



# The Rebel Yell

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## 2009 Officers:

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## President's Message: November-December 2009

Once again our small family had a wonderful Muster at Amy's RV Park in Tifton, GA. We parked among the pecan trees which showered us with lots of leaves and in some cases pecans. Some of our folks became gathers, which made the squirrels jealous, as the Wal-Mart plastic bags appeared and some folks (Don Zimmerman) acted like squirrels preparing for winter. Don patrolled the area well when he wasn't in the kitchen cooking. The many trees made it difficult for some folks to get their satellite dishes lined up. Cable TV was good though, particularly, after I finally got my connections hooked up tight.

The campground was nice, however, it did have a few short comings: we were scattered throughout the park which made for difficult socializing at times; the meeting hall was nice, but, had no rest room facilities nor was the electrical power adequate for our needs. The coffee pot had to be plugged into the Gardner's rig with an extension cord and for those of us who have to take a daily "Lasix" pill and don't move very far or fast, holding one's water was a challenge. Those of us that were located near the semi trailer repair shop were serenaded at 0615 with the extremely amplified sound of an air chisel or hammer. Sounds like a huge "wood pecker". The parks location was relative easy to find as well as getting into and out of. A Pilot truck stop was real handy up the road next to the I-75 entrance/exit.

Enough negative stuff. Our hosts, Jim & Royleen Gardner, Don & Janet Zimmerman, Joy Farrington and Buddy Groover provided some excellent groceries and did an outstanding job!! We did go out to eat one night to the "Old Times Buffet" which was outstanding. It's too bad that some folks didn't see the nice steaks on one of the serving tables. I did.....

We only had 18 rigs with a total of 36 people present: Jim/Royleen Gardner, Don/Janet Zimmerman, Jim/Martha Brantley, Curt/Audrey Crowe, Bob & Joy Farrington, Buddy/Melanie

Groover, Colleen Hardman/Carol Baney, John/Yuko Hodgin, John/Selma Horton, Jimmy/Carolyn Kirkley, Dave Lewis, Winston/Joyce Posey, Ron/Myra Reichert, John/Cleo Schall, Stan/Joan Scheet, Denny/Nancy Sloan, Andy/Alice Moore and Ron/Lila Bell. Camille Meyers drove down for the Tuesday night supper and stayed overnight in a motel so she could attend the Wednesday business meeting. Joel was away playing in Korea while assisting Lockheed Aircraft. Carol Baney was a breath of fresh air from the past as Colleen Hardman drove Carol's motor home down to the Muster. It was nice to meet Carol as she caught up with gossip with some of our long time members. The weather cooperated with us some of the time. It was cool and then it was humid and it even rained some. South Georgia in the late fall can be that way. Some folks were able to meet some of the local pesky "gnats" first hand. "OFF" works wonders..... As we were spread out so much, there wasn't a particular place that everyone gathered. Low key socializing events took place as only a few of the expert "holey board" players were available which left the outdoor games in limbo. Those few who liked to play poker were out of luck also. So, SYN and a few other games that the hand and foot crowd (no disrespect intended) normally play was the major excitement of the day. There was the big city of Tifton to see and a few neat local museums. It all was low key, but, in reality, allot of fun for a family get together!

Camille was the sole member of our nomination committee available and read the nominations for Chapter offices for 2010: Ron Reichert for President, Bruce Vance for Vice President, John Hodgin for Secretary, Stuart Erdrich for Treasurer and Algie Watts for Muster Master. There being no other candidates available from the floor, each person nominated were elected handily. If your name was not considered for an office or you disagree with who was elected, then be present next year to let your comments /considerations be known. I want to thank the Nominating committee (Bill Cummins, Camille Meyers and Lillian Kurtz) for beating the bushes since July to find the nominees we did elect. If we want a strong Chapter, people must step forward to serve, whether it is for an office or hosting. Personally, I see alot of untapped talent which, includes you ladies.

Our wonderful "Sun Shine Lady" Jean Cummins has been relieved by Myra Reichert. I appointed Myra to the position of "Sun Shine Lady", as I felt that Jean was ready to be relieved. Jean totally supported the choice of Myra as our new "Sun Shine Lady" and would only give up the position, if it was to be given to someone of Myra's caliber. Both Jean and Myra are very compassionate and dedicated women who care deeply about the Chapter members as extended family. Jean deserves a very sincere "well done" from the Chapter for her deep compassion for others. May the good Lord always smile down upon these two very lovely and deserving "Ladies".

