



Slippery Rock Campground Association

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Fall 2014 Newsletter

From the Manager

Why does summer go so fast? Fall is upon us and it's time to look to the winter projects.

The final phase of the Electric Upgrade Project was started on Monday September 8th. The project will be divided into 2 parts, The C-section will be done first and then the A section. Our maintenance crew will be doing the digging portion of the project which will start at the Rec hall on Jellystone and proceed up to the transformer located at lot C134. The digging will then continue down Butterfly Blvd to the Transformer located at lot C152.

This part of the project should take about 3 weeks to complete. During this portion of the digging, except for September 8 & 9th, the electric will not have to be turned off. After we reach the transformer on lot C152, around the first of October, the C Section will be completed.

We will then have to dig from lot to lot thru the A section. During this part of the project the electricity will have to be shut off daily in the A & C Sections from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. It will be turned back on around 3:30pm and remain on until 8:30am each morning. This will take place around the first of October until we reach the last transformer in the A section. We are anticipating about a month to complete the digging in the A-Section.

REMINDERS:

- Winter usage of your membership is restricted to 3 nights in a calendar week- Sunday to Saturday from December 15th to March 1st. You are permitted to have a 2 week vacation during this time but it cannot be used in conjunction with your 3 days for the week and you must apply for this at the office.
- Water hoses must be disconnected from the hydrant from November 1st to April 1st when the member is not in residence. If you do not disconnect your hydrant & it breaks, there is a \$150 fee to replace it.
- No heat tape can be used on water lines.
- Canvas awnings are to be taken down in winter due to no weight allowance.
- All electricity (with the exception of a trailer refrigerator and one dusk to dawn light or one motion light) must be turned off when the member is not in residence during the off-season.

Please remember to notify the office if your address, phone number or email address has changed.

Have a warm and safe winter and see you in the spring.

John Baird, Manager

A New Reason for the Season

As the camping season comes to an end, it is time to prepare for another season...the flu season. Since flu season has begun, I would like to recommend that everyone gets his or her immunization. The flu vaccine is available for everyone ages 6 months and older. Vaccines are approved for various age groupings and are even recommended for women that are pregnant.

Caregivers of the elderly or sick and those handling babies, including parents and grandparents, and those with chronic health issues should be vaccinated.

However; there are some individuals that should **not** get the vaccine, some reasons include:

- If you have had a severe life threatening allergy or reaction to the flu vaccine in the past
- If you are allergic to eggs do not get the vaccine.
- If you have been diagnosed with Guillain-Barre' Syndrome, in which the immune system damages the nerve cell causing severe muscle weakness.
- If you currently have any flu like symptoms
- Running a fever

Prevention is the best medicine and there are 5 things you can do to help the spread of the virus.

- Get the vaccine
- Cover up when coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands frequently and take every day preventative actions to stop the spread of germs
- Take antiviral meds when prescribed by your doctor
- Limit contact with others if you become ill

I hope this helps to educate you in regards to the flu vaccine. Remember this is one more way to keep yourself as healthy as you can during this season. Take care!

Arlene the Nurse

WAY & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ways & Means Committee would like to thank all who supported us every week at Bingo. The new bingo Bonanza game has caught on and people have purchased tickets faithfully every week—those \$250.00 prizes were great!! The profits from the sales of these tickets have allowed the committee to make some nice improvements to the campground.

We have done the following this year---

1. A three way split with Recreation and Youth committee to bring the Pirate Parrot to the campground.
2. Purchase of the LED sign to announce events, etc.
3. Purchase of 3 street lights for some of the really dark areas of the campground.
4. Purchase of an event tent for outside activities.
5. A three way split with recreation and youth for the purchase of new coolers.
6. New flat screen TV for guard shack for people who work the gate.
7. New chairs for the pool area.

All these purchases were made with the bingo bonanza ticket sales.

NO DUES MONEY was spent on any of these purchases!!!

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!

Bill Kuban

Halloween Party

The annual Halloween Party will be on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 7-10 in the Rec Hall.

There will be music with plenty of dancing and a costume contest, with the judging for the Best Costume, Most Original Costume, and Scariest Costume. Again there will be Best Group Costume.

Hope to see you all there. So get on your thinking cap and decide what you are going to wear.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and are available in the office.

