



# "A FAMILY OF FRIENDS"

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## It's International Rally Time!

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**W**e have everything ready to go and are planning on arriving at Hart Ranch on August 26th.

We have 35 rigs signed up, so get those reservations in. If the number of rigs drops below 30, some of the contracts will no longer be valid and prices may go up.

We have plenty of sites, so if anyone was hesitating because of limited spaces, that is no longer an issue.

We're going to still have a good time. See you in South Dakota! Safe travels!

**CAROL & RICK McHUGH #401**



*Rick McHugh, TCI Rallymaster*

### *What Presidents Talk About . . .*

I Hear that the Teton Club is coming to South Dakota

I'd love to walk through one.

Yup, I sure hope they bring those beautiful Teton RVs

Dude—You're way too big to fit inside



## President's Message

It's hard to believe—when I wrote my last message in April, I speculated that diesel fuel prices might even reach \$4.00 a gallon this summer. Now here we are only a couple months later, with fuel way beyond the four dollar mark. Now we are saying, "if only fuel would drop below \$4.00 again, we would be happy. It's amazing what we can get used to!"

Those of us with some gray in our hair remember the fuel shortages of the early '70s. Prices jumped, and we were glad to pay it as we waited in lines on our odd or even days. But we got through it. Times changed and the economy finally straightened out.

The point is, we've been through this before and didn't quit RVing.—We just changed the way we RVed. Trips were carefully planned, and we stayed in one place longer. Which leads me to ask, "When attending our national rally, why not arrive in the area sooner, and stay longer?" A truck that's not running gets excellent fuel mileage. While at the rally, we can visit our friends by walking, and can sight-see or eat out at restaurants via car-pools.—Now that's "green!"



*Kay Hooper, TCI President*

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"When attending our national rally, why not arrive in the area sooner, and stay longer?"

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This is not a good time to make any hasty decisions about quitting the RV life-style. It's not a time to sell. According to a poll of RV dealers and others in the RV industry, we are definitely in an RV slump. This is blamed in part on rising fuel prices (not how high as much as how volatile) and even more on tight bank lending policies. It turns out many borrowers were using equity in their homes to make RV purchases.

If things are really tight in your travel budget, consider parking your Teton for awhile. Park it at a favorite RV spot for now and use it as a second (or third) home. Because of their large live-in size, and "home-like" quality, many Tetons are purchased and parked semi-permanently.

See you at the national rally.

**KAY HOOPER #454**

## A Message From Teton's CEO

As most of you are aware, the sluggish economy has resulted in a significant reduction in RV shipments industry wide. This reduction has presented several challenges for RV dealers and manufacturers; however, as mentioned in my last note, during down cycles in the RV industry, Teton has the oil field housing side of our business that we can turn to for help during periods of slow RV sales.



*Chris Braun, Teton's CEO*

Now, even though RV sales are slow, Teton still continues to develop new designs and quality improvements for our RV products. I'll keep this note short, since I plan to cover these improvement actions with those of you attending the 2008 Teton Club Rally in South Dakota this September. For those who are not able to attend the rally, a summary of these improvements, as well as feedback from Rally attendees will be included in the next TCI newsletter.

That's all for now. I hope to see you at the National rally.

**CHRIS BRAUN, CEO – TETON HOMES**

## New RV Hall of Fame Exhibit

Those of you who are long-time club members might remember "Boots" and Betty Ingram, founders of Teton Homes. According to RV Business News, the Ingrams have made a sizeable contribution to the RV/MH Hall of Fame. Specifically, the Ingrams purchased the Woodworth's collection of over 30 pre-World War II antique recreational vehicles. Boots and Betty have also funded the construction of a 25,000 square foot addition to the museum, which will house the display.

Included in the display are early tent campers including a model made in Indianapolis in 1916 thru 1918, a telescoping truck camper on a 1915 Ford Model T pick-up, and a unique 1937 Hunt Housecar on a 37 Ford chassis.

(Source: RV Business press release)

## Dometic Expands Refrigerator Recall

Dometic recently expanded its recall on a population of two-door refrigerators. The original recall included some two-door refrigerators manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003. [The new recall focuses on models manufactured between June 2003 and September 2006.](#) I just found out today our refrigerator is affected, so I thought I would get the word out. Open the door to your refrigerator and write down the model number and serial number. Go to the following link (<http://www.dometic.com>) to check if your refrigerator is affected. If you don't have a computer, you can call 1-888-446-5157. Have you trailer's Vin number along with the refrigerator's model and serial number.

**TERRY NANCE #1179**

## Fantastic Fan Upgrades Available

**O**f all the gadgets in our Tetons, one that seems to be most useful is the Fantastic Vent. Many Tetons include two or more. Depending on model, the vents include thermostats and rain sensors. In addition, as many RVers will attest, the Fantastic Vent company is one of the most customer responsive should a problem occur. What more could we ask?

Well, it seems that the company has been listening to us. They have introduced a new fan/vent, the 6600, that has two new features most of us would like. And being the customer responsive company that they are, Fantastic Vent has designed the changes to be "backward compatible" so that we aren't forced to discard our current vents just to get the new features.

The first new item is called the "Pop 'N Lock" screen. It replaces the existing screen that is screwed into place. Anyone who has unscrewed the screen knows that the job is not only awkward, it is also easy to strip the plastic threads in a moment of too much torque. The replacement screen merely clips into place and is easily removed for cleaning.



