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SUNRISERS GAZETTE

AND NOW, HERE'S JIM



Our new Secretary-Treasurer is back from her duties seeing that the Winter Olympics went well. She has included a dues notice with this newsletter. Be sure and send all renew-

als and monies due to her from now on. Her address, email, and particulars are included with her notice and also with the listing of club officers on page 2.

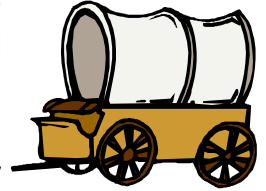
Lynn, that's the nice lady that puts up with me, and I have not done much traveling since we returned from the Florida outing. We did manage to go to the one in Charleston. While there I skipped down to Jacksonville, Florida. I served as the Shooting Sports Director for a three day Boy Scout outing. The boys were trained in rifle, shotgun, muzzle-loading, and archery.

I still have to get over to Bill and Carolyn's place to pick up the club flags, coffee urns, emblems, vests, hats, and whatever else they have in those two boxes.

Kathryn still needs help getting ready for the National next year. Please volunteer for a job. J. Liddick.

KATHRYN'S KAMPING

The Mardi Gras Outing was great. We all had loads of fun and came away with bags of beads that we are sending to our grandchildren. There is a Mardi Gras report in this issue.



Included here are registration forms for: Mackinaw City, MI in July, Lake Dalton, WI in the first part of August, Springfield, IL in the last part of August, and Kernersville, NC in September. I have also posted a hoped for schedule for the remainder of 2002 and the first part of 2003. I say "hoped for" because we had to cancel Williamsburg, Gettysburg, and ice cream in Ohio for lack of RVs. If no one comes to a scheduled outing, do the people who do come still have a good time?

We still need volunteers for the National. Frank Ayers has submitted a rough draft of the patch to the patch company. Bill and Carolyn Tickel will arrange and coordinate the two catered meals. Bill will also coordinate the seminars plus giving one on Rolling Rallies. Dave Key is handling the Golf Outing.

We still need people for Door Prizes, Facilities Rentals, Decorations, Bowling, Entertainment, Registration Packets, Tours, and various other jobs. Please help. We have little time. Kathryn Garrett.

MARDI GRAS REPORT (Author unknown)

The Mardi Gras (pronounced Mardi Gras) Outing was held in the Houma Civic Center. We had the best RV sites in the area with easy access and hook-ups. Because some of the parades were staged from the Civic Center we had extra days of Mardi Gras (pronounced Mardi Gras) watching the floats being prepared for the parades.

Attending were **Tom & Barb Taylor, Jack Exum & Kathryn Garrett, Denny & JoAnn Frick, and Dave & Tish Parsons.** The Wagon Master dinner was cooked by Master Chef Jack Exum. The fare was what else! Jambalaya (pronounced Jambalaya). There was no leftovers, not with this crowd.

Days started with coffee and donuts and ended visiting in somebody's rig. And in between was lots of fun.

Friday we toured a Plantation House. Jack Exum asked the guide so many questions that we were late for lunch at PoBoy. For this he was fined. The first parade was Friday night. The Parsons (continued on page 3)



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FILLERS NEEDED

The editor of this outstanding publication has need from time to time for items to fill up holes like this one. If you know any short publishable jokes, stories, personal experiences, etc. (continued next column over)

THE CHARLESTON OUTING

BY BEV STERN & LYNN LIDDICK

Charleston in the Spring Outing began with four rigs and ended with four rigs, but not the same four. Dick & Bev Stern, Norm & Nancy Coady, Jim & Lynn Liddick, and Rick & Fran Mull were all there for the start of the festivities. The azaleas were in full bloom and the temperatures in the 70's. The timing was great and the weather could not have been better for late March. We did lots of visiting, eating, and sight seeing.

"Doing the Charleston Tour" set the mood for all the other sights and things we did. Seafood was at its best and we took full advantage of it. Jim Liddick received a fine too large to pay for leaving his wife to go Boy Scouting in Jacksonville. Everyone made sure Lynn was not neglected except by Jim.

The Liddicks had to leave Tuesday morning but then Tom & Barb Taylor surprised us and themselves by showing up at Oak Plantation Campground. They joined us for the last potluck and the dinner out.

Tom and Barb were involved in the organization of the Sunrisers six years ago and served as our National Board Reps for a number of years. We were delighted they showed up, even unintentionally, so we could visit with them. And that's what happened in Charleston.

that you would like to share, email them to me at:

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OUTING SCHEDULE

2002

***Indicates Registration Form included with this issue;**

June 13 - 19

New York Finger Lakes Area

*July 11 - 18

Mackinaw City, Michigan

*August 1 - 8

Circus time in Baraboo, Wisconsin

*August 21 - 28

Mr. Lincoln's Campground in
Springfield, Illinois

*September 18 - 25

Visit the president (small "p") in
Fletcher, North Carolina

October 10 - 17

Land Between the Lakes in
beautiful Tennessee.

