

**SOUTHWESTERN BUCKEYES, CHAPTER #1 OF NCT**

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**MAY CAMPOUT** – Get those campers ready and LET'S GO CAMPING! May is our combined campout with the other Ohio clubs. We will be finishing up plans for the Ohio State Rally. The campout takes place May 18 . 20 at Pastime Park, 370 N. Chillicothe St., Plain City, OH. We will be having our Rally planning meeting at 4:00 pm on May 19 with a soup dinner to follow. So even if you cannot come for the entire weekend plan to drive in for dinner on Saturday. Bob Bailey is planning to make a big pot of bean soup and possibly potato soup. Drinks will be provided. You can carry-in a salad, a dessert or something yummy to share. We're hoping for a good turnout and a well attended planning meeting. Pretty sure you'll be able to sit around a campfire, play games, and enjoy the company of good friends.

**OHIO STATE RALLY** – Our State Director, Bob Bailey, really appreciates Chapter #1 and your assistance at last year's rally. We're about ready to do it again! Our rally dates are June 7 . 10 at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds in Wapakoneta, OH. We hear from our State Secretary, Carolyn Collins, that we already have a number of out-of-state registrations so we have our fingers crossed and are hoping for a good rally turnout. Chapter #1's willingness to serve on various committees is a blessing. All of the other Ohio Clubs have pitched in wherever they could to make our rally a success. NCTers are the BEST!

**HELP HELP !** . I thought it would be neat to share NCT history at our Ohio Rally this year. Our theme is %Buckeye Beginnings+and I'd like to use any pictures that you have of past club activities, any mementos, stories to share, or anything else that pertains to our history. If you're not camping or attending the rally I'd still like to hear from you. You can use the information in the newsletter heading to contact me. I'd really like some personal memories of the earliest years of Chapter #1. Can you share memories of Myron Fox, NCT founder and member of Chapter #1? Some of you are no longer camping with us and probably know a lot more club history than I do. Please share. I'm anxious to hear from you.

**AND HELP! AGAIN** – Not sure how I get myself into these jobs but I'm also looking for donations for the fund-raising raffles at the Ohio State Rally. We've planned 3 themed baskets and would appreciate any help you might be willing to offer. 1) Ohio State Buckeyes . anything Ohio State or Team related for this basket. 2) Fun Basket . games, leisure activities, restaurant coupons, hobby stuff. 3) RV Basket . cleaning, maintenance, paraphernalia, or anything RV. Also several members have promised craft items that can be raffled separately for our fund raiser. If you know of any business that might donate something give them a call or let me know and I'll follow through.

**SPEAKING OF JOBS**..... Elections are coming up in June. Volunteers for Master of Travel and Wagonmaster would be most appreciated. You can call Beecher or Bill if you are curious about the duties. I would also like to divest myself of a few club duties. Last

year we revised our by-laws and adopted a standing rule allowing for an elected Secretary-Treasurer and an appointed assistant. I would like to pass on the duties of the elected Secretary-Treasurer outlined in our by-laws. I volunteer to be the assistant and continue to write the newsletters, send club news to National, communications to members, compile Chapter of the Year entry, and keep a club history. The most important duties of the elected officer is to keep an updated record of the membership and dues payment, treasurers report and banking, and make sure that someone takes notes at the meeting for the minutes. I'm a bit weary of doing it all and would appreciate working with someone else to share the load. Think about it.

**SICK CALL** – The last communication I received from Ralph Curtiss indicated that he was planning to attend the June Rally. Hope he is on the road to recovery after his rough winter. Carol Brauer spent a few days in the hospital treated for pneumonia this month. Betty Casad is suffering from shingles. Doris Crawford is recovering from an ankle injury (hasn't slowed her down!) and Jerry Crawford will have hip replacement in the near future. Haven't heard from anyone else so I hope that means all other Chapter #1 members are doing well.

**WELCOME TO NCT** - Word must be getting out that NCT is a great group! This past winter we were contacted by Victor Russo (wife Chris) and they have become Chapter #1's newest members. They reside at 67 Flanders Lane, Cincinnati 45218. [victorcrosso@hotmail.com](mailto:victorcrosso@hotmail.com). So glad to have you as members and look forward to welcoming you at a campout.

**VESTS** – If you would like to have a Chapter #1 vest made, contact Ellen Vaughn or I. It's nice to have a place to put your patches if you attend rallies.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Member, Jeff Shaw, is Potentate of Antioch Shrine in Dayton. Congratulations to Jeff.

**DATES** – Here is the remainder of the dates for Chapter #1 this season:

June 21. 24 PA State Rally Centre Hall, PA

July 15. 19 National Rally Bowling Green, KY

Aug. 9. 12 MI State Rally Vassar, MI

Aug. 23. 26 Poor Farmers Fletcher, OH

Sept. 27 . 30 WVA State Rally Flatwoods, WVA

Oct. 18. 21 Darke Cty Fairgrounds Greenville, OH

Registration forms for the rallies can be found in the March issue of News to Campers. Don't forget to send in your ballot also in the March issue. There are several by-law changes to consider.

**APR. 26 – 29** – Bob and I will be at the Kentucky campout at General Butler State Park. It's a campout of the Derby City Travelers (the Kentucky club). Sure hope the weather improves. I think those snowbird winters have thinned my blood!

See you soon!

Happy Camping,

Rita