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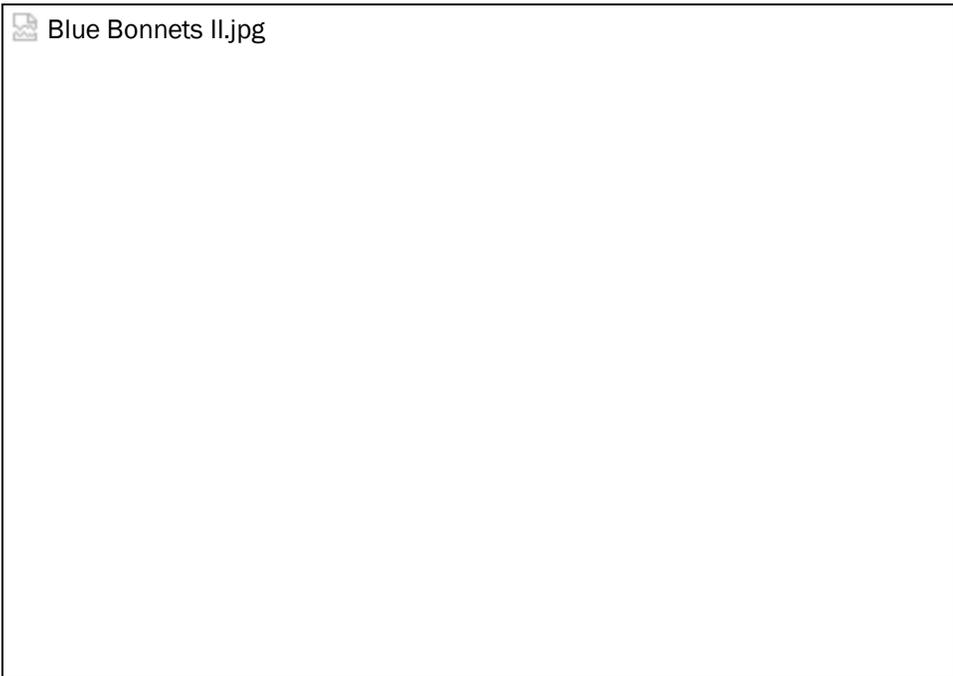
To: "Brown@drivehq.com, Pam" <dan_brown@tigerpaw.com>

Hello from sunny ??? Illinois.

I arrived home last Wed. to decent weather for central Illinois and started in on the lawn. Seems like we had a very dry late summer/early fall and a disease called Snow Mold over the winter. This has created large dead brown spots . Nothing to do except dethatch and reseed. That will keep me busy for awhile.

I had an uneventful trip home with a stop in Dallas. The Blue Bonnets were in full bloom in that area of TX. The pictures were taken of a neighbor's house close to Marvin and Zee.

 Blue Bonnets 2011.jpg



Quite beautiful!!!

We thank all of you who have dropped me a line to let us know you arrived to your Northern home safely. Some had some mishaps on the way, so I'll pass their notes on.

Ken & Donna Scott wrote:

Are we missing the logic of why we left 90degree weather to return to Illinois and enjoy 37 this morning with freezing rain???? But we did. Our trip home was a mixture of good and bad. Enjoyed a few days in the Hill Country—golf was great and Ken loved the Brewery. Unfortunately, the blue bonnets were not in bloom due to lack of moisture, but we still had a great time. As you may have heard, we had a mishap going through Dallas. We were on 75 N. in four lanes of traffic and a pickup truck decided to share our lane of traffic. The impact threw us into the concrete divider but Ken was able to hold us there instead of bouncing back into the traffic. The other vehicle slowed but then took off . We were not injured but had to have the van towed. The worst part after the accident was waiting in the van for 45 min. with traffic zooming by at 70 mph. Luckily they replaced the left front tire, and we were able to drive back to Illinois. I can't say enough about the young Dallas policeman who responded to the accident—he stayed with us until the tire was replaced and we were on the road again. We do want to thank all who have expressed concern –all is well if we can just get some decent weather in Illinois.

Ken and Donna

Rene & Donna St.James:

Howdy ALL Y'ALL..

