

Mountain Caravanner

Western North Carolina Unit WBCCI

AUGUST 2013

PRESIDENTS NOTES

We missed most of you at our Folkmoot Festival Rally. We did have 13 members present, which is not very good considering we have 38 units in the WNC club. Six of us went to the Stomping Ground Music Hall on Friday night, and had a good time. Many thanks to George James for hosting this rally.

We have at least five couples that plan to attend the Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Galax, VA, which begins on August 5th. If you have not made reservations for this rally, but would like to attend, I suggest you call Cool Breeze Campground at 866-342-0300 to see if space is available. Maxine and I have been at this Convention before and had a lot of fun.

Also, please don't forget the Apple Festival Rally scheduled for Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 at Park Place in Hendersonville. You do not need a reservation, just go, find a spot, and pay later. There is a little more information on their web site, but I believe most of you have been there before.

Don't forget election of officers for the coming year – we need volunteers if our unit is to survive. Become active and help your club.

See you down the road. *Dan*



President	Dan McIntyre
1.Vice Pres.	Tim Joslin
Treasurer	Ashel Ammons
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Corr. Sec.	Maxine McIntyre
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1yr. Director	Celeste Wirtz
1yr. Director	Bob Griswold
1yr. Director	MaryLynne Baxter
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Minutes from the meeting July 20, 2013

Folkmoot Festival Rally – July 18 – 21, 2013

Campers for the rally were: George James and son, George James, IV, Richard Austin and John & Joyce Plaxco. Attending for some other functions and meeting were: Ashel & Anne Ammons, Tim & Mary Ann Joslin, Dan & Maxine McIntyre and Hermann & Renate Preissler.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan McIntyre, and pledge of allegiance was led by George James III.

Dan recognized Richard Austin for being a WBCCI member for five years, and presented him with two stars to be displayed on his trailer. Dan thanked Renate for the great job she is doing with our newsletter. He also welcomed George James IV as our newest member.

Minutes from the May rally were read and approved. Ashel gave a brief treasurer's report and reminded us of annual dues which he is prepared to accept today.

George James then gave us a report on the International meeting in Huron. The rally was attended by George along with his son, George IV, and by John & Joyce Plaxco, with George being our official delegate. He reported that total attendance was only approx. 384 units. All of the nominated international officers as shown in the Blue Beret were elected, and the issue of allowing non-airstream motorhomes in the club was defeated by a 2/3 majority. It seems that it was a good rally, but not well organized which was perhaps due to low attendance. George James IV played in the regular band as well as the concert band. John Plaxco was Chairman of bridge games, and he and dog, Cooper, rode in the parade.

Dan reminded the members that next year we will be returning to Gillette, Wyoming for International, and encouraged them to plan to attend. Also we hope to have good attendance for our Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 Rally at Park Place in Hendersonville. More information will follow on this rally. We need to be thinking about the joint rally at Palmetto Cove for Oct. 16 – 20th. Palmetto Cove Unit would appreciate volunteers for help with the rally.

Dan once again expressed our need for members to volunteer to serve as new officers for the coming year. If anyone is willing to do so please contact him or George James.

Tim Joslin gave the group a report on a great trip some members (Joslin's, Davis's and McIntyre's) made to the Dayton, Ohio area in June. Also some of our members are going to Galax Fiddler's Convention in August. Those driving through Asheville area on the way to Galax will meet and caravan to the campground in Galax.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was accepted. The group will go out to dinner tonight.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine McIntyre, Recording Secretary



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Janet Jehnzen – 8 / 6
Lisa Holt – 8 / 18
Bob James – 8 / 19
Dorothy Roberts – 8 / 20
James Baxter – 8 / 21
Carol Griswold – 8 / 26
Bob Griswold – 8 / 28

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Diane Crenshaw – 9 / 2
Renate Preissler – 9 / 3
Susan Ramseur – 9 / 7
Mary Lynne Baxter – 9 / 14
Margaret Nieters – 9 / 27

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jack and Susie Arndt – 8 / 12
Bob and Carol Griswold – 8 / 25

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and Anita Sigmon – 9 / 11
John and Carolyn Plaxco – 9 / 17
Bobby and Dorothy Roberts – 9 / 19

Report of the WBCCI International Rally in Huron, SD – 2013

By George James III, # 5324

Son George and I departed Franklin, NC on 20 June 2013 en route to Huron, SD. Our scheduled arrival (parking) date was 24 June, so we had plenty of time to travel the 1,300 mile route.

