

2021 MEEKER GET - TOGETHER

We enjoyed our fifteenth gathering on Saturday 08/14/21. It was held at the Oldaker shelter in Yoctangee Park.

We had our smallest crowd in our fifteen year history, but we had plenty of food. We ate just before 1:00 PM, after a prayer offered by myself.

Marge, Jane, and Mike were there, as well as Ken & Cindy Kohlhofer (son Adam & Grandchild Joseph Kemp), and Jane's friend Wayne (one of the Sugar Run Tatman triplets). Janet Page was there again, and Brenda represented her family. Keith Evans and daughter Heather were there; and Mike was the sole representative from his family.

On 01/26/21 Kent Meeker's wife Shannon passed away. She had been waiting



for a heart transplant, fell out of bed and struck her head. I did some digging, and found the picture above from 2016. From left to right - Kent, Hank, Shannon, and Autumn. Kent, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You are not alone! Part of obit below.

See Shannon's full obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/winstonsalem/name/shannon-meeker-obituary?pid=197619504>

Eight of us met at Longhorn's Steak House Friday evening. Six again met the next morning at Bob Evans, and about 22 of us met again on Sunday morning at Bob Evans to say farewell! The entire Strausbaugh family was there (except for Joe & family).

We had a total of just 20 attendees Saturday afternoon, including all three of Aunt Teen's girls. Cathy and Rich just celebrated their 50th anniversary! We still have the same six who have attended every year. They are Marge, Jane, Mike, Kenny, EnnaJean, and Marc Strausbaugh.

It was great to meet Wayne Tatman. There was a lot of interaction between the Meeker and Tatman families on Sugar Run. Of course Sandy Dennis (now Sexton) also lived on Sugar Run. We all miss George K. of course, but Wayne just fits in nicely, and Jane deserves something good in her life. Good luck you two! Also living on Sugar Run, then or now, are / were Mark Porter, Bruce & Sue Kirk, and of course Mike & Jane.

There has been an addition to the family. Custer's son Jason (and Chika) welcomed their second child, a girl named **Sunny** a couple of days after our get together.. Also Heather has a new guy in her life, named Jack.



Shannon Meeker

1971 - 2021



Meecker, Shannon

February 8, 1971 - January 26, 2021

Shannon Flynn Meeker, 49, received her new heart on January 26, 2021. Born with a heart defect, Shannon spent much of her life focused on mending her heart. She endured numerous surgeries, including multiple valve replacements and pacemakers, and was currently preparing to face a heart transplant. Shannon faced each surgery and obstacle with strength and perseverance. But despite its defects, Shannon's heart couldn't have been any bigger. Shannon had a heart for her husband. She is survived by husband, Kent, of nearly 27 years of marriage. Together, they overcame every challenge they faced with unity and oneness.

Below is a summary of our gatherings.

yr	location	attendance	notes
07	Charles' barn	49	Initial year 2007
08	Charles' barn	61	
09	Russ Lewis barn	51	Same as Charles' barn, but met outside.
10	Russ Lewis barn	41	
11	Edith's yard	50	Moved for a little shade.
12	Edith's yard	47	
13	Edith's yard	59	
14	Edith's yard	61	
15	Edith's yard	33	
16	Edith's yard	43	
17	Edith's yard	56	
18	Custer's block barn	42	By now was cleaned out pretty good.
19	Oldaker Shelter	43	We moved to make it easier on Edith.
20	Oldaker Shelter	41	
21	Oldaker Shelter	20	

fifteen years, five locations, average attendance 46.5

KENNY'S STUFF



The image to the left is a graphic logo for something I call Kenny's Stuff. Last fall I began a couple of projects. One was a start to an Idea I have been planning for some time - an archive of computer disks, and playable DVD's preserving the history of all my extended families. Last fall after Edith's passing, and the cleaning out of her house, I created a series of USB drives

containing a great many scans of pictures and other items. These USB's were distributed to a few close family members.

This year I found a company that could duplicate my disks professionally. I re-published the files from the USB onto a DVD-Rom, and added a playable DVD with the music from our 2008 gathering.

I had several of each made, and brought them this year. The future will see more archive volumes. These future volumes will include my own family album, and some info on the Fisher Sawmill. I still have a ton of pictures to scan yet, so it might be a while before I put anything about our more historical family photos.

Along with this archive of family data, I created a web site last fall. The URL is shown below.

kennysstuff.com

The site is still very new, and is for now basically a skeleton of a future site. It illustrates some of my interests and hobbies. Family plays an important part of the site. It is not optimized for the small screen of a smart phone.

You must use either a pad, or a full computer screen to be able to navigate clearly.

Usually there are pictures you can click on to enter various sections, as well as buttons you can click to access some features.

