



Blue Grass Beret e-Newsletter

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON SATURDAY 01 DECEMBER
Whistle Stop Restaurant, Glendale, Kentucky



Come join us the first Saturday in December for our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Whistle Stop restaurant in beautiful Glendale, KY. Lunch will begin at noon but plan to come a little early and stay a little late so you can spend time visiting the quaint antique shops that occupy Main Street. Keep a watch out for one of the many trains that will cruise through town. Please RSVP before 25 November.

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Clarence's Comments:

I can't believe it is time for me to write my last Clarence's Comments, but that time is here. First let me report on our last rally at Danville, Kentucky. We had eleven (11) units present and one drive-in. Those present were the Joneses, Bishops, Wilsons, Moyers and Lee's daughter Dinny, Leepers, Spauldings, Phipps, Bob Martin and Louise, Artie Martin and Pam, Peytons, and Mays. Martha and Charles Atchison stayed in a nearby motel. I think everyone had a nice time, despite all the last minute changes Janice and I had to make in the schedule. We had a lovely trip up the Kentucky River through the Palisades and under High Bridge and several very tasty meals. We had a little rain and cold, but all-in-all the weather cooperated.

It was a little hard getting around in Danville, with all the vice presidential debate preparations for the next week,

but we made the sacrifice for this momentous event.

Our last gathering for 2012 will be our Christmas Luncheon, Dec 1 - 12:30 PM It is a one trip buffet at the Whistle Stop, Glendale, Kentucky. Don't bring stuffed bears, bring nonperishable canned food for Dare to Care Food Bank, Louisville, Kentucky. Following is the menu:

The Whistle Stop Christmas Menu:

Turkey (white and dark meat)
Glazed Pit Ham
Slow Cooked Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy, Fried Okra, Our Own Creamed Corn, Sweet Potatoes, and Homemade Bread
Chocolate Cake and Carrot Cake
Beverage- Coke Products, Iced Tea, Coffee

Adults-\$14.99, 5-10 years-\$5.99
6% tax and 15% gratuity will be added to your total

This is a one trip through the buffet line meal. (Meal, tax, and tip total \$18.14 each)



Larry & Shala Wilson being installed as 2013 Unit President & First Lady

On Saturday 06 October 11 couples from the Kentucky Unit WBCCI met for lunch at Mermaids restaurant in Danville, Ky to enjoy a delicious meal and to install new club officers for 2013.

Clarence Jones, current President called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry Spaulding, recording secretary, reported that we have a quorum and then Clarence Jones dispensed with minutes and budget report stating there will be a business meeting after the Christmas Luncheon in Glendale, KY.

Bob and Lee Moyers, past Region 5 President and First Lady, were introduced to the group and then asked to perform the official installation of officers. Bob first introduced each new officer and thanked them for their willingness to serve the Club then read the official transcript of installation in the following order:

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| Trustees | Teresa Phipps, David Leeper, Jane Miller |
| Treasurer | David Leeper |
| Recording Secretary | Larry Spaulding |
| First Vice President & Second Lady | Artie & Pam Martin |
| President & First Lady | Larry & Shala Wilson |

Bob Moyers and the entire group expressed thanks to Clarence & Janice for all their work during 2012.

A motion was made to adjourn by Katharina Spaulding, seconded by Bob Martin, Clarence stated the meeting was over.

Submitted by Larry Spaulding, Recording Secretary



MEMORIES OF CARROLLTON, KENTUCKY

by Larry Spaulding

Between Louisville and Cincinnati, along US Route 42 lies the river town of Carrollton, Kentucky. For years most of the towns activities revolved around riverboat traffic and the burley tobacco industry. At one time Carrollton was the third largest burley tobacco market in the country. Even today a few large tobacco warehouses can be found around the town.

As a child our family used to make the trip from Louisville to Cincinnati several times a year to visit



relatives who lived in the Cincinnati area. This was in the mid 1950's before I71 was built and almost all traffic traveled along the narrow Route 42. During these trips it was the role of my brother and I to shout from the back seat of our family's 1955 Chevy Bel Air "OK To Pass!" whenever we would see one of the passing zone signs along the road. If it was clear my Dad would begin passing the slower traffic along the road and this leap frog activity would go on all the way to Cincinnati.

