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NEWS FROM THE HECKMAN'S

A big **THANK YOU** to Carol Heckman for providing the following article, as well as the one dealing with John's award.

I enjoyed an early Christmas gift; a bus trip to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark in Kentucky. There were 40 travelers from central Iowa in the 56-passenger bus for the five day trip. I had visited both venues several times before (at various seasons of the year), but being there during the Christmas season was especially meaningful. My traveling companion had not visited before and it was a special joy to introduce her to the Bible-based attractions, especially with the thousands of colored lights highlighting the gardens and displays. The tour also included an evening at the Hofbrauhaus in Cincinnati (an authentic German pub resembling the one John and I had visited in Munich in 2014). The weather co-operated with our travel and outdoor activities. We returned home the day the storms caused so much devastation in southern Kentucky and the vicinity.

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MIKE'S MUSINGS



Greetings: Linda and I spent three weeks in Florida on Sanibel Island and one week in Miami. Our daughter lives in Miami. Our son and family came to visit us and we celebrated Christmas.

I have two items on this agenda. First, I want to give some directions for the February luncheon at Perkins, 4045 Hammond Ave., Waterloo on Saturday, February 12, 2022. Most of you will drive into Waterloo on Hwy. 20. You should exit Hwy. 20 at Exit 230. On this off ramp you will be driving toward IA Hwy. 21 or Hawkeye Dr. You will then drive north on Hwy. 21 about one-quarter mile to San Marnan Dr., which is a "T" intersection. You turn right (east) and drive on San Marnan for one-quarter mile. At the light on San Marnan/Hammond, turn right. Then, turn left toward Perkins, which is about a block. Your GPS should work, but sometimes it doesn't take the best route. Reservations start at 11:00, with the meal at 11:30. We have our own party room.

The second item concerns the May 12 rally at Rock Creek State Park. Mike Donahue and Marty Murray-Lubbert, as co-hosts, have given some suggestions. I bring this up now because reservations can be made with the DNR starting at midnight (12:00 AM) on February 11, 2022, which is 90 days before the rally. Another suggestion would be to pay for one, two or three extra camping days in order to beat the rush. For example, reserve for May 11, 2022 - May 15, 2022 on February 10, 2022 and this may give you a better selection.

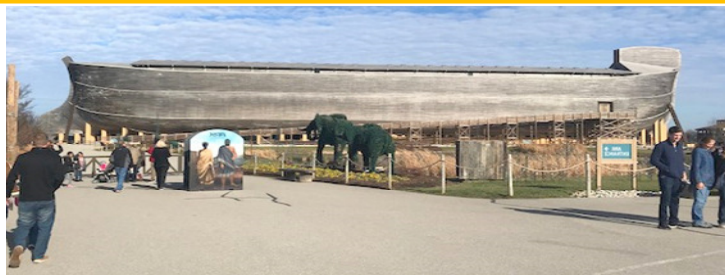
Here are the suggestions of Mike Donahue:

Level sites with best view are 33 thru 42 (all back-ins)
Public access to the dock, sites 36, 37, 40 and 41
Access to long pier, sites 38 and 39
Pull thru sites, 49 thru 55 (mostly level)
50 amp sites 25, 26, 27 (pull thru), 28, 29, 30 (back in) and 71 thru 75

From the lake to the entrance, it goes uphill and gets worse the further you go. Bring extra boards for leveling.

We hope to see everyone at the luncheon. It should be a good meeting.

Mike Rickert



JOHN'S AWARD

John Heckman and seven other Shell Rock area veterans were awarded Quilts of Valor for their military service on Veterans Day, November 11th. John served in the Army Reserves and was activated in response to the Cuban Missile Crisis in the 1960's, spending a year at Ft. Huachuca in Arizona. All our children and two of John's five sisters attended the evening event that included the American Legion unit's annual chili and oyster soup supper. The beautiful quilts were all made by two members of the local American Legion Auxiliary..

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BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

5 - Carol Heckman
6 - Norm Beu
17 - Terry Mercer
19 - Marty Genz
21 - Dan Bamberry
22 - Nancy Helle
23 - Earl Gass

ANNIVERSARIES FEBRUARY

14 - Susan & Marty Genz

SHORT NEWSLETTER?

This newsletter is shorter than normal for one main reason. Other than President Mike and Carol Heckman, no one sent your newsletter team anything to include. Certainly some of you did something other than sit home with your feet to the heater. The team did not even receive any write-up or pictures of the December Luncheon. Hopefully this won't be the case for the upcoming February luncheon. C'mon, folks, help us out!

REGION 8 REGISTRATION AVAILABLE SOON

If you haven't already done so, **NOW** is the time to get registered for the Region 8 Rally to be held April 27th to May 1st in Lincoln, NE. Information received from Region 8 President Greg Vadner indicated that the registration form for the rally will be posted on the Region 8 website this upcoming weekend, so check for it, print it out, write your check and mail it in. We hope to see a good turnout from the Iowa Club. Most of us have never had occasion to spend much time in the Lincoln area, so that will be something to look forward to. See you in Lincoln!

President Mike has provided the schedule for the **remaining luncheon and rally sites and dates for 2022**; They are included in this newsletter so you can mark them on your calendars before you get loaded up for the year.

REMAINING LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:

February 12, 2022; **Sweetheart Luncheon**

Perkins Restaurant (meet at 11:00 am, eat @ 11:30 am – room reserved)
4045 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa
Hosts: Mike and Linda Rickert
319-239-0646 (Mike)

March 12, 2022; **Lucky Luncheon**

Sunrise Café (meet @ 11:00 am, eat @ 11:30 am)
908 W. Main Street, Le Grand, Iowa
Hosts: Tom and Shirley Herron
515-556-9339 (Shirley)

April 9, 2022; **Spring Luncheon**

Pizza Ranch (meet @ 11:00 am, eat @ 11:30 am)
219 W 4th Street, Vinton, Iowa
Hosts: Chuck and Linda Helle
319-270-1189 (Nancy)

RALLY SCHEDULE:

April 27 - May 1, 2022
Airstream Region 8 Rally
Lancaster Event Center
4100 N 84th Street
Lincoln, NE

May 12 - 15, 2022

Rock Creek State Park (reservations open 90 days before)
Kellogg, Iowa
Hosts: Mike Donahue and Marty Murray-Lubbert
515-229-7881

July 23 - 29, 2022

Airstream International Rally
Fryeburg Fairgrounds
Fryeburg, ME

August 11 - 14, 2022

Skipped this year because it is near to the end of the International Rally

September 8 - 11, 2022 Election Rally

Upper Iowa Resort
578 Lonnings Drive, Dorchester, Iowa
Hosts: Mike and Linda Rickert and John and Carol Heckman
319-239-0646 (Mike)

October 13 - 16, 2022 Installation Rally

The Grove Campground (formerly Fiscus Grove)
1259 Knapp Ave., Liscomb, Iowa
Hosts: Chuck and Nancy Helle and Marilyn Mulbrook
319-270-1189 (Nancy)

One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".

"Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day. He couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Channel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes.

By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so he asked the man why he was sending all those cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asked Mike."

I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.



While visiting their children and grandchildren in the Denver area over the holidays, Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka were fortunate enough to be at their son's residence in the mountains near Conifer when a herd of deer decided to gather along the driveway to feed on the grass. There were about 10 deer in all and one of the males only had an antler on one side. Apparently he either didn't have one grow on that side or he damaged it and it broke off or never developed. He's the one at the lower right. At any rate, it made him look a little lopsided. Nothing like having portable lawn-mowers that don't require gas!