



# Tennessee Unit Newsletter

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE UNIT 095, WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL,



As your newly elected Unit President let me thank you for the support you have shown in electing me to that office. We owe a great deal of thanks

to Bobbie Wilkins, our Past President, her First Mate Carl and all the officers for all their hard work during the past year. It has been a successful year for the Tennessee Unit and we will strive to make the coming year another good one.

If you missed the Sep 28 – 30 Rally you missed a good time. Everyone was “in the pink” in keeping with the Flamingo Fling theme. Rita Carter and helpers prepared a delicious roast beef dinner for Friday evening, Saturday morning’s breakfast featured Jack Mitchell’s famous country ham, and on Saturday night we feasted on Barbequed pork. Several members won real money (\$2.00 to \$5.00) at Friday night’s card bingo and many were spotted searching the trees and grounds of TCPC for the elusive flamingo named EL. Gene Carter won \$10.00 for finding EL hiding in a trash can behind the picnic area. Gene donated the prize money to Cents for Youth. Gene and EL were last seen going out the door together. The flamingo costume contest was hilarious as each contestant’s appearance was judged. Sally Freels displayed what was probably the brightest pink hair ever seen and all the contestants showed ingenuity in their costumes, but the highlight was when each strutted their best imitation of a flamingo’s walk. Don Parrish glided to a win with his demonstration. Jack and Karen Mitchell’s comedy performance in the skit on both Friday and Saturday nights provided us with laughs as well as some little known facts about flamingos. Saturday night each table elected, or maybe shanghaied is a better term, a representative and a cheerleader for a question and answer game on flamingo facts. At the conclusion Tom Simmons was declared the winner. Most everyone was of the opinion that the “fix” was in, but nevertheless the game provided lots of laughs. During Sunday devotion Ken and Jean Ritenour gave a very interesting slide presentation of their recent trip to the holy land.

Congratulations to Carl Wilkins, First Vice President; Mary Ruth Rogers, Recording

Secretary; Gene Carter, Treasurer; Jim Elliott, Bill Hensley, Jimmy Rogers and Harry Willoughby, one year Directors; and to Ed Roberts, and Jim Manly, two year Directors. Thanks to each of you for agreeing to serve for the coming year. Thanks also to Region 6 President Bill McManemin for installing the new unit officers.

As we write this we are attending the Region 6 Rally in Gonzales, LA. Hopefully many of our members will be joining us here. Our next activity will be a luncheon at O’Charley’s Restaurant , 5031 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37343 [Rest phone (423) 877-8966] at 1:30 PM EST (12:30 PM CST) on Wednesday November 14, 2007. O’Charley’s is near, but not in Northgate Mall. We will order from the menu. Judie Bowman has graciously agreed to host this event. If you can attend please call Judie at home (423)894-5943, (cell) (423)413-1921 or email JuJuBowman@aol.com no later than Nov 7th so she can make arrangements. We would like to have a good turn out so please come if you can. As many of you know, we will not be back home in Crossville until early November, but if necessary you can reach my cellphone at (850) 206-6799 or Tom’s at (850) 206-2130.

Some of our goals for the coming year are (1) increase membership, (2) to propose some changes to our unit constitution and bylaws to more accurately reflect the makeup of our Board of Directors and allow more efficient operation of the unit, (3) establish a unit website and (4) publish the newsletter at least quarterly.

Membership is on the agenda of every WBCCI Unit and should be on the minds of every member. The WBCCI goal is to concentrate on retention of members, but we are always glad to see new ones. Welcome to our new members Gregg and Cyndi Halpin and new affiliates John and Sandy Stumpf.

It has become increasingly difficult to fill all our positions called for currently so at our meeting next April we will propose to reduce the number of officers, possibly to eliminate the office of Second Vice President (please note that office is currently vacant) and possibly to (Continued on P.2)

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(Continued from P.1) reduce the number of Directors. We will first have to determine several things such as whether or not the WBCCI constitution and bylaws will allow these changes. I believe that to increase membership we will have to offer members and potential members the type of activities they want. Member participation in events such as the Thanksgiving luncheon mentioned above will determine if this type activity will continue to be offered.

In the near future we intend to get the TN Unit website up and running. This should be accessible through the WBCCI website. If we are successful at this your newsletter should then be available on the website where you could read it or print a copy in full color. Some units and intra-clubs already have this capability. As an alternative we would like to be able to send your newsletter via email if you have an email address. Either method would save the unit printing and postage costs and you would receive your newsletter faster. Please let us know by Email to simmons1436@msn.com if you will accept your future newsletters by Email. Of course for those who still want a copy mailed to them there will be no change. We want to publish the newsletter each quarter, so you should expect to see issues in January, April, July, and September.

Also in January you will receive a printout with member information. Many members have said they would like this in a spreadsheet format so we will be mailing these with the next newsletter. We need to keep our member information up to date. Please be sure we have your current information to include address, phone number, birthdates, anniversary and email if appropriate. Birthday year and anniversary year is optional information. Please advise me of any corrections or changes you would like made.

These are ambitious goals and will present challenges in the coming months, but if we are to continue to grow as a unit we must determine what members want the unit to offer. You will determine the direction and ultimately the destiny of our unit. We need your input and your participation.

I look forward to seeing you at as many unit functions as you can attend in the coming

months. If you have any thoughts on these or other unit matters please contact me at home (931)484-4346; cell (850) 206-6799; Email simmons1436@msn.com or via USPS at 758 Crestview Loop, Crossville, TN 38571.

