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THE
TARHEEL TRAVELER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MAY 2007

There were 8 units registered for the rally at Palmetto Cove: Lynda & Bruce Brown, Pat & Duane Carter, Janice & Joe Caskey, Debbie & Jim Cocke, Linda & Charles Fishel, Peggy & Charles Heavner, Lana & Wilson King, Denese & David Lee. We had a great rally, along with the members of Palmetto Cove.

Thursday at 4 pm we all met at the pavilion and around 5:30 some caravanned to a restaurant to eat and some stayed at the campground. **Friday** morning some went "golfing"; some just enjoyed to quiet of the campground. After our social hour on Friday, the Carolinas Unit had an "Open Grill" and everyone brought a "side dish to share"—this was held at the pavilion. Around 7 pm we joined the members of the Palmetto Cove Unit at the inside kitchen/meeting/activities room for an extremely interesting "Baja Caravan" presentation and "dessert" (scrumptious cake & ice cream)...provided by the Palmetto Cove Unit. **Saturday** morning a "Country Ham and Eggs Breakfast" was provided by the Carolinas Unit and coffee provided by the Palmetto Cove Unit. It was enjoyed by both Carolinas Unit and Palmetto Cove Unit members. After breakfast both units held separate Unit Meetings. Everyone was on their own for lunch and Saturday afternoon. Social Hour was held at the pavilion at 4pm and around 6 pm the Palmetto Cove Unit provided a great supper (a wonderful Chicken/Rice/Fiesta Casserole, Salad and Rolls) and dessert—ice cream pie. After supper many retired to the "game room" and enjoyed playing games and others just built a fire at the pavilion and enjoyed the outdoors. **Sunday** morning there were ham biscuits and orange juice provided by Carolinas Unit and coffee provided by Palmetto Cove Unit. A great Worship Service was given by Palmetto Cove's Chaplain.

This is an indication of rallies to come...this year is going to be **great!**

If you do not plan to attend the International Rally at Perry, GA in June/July.....Please remember to bring your Contributions for the COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS to the rally at Highland Haven Airstream Park so someone can take them to the International Rally for you. Unable to attend the Highland Haven Rally? Please call one of the officers and arrange for them to take your contributions with them.

See you down the road!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lynda Brown
Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WBCCI 50th INTERNATIONAL RALLY - "OLD TRADITIONS – NEW HORIZONS"

- Perry, GA

JUNE 27 – JULY 4, 2007

Registration Form : *Blue Beret*

The 50th International Rally is the first International Rally to be held in Region 3 and all rally activities will be in air-conditioned buildings on the grounds of the Georgia National Fairgrounds and AG Center, just south of Perry, Georgia.

For additional information on **When, Location, Parking, Equipment Needed, and Deadlines**, please refer to articles in the *Blue Beret*. Also, refer to the *Blue Beret* regarding volunteers needed, the many activities they have planned and the excellent entertainment they have scheduled.

Community Service Projects (for Perry, GA):

- ❖ collecting "pop-tops" from beverage cans, pet food cans, and veggie cans.
- ❖ "Stuffed Animals"
- ❖ "Common Cents" Campaign – The WBCCI Youth Project that will benefit a selected sick child in the Perry, Georgia area.
- ❖ warm hats for the Perry, Georgia community.

Thank you, Airstreamers, for your generosity in the past!

*****We would like to encourage all Carolinas Unit members to participate in these worthy projects. You may bring your donations for the International Rally to the May or June Unit Rally (or call someone you know is going to International). An officer or unit member attending the International Rally will make certain your donation will be taken to the event ***** *Sandy*

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Our unit members will be voting on two issues that will be presented and voted on by our delegate during the International Rally. The two issues will be:

1. Candidates nominated for 2007-2008 International Officers (See April 2007 issue of The Blue Beret pages 7- 14 for candidate information).
2. Class-A motor homes manufactured by the Four Winds International Division of Thor Industries, Inc being accepted into membership of WBCCI