Hopefully the turn out in January at Sugar Mill will be attended by many members so we can welcome and support the newly elected officers as we should after they're sworn in. During the January Muster is also the time that our yearly audit must take place before the new officers are sworn in. Lest I forget, our annual auction also normally takes place at that time which is a money maker for our treasury. Rumor has it that our "infamous auctioneers" will not be available so I must ask for a volunteer or two to assist..... Now, don't y'all call at once!! Don't forget to bring all your treasures with you to go on the block.

We have committed to being responsible for games (exception is golf) while at the South East Regional in Myrtle Beach in March. We must address this responsibility at the January Muster also. As I get more information from the SE Regional Director/Muster Master, Dave Weis and Chattahoochee Drifters President, Jackie Weis, as to the actual daily Muster schedule we can better plan appropriately. There will be card games and possibly bean bag baseball and "holey board". Please be available to help plan and assist as needed. Those newly elected officers who are absent from the January Muster will need to be sworn into office during the SE Regional Muster when we designate time to have our mini business meeting.

Be advised that the SMART National Office now operates on a 4 day work week. The office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M Central Standard Time. The office will be closed on Friday. An answering machine will record phone messages. Responses to phone messages and emails to [rvsmart@att.net](mailto:rvsmart@att.net) will be forthcoming the following week.

**Curt Crowe**, President Tri-State Rebels

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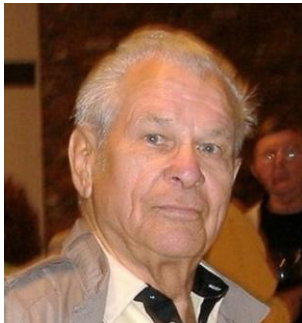
**Sunshine Report: As of December 9, 2009**

Please contact Myra Reichert at [mkreichert@hotmail.com](mailto:mkreichert@hotmail.com) or 843-525-1045 (cell: 843-252-1623) and keep her informed about any updates to some ones condition.



**Erika Palmer** continues to have some major medical problems after undergoing three major back operations within a year’s time frame, which still causes her difficulties. She is now undergoing physical therapy for problems with one of her hips. She has to use a cane or walker to get around. With these continuing problems it is questionable whether Erika and John will able to continue RVing. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers and hope that we’ll be able to see them again down the road.

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**Algie Watt’s** sister **Minnie** passed away Thanksgiving Day after a long bout with cancer. She was laid to rest on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Hopkins, SC. Algie and Minnie were very close, so please keep Algie in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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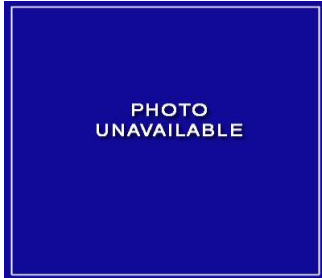
**Cecil “Cope” Copeland** lost his beloved companion of many years when **Erlene “Copeland” Lee**, unexpectedly passed away on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from a massive heart attack. Please Cope in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Red McGhinnis'** medical condition is holding steady. The latest CT scan and doctor's opinion is that Red is too weak to receive anymore chemo treatments and that the treatments may do more harm than good. Red's a fighter and takes it all one day at a time. Please keep Red and Joyce in your thoughts and prayers.

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**Shirley Hickman** had open heart surgery on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to replace the Aortic Valve. The surgery went well and she is now home recuperating. Shirley and her husband Jimmy are Charter members of the Tri-State Rebels. Please keep Shirley in your thoughts and prayers.

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**Bill Ward** is at home after having prostate surgery and is on the road to recovery. The latest pathology report indicated that there were no cancer cells present in the surrounding lymph nodes. Bill and Joyce are grateful for all the calls, cards and visits they have received during this ordeal. Please continue to keep Bill and Joyce in your thoughts and prayers.

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**Thad Bass** remains in the VA Hospital in /Fayetteville. He has improved slightly and is still receiving Physical Therapy to help his leg muscles get stronger. He hopes to be able to go home one day soon.