*Seasons Greetings* **Arlene**



## Member Birthdays

### October

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Browning, Larry  | 8  |
| Dussault, Leon   | 12 |
| Hofmann, Lucille | 12 |
| Jones, Sam       | 17 |
| Deaton, Carol    | 27 |
| Gordon, Don      | 28 |
| Mason, Dixie     | 29 |
| Shires, Don      | 31 |

### November

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Godwin, Bobbie      | 4  |
| Simmons, Arlene     | 9  |
| Myers, Barbara      | 10 |
| Manly, Ina Fay      | 11 |
| Godwin, Julian (Bo) | 21 |
| Rogers, Mary Ruth   | 21 |
| Mason, Ed           | 22 |
| Goins, Diane        | 25 |
| Clark, Dean         | 26 |

### December

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Browning, Marlene | 4  |
| Davison, Tom      | 4  |
| Dickinson, Jean   | 7  |
| Elliott, Jim      | 7  |
| Brawner, Dan      | 8  |
| Simmons, Tom      | 9  |
| Carter, Rita      | 10 |
| Hill, Alvin       | 12 |
| Brawner, Shirley  | 13 |
| Ritenour, Ken     | 13 |
| Pike, Diona       | 16 |
| Batey, Marianne   | 20 |
| Brown, Erika      | 20 |
| Faircloth, Carol  | 24 |
| Wagnon, Wag       | 29 |

### January

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Kalthoff, Lois | 1  |
| Batey, Bob     | 2  |
| Roberts, Edwin | 7  |
| Risher, Elaine | 11 |

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## Member Birthdays January (continued from P. 2)

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Woodall, Benny  | 17 |
| Hardy, Shirley  | 20 |
| Brown, Frank    | 22 |
| Hanback, Linda  | 23 |
| Hinsley, Mel    | 24 |
| Hodges, Heather | 25 |

Feb 2008 (TBA) Luncheon, FL State Rally, Sarasota, FL ... Host Jean Dussault (256) 651-8810

April 11 to 13, 2008 at TCPC, Crossville, TN, TN Unit Western Rally

April 17 – 19, 2008 at TCPC, Crossville, TN. Tennessee All State Rally

May 13, 2008 (TBA), Cumberland Mtn. State Park, Luncheon, Crossville, TN ... Host Arlene Simmons

June 28 – July 4, 2008, Bozeman, MT. WBCCI International Rally,

August 12, 2008 (TBA) Luncheon, Crossville, TN Host Arlene Simmons

September 26 to 28, 2008 at TCPC, Crossville, TN. TN Unit Annual Election Rally. The theme for this rally will be scarecrows.

Fortunately our reservations for the TN Unit rallies were made before TCPC increased their parking rates. 2008 will be the last year our parking rates will be \$10.00 per day during the rally.

There will be more details concerning the Feb luncheon in Crossville in our next newsletter and later activities in subsequent newsletters. Jean Dussault has graciously agreed to host a TN Unit luncheon for those attending the FL State Rally. Arrangements will be made after arrival so details on this will NOT be available in your next newsletter. If you are at the FL State Rally be sure and check the bulletin board, listen to announcements, etc. or check with Jean after your arrival for time, date and locationJ



## Member Anniversaries



### October

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Myers, Howard & Barbara   | 23 |
| Faircloth, Thomas & Carol | 24 |

### November

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Willoughby, Harry & Jill | 10 |
| Batey, Bob and Marianne  | 13 |
| Taylor, Robert & Jane    | 17 |
| Sabourin, Ken & Virginia | 26 |

### December

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Brown, Frank & Erika       | 2  |
| Woodall, Benny & Jean      | 6  |
| Jennings, Bob & Antonette  | 16 |
| Joiner, Boyd & Dot         | 18 |
| Mason, Ed & Dixie          | 20 |
| Derryberry, Jackie & Helen | 21 |
| Shires, Don & Janet        | 21 |
| Snyder, Bob & Shirline     | 21 |
| Dussault, Leon & Jean      | 22 |
| Rochester, Harold & Wanda  | 25 |

### January

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Grube, Karl & Susan    | 7  |
| Wilkins, Carl & Bobbie | 18 |

Our apologies for anyone we have missed or for incorrect information. Please advise us of any changes.J

## 2008 Unit Calendar

Nov 14, 2007 12:30 PM CST Luncheon at O'Charley's 5031 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN Host Judie Bowman (423) 894-5943

Feb 2008 (Details TBA) Ryans Steakhouse, Luncheon, Crossville, TN followed by matinee at the Cumberland Plateau Playhouse ... Host Arlene Simmons



*Peace on Earth*

Don't miss out. Be sure your dues are paid by Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in the WBCCI Directory, and to continue to receive news from the TN Unit.

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| WBCCI dues .....                | \$55.00 |
| TN Unit dues .....              | 12.00   |
| Total for TN Unit members ..... | \$67.00 |

Affiliate member dues ..... \$12.00

Payable to TN Unit 095 WBCCI

Mail to: TN Unit Treasurer  
Gene Carter  
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Hixson, TN 37343



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TN Unit Officers and Board of Directors installed by Region 6 Pres Bill McManemin



Do flamingos really dance like this?



Gene Carter and EL the elusive bird



Jack and Karen Mitchell entertained us with "funny flamingo facts"



More than 50 attended Saturday night dinner at the Flamingo Fling Rally.

| Tennessee Unit Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons |                         |                |                                    |
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