

Jack's Update August 2010



Since our last report in July we've had a wonderful 17 day excursion to Nfld., attended the 5 day Canadian Regional in Windsor, Nova Scotia, had the new MH tee peed for the second time and are now currently on a six day Nova Scotia, New Brunswick travel-long with 18 other FCRV units. As I indicated last month, we will not be home until Labor Day night. We do have our lap top with us and our Canadian cell phone number (for emergencies) is 905 464 1085.

7th Canadian Regional, Windsor, Nova Scotia

In Canada the regionals are held every three years because of the travelling distances and the fact that there are three distinct geographical areas in which to hold a regional. The Canadian Regional had 115 units in attendance representing 6 provinces and 7 states. The programs were varied and took advantage of the location. An all day guided tour was provided that took about 30-40 of us to historical points of interest including where the Acadians (modern day Cajuns of Louisiana) were evicted from Nova Scotia by the British. We also saw how the Acadians built dikes to hold back the 40-50 ft. tides that occur in the Bay of Fundy. We heard talks by a paleontologist on the discovery of 350 million years old fossils on "Blue Beach" on the Bay of Fundy. We had an address given by a representative from WWF and another one by a Vice President from Minas Pulp and Power Corporation on the company's efforts to go "green" using recycled paper (to make the pulp for paper board) -think cereal boxes- and the power companies experiments using tidal and wave power generation (still at the prototype stage). We all enjoyed the regional and thank Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for hosting a wonderful regional.

Executive Board Updates:

- 1: Larry Roop's father suffered a fall and has further health complications. He and Vickie are currently camping at their parents' home in order to be of assistance to the mother and for visiting the father. Please keep them all in your prayers.
- 2: The mother of Pat Conley, National Chaplain, passed away last month. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat & Kathy.
- 3: Last update I reported that Barb Bonifield was expected to be release from the hospital in Berrien Springs within a few days. Further complications required Barb to stay at the hospital a further 3 weeks. Barb Bonifield is now back in Ohio but still has a very serious convalescence in front of her. Please keep Barb and Dwight in your thoughts and prayers.
- 4: On August 3, Doug Black's father passed away. Doug and Connie have received much FCRV support and are very Thankful for it.

Address Changes:

The e-mail address of **Mike & Peggy Hardison**, Tennessee State Director, is **Hardisn@gmail.com**

Sue Carlsen, National Corresponding Secretary, spends summers in Michigan and winters in Florida. She requests that we use the following contact information:
Michigan (May to October) land line 989-727-1080

Florida (November –April)
10903 Collar Drive
San Antonio, Fl
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Camping Today web Version Changes

Vickie Roop and Dewayne Johnston advise that, starting with the October issue, the web version will have different information than what will be printed in the November issue of Camping Today. The intent of the web version was always to be a supplement to the printed issues. This October will be the first intentional step in that direction. Please request your members to view the web version for “additional articles” that **will not** be reprinted in the subsequent month.

Membership

As of July 31, 2010 our membership is 5429.
Until next time,
Jack