The first night's stop was in Paducah, KY. The next night we stayed at the fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO. From Sedalia, it was North and West to I-70, then West to Kansas City and North again on I-29. The third night out was spent at the KOA campground in Onawa, Iowa and then on to South Dakota.

On 23 June, we arrived at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Homestead, "Little House on the Prairie" site, and parked the rig for the night in one of their four RV sites. The Homestead was a delightful location, with a good self-guided tour, mule-drawn wagon ride, etc. It was good place to unwind and prepare for our arrival in Huron, SD.

Greeted by the "World's Largest Pheasant," slowed by highway construction, we followed directions to the State Fairgrounds and found the Welcoming Committee folks. We were soon parked.

Registration, vendors, sign-up tables, friends, First Timer's getting cheered, and missing folks getting teared – that's what it's all about. Meetings, seminars, and programs all add up to a busy good time.

The Delegates met to deliberate and vote on the big issues of WBCCI. There were two items on the agenda this year: Election of the New Officers, and the vote of a Constitutional amendment to allow other brands of motor homes to join WBCCI. The New Officers were quickly elected, and the voting started on the amendment. The amendment was defeated by a 2/3 of the Membership votes. Our Unit had 31 votes (30 against the change, 1 vote for the change.) Thank you all for your input!

The 'Vintage Unit' Happy Hours and Dinner were well attended, with 30 or so vintage rigs parked together. The Open House was a great success. (One unit counted over 125 visitors!)

The WBCCI Band and Dance Band did a fine job with a concert in town, (Huron) and as the evening Entertainment. Son George played his tuba, drums, and filled in as Band Leader for a time.

Huron, SD is a friendly town. The people were happy to see us there and will welcome us back. The donation figures for the local charities will be published in the Blue Beret, so I didn't record them here. But the amounts were impressive! Big numbers for a small crowd.

4 July 2013 brought the WBCCI Indoor Parade, fast cars and fireworks! The local dirt track Speedway ran races on Saturday, 29 June and on Thursday, 4 July. Thursday's races were followed by a fireworks display. What fun – and a great ending for a fine Rally. We arrived back in Franklin, NC on Sunday, 7 July 2013.

Thank you for the chance to act as Delegate and represent the WNC Unit at another International.

