



## **BLUE GRASS BERET**

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### **The Phipps Philes**

*Will this winter ever be over!?*

We made a hasty exit from West Liberty trying to beat the next round of inclement weather on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> headed for Florida.

By the 7<sup>th</sup> we found ourselves at Paradise Park in Punta Gorda hoping to find better weather than we left behind, but were disappointed at the cool weather that would be our companion for most of the next two weeks. However we felt very fortunate because of the extremely cold temperatures and snow that we left behind in Kentucky.

We enjoyed the company of Charles and Jane May at Paradise and took advantage of the downtime to rest some and "recharge our batteries" after a busy year end work schedule and to think about the 2010 activities that we are planning for the Unit.

On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> we were off to the Florida State Rally where we would spend the next week renewing old friendships and making new ones. I volunteered to help Charles May with the water committee since he was short handed. I enjoyed working on that detail and meeting many new and interesting people in the process.

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> we had a really nice turnout at our Kentucky Unit happy hour. By my count there were over 20 Kentuckians present. I appreciate all who helped in any way with the event. And in keeping with tradition we attended the Region 5 dinner in Sarasota on Thursday evening where another nice turnout was in evidence.

Even though we experienced cool weather in Florida we were blessed and warmed by the good friendship and fellowship of our fellow Airstreamers while there.

Of course, as I am writing this, we are back home in Kentucky having very cold temperatures and more snow, believe it or not.

But despite that I am looking forward to Spring and the 2010 camping season and our first rally at Elkhorn Campground in Frankfort. The complete rally schedule is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Don't forget to check on your reservations at the various venues as we progress throughout the year.

I intend to have the agenda for the Derby Rally ready at least a couple of weeks before hand and will both email and

have it posted on the web site.  
I will be asking many of you for ideas regarding our service projects throughout the year so please be thinking about that. In addition I will be asking for volunteers to act as rally hosts for each of our rallies this year.

Teresa and I look forward to the experience as we traverse our beautiful state in search of adventure continuing our tradition of travel...friendship, fellowship and service. Have safe travels and we'll see you down the road.

Tommy Phipps,

### **CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathy is extended to Joann Collins, whose husband, Rev. Smiley Collins, died the last week of January. Rev. Collins was a former Kentucky Unit member

Dick Brayfogle, another former member of our Kentucky unit also passed away and we send our sympathy to his wife, Roberta.

Another long-time member of our unit, Luther Collins, died February 27<sup>th</sup>. Some of us remember he hosted several rallies at the airport in Columbia, Ky., and was a very active member of our unit.

### **Kentucky Unit 2010 Rally Schedule**

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

July 15 to July 18  
Grandchildren's Rally Carter Caves  
State Resort Park Olive Hill KY

June 27 to July 4  
International Rally Gillette Wyoming

August 4 to August 8  
127 Yard Sale 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

## MELBOURNE

Ruth Flener & Janice & Clarence are the only KY members in the park this year. Jean Hancock, a former member, is here also.

Ruth, The Joneses and Ruth's neighbor Annette are parked close to each other. We stay busy even though the weather has not been too cooperative. We ride our bikes a lot, watch U of L & UK play ball, go to a lot of concerts (no heavy metal or rock bands), covered a lot of rummage sales, thrift shops, played dominoes (every Sunday night with a group & as often as possible in between), to the farmers market every Saturday morning, and there is usually food involved with our activities.

Ruth is one of the LYH Players so she has been practicing a lot for the annual play production.

The Joneses have had a lot of adventures in the nearby Wetlands & the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge, counting alligators & what ever else they find. They even saw an alligator in downtown Melbourne.

The Joneses had a nice visit with David & Peggy Bishop. They went to the Sarasota Rally site for the day. The Phipps hosted a very nice "happy hour". They all nearly froze but it was so good to see everyone. They also attended the Region V dinner.

Elma Craft had a birthday so we all went over to help her celebrate. A real treat for us was getting to stand on her balcony & see a rocket launch. Elma is such a super hostess!

Jean Hancock has had a difficult winter. Her knee has caused a lot of pain and she has had some other complications.

The Jones & Elma even had an evening with George W, Bush. The church they

attend (Eau Gallie First Baptist) had a banquet and he was the speaker. Elma got tickets on the front row. Actually he was an impersonator. He was so good that if you had not read the signs, you would have thought it was real!

The Moyers are camping near Clermont so the Joneses met them halfway & had lunch and a nice visit.

We have all stayed real busy trying to forget that this is such a record making cold winter here in Melbourne. We have had it much better than you in KY so we won't complain.

