



REGION 3 NEWS

NEWS FROM REGION 3

The business of Region 3 and of the WBCCI are moving in the right direction. As many of you already know, we had a tremendous Rally in Ladson, SC—132 Units and over 240 participants. In addition, Beth and I enjoyed meeting with so many friends, old and new. We had outstanding support from Airstream, as Tim Maxwell, Regional Director of Sales, and Ron Rawl of John's RV, both visited with us for several days and brought new models for us all to enjoy. Both Airstream and John's RV contributed outstanding door prizes. We chose to raffle the prizes as a fund raiser and you all stepped up. Between the raffle and church donations, we raised nearly \$1400 for Meals on Wheels of Summerville! Thank you for your generosity.

I want to thank a number of folks for everything they did to make our rally a success. First, Katie Schulz-Ditchen, the designer of our rally logo. She, Rob, and their family couldn't make the rally, but all who attended took back a reminder with her logo. Our treasurer, Carol Montague, handled over \$30,000 during the week. She managed to keep it all straight and pay the bills, as well. Roy Beavers continues to manage our web page, including the registration link and managed the kitchen. Alicia Rafter handled registration before, during and after the rally. She, along with a great crew of volunteers, registered all of you and happily collected your money. Henry Knight made a wealth of tour opportunities available for all.

Based on the number of folks who were absent from the fairgrounds each afternoon, they were extremely well attended. Our parking crew from South Carolina Coastal, under the able direction of Arleigh Wells, brought all of

you in and got you parked. The weather made that task even more difficult, but they parked over 100 trailers on the first day. Ronnie Buddin and his cooking crew, again from South Carolina Coastal, fed us a Low Country meal. Of course, our John and Susan Leake and John and Eileen Frerking gave an extra special effort. Finally I want to thank my wife Beth. She worked tirelessly before and during the rally to make sure every detail was handled. We had many additional outstanding volunteers. I want to thank you all for your help!

In separate articles you will find information I hope you will find helpful. One of the reasons we hold a Region Rally is to conduct a Region Board Meeting. You will find a summary of that meeting in this newsletter. We hold an International Rally to bring delegates together from each Unit. Enclosed is an article summarizing the items on the agenda. Region 3 will gather at the International Rally in Farmington to share barbeque and a pot luck meal and more information is provided. Finally, Julian and Lynne Clements are hosting the annual Galax Rally. Read their article and consider attending this special event.

The last several months have been a very busy time for Beth and me. We will work to improve our communications and increase the frequency of newsletters. If you have questions or need more

information from us, don't hesitate to contact us by email at eroney@aol.com. For those headed to Farmington, we will see you very soon. The rest of you, we hope to see you down the road!

Matt and Beth



Logo by Katie Schulz-Ditchen

DON'T FIX IT IF IT ISN'T BROKEN: GET A SECOND OPINION

How many times have you been tempted to do something just to assure yourself everything is OK? The alternative is to share your concern with a trusted friend who knows more than you about that topic. The new “something” on your Airstream may be more problem than you anticipated.

The same is true about medical concerns. In my life, a blood test indicated concerns to the staff at the hospital where my right knee was being replaced. The knee replacement went fine and had no bad side effects from the blood test concern. An oncologist recommended performed additional tests and confirmed the presence of Waldenstrom's non-Hodgkins lymphoma. This is a blood cancer with no known cure. **Without seeking a second opinion**, I accepted seven weeks of chemotherapy and routine monthly blood testing that indicted no significant change in my blood conditions for the next five years. The same oncologist recommended another round of chemotherapy last May. **Without seeking for a second opinion again, we started.** These infusions put me in the

hospital for a week for healing, additional testing and a recommendation to get a second opinion from a different oncologist. We have made several visits to Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and the combined staff members on my case concluded the lymphoma may not have been a problem requiring treatment from the start. The chemotherapy had destroyed the majority of my liver and disabled my spleen. My current condition is more serious than the blood condition. At my age neither is a correctable condition. I had tried to fix something that may not have been broken.

At the Region 3 Rally at Ladson, South Carolina, we received many questions about my physical change. I share this with the members of my Airstream family with the hope that I can help someone avoid this tragic mistake. **Before making any medical decision involving surgery or chemotherapy get a second opinion from another qualified resource.** Chemotherapy side effects will be harmful and often worse than the original illness.

Dick Martiny, WBCCI #22693

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LOW COUNTRY REFLECTIONS BY PAT KING

What started out with rain, ended in sunshine!

The Region 3 Rally left me with many things to reflect upon. It gave me an opportunity to relax, meet with friends I hadn't seen for some time, learn something new, visit an incredible city, and just enjoy myself.

The atmosphere was easy-going, but well planned. After one enjoyed a breakfast provided by various units, you could attend various seminars—everything from traveling with your Airstream to faraway places to taking care of your Airstream to learning about boondock camping. You could also attend the Region 3 board meeting and learn more about what we as a region have done and will do.

The afternoons were ours to enjoy. Discounts were provided to take a walking tour, a carriage tour or a boat tour of Charleston. We weren't content to do just that. We could: visit Beidler Forest, including a kayak or canoe trip; take a culinary walking tour (nap afterwards was on your

own); visit the only tea plantation in the United States; see a World War II aircraft carrier, submarine, and destroyer at Patriot Point; visit the Hunley (submarine from the Civil War); eat at one or more of the many wonderful restaurants in the city; and so much more! The city itself has a lot to offer—we couldn't see it all in the time we were there.