**Ilse Bass** had shoulder surgery and is doing quite well. Physical Therapy has greatly assisted in getting her mobility

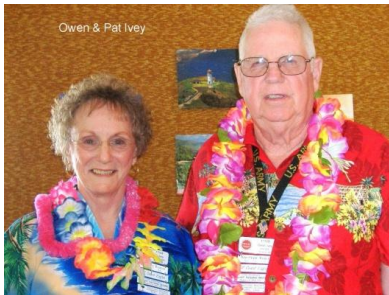
back. Ilse thanks everyone for the many cards and well wishes they've both received. Please keep both Thad and Ilse in your thoughts and prayers as this has been a very rough year for both of them.

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**Bob Thiele's** heart is back in rhythm. He will be tested to see if he will need to have a defibrillator installed. He is still in a very weakened state since his bypass surgery on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Bob and Robyn deeply appreciate all the calls, cards and prayers extended by their many friends. Please continue to keep Bob and Robyn in your thoughts and prayers.

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**Owen Ivey** has completed a number of chemo treatments. His latest doctor's report states that a number of his tumors have cleared up, some have shrunk and some have had no change whatsoever. He was to undergo another round of chemo on December 1<sup>st</sup>, with one treatment a week for three weeks with a week off and then another round of chemo again. Another scan and evaluation will take at that time. All are encouraged with the results so far. Owen seems to have suffered more pain from his Rheumatoid Arthritis than from the chemo treatments. He has experienced major swelling of the hands and other joints along with extreme pain. Please keep Owen and Pat in your thoughts and prayers during this ordeal. Cards can be sent to his home address at 5482 Hawkins Road, Gillsville, GA 30543.

. **Myra Reichert**, Sunshine Lady

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#### **Treasurers Report: 1 September 2009 to 31 October 2009**

**Dues are due as of January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Dues for regular members are \$12.00** (those living in GA, NC, SC & other retired service members who desire). Associate and Social members may belong for \$9.00 annually. Please make checks payable to **SMART Tri-State Rebels**.

**Mail the checks to Dave L. Lewis, 306 Canal Street, Bonneau, SC 29431.**

If you have any **questions pertaining to dues**, please contact Dave at his address or home phone 843-825-3933.

**Note: Questions or updates to the Member Roster, are handled by our Chapter Secretary. Contact Bill Ward at 224 Smithfield Ave., Summerville, SC 29485, or e-mail [willis\\_ward@bellsouth.net](mailto:willis_ward@bellsouth.net), or home phone 843-871-5343 or cell phone 843-509-1389.**

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| <b>Balance Carried Forward</b>    |   | <b>\$2,206.44</b> |
| <b>Income</b>                     |   |                   |
|                                   | Dues  | \$112.00          |
|                                   | 50/50   | \$183.00          |
|                                   | Sheriff Fines   | \$2.25            |
|                                   | Money returned from September Muster                                      | \$119.49          |
| <b>Total Revenue This Period</b>  |   | <b>\$416.74</b>   |
| <b>Total Income</b>               |   | <b>\$2,623.18</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                   |   |                   |
|                                   | Money to November Muster Host (includes 50/50 from September 2009 Muster) | \$602.49          |
| CK #894                           | Cards and Stamps for Sun Shine Lady                                       | \$75.00           |
| <b>Total Expenses This Period</b> |   | <b>\$677.49</b>   |
| <b>Balance</b>                    |   | <b>\$1,945.69</b> |

Dave L. Lewis, **Treasurer**

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**MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING  
Amy's South Georgia RV Park, Tifton, Georgia  
Wednesday, 18 November, 2009**

1. **Meeting was called to order** by President Curt Crowe at 1001 hrs.
2. **Invocation:** Given by Dennis Sloan
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Curt Crowe.
4. **Old Business:**
  - a. Ron Reichert made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as posted. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Kirkley and approved by all members present.
  - b. Bob Farrington made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as posted. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Kirkley and approved by all members present. President Crowe announced that we currently have a balance of \$1,945.69 in the treasury.
5. **New Business**
  - a. President Crowe announced that last July he appointed a nomination committee of Bill Cummins, Camille Myers and Lillian Kurtz to recommend officers for 2010. Camille Myers gave the committee's report: for President-Ron Reichert; Vice President – Bruce Vance; Secretary – John Hodgin; Treasurer – Stuart Erdrich.
  - b. Muster Master Algie Watts could not attend the muster because of his sister's health problems so President Crowe posted the list of 2010 musters on the bulletin board. He announced that at the July muster in Galax, Virginia it was voted to cancel

the September 2010 muster in Tabor City, North Carolina because it would conflict with the National Muster in Pennsylvania. Now that the National Muster date is finalized it doesn't conflict with the September date of a muster at Tabor City. Jimmy Kirkley made a motion that we reschedule the September Tabor City muster. The motion was seconded by John Schall and approved by the majority of attendees.

