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CINCINNATI OHIO UNIT

February 2005



UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH
SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH
GOLDEN CORRAL
FAIRFIELD, OH

SOUP RALLY
APRIL 21-24
WAYNESVILLE, OH

REGION 4 RALLY CARAVAN
LEAVES MAY 13

REGION 4 RALLY
MAY 23-29
FREMONT, OH

*MARK
YOUR CALENDAR!*

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From The Editor

This is your newsletter, so I would like to hear from you on your opinion about it. What do you like? What don't you like? What needs to be added?

Please feel free to send me any news or information that you think would be of interest to our members. You can call me at 513-984-9217, E-Mail me at dave_lowrey@yahoo.com, or send me mail (my address is in the Directory).

David Lowrey



2005 King & Queen: Dave & Ann Lowrey

President's Corner

It is with great pleasure that I assume the responsibilities as your president in 2005. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again this year at our unit Rallies.

Again this year we have a full slate, starting with the Saint Patrick's Day Brunch on March 12th. The soup rally starts on April 21st. at the Spring Valley Frontier Campground in Waynesville, Ohio. Al Flugeman is the host for this years rally. Starting on May 13th Karen and I will be leading a 10 day caravan to the Region 4 Rally in Fremont, Ohio. After that bring the kids to the Youth Rally in Brookville, Indiana. Then we will be heading Southwest for the International rally in Springfield Missouri. We hope to see a lot of you out there. Should be a fun one. After we get home we can rest up before attending our last two Rallies. Our Installation Rally will be held in September at the Xenia Fairgrounds. As usual we will be looking for some volunteers for 2nd VP and two trustees. Lets not wait until the last minute. If you think that you might be interested give me a call. Last but not least is our great Turkey Rally in October. Again this year we will be holding it at the Franklin County 4H fairgrounds in Brookville, Indiana. Each of our Rallies has a host in place with enough volunteers to cook our main meal, and breakfast.

So lets get our units ready for the road and we will plan to see you at the Soup Rally. For those members that do not want to bring their trailer you can still join us for dinner. Donald's soup is well worth the price, and you get to have dinner with your friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

John Turner

SPECIAL DATES

Birthdays

Fran Jhonson	January 1	Loren Rhoads	February 2
Bob Wiechel	January 3	Maxine Jennings	February 3
Dennis John	January 8	Dorothy Wilson	February 3
Francie Williams	January 11	Janet Wise	February 8
Karl Schramm	January 12	Thomas Schiffer	February 10
Nelson Dohm	January 15	Bettie Tanner	February 11
Ann Lowrey	January 16	Mildred Keener	February 13
Jerry Hack	January 16	Bob Holman	February 13
Doris Eisenschmidt	January 18	John Williams	February 14
Marlynn Knollman	January 20	Sandra Baxter	February 19
Carol Schiffer	January 21	Maryann McOwen	February 20
John Bittner	January 21	Carol Lane	February 21
Donald Bboehm	January 25	Joyce Grawe	February 27
Barb Willhite	January 29	Donald Kendig	February 28
Sandra Leonard	February 1		

Anniversaries

David & Laura Starr	February 26	50 Years
Jack & Donna Eidemiller	January 14	43 Years
John & Lenore Baumann	February 8	41 Years
Joe & Melody Nunamaker	January 4	36 Years

Past President's Corner

I want to start by saying thanks to Jo Ann for all of her support this past year. Now I know why all of you that have a badge that reads " Past First Lady" deserve the title. You worked for it and only those that have been here really know how much that you have done.

I also want to thank all of my officers that worked with me this past year. I hope that I wasn't too hard on you with my demands.

Thanks to the Starrs and Turners for the great Soup Rally. We all had a good time and I don't know of any one that did not like the tour of the goat farm. Thanks also to Donald and Jack for the excellent pot of soup. The auction was the best ever, thanks to Donald and his helpers.

I want to thank Sonny Thompson for leading the caravan to Region 4 rally. Thanks also to John Turner for filling in for me at the meetings and opening ceremony. The Cin. Unit was well represented at the rally. Let me thank all of those that helped make the rally a huge success. Janet Kendig spent most of the rally behind her desk as secretary. The Thompsons held a seminar on how other units can have youth rallies. The Kammerers held a seminar on how to pack as a full timer. The Thompson held a seminar of how to plan for a youth rally. Lloyd Stober was chairman of the propane safety check of all of the trailers with the help of Bob Eisenschmidt and Bob Kammerer. Donald Kendig 1) placed all of the WBCCI signs on the highways showing us the way to the site. 2) He was in charge of all of the food purchases. 3) He and Janet served drinks each evening 4) also chaired the outside security with the help of Jack Eidemiller, Earl Johnson and John Turner. Thanks to Mary Lou Thompson and Sandra Leonard who made all of the table decoration. They had a cast of about 12 more that worked with them. Thanks to Joyce Grawe who held a line dance class each morning. Thanks to Jack Eidemiller who made popcorn every night. And to Jane Sheets thanks for the wake up call on the CB with the announcements. I also want to thank all that entered into the hobby show. Now I know why we are thought of as one of the top units in Region 4.