Patti Horgan

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Have you ever wondered how the SRCA has the ability to offer so many wonderful programs for our campground? Do you think people mysteriously appear at the gate, recreation, youth and pool activities? I know, maybe you thought the Board of Directors delegate their friends to work or participate in certain events.

Well the truth is ...people volunteer for the sole purpose of getting involved!

Volunteers play a very important role in providing this campground with a fun filled season for campers of all ages. They work beyond the current season contributing to new ideas and improvements for the continuum and safety of our campground.

You will see volunteers planting flowers, weed whacking the golf course, painting fences, decorating and putting a Band-Aid on a boo-boo.

Everyone in this campground can help. If you have children get involved in the activities for their age group. If you enjoy bingo's...get involved. If you like fishing, help with the fishing contest. Have a knack with finances...join the Finance Committee. There is something for everyone; it just takes a little time and your dedication.

Do not be one of those people that constantly complain but have not gotten involved in anything. Have a voice, speak up, and bring your ideas to the table. Join a committee, offer your talents and even consider representing your section for the Board of Directors. Who knows, you might find out that you enjoy it!

Remember *you* own this campground and it takes a village to keep the SRCA growing.

Arlene Felicion C-171



ANNUAL VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON



On Sunday September 7th, the Annual Volunteer Luncheon was held in the Rec. Hall for our dedicated volunteers. We have so many special people here in SRC who give of their time and at the end of each season, we honor them with a luncheon.

After an enjoyable meal was had, door prizes and centerpieces were raffled off. Hopefully, we will have even more volunteers in the 2015 camping season.

I would like to personally thank all of the volunteers in SRC, especially the special ladies who assisted me in this year's luncheon.

They are: Darlene Kuban, Sandy Jones, Darlene Grabski, Edie Kyle, Pat Allott, and Kathy McClintock

Submitted by: Beth Caro

Old Yogi Gang Reunion

We had another great Old Yogi Gang Reunion this year and it was so good to see so many friends from Slippery Rock Campgrounds beginnings get together for fellowship.

Thank you to all who helped put this together. Especially Lisa and Jack Davis, Carol and Joe Albert and Kerry Hornyak and everyone else who helped. Hope we can do it again next year!

Pat Hornyak

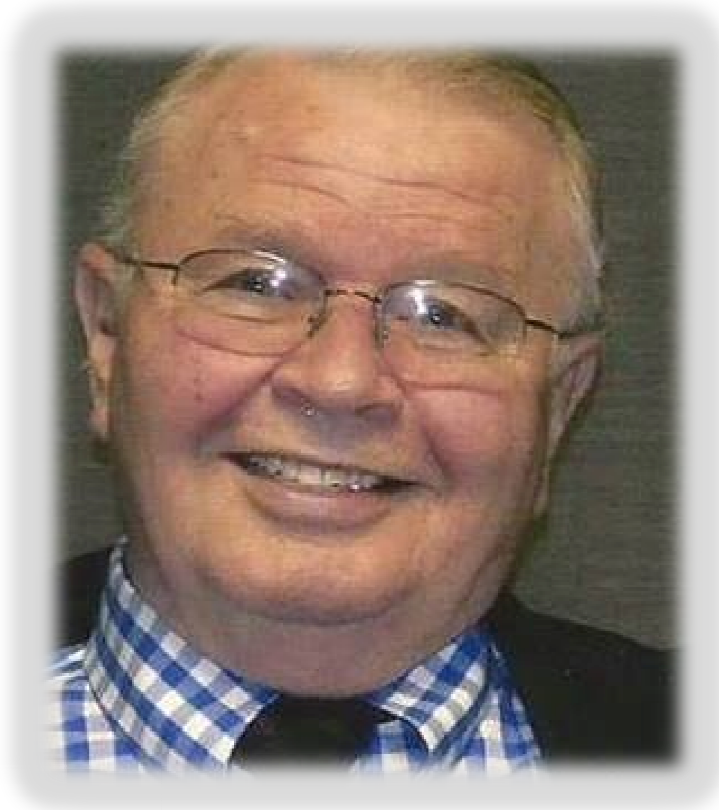
The loss of one of our Yogi Gang regulars....

