

West Tennessee Traveling Sams
April 2012 Newsletter

The West Tennessee Traveling Sams camped at McFarland Park in Florence, Alabama on April 20, 21, and 22, 2012. Members arrived on various days as the number grew to twenty-two strong. Camping were the Arnolds, Bakers, Blurtons, Dukes, Marvins, McBrides, Parks, Richardsons, Sorensens, Warfields and Williamses. We missed those who were unable to attend. We hope that Mary Lindburg is better each day from being in the hospital.

On Thursday night, hamburgers were grilled at the Warfield's campsite. Sixteen couples enjoyed the burgers and trimmings as we sat around the campfire. Some visited while others played card games and Mexican train dominos.

Over the weekend, McFarland Park was enjoyed as campers sat, visited, walked, ate and enjoyed the beautiful view of the river. One of the best forms of entertainment was the dog in the RV that could turn the RV lights on and off. He put on quite a show. The geese swimming around were a pleasant sight but can't say the same for the snakes which were out sunning themselves!

Friday night's meal would rival The Old Country Store buffet. Roast, gravy, ham and beans, and a whole bountiful display of delightful dishes made a magnificent feast. Then, there were the desserts....oh what can I say but heavenly! Jim Baker shared a birthday cake and a chorus of Happy Birthday wishes. Definitely, a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

Saturday morning brought colder temperatures. However, a roaring fire in the pavilion fireplace warmed up the immediate area while we consumed bacon, eggs, biscuits, pancakes, fruit, coffee, etc. Thank you to the chefs who prepared food prior to the meal and who cooked during the breakfast. Everything was delicious. Afterwards, everyone went in different directions. Some left the park for a while and others ended up regrouping and visiting.

On Saturday evening, the meeting was moved to the Stanfields Restaurant due to the balmy weather. We were allowed to use a room for the meeting. Afterwards Alan presented thought provoking ideas during his devotional which was held prior to the meal. He even gave us homework to keep his

topic in our mind. We want to keep in mind those who are not well- Mary Lindburg, Bradley Sorensen, Sue and Gene Elder and Janice's daughter. The restaurant had a variety of options for our enjoyment. Everyone ate well and the desserts on the menu offered up tasty delights and many, many calories.

Happy Birthday to Alma Latham (May 8), Gale Sorensen (May 11), Jake Lindburg (May 21) and Randell Duke (May 24). Happy Anniversary to Harry and Pat Knox on May 16.

Next month will be the Samboree in Lebanon. We hope that all that can attend will join us there.

John Marvin
President

Mary Marvin
Secretary