



"A FAMILY OF FRIENDS"

A PUBLICATION OF TETON CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Renfro Valley is Ready for You

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Plans are well underway for our 2007 TCI rally in Renfro Valley, Kentucky. I hope you plan to attend—we're going to have a great time! We've been on the phone with Teton Homes, and they're excited about coming to the rally. They're going to bring their great service technicians and plenty of supplies to provide complementary limited servicing for your coaches.

Service help from the factory is not meant to provide warranty work or take on major projects—rally time is just too limited for that. Rather, they will help you with some of those smaller problems that you put off, or don't know how to do. Actually, some members prefer to use their "time" to consult with the service techs to "pick their brains" on how best to complete projects or solve problems on their own. In addition, Teton Homes management personnel plan to attend, not only to tell you what's new at the factory, but also to hear from you, their customer base.

Renfro Valley is situated in Rockcastle County—**A "DRY" COUNTY**. No alcoholic beverages are sold anywhere near-by. As the locals jokingly say, "If you need to buy spirits, you'll need to drive 30 miles north, 30 miles south, or 12 miles into the hills." In all seriousness, if you like to drink a glass of wine or other spirits with your meals, that's fine—but you will have to bring what you need.

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Historic Boone Tavern was built in 1909 to house visitors to Berea College. The hotel has been enlarged and remodeled and now has 58 guest rooms featuring furniture made mostly by the college woodcraft department. The hotel's dining facility, featuring southern cuisine, has garnered much acclaim. We will have lunch in the tavern's dining room.

Rally Activities—Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum and A Day in Berea –Cont'd

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In addition to the nightly entertainment described in the last newsletter, we have other activities planned, including a visit to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Museum, and a day in Berea.



At the **Kentucky Music Hall of Fame And Museum** you will see exhibits that range from artifacts centuries old, to the memorabilia of today's

most well known artists. Some exhibits convey the excitement of a musical movement or event, while some take you to a place in time where life was more simple and reflective. Each tells its own story of how a culture lived, or maybe of just one individual who found their way from simple roots to world wide fame.



Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Building in Renfro Valley, Kentucky-just a short walk from our rally campsites.

The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame exhibits honor Kentucky performers, songwriters, publishers, promoters, managers, broadcasters comedians and other music professionals who have made significant contributions to the music industry in Kentucky and around the world.

On Tuesday we will car pool from Renfro Valley, approximately 15 miles, to the near-by community of Berea, Kentucky. **Berea is the folk arts and crafts capital of Kentucky.** From its "student industry" beginnings, the town has a growing arts and crafts community. Over 50 artists and craftspeople have settled here, and they produce a vast array of beautiful, quality work. There are three main shopping areas in Berea: Old Town, Chestnut Street and the College Square. If you choose, there will be time to explore the many different arts and crafts in town, however, our goal is to visit and tour historic Berea College in the center of town.



First Berea College building.

Berea College was founded in 1855 as the first interracial and co-educational college in the South. It still promotes understanding and kinship among all people, as well as service to communities in Appalachia and beyond.

A somewhat unique feature of Berea College is that all students must work at the school in any one of 130 labor departments that range from food service, to handicrafts, to technology, and academic research.

Berea's students, who come primarily from the Appalachian counties of nine states and who must demonstrate academic ability and financial need, do not receive academic credit for their work in the crafts. All Berea students work 10-20 hours a week in lieu of paying tuition. Those who choose the crafts areas also earn the life-long dividend of the handmade experience. Keeping Appalachian crafts alive, the college has departments or "guilds" in weaving, ceramics, ironwork, games, broom crafts, and wood crafts. Our plan is to tour (in small groups) the college, viewing the historic buildings, and working craft shops, hopefully with artisans and students at work.



Draper Hall classroom building at Berea College was modeled after Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

While in Berea, we will have lunch at the Historic Boone Tavern. Built on the old "Dixie Highway," and named after early Kentucky explorer Daniel Boone, this historic hotel and restaurant is prominently located on the College Square in town. In continuous operation since 1909, the Boone Tavern continues its tradition of being staffed primarily by Berea College students.

KAY HOOPER#454, RALLYMASTER



Berea is also home to the Kentucky Artisan Center, which features (and sells) the works of Kentucky's creative and talented.

Teton Homes Has New CEO

On April 9, 2007, Christopher Braun assumed the position of CEO for Teton Homes. Indications are that Mr. Braun will be an active, "hands on" leader. On the day we talked, his second day at the factory, Mr. Braun had just come from a factory-wide meeting where the entire plant came to a halt to hear from their new boss. He was in the process of contacting every dealer, and had just set up a meeting with those responsible for quality control. Chris and his wife, Sandi, are moving to Casper. "You can't run a company from a distance," he said.