Bob "Bubba" Boyd died March 6 at his home in Fayetteville, GA with his loving wife Judy by his side. He had spent 108 days in intensive care due to complications after surgery.

Many will remember Bob from his portrayal of Hansel in the Yogi version of Hansel & Gretel, The Cellophane Man in Chicago, Sonny in Grease, The Beast in Beauty & The Beast, the Master of Ceremony for most productions, And his memorable portrayal of Stevie Wonder in the Follies. Judy, his wife, was an outstanding member of all the productions listed above as well.

His sister, Bonnie Boyd Gaffney (Syd) remains a member of SRCA at A-099.

Bob was seldom ever seen without his giant smile or his red suspenders.



He will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

(For those that might like to send a card or note)

173 Mallard Creek Ln, Fayetteville, GA 30214-3200

2014 PET DAY

I would like to thank everyone who made Sunday, May 25th, 2014 Pet Day at SRCA a fun event. The weather was perfect and so was the attendance. There were over 50 contestants including dogs, my cat, a turtle and two chickens competing for 23 prizes. The vendors as well as fellow campers donated all of the prizes.

BCHS Butler County Humane Society also held a rabies/microchip clinic and reported a good turnout.

OSN Operation Spay/Neuter and Rainbow Rescue attended and **Pet Co.** in Butler contributed a nice gift basket to benefit these non-profits as well.

Pets in the Park, Whispering Pines Veterinary, Slippery Rock Veterinary and Michelle Elgersma, DVM CVA, of **Kalmeren Veterinary Acupuncture** could not attend our event but they did donate some very nice prizes and we hope they will attend next year.

Custom Cut & Style donated a gift certificate for the person and Denise Wolkiewicz donated a grooming for the pet that won the look alike prize.

Tina Lawson, Bridgette Warnock, Brenda Bedillion, Sandy Broad and Nancy Pratkano donated prizes, treats, doggy bags, much appreciated time and support.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the pet food & item drive, which we distributed among the non-profits in attendance. Thanks to Pat Hornyak, Cindy Merola, Jim McClintock, Betty Boumgardner, Linda Mohan, Carol Albert, Bev Trozzo for making sure refreshments were available. .
Our Judges were, Bill Kuban, Chuck Caro, Dave Kirch, and Ally & Bridgette Warnock.

What a great job did Kerry Hornyak do for running the rally course! Thank you to Mae Anderson for the photos that you were able to print. Also to Vic Bartolomeo for taking great pictures of the event. Photos will be on display soon at the Rec. Hall. Thank you to Kevin Bowser for all your help all day long.

This was a wonderful event for our children as well as our pets.

Congratulation to the winners of the prizes. If you would like your winning pet to be remembered for his/her accomplishments, please see me and let me know. I may also have a great photo for you. I look forward to next year and plan to improve several things.



Cindy Evans D311

Important Golf Cart Tips

Taking care of your loved golf cart by doing simple maintenance can save you money and down time. As the season gets underway along with the events and facilities our wonderful campground provides for us, there is nothing more frustrating than having a broken down golf cart.

Golf cart dealers in our surrounding area will pick your cart up, fix it and return it, however the experience is not at all pleasurable. The truth is you may not get your cart back between 3 to 6 weeks and sometimes longer. The reason for this is that they service many other campgrounds and become backlogged. You are just a number on the waiting list if you get that far. Once they do pick it up there is a fee for hauling back and forth, hourly service (\$45.00 hour or more) and that is not counting parts marked up in price double what internet golf companies sell them for.

I was approached and asked if I might write this article with the hopes of helping many fellow campers new and old. Here are some valuable tips to keep your golf cart up and running all season long by using common sense.

Charging your batteries: Check the water level by removing the caps. The lip inside the hole is an indicator of where the water should be. The water should touch or be filled to the bottom of that lip. The reason for this is that the battery has air space for it to vent out of the caps. The caps should be cleaned once a season because the small holes get clogged and slowly choke the life out of the battery. To do this, Toss the caps into a hot bucket of soapy water (dish soap) for 20 min. Rinse with a hose and put them back on. Keep the tops of your batteries clean will add years of life to your batteries. While batteries charge they spew a blackish film causing a negative field across from one battery to the next causing the batteries to discharge or lose power faster than normal. It can also cause battery terminals and any nearby metal parts to corrode.