Thanks to the Eisenschmidts and the Thompsons for the Youth rally. I don't know of any of the young participants that are not looking forward to coming back in 2005. They had a great time. We did not hear much from the grandchildren once they hit the bed. I think that we finally wore them down. I need to thank Donald for bringing his tractor and sulkies. Had we let them, the kids would have ridden until dark. Thanks also to Lloyd and his crew, the Knollmans, Turners and Jack Eidemiller, for the pancake breakfast. Thanks also to the Johnsons for all of their food preparations.

At the International rally we were again well represented. We took a Best of Show award for the history book. Thanks to Janet Kendig assisted by Karen Turner, Fran Johnson, Donna Eidemiller, Joyce Grawe and Marne Kammerer. Thanks to the parade committee headed up by John & Karen Turner. They won the 1st place award for "originality". I believe that Donald's custom trailer along with "Susie" played by Mary Lou and "Franie Farkle" played by Fran Durbin got the judges attention. Thanks also to all that entered the Hobby show, we had a total of 8 winners. Thanks to Donald and his tractor driving skills. With all of the rain he was kept busy. Thanks also to Lloyd Stober for getting everyone parked. Jane sheets ran the blood drive. Thanks.

Thanks to the Leonards and Thompson and all of their helpers for a great Installation rally. Thanks also to all of those that accepted the nomination for the office that you will hold in 2005. Without you the Installation rally would have been a real bust. The tours, games and speakers that talked about the different birds were all good.

Thanks to Dave and Ann Lowrey for leading our caravan to the Swiss Festival Rally at Sugarcreek. We were disappointed that we could not be there and missed a great time.

Thanks to the Johnsons for heading up the turkey rally. Thanks to Lloyd and his crew for the pancake breakfast and to Donald Kendig and Jack for cooking the turkeys.

Thanks to the Grawes for hosting the Christmas party.

Last I want to thank every one again for the prayers and cards that helped me to get through my surgery. I am not there yet but I am close. Every day gets better and better.

Al

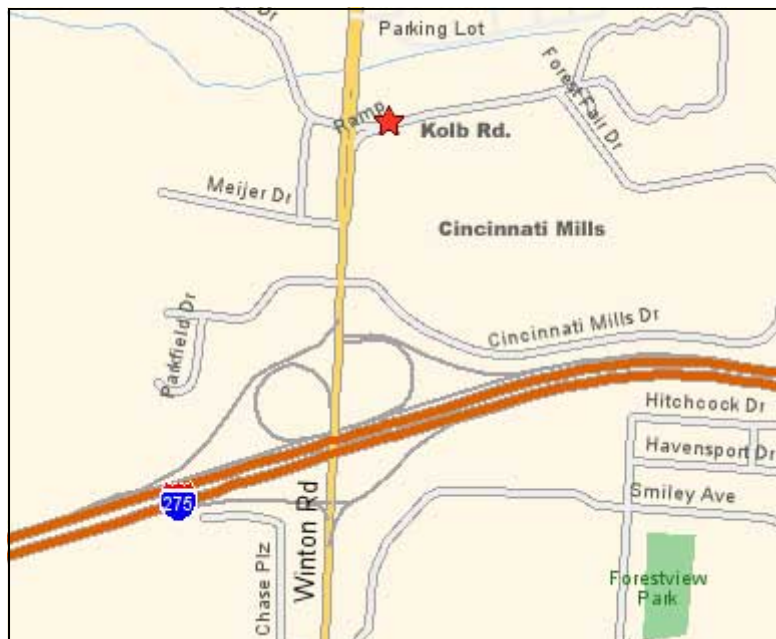
The Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch

**Saturday, March 12th, 2005
9:00AM—11:00AM**

**The Golden Corral Restaurant
470 Kolb Dr
Fairfield, OH 45014
(513) 682-6400**

Come join the rest of the “non-snowbird” COU members for warm fellowship and a great buffet breakfast!

