

THE BIG BENDER

BIG BEND FLORIDA UNIT 153 REGION 3



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A few words from Gary.....

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As we move into the Fall season I hope that you have checked off some items and travel locations that were placed on your list this Spring or even last year. With a change in the season it is exciting and motivating to see the creative activities that our Rally Hosts are organizing for our upcoming Rallies. Tailgating and Halloween themes – it's going to be fun, don't miss out!

The news from International at Gillette includes the passing of all three amendments to the Constitution.

1) Units allowed outside North America.

2) Commencing in 2017 the International Rally can be held between the dates of June 20 and July 30.

3) Dues for membership can in the future be forwarded directly to WBCCI without having to go thru the Unit Treasurer. This does not mean it will happen just that it can happen as WBCCI technology progresses.

In addition, Jay Thompson has been elected to the nominating committee. Congratulations Jay, you are and will continue to be a valuable asset to the future leadership of WBCCI. The Big Bend Newsletter placed third in the International contest for newsletters. That is very impressive with the number of entries and the quality of entries. Great Job RoseMarie! Not to be outdone - Jim Weilhammer had an in depth, well written Letter to the Editor on membership in the August Blue Beret. Excellent topic and relevant points that hit the mark. If you have not read Jim's letter yet please do.

During our travels RoseMarie and I often listen to members talk about their Units, and I can't help but compare these units to our Big Bend Unit. It makes me realize and appreciate what a fantastic unit we joined six years ago and that it is the members that make this unit what it is by continuously stepping forward.

At the September Rally RoseMarie will begin taking member photos for updating the Website. If you have a favorite photo that you would rather use please e-mail to RoseMarie.

Make sure you mark the dates of April 29, 2015 – May 3, 2015 for the Region 3 Rally scheduled for Exchange Park in Ladson SC. This is near Charleston. Region 3 Officers will have more information shortly.

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September 19 – 21 Collegiate Tailgating Rally

Welcome back everyone!



LOCATION: Florence Marina State Park, Omaha, GA (Eastern Standard Time {EST}).

Reservations: 1-800-864-7275 or gastateparks.org

HOSTS: Sheila and Jim Skipper and Bill and Linda Coleman

ALL activities will be held at the "picnic shelter" tables. We would appreciate 1-2 additional grills. Contact the Skippers' or Coleman's if you can bring one.

BRING all set ups (plates, utensils, bibs and cups) for all meals as well as your beverage of choice.

Coffee, sugar and cream will be provided for both breakfasts.

FRIDAY: 4:30pm- Social Hour - bring a snack to share.

6:00pm - Potluck dinner - bring your favorite dish (Prime Rib?) to share.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: 9:00am - Our "famous" Oatmeal and Ice Cream breakfast

SATURDAY LUNCH: On your own

SATURDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING: 4:30pm - Social Hour - bring a snack to share.

6:00pm - TAILGATE PARTY - SUPPORT YOUR COLLEGE TEAM!

Wear team shirts/gear, bulging football uniforms, band uniforms and cheerleader outfits appreciated. Bring team items (bobble heads, pennants) for table decorations. Paramedics-on standby for football tossing!

MENU: Hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, baked beans and ice cream sundaes (cups provided). Gnats and flies –complimentary.

All times are EASTERN TIME ZONE



SUNDAY MORNING: 9:00 EST Sweet rolls and coffee. Devotional by Chris Duncan



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Halloween Festive Weekend Rally!

October 17 – 19

LOCATION: Frank Jackson State Park, Opp, Alabama

HOSTS: Bill & Frankie Worthington

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!

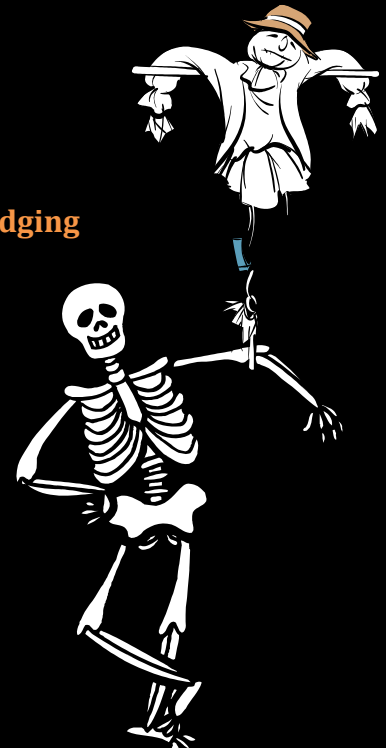
*Halloween menu and bewitching gatherings will be in **Central Time Zone**.*

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



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Looking Back.....

Big Bend Streamers have been busy this summer. A few sent photos of their trips, plus Bill Coleman gives us an update on the impromptu dinner held in August.



Bill & Linda
Helicopter
ride at
Badlands &
train ride in
Colorado

Check out the astronauts Airstream!



Durango-Silverton Narrow
Gauge RR



Gary & RoseMarie on Campobello
Island, New Brunswick, Canada. East
Quaddy Head Lighthouse.

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Thanks to Bill Coleman for initiating and organizing the August get-together at the Old Town Café in Tallahassee. Bill states it was a “wonderful turn-out, with a mix of founding members, old timers, recent members, new members and prospective Big Bend Presidents!”

List of attendees included Bill & Linda Coleman, Walter & Kathy Culley, Nancy Davis, John & Gayle Duncan, Christ Duncan, Allen Gallina & Vickie Hooks, Charlie & Annette Hurst, Bear (Ben) & Connie Schenk (new members), Larry & Carol Strong, Jay & Elna Thompson, Lamar & Amy Waymire, Jim Weilhammer & Kathryn Kamiya, Clarice Wilks & friend, Don & Sandy Woods. Prospective new members Karen Celandier & Bill and Chris Lee Pate , wife and daughter also attended.



It was so well attended, maybe we need to think about doing this every August!



Speaking of New Members.....A big welcome to Monica & Craig Brinkley who live in Bristol, FL. They are a wonderful addition to our club!

Update on T-shirts.....Between A & W finding women’s t-shirts for us, and my lack of reliable wifi while out of town, t-shirts have not been ordered yet. The good news is..... if you haven’t ordered your t-shirt or cap yet, you can still do so.

T-shirts \$14.00 (Men’s sizes, each additional X over XL is \$1.00 more)

 \$15.00 (Women’s sizes, each additional X over XL is \$1.00)

Caps \$12.00 each (specify low or high profile)