George James, III



George and Carolyn (ECC) and the Flamingos in Huron, SD

Unit Caravan June 9 to June 19, 2013

by Tim and Mary Ann Joslin # 3740

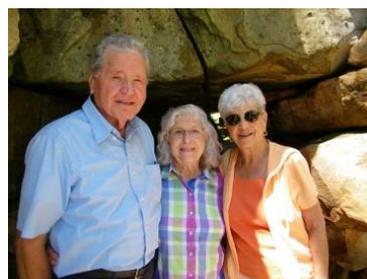
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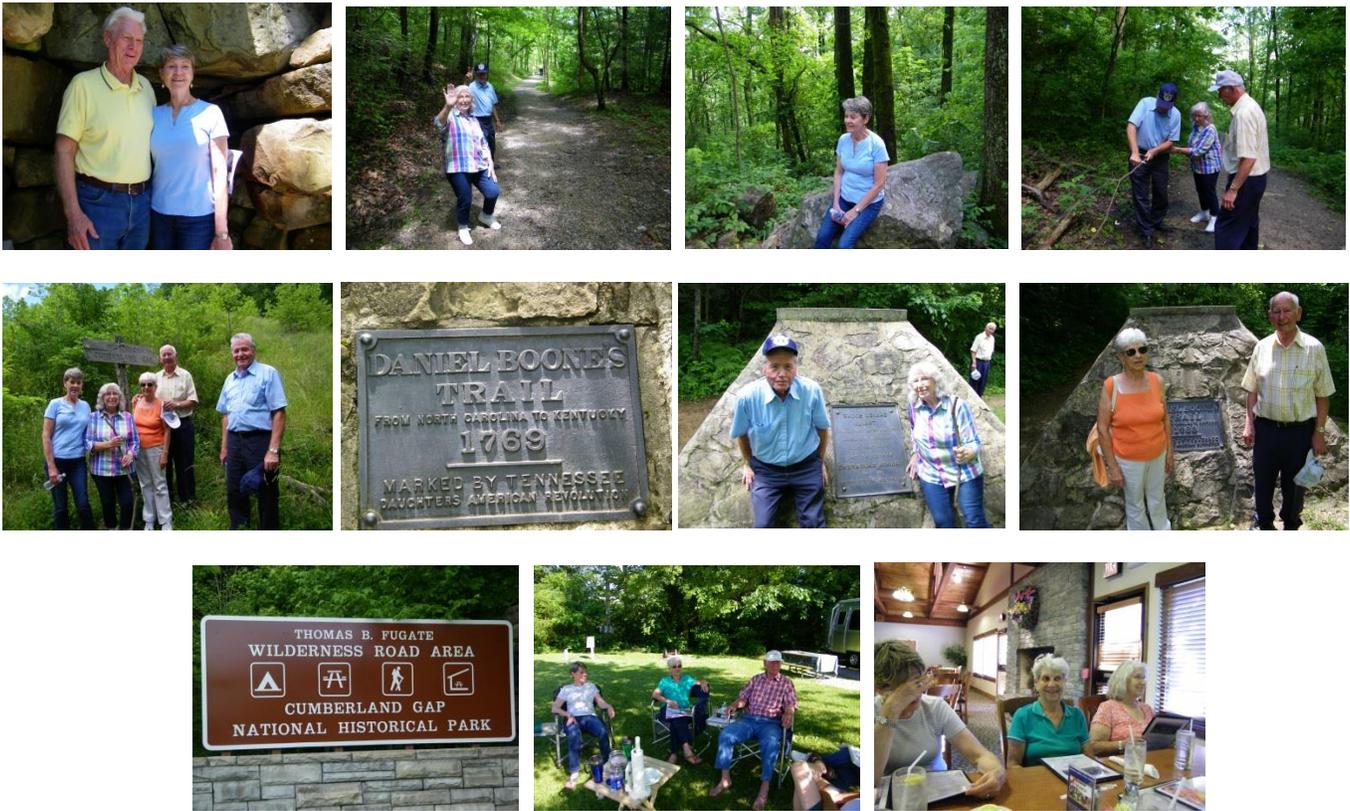
Caravanners Nelson and Gloria Davis, Dan and Maxine McIntyre and Tim and Mary Ann Joslin met at the Tennessee welcome station at 10:00 am on Sunday June 9th to begin the caravan to Dayton Ohio. After picture taking we traveled on TN I-40 W to TN I-81 N to TN US 25 E to VA US 58 "The Wilderness Road" and Cumberland Gap National Historic Park Campground for a two night stay. Distance traveled 168 miles from our home in Franklin.



On Monday June 10th we toured N on 25E to Pineville KY then KY US 119 to Harlan, KY (the coal capital of KY) and scene of the FX series "Justified" making a loop back to the Wilderness Road. After passing the Buffalo herd we returned to the CG. We later climbed through the Gap which has been restored to the condition it was in around 1810. Congress commissioned Daniel Boone to blaze a trail through the Gap. He and about 30 other woodcutters created the trail from an existing animal and Indian trail. As many as 300,000 settlers traveled along the Wilderness Road from 1775 to 1810. The Gap opened up KY and the Ohio valley to settlement.



Tuesday June 11th we travelled N on KY US 25 E to KY I-75 N to Lexington exit 113 and US 68 through the horse and blue grass country. We admired the stacked stone fences constructed along the highway by the WPA in the 1930's. Our destination was the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park just south of Maysville, KY. Distance traveled today 173 miles. The battlefield is the August 19, 1782 site of one of the last battles of the American Revolutionary War. The battle was between 1,000 British soldiers, and 300 Shawnee, Delaware, Chippewa, Mingo, Ottawa and Wyandot Indians against 180 Kentucky frontiersmen. Daniel Boone who led one group of frontiersmen lost his youngest son Israel in the battle.. We all enjoyed supper at the Lodge after a .7 mile hike from the CG.