The evenings allowed us to sit and learn what was planned for the next day, as well as entertain us. One evening was a wonderful low country boil prepared by the South Carolina Unit. Those who brought their Dutch ovens prepared the dessert. Jocelyn Oldham sang many songs we recognized; she also sang my favorite arrangement of *Over the Rainbow*. The Black Bottom Biscuits kept our toes tapping.

As I sit at my computer, one of the lasting memories is of the Angel Oak Tree. It's not often one gets to see something estimated at over 1400 years old. It was a wondrous site!

REGION BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Region 3 Board met in Ladson to conduct our annual business. We always start with reports. As in past years, the treasurer reported our bank balance is healthy and the rally had more income than expenses. Region membership continues to grow. Dick and Judy Martiny have done a fantastic job helping our units contact new owners and coaching us all in the important art of recruiting new friends. The International Club membership is at 6014—this is the highest level since 2010. In the President's Report, changes to the Region 3 Board were announced. Consistent with recent changes to the International Bylaws, Region 3 has added the position of Immediate Past Region President to the Region Executive Committee (and Board). Jay Thompson agreed to serve in that capacity.

The board selected Alicia Rafter, Ron Allen, and Jay Thompson to serve as the Nominating Committee. Please provide these fine folks with the name of any worthy candidates for Region 3 Office. They will provide a slate of candidates in January and need your help in finding qualified folks.

All units were reminded of the importance of sending a delegate to the International. Remember that you can designate any member of your unit to represent you. If no regular member of your unit can attend, you may designate an Affiliate who is also from Region 3.

Don Shafer provided delegate instructions for their use in Farmington. We are very fortunate to have his support. As an International Past President, International Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, and Past Region 3 President, Don continues to serve the club in so many ways.

Della Hoosier is stepping down as Region 3 Recording Secretary and Cecil Hoosier as Region 3 Photographer. Region 3 owes them both a tremendous thanks for a job well done. These are large shoes to fill, but we need volunteers for both of these important jobs.

Finally, the Region expressed their appreciation to Dick and Judy Martiny for their long and continued service to the club. They have given and continue to give to the club in so many ways. Their service has been instrumental in our recent success.

GALAX OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONVENTION SPECIAL EVENT RALLY, GALAX, VIRGINIA AUGUST 2 – 8, 2015

Region 3 will be the host of the 14th Special Event Rally in Galax, Virginia for the 80th Old Time Fiddler's Convention August 2-8. The Fiddler's Convention is six days of continuous entertainment. The rally will have special concerts by Wayne Henderson and Friends and the Junior Appalachian Musicians, as well as a tour of Wayne's shop and his extraordinary museum, a breakfast, dinner, and melon *cutting*. Rally fee is \$50 per person, \$20 children 12-16. Limited to 45 rigs. The rally campsites will be at the Cool Breeze Campground that has three-point hook-ups, 30 and 50-amp service, cable TV, and wireless internet for \$30 per night. The website address is: <http://coolbreezecampground.com>; the phone number is 866.342.0300 (*free*). There is no sign-up coupon or check to send, just call the campground to reserve your campsite and spot in the rally. Pay the rally fee on your arrival. Note: entrance fee to the Fiddlers Convention is not included in the rally fee. The Region 3 website (www/region3.wbcci.net) will have a page about the rally as will the region calendar.



Fiddlers perform in 2014.

REGION 3 GATHERING IN FARMINGTON

Those attending the International Rally are invited to gather at the Concession Picnic Table on Saturday, June 27 at 4:00 PM.

Barbeque will be provided but we are asking that you bring a side or dessert to share and your own setups. Donations are requested, to go to WBCCI Charity to be named by the attendees. We had a similar gathering in Gillette and had over 60 attend. Hope to see you there!

SCENES FROM THE RALLY

PHOTOGRAPHED BY CECIL HOOSIER

(except as noted)



FARMINGTON DELEGATES MEETING AGENDA

Delegates in Farmington will vote on a number of items. A slate of candidates has been announced by the Nominating Committee:

President: Jim Schwerdfeger

1st VP: Richard Girard

2nd VP: Jim Cocke

3rd VP: Barry Bell

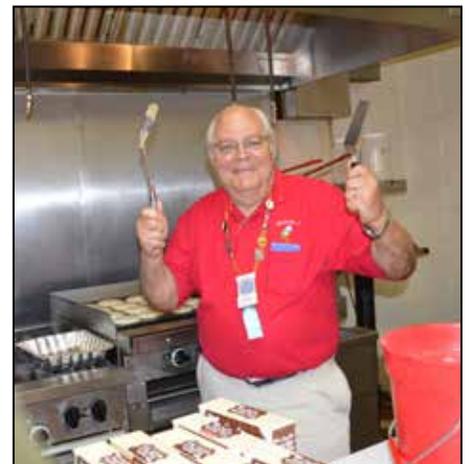
Treasurer: Richard Turner

Recording Secretary: Euna Ridenour

Nominating Committee: Helen Bourgeois

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A proposed amendment to the International Constitution to allow delegate votes on substantive matters to be made by unanimous consent rather than a roll call. This motion is designed to shorten the Delegates Meeting when there is no opposition on a proposed change.





Above: Downtown Charleston from a carriage ride; upper right: Fort Sumter*; lower right: Angel Oak (couldn't get back far enough to get all of it)*. (*Photographed by Pat King)



Accepting Grandma's door prize.



Below: 2nd VP John Leake, Pres. Matt Hackney, and 1st VP John Frerking





Upper left: You want how much for that? (Flea Market)
Upper right: Folding bicycle as a door prize? Really?
Below left: Ice cream anyone?
Below right: Getting ready for low country boil.



Below left: Jocelyn Oldham
Below right: Black Bottom Biscuits

