



# **BLUE GRASS BERET**

**November / December 2009**

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## **Phipps Philes**

### **From the Office of the President-Elect**

Can you believe that the 2009 camping season is over?! Even though we have had wet weather to the extreme I believe we have all lived up to the charge to have fun with our camping experience. My aim for 2010 is that indeed...to have fun and to enjoy the travel and fellowship that the club offers each of us.

Teresa and I are humbled to have been chosen to serve in 2010. We will certainly do our best to carry on the traditions of the club and to perhaps offer a few diversions here and there throughout the year. We look forward to 2010 and trust that you will enjoy the events that we are planning.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Shala and Larry Wilson for a job well done in 2009. Their efforts are much appreciated by everyone. Teresa and I have our work cut out for us. They will indeed be a hard "act" to follow.

I would also like to thank the other officers and trustees for their service. Of course without them we would not be able to function. I encourage those of you who haven't had an opportunity to

serve to consider taking up the cause and volunteering for some leadership role within the organization.

And of course I would be remiss if I didn't offer my thanks to the membership as they are the heart and soul of the organization itself.

Remember that as the old saying goes "you never get too old to learn". If anyone has a topic of interest that they would like to share at a rally or know someone else that might have something to offer educationally to let Teresa or myself know so that plans can be made.

As with last year I intend to plan for a community service activity at each rally. Please keep that in your thoughts as I will be asking for assistance from many of you to help determine worthwhile activities to support.

Our rally schedule for 2010 will be as follows:

April 29 to May 2 Kentucky Derby Reunion Rally Elkhorn Campground, Frankfort KY

June 10 to June 13 Buddy Rally Levi Jackson State Park, London KY

June 27 to July 4 , International Rally  
Gillette Wyoming  
July 15 to July 18 Grandchildren's Rally  
Carter Caves State Resort Park, Olive  
Hill KY  
August 4 to August 8 127 Yardsale Rally  
At the Bishop's Residence, Russell  
Springs KY  
Sept 15 to Sept 19 Region 5 Rally,  
DuQuoin IL  
Sept 23 to Sept 26 Sorghum Festival  
Rally Paintsville Lake State Park,  
Paintsville KY  
Oct 7 to Oct 10 Installation Rally Canal  
Campground, Grand Rivers KY  
December 4 Christmas Dinner Claudia  
Sanders Dinner House, Shelbyville KY

Again thanks to Shala and Larry for their  
leadership in 2009. Great job!  
Teresa and I look forward to the  
experience as we traverse our beautiful  
state in search of adventure.  
Have safe travels and we'll see you down  
the road.

Tommy Phipps

### **Wilson's Wanderings**

If you missed the Installation Rally at  
Pennyrile State Park, held in October  
then you definitely missed a good time,  
even though we did have to contend with  
cool weather and rain. As always the  
Airstreamers did not let the weather keep  
them from enjoying great friends and  
good food, (thanks **Lee and Nelda  
Miller** for the wonderful breakfast). We  
welcomed new members **Bob and Sue  
Martin**, from West Liberty and were  
pleased to have **Mary Lou and Junior  
Flener** back with us. I heard several  
members can still be heard singing some  
of the songs from "*Smoke on the  
Mountain*". It was nice having Don and

Bonnie Jones from Murray join us for  
dinner at Patti's, even if they did have to  
wait due to a goof by restaurant staff and  
we also enjoyed fellow Airstreamers  
from Michigan, **Norm and Jenny Keil**  
for the rally. Our special guest, First  
Vice-President, Louise Humble and her  
husband, Jerry did a wonderful job with  
the installation of our new President,  
Tommy Phipps and his lovely First  
Lady, as well as all the other members  
who have agreed to serve the Kentucky  
Unit in 2010.

We missed all those who could not be  
with us. **Frank and Jane Miller**  
couldn't be with us, (hope you are  
feeling better Frank), **Dick and Rachel  
Lewis** were off visiting relatives and boy  
did we miss Dick's coffee; several of us  
went into withdrawal! **Herb and  
Beverly Goodman** couldn't get away  
and I am sure there are others who I have  
failed to mention but be sure, we missed  
you all.

Many of our Kentucky Unit members  
and their friends left the rally for the  
caravan down the Natchez, led by  
**Clarence and Janice Jones**.

Unfortunately, **David and Peggy Bishop**  
had to leave early in the caravan due to  
illness (we hear David is much better but  
still having lab test); and **Lee and Nelda  
Miller** had to leave from Jackson, MS  
due to the death of Lee's sister. Please  
keep the family in your prayers. Those of  
us who were fortunate to complete the  
caravan enjoyed wonderful scenery,  
gaining new knowledge of the history of  
the Trace and surrounding areas, and in  
the best tradition of WBCCI - fun,  
fellowship and adventure.

