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This and That

Notes from the Editor

This month's royalty-free masthead photo is a nice summer sunset from photographer Djordje Petrovic's web page. If I had to name it I'd opt for "Deer Watch," as the rider is up on the pegs about something, and that seems so seasonal right now. Please be extra vigilant about road-crossing critters this summer, everybody!



With Middle of Nowhere having changed its date once again, to July 28-30, We now have only one camping event planned for this month. I've tried to include maps and info, on Page four.

Dues are Overdue! — Laura sends another reminder to pay your 2023 dues. It's not a whole lot, but it helps offset expenses especially as relates to the newsletter. Dues (\$2 with emailed NL and \$10 if snail-mailed) can be sent to Laura at 310 G Woodridge Circle South Elgin, IL 60177.

Desse's back in print this month, with a report from April's chilly B.O.W. event, starting on page 4.

See you out there, soon!

Goose Island Reminiscences

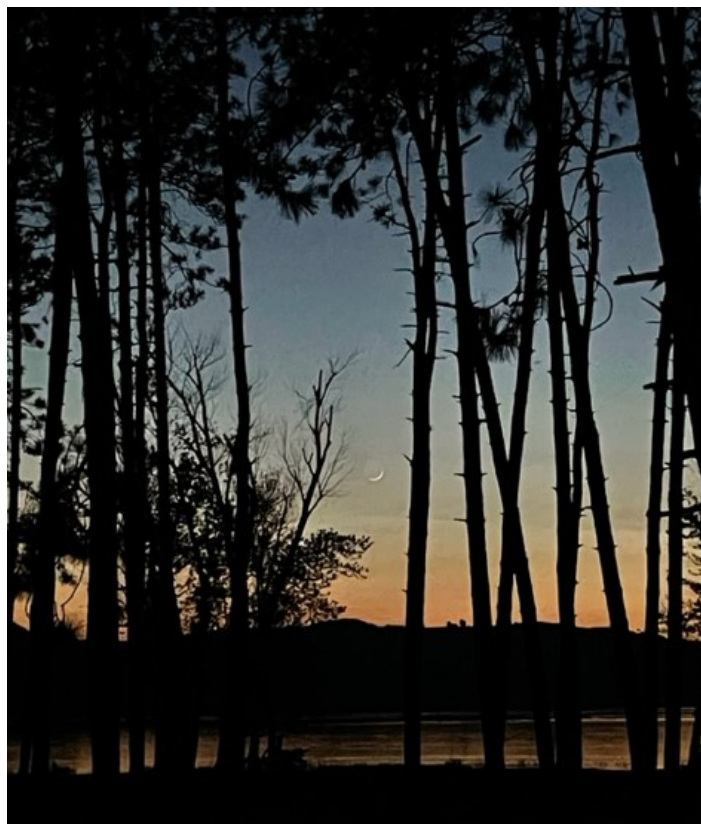
Photos here and on pages 2-3 are from Laura Lee and John Bruesch



Goose Island Remembrances



Wayne and Pam
Miller



Crescent Moon over the Mississippi



Lee Brant cooking away



Tiara and Reb relaxing

Goose Island Revisited in photos



Nick and his
trusty Harley

Chuck
Rabideaux,
Steve Knapp
and friend
stopped by to
visit



John with his
Water Buffalo
and tent



Laura getting a hand putting up her tent

New Lisbon June 9—11

A notice was sent to members separately last week. There will be a re-cap of the event, with photos, in the July issue.

Quad State, August 24– 27, 2023

Goose Island Campground W6488 County Road GI, LaCrosse, WI

Please join us on beautiful Goose Island in the Mississippi River just 3 miles south of LaCrosse, WI for our annual Quad State Rally on August 24-27th. Bert already has several campsites reserved, so please **call Bert at 715-213-2820** and let him know you'll be coming and which campsite you would like.

Saturday morning will be a pancake breakfast if everything works out. \$1.00/person will be collected at the campground.

Saturday evening meal there will be a brat and hamburger fry with all the fixings. Cost will be divided up with the attendees.