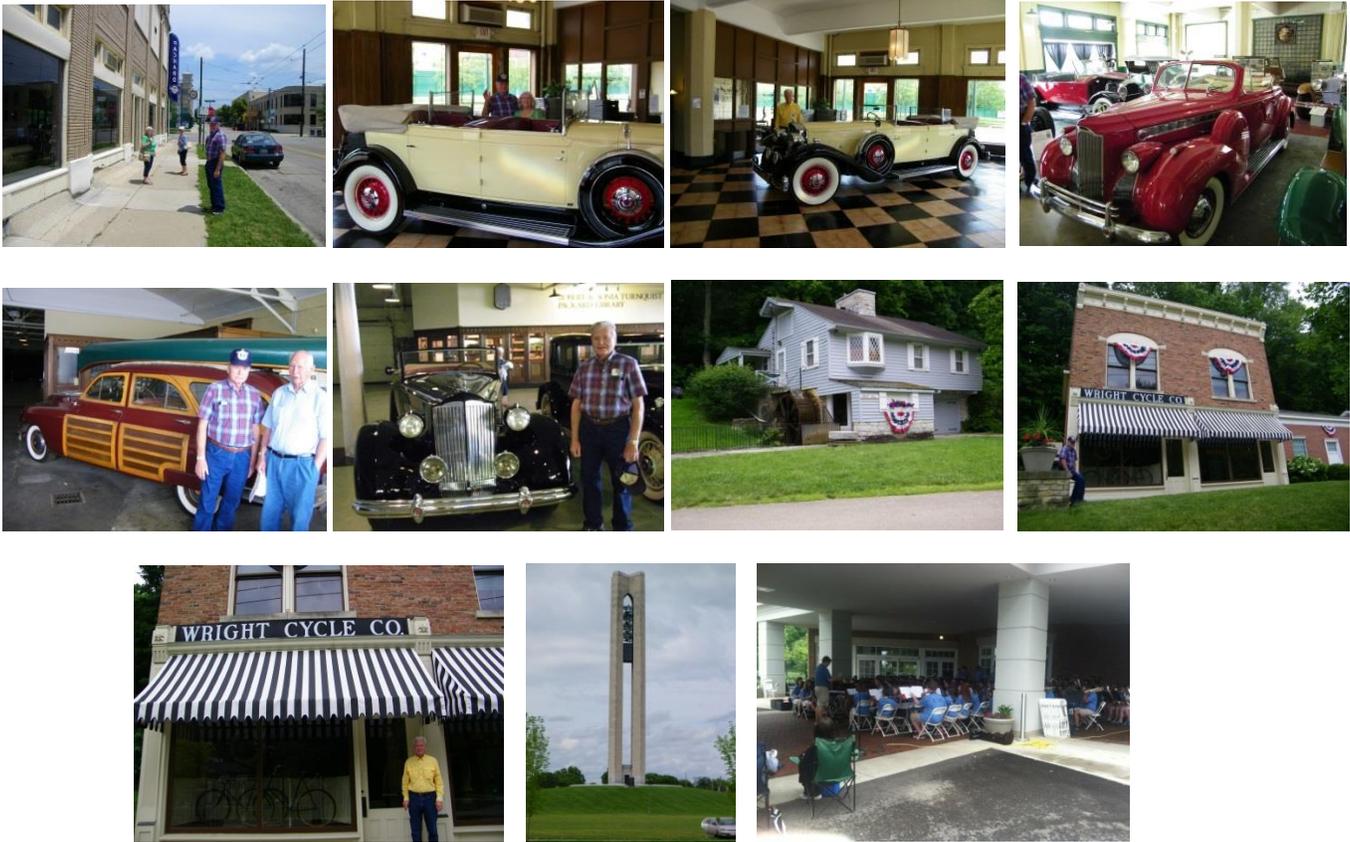
On Wednesday while we were attempting to leave the CG our vehicle would not shift out of 4WD low. The Davis and McIntyre caravanners proceeded on to Dayton while we waited for AAA to tow our vehicle to Paris, KY where we had to have the transfer case replaced which was completed on the morning of June 13th.