Shala

## BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER

2 Jane Miller ( KY Babe )  
5 Peggy Bishop  
13 Peggy Ernst  
18 David Bishop  
20 Harriet Bannon  
20 Wesley Odle  
22 Billy Adams

### DECEMBER

2 Wanda Marksbarry  
21 Lee Moyers  
25 Linda Abrams  
31 Carma Odle

## ANIVERSARIES

### NOVEMBER

12 Charles & Jane May  
19 Larry & Linda Abrams  
29 Herb & Beverly Goodman  
30 Bob & Lee Moyers

### DECEMBER

8 David & Sue Peyton  
15 Phillip & Wanda Sowders  
16 David & Peggy Bishop  
24 Frank & Jane Miller

## INVITATION TO VISIT THE HADDAWAY'S IN TEXAS

The North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro has just posted its "Winter Texan" rates for this coming winter season. Go to [www.ntaci.org](http://www.ntaci.org) to view. Did you know that Hillsboro is actually 14 miles closer to Louisville than Melbourne, Florida? If you have not already made plans for Florida this winter why not come and visit Texas for a change of pace. Pets on leash are welcome.

NTAC is a 100% WBCCI Airstream community located near the center of the Dallas/Ft. Worth/Waco triangle on I-35 at Exit 368A. There are hundreds of things to do and see in the area. If you enjoy singing "On The Road Again" you will enjoy visiting with Willie Nelson at his restaurant, dance hall and gift shop six miles from our home. Willie was born here in Hill County. Hope to see you soon!

Jim & Janie Haddaway

### FIRST TUESDAY DINNER

Those attending the November dinner at Logans Roadhouse were, Moyers, Schaefer, Lewis', Frank Millers. Wisers and Parrishs' with Chris.

This will be the last dinner for the year. We usually try noon lunch in the winter. Time & place to be announced.

## **REGION 5 NEWS**

The region 5 Rally at the Meade County Fairgrounds in Brandenburg, Ky. attracted 68 units, including International President Tom Collier and First Lady, Norma.

The Hillbilly Haven theme was carried out throughout the rally, climaxing with the Saturday banquet when nearly everyone came appropriately attired. President Bob Moyers provided the rally with a memorable start when Wally Byam, portrayed by Jim Matkovich from the Northern Illinois Unit, arrived at the opening ceremony on a motorcycle. He delivered a Blue Beret that Moyers placed on a mannequin on a table in front of the podium where it remained for the remainder of the rally.

The Southern Indiana Unit won the competition for the highest percentage of members attending the rally (8 attending, 36.4 percent). Central Indiana was represented by 14 units, Southern Illinois 12, Lincolnland and Kentucky by 10 each and Indiana and Northern Illinois by 5 each.

Entertainment was exceptional, highlighted by humorist Jim Roberts on Friday. Juggernaut Jug Band performed on Saturday, Bluegrass 101 on Thursday and Tom and Kathy Arnold Wednesday.

### **THANKS**

Dear Dick,

Thanks to you and your chair people for your work at the rally, All jobs were well done. Please pass our thanks to the others. Thanks again.

Bob & Lee

## **NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

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Ron & Judy Bell  
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**NOTE:** The Bells are members of the Central Indiana Unit Barry is the president of that unit and also a candidate for Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

### **CIECLE OF CONCERN**

Frank Miller is home after an extended hospital stay, and is feeling much better. He is still being treated for pneumonia and other problems.

David Bishop is feeling better but still having lab tests, etc.

### **CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathy is extended to Lee Miller and his family due to the death of his sister.

We have also learned of the death of a former member, Glenna Marie Snyder, who died November 7, 2009. Sympathy is extended to her family,

**A SPECIAL INVITATION:**  
**WBCCI ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**Sunday, December 6, 2009**  
**2 - 4 pm EST @ Stone Hearth Restaurant**  
**1001 N. Mulberry Street**  
**Elizabethtown, Kentucky**

- If traveling from Louisville on I65, Take Exit 94, turn Right and go approximately 0.5 miles, restaurant is on your left.
- *If traveling north on I 65, take exit 94, turn left and go approx 0.5 miles, restaurant is on your left.*

**RSVP by email - [swilsonnp@insightbb.com](mailto:swilsonnp@insightbb.com) or by phone @ 270 782-6554**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!**

The cost of the buffet is \$10.00 per person. We had some Teddy Bears donated that were originally collected for International, which we will be giving to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Gregory for the Logan County Sheriff's Department. Each family is asked to bring either a Teddy Bear or a bag of canned and non-perishable goods, which will be donated to the food bank. In today's economy, there are many who are struggling to feed their families and we have an opportunity to give back. If you prefer to make a cash donation, that will also be appreciated.

Since this will be my last Newsletter, as President, I would like to say thank you to all who have pitched in numerous ways to make this year a successful one. If I tried to name each one, I am sure I would leave someone out, so please know that all of your efforts are greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president and I look forward to many more years of fun and fellowship with our wonderful Kentucky Unit friends. See you down the road,

Shala and Larry Wilson

