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Message from Your President

HAPPY New Year's Everybody!

Seems like it's been a long time since Region Rally, but this is the first newsletter since the rally which was held in October.

Thanks to all of you that attended, we had a great turn out and a really wonderful rally. The facility and the weather were perfect! So glad a good time was had by all!

Hopefully the cold winter months ahead will be easy of all of us, the sooner spring gets here the better! We can start camping again. Several of our units do have rallies planned for Feb, March and April, so come on down out of the cold and join our southern most units for some fun rallies!

As I write this I am packing to leave to attend the 2015 IBT in Robstown, TX. I will report back on the motions and changes that take place at this winter meeting. President Joe Perryman has done a great job in running our club; he has had a lot of issues to deal with and has handled lots of curve balls throw at him.

Congratulations to our own Euna Ridenour, our Region Recording Sect. she has been appointed by President Perryman to fill this year's term of office as International Recording Secretary. She will also be installed as the Incoming International Recording Secretary for the 2015-16 term of office. Let's all show our

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and travel to Farmington, NM to see her installed to this high honor! We are very proud of Euna!!!, and of course, we are also proud of Hugh for all of his help and support for our club! Way to go guys!

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you'll again for allowing me to serve as your President these past two years, I have enjoyed it and hope to continue to see many of you'll down the road.

Safe travels everyone!
Lonnie



IBT UPDATE

Minutes from the Upcoming IBT Rally in Robstown, Texas will be in the March Issue of the Blue Beret. Unit President's and members, do read them and keep this information about info and motions to be voted on at your Spring General Membership Meetings. You, the membership will vote on them and the results will be taken to the International Delegate's Meeting this summer for final votes.

WBCCI NEWS



Future Events for your Calendar...

Florida State Rally
Feb 3- 8, 2015
Elkton, St Augustine), FL

Alabama State Rally
Apr 9- 13 2015
Gulf Shores, AL

Pensacola Unit, Past President's Rally,
Feb 20 – 22, 2015

Mystic Springs CG, McDavid, FL.
Gloria Carter:850-623-4530
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TN State Rally, Crossville, TN
Apr 23 – 26, 2015
wingfoot321@blomand.net

Storytelling Festival Rally
Sept 30 – Oct 4
Jonesborough, TN
** See Blue Beret for Info



Merit Award Updates

The year is progressing and I hope all unit presidents have begun the paperwork for their merit award as mentioned at the seminar at the Region 6 rally.

Don't forget to keep a list of pertinent items and names for your rallies/luncheons. When you can one of the categories on the paperwork, go ahead and finish it and save it. This makes it easier at the end of your term when putting all this together to submit this fall to new Pres. Charles Bourgeois.

If you have questions, please email me and I will get right back to you. Sidra Spies

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We are encouraging ALL of our units in Region 6 to turn in your paperwork for this Program.

Keep up the Good Work!





Across Region 6



Note to Unit Presidents

Newsletters: PLEASE SEND TO OTHER REG 6 UNITS. AND Send a copy to Reg 6 NL Editor, Sidra Spies at sssbiol31@gmail.com. Send it to me in Word document, not pdf so I can copy items for use in the Region newsletter. Do forward a copy of the Region Newsletter to your members. Also do put your newsletters on your unit's website.

Arkansas Unit # 05

This unit is continuing to grow. They are always looking for new members and encouraging current ones to get into the action. This unit is an inspiration, in that they were at one time almost extinct. THEY GOT BUSY and now are a unit who has made the journey back and continuing to roll down the road. Congratulations.

East Tennessee Unit # 165

The weather has been a trial. They report that several of their members are in Florida soaking up the sunshine, while the rest of them are sucking on icicles.

The unit is extremely proud to have had their Unit Constitution approved by WBCCI. Won't have to do it again until 2019. Congratulations.

Our unit is taking reservations for the Tennessee State Rally. If you are interested, please send in the registration form/monies. It will be held at the TCPT near Crossville, TN on April 23 - 26.

Greater New Orleans LA Unit #133

Region 6 President Lonnie Carver, along with Unit President Hugh Ridenour and Euna, Reg 6 Recording Secretary. Euna was Acting Recording Secretary for the IBT meeting in Robstown, Texas.

We understand you did a super job and made us proud.

Louisiana Acadiana Unit # 128

Several Unit members will be attending the Alumaflamingo Rally presented by Airstream Life on February 24 to March 1 in Sarasota, Florida. If you plan on attending get on the ball and sign up right away. For further info, look on page 53 of the January Blue Beret.