The article below is compiled from an interview, information from *RV Digest* and *RV Business* and a letter from the factory. It offers some insight into Mr. Braun's interests, management style, relationship with our club, quality control, and his background and work experiences. EDITOR

Working With People: When asked about his philosophy regarding managing people in an *RV Digest* article, Braun said, "There are three aspects to my management style: 1) Hire the right people for the right jobs; 2) Trust them to do what they do best; and 3) Provide support and guidance along the way."

Commenting on Teton Homes leadership, Chris Braun said, "I believe that Terry and I will really work well together. Our strengths are different, and will complement each other." (*Terry Harkins will continue to be Chief Operating Officer and Plant Manager*).

What About the TCI Club:

Commenting on the Teton Club, Chris said that he was impressed with the club's activities and rallies. He said, "I believe that the club should have strong support from the factory. First, as a show of appreciation for buying our product, and second, because they are a critical sounding board for input on problems and new ideas." He was already reviewing his schedule to see if he could drop in on a regional rally, as well as the national.

Regarding Quality Control: In an earlier interview, Braun was asked, "Where do you see the RV industry in 5, 10 and 20 years?" He replied, "I think right now the industry is making the necessary adjustments to accommodate our changing customer demographics and needs, as well as the ever-changing economic factors we face. If we can continue to provide innovative products and improve our focus on industry-wide customer satisfaction, the next 5 to 10 years should be good for all of us."

When asked, "What do you think is the most critical issue facing our industry today?" Mr. Braun replied, "Our customers' expectations continue to rise. It's critical that we as an industry rise to the occasion and exceed their expectations. We must continue to foster all of the benefits of the RV experience and lifestyle."

Hobbies and Interests: Braun has several hobbies and special interests, "I spend a lot of free time either watching or playing sports. Being from Wisconsin, I love bowling and am a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan who travels to as many games as my schedule allows. I also enjoy golfing and fishing."

Background and Experience: Chris Braun's background is briefly reviewed in a statement issued by the factory on April 11th. It is printed below:

"We are pleased to announce that Chris Braun has joined Teton Homes as Chief Executive Officer effective Monday, April 9, 2007.

Prior to joining Teton, Chris was with Fleetwood Enterprises and served as the Executive Vice President of Fleetwood's RV group. While at Fleetwood, Chris had full responsibility for Fleetwood's folding trailer, travel trailer and motor home divisions.

Prior to Fleetwood, Chris had over 20 years of manufacturing experience, the majority of which was with PACCAR, who manufactures the Kenworth and Peterbilt Class 8 trucks. While at PACCAR, Chris held a variety of senior management positions which included responsibility in the areas of sales and marketing, plant operations and finance.

Chris is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He has completed the Executive Development Program at Northwestern University and is a certified public accountant.

Chris is excited about joining the Teton team and is anxious to meet each of you. He views his new assignment as an excellent opportunity to help us grow Teton Homes and he is happy to be associated with the most innovative products in the industry.

Please join us in congratulating Chris and welcoming him to Teton Homes.

WE DO WELCOME YOU, AND WISH YOU WELL—YOUR TETON CLUB "FAMILY OF FRIENDS."



Mary Starr to Retire from Teton Homes

Mary Starr, National Sales Coordinator for Teton Homes, has announced her retirement, beginning this June. Many club members, especially those who have been to the factory, or who have attended national rallies, know Mary as a long-time friend of our club.



Mary began working for Teton Homes thirteen years ago as a secretary and coordinator for then National Sales Coordinator, Howard Casey. She quickly became identified by club members as the person to call when help was needed on non-warranty/service related matters. Eventually, Mary took over her bosses' job and expanded its role.

As a friend of our club, Mary has helped our national rallymasters in planning and coordination with the factory. She has attended our national rallies in Branson, Missouri; Monument, Colorado; Boston, Massachusetts and Outdoor Resorts, California.

After retirement, Mary plans to move to a senior living community in Little Elm, Texas (near Dallas). She will be replaced by her assistant, Ann Urbigkit. Mary says, "Please rely on her as you did me to help you with any problems you may have. I feel confident that I'm leaving you in good hands and she's excited about the position. Many of you have already met Ann as she has been conducting the factory tours for me for the past year. She is knowledgeable about our Tetons and wants to help. I hope you will treat her with the kindness and respect you have shown me—Thanks for everything, Mary."

No, Mary, It's YOU we thank for everything . . .

YOUR TETON FRIENDS.



In Memoriam

Club member, Bobbie Ezell #932 passed away on March 16th in Houston, Texas. Those of you who knew Bobbie can appreciate the valiant battle she fought against cancer and the reluctance with which she had to give up the RV lifestyle.

Helpful RV Travels Websites

The beauty of the RVing lifestyle is the opportunity to explore new areas. With our large rigs a little advanced information about the area we are headed for is helpful. We have used this website <http://www.rvparkreviews.com/> many times to obtain info out about RV Parks. These reviews are from actual visitors and not advertisers or commercial interests. We all have different travel styles but these reviews can be a helpful point of reference. You will note that the reviewer will list what type of RV they were in i.e. tent, diesel pusher or fiver and the time of year to help you get a feel for the rating and it is easy to post your own review.

