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A few words from Bill....

Since joining the Big Bend Unit in 2008, Linda and I have been struck by the warmth and camaraderie of its members. Speaking for your 2016 team we are looking forward to continuing that legacy with your support.

Thank you to: Jim Weilhammer 1st VP, Tom Beyer 2nd VP, Katherine Kamiya Secretary, Martina Pelley, Treasurer, Chip and Mary Adams Membership and Trustees Craig Brinkley, Hugh Cowart, Carol Montague, Bill Worthington for joining me in this endeavor.

Kudos to our event coordinator Bonnie Lewis for keeping us updated on our unit activities.

Our undying gratitude to Jim and Pat Hentz for their dedication to keeping our Unit strong, all the while dealing with Pat's illness. They were amazing hosts for our recent Installation Rally. It was so great to see Pat.

Our sincere thanks go to RoseMarie Anderson for her creative talents in providing years of witty and stylish newsletters. RoseMarie has been recognized for her excellence by WBCCI. In addition to our newsletters, RoseMarie has provided us with Membership Directories and has created a Unit Facebook page and website.

Linda and I wish to be among the first to extend our warmest wishes to each of you for a wonderful Holiday Season.



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Big Bend Annual Christmas Dinner

December 12, 2015

5pm EST

Old Town Café

1415 Timberlane Rd

Tallahassee, FL



We will again be participating in the **Toys for Tots program** so please bring an unwrapped toy for both a boy and/or girl age 2 years to high school. Remember the middle school to high school students while shopping. They are often overlooked. TOYS FOR TOTS CANNOT DISTRIBUTE PLAY-DOH, REALISTIC LOOKING WEAPONS AND GIFTS WITH FOOD.

Menu Choice: \$16 per person

Slow Roasted Prime Rib served medium with baked potato

Teriyaki Chicken Breast served on bed of rice pilaf with baked potato

Charbroiled Shrimp served on bed of rice pilaf with baked potato

Fried Catfish served with coleslaw and cheese grits



All dinner selections are served as is and come with a side salad w/ranch dressing

Full Service Bar Items, Tea and Fountain Drinks available at menu prices

Please contact Bill & Linda Coleman **before December 8** to reserve a seat.

ourplantation@gmail.com or 850-668-0113



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November Rally at Thomasville, Georgia



Big Bend men take over the kitchen! Nice!



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Football, Music, Food , Friendship



Looking for a new, fun app for your i-phone? There are many apps available to make your photos look like paintings. Jim Hentz recommends Waterlooque.

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The following is only one of the delicious dishes served at the November Rally. The recipe is from the kitchen of Mary Palmer and submitted by Karen Rush.

New Year's Chicken Casserole

- 3 1/2 cups of cooked chicken or turkey, cubed**
- 1 lb package of hot sausage, browned and drained**
- 1 6 oz box of Uncle Ben's Long Grain & Wild Rice**
- 2-2 1/2 cups low sodium chicken broth**
- 2 cans low sodium cream of mushroom soup, undiluted**
- 1 cup Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing Mix**
- 1 tbl melted butter**



Cook rice according to directions on package, substituting broth for water.

Mix chicken, sausage, rice and soup; pour into 9x13 casserole dish which has been prepared with non-stick cooking spray. Toss stuffing mix with melted butter and sprinkle on top of casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until hot..

Note: Use low sodium broth and soup, otherwise this casserole will be too salty.

I usually cover with foil for the first 15 minutes then add stuffing mix and cook uncovered for the last 15 minutes (I have a hot oven.)

ENJOY!

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Airstream For Sale

2013 23d Flying Cloud

Retail \$46,900

Asking \$44,750

1997 Dodge 2500
w/cummings engine

Diesel 330,000 miles \$8000

If interested call Roger
Walton at 850-926-3101

Hugh Cowart says Roger is
selling his Airstream
because he is now totally
blind.



Campground Host – Try it Out!

Chip & Mary Adams hosted at a campground for 2 months this summer.

Karen & Ron Rush will be hosts at Georgia Veterans State Park for January & February 2016.

We look forward to reading about their experience in future newsletters!

Speaking of Hosting.....

There are opportunities to host a Big Bend Rally for 2016. Contact President Bill Coleman



Looking for Travel stories/locations/campgrounds

Have a great Airstream story or adventure
you would like to share? Maybe a special
campground or area you have visited?

Write it up and e-mail to
katherinekamiya@hotmail.com

Photos encouraged!