

Summary of 2023 Wheeler Meetings

December 10 2023 - Olive Garden, Manchester NH

The meeting opened at 11.22 AM with 15 Member families in attendance. There were no guests and no new members submitted for Membership. A sympathy card was passed around for folks to sign and/or make a note which will be mailed to Evelyn McPhee to recognize the passing of Donald "Elvis" since our last gathering. Jennifer went over the upcoming schedule which has no changes to what is on the web site. The first campout is Shir-Roy in May. Janice Murray moved that we donate \$100 to the food bank which we do every year and that was adopted by all. Greg read a summary of our bank and cash status. Mentioned under Wellness was the progress on Sandy Belanger's neck, Mark Westgate had a kidney stone, Jim Belanger had an ear infection that caused him to lose all balance and he ended up in the emergency room at Southern NH hospital in Nashua. He is currently under medication and is improving. Recognition that Donald McPhee had passed. Kathy Thayer could not attend due to illness. The 50/50 drawing brought \$55 to Dennis Lortie and \$55 to the club. Attendees did notice that Dennis had won the last 50/50 so he will be watched closely at the next. A second drawing was held for a Christmas gift and this was won by Cathy Doyon.

October 7 2023 - Field & Stream Brookline NH

The meeting opened at 1010 AM with 12 Members in attendance. There were no guests and no new members submitted for membership. After discussion the membership agreed to return to Field and Stream in Brookline for the 2024 Oktoberfest (11, 12, 13, 14 October 2024). The December meeting will be at the Olive Garden in Manchester on December 10th at 11 AM. September 2024 is scheduled for 7 Maples with different sites that have full hookups. The treasurer reminded all that 2024 dues of \$10 are being collected now. Members with Birthdays and Anniversaries in October were recognized. Under "Wellness", Denis Lortie reported his finger has healed, Sandy Belanger is continuing the therapy for her neck and David Allen's Ankle is doing well. The 50/50 raffle was won by

Dennis Lortie with \$40 for him and \$40 for the club. The Brown Bag Auction went well and raised \$101.00 for the club. The catered meal was fully paid by the club based on revenue received from our activities. The meeting ended at 10:35 AM. NOTE: Pictures of the weekend are on the Wheeler Facebook Page and 9 of them were selected for the Web Site. In spite of the rain on Saturday, the weekend was successful due to the use of Pop-Up Shelters.

September 2023 - 7 Maples CG, Hancock NH

Meeting opened at 0940 with 12 members in attendance. There were no guests. Decisions made were: September 2024 will be at 7 Maples again, Octoberfest at Field and Stream in Brookline will have a catered meal on Saturday, this year's Christmas party will be December 10 at 11 AM at the Olive Garden in Manchester. Some 2024 dues were collected. Donna Hale won the 50/50 which resulted in \$45 for her and \$45 for the club. Meeting ended at 10:06 AM.

August 2023 - Old Stage Campground

Our regular meeting opened at 0942 with 8 member families represented. We had no guests at this gathering. Bert and Cathy Doyon will be submitting a membership application to become official members. Janice and Kathy have each met couples who have shown interest in joining us but there has been no official receipt of any application. Bert and Cathy think "Nan" Nanette and Larry Colby might also be joining our group. Attendees all agreed to schedule Old Stage for the August 2024 campout. Greg reported that last month's Brown Bag Auction brought in \$46.00, and today's 50/50 was won by Greg Thayer and brought the club \$28.00. Some discussion was held and the group decided to fund Dennis Lortie \$15.00 for each campout to defer the costs of Coffee and supplies. Folks with Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized. Wellness news was that Jim Monahan is going to PT for leg and back pain and John Curtis (recent new member) has broken ribs from an accident. The meeting ended at 10.02 AM. We held our "ice cream social" at 1:30 PM and a pot luck dinner later in the day. It is interesting that this meeting and last month's meeting both started and ended at the very same time.

July 2023 - Lake Forest, Wakefield NH

Our meeting opened at 0942 with 13 member families present. Patrick Chamberlain, son of Jennifer, and his daughter Annabelle (granddaughter of Jennifer) were our guests. Wagon Master Jennifer informed us the investigations into campgrounds for us resulted in a NO for Sandy Beach. Crow's Nest will be visited next. Lost River CG indicates they want our group to use them and would waive the 3 night minimum but they are 105 miles away and their cost is \$75 per night. The group decided to use Shir-Roy and Woodmore again next year (2024) as well as Lake Forest. Folks with birthdays and anniversaries were recognized with a special recognition to Jim and Sandy Belanger celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this exact weekend. David Allen is recovering well from Cardiac Rehab, Sandy Belanger is having an issue with a spinal problem in her neck, David Bonneau is recovering from Pneumonia and Kathy Thayer has had arm/shoulder surgery. The Brown Bag Auction was the usual success and the Treasurer will inform us of the proceeds at the next meeting. Russ Moore got \$40 from the 50/50 raffle. The meeting closed at 10:02 AM.

June 2023 - Woodmore Campground

Again we had rain but we kept usual activities during "no rain" spells. Campfire was good but the Brown Bag Auction was put off until the July campout. Two members with paid reservations had personal problems and could not attend as planned. This is a "no refund" campground. The Safari Field has full hookups and provides camping in a circle so everyone sees everyone.

May 2023 - Shir-Roy Campground

Shir-Roy Campground: Weekend was enjoyable but most normal activities were affected by rain most of the weekend. Campground provided an "out of the weather" area for our Pot Luck dinner.

February 2023 - Auburn Tavern, Auburn NH

Wheelers met at the Auburn Tavern in Auburn NH. There were 27 folks (16 memberships) attended. New Members Evelyn and Donald McPhee were introduced. A summary of the new operating procedures was reviewed since the Wheelers are no longer a Good Sam prodigy. The By-Laws have been replaced with a Standard Operating Procedure. The Merrimac Valley Campers presented the Wheelers with a \$1,000.00 donation. Most of their members will be joining the Wheelers as members.