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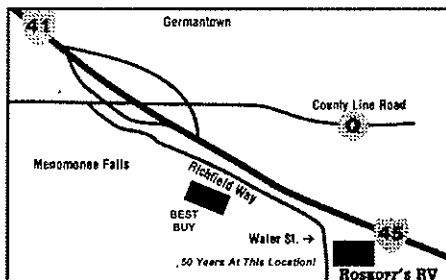
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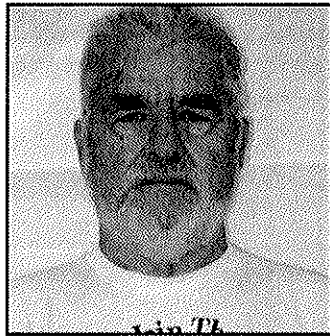
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As 2009 comes to an end, I hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

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In 2010, I hope to see more participation and an increase in membership. If we all work together in talking up WCA and inviting our friends and family to our campouts, it will be a fun



and memorable year.

Don't forget the Winter Getaway at Chula Vista Resort in the Dells on Jan 22-23. Remember, if you share a room, the cost will be lower.

Also, remember the Trailer Show in February and the Bowling Party this spring.

Let's look for a good and fun year of camping!!

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Jan. 9, 2010, March 13, 2010
May 8, 2010
Sept. 11, 2010 (to be announced)
Nov. 13, 2010

June 19, 2010
Walworth Co. Fairgrounds
Elkhorn, WI-3:00 PM

August 21, 2010
Grand Valley Campground
Kingston, WI-3:00 PM

Note: April 10, 2010 delegates Meeting will be at 6 PM at Cardinal Ale House & Bowl Columbus, WI

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West Allis Sunshiners

Shirley and I have just driven 1400 miles to get away from the cold and snow. Here we are in San Antonio, Texas in 24 degree weather, very windy with remnants of last nights snow on the ground. Where is the justice? It probably is warmer in Wisconsin. The only saving grace is that it is supposed to be in the 60's in two days.

The Sunshiner 2009 camping came to an end with cool, wet and blustery October outings. Anticipating an early winter, our members winterized their units with dreams of the 2010 spring outings. Now, wouldn't you know it, the November weather would have been perfect camping weather and here all the units are in storage. Just remember that every passing day is another day closer to the next outing.

I trust that Thanksgiving Day was a great family day for everyone. I know it was for me as I too let my belt out another notch. Then to add to the expanse, our club had its' Xmas Party the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Don and Mary's house who were gracious hosts to us. We had a great turnout, good food to share and some gifts to bring smiles to your face. Barb Stracy brought her guitar and provided music and songs for the season. While she was playing the guitar, two year old

Tiffany was helping her pluck the strings which made for some slightly different music. Our chapter has great youngsters. In talking with Elly and Kavin, I learned that they are doing very well in school and we are very proud of them. Elly revealed her interest in Animal Husbandry as a future. She loves animals and wants to help keep them healthy. Luke showed up with new bruises from skate-boarding and is heavily involved in Basketball. Cain arrived in time for the meal after having spent the day helping out at a Christmas Tree farm where he and his mother are working. Remember Cain, three arm lengths, cut and roll for the customers. If you don't know what he is doing, ask him, he will be glad to explain.

This months' weird report comes from the Stracy family, and there are two reports. First, Rick was up on the roof of his multi-level house cleaning the gutters and hanging lights. He set the ladder up on the higher roof, did his job there then from that roof he jumped down to the lower roof where he cleaned gutters and hung lights there. Now this probably sounded like a good idea, but he could not climb back up a wet, icy lower roof to get to the upper level roof where the ladder is. After many attempts, he finally

managed to rap on windows and walls enough to get someone to move the ladder to where he now needed it. Good Job Rick. The second report is also about Rick who was telling us that he has a "Sunday" wife and a "Weekday" wife. These are the actual words from his mouth, I only report the truth, I do not manufacture these things. He said that he is with one wife during the weekdays and on Sunday he goes to church with another wife. You'll have to ask him for the details as we couldn't stop laughing as he told the story. Wouldn't that make him a Polygamist? Barb, if you need witnesses at the divorce proceedings, we Sunshiners will be there.

Here is a plea to all the WCA members. Debbie, Herb and Lorraine Wolfs' daughter can use your thoughts and prayers for her health. She is going thru a tough time with Chemo and can use all the prayers we can give. Also by the time that you read this article, Mary W. may be up and running on her prosthetic leg. I am sure she is thankful for all your well wishes that she has gotten.