Two other issues will also be voted on by the Carolinas Unit membership. They are as follows:

1. Although the Carolinas Unit unanimously voted against a proposed WBCCI Constitutional Amendment at our January Unit luncheon, the proposal was again presented by the South Carolina Coastal Unit in its proper form before the Region 3 Board Meeting on April 12, 2007, held in St. Augustine, Florida. The proposed amendment was recommended to be sent to all Region 3 Units for membership voting, with a report on the voting results to be presented in writing to Tom Tisdell, Region 3 President, by July 12, 2007.
2. As required by IRS rules for WBCCI to maintain its non-profit status, each unit needs to review and approve a current unit constitution and by-laws every 5 years. This is the year the Carolinas Unit must do this.

NOTE: These issues were voted on by the membership present at the May Rally and will be voted on by the membership present at the June Rally who have not already voted. There will be one vote for each regular member unit. Your delegate to the International Rally Meeting will cast the Unit vote.

Sandy

CAROLINAS UNIT -- 2007 RALLY SCHEDULE

**June 7-10, 2007 UNIT RALLY
RALLY**

Highland Haven Airstream Park
Copper Hill, VA
SEE DETAILS and TENTATIVE AGENDA

August 9-12, 2007 UNIT

Dan Nicholas Park
Salisbury, NC

**June 27 – July 4, 2007 International Rally
UNIT RALLY**

WBCCI 50th INTERNATIONAL RALLY
Perry GA

September 6-9, 2007

High Rock Lake Marina & Campground
Lexington, NC

CONTACT FOR ABOVE UNIT RALLIES:

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CAROLINAS UNIT of NC - UNIT RALLY

HIGHLAND HAVEN AIRSTREAM PARK

COPPER HILL, VA

JUNE 7 – 10, 2007

We are looking forward to the rally June 7-10 at the beautiful Highland Haven Airstream Park in Copper Hill, Virginia. We have at least ten units already committed to attend the rally at this incomparably beautiful location. **Please remember this rally is the last election opportunity for Carolinas Unit on the three issues:** 1) non-Airstream motor homes into WBCCI; 2) amendments to International Constitution/By-Laws without due process through IBT, and changing to one vote-one club instead of one vote-one member; and 3) International slate of nominations for officers.

If you have not already done so, please let Jim Cocke know if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there! Ann Hall has graciously agreed to co-host this rally for our club. Thanks Ann!!!!

You may e-mail Jim at dreamstreamr@bellsouth.net or call at (704) 376-8681 (Home).

Also remember – if we do not answer, please leave a message and we will call you back!
....Deb and I are still working!....

JUNE UNIT RALLY - JUNE 7-10, 2007
HIGHLAND HAVEN AIRSTREAM PARK -- COPPER HILL, VA

Our Unit's June Rally (June 7-10) is at the gorgeous Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park in Copper Hill, Virginia. If you have visited in the summer you already know the big secret - this is one "cool" campground. What we mean is a really cool place to spend the hot summer days and nights because the campground sites are at 3,000 feet elevation. Here is what the VHH brochure says:

"Nestled in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, at an elevation of 3000 feet, Virginia Highland Haven is a unique park exclusively for Airstreamers. Close to Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Roanoke the park lies in Southwest Virginia's beautiful Floyd County between I-81 and the famed Blue Ridge Parkway and spreads across seventy-five acres of beautiful hilly terrain with open meadows, hiking trails, fruit trees and a waterfall. These features combined with the parks elevation contribute to an unbelievable hideaway from spring through fall with warm days, cool nights, and ideal sleeping conditions. Marvelous views and spectacular sunsets can be enjoyed without mosquitoes and other pesky insects. Hummingbirds come to visit daily while deer and wild turkeys are easily sighted throughout most of the season.

Highland Haven has forty-six hard-surfaced sites with full hookups and concrete patios. The comfortable clubhouse is the center of activity and houses several high-speed DSL hookups, a recently remodeled kitchen, and modern laundry facilities. Park members, as volunteer hosts, greet guests, arrange for a relaxed and comfortable visit as well as plan social and clubhouse activities."