Today was again a hot one from about noon till 6:00 P.M. We did lot's and lot's of driving BUT and this is a Big BUT.. Our trip did not go as planned because when we stopped at a rest area in Indiana, that is where all Hell broke loose... I went to the washroom while Donna took the dog out for a walk, I did see a young lady walking 2 BIG dogs, she in turn gave the 2 BIG dogs to her mother to hold onto them, they were both on leaches, she could not hold on to them, when the 2 dogs saw Tipo (Our Dog) they rushed towards Donna and our TIPO, that is when Donna lost her footing and tripped and fell on the cement sidewalk very hard, we are not sure but her left wrist is really swollen and may be broken or a severe sprain, it is really swollen.. Her right leg is also in bad shape with severe scrapes and her knee that she has been having trouble with for the past 3 years is also in bad shape, her right arm and elbow also got scraped... The Daughter that owned the dogs was really sorry that it all happened so fast with no control over the dogs, but had a First Aid Kit and we were able to mend Donna up the best we could and hit the road again.. When I got to the Motel I went to Wal Mart and bought a wrist band along with all the required First Aid Kit and all of the misc. medication.. We

peroxided all of her wounds and is now resting.. Her wrist is in the wrist band and she says it feels much better.. We hope to leave early tommorrow morning and head straight home, needless to say we will be heading for the hospital for X-Rays and hope for the best.. Sure was a hectic day.. We lost an hour today (Daylight Time) it is now 10:15 P.M. We need the rest for sure, we drove 740 miles today alone, total so far since we left the TIP. 1,740 miles approx.. 460 more miles tommorrow and we will have it made..It will be a skip and a hop...

Take care...

Rene.

Howdy ALL Y'ALL.....

Sorry for the delay on sending an update. My ISP (internet service provider) just got me back on line about an hour ago (Wednesday). We did make it back home Monday afternoon around 3:30 P.M. We went directly to our Son's house. Donna went directly to the hospital to get an X-Ray on her wrist with our Daughter in Law and I came home to unload the van with my son.. When Donna did get back with the results we got a sigh of relief that she got a severe sprain and nothing broken thank God. She is still very sore and taking pain killers. Her knee and arm are healing and she feels much better.

On the bright side we had a wonderful trip weather wise. Our dog "TIPO" did great and was not car sick and behaved like a really good puppy.. He did not eat much but with all the hot weather he did drink a lot's of water and we did have to make many PIT stops.. Today Wed. it has been raining all day and gave us a chance to unpack all of our stuff.. Marilyn Stranberg called me on Skype and told me the weather is still VERY hot at the TIP-O, In the mid to High 90s F..

Thanks very much to all that sent Donna their best wishes for a speedy recovery. She really appreciated your concerns and I did also..

Donna joins me in sending our Love and Hugs...

Rene.

The Hough's

Just to let you know we are back in Illinois. Had a great winter. Good to be home. Bob and Alta

From Mary Mitchell:

To all our dear friends at the Tip:

This is just a note to let you know that we arrived home safely on April 4 after about five days on the road. We took our time this year and enjoyed driving through some of the Ozarks in Arkansas and Missouri. We had very little precipitation on the way except in Northern Ontario—some rain and light snow!! We did manage to miss the big storm which ripped through parts of the mid states recently. However, today is beautiful and sunny and there are better days ahead. We worked about ten days at a camp in the Hill Country out of Bandera and then worked our way north from there visiting a couple of friends, some in Indiana and some in Spanish where our summer camp is. If any of you are ever up along the North Shore of Lake Huron, you must stop in and see us in Spanish, Ontario along TransCanada Highway 17 about two and a half hours east of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. We wish all of you a very pleasant and relaxing summer wherever you are. Hope to see you next late fall!!

Mary and Don Mitchell

Fred and Penny Moxon:

Hello Everybody

This is one of our infamous "one size fits all" letters just to let you know that we got back to our home in Canada last night. We took eight days this time to cover the 2000+ miles between there and here. We stopped for visits in San Antonio TX., Alvord TX.,(N/W of Ft. Worth) and Sidney OH. to have a little time with friends we love but don't get to see too often.

I must be getting famous in my old age because I was stopped by a cop in Texas and asked for my autograph. She even

provided the slip of yellow paper to sign it on. It seems to be an invitation to appear at some kind of a do at the Municipal Court House on April 18 in Farmersville TX. I told her I wouldn't be able to make it and she said that was OK and I could just send them some money - specifically \$185.00. She also suggested that I shouldn't travel at 80 mph in a 65 mph zone anymore. Probably pretty good advice - I can't afford too many of these fancy invitations.