November 7 - 14

Diamond State Park in Arkansas.

2003

January - Florida Outing

February - Not Yet Scheduled

March - Not Yet Scheduled

April - Florence/Columbia, SC

May 7 - 14

Work Meeting Pre-rally in
Sevierville, Tennessee

May 14 - 21

ALFA NATIONAL RALLY

We need places and volunteer
wagon-masters in Feb and March.

Awning Stuff (continued)

LEAKS

If your awning leaks just after washing it may be caused by incomplete rinsing. Rinse again, this time thoroughly. Allow the awning to dry and check for water repellency.

If the water drips through the stitch holes use a seam sealer (available at outdoor stores and RV supplies) to seal the holes. You may also apply paraffin wax to the top of the seams.

To fix a pinhole leak not caused by stitching apply a small spot of vinyl liquid patch (VLP) with a cotton swab. Gently roll the VLP around the hole. The paint will melt and fill in the pinhole with a perfect color match. Allow to dry before stowing the awning.

Always remember to keep one of the support arms low to encourage quick run off.

HARDWARE

Clean all hardware with warm, soapy water. Then rinse and allow to dry.

Use a silicone spray on the rafter arms, support arms, the threads of the adjustment knobs, pushbutton, and release tabs.

Use a light oil (and then wipe clean) on the security knobs, spring-loaded adjustments in the lift handle, and the base brackets.

Never, repeat, NEVER use WD-40 or over lubricate any of these parts. Doing so will cause them to attract dirt and dust.

Periodically check the top of your awning rail for proper seal.

Happy Trails.

MARDI GRAS (pronounced Mardi Gras)

had friends in the area who told us the best place to watch the parade. We took our chairs and snacks and under the leadership of Kathryn Garret arrived two hours early- for which she was fined. We caught lots of beads that were thrown from the floats and attended a tailgate party after the parade.

Saturday was swamp tour day. We saw birds, animals, and a tour barge taking a group to New Orleans. Only the Parsons went to the Saturday night parade. The rest of us waited for the day parade on Sunday. The weather was wonderful, the floats beautiful, and the beads thrown from the floats bountiful.

The men cooked breakfast Monday morning. They started with bloody marys and then moved on to frittatas (pronounced frittatas), grilled bacon, and home-made bread toast.

Tuesday was the BIG PARADE. We loaded up with Pop-eye's Chicken, went, had a great time, and came home with more bags of beads.

We came home and Barb Taylor fined everybody for everything.

Everyone agreed Houma was the perfect place for a Mardi Gras (pronounced Mardi Gras) outing, even the seasoned goers. It's a small town with a huge celebration. The crowds are friendly. There are no traffic jams. Local restaurants are fabulous and reasonably priced. It should become an annual Sunriser Outing.

Alfa Sunrisers

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SUNRISERS DUES FORM:

Attention Sunrisers: All dues are due in April. Please complete the form below and mail to Nancy Dyke. If your dues have already been paid contact her so she can be sure her records are correct. See club officers listing.

MEMBERSHIP \$10.00/year

SEND TO:
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City _____
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ALL KINDS OF IMPORTANT THINGS

Here is an Email received from Frieda Spencer. It speaks for itself. "Just want to thank all of our Alfa friends for the prayers and thoughts during my recent bout with lung cancer. As of January, 2002 I am in remission. No discernable cells in the lungs or the brain and four more radiation treatments to the brain will finish my treatments for now. I feel great and wish we were still traveling. We'll move in our new house in about two months but will be at Pigeon Forge for the precampout of Sunrisers in 2003. Hopefully we'll see a lot of you there. We won't be at the Rally but might still be in the area. Thanks again. Frieda."

Let's all continue to pray for this wonderful lady so it remains in remission. It's us, for your work and friendship who say. "Thanks again,

Frieda."

There is less than a year before Alfas begin to descend upon us from just about everywhere. There are still lots of jobs for the National that need filling. Please get hold of Kathryn and volunteer for one of them. And plan on coming up to Pigeon Forge a couple of weeks early in order to do some of the grunt work. We should have a ball up there working and playing.

This is the place to apologize for being so late with the Newsletter this quarter. So, I apologize. Carolyn and I have been terribly busy trying to convert from full-timers to part-timers. We purchased a manufactured home and set it on a mountain top here in SE Tennessee. It seemed like a good idea at the time. We forgot about roads and utilities. But the view is worth it. We will also have two FHU spots for visitors. So when we're finished, stop and say hello.