VHH is such a great place for a June Rally. We are planning youth activities, some great food, and have a lot of fun options right on the property. We will need no reservations and cost is extremely reasonable.

****Please let Jim Cocke know if you plan to attend so he can help the VHH Park plan for our needs.****

OCTOBER UNIT RALLY – OCTOBER 11-14, 2007
RACCOON HOLLER CAMPGROUND -- GLENDALE SPRINGS, NC

The October 11-14 Carolinas Unit Rally is planned for Raccoon Holler in Glendale Springs, NC. The campground has set aside fifteen sites with three-way hook-ups and five sites with water and electric. Our excellent campgrounds either operate as efficient businesses or they don't stay in business. ***Our rally is at, or close to, peak leaves color viewing time.*** This is a very popular and well-known campground. As you would imagine, Janet needs to book her campground as profitably as feasible. **We can help her and our club by making our reservations now. Please call as soon as you can and *not later than May 30* to reserve your spot for a great rally at this beautiful campground. The phone number is 336-982-2706. If you have questions and want to email Janet you can reach her at Janmill@skybest.com. They also have a very nice website at "<http://raccoonholler.com>" if you want to peruse it.**

Many of you will remember our club's last rally at Raccoon Holler in August 2004 because of at least one special happening:

1. We had a fantastic breakfast in the warm clubhouse on a chilly morning.
2. Our cooks made an excellent jambalaya.
3. We had six different flavors of fresh homemade ice cream.
4. *Jim and Deb Cocke* and *Bill and Susan Stone* joined the club.
5. The rally featured several wonderful local tours and a special presentation by *Bert & Dot Kalet*.

Whatever you remember, or if you missed the rally, you'll surely enjoy this beautiful mountain campground located conveniently near the Blue Ridge Parkway. Let Jim Cocke know if you have any questions or suggestions.

PLEASE CALL the campground *right away* and reserve your space...No later than MAY 30!

CAROLINAS - UNIT OF NC - UNIT RALLY

OCEAN LAKES RALLY

Myrtle Beach, NC

November 1 - 4, 2007

Doesn't time fly? We were reading a minute ago about the first rally of 2007 and already we are talking about the last rally of 2007! Sort of makes me feel anxious already! Let's see, after Ocean Lakes I will clean out my Airstream really well, remove all the food and toiletries, start winterizing it, get the trailer all ready for winter, right? **WAIT!!!!!! It's early 2007 and we haven't even had our first rally of the year so why are we talking about Ocean Lakes?**

Well, many of you know Ocean Lakes is just the busiest campground you can find on the South Carolina coast and they start filling up as much as a year ahead. We blocked twenty sites last October for our Club for November 2007, and many of the sites are not available except on the dates we reserved them for you. The sites are already booked before and after our rally. The place is fantastic and very popular.

We want you to get the sites you want for the November 2007 Carolinas Unit Rally. ***Please contact Jim Cocke today if you haven't already reserved one of the spaces for this rally.*** He will help identify what sites we have available and try to help you get what you want and need. Then you can enjoy the rest of this year not giving this any more thought (and don't think about wintertime, cold weather, and winterizing yet - it's just too early in the year to worry about next winter, isn't it?).

Jim Cocke, 1st Vice-President, Carolinas Unit of NC—WBCCI

CAROLINAS UNIT RALLY SITES FOR 2008

Our Unit President, Sandy Dowler, mentioned at the luncheon on February 3 we should all pitch in and suggest our favorite sites for rallies for 2008. We are very lucky to live in a wonderful camping state and are surrounded by states just full of neat places to camp.

Our club picks six or seven rally sites yearly, although we probably have dozens of eligible camping locations within driving distance.

One of the challenges is trying to find the sites to please the most people and attract as large a turnout as we can.

What will make the difference for you in 2008?

Please share your ideas with your officers? You can find their names on this newsletter along with their phone number, e-mail and mailing addresses.