I bought our screens on-line from Rvdirect.com for \$12.83 (for a set of two screens), however, many retail camping stores will soon carry this "better idea."

Another new feature on the top of the line model 6600 vent, is an electronic fan control, which includes an RF (TV-type) remote control. The remote comes with a wall



storage cradle. It provides 14 speed settings on manual mode, or automatic variable speeds when in thermostat-control mode. This feature was developed for RVs (like our Tetons) that have Fantastic fans

mounted on high ceilings, unreachable without standing on a counter or chair. And best of all, it's also backward compatible and will retro-fit older units. Bit pricey, the upgrade kits run about \$170.00.

**GEORGE HOOPER #454**

## Got Space?

**W**hat do you do when you've filled every nook and cranny of every cabinet in your coach? You build more cabinets, of course. Well, maybe not "you," but you find someone who can.

That's what we did in May. After a great NE TCI rally in Springfield, we headed to Dover, Ohio and Woodi Cronebach's (#1264) workshop. We had admired his work at previous rallies, and he agreed to make us a couple of cabinets.

The first project was a small cabinet to fit over the window in the bathroom. It's a small space, but just large enough to hold that pesky bottle of black water chemicals and various other items.



*A new "medicine cabinet" was installed in the lavatory room, above the window.*

The living room was the scene of the next project. Woodi has a handy cabinet behind his recliners, which we originally thought would work for us. Eventually, we decided a sideboard behind the dining table would be more useful. Woodi was willing to build any design we wanted, so we opted for a 6'L x 2'H x 1'D cabinet with sliding front panels and a drop leaf top.

The projects took about a week, which gave us a chance to visit with Woodi and Shirley as we were parked next to them in their driveway.

All went well, and we were soon on to the next challenge – staining the cabinets.

That's a whole other story, but eventually we took samples of our present cabinets and the unfinished wood to Sherwin-Williams and they were able to match the stain.



*This sideboard/cabinet was installed in the dining area. The table top is taller than the sideboard to allow for storage compactness.*

The cabinets meet all our expectations, and the dining table moves over the cabinet when the slide is closed, so everything fits together neatly. We're already anticipating more projects, but those will have to wait until our next trip to Ohio.

**TOM & JEANIE WILBY #1450**

# So You Want to Add



*Want to install a rectangular flat screen TV in the somewhat square standard TV opening? Here's how we did it without major "deconstruction" of the existing cabinet framing.*

**M**y wife has always had this thing for big screen TVs. I know it is usually the guy who wants this—Honestly, it was all her idea. But ideas don't get the TV installed.

The first thing we did was to remove all the components from their original location in the entertainment center. I then removed all the wires by pulling them into the refrigerator opening on the exterior and then routed them down and into the lower cupboard where the sub-woofer resides. You do not have to remove the components to do this project but we wanted all the storage space we were going to get from moving them.

I next removed the keyboard tray behind the fold down drawer front at the desk. We do not use this tray so it was a good open air place to install the components. Then I installed a white metal shelf cut to size from Lowes. This is where I reinstalled the Bose, the TiVo and the switch box



*With the left cabinet door removed, I then installed a heavy-duty continuous "piano" hinge at the top.*

for cable and antenna TV. This location works best if all your components can be controlled by RF rather than IR. If you only have IR ability (*i.e. must point the remote directly at the TV*), you could cut in a smoke glass panel into the drawer front.

To install the TV, I had to build an oak frame that would cover the entire opening where the old TV and components used to be. Before doing that, we actually had to choose our TV so I knew where to place the supports for the mounting holes on the frame I was building. We chose a 42" LCD from Costco.

Once the frame was built and stained, I obtained a door quality piano hinge from a friend who installs doors for a living and cut it to size to mount the frame to the unit. I removed the original glass door and drilled some pilot holes to mount the piano hinge with the frame and TV attached.



*This is the oak frame that covers the original TV and component cabinets. Center uprights are placed so that the new TV can be mounted on to the front of the frame.*

I then went to a local RV store and purchased gas shocks like those found on our exterior cargo doors. They also had the little mounting brackets to attach the shocks to the cabinet. The total weight of the TV and frame was approximately 50 lbs. I purchased two shocks rated for 80 pounds of lift.

Once installed, the entire frame and TV pivot easily towards the ceiling and allow access to the entire space behind it for storage.

Finally, I used a hole saw and drilled a hole in the right front corner of the desk top and a corresponding hole in the bottom of the entertainment center. This is how I routed the HDMI and other cables back up to the TV. The cables are zipped tied and stay out of site in the corner.

We installed another metal shelf about half way up where the old TV used to be and now have added a tremendous amount of storage along with a pretty spiffy HDTV.