Ruth & Janice

## TRAVLERS REST

I guess you all are aware that Florida is experiencing the same weather that you are having in Kentucky. Travelers Rest escaped having SNOW, but the Panhandle of Florida had some. Travelers Rest Kentuckians hosted the Annual Ham & Turkey Dinner on February 6. Attending were Bannons, Bishops, Bushs, Bob Gregory and Lu Shaw, Rev. David Leeper and Betty Mays, Moyers, Penners, Rev. Winston Pike and Lynda, Gene and I had Louisville friends Elaine Hamilton and Ray Essary who were on Golf View as guests. At our Sweetheart Ball Seventeen Couples were honored as they celebrated 50 years of marriage. It was a beautiful program. On Tuesday March 2 an all day Quilt-A-Rama took place in Busch Hall, Seventy-five Volunteers took part in Sewing, Cutting, Ironing, Ripping and Running to supply the Sewers.

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Using only scrap fabric donated by all who Quilt here, over 30 Quilts were constructed and presented to Pasco County Hospice. Harriet Bannon, Judy Penner and Helen Wiser were among the Volunteers. Daylight Savings Time begins March 14 so that means Spring is here. We tolerated the COLD weather by Layering Up and kept moving.

Helen Wiser

## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

4 Elma Craft  
17 Herb Goodman  
22 Arlene Fowler  
23 Tom Moore

### APRIL

4 Audrey Schaefer  
9 Clarence Jones  
18 William Ralston  
26 Betty Leeper  
28 Janice Jones  
30 David Leeper

## ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH

14 Kermit & Ruth Flener

### APRIL

3 Billy & Dempil Adams  
19 Hobart & Mary Lou Flener

## E-MAIL CHANGES

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## LOUISVILLE DINERS

The February Lunch was held at Rafferty's, 988 Dutchmans Lane. Those attending were Charles Atchisons, Frank Millers, Parrishs', Schaefers, and Lewis'. The April lunch will be held again at Rafferty's, and we hope to see you there.

## CIECLE OF CONCERN

In December, Larry Wilson had an operation on his wrist. Hope he is doing well and recovering well.

Also in December, Philip Sowders had a knee operation. We hope he is well improved by now.

Frank Miller is facing more surgery and we wish him well.

# Region 5 News

The **Indiana Unit** is the latest in Region 5 to develop a Unit membership brochure, with copies made available to members to be passed out to prospective members. If any Units haven't developed a brochure and would like a master copy from which one can be developed contact Bill Schrader at [bschrad500@aol.com](mailto:bschrad500@aol.com).

The **Southern Illinois Unit's Home** from International 2010 Caravan is getting a good reception. The caravan departs on July 6 from Gillette with stops at Medora, N.D.; Bismarck, N.D.; Pierre, S.D. Pipestone, Minn. and Decorah, Ia. The estimated fee for 9 nights of camping, 5 meals and museum tickets is \$600. Six have signed up for far. If interested contact **Gordon and Carol White** at [gwhite@midwest.net](mailto:gwhite@midwest.net).

The **Blue Beret** is now being posted online. You can get it by going to [wbcci.com](http://wbcci.com) and go to the general information category or go directly at <http://www.blueberetonline.com/> **Fred Richardson**, WBCCI Marketing Committee Chairman, is interested in getting feedback on the format. Contact him at [radv1@earthlink.net](mailto:radv1@earthlink.net)

## IN MEMORY:

**Luther Collins**, Kentucky Unit member, died Feb. 27 at age 92.

## MEDICAL ALERT.

**Leroy Pittman**, former Region 5 Chaplain and Southern Illinois Unit

member, fell and broke a hip...

**Max Doerr**, Southern Illinois Unit, successfully went through hip replacement surgery...

**Nancy Broglin**, Southern Indiana Newsletter editor, was recovering from knee replacement surgery when she suffered a broken femur. This required a repeat of the knee replacement surgery and she will have to remain immobile for six weeks. While she was hospitalized her husband, **Daris**, had a heart attack and had to have stents placed in two arteries.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

**Zeb and Gloria Hawkins**, former Southern Indiana Unit members, were honored on their 60th Wedding Anniversary March Southern Indiana Unit members, were honored on their 60th Wedding Anniversary March 6 with several Airstream friends joining in the celebration.

## Region 5 Unit Websites

- \* **Central Indiana Unit** <http://centralind.wbcci.net>
  - Indiana Unit** <http://indiana.wbcci.net>
  - \* **Kentucky Unit** <http://kentucky.wbcci.net>
  - \* **Northern Illinois Unit** <http://northernillinois.wbcci.net>
  - \* **Southern Illinois Unit** <http://southernillinois.wbcci.net>
  - \* **Southern Indiana Unit** <http://southind.wbcci.net>
- \* Unit Newsletter is posted on the website