c. Myra Reichert (standing in for Jean Cummins) gave the Sunshine Report and passed around cards for all to sign.

d. President Crowe announced that we have a memo from SMART Headquarters announcing that they will send out reminders for National dues. A letter and return envelope will be sent a month before your dues expire and post cards will be sent the month of your dues expiration and the month following your expiration.

e. We have been asked to handle the activities (indoor & outdoor games) at the S.E. Regional at Myrtle Beach next March. When the schedule of what events happen on which days it will be posted on the Tri-State website.

f. We have been asked to provide a door prize for the S.E. Regional Muster. Ron Reichert made a motion to give a \$50 door prize. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Kirkley and approved by majority vote.

g. New officers were voted in by all attending members. Ron Reichert was elected President, Bruce Vance was elected Vice President, John Hodgin was elected Secretary, and Stuart Erdrich was elected Treasurer. President Crowe appointed Myra Reichert to be the Sunshine Lady for 2010. New President Ron Reichert appointed Curt Crowe to be the Webmaster for 2010.

h. Curt Crowe thanked the hosts for doing the wonderful job they are doing. All members applauded the hosts.

6. **Meeting Closed:** Being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1030.

**John Hodgin, Acting Secretary**

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**From the Editor's Corner:**

Any comments or suggestions on making the "Rebel Yell" suit your needs, write to Editor "Rebel Yell" at 608 South Main St., Boston, GA 31626 or call (229) 225-8414. Thank you, Curt

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**Birthdays for December 2009:**

Josette Alvarez, Carol Baney, Lila Bell, Jim Brantley, Cecil Copeland, Robyn Hamlington, Virginia Heckerman, John Horton, Mike Stefovich, Edith Pestrue, Lucille Rebello, Louise Reid, Joan Scheet, Robyn Thiele, Algie Watts, Jim White, Clifford Wilson.

**Anniversaries for December 2009:**

Richard & Katrina Bailey, Thad & Ilse Bass, Clyde & Doris Gilstrap, Bill & Joyce Metcalf, Andy & Alice Moore, Ron & Myra Reichert.

**Birthdays for January 2009:**

Jeanette Barnette, Charlie Bennett, Phillip Eastman, Luther Hughes, Melina LeDuc, Laurence Ryder, Denny Sloan.

**Anniversaries for January 2009:**

Bill & Jean Cummins, Jimmie & Carolyn Kirkley, Bill & Linda Murdaugh.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO ALL!**

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**MUSTER SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

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**Ochlocknee, GA January 19 – 22 (sites available on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Sugar Mill Plantation RV Park**  
**229-228-7275**

**Note: Reservations with the campground are not needed.**

**Cost: TBA**

**Hosts:** Bill & Joyce Metcalf, (803) 222-3180, (cell: 803-526-4705)

[Clydebmetcalf1932@gmail.com](mailto:Clydebmetcalf1932@gmail.com)

Andy & Alice Moore, (229) 551-0450, (cell: 229-413-3643)

**Directions:** From JCT of US-19/SR300 (GA/FL Parkway) & US 319, proceed north on US 19 for 6.6 miles, campground is on left. From JCT of US 84 & US 19/SR 300 (GA/FL Parkway), go north on US 19 for 9 miles, campground is on left. Campground is on right approximately 44 miles south of Albany, GA on US 19/SR300 (GA/FL Parkway).

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**Southeast Regional Muster, Myrtle Beach, SC, March 5 – 12, 2010 (attendees will depart on the 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Lakewood Camping Resort**  
**5901 S. Kings Hwy (Business US-17)**

**(877) 525-3966**

**Cost: \$30.00 Nightly**

**Note: Camping fees will be paid to John Meyers, Treasurer, of the Chattahoochee Drifters. His address is 5137 – 256<sup>th</sup> Street, O'Brien, FL 32071. Parking and Muster forms are available upon request from Mr. Meyers.**

**Hosts: Chattahoochee Drifters**

Dave Weis, **Muster Master**, (912) 729- 4142, (cell: 912-674-9347) [dweis@tds.net](mailto:dweis@tds.net)

John Meyers, **Treasurer**, (386) 935-6784, (cell: 386-208-4943)

[usmc75ret@windstream.net](mailto:usmc75ret@windstream.net)

**Directions:** From JCT of US-501 & US-17, Southwest 5.7 miles on US-17 to NC-544, East 0.8 mile to Business US-17, Northeast (left) 0.4 mile to campground on Right. Zip code 29575.

