



BLUE GRASS BERET

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The Phipps Philes

The 2010 version of the Grandchildren's Rally is history now and if we were to attach a theme to the event we would refer to it as "*Hot Fun In the Summertime*", to borrow a line from a song made famous by a 60's rock band. In spite of the hot weather, everyone, especially the grandchildren, had a good time. The adults spent much of their time watching the children play and visiting once again with old friends while catching up on the latest Airstream goings on.

In attendance at the rally were Artie and Pam Martin from Florence KY and their nephew Austin with their '68 Airstream. Artie had contacted me to see if it would be okay for them to attend the Grandchildren's Rally and I had invited them to join us there. I am pleased to report that during the rally they announced their intention to join the Kentucky Unit. We look forward to spending more time with the Martins. We welcome you to the Kentucky Unit.

On Friday evening several of our group caravanned to the Smokey Valley Truck Stop near the park for dinner. Smokey Valley's claim to fame is that it was featured a few years ago on the Food Network TV show, *Diners Drive-ins and Dives* hosted by Guy Fieri. The report back from the group was favorable, good

food and reasonable prices. Incidentally the Phipps had Sunday lunch there on the way home as well.

On Saturday morning we caravanned to the First Church of Christ in Grayson for the grandchildren to make their food donations to the church's food pantry. We were met at the church by Deanna Phillips representing the food bank. Mrs. Phillips discussed the operation of the food pantry with the group noting the large number of families that they help each month.

Even though there is plenty for the children to do at the park with swimming, horse back riding, miniature golf and bike riding, we were joined Saturday afternoon by Teresa's son Shannon and his friend Alison who put together some water balloon games for the kids. It was great to watch the children having fun with the games and getting wet, which I'm sure felt good to them. A special thank you to Shannon and Alison for their assistance. The kids really enjoyed it.

There were nine units in attendance at the rally as follows:

Dick and Rachel Lewis and Lillie Lee and Nelda Miller and Emily Larry and Shala Wilson and Audry, Emma, Savannah and Lindsay (Savannah's friend)

Charles and Jane May and Keegan and Macy

David and Betty Leeper and Joshua, Elizabeth, Andrea and their mother Kim Tommy and Teresa Phipps and Justin (Jenna and her parents Gina and Brian stopped by Friday evening)

Clarence and Janice Jones – Will and Brennan

Artie and Pam Martin – Austin (their nephew)

Larry and Kathy Spaulding

On Sunday morning we were led by Rev. David Leeper in a devotional service. Shortly thereafter the rally was closed and we departed. We hope to see many of you at the 127 Rally August 5th to 8th.

127 RALLY

At the Derby Reunion Rally in May there was an extensive discussion of our unit's financial situation and things that needed to be done to deal with that.

It was suggested and approved at the May business meeting that we charge an extra \$30 camping fee for the 127 Rally to cover the expense of the electric service provided to us there. This fee is in addition to the normal \$20 rally fee that we currently assess each unit.

For those of you who were not at the meeting or have joined since, the strategy over the years was to spend down the unit's reserves that were largely earned during the years that the Derby Rally was held in Shelbyville and sponsored by the Kentucky Unit. For a number of years the unit dues were reduced to \$1 annually and no rally fees were charged at all to in effect allow the members who had worked so hard to earn the money some benefit financially from their labors. It was predetermined that once our cash

reserves reached a certain point, which I believe was around \$2,000, we would revisit the issue and make the necessary changes to try to keep our reserves from getting any lower.

The \$30 camping fee is an outgrowth of the decision at the May meeting to keep our cash reserves stable.

See you at the Rally. TommyPhipps

THE 53rd INTERNATIONAL RALLY

The Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facilities were far above all expectation for this year's 53rd International Rally. The 3 point hook up was great and each unit had it's own water. To top it all off the 4th of July fire works was just outside everyone's front door. The Cam-Plex would be hard to beat.

The Kentucky Unit was represented by Bob Gregory, Shala & Larry Wilson and Betty and David Leeper.

Bob Gregory gave a session of Meth. Awareness/National Epidemic. This was a graphic presentation of the results of cooking, distributing and abuse of methamphetamine.

Shala Wilson presented a session of Care for Care Givers. This program was to help with ways to care for yourself in the role of a caregiver for a spouse, child or parent.

Larry Wilson was the KY unit delegate and also the Wilson's helped "man" the WBCCI store on some of the days it was open.

Betty and David Leeper worked on the Traffic control committee starting on June 12th. Also the committee will need help next year also if you can work early. Rev. David Leeper had the message for the Father's Day Interdenominational Church Service on June 20th with three hundred in attendance.

David also gave a devotion at one of the morning devotion services.

Betty Leeper did her part by shopping at the WBCCI flea market and buying enough books that she could start her own 'Books a Million' store.

