

**Watchung NJ and Washington DC Unit's
Rodeo Rally Report
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In a word, the Rodeo Rally was HOT! The joint Watchung/WDCU Rally was held at Old Cedar Campground in Monroeville, NJ in the heart of the states southern farmland, and appropriately, Old Cedar is surrounded by cornfields and a cow pasture. The kind folks at Old Cedar carved out a section of the campground for our rally, which kept our group of sixteen rigs parked together and made it convenient for all to gather around the dining fly. The only campground locals we encountered all weekend were the bovines who occupied the pasture adjacent to our rally area.



Friday afternoon saw the arrival of the sixteen participating rigs. All were greeted with a cold bottle of Sarsaparilla to help quench the thirst created by the heat wave we all had to endure. By 4PM the campsite was adorned with the Watchung Unit dining fly, which served as the Rally meeting place and provided the much-appreciated shade all weekend.



Friday's Happy Hour commenced with members of the two Units getting acquainted or re-acquainted. Per Joe Devine's wonderful suggestion, we each stood up and introduced ourselves

as this Rally had two WBCCI Unit's coming together to share good times. Following happy hour was the Pitchfork Rib-Eye dinner. Those who participated in the dinner enjoyed the best tasting Rib-Eye they ever done had.



Dinner was followed by deep-fried Twinkies and Oreos dessert. We had planned on serving up deep-fried ice cream but we couldn't find a freezer in the bunch that could keep the ice cream hard enough in the near-hundred degree heat. Friday evening ended with the group sitting around the campfire 'til the wee hours.



Saturday saw no relief from the heat. Leaving the cool AC in our rigs was no easy task. Breakfast both mornings included fresh baked bagels and rolls and coffee with all gathered in the shade under the fly. Most of the Rally-goers went off to enjoy local attractions. Some went to the Amish market, others enjoyed lunch at the Woodstown Hotel, while others went bargain hunting at various flee markets around the area. And a small group spent the day relaxing at Old Cedar.

By late afternoon it was decided to shift plans away from tailgating at the Rodeo and to enjoy Saturdays happy hour at the comforts of our shaded campsite. Those attending Saturday night Rodeo all met at Cowtown. We had secured fifty yard line seating in the upper deck of the grand stands for the group. The Cowtown Rodeo is a first rate presentation and has to be one of the best values in all of entertainment and sports. For the ten-dollar admission fee we all enjoyed a wonderful show and competition put on by the cowboys and cowgirls who tried their best to win in their competitions.



Following the opening flag parade and national anthem the Rodeo competition began with bull riding where few of the cowboys could hold on to the first rate Cowtown bulls.



In addition to the bull riding we enjoyed watching the bucking broncos, various roping events, and the cowgirls barrel race.



Before we knew it the Rodeo was over and we all made our way back to Old Cedar for another late night campfire.

Sunday morning saw no relief from the heat. Following breakfast we all set about packing up campsites and making our way back home. As rally hosts, both Jane from the WDCU and Dave from Watchung Unit both appreciate all that braved the scorching heat and were part of the Rodeo Rally.