





A HOWLING SUCCESS!

By Chuck Holliday

What a beautiful October afternoon! Many Thanks to FOMPBC members Sue Tutas and Ianto, Andrea Dudley, Abby Ison accompanied by Sid, and Rich Owens for helping man the Friends' table at Voice of America MetroPark during The Howl. This annual MetroPark event was a great success to say the least. An estimated 150 well behaved and well decorated K9s and around 300 children received treats from the group.





Critter Corner: American Lady



A member of the brushfoot family, the American Lady butterfly is found in all types of open habitats, such as meadows, prairies, roadsides, overgrown fields, gardens, and hayfields. It is appropriate that the Latin name is *Vanessa Virginiensis*, since this specimen was photographed in the gardens of Jamestown, VA. Host plants include plantain-leaved pussy-toes, fragrant cudweed, and burdock. Favorite nectar plants include Indian hemp, and various milkweeds. The American Lady can be distinguished from its cousin, the Painted Lady, by the presence of two large eyespots on the underside of each wing, instead of four smaller eyes on the Painted Lady.

Brilliant Bebb: Illuminated Pioneer Village

Butler County, Ohio– (10/23/2014)
MetroParks of Butler County is “lighting up” for a second holiday season with “Brilliant Bebb: Illuminated Pioneer Village” at the Governor Bebb MetroPark near Okeana, Ohio. The address of the MetroPark is 1970 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, OH 45053.

The event will be held, two weekends only, on November 29th, 30th, and December 5th & 6th from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm nightly. Please note that on Sunday November 30th the village be will be closing at 8:30 pm.

The entire historic pioneer village will be adorned with numerous trees, thousands of lights, and lots of holiday spirit.



You won't want to miss these two special weekends and the opportunity to bring your whole family out to enjoy this glowing event!

You will find many beautiful places for your holiday family photo, traditional children's crafts, and Father Christmas to greet the children! Throughout the various cabins you will find demonstrations including open hearth cooking (with tasty apple pie samples), forge demonstrations in the Dry Fork Forge, and musical performances by local entertainers.

Each night the musical performances will feature Traditional Appalachian bands who will entertain the guests from 6-9 pm with the following schedule:

Nov 29 th	Pine Ridge Partners
Nov 30 th	Bear Foot
Dec 5 th	Rabbit Hash Strings Band
Dec 6 th	Russell up Some Grub

In addition to the unique and entertaining demonstrations, MetroParks will also welcome numerous arts & craft vendors to the pioneer village. Handmade crafts will be available for purchase, including holiday ornaments made by the Village and Farm Garden Club.

Food and drinks will also be sold by MetroParks in the village Tavern.

The event costs \$10/car or van and \$20/bus (15+ people).

A Motor Vehicle Permit **will not** be required to enter the event; however non-resident permits will be available for purchase and FREE 2015-2016 resident permits will be distributed upon request in the village Tavern.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, volunteering or participating as a vendor, information can be found on MetroParks of Butler County website www.yourmetroparks.net, at VOA MetroPark at 7850 VOA Park Dr., West Chester OH 45069, or the MetroParks administration building at 2051 Timberman Rd., Hamilton, Ohio 45013. For more information call MetroParks at 513-867-5835.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Kathy Williams, of the Butler County Ohio Horsemans Council, and Jean O’Connell.

FoMPBC Board Members

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| Richard Bergstrom | Ed Creighton |
| Nancy Harris | Chuck Holliday |
| Aby Ison | Roger Koch |
| Chris Osborne | Rich Owens |
| David Smith | Matt Stitzel |
| Bill Walker | 4 Vacancies |

FoMPBC 2014 Event Schedule

- November
 12 Board Meeting, 7 PM
- December
 3 “Members Only”, Gov. Bebb
 10 Board Meeting, 7 PM

You Too Can be a Published Author!

Anyone with an event or activity of interest to FoMPBC should write an article to include in the *Voice of the Turtle* newsletter. Please send items to Bill Walker at bug_jock@yahoo.com by the last Wednesday of the month. Photos, cartoons, poems, or jokes will also be considered, although bad puns will remain the sole property of the editor.



BRILLIANT BEBB:



ILLUMINATED PIONEER VILLAGE



WHEN:

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December 5th & 6th

Time:

5:30 pm – 9:30 pm Nightly

Sunday, November 30th closes @ 8:30 pm

WHERE:

Governor Bebb MetroPark

1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, OH 45053

**Holiday Light
Display**

**Arts & Craft
Vendors**

COST:

\$10/car or van

\$20/bus (15+ people)

FEATURES:

- Father Christmas
- Musicians
- Demonstrations
- Family Photo Op
- Food & Drinks
- Decorated Pioneer Village



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