

CENTRAL IOWA TRAVEL MASTERS NCT CAMPOUT

October 1, 2, 3, 4, 2018

KALONA CITY CAMPGROUND KALONA, IOWA

**Hosts: Steve and Sharon Amato
Dave and Marge Mick**

Monday

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

At 6:00PM we had dinner Tequila Grill in Kalona. In the evening we were able to have a campfire.

Tuesday

We left the campground about 9:30AM for our day in and around Kalona. Our first stop was the Kalona Historical Village Museum where we met our guide for the morning and received an overview of the Amish and Mennonite communities in the area. Our next stop was the Stringtown Buggy Shop. What an amazing operation. There were new buggies being built along with several others waiting to be repaired. After our visit we traveled to a



Mennonite home for a meal. What a feast! As you can see by the happy faces, the food was very, very good. In the afternoon we returned to the Historical Village for a self-guided tour.

In the evening we ate dinner at Aleandros Pizza/Gyros/Burgers. We were able to have the business meeting there before returning to the campground. Once again we enjoyed a campfire.

Wednesday

In the morning we had time for shopping in the downtown Kalona area and also visit the Stringtown Grocery Store. We ate lunch at the Kalona Brewing Company where the manager provided information on the brewing operation. It was fun to sample some of the beer. In the afternoon it was more shopping and exploring the area.

Dinner in the evening was at the Hard Luck Cafe.

We were fortunate to have several visitors at this campout. Linda Dale's sister Barb was visiting from Montana; Joan Jackson's sister and husband from California; and prospective new members Jim and Stephanie Mason (pictured here) from Indianola. It was great to have such a large group.



Thursday

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

Have a great winter, see you next spring!