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**Kings Bay Naval Base, GA May 18 – 21 (sites available on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**Eagle Hammock RV Park**  
**800-818-1815**

**Note: Make your own reservations.**

**Cost: \$15.00**

**Host:** Stuart & Carole Erdrich, (803) 644-1499, (cell: 803-640-2932) [erdriachs@bellsouth.net](mailto:erdriachs@bellsouth.net)

Joel & Camille Meyers, (770) 382-4740, (cell: 770-891-6425) [joel@joelmyers.net](mailto:joel@joelmyers.net), or

[Camille@camillemyers.net](mailto:Camille@camillemyers.net)

Bob & Joy Farrington, (803) 782-0202, [locsmi@sc.rr.com](mailto:locsmi@sc.rr.com)

**Directions:** From JCT of I-95 & GA-40 (Kingsland-St. Mary's Rd.) go southeast 2.3 miles to Kings Bay Road. Turn left onto Kings Bay Road and travel 2.9 miles to the Stimson Gate of Kings Bay Naval Base. **Stay in the right hand lane through the gate** and follow the posted signs to Eagle Hammock RV Park, or drive straight ahead on USS Henry L. Stimson Dr. 1.0 mile to USS Daniel Webster Rd. and turn right. Follow USS Daniel Webster Rd. 2.0 miles and Eagle Hammock RV Park is on the left.

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**Dillard, GA July 20 – 23 (sites available on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>)**  
**River Vista Mountain Village RV Park (960 Hwy 246, Dillard, GA 30537)**  
**706-746-2722**

**Note: Make your own reservations.**

**Cost:** \$35.00

**Hosts:** Tom & Eve Jagielo, (706) 868-6880, (cell: 706-955-3911) [yooper1937@yahoo.com](mailto:yooper1937@yahoo.com)  
Jim & Von Rees, (843) 821-9677, (cell: 843-813-1927) [jwrees@bellsouth.net](mailto:jwrees@bellsouth.net)  
Richard & Katrina Bailey, (706) 860-6932, (cell: 706-373-1942)  
[richardbailey@knology.net](mailto:richardbailey@knology.net)

**Directions:** From JCT of US 441 & GA 246, proceed northeast on GA 246 for 0.9 miles to RV Park on right.

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**A National SMART Muster will be held in Centre Hall, PA, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**All attendees will depart on the 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Tabor City, NC September 21 - 24 (sites available on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Jelly Stone Park at Daddy Joe's**  
**877-668-8586**

**Note: Make your own reservations.**

**Cost:** \$31.00

**Hosts:** Jimmie & Carolyn Kirkley, (cell: 910-904-4567) [jkreparman@gmail.com](mailto:jkreparman@gmail.com)  
Other hosts TBA

**Directions:** From JCT of SC-9 & SC-701, North 5.3 miles on SC/NC-701 to Richard Wright Rd, East 0.3 mile(R); South bound: From JCT of I-95 & NC-74 (exit 14), East 26 mile on NC-74 to NC-410, Southeast 15 mile to NC-701, South 0.5 mile to Richard Wright Rd., East 0.3 mile (R). Zip Code is 28463.

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**Hoboken, GA November 16 - 19 (sites available on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Twin Oaks Park Campground (non commercial, PRIVATE)**

**Note: Reservations made through Muster Host Only!**

**Cost:** \$15.00 **No Credit Cards! Cash/Check collected by Muster Host.**

**Hosts: Volunteers are Needed for this Muster!!!!**

**Directions:** From JCT of US 82/520 and US 1 (Waycross), go east 9 miles to High Bluff Rock Road on right. Turn right and go 3.2 miles, to Twin Oaks Drive, turn left and Twin Oaks Park is 150 yards on left. From JCT of US 82/520 and SR 121/15 in Hoboken, go south on SR121/15 for 4.9 miles to High Bluff Rock Road, turn left on High Bluff Rock Road and proceed 3.8 miles to Twin Oaks Drive, turn right and Twin Oaks Park is 150 yards on left.