And YES, there will be DIRTY BINGO! Please bring a dirty bingo prize and enjoy the fun!

There may be other surprises as well. Please join us!

Remember, call Bert at 715-213-2820.

He has already put a deposit down for some of the sites, so call him as soon as you can.



Finally - Getting Outdoors with B.O.W. (sort of)

By Desse Johnston

After being cooped up all winter, I was so looking forward to my first chance to be at an outdoors getaway. I had been in touch with friend, Joanie Winkelman, to attend the annual Iowa springtime B.O.W. (becoming an outdoors woman) together. We never seem to sign up for the same class sessions but we do manage to room together. We also have our meals together and compare notes of our day's activities.

This was a new location for me and only 52 miles from where I live. It was a private camp set in the woods not far from Lake McBride in Iowa. The windy road into camp was nice and we had lodge accommodations with bunk beds. We roomed with two other Iowa gals who were so pleasant and compatible with us. We were all early to bed, early to rise people. We had a cozy room and we all managed to get bottom bunks. We weren't far from the main lodge which was a good thing since it turned out to be a very unseasonably cold weekend. We had just come off a mild spell a few days before and had hoped the warmth would hold but that did not happen. Of course, we are all Midwesterners and know this is an "iffy" time of year and we get what we get. Thank goodness we did not get snow but it was blustery and cold for anyone taking outdoor classes. I especially felt sorry for those taking sessions out on the lake or those who chose to set up tents and sleep outdoors.



My 1st session was outdoors foraging for flowers (dandelion and violet blooms), pine needles, nettles and a few others. Afterward, on the deck of the lodge (so we did have somewhat of a wind block) we made syrups, balms, salves and drank hot tea made from our foraged plants. We mingled and shivered together for as long as we could stand it and then moved our operation inside sharing a space with a class learning to tie fishing lures. That was such a relief. We hadn't expected to be wearing knit caps and snow pants and some of us were under-dressed. The class itself however was fascinating and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

That evening we attempted to sit out around a campfire but we even shivered through that. It had been a long day, especially for Joan who had a five hour drive starting early that morning to get there from MN. So we headed for the blissful warmth of our room and turned in early. It would be an even busier Saturday with two sessions scheduled for everyone.

They always do a silent auction to raise funds for future scholarships and it's so fun to peruse the tables to see what everyone brings in to donate. I always see something unique to bid on. I also like that we get different people at our tables for every meal so we get to meet new gals every day. Just like camping, we meet people from all walks of life with fascinating backgrounds and stories to tell of their various interests

One of my sessions that Saturday was a short carpool road trip to the Amana Colonies lumber warehouse and furniture building shop. We took a most interesting tour and then proceeded to build our very own blue-bird house. I had never even touched a power saw in my life and here I was, measuring, sawing, drilling and nailing boards together to make what looked to be a miniature outhouse. It wasn't perfect but I was proud of my first crack at supplying housing for my neighborhood avian community.

Outdoors with B.O.W. (continued)

By Desse Johnston



That evening after our supper we were enthralled with the tale of two guests who had done a through hike on the Colorado Trail. They hoofed it from Denver to Durango at an average elevation of 8000 ft in the month of August the previous year. They regaled us with stories of harsh conditions, lightning storms, loss of visibility to stay on the trail, an encounter with a bear, illness, running out of food, etc. but they persisted and endured it all. Mind you, these were two young gals, one a mother of little kids who was less experienced than her outdoor guide friend. They both accomplished what they set out to do and found it to be most empowering. We all hung on their every word. Sometimes it's the younger set that inspires me as well as the older ones. We can all learn from each other. I so wish I had gotten into the outdoors lifestyle much earlier in my life.

Sunday was still on the chilly side but not quite as bad as Saturday and my last session, Forest Therapy, also had me galivanting around in the woods, sitting on the ground, trying to meditate and live in the moment and really be in tune with my surroundings. I thought I was dressed sufficiently but I couldn't seem to shake my awareness of the cold as I tried to listen to na-

ture sounds and filter out everything else. I was actually glad to head back, pack up, say some goodbyes and head home. The sun finally did come out and a few days later, we had another warm spell, (of course.)

