

# THE BIG BENDER

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## *A few words from Jim.....*

Big Bend Members – We had a wonderful rally at Eastbank Campground last weekend with 16 rigs and 29 attendees. Yes, we had a lot of rain but it seemed to go away right before meal time and then shortly after the meal it would come back. But it didn't "rain on our parade".

Ed and Michele Waide attended their first rally and it was great to meet them and all hope they will attend our future rallies. They have a 2015 25' International with the whisper quiet air conditioning system. Thanks to Lamar and Amy for hosting the rally and to Linda Coleman, Sandy Wood, and Jay Thompson for assisting in Pat's absence. Attendees included Don and Sandy Wood, Craig Brinkley, Bill and Linda Coleman, Jim Weilhammer and Katherine Kamiya, Bill and Frankie Worthington, Charlie and Annette Hurst, Jim and Bonnie Lewis, Jim and Sheila Skipper, Martina Pelley, Winston and Carol Montague, Jay and Elna Thompson, Chip and Mary Adams, Jack and Sherry White, and, of course, Lamar and Amy.

The rain changed our farm schedule just a little but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Saturday's lunch was served at the campground rather than the farm. Following lunch the weather seemed to be favorable for a quick trip to my farm. The brave souls making the trip were Ed and Michele Waide, Bill and Linda Coleman, Jim Weilhammer and Katherine Kamiya, Jim Lewis, Jim Skipper, Martina Pelley, Winston Montague, and Jack White. The ladies gathered in the outdoor kitchen and watched while some of the guys practiced their shooting.

At the conclusion of the rally, Winston and Carol Montague led the Big Bend caravan to Region 3. Jim and Bonnie Lewis, and Jack and Sherry White followed with Sonny and Judy Cowart meeting up with the caravan at General Coffee SP. Richard & Julie Hunt met up with the caravan to Region 3 at Skidaway SP. Jay and Elna will depart for the rally from home on Tuesday. We will have a report on the happenings at Region 3 in our next newsletter.

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May's rally promises to be a great event at a beautiful campground. I regret Pat and I will not be able to make it. Bill and Linda Coleman will lead our annual unit mini-caravan following this rally. It is not too late to sign up and if your schedule will allow it please do so. Contact Bill at (850) 668-0113.

I am delighted to announce that Ken and Isabel Pollard of Virginia Beach, Virginia have joined our unit. They are/were WBCCI members at large. A number of Big Bend members have met the Pollards and we all look forward to seeing them at a future rally. I know all join me in extending a warm welcome to the Pollard's.

As you know, Mac Palmer passed away on April 19. Several Big Bend members attended the visitation and funeral services. A moment of silence in his honor was held at the Eastbank rally. In accordance with the Big Bend policies, Martina has sent a check from our church fund to the charity designated by Mary. Our blessings go out to Mary and the family.

Hope everyone will stay healthy. Let's go camping.



Big Bend Unit waiting to set up  
at Lake Seminole Campground.



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## Kids Page....



What is alike and  
what is different in  
these two photos?





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Lake Seminole, April Rally





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## Hentz Farm, April Rally



Team  
Airstream  
Guerilla  
fighters

Quick learners!





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## New Members



**Eddie and Michele Waide** currently live in Tifton, GA. Both are still working, but manage to combine their love of kayaking, bicycling, exploring and bird watching with their love of camping. This busy couple manages all this while including their seven grandchildren on weekends and holidays!

Their first trailer was a 17" Casita, which they quickly realized was not quite big enough. In Eddie's words: "We decided on an Airstream. The Airstream was an easy decision. I have always loved them. It took us about a year to decide between 23' and 25'. We decided on the 25ft, and we have had zero buyer's remorse. We love our Airstream." Until they retire they will be available only for weekend trips and will try to make as many rallies as possible.



**Ken and Isabel Pollard** have lived in Virginia Beach, VA for the past 36 years. Ken is a native of Hampton, VA and Isabel grew up in a Naval family. Ken retired from Newport News Shipbuilding after 35 years and Isabel retired from the federal government after working for the Army, Navy and NASA. After retiring Isabel began volunteering at the Virginia Beach library and trained their dog, Katie, to be a certified therapy dog. She and Katie visit the USO and participate in the Pawsitive Reading program at the library. Ken's favorite hobby is golf.

Their bucket list includes seeing the 49 states in their Airstream. Between them they have two daughters and three grand-dogs. They have been Airstreaming for four years and have been on the Southwest Adventure Caravan and the Georgia Plantations & More Caravan.

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Big Bend T-shirts are showing up all over! And look at the variety of colors available with our beautiful logo! To order, contact vendor Wes & Allison Hurner (561) 301-0272 or [awhurner@gmail.com](mailto:awhurner@gmail.com). Prices vary, depending on style and size.

## Unsung Heroes!



Thanks to Bonnie Lewis for keeping us all straight with Rally attendance and site numbers! Her efforts make it much easier to pick campground sites and invaluable to the Rally Hosts in meal planning.

Thanks to Bill Coleman, Jim Hentz and Sheila Skipper for photos



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**May Rally**

**May 15 – 17**

**Fort Clinch State Park**

*Hosts: Linda & Bill Coleman  
RoseMarie & Gary Anderson*

**5:00pm Friday night**

**Beach Potluck – Bring heavy  
oerduerves or picnic items.  
Keep it easy!**

**9:30am Saturday Morning**

**Taste buds will be watering  
for Baked French Toast  
Casserole with Maple Syrup  
and fresh fruit. And of course  
fresh coffee!**

**Saturday Lunch – at your  
pleasure**

**5:30pm Saturday Night**

**Meet at The Crab Trap in  
Fernandina Beach for a  
relaxing night, island style.  
Order off their menu. (31  
North 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Fernandina  
Beach, FL 32304)  
[ameliacrabtrap.com](http://ameliacrabtrap.com)**

**9:00am Sunday Morning**

**Yummy Breakfast breads and  
coffee to get everyone off to a  
sweet start!**

**LIFE IS A BEACH**

**All times are Eastern Time zone. Bring your own plates, utensils, drinks and chairs.**

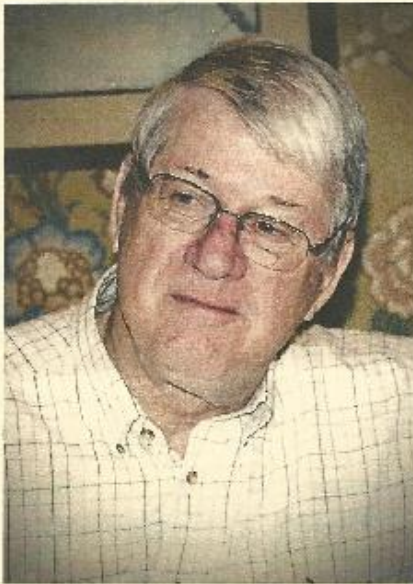
**Please e-mail your host with the number attending.**



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## In Memory



*In Loving Memory*  
Malcolm Murray "Mac" Palmer, Jr.  
1941 - 2015

**Big Bend President 2009 - 2010**