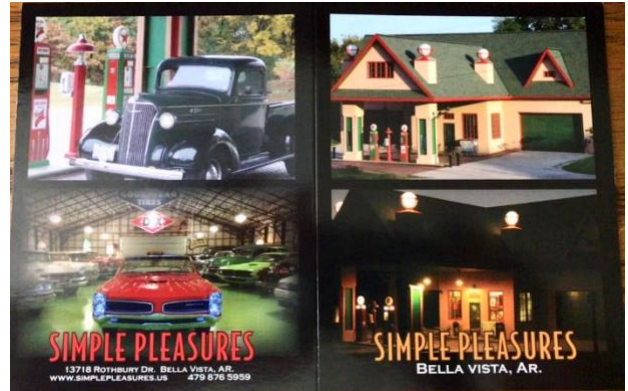


OPS Campout May 16th – 19th Bella Vista, AR

We had a nice turn out on our 2nd trip of the year even with several still at their winter destinations or touring other countries. Several of us arrived early, enjoying some golfing, biking and shopping. We lucked out on the weather with just a little rain on Saturday afternoon.

Thursday evening: We walked back in time to the 1920's-1970's with Simple Pleasures, a top-rated Senior venue which entertained us with things from our childhood including toys and cars.



Ken, the owner, told us fun stories and helped us re-live our memories. They fed us chicken and ribs with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and rolls. It was a delicious meal with Ice Cream Sundaes for dessert.

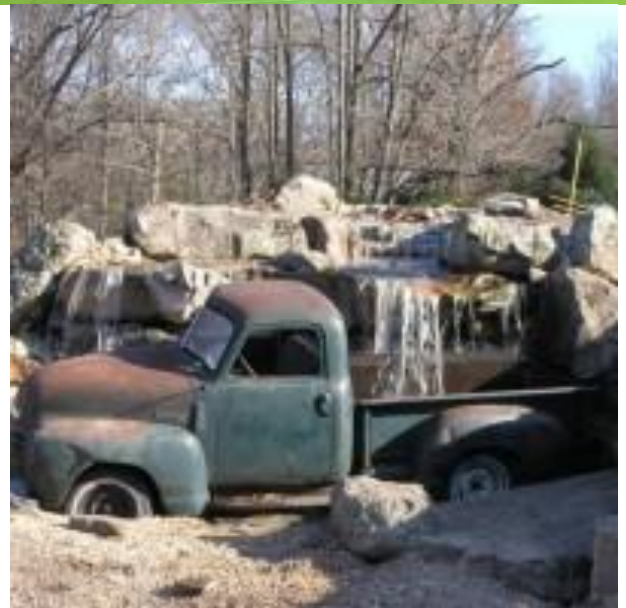


After dinner they split us up into groups for a game of fun trivia from prior decades.



Deloris, guest of Rama, wins the big prize! Spinner Boys' HAT.

Beautiful Water Falls





Early Friday morning we gathered for a short drive to the Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel Built by: E. Faye Jones.

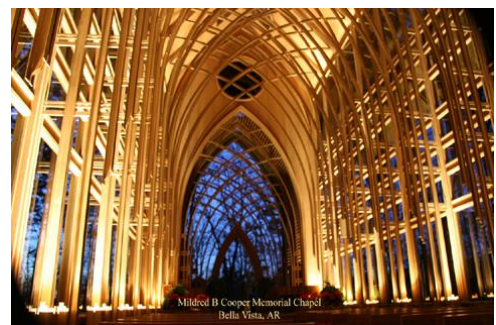
What explodes onto your senses when you first behold the Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel is not at all what was anticipated when you began down the meandering trail from the parking lot. It is not only the Chapel's lofty heights, or the massive wooden doors, or even the arches upon arches that gracefully flow above and below each other giving the impression of airy wonder...What is most impressive is that a building of this magnitude, designed and created by the mind of a man, could so seamlessly fit into the natural scene which envelopes it.



As we are surrounded by the natural beauty of God's earth and the gifts given to man, we are thankful for God's love, and all his blessings.



Members: Bob and Mary Chrisman



Mildred B Cooper Memorial Chapel
Bella Vista, AR

Continuing with our Friday Adventures, we fueled our bodies at the BV Bar and Grill with really good food. Some shopped at the golf store while waiting for our food and found some good buys. We sat at round tables looking out to the golf course. One of the tables all ordered hamburgers except our hamburger King Cal who seems to always orders hamburgers. Well he missed out on a great burger according to the folks at the table. LOL

After lunch we met at Crystal Bridges where we toured the Frank Lloyd Wright Home. It was interesting to see but I personally wouldn't want to live there.



If you're near the Bentonville area and love Art of all kinds, then you will want to go to Crystal Bridges.

Dinner in a private room at the Lakepoint Restaurant was a disappointment but everyone was gracious. We may have set a record for the longest dinner! You could tell on most nights the food could be very good. We had a lovely view of the lake once the sun began to set. It did provide a quiet room to hold our meeting.

On our free day some of us went to the Bentonville Town Square for the Farmers Market and Breakfast. We enjoyed a tour through the Walton (Wal-Mart) Museum.



Others enjoyed shopping in Rogers, or just stayed at the campground and chilled. Bella Vista and Bentonville have a lot to offer from golf, shopping, great restaurants, and walking and biking trails from one town to the other. The area is beautiful.

If you weren't able to join us, you still have time to come explore other cities with us in the upcoming months. We have a great group of people and we miss you when you can't be there!

Until next time,

Candy Kooy
Wagon Master