



BLUE GRASS BERET

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2010

The Phipps Philes

127 Rally

The 2010 production of the 127 rally is history and if I may speak for those present a good time was had by all.

I mean really, when you have hosts like David and Peggy Bishops that open up their home to us and provide sustenance, cool surroundings, facilities and last but not least unequalled Southern hospitality one could enjoy ones self in spite of any effort to the contrary.

Those in attendance at the rally included:

Lee & Nelda Miller
Charley & Jane May
Ken & Phyllis Lowe
Tommy & Teresa Phipps
Dick & Rachel Lewis
Clarence & Janice Jones
David & Betty Leeper
Artie & Pam Martin
Larry & Shala Wilson
Ruth Fleener
Steve & Oma Fleener
Judy Parrish
Elma Craft and friend Linda

As is generally the case many of the group made it a point to stop by the Bread of Life Cafe in Casey County for lunch or dinner.

Also I have on good authority that many of the group visited the Amish Community in particular the bulk food store, product markets and flea market.

In addition some of the group, myself included, spent quite a bit of time just doing nothing at all in the cool atmosphere of the Bishop's basement watching TV and grabbing a nap.

Of course we were inundated with hot weather and high humidity for which Kentucky is famous in August. We also weathered a couple of nasty thunder storms one of which took out one of David and Peggy's large pine trees lining their driveway. David was out there in the early hours of the morning clearing away the tree so that we were able to make it out to the yard sales. Thanks David for your efforts. I wish you had knocked on a couple of doors that morning because we would have been more than happy to assist you.

Afterward back at the ranch we were entertained by Larry and Shala Wilson with banjo and guitar. They were joined by Artie Martin and his guitar. Great job guys. Maybe we can do that again at Region 5. We certainly will have to have Artie sing the song On The Road Again featuring Wally Byam.

On Friday evening we enjoyed dinner on the grill with pot luck. Afterward some of the ladies were playing games and the guys as usual were trying to see who could tell the biggest story. I not sure but I think it was a dead heat.

Teresa and I had to depart early on Saturday morning so that we could attend the 100th anniversary celebration of Commercial Bank back home in West Liberty. I was telling someone that it was important that I attend this one because it's a long time until the next opportunity. Anyway it was a huge success and well attended by the community.

I was informed Saturday evening by David Leeper that \$221 was raised to benefit the Louisville Chapter of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for Savannah Motley and her "Stickin with Savannah Team".

When it came time for show and tell on Saturday evening I was told that there were several good deals presented to the group. But best of all was the purchase of several pieces of silver table ware by Janis Jones for \$1. Congratulations Janis. And for the rest of you better luck next year.

On Sunday morning Rev. David Leeper presented the devotional message to the group and the rally was dismissed.

My personal thanks to David and Peggy for their efforts in behalf of the Kentucky Unit and for their friendship and support.

Caravan to Henry Ford Museum

On Thursday, August 19th Teresa and I met up at the I-75 rest area with John and Terry DeHaven and David and Betty Leeper. Several other units had planned to join us but last minute issues prevented them from doing so.

We traveled to Jackson Center, OH to the Airstream factory where we visited the Airstream Store and had lunch in our units before departing en route to Milan Michigan.

By the late afternoon we had arrived at KC Campground at Milan, Michigan after traveling 265 miles from the Northern Kentucky rendezvous point. We were joined later in the evening by Chris and Erika Leeper, David and Betty's son and daughter-in-law. KC is located in a quite country setting in a grove of mature trees just a mile and one half from Highway 23.

We would be using KC as our point of departure for our travels to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village over the next couple of days.

On Friday and Saturday we traveled separately to Dearborn, which is approximately 35 miles from the campground, to visit the museum. Over the next couple of days we would occasionally run into each other as we each enjoyed the vast array of exhibits

On Thursday evening the Leepers, Dehavens and Phipps enjoyed a great meal at the Milan Grille in Milan, Michigan. Leave it to a group of Airstreamers to find a good place to eat. I think we have an innate sense of being able to ferret out a good eateries. Of course a personal recommendation from the campground host didn't hurt anything either.

One evening, Friday I believe, the Dehavens and Phipps traveled down to Dundee Michigan, about 5 miles from the campground to visit the huge Cabella's store located there. While there we ran into the Leepers.

