

For the 4th annual Memorial Day Rendezvous there were a total of 16 members who met up at various times during the weekend. The tent alley at Russell Township Campground was in a constant buzz with most topics centering around kayaking or food.

Two members departed Saturday morning for a several day voyage to the island, while the whole remaining group made a day trip around Sand Island, covering 14 miles, and returned without too much pain or exhaustion; which was really good, considering this was the first paddle of the year for most.

Sunday proved to be a more varied day, with three different groups exploring their interest. One group of four paddled to Raspberry Island and back. Another group of four drove to Meyers beach, explored the sea caves and went on to camp at little Sand Bay; Later picking up their vehicles. A third group of four slightly more energetic people, paddled to Meyers Beach, explored the sea caves and paddled back.

Potluck dinner is always the highlight on this day, and this year seemed to be better than most, and with enough food to feed an army, everybody went to bed satisfied.

On Monday a group went to the estuary in Sand Bay, while a few stayed behind. While a few left on Monday, a few more arrived during the week to keep the numbers going. This event went on until the Friday following the memorial weekend, when four went on to their training at Living Adventures for their Instructor Development Workshop, and the remaining two reluctantly went home.

Tuesday there was yet another trip to the sea caves on Sand Island, and Mike and Jeff F utilized their distance to practice their radio communications and mirror signaling techniques.

The weather during the observed weekend was superb, but turned a little damp, windy and colder during mid-week. Three of the more tender campers seemed to consider their experience as winter camping, while one person, who never seems to gets cold, poo-poo'd the notion. Nobody suffered needlessly due to the internet visits to the public library, and coffee shop. Some were known to buy a hot shower at the community center.