Next year's outing will be at this same location (Camp Io-De-Se-Ca), (reminds me of Lake-Le-Aqua-Na) but hopefully with warmer temperatures. Now to get some motorcycle camping in, also with warmer temperatures. I did see several deer sightings and perhaps one glimpse of Sasquatch? See you all around the fire pit.



Bear Sighted Near Dyersville Last Month

On May 26, a black bear was sighted roaming through a local resident's back yard. Something to watch out for, Middle of Nowhere campers! (though he is probably long-gone by now).

26th annual MTC Gathering

Scenic Shore Inn

2221 Lake Street, Algoma, WI

920-487-3214 scenicshoreinn.com

Tuesday, Sept 5 through Sunday, Sept 10, 2023

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: JULY 1ST.

Gathering fee includes: Tuesday welcome meal, Thursday ice cream social, Friday supper, Saturday banquet, Sunday farewell breakfast, water, and lemonade each day. Scenic Shore Inn will provide a small breakfast each morning.

We will schedule a fish boil for Wednesday evening, and weather permitting, a trip to Washington Island on Thursday. These two things will be at your own expense.

Please fill in the following information:

Driver _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

Passenger _____

Names of any additional guests: _____

Gathering Registration Fee (per person) ----- \$42x _____ persons = \$ _____

Interested in the fish boil? (Other menu options are available at the restaurant.) **number of persons** _____

YOU MUST SIGN THIS PORTION BEFORE SENDING IN YOUR APPLICATION:

I understand that the Motorcyclist Touring Club, its officers, members, the Scenic Shore Inn & other individuals cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety. If I choose to participate in any Motorcyclist Touring Club event, I do so voluntarily on my own assessment of my abilities. My signature attached to this registration hereto relieves the Motorcyclist Touring Club and all individuals associated with the 26th Annual Gathering from liability resulting from any loss, theft, collision, or any other motor vehicle accident whatsoever, enroute to, while at, or departing from the Gathering. I also certify that I comply with my state's financial responsibility laws regarding insurance.

Signature of Driver _____ Signature of Passenger _____

Signatures of other Guests _____

Please send completed form and check made out to: Wayne Miller
1407 East 15th Street
Vinton, IA 52349

Questions? 309-657-0836 or
millerwaypam@gmail.com

2023 Heartland Sundae Riders Schedule

July 21-23 *MTC/Heartland Campout Mark Twain Campground, Hannibal MO*
 July 28-30 *Middle of Nowhere Campout, New Wine Park near Dyersville—Lee Brant for info*
 Aug 11-13 *Alana Springs Richland Center, WI. RSVP Bert 715-213-2820*
 Aug 24-27 *Quad State. WI hosting Goose Island, La Crosse, WI RSVP Bert 715-213-2820*
 Sept 4-10 *MTC Gathering- Sundaes invited. Wayne & Pam Miller hosting Door Co. WI. RSVP ASAP Scenic Shore Inn Algoma, WI 920.487.3214*
 Sept 15-17 *IL Fall Colors at Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park*
 Sept 22-24 *Alana Springs Richland Center, WI. RSVP Bert 715-213-2820*
 Oct ? *WI Fall Colors Weekend*
 Nov 24 *Thanksgiving with Friends contact Laura 847-609-6046*
 Dec 9 *Christmas Party at Mark's. RSVP Mark*



Laura's Kawasaki Vulcan turned over
100,000 miles this month!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June 3—Bert and Jenelle Hansmann
 June 8—Al and Denise Nibbelink
 June 14—Jim and Sarah Beach
 June 15—Lowell and Pat Neal
 June 19—Dan and Patti Kruse
 June 24—Kathy and Ron Regnier



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lola Tonella—June 3
 Ray Ostwald—June 15
 Al Frank—June 18
 Dan Bruesch—June 24
 Jim Piquette—June 24
 Willie Kohlenberger—June 28
 Mary Ann Bruesch—June 28