**TIM GETTY #1138**

# A Big Screen HDTV?

## HDTV Install Part 2 the Cable Guy

If you are thinking about installing an HDTV in your coach, one of the issues you will face is the need for two Satellite hookups on the outside of your unit if it is a bit older. Ours is a 2003 Grand and only had one hookup, so like many folks; we ran a skinny white cable adapter through the window and to the TiVo. When I installed our HDTV, I decided to tackle this issue as well. It should be noted that I extracted all the cables from the overhead entertainment center and routed them down the refrigerator opening and into the lower cupboard where the Bose sub-woofer is. If you want to leave all your components in their original installed position, then you will have to snake the cable up the refrigerator opening and over to your components. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Our coach is a 36' model. I purchased 50 feet of coax ca-



*Finished cabinet with mounted TV is held open with gas shocks.*

ble for the project and it was just enough. More would be needed if you are going to route it up to the original location of the components. You will also need two female ends for each end of the cable and two male-male HDTV nipples for the little access panel where you currently hook up the satellite etc. You will have to replace the nipple that is currently there with an HDTV compatible one as well as installing the second one. You will also need to go to your local RV store and purchase a small amount of "underbelly" tape as you will be making a small cut into the fabric to get the cable out at the back of the unit.

Because you have to worry about the slide out moving in and out, you cannot just drop through the floor and out to the access panel. The cable has to move in and out and stay safe. So, starting in the lower cupboard, allow enough cable to get to the spot needed to hook up to your HDTV TiVo. Now remove every bottom drawer you have and take out all the stuff under your kitchen sink to allow you to get in there. Route your cable behind all the drawers and into the compartment where the hot water heater resides. From there you want to take it over the wall where Teton did and into the little area behind the wood grate next to the steps. Follow the flow of the cables that are already

there and zip tie the cable to the original cables. Feed the cable into the underbelly of the unit through the same opening Teton used. That was the easy part. You are now ready for the hard part.



You should get a friend to help you with this part. On the underbelly

*Plenty of new storage behind the TV. An extra shelf was added.*

of the unit in front of the axles there are three access compartments that have screws and removable panels. You will need to open all three of these to move the cable along towards the back of the coach. With one person inside and the other at the front panel, fish the cable through the floor and pull it out of the first access hole. Have your friend come out and go to the next opening and fish the cable to him. Repeat for the third panel. You should now have the cable just in front of the axle. Now, you need to go to the back corner of the unit and slice a small access hole into the fabric. Insert a 10' piece of conduit along the outside wall past the holding tanks and wires until your friend sees it in front of the axle. Tape the cable to the conduit and pull it out the back of the coach.

At this point you need to remove the cable from the back of the existing satellite connection and drill a hole for the additional connection. Note, I got mine a little close to the latch arm location so bear this in mind as you position the second connection. Install the additional HDTV connector into the panel. Now, route the new cable along the same path as the existing cable. Put your female end on it and screw it to the back of the male connection. Remove the old male connection and replace it with the new HDTV version and re attach the existing cable as well. Use the underbelly tape to seal up the hole made for the conduit. It should be noted that there was a lot of grunting and a few bad words needed to complete this project. You should be good to go.

**TIM GETTY #1138**



*Components are mounted so that they show through the computer tray opening with the front door opened.*

# Welcome New Members

## NEW MEMBERS

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## Thank You Everyone

**D**ear Teton family: Our little post office is amazed at the cards Dick and I get - many are from you our dear Teton family - we so miss being with you and traveling - this past year has been a time for doctors, doctors, and medicine and more medicine and hospitals. Not what we would have chosen - we just celebrated our 50th as so many of you know -thanks for the wonderful cards and thanks for the love and cards for Dick's cancer time - this has been over a year now and much growth for both of us.

Just last week we got the first encouraging pet scan in over a year. Dick's fourth stage nonsmoking lung cancer has been a stubborn one and has not responded to the heavy blasts of chemo and radiation. However, now that the doctors have given up and are calling it treatment resistant - the tumors are "dramatically disappeared" to use the pet scan wording. He is not in remission as there is cancer in his lymph nodes in the mediastinum area but for the first good report we are grateful. Dick's first reaction was: "Can I drive my truck now?" We'll see - any traveling will have to be short distance at best but remission would be a wonderful word to hear - our God can easily give us remission if it is best so we depend on Him for what's next. I know God well enough to know that His best work is done when man's abilities have ended - that's where we are now - we'll try to keep in touch better - thanks for very much to all of you our Teton family ----much love.

**KATHY AND DICK DICKINSON #851**

## For Sale

For sale-health reasons: 2000 Tradition New Castle 38' 3 S/O, Corian counters, 12 CF SxS Refrig. w/ ice maker, Saratoga Beige Int. two ACs, furnaces, fantastic fans. 2 Step awning w/ Cal.screen room, rear awing. Make offer.

2002 GMC Sierra 2500HD 4X4 Crew Cab w/ Duramax Diesel 6.6L, 5 speed auto w/ tow/haul feature, 6 way elec. frt bucket seats, Reese 2K. hitch. Make offer. Bill & Ellie Cavanaugh # 91.

2002 Stalick 4700 RV Hauler. 300hp, 860ft.lbs torque diesel. Air ride hitch, seats, cab & rear susp.Mor/Ryde asst. on front end. Huge storage box plus 7 bins. Only 42K miles. \$72,500. Call 951-487-9646 or 707-481-6637 Phil Kepley #802 .

1998 International Low Profile Towmaster 4700 four door cab; 530E engine; 275 HP; auto 6 sp Allison trans. rear air suspension; air hitch; 130 gal diesel fuel capacity; approx. 118K miles. Well maintained. Original owner. Asking \$29,500. Stored in Massachusetts. Call 321-725-7800 Phil & Ann McMullin &583

# NW Regional News

## NW Region Fun at Toppenish

Rally Masters, Jack & Evelyn Hathaway, #1066 were waiting for us as we arrived at the park and welcomed us to the NW Region Pow-Wow. We were ready to see old friends, make new ones, trade ideas, play games, laugh, eat and have fun. Our rally masters were up to that and much more. They were ready with horse power, tractor power, trolley power, and our own power.

