

Echoes from Our  
2nd Annual Reunion of French Connection

On July 19, 1997, the Collins, the Dumont, the Lafontaine and the Lefebvre families and the Gagnon reunited once again to recapture the wonderful time and relive memories they had at their first gathering. Even though the weather was cloudy and cool, none the less everyone generated enough warmth not to let this dampen their spirits and so by noon the sun decided to join in and give this little city of "Tents and RV's a very pleasant day.

Strolling about from various areas of the Collin's Farm, one could see there were ties that binded these families to this special place. Many drove from far and near to be to-gether and share a taste of a new tradition with relatives. Each and everyone mingled with other families under familiar surroundings and to savor their new traditional reunion started in 1995. Needless to say everyone showed their enthusiasm in recalling childhood tales, mischievous doings of by-gone days, reminiscing of past fun-filled happenings and most of all the warmth and the togetherness of each family. All plans of the day were in motion. Children were seen searching with merriment for hidden money that had been thrown in a circle of baled hay. What fun they had!!

In another part of the field a horse-shoe game was in pracers, one could see the enjoyment of this game, men and women displaying their skills to pitching horse-shoe. Never did find out who was the best.

Plans had been made to open a "Cow Casino" this year, unfortunately the scheduling was held up. The cows were disappointed!!!!

Now, on the farm there is a horse and her name is "Molley." What a day she had giving rides about the farm and also allowed many to enjoy horseback riding. In passing a certain hair dresser was seen mounting "Molley" "cow girl" style, and experienced the galloping gait of "Molley touring her about the farm, field. Rumors are she will continue hair-dressing and not change career, and will not join any "Rodeos"!!!!.

Carpenters had been doing some work on building a house They were unable to complete the project. A piece of plywood was laid across a hole. Along came Steve Collins, unknown to him of this, picked the board and "oops" found himself in the hole. Luckily he was not hurt but only wrenched the socket of his arm-----but did not suffer any ill effects except his pride!!!!

Cousin Norman Lafontaine was seen looking all over the place for his lost car keys. At the first reunion he left his camera behind. The French Connection Committee decided to appoint him in charge of the "Lost And Found Dept."

Ron Dumont finally has reached the "Over The Hill" mark of his life. Everyone joined in the celebrate his 50th Birthday. Is it true he received a "walker"?

A joint effort of cooks displayed their spreads of home-cook dishes either hot or cold. Home made bread and deserts. A large canopy was placed over this field kitchen, picnic tables, benches, chair, were setup so everyone could be together and enjoy the cook-out.

Throughout the evening a D. J. supplied music so everyone could enjoy dancing.

As the day was winding down and the sunset was pre-warning everyone that soon it would be dark. All chores done, a campfire was built, most everyone sat around rendering sounds of melodies with their singing. The night-air rang out in a festive mood and the crackling noise of the campfire was dying down, and one by one all left to return to their "home-made homes" and so it was good-night to all. The end of a very perfect day.

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