On Sunday we went our separate ways for the return trip. Teresa and I traveled to Battle Creek Michigan to visit one of my Aunts who is 91 years young and still going strong. The Dehavens departed early for the trip back to Bowling Green. The Leepers I believe went to visit their son and daughter-in-law before returning to Owensboro.

We all really enjoyed our visit to The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village. Perhaps we can arrange to do this caravan again in the next couple of years to allow those who were unable to attend an opportunity to visit this great place.

Region 5

On Monday, September 13th we began our journey to Region 5 in DuQuoin, Il by meeting up with the Mays and Bishops at the Flying J on I-64 at Waddy Ky where we boon-docked overnight. We were visited by the Atchisons who live not far away in Shelbyville. The next

morning we traveled to the rest area on I-64 near New Albany, IN were we caught up with the Lewis' and Atchison's. We completed our journey to the State Fairgrounds in DuQuoin via I-64 and I-57 arriving in the early afternoon. We were met by associate members Carl and Carla Davis from Troy, MO. The Leepers had already arrived to attend the computer rally the weekend before. We were joined later by the Jones, Millers and Wilsons.

Everyone enjoyed the area around DuQuoin and especially the fine job that Louise and Jerry Humble and their crew did with the rally. We were also blessed with near perfect weather. Great job guys.

I know that plans are already underway to attend next year's International Rally at the Fairgrounds.

We also learned that the 2011 Region 5 rally will be held in Danville, IN near Indianapolis.

The Davis' returned to West Liberty to visit with the Phipps' for a couple of days before traveling on to Paintsville KY for the Sorghum Festival Rally encampment.

Sorghum Festival Rally

On Wednesday September 22nd the Phipps' and Davis' traveled to Paintsville Lake Campground to make preparations for the Sorghum Festival Rally. We were pleased to find the Spauldings and Moyers already at the campground. We were joined later by the Jones, Atchisons, Wilsons, Bishops, Leepers, Goodmans, and Martins.

On Thursday evening we traveled to Prestonsburg to Billy Ray's Restaurant, which is a favorite of the group.

On Friday morning we caravanned to West Liberty KY to the 40th annual Sorghum Festival. With the exception of Teresa and I, none of our guests had attended the Festival before.

The Sorghum Festival offers fine crafts and good food and on Friday excellent weather. The festival goers were provided with admittance to Commercial Bank (where Tommy works) which sets right in the middle of the goings on for rest room facilities and a cool place to rest and have lunch. Teresa and I were honored to be able to guide our guests at the festival and to make there visit as comfortable as possible.

After our visit to the festival and on the way out of town the caravan stopped by the Phipps' residence for a brief visit. Again Teresa and I were very pleased to have you all visit us. Come back any time.

After that the group stopped by the flea market on US 460 West of West Liberty for a visit and then made our way in smaller groups back to the campground in Paintsville.

On Friday evening we were serenaded by the Shala and Larry Wilson and Artie Martin, who once again done the Wally Byam version of On The Road Again.

Early on Saturday morning, and I mean early (before 6:00 AM) our member Bob Martin arrived to make preparations for the delicious barbeque that we would partake of on Saturday evening. Bob had

delivered the grill on Thursday and arrived early Saturday to build the fire and to begin grilling pork shoulder, ham and beef brisket. The all day effort by Bob, who was later joined by his wife Louise, resulted in a fine pot luck meal featuring the smoked meat. Thanks again Bob for your efforts in our behalf. It was much appreciated by everyone.

Throughout the day Saturday everyone, except Bob, were making their way to the flea market and other venues of interest in the area around Paintsville. By the afternoon and in anticipation of the barbeque everyone was back ready to set down to the pot luck and to talk later about what bargains they had found the previous day

On Sunday morning Rev. David Leeper presented his devotional message and soon everyone was on their way back home or on to another adventure.

Let me say that Teresa and I have been looking forward to the Sorghum Festival Rally ever since I accepted the 2nd VP position. It couldn't have gone off better and it was our pleasure to see that everyone enjoyed themselves. Also our thanks to Bob Martin for arranging for parking for the caravanners at the festival.

Installation Rally

Once again we were blessed with near perfect weather as we visited Western Kentucky and Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park.

Those in attendance included the following:

Charles & Martha Atchison
Dick & Rachel Lewis
Clarence & Janice Jones
Tommy & Teresa Phipps
Bob & Lee Moyers
Tom & Millie Moore
Larry & Kathy Spaulding
Bob & Louise Martin

We all spent a great deal of time visiting around the area from Paducah to Benton and all in between. There is certainly much to see and do in the Western Kentucky area and we always enjoy visiting the area.

