



Rush drummer Neil Peart winds up and...



... singer Geddy Lee soars out.

Concert in the country

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It wasn't exactly Max Yasgur's farm. The main group, Rare Earth, was too rare. It didn't show in time.

But other than that, the Pineway Trails Recreation Club proved to be a fine setting for a Labor Day concert.

More than 2,000 young people made their way to the 100 acres off Wilson Mills Rd., Chardon, for the first Pineway Trails Festival.

"And it's neat to have a concert near us for a change," said Don Timmings, 16, Chardon High.

East Wind, Sweetleaf, Rainbow Canyon, Rush and Rare Earth were scheduled, from noon to sundown.

But along about late afternoon promoter Vincent Damico of International Productions and Artists (IPA) got the bad word. The man bringing the airline tickets to Rare Earth was in an accident.

The delay put the Earth behind schedule and they missed their plane out of Los Angeles, of course.

"The group almost broke their necks getting here, but they arrived after 8 p.m. We had to be out of here by sundown. There is no power out here and we wanted people to leave before dark," Damico added.

Fans who stayed for the last act left their names with the IPA management. Some amends will be made, Damico said.

Some of the fans didn't care too much. They had come for Rush.

"And I loved Sweetleaf," said Donna Ferrell, 20, daughter of veteran record promoter Ernie Ferrell.

Rush singer Geddy Lee with the long, stringy hair and flimsy blouse, sang his heart out for the crowd.

"Man, they're a tight band," said Mike Crubb, 17, Lake Catholic High.

It was a crisp day. Huron Road Hospital nursing student Paula Shiria, 19, wrapped herself in a pretty poncho. Cory Smutko, 22, was snug in a bunny jacket.

"It's dead here for us," said a Free Clinic worker. The clinic had 26 aides, many of the same faces you saw at the Stadium Saturday night.

The Pineway festival shared a problem with the Woodstock promoters. Keeping kids from climbing in over fences. The Geauga County Deputy Sheriffs were on hand.

"The promoters got their timing wrong. How can you find \$20 for two shows in two days?" asked Gary

Marousek of Parma, a Miami University student.

"But I had a nice time anyway. It wasn't Crosby, Stills, but it was fun and a nice roomy place," said Kathie Heidt, 23.

IPA will come back in March with a new series. "We learned a lot. Our timing was wrong and people didn't know where Pineway was, but it will be better next time," Damico said.



The crowd waits for Rare Earth at the Pineway Trails Festival.