We rode a 1907 trolley as far as the tracks would take us, forwards and backwards. The conductor showed us how to reverse the seats so that we were looking forward no matter which way we were headed. The conductor and engineer were retired men who volunteered to educate and entertain us. We then toured the trolley museum and learned about the history of the Yakima trolley line. That evening, we were entertained by the Top Strings, a family Blue Grass group made up of kids ages from 17 to 8 years old.

Picnics are always fun. We were at two parks, the Fulbright Park in Yakima and Fort Simcoe near White Swan. We cooked hot dogs and hamburgers at one park, and Costco takeout at the other.. As we played Cowboy Golf (also known by other names) at Fort Simcoe, a group of young preschool children became our audience. If someone scored points, they cheered .

The Tetons were impressive all lined up in a row headed by a 2008 Prestige parked in the place of honor. All were welcome to visit, poke and ask questions. The coach was courtesy of a new Teton dealer, 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Place RV Center in Everett WA. They also favored us with a catered BBQ dinner one evening.

Yearly business meetings are always essential. Presidents Red and Barbara Terrell, #759 conducted the meeting with membership and financial reports, elections and information on upcoming 2009 rallies. Our Rally Masters presented us with a NW Region Recipe book containing recipes that we had submitted and pictures of rally attendees.

Teton sponsored a Pizza dinner, and Western Region Sales Representative Tom Hyde was present to share an update on what is happening in the industry and at the factory.

A chili cook off was held with prizes going to the winners. Sharon Ess, #900 took the first prize as people finished off the chili of all the prize winners.

The final day of the rally included a Scottish Fest in Prosser WA. It was quite stirring to hear the bagpipes, watch the Scottish dancing and the tossing of things too heavy to even think about lifting. Our final dinner that evening was at the Snipes Mountain Microbrewery and Restaurant.

It's always hard to say goodbye to all our friends, newly made and the golden oldies. We hope to see you all on the road or at next year's rally in Boise ID, June 1-7. Thank you officers and rally masters for all your dedication.

**JULIE TERRELL, #1457**



*This is a photo of new members, Ron & Marilyn Camp TCI #1531. They signed up too late for the Northwest rally to receive their badges...so they made their own. Very creative don't you think?  
(Sent in by Jacquita Davis)*

## First Timers NW Rally Report

We have just completed one of the most outstanding vacation weeks of our lives! Buying our first Teton, a 2008 Liberty Experience, in January while wintering in Southern California, we headed north in May to return to Spokane, Washington, with a stop in Toppenish to attend the Rally.

The Rally Theme of "Mardi Gras in June" greeting was begun at registration with multi colored beads for all and purses of our choice filled with "potty items for the RV".

Being new to Teton, we spent the week getting acquainted with experienced Teton owners and learning all the tips of ways to enjoy our home even more. A new Prestige was presented for our viewing, and Teton sales representative, Tom Hyde, reported the latest news from the Teton factory, answered questions, and problem solved for us.

Since we were located on the Yakima Indian Reservation, we learned much about the history and culture surrounding the Toppenish area. Most impressive were the hops grown here, which account for twenty-five percent of the world's crop. We visited local farm stands for good vegetables and cherries to take home.

Our fantastic Wagon Master's arranged for our final dinner to be at a microbrewery in Sunnyside, WA.

We are "hooked" on the people, and the experience, of being new members of the TCI Northwest Region.

**RON AND MARILYN CAMP, #1531**

# SW Regional News

## First Rally Trip

It was a familiar sight to people who own Tetons. The sun was out and the trucks were in a line at Pismo Creek R.V. Park. We were headed to Morrow Bay State Park for a decent guided tour of the Museum of Natural History. One of the fascinating features of the museum is the ceiling display. A number of fish swim overhead joining the bird mounts. This was definitely a hands on place, as seen by watching the adults try out the displays along side elementary school kids. We were also treated to a view of the world-famous Morrow Rock.

From the museum we drove a couple of miles to Tidelands Park for a wonderful picnic lunch. After that, we were free to shop in the Embarcadero area, or head back to our park for happy hour at 4:00. It was a great start for our rally.

ELEANOR HALL #912



*Dinner & dancing at the Pasta Bella Restaurant [some kicked up their heels and had wayyyy to much fun!]*

## 2008 Southwest TCI Officers:

President: Gail Martelle #1323  
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 2nd Vice: Gene & Carol Lavielle #1389  
 3rd Vice: Arnie Finkleman & Manette Manz #1334  
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 Secretary/Treasurer . . . Jacquita Davis #831

## Southwest Region TCI 2007-2008 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance April 1, 2007 \$14,314.05

### INCOME

Membership Dues '07 140.00  
 Membership Dues '08 700.00  
 Membership Dues '09 50.00  
 Rally 2007 1,096.78  
 Rally 2008 8,500.00

Total Income \$10,486.78

Total Balance and Income \$24,800.83

### EXPENSES

Rally 2007 6,658.69  
 Rally refund 2007 918.08  
 Rally 2008 1,790.62  
 Office supplies 57.77  
 Badges 32.00  
 Postage 48.59