Other than the unexpected expense, we had a great trip home. The weather was good all the way except for a bit of wind and one morning of rain but that was no problem. We Texans are used to the one and kind of hope for the other.

So now we begin our other life starting with the mountain of mail, the looming income tax filing, after which we will be getting the Airstream dewinterized and prepped for some travelling to a few rallys and other things this summer. Oh yeah, we got a start last year on finishing out our basement thanks to our Florida buddies Jim and Mary Anne Passatore who came for a visit and worked their buns off - so that is going to have to be done this year. So as you can see, we won't be hanging around the pool halls this summer. I think when we die we'll have them carve onto the stone "At least they didn't rust".

We send love to all of you - hope to see as many of you as we can over the summer and the rest we will see when we get back to Texas next November.

Love & Hugs

Fred & Penny

Many of us are glad that we didn't receive the same TX invitation as Fred.

Thanks to all for your notes. I did receive an e-mail from Midge Sykes saying that her leg was better after surgery to remove a melanoma. We do hope that it heals quickly.

Raining for the next several days here...so drop me a line and let us know what's happening with you and I'll pass it on. Have a good week and remember official Spring is expected SOON. Pam

Monday April 18, 2011

Lavon called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag and the Star

Spangled Banner.

CONNIE GAVE The HOSPITAL REPORT:

_Sad news-Rosie Gleason is headed back to MN because of an anourism on her aorta

Marjorie Shoemaker and Marilyn Lynch passed away this week.

-Ray Pepe is in McAllen Medical in room #572

-Gene Guthrie hopes to come home from Legends Thursday!

-Von Farmer has been taken home to her children in Oklahoma City-she is suffering from Alzeimers.

Connie led a prayer for these friends and for relief for our fellow

Americans hit by the tornados.

JIM AND DONNA HALL:

-Summer hours for the front office are now in effect-8-12 Sat. and closed on Sundays.

-City of Pharr has implemented water conservation guidelines for the summer-odd numbered houses may water from 8 PM -8 Am Wed and Sat,-even numbers water from 8 PM to 8AM Thurs and Sunday. Please observe these rules as the fine for non conformance is very high.

Jim announced that work on the old gazebo by the outdoor pool starts today. Please do not park bikes or golf carts around the area as there will be trucks and men bringing in materials. There will be a new light installed near the N corner of the Main hall, and also some changes made to the lighting, curbing and ramp on LuAnn in order to make access easier.

Please do not park your cars on empty lots.

Hopefully, work to repair the chapel will begin in May.

Joan Guthrie says thanks to everyone from both Gene and herself for all the prayers, cards, meals, and visits during his illness. He hopes to come home this week after a long stay in rehab.

Barb Horne has volunteered to take care of TOT recycling effort this summer. If anyone else will help, see Barb.

The Treasure table has been moved over near the Laundry. Please continue to bring good things for it

Mary Dwyer will not be collecting rugs and towels for the Animal shelter until next fall-so keep yours until then.

Summer hours for the Activity Office are 8 AM until noon Monday thru Thursday.

Stamps and quarters are available in the Activity office. Quarters are available also in the front office.

Video room open on Mondays only.

Gail Stemple reminded us that the sign up sheets for Easter dinner stay up until Wed.

Social hour starts at 4:00 on Sunday with Dinner at 12:45. We will have leftovers on Monday at 4:15.

Diners at Gail's tables need bring only their dish to share and silverware; Mary's guests need to bring dishes, silver and their contribution to the dinner. The meat for Easter has to be paid for by the diners, so each person brings a dollar for your hostess.

Men need to come at 4:00 Saturday to set up the tables.

This Week:

Wednesday--Bottom Line Band 7-10 MH \$4

Thursday-Thirsty Thursday -Outdoor pool or Main Hall-bring finger foods

and join us. Ice Tea, Lemonade and ice provided BYOB 4:00

Friday --Karaoke with Jack and Brenda ABFH 6:30-10 \$1

Saturday-Set up for Sunday dinner-MH 4:00

Sunday-Easter dinner -12:00 MH

Many card games are continuing at the regular times and places.

We sang "God Bless America"

As there was no MMM report last week, let me add that Matt Kitkowski

broke his foot again

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