They have had several outings which were fun and well attended. The January luncheon was attended by Charles and Helen Bourgeois, Reg 6 1st VP and Treasurer. Also attending was Charles and Nancy Wilson of Salem, Oregon. They were on a long trip heading to the National Mardi Rally, when it was canceled. They stayed and stayed for the luncheon and will then head to the Mobile, AL Mardi Gras and then on the keys in Florida.

Memphis Tennessee Unit # 96

The unit has a busy time coming up starting with the "Boon Dock Rally" is scheduled for March 13-15th at Meriwether Lewis State Park in Hohenwald, TN. For the new members, a boon dock rally is where you have no water, electric or sewage, so be sure to fill up your

holding tanks before you get there! Please RSVP to them at 901-233-2711 by March 11th if you plan to attend!

They had their January luncheon and welcomed new members, Gary and Mariam, and glad to see back the members Kerns, and Tommy and Anne Cole back after a absence.

Mississippi Unit #56

Our unit really enjoyed the At Branson we stayed at the Lakeside RV Park. We had our own meeting room and were treated very well. We saw several excellent shows including Andy Williams Show, Shoji, Mel Tillis and Yokov Smirnoff. Also, saw the wonderful Play, "Jonah", which had a huge cast, live animals and a great set. We spent one day at the College of the Ozarks with a tour of the campus, a visit to their museum and lunch at the beautiful dining hall. I would highly recommend this tour if you plan to go to Branson. We also rode the Scenic Rail Trip through the Ozarks.

Our next big rally will be in Vicksburg, March 18 – 22 at the River Town Campground. An action packed weekend with great good and a lot of fellowship.

Greater New Orleans Louisiana Unit # 133

At the recent IBT in Texas, our unit was well represented by the (Appointed) International Recording Secretary, the International Membership Chair, the Region 6 President, the Region 6 1st VP, the Region 6 Treasurer, the Unit President, the Unit 1st VP, the Unit Treasurer and various Past Unit Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. That's quite a good representation!

A four-night rally for 25-28 February 2015, is in the planning stages. The location is Sun Roamers RV Resort, Picayune, Mississippi.

We also plan to have a day for Ronnie Erb to have a computer seminar for the Region 6

website. Dave Bear has volunteered to teach a class on how to copy disks, transfer files, send emails, work with Facebook or Twitter or whatever the majority would like to learn.

Pensacola Florida Unit # 29

Pres. Gloria Carter has had a busy fall and a great time at the Reg 6 Rally in Gulf Shores.

Having an Airstream Park means a lot of upkeep and each year we have a work rally. We all work hard cleaning up and out but have a good time with all we do.

March is our Past President's Rally in the park. We welcome back all our past presidents and/or their spouses. It's always fun to reminisce with them about past rallies, caravans or just sitting around the fire telling funny stories.

April 19 – 22 will be our Spring Buddy Rally when we invite Vintage trailers in for an Open House. Come join us for a fun weekend.

Tennessee Unit # 95

Our winter is hanging on and not showing a sign of giving up early. The groundhog did not see his shadow, so I guess we should expect six more weeks of winter.

I am trying to finalize the details for the State Rally in April. As you may know, our Unit is the host this year and responsible for running the Rally. We need a good effort from everyone to show the other Tennessee Units how it is done.

The Tennessee Unit is celebrating 50 years with WBCCI. We received a plaque from the International and it was shared with members who attended the luncheon. Our April Unit Meeting will celebrate this accomplishment at our Spring Rally held at TCPC April 30 – May 3, 2015.

Note: This info came from the Newsletters of each unit. Each unit is to share their newsletter with THE PRESIDENT OF OTHER REGION Units. Please share them with YOUR members.

Blue Beret is Gearing Up for the 58th Annual International Rally in Farmington, NM.

Each month from February till May watch for happenings to look at, enjoy , or sign up to volunteer. each month for when you Feb issue, there is a registration form you need to send in early so to be sure your paperwork gets back to you prior to leaving.



Check these out and be prepared get there. In the there is a

Since this is a volunteer organization and it takes many people to volunteer for the needed jobs, look for the Volunteer Coupon or for a list of the Committees, Bands, or Jobs. When you volunteer, your unit gets points toward its Merit Award paperwork. Watch also for the section for First-Timers to help them feel welcome.

Unit Presidents: There is a write up about the July 4th Parade which is open to Units. Now is the time to begin planning for this, as well as for the Unit Bulletin Board, Unit Newsletter, etc.

Watch for these helpful articles and coupons in upcoming months. It is an invaluable guide!!!



