



Cardinal Ramblers, Chapter 174

St. Louis, MO

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The weather for the October campout looked as if we would have dreadful temperatures when most of us arrived on the 19th. As the week progressed, however, the temperatures began to rise and we were able to remove the heavy coats and get down to sweaters and even short-sleeve shirts if we wanted to do so. Overall, we had a good time at the campout which featured the Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. We had so much food that some of the desserts were not even touched.

Attending the October event were Jerry & Joann Barnes; Larry & Rita Bendel; Jim & Aileen Campbell; Larry, Emily, Beth & Liza Niewoehner; Steve & Nancy Ortwerth; Bob & Ruth Swantner; Cletus & Jenny Van Booven; Jerry Watson; Larry & Elaine Ziegler. Bernice Watson was unable to attend because of a family obligation.

In addition, Jim & Sue Cobb drove over for awhile on Saturday and spent a few hours visiting. They left prior to the evening Thanksgiving meal, however. Also visiting the campout on Saturday and staying for the meal were Frank & Mary Ann Hoeltcher. The Hoeltchers are neighbors of the Barnes and also own a farm in Jonesburg which is on the way to Lazy Day Campground.

Besides the delicious food at the Saturday evening meal at the campground, most (or perhaps all) of us went to several restaurants in Hermann, MO during our stay from the 19th to the 23rd. If nothing else, we Cardinal Ramblers enjoy visiting the area eating establishments and leaving a few bucks to help the local businesses. Thus, I suppose you can say we are doing our part to help support the economy.

Some of the World Series baseball games were on while we were at Lazy Day CG, so either the televisions in our RV's or the one in the club house got a workout. We also spent some time around the campfire solving some of the world's problems and enjoying each other's company. Some card playing also took place.

A sad occasion occurred while we were at Lazy Day. Emily received a telephone call that Al Vonder Haar passed away on Saturday, October 22. Al was laid out at Kutis Funeral Chapel in Affton with visitation on Tuesday, October 25 and burial at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery on October 26. In addition to personal contributions made to the American Diabetes Association from many Cardinal Rambler members, Chapter 174 treasury also made a donation to the same organization. Al was a long-time member of HRRVC and very actively involved. He truly will be missed. Rest in peace, Al.

Remember the Christmas party that is coming up November 20 at Grappa Grill in the strip mall on the east side of Highway 94 a short distance south of I-70. The address is 1644 Country Club Plaza Drive. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. We will order from the menu; a cash bar will