My other fond memory of these trips was our stop in Carrollton, Ky. If my brother and I behaved well, not fighting in the back seat, then we would stop at a local hamburger stand just across the Kentucky River bridge and have a burger. Of course if we did not behave well my Dad would stop at a small corner grocery store on Main Street and buy lunchmeat, a loaf of honey crust bread and a few soft drinks. We would then walk down to a small park on Water Street to have lunch and watch the river barges pass by. Occasionally we would watch as the Greyhound bus stopped at the store to pickup and drop off passengers traveling along route 42.



There were a few times when we would meet the relatives in Carrollton at General Butler State Park, the halfway point between Louisville and Cincinnati, and spend the day picnicking and playing games at the shelter near the lake.

Today, General Butler State Resort Park is one of the premier parks in our State. The lodge and the Two Rivers Restaurant sit at the top of a hill with a beautiful view of the surroundings. The campground has 110 sites, several full hookup, along with wi-fi throughout the campground. There are still several rustic cabins, along with the lake and a nine hole golf course.

In September 2013 the Region 5 Rally will be held at General Butler State Park. We will be utilizing the campground, the Two Rivers Restaurant, the convention center and the Lake Shelter. Additionally there will be a tour of the Kentucky Speedway and many other activities in the local area.



Start planning now to attend the rally. The computer rally will begin Monday 09, 2013 and the Region 5 Rally will begin Wednesday 11 September through Sunday 15 September 2013. Discounted camping fees will be available to everyone from Sunday 08 September to Sunday 15 September 2013.



The Pageantry of Autumn

by Dean Henson

Somewhere a tired, ragged, maple leaf tinged red-orange by the crispy-cool nights and brilliant sunny days of autumn teeters on its brittle stem one last time and is then released to make its solitary journey from high atop a shimmering tree to the awaiting forest floor. Having been produced and displayed as one among many, it will now join thousands of its kindred huddled around the base of the host tree like children clinging to their mother's dress-tail. The leaves, having done all their living in bondage on the end of a twig, experience a few fleeting seconds of freedom and then become as so many curled brown memories of lazy summer days. It's the death of summer.



What an elaborate change so many natural things experience in just over a month's time. The shortened day-length combined with steeply dipping temperatures signal the natural world that a season of change has come. The seemingly endless, iron-fisted, green grip of the growing season is now loosened by the appearance of an occasional yellow leaf, the first gray hairs of late summer. The warmth of afternoon sun now seems tentative.

The shiny green leaf of June will fade, become emblazoned with color, and finally be sacrificed to nourish the tree that produced it. Soon the fiery colors of autumn's palette adorn the landscape like a giant crazy-quilt.

The tremendous diversity of plant life in Kentucky, prompted by a combination of geography and geology, lends itself to outstanding displays of fall color. The shortened day-length of autumn triggers certain chemical changes in the broadleaf deciduous trees signaling the end of the growing season. With adequate soil moisture and plenty of cool, clear, brilliant sunny days with night temperatures hovering just above the freezing point, our trees will produce their most vibrant fall colors.

There are many variables at work in any given fall season. A significant lack of rainfall in the late summer or an early frost can cause the leaves to change from green to brown with little chance for showy colors in between. Conversely, a long rainy period in early fall can cause the leaves to receive nutrition right up until the time of the first frost, again causing the green-to-brown syndrome. In such cases, the leaves usually fall from the trees in a matter of days. However, for those seasons when the fickle mix of environmental factors is just right, our waiting eyes are rewarded with a beaming display of vivid colors.



