Oaks. We were under the impression that new boards would be placed on the bench when the plaque was installed and they were not. The memorial plaque was placed on the old bench and was not level. The lady at Oakland County Parks misspoke when she told us we would get a new bench. The bench she was referring to was a smaller bench to be placed somewhere in Groveland Oaks not the one by the campfire. We were given the following options.

1. Oakland County Parks would place a new bench somewhere in the park.
2. Replace the 2 back boards with new boards, but not the seat boards.
3. New Plaque that could be placed in any Oakland County park.

Arlene motioned to table the decision until next month. There was much discussion on the three options. The general consensus was people liked the idea of having the bench plaque in the area we camped. We did not want to have the bench somewhere else. Arlene pointed out that the seat boards on the bench in question were in worse condition than the back boards. John DiSalvo asked about having the bench stained and or polyurethane. Gary Trombley reported that stain or polyurethane would only last a year and the bench would look worse than it does now. The option of placing a new plaque in

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MEMBERS

Any words, thoughts, or issue you may have can be put in this newsletter.

Please feel free to submit them.

2004 Officers of the Mt. Clemens Stinkers

PRESIDENT: *Barb Matthies*
VICE PRESIDENT: *Diane Garabedian*
SECRETARY: *Judy DeKeyser*
TREASURE: *Bumper Brown*



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
CHARMAN: *Bob Bell*
Roger Cramer
Gene LaBelle

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any Oakland County park was discussed and the consensus was placing one in Addison Oaks. Roger Cramer could not remember whether the memorial benches at Addison Oaks had new boards or not. Arlene withdrew her motion to table the decision until next month. John DiSalvo motioned and Roger seconded to vote on the options from Oakland County .

Barb took a voice vote one each option.

1. Oakland County Parks would place a new bench somewhere in the park. No.
2. Replace the 2 back boards with new boards, but not the seat boards. No.
3. New Plaque that could be placed in any Oakland County park. Yes. (unanimous)

Upcoming Campouts-The Algonac encampment is this weekend. Port Huron KOA-Browns are not going and have an electric only site available. Make sure you've signed the sheet for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Also, there is a sign up sheet for Port Huron Township Park soup lunch.

Tabled until next month-updates for the job descriptions. Also tabled the MSA report.

Jean Marsh gave the birthdays and anniversaries for August. Health report-Sherry had eye surgery and is doing well.

Several members reported on their new rigs. Bells (earlier). Arlene Williams is getting a class C with a slide a 30' Winnebago Itasca Sundancer. John & Doris DiSalvo have a new 37' Everest 5th wheel, triple slide, fireplace and according to Ron Marsh, very comfortable napping chairs. Although Spechts were not present, it was reported they now have a 2002 Coachman motorhome with a beautiful cherry interior.

There was no new Business. Ron Marsh motioned Bob Bell seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Jan Hudock won \$15.25 from the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Trombley

October Campouts

Please let Tammy know if you signed up for a campout and your name is not listed.

Valley Plaza – Oct 22-24 Brown, DeKeyser, Garabedian, Hartley, Matthies, Munson, Osbourn, Parmentier

FCRV Membership

Bumper needs to verify that everyone's FCRV membership is up to date. Please bring your FCRV card to the October Meeting.

The Stinkers had a campout on the weekend of September 10, 11 at Algonac State Park.

Those who came were: Michels, Bells, Matthies, Parmentier, DeKeyser, Munson, Cramer, Furman (and Ann's parents and daughter, Susan, and the twins). The weather was absolutely perfect the whole weekend.

Both Friday and Saturday night we had campfires. Jack brought the copper tubing and hose so we had some nice colors in the fire. We ate dinner together Friday and Saturday evenings, and Barb fixed waffles for all of us on Sunday morning. Thanks Barb! Of course, we made an ice cream run on Saturday evening. Surprisingly, we didn't play cards, but we did go see the encampment - very interesting.

We had another fun Stinkers weekend!
Sherry

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Treasurer's Report
September-04

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Camping</u>	<u>Account</u>
Beginning Balances:	\$534.90	\$482.00	\$1,016.90
Club Income:			
Deposit (50/50)	\$16.00		
Potluck	\$12.00		
	<u>\$28.00</u>		
Club Expenses:			
Bank Charge - Checks	-\$14.25		
Ck 682 - Arlene Munson (raffle tickets)	-\$7.95		
	<u>-\$22.20</u>		
Club Total:	\$5.80		
Camping Deposit Income			
Addison Oaks	\$22.00		
Groveland Oaks	\$71.00		
	<u>\$93.00</u>		
Camping Deposit Expenses:			
Ck 677 - Tammy Brown (refund)	-\$28.00		
Ck 678 - Bob Bell (refund)	-\$28.00		
Ck 679 - Margaret Hartley (refund)	-\$28.00		
Ck 680 - Jean Marsh (refund)	-\$28.00		
Ck 681 - VOID	\$0.00		
	<u>-\$112.00</u>		
Camping Deposit Total:		-\$19.00	
Ending Balances:	\$540.70	\$463.00	\$1,003.70
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Outstanding Deposits			
Addison Oaks - Fourth of July	\$20.00		
Addison Oaks - June	\$20.00		
Groveland Oaks - Labor Day	\$10.00		
Holiday Shores - Memorial Day	\$100.00		
Walnut Hills	\$35.00		
Vermontville	\$100.00		
	<u>\$285.00</u>		
Dedicated Monies			
Ice Cream Social	\$1.05		

The Labor Day campout at Groveland Oaks was

wonderful! The weather was perfect.