The furnaces had to run almost every night and only two days were the air conditioners needed. Coat, hat, and gloves were the outfit to wear for watching the 10 p.m. fireworks on the night of July 4th.

Wow, what a great rally. See ya'll next year.

David Leeper

Caravan to the Henry Ford Museum

Plans for the caravan to the Henry Ford Museum have been finalized.

We will rendezvous on I-75 at the rest area north of Richwood KY which is just north of exit 175 (North bound) at 9:00 AM EST on Thursday August 19th.

We will depart the rest area no later than 9:30 AM and make our way to the Airstream factory at Jackson Center OH, which is approximately 125 miles, arriving at about 12:00 noon. We will have lunch there so pack something because there isn't much else there to choose from.

We anticipate being at Airstream for about 1.5 hours and will head on north about 1:30 PM. Remember to make a list of all those small items you may want to purchase at the Airstream Store. This will save a lot on shipping if you need, Walbernize, curtain snaps, LED lights, sewer connectors, maybe a new T-shirt or some jewelry for the significant other. We will not be at Airstream long enough for the factory tour.

Our destination, KC Campground in Milan, Michigan, is approximately 135 miles from Jackson Center. We should arrive at the campground at about 4:30 PM.

If you haven't already made your reservation please contact KC Campground at 734.439.1076. Let them know you are with the Airstream group.

After arrival and setup at the campground, we will discuss further our plans for the Friday and Saturday tours of the museum as well as the return trip on Sunday.

All times are tentative and will depend upon traffic conditions and other factors that may change our expected arrival and departure times. Any deviations from the estimated timetable will be discussed with the group before any changes are announced.

Please give me a call or email if you have any questions. Also if you would, please contact me to confirm your wishes to join us.

TommyPhipps

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Frank Miller has returned home after an extended stay in the hospital following lung surgery. We are glad to hear he is doing well and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy is extended to Dr. Billy Adams and his family in the death of his sister.

RALLY CHANGE

It was brought to my attention a couple of days ago that we could have an issue having adequate campsites at Canal Campground for the Installation Rally October 7th to 10th.

I made an inquiry with the campground today to verify what we were seeing on RECREATION.GOV was correct and it is clear from my conversation with Canal personnel that we do indeed have a problem with availability.

Therefore, I have decided to move the Installation Rally to the nearby Kentucky Dam Village Campground keeping the dates the same of course. I'm told by Larry Spaulding that this is a large campground with plenty of level sites. In addition we have the lodge available if the weather turns bad on us like it did last year.

I spoke to the personnel there today as well and also checked it out on RESERVEAMERICA.COM and there are plenty of sites available. I'm looking at sites 83 to 90 and 100 to 93 (which are across the street) as prospects. All are currently available.

I urge you to make your reservations soon so that we do not run into a similar situation as with Canal.

I trust that this change will not be too much of an inconvenience to you. Please accept my apology if it causes any issues.

Tommy Phipps

LOUISVILLE DINERS

Our Tuesday night dinner was held at Rafferty's Restaurant July 6th with a

good attendance. Those who came to enjoy the food and fellowship were Jones, Adams, Wisers, Mays, Schaefer, Lewis', Lee Miller, Frank Millers, Bannons, and Lee Moyers. The Bannons were here for their annual summer visit and it was great to have them join us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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BIRTHDAYS

JULY

2 Wanda Sowders
3 Hobart Flener
5 Frank Miller
23 David Peyton
25 Jim Haddaway
27 Terry DeHaven

AUGUST

9 Judy Parrish
10 Helen Wisner
21 Christine Sowders
27 Charles May

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

16 Jim & Harriet Bannon
25 Tommy & Teresa Phipps

AUGUST

18 David & Christine Sowders
20 Dick & Opal Parrish

10th ANNUAL 127 YARD SALE
David & Peggy Bishops Country Estate
515 Frank Grider Rd. Russell Springs, KY
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RALLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 4	5:00 PM	Happy Hour, Bring Snacks Dinner will be served
Thursday, August 5	7:45 AM 4:00 PM	Breakfast Leave for Dinner in a group
Friday, August 6	7:45 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Breakfast Happy Hour, Bring Snacks Dinner on the grill, Bring Meat And Covered Dish
Saturday, August 7	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Breakfast Happy Hour, Bring Snacks Dinner, Bring Covered Dish Show & Tell, Best Buy
Sunday, August 8	8:00 AM	Breakfast followed by Church Service

For each meal, Bring silverware, plates, coffee mug or drink
Water and 30 amp Electricity is available. Bring all the 30 amp cord you have.
We have 14, 30 amp plugs available. Come with empty holding tanks

DIRECTONS

Frank Grider Rd. is located on state road 127, Just south of the Cumberland Parkway, Exit 127, Look for the Salt Dome. WBCCI signs will be on the rd.

127 Now 654 miles, Hudson, MI to Gadston, AL