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STATS CORRECTION:

In the report on attendees in the last issue, the "most important crew position" was erroneously omitted. There were 38 Refueling Operators attending.

The traveling has started and what a wonderful time we are having! A fifteen hundred mile trip and we are happy to have seen so many folks; some we hadn't seen before and some we were blessed to see again. Before leaving Lancaster, Fred and Liz Gardner invited us to Decatur IN to visit with them for two days as they were there for RV repairs. You know how Fred likes to tell



campground owner who was a C-121 type from Viet Nam. He was very nice to us and our meeting was gratis since all of our troops were "old Air Force." Had visitors from three squadrons (420, 421, 622) there. The weather was beautiful and the get together was stunning. If all the mini-mini's in the future are as pleasant, we will be thrilled. Elbert Zaun came from Superior, WI, Hollis Moore (pic below) and Cheryl from Hayward, WI, Ken and Marilyn Norenburg from Duluth, MN and Roger and Loretta Knealing from Colonial Heights, MN. Ken even brought his



pilots how to do things, however his hints on RVs were very valuable for newbies to the RV lifestyle. (see picture above.)

We left Lancaster on June 11, and went to Detroit, MI to visit with Ray Hunter and an aunt of mine. Ray was on the schedule to fly a C-47 with the Yankee Air Force so was not able to be with us. Oh well, Natalie and I visited with my aunt and had a great time and then launched north to Gaylord, MI, where we enjoyed Marilyn Burrows' dessert called "Sin."



It's amazing that our Chaplain, George Burrows (429) lets her participate in "Sin," but she does and the cherry dessert was marvelous. So was the visit, even though

there was a little rain. (see above). From there we went across the Mackinac Bridge to the upper peninsula of MI and west to Rapid River, hoping to see Joe Amorelli (421). Unfortunately, Joe had a friend who was very sick and he wanted to be with him so we spent the evening alone but did have a lovely meal at the Log Cabin Restaurant. Next morning we proceeded to Rice Lake, WI. We met a

"liberated" Follow Me flag, which really set off the camp-site. (pic of Cheryl, Marilyn, Loretta & Nat to right).

We left Rice Lake and proceeded to the Madison, WI area to meet with Ron Engle and Willy Wilhite (421), Gene and Barb

Ficken (622). Ron brought an entire E-4 bag full of memorabilia which all of us enjoyed for the entire afternoon. (pic of Willy and Ron at left; pic of Fickens below). (Continued on bottom



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