Water levels in your batteries are very critical. Use only distilled water (about 85 cents a gallon) don't be a cheapskate and use your hose water that has minerals and damages the inside plates of your batteries. During the hot summer months, be sure to check the levels every 2 weeks .A small plastic funnel and 3 gallon of distilled water is all you will need. Just add a little to each cell as needed.

The wires on your batteries that seem to go everywhere and boggle your brain at a glance are vital to charging your cart. First, put the cart in tow while checking for loose or corroded wires. Bad wires cause numerous electrical problems throughout the entire cart. Loose wires and no water in your batteries can possibly cause your charger to catch fire, damage batteries, motors, controllers and solenoids.

After you have checked and done all of the above there is something I have to tell you that will take a very good set of ears or a hearing aid turned to Max. How to properly use your charger: All automatic chargers have built in sensors that read your batteries power connected to a timer. (Older chargers have an hourly dial used manually). When using the automatic type... First, plug the male end of the chord from the charger into your cart. Listen for a click that can be faint from the charger. This action is telling you the chargers timer is set and ready. Next step is to plug the chargers AC cord into the wall outlet.

There are many different kinds of chargers out there and 99 percent of them should be used as I described above, whether they are digital or meter type. Check your manual to be sure. Ok, so you have 3 kids that want to use the cart before it is actually finished charging or only 1/2 charged or it has not shut off on its own or you are having a bingo withdraw or you need the cart now. No problem! Unplug it from the wall first, then the cart.

The cart can be properly charged over night to its full capacity. Keep in mind that if your cart is less than 1/2 charged you may be pushing it back, which is not fun as I am sure many of you have witnessed throughout the years or painfully experienced. For safety reasons never leave your charger plugged in when not in camp for the protection of your cart and charger. The meter on your charger reads 0-30. 30 being less charge and zero being full charge. Having a battery indicator gauge installed on your carts dash is a good, inexpensive idea.

Let us finish up on what to do when camping season ends and you return to the real world. If you have kept the water levels correct in the batteries during the season, you will not need and should not add water to them when you close up camp. The water in the batteries has now had time to change to acid. Adding fresh water before you leave is a big giant NO. This makes the batteries vulnerable to freeze and cracking. Batteries at the going rate of \$100 each x 6... Well \$600 of course plus installation, pickup and your cart is still on the waiting list. I am sure you get the picture. The last remaining thing is to fully charge your cart, put it in tow if there is a tow switch and take one wire off any battery, negative or positive does not matter. Cover up your cart with a tarp that does not let snow or cold wind come from underneath.

I hope by following some simple basic steps you can make your camping days more enjoyable. If you are unable to maintain your cart, several fellow campers in the park do work on golf carts in their spare time for a reasonable cost.

Good luck and happy camping!

Vic Bartolomeo D311

Dog Training and Therapy Dogs!



Thank you to Nancy Kieffer of The Butler Dog Training Association and the Certified Therapy dogs who performed and educated us on dog safety, Wednesday, August 6th 2014. The program was very enjoyable and educational with a nice turnout. They came to our campground free of charge. This is a non-profit organization and if you'd like to help, you can go to their web site. <http://www.butlerdogtraining.com/index.htm> or contact Nancy at the following address. Nancy Kieffer, Butler Dog Training Association. 389 Mitchell Hill Rd. Butler, Pa. 16002.

Cindy EvansD311

Rule Changes to Remember

A few changes to our rules and policies were made this 2014 season. The first change stated that "no pets are allowed" in campground buildings and areas posted with "no pet" signs. So please watch for the signs.

The next change reads, "In an effort to conserve our utilities, water hydrants must be shut down and air conditioners must be turned off when RV unit is unoccupied for more than 48 hours. Exterior lights must be turned off during the daylight hours."

In addition, additional language was added to the first paragraph of Rule 7 (regarding building permits). It reads, "If an alteration to your lot is completed but fails to comply with Rule 7, you will be notified by the Manager that you have 14 days to revise your alteration to bring it into compliance with Rule 7. Non-compliance after 14 days will result in a Major Offence, which could include a \$100.00 fine and/or suspension from the Campground.