TL.Expenses \$9,505.75

**Ending Balance 3/31/08 \$15,295.08**

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Jacquita Davis, Secretary/Treasurer,  
 Southwest Region

## TCI NW Officers for 2008

President -- Jack & Evelyn Hathaway, #1066  
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 Secretary/Treasurer Larry Hall, #912

2009 NW Rally  
 June 1 – 7, 2009  
 Boise/Meridian RV Park  
 Boise ID





# Regional News

## Our First Rally

For our first Teton Southwest Rally at Pismo Beach, California, we couldn't have been treated better. After a bad start with our truck breaking down and needing to have our trailer towed from Dockwiller's State Beach Park, Los Angeles to Pismo Creek RV Resort. With lots of phone help from John Ess. We were greeted like long lost relatives. Everyone made us feel so welcome. The camaraderie and activities were top notch.

On Monday we had a cookout at Jacquita and Bill Davis's RV. It was fun and filling. There are a lot of good cooks in this Teton bunch. Rally Masters, Gail and Bob Martelle, were so friendly, helpful and organized. We received a detailed schedule with maps and instructions of how to get where the events were being held. The schedule allowed plenty of time to explore the area. We enjoyed the sand, surf, and scenery.

Tuesday we truck-pooled to Morro Bay for a tour of the Museum of Natural History, a picnic, and a close up view of the Morro Rock. We were then treated to a good meal at Pasta Bella Restaurant—with a little hanky panky of flying objects. I won't name names.

Wednesday began with the first of several Continental breakfasts. In the evening, we truck-pooled to The Great American Melodrama and Vaudeville, "Muskie Love." It was amusing entertainment!

Thursday night included a trip to the Farmer's market in San Luis Obispo—Good-looking fresh vegetables and good food booths.

Friday, the business meeting was presided over by outgoing President, Olivia Peachey, who handled the meeting very professionally. Later, we went on a drive to San Simeon, with a windy view of the Elephant Seals. We had a super night visit to Hearst Castle Historic Monument, with the magic of formally dressed guests cavorting on the grounds and rooms.

Saturday included a caravan to Nipomo swap meet to see vintage cars and motorcycles. The night ended with a farewell dinner at A. J. Spurs Saloon and Dining Hall. Everyone had a good time, with fond farewells until the next rally.

**JONELL SHEPHERD #1510**



*Happy Southwest rally goers stand in front of the Pismo Beach RV park sign. A good time was had by all.*

# SW Regional News



## Teton Southwest Goes to Majestic Sedona, Arizona

April 27–May 4, 2009

Verde Valley Thousand Trails  
6400 Thousand Trails Rd.  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

### Rally Fee Includes:

- ◆ 7 nights, full hookups
- ◆ 5 breakfasts (1 potluck)
- ◆ 3 dinners (1 potluck)
- ◆ 1 picnic lunch at Montezuma Castle & Well (bring Golden Age Passport)
- ◆ Lunch in Sedona & visit Chapel of the Holy Cross
- ◆ Blazin' M Ranch Chuckwagon Supper & Show
- ◆ Visit the ghost town, Jerome & museum. Shopping in Tlaquepaque.

### Not Included in Fee

Verde Canyon railroad scenic train ride @ \$50/person

### Directions:

**From Flagstaff:** Travel south on I-17 to Camp Verde, exit 287. Turn off on Hwy 260 and travel NW about 8 miles. Campground is on the right between mileposts 212 & 211.

**From Phoenix:** Follow I-17 north to Hwy 260, exit 287. Follow directions above.

**Note:** Hwy. 89A from Prescott to Cottonwood is NOT recommended for pulling trailers.

NAME: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse /Companion \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TCI Number \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Truck: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Trailer: \_\_\_\_\_

Requirement for Thousand Trails Members: TT Member number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require anything special due to health or other concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: \$425 PER RIG (2 PEOPLE)    \$325 PER RIG (1 PERSON)    \$150 EXTRA PERSON (IN YOUR COACH)    \$725 CABIN. (2 PEOPLE)**

**OPTIONAL TRAIN RIDE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*PRE AND POST NIGHTLY COSTS FOR NON TTN MEMBERS \$26/SITE \$69/CABIN—CALL SANDY, SHE WILL MAKE YOUR RESERV. DO NOT CALL PARK.*

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### Mail Your Application To:

Jacquita Davis  
213 Rainbow Dr. #11366  
Livingston, TX 77399-2013

### Make Checks Payable to:

TCI Southwest Region  
(US Funds Please)

### For Information Contact:

Sandy or Ernie Lovegren  
H-951-767-7375 C-951-551-6222

### ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

The undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, Teton Club International and regional officers of any and all liabilities, claims, losses, damages, injuries and reasonable attorney fees which may rise as a result from, or relate to this rally; or the negligence, omissions or lack of care of its officers during the time period specified above. Cancellation in accordance with TCI by-laws.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Respond By March. 1, 2009**

# se Regional News

## Southeast Rally Fun

The Southeast Rally was held at Colonia del Rey RV park in Corpus Christi, Texas. The rally activities started April 27th with John Martin and his wife, Sharon #949, welcoming us. We were treated with a Pizza dinner and given our schedule for the week.

