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# Region 6 Communications



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**Mark Your  
Calendars...  
Make Your Plans!**

**2015**

### Up Coming Rallies

May 3 - 9

Spring Fling Rally  
Tupelo, MS

May 21-24

Spring Bash  
LaFayette, LA

June 26 - July 4

**58<sup>th</sup> International Rally**  
**Farmington, NM**

Sept 30 - Oct 4

**Storytelling**  
**Special Event Rally**  
**Jonesborough, TN**

Oct 19 - 23

**Region 6 Rally**  
**Lee County Agri-Center**  
**Picayune, MS**

## PLANS FOR MAY UNIT MEETINGS

Your May meeting is an important one in that this is when you:

- 1. Select your unit delegate and alternate for International in Farming.** (Presidents: be sure to sign **Certifications Forms** for both delegate and alternate. **\*\*\*Be sure unit's Number of Members is included.**
- 2. Vote on the International Slate of Officers.**
- 3. Vote on Motions from IBT.** (See pg, 8 of March issue of Blue Beret)
- 4. For ALL the Above votes - DO record the number of Yes, or any No Votes. \*\*\*Must be converted to percentages of unit members."**
- 5. \*\*Share with your members that information concerning the Region 6 luncheon and picnic will be emailed out when time, place, menu and cost details are finalized. Watch for it.**
- 6. Information for our Reg. 6 Rally will be in the next Blue Beret. Watch for it!!!**



## **Members Information About Farmington, NM Rally** **Take both the April and May Blue Beret (BB)**

*Have Very Important Information you may need!!!*

**Severe Weather/Emergency Procedures.** *In April BB, pg 37*

**Map or Contention/Rally site:** *Pg. 36, April Blue Beret.* Take with you!

**Tours:** Check out the list in the May Blue Beret and sign up now as they fill up fast.

**Volunteers:** There are many different committees who definitely need help. Look through the May Blue Beret (BB) and email them. **President's:** keep a list of all who volunteer and their area as it counts points on Merit award. There is a coupon in April issue, pg. 40 or write or email and send to WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334

**First Timers:** April Issue, May issue. This is invaluable. Has a lot of helpful info and tips to make it easier and more enjoyable for you. Check out Map of rally site... p. 36, April BB.

**Caravans:** Notify **Bob Bennett.** Ph 919-467-3681 or email: [caravan1@wbccicaravans.org](mailto:caravan1@wbccicaravans.org) to get a time to get your caravan parking time. Send you name, address, phone number, and email address, member number and caravan sponsor. **BB, May, pg 41.**

**Mail, Messages, FedEx or UPS:** *BB, April, pg. 38.*

**Fourth of July Picnic:** **NOTE: There WILL be separate Reg 6 picnic. Sign up at Registration at Reg. 6 booth.**

### ***Congratulations***

**Region 6  
Superior Award  
Winners of 2014**



**The list of winners has  
not been released as yet.**

***Watch for the  
announcement in the  
Blue Beret.***

**Congratulations to All!!!**

**Hope to make 100% with  
unit participation for the  
2015 Cycle!**

### **REGION 6 LUNCHEON INFO...**

Dress is casual., except for **INCOMING REGION OFFICERS!** *They will need to wear dark pants, white shirt. Beret and Red Tie is preferred, but not required.* These folks will be installed at the Region Luncheon.

**\*\*Remind unit presidents to bring one door prize (\$25) for the Reg. 6 luncheon.**

**\*\*\*Also remind the presidents to Notify Lonnie as to who will be carrying their flag in the opening ceremony.**

**They will need their unit flag, but no stand. They will not need their flag for the luncheon.**

**\*\*\*We will sign folks up for the luncheon and picnic during registration at International\*\*\***



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

**Lonnie Carver, Region 6, WBCCI**



Wow, has 6 years already past? It seems like yesterday that I ready to go to Madison, WI for the international Rally in 2009. I was installed as the 2nd VP of a Region 6. Time really does fly. It's been a fun filled adventure for me. I thank all of you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Region 6 President.

