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A few words from Gary.....

Summer is here and I am sure many members have their calendars filled with activities. It has been a fun event filled year for Big Bend members! I am pleased with the participation of our members in local, regional and international events and caravans. Our club is proud to have a regional officer and several caravan leaders, plus members with a quest for adventure.

The next official rally will be **September 19 - 21 at Florence Marina State Park, Omaha GA.** The weather should be nice in September and this area is surrounded by marvelous small Georgia towns and activities. If you have never visited nearby Providence Canyon State Park located at Lumpkin this is the chance. You will understand why it has been described as a man-made Grand Canyon of the East.

October 17-19 we will gather at Frank Jackson State Park at Opp, AL. This park has three miles of walking trails filled with over 300 friendly Halloween Scarecrows! In Enterprise on Saturday, October 18 from 9 to 3 is the Boll Weevil Festival. This festival centers on the square in which is erected a large (very large) Boll Weevil statue. Aren't small towns great? At nearby Fort Rucker is the Fort Rucker Aviation Museum with over 160 aircraft dating back to WWI fighters. This museum has one of the largest displays of helicopters in the world. Admission is free; however the museum is closed on Saturday and Sunday so plan your visit for either Friday or Monday.

Please keep Bonnie Lewis posted on attendance at these rallies and all rallies. She does a great job keeping us organized and her list is a help to the hosts to keep food costs under control.

Be sure to read Annette's well-written recap of last month's rally at Rocky Bayou. Thanks Annette - it is appreciated. Please be careful on all your travels this summer and I look forward to seeing all in September.

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May Rally - Summer of Fun Begins

By Annette Hurst

If you missed the May Rally, then you missed a really good time. Some members arrived early while other members stayed late. It was a busy, fun-packed rally weekend. And, the weather could not have been better. Not a rain cloud in the sky with cool mornings and comfortable evenings. Our hosts (Wells and Andersons) did a fantastic job. Those in attendance were Andersons, Beyers, Brinkleys, Daws, Hentz (Jim), Hursts, Montagues, Waymires, Wells, and Worthingtons. We began Friday evening with a social at our President's RV and moved down to the Pavilion by the water for our delicious Italian dinner of spaghetti, salad, and bread followed by ice-cream. And, the Daws brought strawberry shortcake to share with everyone. During our meal, there was some excitement as a 'big' Tear-Drop rig came in and attempted to park across from the Pavilion. It was, however, more than she could manage with the Pavilion being in the way. But, our hero, Jim Hentz parked it for her and saved countless lives (and trees) as a result. Sadly, the Daws had to depart early Saturday morning due to the death of his sister. Please keep him in your prayers.



Saturday morning began with coffee, French toast, grilled ham, yogurt and fresh fruit. Then everyone was off on their own for shopping, touring, going to the beach or visiting with family/friends. But everyone was back by 4PM, ready to party some more. Joining us on Saturday were the Adams and the Welchs. Our Sock Hop was a great success. Rosemarie Anderson provided us with instructions and although we did not quite master the steps, even Arthur Murray would have been proud of the group. Carol Welch and Karon Beyer came in their high school attire of poodle skirts, scarves, loafers and bobbie socks. We were the hit of Rocky Bayou. Then the Wells and Andersons provided us with a fantastic barbecue to reward us for our dancing achievements. We had burgers, baked beans, chips and even root beer floats. Following our meal, we had a short business meeting. And then there was the auction! If you are a shopper, then you really missed a good sale as items were marked down 90% and more. There were items for all RV'ers, newbies and oldies alike, at bargain prices and even items for the home and for the pet that could not be passed up.

Sunday was another beautiful day with breakfast at the Pavilion that included coffee, French toast, yogurt, muffins, and fruit. The weekend was full of fun with lots of gatherings, activities and did I mention the great food. So now the summer begins. We wish you safe travels down the road and cherished memories. **See you at our next rally in September at Florence Marina Georgia State Park.**

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Rocking to the Fifties and Sixties at Rocky Bayou State Park

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**And....as
always....lots of
delicious food!**

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Club T-shirts and Hats...order them now!



KACKI CAPS WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO ON FRONT

\$12.00 EACH

Caps can be ordered in either low or high profile. Low profile is the most popular at this time, it is unstructured and considered very comfortable.

NOTE: These caps normally sell for \$18 - \$20. This is a club price since we will be ordering a minimum of 2 dozen. If attending a WBCCI event, please do not ask Wes & Allison to honor this price with the purchase of 1 or 2 hats. This is a bulk discount price.

KACKI SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT

\$14.00 EACH

The color Logo is applied with digital printing so it will not crack or peel. There will be a small logo on left front side of the t-shirt and a larger logo on the back. T's are heavy cotton.

These are unisex, if woman's proportion is desired, please let me know. Women's sizing might be a slightly different price. XXXL and larger are normally a little more.

There is no minimum order for t-shirts and they will be available at the September Rally.

TO ORDER:

E-mail RoseMarie at adeeva@comcast.net with number of hats, number of t-shirts and sizes. Please make checks out to A & W Designs and send to RoseMarie Anderson by Sept 1.



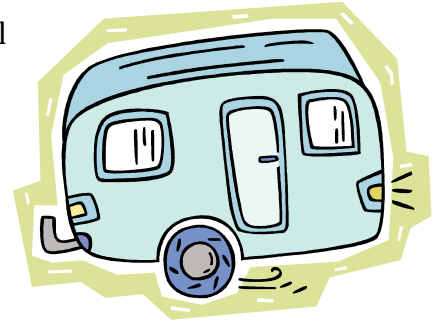
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2015 Big Bend Unit Rally Dates and Sites

Thanks to next years' President Jim Hentz for organizing our Rally sites for 2015. Lots of new places to visit!

Please note that several rallies will be at Florida State Parks which can fill up very quickly. Many of you have already made your reservations at Rainbow Springs SP. Fort Clinch SP in Fernandina Beach will be another one to make early reservations. Reservations can be made 11 months in advance.



Please e-mail Bonnie Lewis with your site number. (jim-bonnielewis@cox.net)

December 6, 2014	Christmas Dinner, Wakulla Lodge (Toys for Tots)
January 16-19, 2015	St. Joseph Peninsula SP, Port St. Joe, Fl (unofficial no host rally)
February 12-15, 2015	Unit Rally @ Rainbow Springs SP, Dunnellon, Fl (Caravan to Alumaflamingo, Sarasota)
March 27-29, 2015	Unit Rally @ Stephen Foster SP (Caravan to Florida State Rally in St Augustine)
April 24-26, 2015	Unit Rally @ East Bank Campground, Lake Seminole COE (Caravan to Region 3 Rally location TBD) (Buddy Rally)
May 15-17, 2015	Unit Rally @ Fort Clinch SP, Fernandina Beach, Fl (Unit mini-caravan follows)
	Late June/early July International Rally, Farmington, NM
September 18-20, 2015	Unit Rally @ Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina, Fort Benning, Ga
October 16-18, 2015	Unit Rally @ Topsail Hill Preserve SP, Santa Rosa Beach, Fl (Elections) (Buddy Rally)
November 6-8, 2015	Installation Rally, Sugar Mill Campground, Thomasville, Ga