Here are a few more of the "10 Rules of Life" appropriate for this time of year end reflection. One is to learn to pick your battles; ask yourself, will this matter one year from now? How about one month? One

week? One day?

Another rule is when you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It is easier to eat crow while it still is warm.

Did you remember to mark your 2010 calendar with the August Campvention. Get your ten gallon hat out and dust it off as you will need it at the "WILD WEST" weekend at Grand Valley Campground. The Sunshiners are already working hard on it to make it the best Campvention ever. Watch future EMBERS for more details.

Mr. & Mrs. T-Roll are down the road looking for warmer weather but we will always think about our friends enjoying the Wisconsin winters. Have a great New Year. We wish success to all our job hunters, may 2010 shine brightly on you and your family.

T-rolls signing off.

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East Troy Area Country Campers

Even though winter is upon us, doesn't mean that camping isn't on our minds. Winter is a great time to replace equipment and prepare for spring. The various RV shows in the area are a great way to stock up for next season. Not to mention start establishing your camp outings as well!

The East Troy Area Country Campers are busy planning for next year, with hopes of some fantastic events. We had a lot of fun last year and look forward to warming up by the campfire soon. Our 2010 outings we have planned are:

April 16-18, 2010	Indian Trails, Pardeeville WI (Meet and Greet weekend)
May 21-22, 2010	Westward Ho, Glenbeulah WI
June 18-20, 2010	WCA Campvention, Elkhorn WI
July 16-18, 2010	Silver Springs, Rio WI
August 20-22, 2010	WCA Campvention, Kingston WI
Sept. 17-19, 2010	Hidden Valley RV, Milton WI (Fall Kickoff weekend)

If you are interested in joining us for a camping weekend, please contact Lorie at 262-894-4057 or campingwi@yahoo.com. Everyone is welcome to attend our camp outings.

If you would like more information about our chapter or would like to join, we would love to hear from you. We offer a variety of activities for kids and adults alike. Our members camp in tents, cabins, travel trailers and mobile homes. See what all the excitement is about, join East Troy Area Country Campers today.

We look forward to seeing you all in the spring!

Happy Camping, Lorie Stasik



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Portage Yellow Thunder Ramblers

Can you believe this is the last article for 2009?

The chapter had their November meeting at Helene Kilians - seems the Neuhoffs didn't realize the meeting was that Sunday, as they just sat and watched the Packers with friends. The Jim Bobholz and Fred Prices were on a trip to Branson in November - Jim and his Brother-in-law Bob were part of a show with their jail uniforms on - had the entertainer in stitches. Millie also got taken up on stage at another show, donning reindeer antlers, an inflated lollipop, a red hat scarf, and lots of confetti.

Faith had a surprise 85th birthday party for hubby Bob in November, which some members attended.

The chapter had

their Christmas outing at the Broadway Dinner Theatre in the Dells; they got first floor seats only because a bus cancelled out due to some snow on the roads. Tom and Betty's daughter, Cheryl joined us and was telling she's taking private lessons to play the bagpipes. Tom says you never know about that girl!

Maurice and Lillian Price have a new great-granddaughter - here in time for the holidays - congrats to them.

The Kittles have health issues in their family - Marilyn is doctoring for a shoulder problem, their daughter was having a foot removed, and their great grandchild was having heart trouble. Keep all of them in your prayers.

Melvin Vander Galien broke his hip and

is recuperating at Golden Living Center in Randolph, being a little disappointed that he'll be there past Christmas - we're thinking of you Melvin.

Another sad note is that Jim and Millie lost their sister-in-law Betty Zuelke to a massive heart attack. We were also good friends of her and hubby Bob, and she'll sure be missed by all.

Marilyn N. reported to me that Betty Murray has been sick with a bad cold ever since our Christmas outing, and Tom is doing all the work in the house - hang in there Tom and hope Betty is better soon.

We have another

member, Helene at the hospital as I write this. Neighbors got concerned about her, checked up on her, and found her on the floor in her home. She's had serious surgery now and needs our prayers to heal.

You can see our chapter is getting older, as everyone has health issues!

I hope everyone didn't celebrate too much, has a healthy New Year, and starts thinking about camping.

*Signing off,
Mother Hens Chick*

WCA History

1961 Archives

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