Monday, after a continental breakfast, we toured the aircraft carrier, USS Lexington. The carrier was known as the "Blue Ghost," and was involved in many Pacific battles of WWII. On a side note, there was an incident (a funny one), involving a token while on board, but that's another story to be told later. After returning to the park, we were treated to a delicious catfish fry by Kenny Tinney #685; aka "Bubba" and assistant chef, Orris Mosby #707.

Tuesday, we awoke to a continental breakfast, and later in the morning we caravanned to a famous restaurant called Big Fisherman, in nearby Rockport. We had a choice of anything on the menu, and now we know what the "Big" means in the name. Everyone had plenty to eat! We then continued our caravan to Port Aransas via a ferry boat for a fabulous afternoon of dolphin watching on board a tour boat. We even got to see a mother dolphin and her baby.

Wednesday morning after breakfast we had some time on our own. That afternoon we caravanned to Padre Island National Seashore and attended a personalized presenta-

tion about the ecology of the longest undeveloped barrier island in the US. After returning to the park we indulged in Orris Mosby's famous hot wings. Assisting chef was Kenny Tinney, aka "Bubba." Needless to say there were no leftovers.

Thursday morning we awoke to a marvelous pancake breakfast. Chefs, John and Sharon Martin, assisted by Doug Palmer #742, and Darlene Betz #130, prepared the meal. That afternoon, we had our Southeast regional business meeting. Clarence and Dot Spencer #1046 gave a presentation on the 2009 Southeast rally to be held at Pine Mountain RV resort in Georgia, April 5 - 10, 2009.

After the meeting, the raffle drawing was held. Prizes for the raffle were donated by members. These items included an afghan handmade by "T," Theresa Eschenbach #936, two handmade necklaces by Susan Elliott #1466, and a mesquite handle meat turner hand crafted by Terry Nance #1179. All proceeds from the raffle were donated to the USO at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

A farewell dinner was held at Doc's Seaside restaurant. Everyone enjoyed a buffet style dinner along with a beautiful sunset over the Gulf. The rally concluded Friday morning with a continental breakfast and final farewells. Needless to say John and Sharon Martin put on a great rally.

**CHERYL NANCE #1179**

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## Install an Autoformer Inside Your Rig

**T**his is my latest project. The Autoformer is mounted on the wall, close to the switch box. The shore power is wired to the 50 amp. female plug. The 5 foot long power cord with the installation kit is wired into the switch box. The Autoformer is plugged into the shore power plug, the output of the Autoformer is fed to the switch box. The Autoformer weighs 40 pounds so please note that it is fastened with self tapping machine screws to the tubular metal support for the bedroom floor. If the Autoformer needs to be removed for any reason, just unplug the 2 fifty amp plugs, remove the Autoformer and plug the shore power and the switch together, then you are back to original installation.

**ORRIS MOSBY #707**



*Autoformer box rests on a metal base which is anchored to the structural framework above.*

# NE Regional News

## NE Rally Rallymaster Thanks

Ruth & I wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who attended 2008 NE rally.

We were honored to have International President, Kay Hooper and her husband, George Hooper, editor of International. It was a great feeling to have their support and to get to know them better.

Another treat was to have Kathleen & Jeff Hoffman, East Coast Teton Reps with us all week. They generously sponsored the first night's catered meal, and gave gifts of bathrobes and coffee mugs at our Friday night happy hour. Jeff also brought in three new coaches, which were open for all to see the new floor plans. A sweet new thing is the TV that slides down behind the desk. That's a must have!

We had so much help and cooperation all week:

- driving women to spa appointments
- decorating for ladies luncheon
- helping with chairs & firewood
- cleaning up rec hall
- speaking at seminars
- always ready when we needed.

It made our job easy. We had a great time seeing our plans unfold. However; it was all of you who made it a success. Without you, it would not happen. Thank you each and everyone. And we did manage to eek out a few nice days in spite of all the rain?

We were surprised and delighted to have forty-four attendees. We had twenty-one rigs; one rig having two couples—Ellie & Bill Cavanaugh, and guests, Peg & Bill Richardson.

Ellie & Bill were the first NE Rally Masters sixteen years ago. They are thinking this is going to be their last rally; however, they might be convinced they can attend without pulling their rig. Herb & Lorraine said there will be other accommodations at next year's rally in Sevierville. Come on Bill & Ellie, fly down and bring the Richardsons too. Sounds like May 11 through the 16th, 2009 at River Plantation RV Resort will be a blast. We know from Herb's report it will be more fun. Ruth and I are definitely looking forward to it.

**JERRY L. YOESTING, NE PRESIDENT #1376**



## NE Visits Ohio Caverns

We have just finished another great NE Teton rally in Ohio. On Tuesday, May 6, we caravanned to the Ohio Caverns near West Liberty, Ohio. These caverns were discovered as a sink hole in a pasture in 1897. Through the efforts of the farm owner, and with help of the local farmers that he employed in the off season, mud was cleaned out of the caverns. It was an ideal workplace as the temperature remains a constant 54 degrees. There are in excess of three miles of underground passages, with about one mile of it being used for tours at present time. There are steps down into the caverns and 66 steps coming out of the caverns.

At part of the tour, we are over 100 feet below ground, because of the elevation changes above ground. The entire one mile underground tour is narrated by an excellent local guide who is very knowledgeable and accommodating. It is very easy walking and accessible, (unless you happen to be over 6 feet tall) in which case, you have to duck a lot, or else get bumps on your "noggin."

