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A few words from Jim.....

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It is hard to believe that my year as President is about to end. I must say that it has gone by pretty fast. As everyone knows, Pat and I have not been able to attend the 2015 rallies due to health issues. I am appreciative and most grateful for the support and understanding we have received. What a great group of members we have!! Thank you so much for your kindness.

We are now planning the annual November Installation Rally where we induct our 2016 officers. It will be held November 6-8 at Sugar Mill RV Resort in Thomasville, Ga. I selected this campground as being a centralized location for most all our members. There are a number of long time members of Big Bend who do not attend weekend rallies due to age issues. I extend to them a warm invitation to attend the Saturday night dinner and installation ceremony. Please call me at (850) 385-3538 if you are able to attend. We would love to see you (and in my case, meet you).

A huge thanks to Jim Weilhammer and Katherine Kamiya for hosting the Oktoberfest rally at Topsail with special help from Bill & Linda Coleman. Thank goodness the weather cooperated since the rally was entirely outdoors. Pat and I wish we could have attended and take in the Oktoberfest activities. Many Big Bend members assisted Jim and Katherine in ensuring a successful rally. Thank you for jumping in and helping out.



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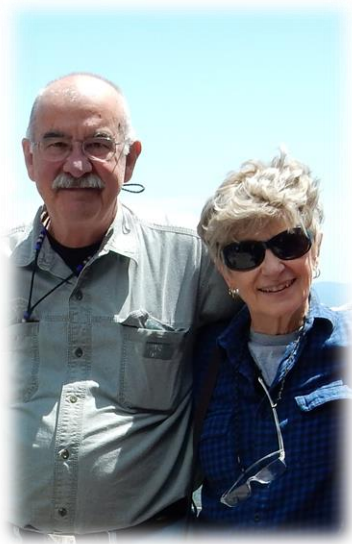
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Mac McCauslin, our 94 year old founder of Big Bend, is planning on attending the November rally and installation. This might be his last rally and so I urge everyone to make every effort to attend and make this a special night for Mac.

The 2016 membership renewal is underway. If you have not already renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Martina Pelley is in charge of the renewal process and can be reached at (352)481-4353 or pelley2112@bellsouth.net. She needs to get the 2016 renewals into WBCCIU no later than November 1 so your membership can be included in the 2016 WBCCI Directory.

If you are not familiar with the town of Thomasville I think you will be pleasantly surprised. A driving tour of the town will uncover a number of beautiful old homes. South of Thomasville on US 319 is Pebble Hill, a historic plantation open to tours. Not too far away Calvary, Georgia is celebrating "Mule Day" on Saturday. Use your smartphone and google Pebble Hill or Mule Day for more information. Saturday lunch is on your own and there are quite a few great restaurants in Thomasville to choose from.



A note from First Lady Pat Hentz

I wish to express my deep appreciation for all the wonderful cards, text messages, telephone calls, welcomed visits, good food, and flowers we have received over the past 11 months. Times have been difficult but with amazing friends and Jim's help at home, I am making progress toward my recovery. I hope Jim and I will see you down the road at future Big Bend rallies. Thank you so much for your concern and prayers. I send my love to all. May God bless all of us with good health and much happiness.

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November Installation Rally

November 6, 7, 8

Sugarmill RV Park

Thomasville, Georgia



Schedule of Events

All Activities in the Community Room

Friday, November 6

5PM EST – Social Hour. Bring light snacks.

6 PM EST – Pot Luck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Saturday, November 7

8:30 AM EST – Breakfast. SOS, biscuits, eggs, coffee, tea, and juice.

5 PM EST – Social hour. Bring light snacks.

6 PM EST – Installation Ceremony.

6:30 PM EST – Dinner. Salad, ham, green beans, yams, rolls, and pumpkin pie.

Sunday, November 8

8:30 AM EST – Breakfast. Yogurt, fruit, croissant, jam, coffee, and tea.

For all meals bring your dinnerware.

Reminder: all meals served on Eastern Standard Time

Congratulations to the following Officers to be Installed for 2016

President – Bill Coleman

**1st Vice President – Jim
Weilhammer**

2nd Vice President – Tom Beyer

Treasurer – Martina Pelley

Secretary – Katherine Kamiya

Coming up! Christmas Party December 12 at Old Town.

Contact Bill & Linda Coleman at ourplantation@gmail.com or 850-668-0113

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October Rally at Top Sail State



The weekend of Oct 16, 17 and 18 found Big Bend units at Top Sail State Park for a Rally with beautiful weather and magnificent scenery serving as a background. It was Oktoberfest and time for festivities. Jim Weilhammer and Katherine Kamiya with the help of Bill and Linda Coleman served up a menu that was the envy of all campers at Top Sail.

In attendance: Hosts: Jim and Katherine Weilhammer, Andersons, Craig Brinkley, the Beyers, Colemans, Duncans, Monteques, Skippers, Waymires and the Woods.



Karen Beyers cooked two large batches of boiled peanuts; which may not be totally Oktoberfest but they were really good. We were joined during Friday night potluck dinner by a couple of Airstreamers from Indiana and another Airstreamer from Cape Cod dropped in Saturday afternoon. After eggs, breads, fruit, juices, and coffee on Sat morning members headed in various directions. Shopping, the beach, and because of 3 point hook ups with cable, others decided that it was necessary that they coach their favorite team to hopeful victory. It was an enjoyable day by all.

Saturday dinner was pork loin with sauerkraut – very good. Add Jim's German blessing, Linda Coleman's german potato salad, some Munich style music and people lingered long after the sun went down. For RoseMarie and I it was a great weekend to reunite with many friends and a better time could not have been had anywhere else.



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Jim actually made (that means sewed) his pair of lederhosen himself!!!!



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September Rally - Homecoming!

Uchee Army Campground, Fort Benning, GA



Jay Thompson cutting Pork Chops while cooking dessert – what a guy.



What a spread!



Jay & Elna Thompson visiting Fort Mitchell along with Bill & Linda Coleman.



Linda Coleman Offering tours at Fort Mitchell

It's a new membership year! Have you sent in your renewal?

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