

SUNFLOWER SAMS

Jean Brown

Wallace State Park near Cameron, Missouri was the site of the Unofficial Sunflower Sams July 9 -12 campout. Again, there was no business meeting due to the fact that we were still "Paused".

Those attending were Browns, Dyers, Haneys, Hooblers, Hoyt & Dwiggins, Kelseys, Mainvilles, and Ron Morrison. Those eight rigs enjoyed a shady spot near Hooblers campsite where we practiced social distancing for visiting and snacks furnished by the Haneys. No "Pot Luck Supper" was held and most ate their meals in their own rig.



Being that the Corp of Engineers had opened the federal parks, the August 7 – 9 campout was held at Cedar Ridge Park at Clinton Lake near Lawrence, KS.

The August campout was attended by the Amegos, Browns, Craig Kelsey, Marlowes, Ron Morrison, Debbie Morriss, Burrs, Haneys, Hooblers, Hogans, and Mainvilles. The Howards drove if for the business meeting. There were no visitors. During the business meeting, the dates and locations for 2021 were given and approved.

April 9 – 11: Crossroads Park, Lyndon, KS

April 30 – May 2: Truman Lake, Sparrowfoot campground near Clinton, MO.

June 11 – 12: Clinton Lake, Cedar Ridge

July 9 – 11: Melvern Lake, Lyndon, KS

August 13 – 15: Lake Shawnee, Park, Topeka, KS

September: Michigan Valley, Vassar, KS

October 8 – 10: Wallace State Park, Cameron, MO

Note, no monthly luncheons during the off season of camping were planned due to the virus. A question was brought up about charities our group donates to. They are: KSDS Assistance dogs, Cancer Action and Sunflower House, a clearing house for abused children. These were taken care of at the October Meeting. Health and Well Being: Gary Pashman is stable and doing jigsaw puzzles.



Delbert Miller Sr., is progressing slowly and his wife, Jo, is about the same. It was an enjoyable campout as we visited in our safe circle 6 feet apart. The weather was nice and sunny for being outside. We had a chuckle as Mike Hogan chased a new puppy, that had gotten loose from him, all over the campground with a couple of our members in hot pursuit. As the pup came close to Hogan's campsite, one of our members opened the gate to the dog pen and the pup ran right in. One on Mike. Because of the pandemic virus, no eating out, no potluck dinners: we all ate in our own rigs.

September 11th – 13th, we had a campout at Weston Bend State Park, near Weston, MO. Several of us came in on September 9th. Those camping were Browns, Guders, Haneys, Hooblers, Kelseys, Steve Mainville, Marlowes, Ron Morrison, Debbie Morriss, Roberts, and Burrs. It was a nice campout in the park with many trees for shade. We were spaced out in our usual circle at a couple of different campsites. It had rained one night, so we were dodging mud holes. Due to the virus, we ate in our own rigs, no potluck, no eating out. During the business meeting it was planned to have "Hobo Stew" at the October campout. The Burrs explained how they saw our Sunflower Sams signs at each campsite at one of our campouts and checked out our Sunflower Sams website. They decide to join us after seeing how much fun we have. Craig Kelsey is doing a good job with the website but he wants more photos for it. Heal and Welfare being: Donna Dehn is taking chemo and is in good spirits.

The Covered Wagons Campground in Abilene, KS was the site for our October 8th – 11th campout. Those camping were" Amegos, Browns, Guders, Haneys, Hooblers, Hoyt and Dwiggins, Kelseys, Monroes, Roberts, and Burrs. During the business meeting we voted to send \$50 to each of our charities: KSDS Assistance Dogs, Cancer Action, and Sunflower House which is a clearing house for abused children. A clothing sale fundraiser was held amongst our group and \$100 was raised and donated to Sunflower Sams. Thanks to all those who participated. We practiced social distancing in our visiting circles. The shelter house was a good gathering place for the Saturday night "Hobo Stew". Joann Hoobler and Betty Guder were our chefs.. Very little was left over, hungry bunch and delicious stew. Best ever! Health and well being: Donna Dehn is continuing her chemo treatments, Gary Pashman is up to 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzles and the Millers remain about the same. Note; Off season luncheons are in a holding pattern due to the virus. Hoping to see you all in 2021. Stay safe and Happy Camping!!