The lighting was redone a few years ago by a professional electrical company out of Tennessee, which specializes in caves and caverns. The lighting is superb and helps to accentuate the natural beauty of these caverns. It was a great experience and some of us improved on the trip by stopping at the DQ on the way home. Jerry and Ruth did a terrific job of hosting the rally. Herb has a hard act to follow next year in Sevierville, TN.

**ORRIS MOSBY AND GINNIE GOFFINET #707**

## Dinner at Young's Inn

A great finish to a full day touring the National Air Force Museum, was a wonderful dinner at Young's Golden Jersey Inn. This is a very nice family style restaurant on the Young's Jersey Dairy Farm. While there are several things to do on the farm, the highlight of our visit was a delicious homemade meal, which started with fantastic sweet potato bread and coleslaw, followed by a choice of bacon wrapped pork chops or buttermilk chicken with fresh vegetables, both of which were delicious.

A small amount of excitement, and a certain amount of concern, was generated when the ice cream desert was delayed due to reported tornadoes in the area. However, we knew we had the all clear about 20 min later when a "yummy" desert consisting of various flavors of homemade ice cream was served. All's well that ends well.

**STEVE & JOYCE BATES #1104**

# Ne Regional News



## 2009 Northeast Region Rally

River Plantation RV Resort, Sevierville, TN

May 11 to 16, 2009

## The Smokies and You!

### RALLY INCLUDES:

- ◆ 5 Nights Camping, Full Hook-ups, 50 AMP
- ◆ 3 Continental Breakfasts
- ◆ 1 Breakfast Show
- ◆ 1 Dinner with Orris & Bubba
- ◆ 3 Catered Dinners
- ◆ 1 Dinner Show
- ◆ 2 Evening Shows
- ◆ Ride to Cades Cove
- ◆ Teton East Coast Reps with Display and Update on Teton

**RIVER PLANTATION  
SEVIERVILLE, TN  
PHONE:800-758-5267**

#### DIRECTIONS

I-40 EXIT 407 SOUTH ON HWY 66 FOR 10 MILES. LOOK FOR THEIR BLUE RV SIGN ON THE LEFT SIDE. YOU WILL NOT SEE ANY RV SITES FROM THE HWY. FROM THE ENTRANCE YOU GO DOWN HILL TO OFFICE FOR CHECK-IN.

NAME: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse /Companion \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TCI Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Truck: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Trailer: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require anything special due to health or other concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: \$495.00 PER RIG (2 PEOPLE)      \$325.00 PER RIG (1 PERSON)      \$170.00 EXTRA PERSON (IN YOUR RIG)**  
(Cabins also available, Call Herb for details.)

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Note:** For pre and post rally stay, \$27.00/night + tax, contact campground directly. Mention you are with the Teton Rally.

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850 Springfield Rd.  
Union, NJ 07083

**Make Checks Payable to:**  
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**Questions? Contact: Rally Hosts**  
Herb & Lorraine Hummel #677  
908-868-0017  
908-868-3173  
Email: HandLHummel@aol.com

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**Please Respond By April 1, 2009**

# NE Regional News

## I Love Breakfasts

Tuesday through Saturday, we had breakfast at the "barn". All of the home cooked foods were prepared and served by manager Rita's crew of volunteers, who also took care of the clean up after all of us had left. Thanks to Dianne, Jack, Bev, Dick, Clara, Jesse and Tina

Tuesday, before going to Ohio Caverns, we had a mid morning brunch, allowing everyone a leisurely morning wake up after traveling to Springfield, Ohio. At least a couple of rigs "trucked" all the way from the Southeast rally in Corpus Christi, Texas. We were served a hearty breakfast casserole of ham, eggs, cheese, potatoes etc. There also was fresh fruit, juice, English muffins and bagels with all the toppings and naturally coffee, tea and decaf.

Wednesday, we had a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs and sausage with all the extras. Early Thursday morning the entrée was sausage gravy over biscuits before departure to the USAF National Museum. On Friday, our hot breakfast was waffles and bacon with all the extras. I'm quite sure our Saturday morning departure feast will not disappoint anyone.

I was asked to inquire about how the participants felt about the breakfasts and the way they were served. I did an informal survey and the majority of those I spoke with agreed that they liked having someone else prepare, serve, and clean up when that option is available. Others also commented that they preferred hot breakfasts rather than continental breakfast. Of course, not everyone wants to get up in time for a sit down meal and some do not eat breakfast.

Many thanks to Jerry and Ruth who organized our wonderful rally, and to the Tomorrow's Stars R V Resort crew for all their hard work and delicious food.

**ANN WILSON #996**

## Last Evening Events

Our last evening of the Northeast Region Rally began with happy hour. at 5 p.m. Door prizes were donated by Teton Homes Reps, Jeff and Kathleen Hoffman, for all the ladies as Sunday was Mother's Day. It was hard to say goodbye to the many who attended the rally after such a wonderful week of conversation and fellowship. At 6 p.m. a delicious pork dinner was served with all the trimmings. The meal was topped off with pie and ice cream.

The grand finale' was entertainment by The Ragtime Riverboat Rats. Everybody got involved by clapping, foot tapping, singing and dancing. This was a great ending to a wonderful week thanks to Jerry and Ruth Yoesting, our rally masters, who did a great job.