It is still very much a work in progress. Files listed in the various downloads, are all PDF documents. Click on a file to view it, or right click to be able to download it. The Archive page has a report and in the future will have an order form. The RussEdith page has my Fisher Heritage book, and a document on the history of Fisher sawmills. The GetTogether page has all fifteen gathering reports, all the way back to 2007. I am in the process of creating images for each clickable section. For the time being, some of the pics may be generic, or make no sense at all; but you can still click on them to enter that section of the web site.

I need to do a bunch of work to get the site to a state where it is truly useful, but it does have a few files you can download. Hopefully by next summer it will be more complete, and I hope to have two or three more disks added to my archive.

At the present I have two versions of the disks. A simple disk with nothing fancy for \$5, and a fancy version with case, artwork, and professionally printed disk for \$10. In the future I will have an order form on my site you can download, print out, and send in an order, and of course I will have them at our get together.

Alphabetical List of Those Present

BARNHART, EnnaJean
EVANS, Keith & Heather
FISHER, Brenda
FISHER, Kenny
KEEFNER, John & Karen

KEMP, Adam & Joseph

KOHLHOFER, Jane
KOHLHOFER, Ken & Cindy
MCCORMICK Marge
MEEKER Mike
MELSON Connie
MOREHEAD Rich & Cathy
PAGE, Janet
STRAUSBAUGH Marc
TATMAN, Wayne

Family Outline

PUNCTUATION Bold type is used to show family members that were present at the gathering. The "<>" symbols specify a deceased individual. Names in parentheses are spouses, and friends. Spouses are to the right of a family member. Guests will be listed after this family list..

<WARREN MEEKER> (<RUTH>)
Moved to California in 1950's, need family information.

<EDNA MAY> died at birth.

<JUNIOR (CHARLES) MEEKER>
Moved to California in 1950's, need family information.

<EDITH> (<RUSSELL FISHER>)

<JOHN>

KENNY

ENNA JEAN BARNHART

NICK

NATE

MADISON

AMY

(BILL LEWIS)

CHRISTINA

(STEVE & SOPHIE)

RUSS

(MARY)

GARETT

CLAY

RICH

(COURTNEY)

WILEY

JEFF

(SARA)

<DANNY FISHER>
DAMIAN
BROCK
MEGAN
JAMISON

(BRENDA)
(LANI)

JACOB
JAYCEE

(AMANDA)

CUSTER FISHER
HEATHER

(SHARON)
(JACK)

JASON
JACK
SUNNY

(CHIKA)

<CHARLES>

<CATHERINE>
CATHY MOREHEAD
CONNIE MELSON
KAREN KEEFNER

(<DON FRAZIER>)
(RICH)
(JOHN)

<BETTY ANN> died at 16 months old.

<NANCY>
<SUSIE THOMPSON>
<ROGER>

(JOHN DETTY)

DAVID
CHELSEA

<HEIDI>

<GEORGE (BUD) MEEKER>

(MIGNONNE)

DOUGLAS
DANIELLE
EMMALINE

(CORINA)
(JONATHAN WARREN)

SHANE MEEKER

EDDIE

CHARLES

<BEN MEEKER>

(<PEGGY>)

RANDY
Jasmine

(EVELYN)

Peggy's son, Randy's half brother

KEITH EVANS
HEATHER
DAMIEN
ZYRICK
WILLOW
TROY, KIRK

(LINDA)

(LIZZIE)

MARGE

(CHARLIE MCCORMICK)

ROGER HILL

<CINDY>

(JIM SHERWOOD) (BETH PARE)

CASSIE
TABITHA SHERWOOD

(GLEN TROYER)

<DONALD (JOE) MEEKER>

(JODY ELLIS)

(<MARK PORTER>)

PHIL
JOSHUA
MCKENZIE
ALLISON
BROOKE

(JENNIFER)

<JUDY>

(DAN STRAUSBAUGH & MARILYN)

DANA PETERS

(BOB PETERS)

JOE HERALD
GAVIN
LIAM

(KENDRA)

JOSH HERALD
HARRISON

(JEANIE TRISTA)

MARC

(JUDY)

JANE <GEORGE KOHLHOFER> **WAYNE TATMAN**
KRISTA (JOHNIE JOHNSON)
TAYLOR ALEXUS
MCKENNA
COLTON
BRYCE
KALEB
BRYNLEE

GEORGE III (RD) (AMANDA)
ABBY MCGUFFIN

MIKE MEEKER (JANE)
KENT <SHANNON>
HANK (AUTUMN)

SPECIAL GUESTS

JANET PAGE
KEN & CINDY KOHLHOFER

ADAM & JOSEPH KEMP