We had an uneventful country drive to Dayton on OH US 68 to OH 235. As we approached OH I-675 Nelson and Gloria were waiting to escort us to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to obtain our security clearance. Distance traveled today 124 miles.



June 14th, Flag Day we flew our US, NC and Unit 169 flags on our trailer at WP family CG. We visited the awesome and gigantic US Air Force Museum. Nelson pointed out actual planes that he had worked on during the Viet Nam conflict. We will have to return again as there is too much to see in one short visit. The rest of our group had been there the 13th, our travel day.

June 15th we went to Citizens Motor Company, America's Packard museum which is located in an actual Packard dealership building. The museum has a great collection that we enjoyed. We learned that Packard had a relationship with Rolls-Royce during WWII and produced aircraft engines for both US and British warplanes. They also had a display of Packard marine and jet engines.. We continued on to the Dayton Carillon Park, home of the Wright Brothers replica shop. The construction of the shop and aircraft display were overseen by Wilbur Wright. Other Dayton history including the National Cash Register Co are located at this park.



Sunday June 16th Father's Day, Dan and Maxine returned to Asheville. The Davis and Joslin families returned to Carillon Park for a band concert, carillon concert and Senior chorus concert. We celebrated our Father's Day with a perfect dinner at Texas Roadhouse. We also visited Gloria's Mother at her nursing home.

Monday June 17th we intended to travel via US 35 to a City of Point Pleasant, WV CG. Upon arrival we learned that we were in a primarily residential CG that had inadequate electrical power. We decided to travel on to our next destination, Pipestem Resort State Park in Pipestem, WVA. We had just set up camp when the rain started and continued most of the night. Distance traveled today 301 miles.

Tuesday we had lunch at the resort hotel and then went for a tour of the area in light rain. We noticed two Airstream 34' trailers near the CG and stopped to visit with the owners who were selling the older unit.

Wednesday June 19th Nelson and Gloria rode the aerial tram over the gorge, which was the only way to get to the lower lodge. We departed for home via WV I-77 to VA I-81 to NC US 26 and the Great Smoky Mountain Expressway with Nelson and Gloria shortly behind us. Distance traveled today 279 miles.

There wasn't a rally fee and reservations were not made in advance except for the Wright-Patterson AFB CG.

Fees paid:	Cumberland Gap	20.00
	Blue Licks	41.40
	WPAFB	100.00
	Pipestem	48.60
	Total	210.00

*This was the first Unit Caravan that we planned and we are looking forward to many more.
Tim and Mary Ann Joslin*



Notes from the Editor

Aug 29 – Sep 1 – Apple Festival Rally in Hendersonville, NC
Location: Park Place RV Park, 501 S Allen, Flat Rock, NC
For info please contact Dan McIntyre 828-298-3298
Rally site info: see our web site – calendar

Oct 16 – Oct 20 - Carolinas Mountain Jamboree and Installation Rally
Location: Palmetto Cove RV Park, Cleveland, SC
Host: Palmetto State SC Unit 22
For info please contact Fred Brand 864-346-8366
- The Rally fee is discounted if you register and pay by Sep 1.

Dec 14 - Annual Christmas Luncheon –
This date was erroneously listed as Dec 8 in the Unit Directory.
In order to avoid the Christmas Parade blockades and traffic it
had been moved to Saturday, Dec 14, 2013

April 30 – May 3, 2014
Region 3 – Rally 2014 – Asheville, NC

DUES: Please remember to send your WBCCI and Unit dues to the treasurer.

PICTURES and other info – on our web site www.wnc.wbcci.net

And last but not least –
A heartfelt thank you to George James III for providing a delicious
Pancake, Eggs and Bacon breakfast at the Folkmoot Rally.
And the rain luckily held off until after the meeting.



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