**DENNIS AND GUADALUPE GRIFFIN #1341**



*Rally goers attend the business meeting in the barn meeting room*

## A Day at the Spa

What wonderful and pleasurable appointments we women had at Simply Pleasure. Tina worked her magic on our feet, our hands and our bodies with a manicure, a pedicure or a massage – WOW.

Starting on Monday, Tina had appointments at 45 minute intervals for us ladies to have a manicure, pedicure or massage. I think I heard that someone fell asleep during her massage—talk about relaxed. We all came away with a little different outlook on life.

On Wednesday, all the ladies met at Simply Pleasure for a nice luncheon of sandwiches, pickles, chips, drinks and snacks. It was a great luncheon of conversation and camaraderie. We all received a nice vase to remember our visit—Thanks Ruth.

After the luncheon, more appointments were held while several of the ladies headed for Hobby Lobby to shop.

Our thanks go to Ruth, Jeannie, and Linda for setting up the lunch room. Our special thanks go out to Tina for all her hard work. Everyone of us had a great time and would love to go back.

**CONNIE HARGIN, #478**



*In a NE tradition, former NE President, Ed Ingram #1170 (L) passes the "Hershey Kiss" hat to new President, Jerry Yoesting #1376 (R).*

# *N e* Regional News

## **A visit to the National Museum of the Air Force**

The visit was planned as a full day event, with a caravan of some 30 miles to the museum. No one got lost as Ed and Linda Ingram, were the tail gunners. We were greeted at the museum by the able staff who gave us needed details of how to get around the huge complex. We were quickly divided into groups. Folks doing the Air Force One exhibit were required to provide picture ID and name of next of kin. Others did the IMAX theater or toured the museum. The museum complex is huge—composed of four large hangers and miscellaneous support buildings.

The first part of our tour was Air Force One; we were bused to a separate hanger with its own security. This exhibit contains all of the planes used by our presidents up to present day. Seems like one of the first planes used was a DC-3. My first trip in the Air Force to Lackland was on one. It is also noteworthy that the early Air Force Ones up to President Kennedy were plain in appointments; no wide screen TV or leather seating on these old birds. We returned from the Air Force One tour for lunch in the museum diner. As we all know, Tetoners move on their stomachs. The diner had a great selection of cold and hot foods.

After lunch, we were on our own to tour until 4:00 p.m. The museum is so huge, and has so many exhibits, it can not be viewed in one day, maybe two? There were exhibits that fit all interests; early war aircraft, World Wars I and II, the cold war, the missile crisis, and the B-2 Stealth bomber. Too much to see and enjoy, my feet got tired.

The displays of the many engine types was of great interest. There was even an aircraft diesel engine. Also, a great addition that we all enjoyed was the IMAX show. The entire museum is a not to be missed display of our national heritage as the world leader in aircraft design and manufacture. The museum artfully displays the heroes and their stories that made our Air Force a source of national pride.

At 4:00 p.m., as we were preparing to leave the museum, a huge rain storm moved in. Many of us were not prepared with the proper rain gear and had to be shuttled to our transportation. Jerry and Ruth #1376 had arranged dinner at a wonderful restaurant, Young's Jersey Dairy. The meal was great, with great service. We did not expect the severe storm warning that came during dinner. The meal ended with ice cream and the passing of the storm without harm. We all ended a wonderful day back at our home on wheels, safe and sound.

**DAVID MCGALLIARD #1075**

## **Tuesday Night Festivities**

Tuesday night, our members were treated to a Mexican Night Celebration. The food was plentiful and delicious, and was catered by Los Mariachis, one of the best restaurants in the area. We were treated to an array of Mexican dishes – each one being simply delectable. Several members of the group brought "Lemonade" with them that tasted like Margaritas. The clubhouse was decorated with small lights illuminating the ceiling, like the stars on a clear dark night.



The Melaka Mariachi Band consisting of Iris, Leo, Guillermo, and Camerino, provided the entertainment. The music was great, and they even went around to the tables to serenade all the beautiful women present.

The highlight of the evening was the breaking of the Piñata, which was supplied by Joe and Darlene Betz. The first to take her swings at the Piñata was Debbie Berry. She was blindfolded, swung around, and given a stick to try to hit the piñata. To make it even more challenging, the piñata was hung on a rope attached to a pulley that was quickly raised or lowered. Debbie did her best and was able to connect on one of her swings. Next up was Rita McGuffin, who managed to get in a couple "licks." She was followed by Peg Richardson, Juanita Mc Galliard, Ellie and Bill Cavanaugh, and Ruth Yoesting. All managed to get a few whacks in but were unable to break the "iron or Kevlar-coated" piñata despite their most valiant efforts. At least this is what they claimed. It was at this point the Dennis Griffin rose to take up the challenge. Like a knight of old, Dennis walked up and after being deprived of his sight, took the stick like a sword raised in battle, and connected with the piñata dealing a crippling blow to its side, and releasing the treasures it contained. This feat was greeted by tremendous applause and appreciation by the group. Herb Hummel then managed to connect a couple of times but only inflicted minor damage. Then Roger Lake delivered the fatal blow, which completely demolished the monster and released the rest of the goodies. All had a good time and much laughter.

**DENNIS & KATHY INMAN #1184**

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