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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ho, Ho, Ho! It's about time for the Christmas Rally. In order to get the "North Pole" effect, we will meet at Tishomingo State Park, which is REALLY far north in Mississippi!! Surely Santa will be there. In the spirit of the season and recognizing that it is the time for giving, the Christmas Party won't have the usual exchange of gifts. Rather this year we will give to the less fortunate by bringing a child's toy (new and unwrapped) for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.

Judith & Milton Burton and Ethel & Cecil Gresham took the lead in planning the upcoming Christmas Rally. They have some interesting excursions planned for us over our two-day span as we explore northeast Mississippi and northwest Alabama. Monday will be spent in Mississippi while Tuesday we will venture into Alabama. Both days involve caravanning to venues not explored before by the club. Check the schedule for all events and departures. I can hardly contain myself waiting for the experience of going to the highest point in Mississippi! I know we are all enthused about visiting the music venues in Alabama. Bring your Christmas tales, memories & mementos to share during fun & games.

We need a head count for the catered meals and museum visits. PLEASE email or call to confirm that you are coming. mc30117@yahoo.com or 228-818-9784. If you are not attending: Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Happy travels,
George and Ruth McMinch

CHRISTMAS RALLY SCHEDULE (PLEASE PRINT)

December 3 – 6, 2017

Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo, Mississippi

Make your reservation @ 662-438-6914 (ask for a non-water site between #38-56)

Rally fee: \$20.00 each (or if coming only for Tuesday's Luncheon: \$12.00)

Notes: The lodge/club room does not have kitchen facilities.

For Sunday supper: **Bring** a can of vegetable/beef/chicken soup (no cream-of soups). We will build a "community soup" in a large pot on a propane stove.

For Monday & Tuesday supper: **Bring** finger foods & your favorite Christmas snacks.

For Tuesday's Luncheon: **Bring** a new, unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots".

Sunday, December 3: Arrive/park

5:30 pm - Supper at lodge: Community Soup! Club will provide cornbread, salsa, chips.

After supper: announcements; sharing; playing (dominoes)!

Monday, December 4:

Breakfast on your own

9:00 am - Caravan to Woodall Mountain (tallest point in Mississippi); Coon Dog Cemetery (near Cherokee, AL); Pray Pottery (115 South Fulton, Iuka)

12:00-ish Lunch: catered by Pray Pottery (about \$15 each)

Afternoon: Tour of Iuka, MS – Mineral Springs Park, Covered Bridge, Old Courthouse Museum, Apron Museum

5:30 pm - Supper @lodge: Hors d'oeuvres & your favorite Christmas snacks

After supper: DVD of Muscle Shoals Sound Studio.

Tuesday, December 5:

Breakfast on your own (EARLY!)

7:30 am - Caravan to 9:00 tour of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame

(617 Hwy 72 W, Tuscumbia, AL); 10:30 tour at Muscle Shoals Sound Studio (3614 Jackson Hwy, Sheffield, AL)

2:30 pm - Christmas Luncheon: Turtle Point Yacht & Golf Club (1000 Club Dr., Killen, AL)

Show your purchases for Toy for Tots.

Sharing of Christmas favorites: poems, songs, stories, etc.

5:30 pm – Supper @ lodge: More hors d'oeuvres/snack food.

After supper: Don Hummel's slides of building the Florence bridge.

Wednesday, December 6: Depart. Happy travels! Merry Christmas!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Early Spring Rally will be at the Indian Point RV Resort, 1600 Indian Point Parkway, Gautier, MS 39553. Dates: Tuesday, March 20 - Saturday, March 24, 2018. Reservations necessary 228-497-1011. Website: Indianpt.com