

CENTRAL IOWA TRAVEL MASTERS NCT CAMPOUT

August 14, 15, 16, 17, 2017

CEDAR VIEW PARK CAMPGROUND NASHUA, IOWA

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

Monday

Amatos, Dales, and Micks arrived in time for coffee, cookies, and bars. Ellerbecks and Jacksons arrived late afternoon. At 7:00PM we had dinner at our camp site with brats furnished by the hosts. The rest of us provided salads and desserts. In the evening we were able to have a campfire.

Tuesday

"There's a church in the valley by the wildwood, no lovelier spot in the dale. No place is so dear to my childhood, as the little brown church in the vale." We heeded the call and toured the Little Brown Church and grounds in the morning. The church is a famous location for weddings. Several hundred take place there each year. Almost all of us know someone who had been married there. Following the tour we were treated to dinner prepared by the women of the church. What a treat that was — ham, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, and dessert.

Following lunch we toured Old Bradford Pioneer Village and Museum located next to the church. Among the many buildings were old homes, a general store, a school house, blacksmith shop, and a huge building containing a variety of old farm equipment. On more than one occasion we heard the words "I remember using one of those." It was great fun reminiscing.

In the evening we enjoyed finger food, music from Marge Mick, and a campfire. Marge Ellerbeck and Rod Dale both celebrated their 80th birthdays this week. Marge provided a beautiful birthday cake to celebrate the occasion.

Wednesday

We spent the morning visiting and enjoying the campground. We traveled to Charles City for lunch at Dave's Restaurant. It was a wonderful buffet. Rod and Marge were once again treated to "birthday dessert."

While in Charles City we toured the Floyd County Museum. It was two full floors of memorabilia collected from throughout the county. It was extremely interesting.

After the tour we traveled back to the campground for some much needed R & R. In the evening we went back to Charles City for dinner at The Pub on Cedar. Once again we enjoyed great food and fellowship. When we returned to the campground we were able to once again have a campfire.

Thursday

We enjoyed coffee and pastries before departing for home.

See you next month