Please let your officers know what you want!

Let an officer know your ideas and let them relay your suggestion. Be sure to provide any brochure and/or pricing you may have available.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

10 Mart Plaxco
 10 Peggy Tucker
 14 Patsy Medlin
 15 Chuck Gouch
 18 Sandy Carriker
 22 Charles Heavner
 23 Carl Spoerer
 25 Tom Tedrow
 29 Frank Yost
 30 Susan Stone

JULY

4 Lynda Brown
 5 Dot MacGill
 6 Denese Lee
 7 Barbara Horstmann
 7 Lana King
 8 Wayne Tucker
 9 Weyland Burns
 12 Jim Cocke
 16 John Carriker III
 25 Dick McKenzie
 26 Bob MacGill
 29 Wilson King

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

2 Burl & Barbara Horstmann
 9 Bert & Dot Kalet
 11 Monroe & Peggy Bowles
 14 Jim & Jean Tyson
 15 Lenwood & Doris Ammons
 19 Bill & Susan Stone
 25 John & Joyce Plaxco
 29 Jerry & Kathy Martin

JULY

28 Jim & Debbie Cocke
 29 Rick & Lynn Rorie
 30 Charles & Linda Fisher

SUNSHINE REPORT

Doris Ammons has had knee surgery.
Monroe Bowles had hip surgery this week. Surgery went well.
John Carriker, Jr. has had knee surgery.
J.C. Medlin has pneumonia and is at home taking medication. It seems now that **Patsy** may be coming down with it too.
Peggy Moser fell & hurt her hip and back and has had pneumonia. She is at home taking medication.
Ray & Peggy Moser's grandson **Alex** had an accident on his motocross bike. He is back at school but still has problems with his eyes.
Haywood Overcash was in the VA hospital in Salisbury at the time of the May Rally. He has an infection in his knee; and, therefore, has not had the knee surgery that had been scheduled.
Joyce Plaxco is still having heart flutters.
Carl Spoerer was in the hospital at the time of the May Rally. Red blood count was 1/2 of what it should be...He received 4 units of red blood cells.... He is now at home and it appears his body is now making red blood cells. They are continuing bloodwork to find the problem.
 If you or someone in the club that you know have been ill and would like to be included in the Sunshine Report, please let me know. We would appreciate anyone who would be able to volunteer to serve on our "Sunshine Committee". Please contact me.

Sandy Dowler, President

MEMBERSHIP

CAROLINAS UNIT OF NC

If you are contacted by someone interested in our club and in becoming a member, please ask them to call me:

Linda Fishel
 336-922-6862 (Home) or
 336-728-3057 (Work)

I can discuss membership with them and advise what is necessary to join. Thank you!

*Linda Fishel, Membership
 Carolinas Unit of NC - WBCCI*

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*CAROLINAS UNIT OF NC RALLY @ HIGHLAND HAVEN AIRSTREAM PARK
COPPER HILL, VA*

(See Directions to Campground Inside---Make Reservations Thru JIM COCKE)

JUNE 7 – 10, 2007

SEE DETAILS INSIDE -- DON'T FORGET TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR:

JUNE UNIT RALLY @ HIGHLAND HAVEN AIRSTREAM PARK, COPPER HILL, VA

CALL Jim Cocke to reserve your space.....

JUNE 27–JULY 4, 2007–WBCCI 50th INTERNATIONAL RALLY, PERRY, GA

AUGUST UNIT RALLY @ DAN NICHOLAS PARK, SALISBURY, NC

CALL Jim Cocke to reserve your space.....

OCTOBER UNIT RALLY @ RACCOON HOLLER CAMPGROUND, Glendale Springs, NC

CALL Janet at Raccoon Holler Campground NO LATER THAN MAY 30, 2007 (Details Inside)

NOVEMBER UNIT RALLY @ OCEAN LAKES CAMPGROUND, MYRTLE BEACH, SC

CALL Jim Cocke to reserve your space.....