Hosts for the weekend were Fitzgerald, Brown and Parmentier. Thanks to all of them for a spectacular weekend.

Attendees were: Gene LaBelle, Dan LaBelle, Michels, Parmentier, DeKeyser, (Judy's daughter, Sharon, and her family), Witt and guests, Trombley, Garbe, Fitzgerald, Williams (and Arlene's daughter Gail and family), Matthies, Browns for the day, Cramer, Garrett (and Dennis' mom), Specht, Marsh for the day, Munson (and her daughter Michelle and family), Furman, Osbourn, DiSalvo, and Heid. Several of us had guests for the day too.

Both DiSalvo and Specht got new rigs! DiSalvo got an Everest 5th wheel (Keystone). It has three slides and a fireplace - beautiful. Spechts got a 30 ft Coachmen, Class A - almost new and very, very nice. It has some features they have been wishing for.

Many of us arrived on Thursday and some on Friday or Saturday. Friday evening there was a hospitality table and we all played cards or sat at the campfire.

Saturday afternoon the club camped next to us, the Sunseekers, had us as guests for lunch. They really treated us to a nice spread. There were sausages, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob, chips and pop. We brought the deserts. We were serenaded by one of their guests who plays saxophone. He plays in the Family Motor Coach band and travels the world.

Saturday evening we had the bench dedication. There was a plaque on the bench at the campfire that said, "In loving memory of Mt. Clemens Stinkers on both sides of the campfire." Dennis Garrett read the names of all members who are now "on the other side of the campfire".

There was soft music playing in the background. Then Taps was played by our friend with the saxophone. At the end we all made a toast to our loved ones and had a few minutes of camaraderie. It was very moving.

Sunday afternoon we had a Euchre tournament arranged by Muellers (Judy's daughter and son-in-law). There were 20 of us playing at tables set up in the shade. The money prizes went to Gail Osbourn, Cindy Trombley, and Jack Matthies. (There were rumors that they cheated.)

Of course, Sunday was our fabulous potluck dinner. Hosts provided the delicious roast beef sandwiches, and we had the usual spread. There's no doubt that everyone had plenty to eat!

Sunday evening we played a game called Bean-Bag-Baseball. You toss beanbags through the holes in a board to score bases, fouts, homeruns, and outs. We set up two teams and played two games of seven innings. There was lots of yelling, cheering and laughing going on. Our third game was a night game played with the Sunseekers. The "bleacher creatures" did a good (loud) job cheering everyone on. The "wave" was seen many times. I don't remember who won, but we sure had fun.

Several members stayed another night at Groveland Oaks and were leaving for the Retirees Rally the next day.

I'm sure glad no one will make us pick the best part of the weekend. It was all so much fun. The only problem was that we ate so much and were so busy that we forgot to go out for ice-cream!!!

Sherry

Peggy P and Tammy B. would like everyone to acknowledge that 99.9% of the credit for the great time everyone had, and great success of the entire Labor Day Weekend should go to Shirley & Al Fitzgerald !!
Thank You!!

The weekend of September 25 was our campout at Port Huron KOA.

In attendance were: Furmans, Bells, DeKeyser, Garabedian, DiSalvo, Matthies, Parmentier, Williams, Michels, Cramer, Garrett, Garbe, Trombleys.

In spite of some mix-ups in reservations (made by the park), we all had a good time. The weather was good. It was reservation madness weekend at the park - people were actually standing in line Friday for reservations which opened Saturday evening! We got coupons for a free lunch and ice cream (that soothed our ruffled feathers about the reservations a little).

Of course, Saturday afternoon was our potluck Thanksgiving meal. We had everything from turkey to pies. MMMMMM. We all do such a good job with dinners, don't we? Thanks to those who cooked the turkeys, Matthies, Parmentier, and Bells.

Cindy T. and Sherry rented one of the four wheel bikes, and Dave hitched a ride on the front. It sure was easier to peddle after we kicked him off.

Some of the guys played golf, as usual, and there were some games being played Saturday too. The campfires were very enjoyable, and I heard that some people stayed at the campfire until midnight - they must have had a nap earlier!
Sunday afternoon everyone shared the leftovers for lunch.

We all had a wonderful time, as usual. I can't wait until the next campout. Hope to see you there!!!

Sherry



Cindy and Sherry have a little fun!!



What's wrong with this picture?



The natives look hungry



More Happy Campers



Look at that Barb is taking bribes!!



Hudocks are waiting patiently!



So are the Bells, Michels and the Garretts



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Dan LaBelle	Oct. 3
John DiSalvo	Oct 13
Bob Bell	Oct 22
Ron & Jean Marsh	Oct 15
Dave & Sherry Michels	Oct 30

Stinkers Christmas Party

Please bring your money to the club meeting on October 13, 2004 for the Christmas Party to be held on December 4, 2004. The cost per person is \$16.00. It will be at Dimitri's Rendezvous, located at 36217 S Gratiot Ave, Clinton Township. Doors open at 6:00 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM