



JULY 21 - 25, 2008

Early Bird Arrival - Sunday, July 20, 2008

Arrival – Register at the Elkhart Campground Office

Setup your RV & receive your goodie bag. Rest, relax or explore the campground to include swimming, miniature golf, horseshoes, tennis, & other leisure activities. Meet and visit with other Ameri-Camp Owners.

If you would like to share your puzzles, games or other fun activities, the campground meeting room is available for our use throughout the duration of the rally. This room is air conditioned and carpeted consequently, the campground Owners request that no food or drinks be brought into this room at any time.

6:30 PM – Dessert Social, Campground Recreation Hall

Bring your favorite dessert and recipe along with your own table service & drink. (Recipe's will be collected for a future Ameri-Camp cookbook.) Relax, socialize and meet the other rally participants.

8:00 PM – BINGO, Campground Recreation Hall

Please bring your own bingo marker, highlighter, coins or anything to mark your bingo cards. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Monday, July 21, 2008

9:00 – 11:30 AM - Craft/Hobby Display & Garage Sale, Campground Pavilion

Bring your own folding table (and lawn chairs) to display your sale or hobby items. Sale items do not need to be RV related.

2:00 PM – Rally Opening Welcome Address, Campground Meeting Room

Featured speakers – Mike Zemlyak, Corporate Controller & GM, RV Manufacturing Enterprises & Charlie Weaver, Warranty Manager.

Bring your completed Tech sign up sheet and register to have an Ameri-Camp Technician evaluate any problems with your RV.
(Please remember no food or drinks in the Campground Meeting Room)

5:00 PM – Rally Potluck, Campground Recreation Hall

Everyone is encouraged to bring a meat dish as well as a side dish. Bring your own drink and table service. Again, recipes will be collected for a future rally cookbook.

6:00 PM – Rally Door Prize Drawing (After the potluck dinner)

6:30 PM – “100 YEARS OF RV’S IN AMERICA”, Presentation by Al Hesselbart, Campground Pavilion (Bring your own lawn chairs)

Al is the nation’s foremost authority on the history of the RV and Mobile Home industries. As historian for the RV/Mobile Home Foundation in Elkhart, Indiana, he oversees the world’s most comprehensive collection of photos, periodicals and artifacts relating to the two industries. Al has been featured as an industry authority in the New York Times, USA Today, on PBS, and the Travel Channel.

9:00 (dusk) – Outdoor Movie, “The Long Long Trailer” starring Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz, filmed in 1954, (Color/96 minutes) Campground Pavilion

Bring your own lawn chair, drink, popcorn & snacks

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

7:00 – 7:45 AM – Breakfast Donuts/Pastries, Campground Recreation Hall

8:00 AM – Begin departure to the Ameri-Camp Factory in Syracuse, IN
(Approx 1 hour drive)

9:30 AM – Ameri-Camp Factory Tours, Syracuse, IN

Afternoon FREE TIME Suggestions

Old Bag Factory, Goshen, IN <http://www.oldbagfactory.com/>

Elkhart County 4-H Fair, Goshen, IN <http://www.4hfair.org/fairpage.htm>

Das Dutchman Essenhaus - Middlebury, IN <http://www.essenhaus.com/>

Elkhart County’s 90-mile Heritage Trail: <http://www.amishcountry.org/heritagetrail>

5:30 PM – Dinner sponsored by a local Ameri-Camp Dealer, Campground Recreation Hall

6:30 – Rally Door Prize Drawing (After dinner)

7:30 PM – “MEANDERING DOWN THE HIGHWAY”, Presentation by Nick Russell, Campground Pavilion

Nick has presented seminars at campgrounds, RV rallies and special events across the country. Among the venues where Nick has appeared are Life on Wheels, Escapees RV Club Spring and Fall Escapades, Escapees chapter rallies, FMCA rallies, Hensley Hitch Rally, Gypsy Journal rallies, Good Sam Club rallies, Encore RV Parks, for veterans groups, and more. Nick and his wife Terry, travel the USA in the vintage RV, writing as they go and publishing their work in a newspaper named Gypsy Journal. Each issue includes their stories about places they visit and the people they meet. They also include regular information about free campgrounds, locations of RV dump stations, recipes, and boon docking locations they discover along their path. <http://gypsyjournal.net/index.html>

9:00 (dusk) – Outdoor Movie, “RV” starring Robin Williams, (99 minutes) Campground Pavilion

Bring your own lawn chair, drink, popcorn & snacks

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Morning FREE TIME Suggestions:

Shipshevana Flea Market 8AM-5PM: <http://www.shipshevanafleamarket.com/>

Menno-Hof in Shipshevana (faith and life of Amish and Mennonites)

<http://www.mennohof.org/>

Explore shops & restaurants in Nappanee, IN <http://www.nappanee.org/index.htm>

3:00 PM – Amish Acres, Nappanee, IN – An entire evening sponsored by Ameri-Camp!

Please wear your Rally Polo Shirt and meet near the Round Barn Theater for a group photo. You may want to consider arriving early to give yourself plenty of time to browse the Amish Acres unique Stores & Shops featuring handmade crafts and locally produced products. Print your Amish Acres Coupons: <http://www.amishacres.com/shopping/coupons.html>

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4:00 PM – DOCUMENTARY FILMS, HOUSE & FARM WAGON RIDE TOUR Join your guide as you walk through the orchard, past the kitchen garden, through the original house, the main house, the bank barn, and outbuildings. The Amish Acres Farm is the only Old Order Amish farm listed in The National Trust of Historic Preservation. The sixteen foot covered farm wagon pulled by an International Harvester H tractor gives guests an overview of the historic farm as it travels down the farm's gravel lanes around the pond, past historic buildings, and through the woods.

6:00 PM - Family Style THRESHER'S DINNER to include ALL of the following:., Broasted Country Chicken, Cider-Baked hickory smoked Ham, Ham & Bean Soup, freshly baked Hearth Bread, Fresh Yellow Butter, Sweet & Sour Cabbage Salad, Green Beans with Smoked Side Meat, Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Sage Dressing, Giblet Gravy & your choice of Dessert. (Note: Eat all you wish but no food may be carried out.)

8:00 PM - ROUND BARN THEATRE featuring the Broadway Musical CAROUSEL.

Thursday, July 24, 2008

7:00 – 8:00 AM – Breakfast Donuts/Pastries, Campground Recreation Hall

8:30 AM – Departure to the RV Museum, Elkhart, IN

9:00 AM – Group Tour of the RV Hall of Fame, Museum & Library

(Don't forget your tickets)

Afternoon FREE TIME Suggestions:

American Countryside Farmers Market – corner of State Road 19 and County Road 26 in Elkhart County, Indiana. <http://www.americancountryside.us/market/>

5:30 PM – Ameri-Camp sponsored Dinner. Location to be announced at Rally

7:00 PM – Closing Ceremony & Rally Door Prize Drawing

Friday, July 25, 2008

11:00 AM - Checkout

Say goodbye to old and new friends, pack up and travel safely home.