The rally in Farmington New Mexico is going to be a great rally. I hope that many of you will plan to attend! Region 6 will host our annual Region 6 Luncheon and 4th of July Picnic, so please plan to attend?

I want to thank Charles and Helen Bourgeois for all they have done for me and the region. Words cannot really express all they have done. Our Region is in great hands. Charles and Helen will be awesome leaders as President and First Lady. I also want to thank Hugh and Euna Ridenour for their endless help with leading our Region 6 Cooking team. What a blessing they are! Special thanks to Horace and Selma Evans, I can't tell you how many nights I have spent in their Airstream. That sofa has my name on it. What special people they are to open their home on wheels. Love you both. Thanks also to ALL my officers and friends who have done their part in making this a great two years for me as President of region 6.

In closing, thanks again for a great 6 years, it's been such a positive experience.

Hope to see you all down the road!

Lonnie

*Happy Mother's Day,  
May 10th*



**Many of us will be on the roads seeing the country. Take care and be safe along the way. Stay in touch as you travel this summer and hope to see you down the road!!!**



# Across Region 6



May 25th

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died serving our country. This is a great time to honor our veterans many of which are members of Region 6!



“Let No One Be Forgotten”

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**Important!!!**

**For Unit Presidents  
Going to Farmington**

1. Certification forms for delegate and alternate.
2. Proper Uniform
3. Unit Flag (ironed please)
4. Copy of Unit votes and how many voted for each.
5. Figure vote percentages as it applies to your unit membership.
6. Number of people going to Reg 6 luncheon.
7. Unit gift for luncheon door prize. (\$25)
8. Bring pull tabs, hats, and Check for monies for Cents for Youth.
9. Copies of Unit Directory, Newsletters, etc for Competition.
10. Remind the members of your unit that if they are entering any of the contests or crafts or art to be sure to sign up during registration.
11. Check with Milt Burton or watch for the May issue of the Blue Beret with info for theme.
12. Presidents! Send Lonnie the name of Who will be carry the flag in the Opening Ceremonies.
13. Bring your flags, but no stand. Not needed at the luncheon.
14. **Don't lose this List!!!**

## Region 6 Luncheon, Farmington NM

Reg 6 1VP Charles Bourgeois announces that Zeb's is the caterer for our Region 6 luncheon in Farmington, NM. It will be held on the IR premises July 1st @ 11:30am. Cost and menu to be determined.

**We will have a table set up during Registration for info and sign up for luncheon.**

As soon as I make the final arrangements have info you know, your unit president will be notified to pass on this information.

Dress is casual for all except Incoming Region Officers who are to wear dark pants, white shirt, A red tie is preferred. These folks will be installed at the Region Luncheon.

Presidents are to bring a door prize from their unit **(\$25. Take To the Luncheon).**



## Farmington, NM

### Culture and Topography

The area that is now Farmington was settled by the [Anasazi](#) in the 7th Century. Ruins can be visited at nearby Salmon Ruins and in [Aztec Ruins](#).<sup>[7]</sup> When the Anasazi left the area, the [Navajos](#), [Jicarilla Apaches](#), and [Utes](#) moved into the area.

Horseback riding, hiking, bicycling and birding are all available via the many trails that run through Animas and Berg Parks. The Animas River is also great for rafting and canoeing.

Windsurfing on Morgan Lake is a good time year-round (the water stays at around 75 degrees), but spring is when things get really fun, as the winds that kick up on the lake will have you zooming around like you've got an onboard engine.

Fly fishing along the Quality Waters of the San Juan River offers a chance to catch and release big trout. The fly fishing in Farmington brings enthusiasts from all over the country.

