



Jaden Durbin - Eagle Scout – Congratulations!



Jaden Durbin received his Eagle Scout October 2016 & his Court of Honor was February 25, 2017. Pictured: John & Susan Swearingen, Jeff Elliott, Jaden Durbin, Mary Elliott, Julie & Dave Hoch. Many of Jaden’s badges are in the quilt that Mary made. 21 badges are required for Eagle Scout –Jaden earned 38 badges.

If you want more info about Jaden receiving his Eagle Scout ranking, do a search on Jaden Durbin Eagle Scout & several newspaper articles show up.

Carl & Ann Leslie’s Southwest Adventure Jan. 11, 2017 – Feb. 26 2017

We left 1/11 for an Airstream winter adventure in the southwest and were home 2/26. First, we drove to Las Cruces, New Mexico, spending 3 weeks in this beautiful and fast growing city 3 weeks - enjoying the weekly farmers market, bird watching, and hiking. Carl found a ukulele group and took a mule ride in the mountains with a couple of honest to god cowboys.





Leslie's Southwest Adventure continued

Leaving Las Cruces we next drove to Carlsbad, New Mexico and spent a week at Lake Barkley. While there, we went to Carlsbad Caverns at a time when they were repairing the elevators. The cave is a challenge to walk!

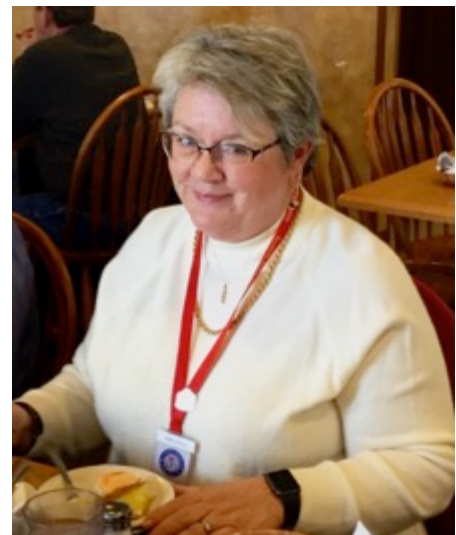
Our next stop was Fredericksburg, TX. The Hill Country of Texas is beautiful in itself and Fredericksburg is a touristy city that celebrates its German heritage. We stayed at the Lady Bird Johnson Park, a beautiful city park next to a golf course. We visited the LBJ Ranch and Texas White House. Fredericksburg is the birthplace of Admiral Chester Nimitz and there is a National Museum of the Pacific War.

We ended our trip with a week stay at Texas Airstream Harbor, a favorite of ours. On the way home we stayed one night in downtown Little Rock, Arkansas, across the river from the Clinton Presidential Library. The last night on the road we spent at Giant City State Park, Carbondale.

The Airstream provided a cozy home away from home while we were traveling. We met Airstreamers along the way, and, as usual, Airstreams are great conversation starters.

Busy Corner Mid Winter Lincolnland Luncheon

1:30 pm Sunday March 5, 2017 sixteen Lincolnland members met at Goodfield's Busy Corner. Enjoying time spent together, good food, and great pie were Monte Barksdale, Jack Johnson, Carl & Ann Leslie, Roy & Evelyn Peacock, Beverly & Carroll Hensley, Susan & John Swearingen, Anita & Raoul Reinertsen, Mary & Bernie Taylor, George & Stephanie Rice.



Pictured clockwise starting in upper left:
Carl Leslie, Roy and Evelyn Peacock, Beverly and Carroll Hensley, Ann Leslie, Raoul and Anita Reinertsen.



Nick at the Fox Trot



George Rice's registered Missouri Fox Trotter, Nick, is doing the fox trot in this photo, which George shared at the Busy Corner Mid Winter Luncheon. Nick neck reins, and George had just cued him for a right turn, which he did so enthusiastically that he threw his right rein out in an arch. All his gaits are four-beat which gives a nice smooth floating ride, as opposed to the two-beat bounce of a Quarter Horse. He eats distance at an average of 3.8 mph, which makes it hard to ride with Quarter Horses because of his speed. Nick is totally bonded to George. Recently, April 14, Nick went to the dentist for his annual checkup. George's niece says now Nick will have a nice smile!



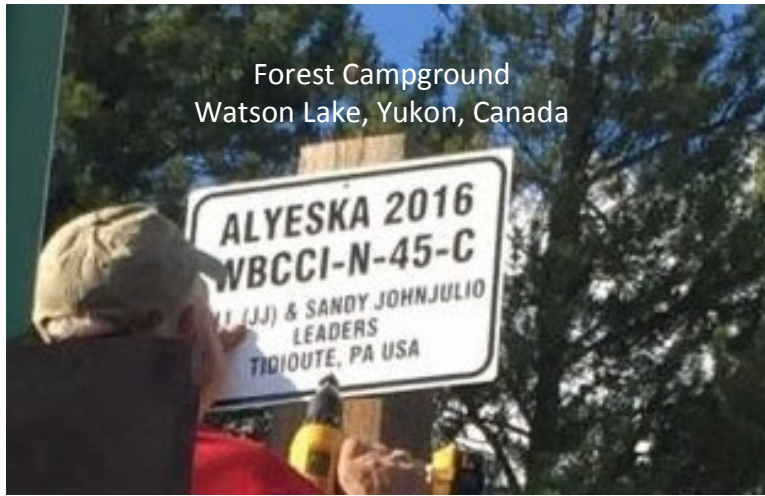
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Forest Campground
Watson Lake, Yukon, Canada