ANNOUNCEMENT

2015 Region 6 Rally Site selected.

***Pres Elect, Charles Bourgeois says that the rally will be held Oct 13 - 17
PICAYUNE, MS is off Hwy I- 59,
50 miles SW of Hattiesburg***

***As details develop, information will
Be found here in the Reg 6 Newsletter>***

**Make your plans to attend the
2015 International Rally in Farmington, NM
June 26-July 4**



Watch for the Registration Form and information in the Blue Beret.

Picayune is a rare name for a unique place. Search the world and the only city named Picayune is found in South Mississippi. The appeal of the area is obvious to anyone who visits the area. However, how Picayune got its name traces back to a Spanish coin and a well-renowned newspaper still published today.

When the railroad came through in the 1880's the then known community of Hobolochitto turned to one of its prestigious residents Eliza Jane Poitevent Nicholson, better known by her pen name "Pearl Rivers," to name the area. Mrs. Nicholson was the owner and publisher of the New Orleans Daily Picayune named after a Spanish coin called a "picayune". She chose to name the city after her beloved newspaper. Today the paper is still published but is now called the Times-Picayune.

In 1904, Picayune was incorporated as a township under the name given by Poitevent. Seventeen years later Picayune was incorporated as a city.

The centerpiece of the central business district today is Picayune's City Hall built in 1939 by the architect Mr. Wilfred Lockyer, who also designed the interior of the chapel in the famous Titanic cruise ship.

Today, many of the beginning Picayune landmarks are still around symbolizing the cities resolve to thrive for years to come.



Reg 6 Corr Sect and Past Unit 29 Pres, Sidra Spies seen installing 3 new sets of members at the Feb rally of the Pensacola Unit

HELEN BOURGEOIS

Reg. 6 Treasurer

Reg 6 Family & Youth Chair

Hello Region Units...



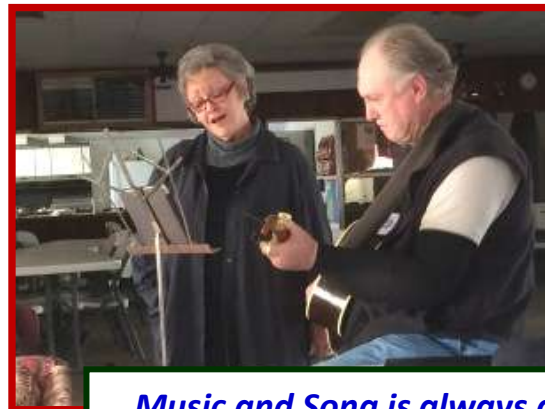
Hope your unit is collecting donations for Cents for Youth. This is a worthy charity and I want to urge you to continue to get involved.

Reg. 6 has always done so well in our giving, especially for **CENTS FOR YOUTH**. I say "thank you" to each unit Chair and the inventive ideas you come up with to raise money for this cause. Times are tough, yet people seem to be giving more so I hope 2015 will be our Region's best.

In late May, please send your unit's check for the donations is sent to me so I can take our Reg. 6 donation to International.

Keep up the good work!!! I look forward to seeing all of you at International this summer.

A BIG THANK YOU!



Music and Song is always a fun and inspiring part of a rally.



Geriatric Putting



Scenes of Region 6 Airstream Events



Scenes from the Christmas and January Rallies. Gift Baskets to the local nursing home and a visit from the local volunteer department which we donate to yearly. AND...



The January Rally showcased the Geritol Olympic Games



OLYMPIANS THREE...Geritol that is!

Barbara Alpher, full-timer from Sioux Falls, SD, was awarded the Gold Medal after receiving the highest combined event score at the Mystic Springs Geritol/Buddy Rally in January. New Member, Tony Land, right, received the Silver Medal and Member, Bob McAuliffe, left, received the Bronze.

The Geritol Olympics were a huge success. They began Friday night with the Parade of Flags and ceremony. The games began Saturday morning. Everyone enjoyed games, such as the discus throw (paper plates), putt putt golf (cane as a putter), balance beam (taped on the floor), ring toss (bean bags into Olympic rings drawn on floor), curling (blowing a milk jug lid on the table top into a two inch square), blowing paper off a straw, and a timed event consisting of rolling dice, breaking balloon with darts, dropping clothespins into a jar, and carrying a plastic egg on a spoon around the room without dropping it. That night we awarded the Medals.



Sunrise over the Escambia River in Florida. Note the morning clouds reflected on the surface.
By Tom Carter