The Restaurant is located next to the new Cincinnati Mills Mall. Just take I-275 to exit 39 (Winton Rd.). Take Winton Rd. North. Turn Right on Kolb Rd, just past the Mall.





This & That

By Jo Ann Fluegeman



This new column is being started with the purpose of getting to know each other a little better. The success of this endeavor will be up to you because you will be the ones feeding me info. It is not to take the place of the Sunshine report so please do not send medical news. We want to hear about anything in your life that would be of interest. Please send any contributions to: JoAnn Fluegeman - jcaffluegeman@juno.com or 513 948-1992

All of us who attended Charlie Knollman's funeral were so impressed with the beautiful eulogy given by Bob, his oldest son. We've known Charlie for a long time (Al and he worked at P & G before retirement) but we found out many things we had not known before. One of his first jobs was a window dresser which accounts for why he did such great bulletin boards. He was such an asset to our Unit and will be sorely missed by all.

We were greatly surprised to see the picture of our grandkids at the Youth Rally featured in the insert of the Blue Beret. I sent it in a long time ago and wondered why they had never published it since I know they are trying to push having the young people get acquainted with WBCCI. Karen Turner took the picture, using the trailers as a backdrop so it was a natural fit.

Doris Eisenschmidt e-mailed to tell us about Earl Johnson portraying Kenny Rodgers, while Fran and Jean Carroll were Wionna and Naomie Judd. This was at Paradise Park where many of our unit enjoy Florida sunshine during our bleak winter months. Wouldn't you have liked to see that performance?

The Grawe brothers, Bill and Steve along with Joyce and Sandy, won spots on the Golden Caravan. We will be eager to see the pictures they will bring back with them. It should be an exciting trip.

Remember this is your column so if you have anything at all that is newsworthy, please contact me before March 20th, which is the deadline for the next newsletter. Since you are all such interesting people there must be something in your life that we would like to know!

CHARLEY WILL BE MISSED

On January 1st, just 35 minutes into the Year 2005, I lost my brother and Cincinnati Ohio Unit lost one of its best and hardest workers.

Charley was President for two terms and was active at all rallies - especially with his wife Mer. They hosted the Turkey Rally for several years including two Tall Stacks Rallies. The last one being held as a WBCCI National Events Rally.

Adding to the success of these rallies Charley & Mer arranged and directed entertainment programs and erected elaborate sets for a stage.

Charley attained recognition at International Rallies with his bulletin Boards on which he won the top award two years in succession.

There are many more things Charley did for the COU but too numerous to list.

Our best memorial for Charlie is to keep COU a strong and active UNIT equal to the level he helped to raise it.

John Knollman



IT'S A "ZOO UP HERE!" SOUP RALLY

EXPECT A "WILD" TIME!

We'll have fun and games with a zoo theme. Brush up on your animal lore – it may come in handy!
Wear any jungle/animal prints you have.

April 21st to the 24th, 2005
Spring Valley Frontier Campground
9580 Collette Road
Waynesville, Ohio 45068
937 488-1127

Camping fee \$19.50 per night, Rally fee - TBA (Full hookups, propane available)
Bring firewood for the fireplace which keeps us cozy and warm

Thursday Parking all day, ham dinner at 5:30P.M. – board games and visiting in evening
Bring Vegetable (A-G) - Salad (H-L) - Dessert (M-Z) Bring a snack and your drink.

Friday 7:30 a.m. Breakfast of toast, bagels, juice and coffee
9:00 a.m. Line up for tour
12:00 a.m. Lunch on your own
4:30 p.m. Line up for dinner at Der Dutchman Restaurant
7:00 p.m. Games and contests with prizes! Bring a snack and your drink.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee – Bring own table service
9:00 a.m. Pay rally fee and camping fee to Treasurer, Joyce Graw
10:00 a.m. Business meeting
12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
5:00 p.m. Soup Dinner – Bring Salad (A-M) or Desert (N to Z)
Bring soup bowl and utensils
7:30 p.m. The Big Auction – bring anything that might sell! Empty those closets
and garages. Your trash is another Man's treasures!

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Church service – Mary Lou Thompson
11:30 a.m. Potluck lunch

Don't forget to bring your pennies for the International Rally. Keep saving those pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald house and if you buy stuffed animals at garage sales, we'll take them to International.

So we can have a head count (more accurately – trailer count) call Al and Jo Ann Fluegeman – 513-948-1992 or email us at jcaffluegeman@juno.com. Hope you can make it for the first rally of the year. It should be fun!

2004 Christmas Party Photos



Many more photos are viewable on our Web Site: <http://www.cou-wbcci.org>