

# CENTRAL IOWA TRAVEL MASTERS NCT CAMPOUT

August 13, 14, 15, 16, 2018

## PULPIT ROCK CAMPGROUND DECORAH, IOWA

**Hosts: Dave and Marge Mick  
Larry and Connie Shears**

### Monday

Six couples arrived today and the campout was officially opened with coffee and cookies.

At 5:30PM we had dinner Mabe's Pizza in Decorah. In the evening we were able to have a campfire.

### Tuesday

This morning we toured the Bily Clock Museum in Spillville. Frank and Joseph Bily were local farmers. In their down time they began carving clocks in 1913. In 1946 they moved their entire collection to a building on Main Street in Spillville. The famous Czech



composer Antonin Dvorak and his family lived in this historic building during the summer of 1893. We also visited St. Wenceslaus Church where the Bily brothers were members. Dr. Dvorak played the pipe organ for the daily Mass during his stay in Spillville.

After lunch at Ede's and the Angry Pickle we visited the Seed Savers Exchange near Decorah. We were unable to have a tour, but enjoyed seeing the flowers and vegetable plants.

Dinner was at the Family Table in Decorah, and we were once again able to enjoy a campfire after returning to the campgrounds.

### Wednesday

We spent the morning at the campground before going back into town for lunch at T-Bocks Sports Bar and Grill. The afternoon was spent at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. We started our visit with a guided walking tour of the Museum grounds. The area included houses brought in from Norwegian settlements in the area as well as one that came from Norway. We were given a great overview of life in the mid-19th century. The complex also included a church that was originally in northeast North Dakota, a blacksmith shop, and grist mill that once stood on the Turkey River before the river was diverted to prevent flooding in Decorah. After the walking tour we visited the 3-story museum which contained over 20,000 artifacts depicting early life and culture in the Decorah area.



Dinner that evening was at the Old Armory BBQ and Chop House. Back at the campground it was campfire time. Perfect end to a great campout.

### Thursday

As usual we enjoyed coffee and pastries before departing for home.

***See you next month at the District Rally!***