

SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP AND MAY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

Jim Marburger didn't sleep much the night of May 13. He was up and down, checking on the pork shoulders that were in the smoker. The sleep we got that night was filled with Applewood smoke, making dreams of sweet cooking. By morning, the pigs were done and looking GOOD!



We spent part of the morning pulling the shoulder roasts apart in preparation for pulled pork sandwiches.

The rest of the morning was spent in setting up for the Rock Party that would follow roadside clean-up.

The group met at the Hickman Rest Area at Highway 77 and Hickman Road to receive safety vests and assignments. We all scattered to our sections of road and began picking up litter. At first, it looked like we would be short of people, but we ended up having two extras. Additionally, two more people showed up after we were done cleaning.

The area of Highway 77 for which we are responsible to keep clean seemed to be cleaner than in the past. At the end of cleaning, there was a total of 20 bags, none of which were full. We completed the clean-up in record time, approximately one hour.

Several of the trash picker-uppers had other engagements, so the group split up to attend the various functions. Those who chose to go to the Rock Party headed to the Marburgers. We sat around chatting and talking rocks until it was time to eat.

The food was delicious, as always, and we ate until we could eat no more.

The two Genie grinding units were on the front porch, so Andrew, Wooly, and Eddie started working on projects. I brought out some Australian opal I bought at a silent auction and we examined it in the sunlight. It had a lot of fire, but not much of it was oriented correctly to make anything. Those not working on projects sat around on the porch and just enjoyed the company and the weather.

It was a fun and relaxing time spent with friends. I suppose we will do it again in the Fall.

