

THE BIG BENDER

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A few words from Gary.....

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Rally Hosts Jim & Sheila Skipper and Bill & Linda Coleman ushered in the Fall camping season with delicious meals and perfect weather at Florence Marina State Park. Enjoying the food and comradery at the September Football Rally were the Adams, Andersons, Brinkleys, Hursts, McCauslin, Pelley, Rushs, Waymires, Weilhammers (fresh from their Germany trip), Welchs, and Worthingtons. Saturday evening was hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill and our hosts did a job that will get them re-hired for next year! Chip's brother and sister in law joined us on Saturday for a pleasant visit.

Next rally will be held in Opp, Alabama on Oct 17-19. Please keep Bonnie Lewis and Hosts Bill & Frankie Worthington posted as to changes in attendance. This is a tremendous help in planning the event and providing the correct amount of food. Jackson State Park decorates for Halloween and you may not want to miss the Boll Weevil Festival at Enterprise. Chip says he can tell us about Boll Weevils if you choose not to make the short drive. The Fort Rucker Air Museum is free and a very worthwhile experience if that type of museum is your style. To wrap up the year is the Installation Rally at Topsail State Park, November 7 - 9 and Christmas Dinner at Wakulla Lodge Saturday, December 6.

For those of you wondering if the Florida State Rally is going back to Key West this Spring, the Blue Beret has announced the Rally will be held in St. Augustine March 4-8. Additional details are to be outlined in the next Blue Beret.

The nomination committee of Big Bend held its first meeting at the Rocky Bayou Rally in May. I have recently been informed of next year's slate of officers and in accordance with the Big Bend by-laws I am required to inform our member 15 days prior to the vote. This will serve as that announcement. Look further in the newsletter for the slate of officers.

This year is rapidly drawing to a close. I cannot say this enough. I want to thank all the members of Big Bend for making this a year of good memories. Thank you.

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Welcome Back! September Rally at Florence Marina State Park



Gator fans are ready for action.



So are the FSU fans!



Gathering at the picnic pavilion for happy hour and meals.



Beautiful setting and weather.



Yum! Our hosts provided us with delicious hamburgers and hot dogs.



Linda Coleman scooping out the ice cream...for breakfast and dinner!



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Part of Saturday was devoted to a vehicle washing demonstration by Charlie & Annette Hurst and LaMar Waymire. Mac McCauslin was happy to donate his van!



Step 1. Get the van wet, but not the spectators!



Step 2. Start to scrub off the love bugs.



Step 3. Assign a supervisor.



Additional refresher class by Annette on how to scrub correctly.



LaMar trying to impliment what he has learned.



Happy Mac!



Hmmmm....Chips new tow vehicle????

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Halloween Festive Weekend Rally!

October 17 – 19

LOCATION: Frank Jackson State Park, Opp, Alabama

HOSTS: Bill & Frankie Worthington (wkwfl@fairpoint.net)

This will be the 4th year this park has decorated with 300 scarecrows along their 3 miles of walking trails. In keeping with this theme we are having a **HALLOWEEN FESTIVE WEEKEND**. We are asking each in attendance to wear costumes that best shows their personality at the Monster Mash and at the Vampires Feast.

We are asking those that would to decorate their rigs too. There will be prizes for best costumes (one for women, one for men) and prizes for best decorated rig as well. Judges have been chosen from Bonnie's list of attendees. They were sworn to secrecy so there can be no bribery!

*Halloween menu and bewitching gatherings will be in **Central Time Zone**.*

Friday Fright Night: 4:00pm A steamy Brew
Saturday Breakfast: 8:00am Goblins Special
Saturday Afternoon 3:00pm Monster Mash (social hour)

Bring your favorite Halloween treats and wear costumes for judging

Saturday Night: 4:00pm Vampires Feast

Everyone please bring your plates and drinks to all bewitching gatherings which will be held at the reserved picnic shelter (by bathrooms) on Friday & Saturday nights



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Slate of Officers

This is a strong and effective slate of officers to move Big Bend forward. Thanks to the committee for their efforts and many thanks to the members who have agreed to step forward and are willing to expend the time and energy that will be necessary to benefit this organization. In accordance with our By-laws all members will have the opportunity to vote electronically. I will e-mail the slate the week of Oct 13. For those who will not vote physically at the Oct Rally - return your votes to me via e-mail gander2@comcast.net by Fri Oct 17. Each member has a vote - not one vote per unit. The vote will be tallied on Saturday Oct 18.

President - Jim Hentz

Treasurer - Martina Pelley

1st Vice President - Bill Coleman

Secretary - RoseMarie Anderson

2nd Vice President - Lamar Waymire

2nd Year Trustees - Amy Waymire and Wally Welch

1st Year Trustees - Carol Montague and Bill Worthington

2015 Membership Renewal!

Due by Oct 10!

Big Bend Members please send your \$75 check made out to Big Bend Florida Unit to Jim Hentz to arrive no later than Oct 10.

Affiliate members please send your \$10 check made out to Big Bend Florida Unit.

Send checks to:

Jim Hentz
3119 Middlebrooks Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32312-2449

Rally Registration

1. Book your campsite
2. Notify Bonnie Lewis (jim-bonnielewis@cox.net) of your reservation.
3. E-mail the rally host with the number attending. (helps in food planning)

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**November Installation Rally!
November 7 & 8**

**We're headed to Topsail State
Park!**

Be ready for a night of Italian magic and charm after our Installation of Officers on Saturday night. All activities will be in the enclosed pavilion.



Hosted by many, enjoyed by all!

Please notify Bonnie Lewis (jim-bonnielewis@cox.net) of your camp site and Gary Anderson (gander2@comcast.net) of the number in your party.



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The following is a recipe we enjoyed at the May Rally. Thanks to Monica Brinkley for sharing with us!

Redneck Caviar

- 2 cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cans black eyed peas, drained
- 2 cans white shoe peg corn, drained
- 2 cans Ro-tel Tomatoes with green chilis (mild)
- 1 (32 oz) can diced tomatoes with liquid
- 2 large bell peppers, diced
- 1 T. garlic powder (to taste)
- 1 T. parsley flakes
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 bunch green onion, chipped
- 1 (16 oz) Zesty Italian dressing

Combine and refrigerate. Serve with tortilla chips.

