

Greetings, WNC Unit #169 members and affiliates! It's time again for a rally – this time in Franklin, NC August 18-22 to observe the total solar eclipse. The rally will be held at Cartoogechaye Creek Campground (91 No Name Road. Franklin, NC 28734). This will be a fun rally! The usual 'Pot Luck' dinner is planned for Friday and breakfast will be served Saturday morning, prior to our Unit meeting. A gourmet dinner is on tap for Saturday evening at the nearby Rabun Manor Restaurant (205 Carolina Street. Dillard, GA 30537). George IV will be providing entertainment with his guitar, voice, and his 'leprechaun in a box!'

Things to do in the area include gem mining (good clean dirty fun!), the Franklin Area Folk Festival, two local breweries, music shows, shopping, etc. as well as food, fun and fellowship.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ...

The "Been There Done That" department: The 60th International Rally is history, and sorry if you didn't attend as it was a good one! Thanks go out to the outgoing International Officers and Crew, and the many volunteers who made it happen.

George IV and I had a good trip up and back, and found that you CAN get through Chicago and Milwaukee during rush hour! George IV played in both the Dance Band and Concert Band and entertained in the 'Vintage Club' tent. Escanaba, MI, we now know what a "pastie" is, and noticed that those folks have an awful lot of water around there! The delegates meeting succeeded in getting the incoming International Officers elected and adjourned as there was no other business. Thank you for allowing George IV and me to represent the Unit as delegates for this important job. And it was great to spend time with Bob and Any Olsen (24086) in Escanaba, as well. Region 3 was well represented!

UPCOMING RALLYS

The next Unit rally will be the Labor Day/Joint Rally at the Top Of Georgia Airstream Park August 31-September 4, 2017. Call TOG (706.878.3590) to reserve a site ASAP. TOG is located at 14255 Highway 75 North, Helen, GA 30545.

The Alumalina/Carolina Mountain Jamboree rally will be held October 26-29 at Palmetto Cove RV Park (521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC 29635). This rally, as well as the TOG rally, will be loads of fun. So pack up the rig, hire the pet sitter, lock the house and head for the hills!

We will have a general Unit Membership meeting at each rally, and the results of these meetings may well determine the future of WNC Unit #169, i.e. shall we continue as a Unit, merge with another Unit, or fold our tent and cease to be? The problem is simple: we need Officers – President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary (corresponding and recording,) Treasurer and Directors. Without most of these positions filled, we cannot remain a Unit! Period. We need to hear from all of you on these important matters, so please plan to attend the meetings if you cannot attend the full rally.

August birthdays: Janet Jehnzen (Aug. 6), Bob James #3896 (Aug. 19), James Baxter #14736 (Aug. 21), Beth Kelly #2983 and Stephanie Lankford #5537 (Aug. 25).

August Anniversaries: Jack and Susie Arndt #14690 – August 12.

NEW MEMBERS!!!! Please welcome Treavis/Traci Taylor #25916, Roger/Maxine McKinney #3613, Carl/Beth Kelley #2983, David Lugo/Kathy Berkey #8280, Ron/Brenda Cameron #3031, Wayne/Leona Hamilton #2467, John/Mary Milne #1314 and Barry/Susan Owens #1380.

Safe rally travels to all of you, and we will see you down the road!

George D. James, III #5324, WNC Unit President