With the slowing of physiological activity in the trees, the green pigments that have colored the leaves since spring will begin to fade. Gradually we are able to see the yellow pigments of carotenoids which had been masked. While yellow pigments lurked beneath the green all through the growing season, the reds and purples that make certain fall seasons particularly beautiful are not present throughout the summer. They're created by pigments called anthocyanins that are only produced in the fall when cool, clear days with lots of sunshine prevail. The greater the frequency of crisp, sunny days with no evening frost, the more brilliant our colors. These timid factors produce only a handful of truly spectacular fall seasons in a lifetime.

Trees that are typically showy in their fall foliage are few. Yellow and gold are produced by sugar maple, yellow poplar, chestnut oak, beech, black cherry, and hickory. Red, purple, and orange are produced by red maple, scarlet oak, black gum, dogwood, persimmon, sourwood, sweetgum, sassafras and the sumacs.

Autumn, as spring, brings numerous modifications to the outdoors. The seasonal change of clothing for the natural world is noted by everyone. But, other less apparent changes are prompted, as well. Consider that snakes begin seeking winter hibernation areas, some woodland salamanders begin to court and mate in shallow woodland pools, deer and turkey begin to forage on the fallen mast of hardwood trees, fox and raccoon litter mates begin to disperse and seek lives of their own, and many birds will depart southward to winter in warmer climates.

As autumn wears on ospreys and wood ducks leave the state, eagles return to winter on west Kentucky lakes, and whitetail bucks size up one another and go into rut.



And somewhere out there, late in October, the last groundhog to wrap up his pre-season fat accumulation will take one last, lingering look at the meadow he calls home, then duck inside his burrow, to be seen no more until the rumbling of February daffodils awaken him from winter quietude.

What a special season the "fall of the year" turns out to be, for though the year is old, and the season carries a feeling of maturity, it seems to us the shortest season of all. Autumn reminds us with each stiff, chilling breeze that there is yet another change to come before the year has come full circle.

A visit to woods in October on a frosty morning reveals that the slightest stir of wind sends leaves spinning, twirling, and plummeting in every direction. Let those falling leaves speak to you of an enchanted season; a season in which the earth takes a respite from all her summer toils.



2012 YEAR REVIEW

by Clarence Jones

What a wild and wonderful year! Well, maybe it was not so wild, but it was wonderful in fellowship and adventure.

Many of us went to the Florida State Rally. There we met many old friends and made some new ones. We had our "Cracker Village" get together, attended Region V dinner at Troyer's Heritage Restaurant



and our unit had a breakfast at Yoders. Our year seemed to begin with culinary adventures.

Our annual Derby Reunion Rally was held at the Elkhorn Campground in Frankfort. Our emphasis this year was Georgetown, Kentucky. There we toured Cardamom, an old mansion that has seen many lives -- as a home, a nunnery, a school and much more. Nearby was the Japanese Garden given to the city of Georgetown from Japan, of course we had lunch - at a fifties restaurant. After lunch we visited Ward Hall, an antebellum mansion. We found out that life there wasn't as prim and sedate as you might think,

especially when their niece, Sally Ward, was around.

Many took in the Derby activities in Frankfort. We had a Derby hat contest (won by Cindy Weisenberger) and watched the Derby on TV. We



had two derby pots, so only two came out richer.

While this was going on, the Wilsons were conducting a very successful Springtime in Kentucky Caravan. We understand they are full for 2014. Nice going Wilsons.

Our Buddy Rally was near Louisville at Grandma's Campground, Shepherdsville, KY. We began with yet another culinary adventure - a nice fish dinner at Mike Linnigs on the river in Louisville. Most ventured up the levee to watch the Ohio River roll by. We paddled up the river on the stern wheeler, Belle of Louisville, and enjoyed a nice buffet on the Belle. The ladies went shopping at Zappos Outlet and Donna Sharps and came back loaded with shoes and

purses. The men went to the Flea Market and found, "who knows what" but none came back loaded with chickens or goats.

Many visited the beautiful Bernheim Forest and walked the Treetops Trail nearby. We had a wonderful dinner at Slow Poke Farm - all fresh from the garden and home cooked.