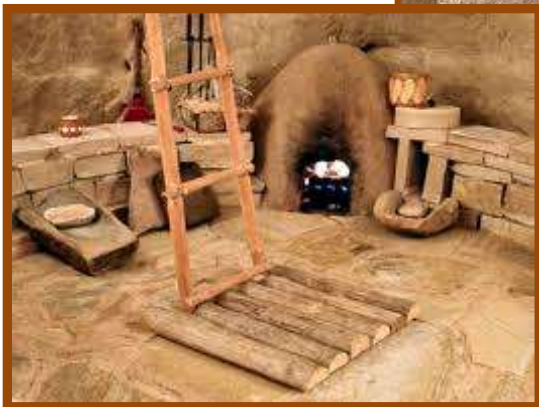
The dry and temperate climate allows for year-round fishing, hiking, biking, and four-wheeling. The snow-capped San Juan mountains to the north, and the famous fractured

volcanic breccia bursting out of the ground known as Shiprock, first called *Tsé Bit? a? í*, which means "winged rock" in Navajo, to the west, create the perfect vista for exploring Farmington's many natural splendors. From canyons and mesas to the unusual [hoodoo](#) formations (tall, thin spires of rock that look like gigantic drip castles), this city of roughly 44,000 people is becoming a mecca for thrill seekers and outdoor lovers alike. This coming June, the [Four Corners Xterra Triathlon](#) is being held here in Farmington.





The elevation of Farmington is 5,453'. The climate is hot, dry, some winds with a 55 humidity .



## **(A Suggestion)**

### **The Best Trailer Pulling Route To Farmington, NM from Region 6 Area...**

The easiest pull for your trailer or motorhome for the drive to Farmington from our area is to travel I-20 W to the Tyler, TX exit, (Hwy 69). From here on you are on 4 lane roads which take you through the hill country of west Texas where you will see the big ranches, horses, and some neat small towns. (You also miss having to drive through Dallas and its traffic!!!).

Head northwest on Hwy 69 to just past the small town of Bells, TX. Here you will turn onto Hwy 82 West. (Hwy's 69 and 82 also have 4 lanes). This parallels I-20, and is just south of Texas-Oklahoma line.

You will eventually come to town of Henrietta, TX. Just past it you will turn North on Hwy 287 to just north of Wichita Falls, where you will merge with I-40. Stay on I-40 all the way to Albuquerque.

When you get to I-25, turn north for 16 miles, turning left onto Hwy 550. This is the old Apache Highway and goes thru the reservation with the great things to see.

You will continue and come into Bloomfield, NM and hit Hwy 64 W. Turn left and in 12 miles you will be in Farmington and the International WBCCI Rally site.

This is the route we take to get to Colorado where we have been going out almost yearly since 1961 to camp in the San Juan Mountains. No high mountain passes to contend with.

**Have an Enjoyable and Safe Trip,  
Herb and Sidra Spies**





**This is an overview of the Farmington Rally Site**

### **Safety Tips for the Trip to Farmington**

1. Check your trailer and tires over thoroughly! Repair and Replace if needed.
2. Roads can be bumpy, so tighten up and be sure that your storage and cabinet door locks are tight. Don't forget the refrigerator door!
3. Check you air condition in both your car and camper. It can be over 100° going and coming. **Take AND drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.**
4. Take Jackets and hats as the weather in the mountains can drop quickly and you snow is sometimes possible. Especially in the high mountain passes of Colorado. It may be hot during the day, but can get really cold at night out there.
5. Be sure you keep you gas tanks filled as in places stations are far apart.
6. Take a well stocked first aid kit with you and be sure your medical information is always with you for emergencies. Be sure you have your medicines with you!. Have numbers for you doctors and family readily available. Just in case.
7. Travel or caravan with others if possible. There is safety in numbers.
8. Take extra of everything... tools, meds, food, blankets, etc. You never know!
9. Take plenty of pictures, cords for your phone, computer, etc.
10. Enjoy the scenery, make memories, stop and explore, and Have Fun!!!