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BEARS AMBUSH GUNTOWN MOUNTAIN

On Sunday, September 21st, the Midwest BearPack pounced up Guntown Mountain at Cave City, Kentucky. As you can see from the side photo, many of our bears disguised their appearance to appear female. But, alas, the Kentucky locals were not fooled by the fancy dresses and pseudo-Kentuckian lingo.

The night before the BearPack joined the Bluegrass Bears for **Clan of the Cave Bears**. This was an overnight stay at Wigwam Village with a huge pitch-in cookout. . .just within growling distance from Guntown Mountain. Many of the bears felt right at home in the concrete teepees!

The next morning a group of us had breakfast at the Diner, which looks like a railroad car restaurant. After breakfast we made our trip up to Guntown Mountain and cautiously entered the Haunted House. (We found out that Bears in fright is not a pretty sight.) After successfully exiting that treacherous maze, the group went on a couple of amusement rides including the bumper cars! (Bears in bumper cars. . .can you picture that?) We can still remember Kendra threatening another member: "I'll get you, Mike Davis! !!"

We took advantage of the good weather and got on as many rides as we could. A few of our more-industrious bears got nauseous, but isn't that part of the fun? We all went up the ski lifts to the very top of the Mountain where went through the ghost town and witnessed a few gunfights! Seeking shelter in the saloon, we saw a Can-Can show with the ladies of the bar dragging Mike Davis onto stage. They sang "I'm Just Wild About Mike." Okay, you had to be there.



Many of our bears are looking forward to a return visit to the Bluegrass State and Guntown Mountain next year. The bears in Kentucky were very excellent hosts, showing off their state with pride. A big bear-hug goes to the Bluegrass Bears for their hospitality and overall fun-loving attitudes! And an extra big bear hug goes to David Kamenesh for hosting seven BearPack members at his home for a trip-layover. WOOF WOOF! ("") ("")

We want a few facts to come out also: Some of the bears had to wear the dresses for the picture, others just demanded that they was going to wear certain dresses!! Some of the bears did get scared at Wigwam Village and sleep with their lights on all night!! The biggest fact is we all are just waiting for next year and our Downhome Adventures.

BEAR REMINDERS

Memberships will expire for many members on December 31st of this year. Please start the year out right and submit next year's membership dues promptly. For single members, membership dues are \$20.00 per year. Couples living in the same household can enjoy memberships at \$35.00 per year. Newsletters will stop January for non-renewed members!!

Midwest BearPack business cards are available with your own name printed on them. You can receive 10 cards for \$1.00. Midwest BearPack t-shirts and tank tops are also available for \$12.00 each (price good for members only.)



Emcee and BearPack member Kendra posing with some of our Best Bear Contestants: Left to right: Bill of the BearPack, Eric of CUB, and Gerry of CUB. Gerry won as Best Bear of the evening. Woof to Gerry!

FUR BLAST '97

On August 23rd, the Midwest BearPack hosted Fur Blast '97 at DJ's Saloon in Dayton, Ohio. The event brought out the greatest bunch of Bears and was one of the most fun events to date. We want to give a special thanks to Donny, Jimmy and the DJ staff for a great weekend. We had planned an easy-going event but with so many Bears, we decided to do what we do best and be spontaneous. Within ten minutes we had the contest going! We were amazed what Kendra was able to pull off with such little notice and a few drinks to carry her through. DJ's threw a big rodeo weekend with fun and games galore the next day. They had a Turkey Throw, A Piggy-back ride, Bobbing-for-Dildos and a Drag Race (literally!) As you can imagine we all had a great time!

UP AND COMING DATES!

OCT 20

BearPack meeting at the Diversity Center.
8:00 pm. 1112 Southeastern Ave, INDPLS.

OCT 24-25

CARNIVAL at Tradewinds in
Columbus Ohio.

NOV 1

BAG LADIES TOUR. Many BearPack members
will be going on tour to help raise money for Indiana
Cares.

NOV 6-9

The Show Me Bears host Hi-Bear-Nation
'97 in St. Louis MO. Their web page is
<http://mo.net/~gaystl/smb>, or call 314-995-

NOV 15

Special monthly meeting at a special time.
Join us for dinner and meeting! Call (317)
624-2667 for location!

NOV 23

We will be inviting other clubs to join us in a
Thanksgiving Dinner. The BearPack will
provide the meat, stuffing & Potatoes.