Sandy McGuire

Director for "C" section

THE CHEMISTRY OF FALL COLOR

From The Farmers' Almanac 2015

Did you know the vivid colors of those beautiful fall leaves are the product of the complex chemistry of growth inside the leaves?

Oranges and yellows, for example, come from compounds called carotenoids (also responsible for the color of carrots) which are present in the leaf during the growing season. The green chlorophyll, the workhorse of photosynthesis, dominates and covers up the carotenoids in summer. However, as the temperatures cool, chlorophyll degrades and goes from green to colorless allowing the oranges and the yellows to show up.

What about those gorgeous scarlet, crimson and ruby hues we love so much? Trees that turn red actually produce this pigment in the autumn. The answer as to why some trees produce red pigment in their leaves is still unclear. But, clearly, we enjoy them!

What makes for a colorful fall? Starting in August, days must be sunny and the nights steadily cooling. This allows the trees to manufacture sugars and keep the sugars in the leaves to stimulate them to make red pigment. Too many clouds, too much rain or too much heat in the eight month can make for a duller fall. Drought is the other enemy of a colorful fall. The trees have to be in a healthy state, not water stressed, going into the season. We just may be headed for a very colorful fall.

Want your own fall show? Small trees with reliable fall color include flowering dogwood (crimson leaves), redbud (yellow leaves), and Japanese maple (orange to crimson leaves). Excellent fall color featured in large trees include "October Glory" red maple (uniformly red leaves), sugar maple (orange leaves), and katsura tree (yellow leaves).

Sandy McGuire
Director for "C-section"

A Message from Adele

There are so many people to thank for supporting me throughout my time of overseeing the Bingo program here at the campground. Bingo evening begins with the set-up of the machine, chairs, tables and sound equipment –Thanks Maintenance!

Then the “fun” begins with the MANY volunteers who have helped with getting the bingo cards set out, selling the Lucky Number tickets, calling the numbers back to the caller when someone goes bingo, paying the money to the “big” winner(s)! All of a sudden, Bingo is over and more volunteers are helping to put the cards away!

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!! IT COULDN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!

Another special thanks to this years Bingo callers, Gloria, Bob, and Jim, without you.....NO BINGO! Thank you Tony Wolkiewicz for making sure everything is “locked up” and ready for the next event. As you can see, I am proud to have met so many wonderful people and thank YOU, the Bingo players, for making every evening a success.

God be with you as you make your journey, whether near or far, for the winter months. Hope to see you in the Spring.

Adele



I would like
to thank Adele
for her

selfless devotion to the Bingo here at camp. Without her unwavering devotion to making the Bingo so enjoyable for the players, there would have been NO BINGO!

Adele is stepping down from running the Bingo and we would like to find someone with a personality as wonderful as Adel's, and the devotion to making the Bingo keep being a fun event to come to 2 nights a week.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to run the Bingo Program next season please contact Joyce Hobaugh at grammyjah@gmail.com or leave a note at the office addressed to me.

Joyce Hobaugh

Youth Committee Report

Where did the summer go? I would like to thank some people for all the help and work they did. First of all I would thank Myrna Hall for kick starting the committee with the ice cream party and got the youth to sign up and volunteer to help also for writing all the information on the cards for the cash cow at Hoss's restaurant which generated around \$450 for the Youth Committee. Greg Smith and family for making the spaghetti sauce and cooking it on his birthday.

Renee Curry went out and got all the stuff that went with the spaghetti dinner such as the plastic wear, plates, cups, dinner rolls, and don't forget the cake. Her SUV was completely filled. Thanks to all the young people that helped with serving the dinner to the customers. Renee also was in charge of the toy bingo. The 24 foot climbing wall was a big hit thanks to an anonymous generous donation that made it possible. Thanks to all the people who helped with all the activities we had for the youth. We had two drive-in-movies. We had the Wild World of Animals come in for a show which was very educational and entertaining. She showed some reptiles and mammals including the beaver pictured here.

Thank you!

Dave Kirch and Renee Curry

Youth Committee Good luck to Joyce Hobaugh who is the new Chairperson of the Youth Committee



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814-786-7959

Awnings

Awnings by Paul**
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Dennis Trailers**
814-786-7959
K & K Parts, LLC**
724-865-9006

Banking 1st National Bank**
1-800-555-5455

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Dirt/Gravel

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Ken's Farm Market**
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