In late June, it was time for the International in Sedalia, MO. When looking for restaurants in the AAA Book, it listed 2 barbecue places and a Mexican Restaurant. We thought this could be interesting. As it turned out they did have other restaurants and it was a very good rally. The real challenge was not the restaurants, but the high temperatures. The Kentucky Unit was few in numbers, but we kept busy and had a good time. The Wilsons brought home a new souvenir - a new trailer.



July 19 - 22, the Leepers hosted a very good grandchildren's rally in Owensboro. We had lots of grandchildren. They seemed to have a great time - fishing, swimming, go-karting, visiting a replica of a coal mine, a bluegrass music museum and a nature park. It was a busy time and maybe a "wild adventure" for some grandparents, but we would all agree that we have well behaved grandchildren. Thank you David and Betty for



a well planned rally. Bargains, bargains, bargains! The 127 Yard Sale Rally was the place. During the day there were bargains to be had or many tall tales to be told in and around the Bishops home. It was determined, Larry Wilson had the best buy - a new, perfectly fitting, leather jacket for 75 cents (The seller's ex-wife gave it to him and he wanted to get rid of it) As usual, the Bishops were our perfect hosts.

Our next adventure was our Door County Caravan, on August 20. Traveling through Chicago towing a trailer was a very wild adventure. One not to be undertaken ever again. Not only was the traffic bad, but there was a fuel pump failure, a flat tire, a trailer door that flew

open and a step torn off. After the first day we had a wonderful time. We ate at a restaurant that had goats grazing on the roof and attended a fish boil. There were lighthouses to climb, interesting shops to explore, sunsets to be seen and lots of good fellowship in between. The last day we took a ferry to Washington Island for the day. The Weisenbergers liked Door County so much they decided to stay longer. The rest of us decided to head home another way - not through Chicago

In September, it was Region V Rally time in Tipton, IN. Barry and Karen had planned well and had excellent night programs. The Esreals, new members, attended and we enjoyed getting to know them. The men were very disappointed they didn't get to attend the tomato factory and wear the cute hair nets.

Our last rally was our installation rally in Danville. In spite of having to revamp our schedule at the last minute the rally went very well. We



absorbed a lot of history in this town. Some even went to Perryville for a Civil War reenactment. We learned that surgery today is almost fun

compared to the first surgery of Dr. McDowell. We floated through the palisades of the Kentucky River and under High Bridge on the Dixie Belle. Good food was plentiful. We ate at the Kentucky Depot in



Stanford (good country cooking), at the Mermaid, Shaker Village and made several trips to Burkes Bakery. We spent our evenings back at the Pioneer Playhouse around the fire or in their nice facility. We shared future plans at this rally and Bob Moyers installed a full slate of officers for 2013.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner at The Whistle Stop in Glendale, KY. Dec 1. We will eat, fellowship and maybe shop a little.

Thank you for a good, wild and wonderful year. And thank you for all the culinary adventures while traveling. Do we seem to travel an awful lot on our stomachs?
The Joneses

PS: At our Christmas gathering we need to have a short meeting. The Wilson's have some business that needs to be presented before our first annual meeting for 2013.



HERE ARE A FEW OF THE THINGS YOU MAY BE MISSING IF YOU ARE NOT TRAVELING WITH KENTUCKY UNIT MEMBERS





WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME.

For details about any of our rallies check out our web site www.kentucky.wbcci.net
Rather talk to a real person? Contact Clarence Jones 502-267-6604





NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

2013 International and Unit dues are due by **November 1st** to be included in the 2013 International and Unit directories. New International members since July 1, 2012 need not return any dues money since your 2013 dues are already paid. New International members between January 1 and June 30, 2012 need to pay both the 2013 International and Unit dues.

Complete and mail with check before November 1, 2012

___ 2013 -International dues \$ 65.00 |__| Life|__|
___ 2013 - Kentucky Unit dues \$ 10.00 |__| Total \$ _____

I pay my International Dues through _____ Unit

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Include my EMAIL address in International Directory |__| Yes |__| No

* With more than 80% of our members having Email, this helps reduce mailing costs.

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