



The  
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## Michiana: Oh, I'm Goin', Baby!

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Last weekend the Salmon traveled to Nappanee, IN and Benton Harbor, MI for the annual Michiana Barnstorm Weekend (also known as Scooter's Barnstorm Birthday Bash). The series kicked off with a round robin at the Nappanee Apple Festival on Saturday. The Salmon first played a match against the Elkhart County Railroaders. Highlights included Razor getting out of a pickle and making third base at the bottom of the first, then hitting a deep double in the fourth, as well as making an amazing catch on the bound that got past GusBus in the sixth. GusBus wasn't looking too shabby himself with a great play backing up Iron Jaw at third base at the top of the fifth, and striking a corker of a double over the fence at the bottom of the seventh.

The second Salmon match against the Valparaiso Lookouts occurred after a much needed respite watching both opposing clubs face off, though a few Salmon ballists played in that match as well. The bottom of the first saw a double play by GusBus and Zeus, and the bottom of the second saw an incredible sliding catch by Sketch in center. At the top of the third Scooter hit a double, thanks in part to the help of a fearsome yorkie in right field chasing the Valparaiso player away from the ball. At the bottom of six Flapjack made a nice catch on the fly as catcher and Iron Jaw did the same at third base. To finish out the match, at the top of the seventh, Scooter again made a double, thanks to an overthrow. To the crowd's delight, as he rounded first he declared: "Oh, I'm goin', baby!" which is a catchphrase that will surely be heard from Salmon ballists for years to come.

On Sunday, the Salmon took the field in Benton Harbor against the House of David Echoes, as well as a few ballists formerly from the Livery Brewers. Flapjack, playing catcher, made several outs, some to Zeus at first, and some foul tick catches, but the greatest was a catch on the "fly" when a foul ball was hit into the bleachers and she picked it up for the out. Four Eyes, however, proved himself the most entertaining Salmon ballist of the match. At the top of the eighth, he barely made third base on a gutsy running move, and then continued toward home even though the ball was held by the third baseman only a few feet away from him! He was easily tagged out at home much to the chagrin of Scooter, the player-manager. Then, at the top of the ninth, not realizing he was the leadoff batter, Four Eyes had to sprint out of the bathroom facilities still fastening his trousers to avoid a "delay of game" fine!

After the match the kind proprietors at Eden Springs gave the ballists rides on the mini train, and then they all met for an excellent lunch provided by Boss Lady. It was a memorable weekend, full of good friends, good food, and (moments of) good base ball. Hip, hip, hurrah!

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### SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
<b>RAILROADERS</b>	0	2	2	5	0	1	3	13
<b>SALMON</b>	3	0	0	6	1	1	1	12

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
<b>SALMON</b>	2	5	4	0	0	0	3	14
<b>LOOKOUTS</b>	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Final
<b>SALMON</b>	2	2	0	3	1	0	1	2	3	14
<b>ECHOES</b>	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	7



Not only did she organize the Benton Harbor match and the accommodations for the club, but she also found the time to wash and iron all the jerseys, and prepare an incredible S'moresgasbord, breakfast feast, and fabulous lunch on Sunday. She is truly a Boss!





More photos from the matches!



## Up to Bat

**SEPT. 30** On Saturday, September 30th the Salmon are traveling to face the Lemont Quarrymen on their home field. The last time these two clubs met both matches went decidedly in favor of the Quarrymen. Will the Salmon be able to best their opponents this year? Come to the ball field and find out! The match begins at 1:00pm at Mount Assisi Field in Lemont, IL.

## On Deck

**OCT. 08** vs. Deep River Grinders  
Historic Methodist Campground  
Des Plaines, IL  
1:00 PM

*Just Added!*



### Our Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of Bob Fitzpatrick Sr., beloved umpire of the Blue Island Brewmasters.

## Three Facts and a Fib

This Week: Katie "Flapjack" Baer

### Which Ballist Fact is Bogus?

- A. She was proposed to on the Jumbotron at a Brewers game.
- B. She has a collection of pins from ballparks across the country.
- C. She has professional baseball players on both sides of her family tree.
- D. She played catcher for the New Orleans Maybecakes.



## Happy S'moresgasbord!



On the evening of September 16th, the Salmon lodged at Eden Springs Campground and indulged in the annual S'moresgasbord marshmallow toasting bonfire extravaganza. Much delicious fun was had by all!