On Friday afternoon Past Region 5 President Bob Moyers conducted the installation ceremony to install the 2011 slate of officers who are as follows:

President Larry Spaulding
Vice President Clarence Jones
2nd Vice President TBA
Recording Secretary Nelda Miller
Treasurer David Leeper
Trustee 2011 Charles Atchison
Trustee 2011 Herb Goodman
Trustee 2011-2012 David Bishop
Trustee 2011-2012 Lee Miller

Congratulations to the new officers. We all look forward to working with them in 2012 and especially look forward to the rally schedule that Larry and Kathy have put together. Also my thanks to Bob and Lee for the installation ceremony.

In keeping with tradition, as I understand it, we all had a delicious dinner at Patti's Settlement on Friday evening at Grand Rivers, which is near the campground.

That two inch pork chop was even better than I remembered it being last year.

On Saturday evening after another day of touring, we enjoyed a pot luck meal featuring Western Kentucky barbeque that was discovered at Knoth's Bar-B-Que Restaurant on Route 62 just east of the campground.

My thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the rally.

Closing comments

I would like to take this opportunity to express to the members what an honor it has been for Teresa and I to have led the Kentucky Unit this year. Although it has been hard work, and sometimes even harder to make happen because of work, we still had a good time and trust that each of you did as well.

We have traversed our great state from practically one end to the other and have experienced many of the sights and sounds that she has to offer.

We look forward to the new year and the leadership that Larry & Kathy Spaulding will provide. I have no doubt that they will immerse themselves completely in making sure that we all have a good time visiting with each other and partaking of the beauty and experiences that Kentucky has to offer.

Thank you so very much again for allowing Teresa and I to serve.

Tommy

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Correction,
David & Sue Payton's WBCCI #
should be 4563 not 4562

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Helen Wiser is home recovering from knee surgery and is doing well. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Charles May has also had knee surgery in Florida. He and Jane went to Florida earlier this year in order to have his surgery and at last report, he is doing well.

Frank Miller is at home and still taking treatments. We were glad that he was able to attend our monthly dinner this month.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Louis Coomes who died recently and was a former member of our WBCCI unit.

LOUISVILLE DINERS

Our Tuesday night dinner was held at Rafferty's Restaurant October 2nd. Those in attendance were Atchisons, Lee Millers, Frank Millers, Parrishes and Chris, Ruth Flener, and Dick Lewis'. This will be the last evening dinner for the year. December will be our Christmas Lunch and we will start meeting for lunch for the winter months in January, TBA.

2011 DUES

Our treasurer, David Leeper reports that we still have a few members who have not renewed their membership for next year.

REGION 5 RALLY 2011

Region 5 President, Louise Humble announced at the annual business meeting that the 2011 Region 5 Rally will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds at Danville, Ind. Sept. 14-18. Danville is located 13 miles west of Indianapolis on US Highway 36.

Humble said the Fairgrounds is a relatively new facility with air conditioned buildings and camp sites with 30 amp electricity, water and some sewers.

WBCCI CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday , December 4, 2010

12:30 PM EST

Claudia Sanders Dinner House

3202 Shelbyville Road

Shelbyville, KY 40065

The meal will be served family style with pre-set salads.

The entrées will include chicken (\$13.95), ham (\$14.95) or a combination of both (\$15.95).

Prices are quoted per person with beverages extra.

RSVP by November 6th so that we can let the restaurant staff know how many we will have.

Via email phippsto@gmail.com

Phone 606.776.2092 or 606.743.4349

Remember to bring a stuffed bear for our service project.

Directions:

FROM LOUISVILLE -

Travel East on I-64 past the Gene Snyder Freeway. Take EXIT 28 (Simpsonville/Veechdale). At the top of the ramp turn LEFT onto Veechdale Rd. (1848). Go Approximately 1 mile to U.S. 60. Turn RIGHT onto U.S. 60 and travel approximately 3.6 miles to our restaurant, which will be on your RIGHT.

FROM LEXINGTON -

Travel West on I-64 to EXIT 32 (Shelbyville). At the top of the ramp turn RIGHT onto Taylorsville Rd. (55). Go Approximately 1 mile to U.S. 60. Turn LEFT onto U.S. 60 and travel approximately 3/4 mile to our restaurant, which will be on your LEFT.