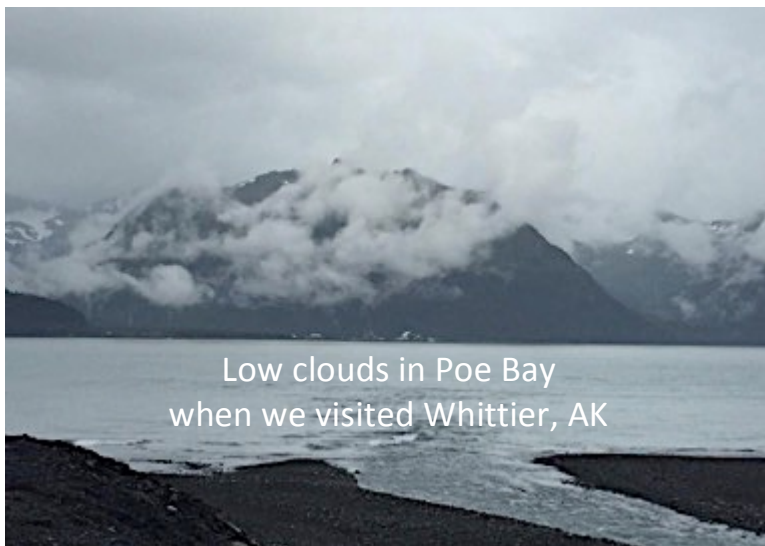
Rainbow at Homer, AK



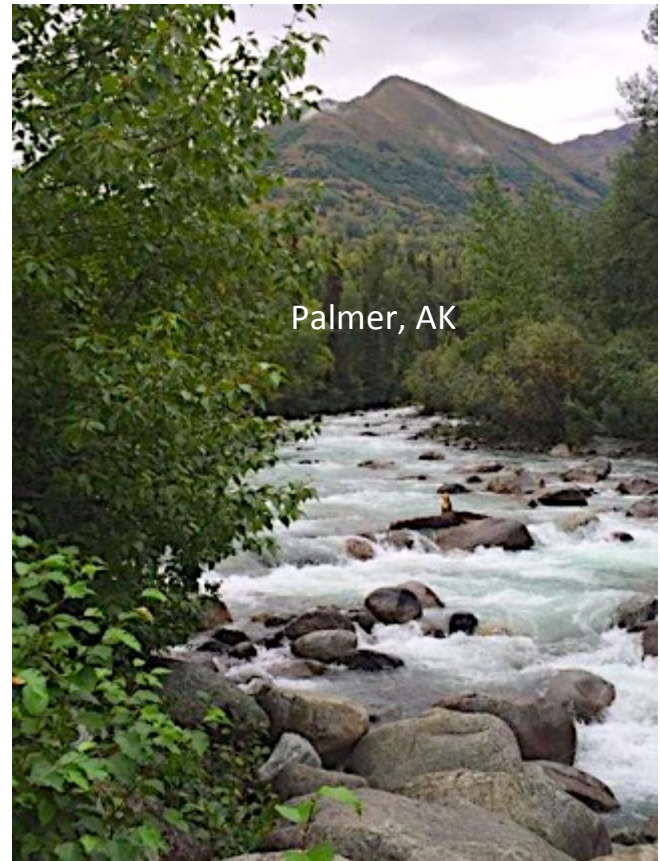
Glacier

in Poe Bay, Whittier AK

“It was such a beautiful trip and would recommend it to everyone.”



Low clouds in Poe Bay
when we visited Whittier, AK



Palmer, AK



Campers at Watson Lake

Member Update



Jolene Gero
1/14/1959 – 3/2/2017

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Bud Lanoue and his family. Bud's daughter, Jolene Gero, who had been fighting brain cancer, passed away March 2, 2017. To view her obituary, go to www.cotterfh.com

Some of you may remember Jolene's granddaughter, Hannah Trudeau, who attended some of our Airstream rallies.

Bud is doing well after his knee replacement surgery, but has had a reoccurrence of vertigo. He is doing therapy for vertigo and is improving.

Please keep Bud and his family in your prayers.

Bud's address is: 424 W 6th St., Momence, IL 60954.
His home phone is 815-472-3931.

2017 Rally Schedule

UNIT RALLIES

March 5, Mid-Winter Luncheon, 1:30 pm, Busy Corner, Goodfield, IL

April 30, Spring Fling Dinner, 1:30 pm, Xochimilco Restaurant,

3210 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702 I-55 exit 100B (Sangamon Ave.)

West to Dirksen Pkwy. Turn right on Dirksen to Northfield Drive.

May 19-22, Lincoln's New Salem State Park, Petersburg, IL.

June 2-5, Kamp Komfort in Carlock, IL

August 18-22, Solar Eclipse at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds

October 13-16, Evening Star Resort; Topeka Spoon River Festival & Installation

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REGION 5 RALLY

September 13-17, 2017, at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

July 22-29, Escanaba, Michigan

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Lincoln's New Salem State Park Rally
May 19 – 22
Petersburg, IL