The next site is helpful once you arrive <http://www.rvservicereviews.com/>. Have you ever arrived in a new town and needed service but didn't know where to go? In addition to a post on the Tetoner E-group we have used this website to help us find service. This is also by actual RV'ers and no commercials.

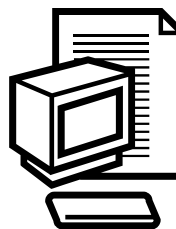
My last sites are for you frugal shoppers out there: <http://www.dealcatcher.com/> and <http://www.couponcabin.com/>. Before you press the "submit" key check this out. I recently purchased from LLBean and before I finished I checked out these sites and found a promotional code for free shipping. The promotional codes and coupons change frequently but you never know when your product will match a discount. It is worth a try. They also have printable coupons for brick and mortar businesses. Hope you find these tools helpful. Safe Travels.

MARGARET & JOHN SERAFIN #1116

Want a "Paperless" Newsletter?

Just a reminder that you have the option of receiving a "paperless newsletter." If you sign up for this option, you will receive an email just before our regular newsletters are mailed out. The email notice includes a web link so at a time and place of your convenience, you can merely click on the link. Your newsletter will appear for reading and/or downloading to your computer.

Those members who have gone "paperless" receive four full-color issues a year in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. This may save you on re-mailing costs and the club saves by printing and mailing fewer newsletters.



If you would like to receive your newsletter via email attachment, and not receive a paper copy by mail, please send me an email at geoandkay@macfl.com.

GEORGE HOOPER, EDITOR

NOTICE for those members currently receiving an electronic edition of this newsletter: You have received a paper copy of the newsletter as part of your Annual Directory mailing. It's less expensive to include everything in every packet than to pay for custom mailings.

EDITOR

Slide Out Rubs at Roof

Last month, we noticed that there was a leak in the corner of the longest slide on our coach (2002 Tucson Royal). Upon investigation, we found that the metal that clamps the rubber onto the slide, was all rusty and some of it was lying along the top of the slide. Having cleaned all this up, we then called the factory to have them send us new rubber to install.

We took the old seal off and began installing the new rubber. When we got to the front corner of the slide, we found that the corner of the slide was very tight against the body of the coach. To be able to get the seal along the slide, we knew something had to be done. We found out that if the back jacks were lifted, the frame had enough flex to release half to three fourths of an inch away from the body and we could continue to apply the new seal. This means that any time we move the slide in or out, the rear jacks should be completely raised in order to keep the slide from rubbing against the body, which does damage to the seal itself.

We know that in the Teton manual, it does not recommend this, but since we have brought the back jacks up, our scraping problem has disappeared. Thus the seal is intact, and the slide does not scrape against the body when going in and out. We also put the slide out when we park before putting the jack back down.

JOE BETZ #130

Yahoo E-Group for Tetoners

Have you signed up for the Tetoner Yahoo E-group? If not here are some of the recent topics:

- Passport update on travel to Mexico and Canada:
- Dish TV, Distant Network Stations Update.
- Quartzsite TCI BBQ Friday, January 26, 2007.
- Dometic Refrigerator Recall.
- Fiberglass Cleaning Question.
- Looking for an RV Hauler.
- Two Tire-able Experiences!
- Emergency Exit.
- Bottle Jack- Recommendations?
- Day-Night Shades
- No more 42" table.
- Roof treatment.
- Teton ceiling fans.
- Travel Webcasts.

Don't miss out, Its not too late You can catch up today just go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/tetoners/> and click on "Join this Group." E-group Sign up or How To Questions??? I am just an e-mail away: tetoners-owner@yahoogroups.com Safe Travels,

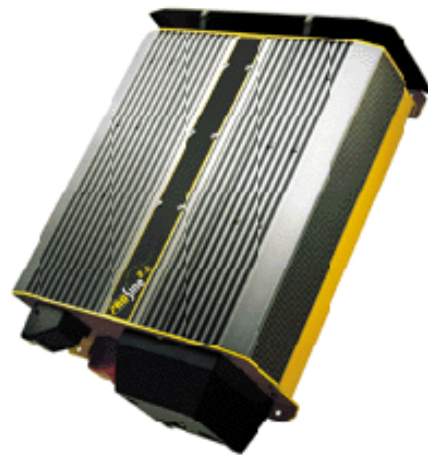
MARGARET SERAFIN #1116, TETONER E-GROUP MODERATOR

E-mail: tetoners-owner@yahoogroups.com E-group message archive and photos: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/tetoners/>

Prosine Inverter Reset Procedures

I had an interesting problem with my inverter. We were connected to 30 amp service and accidentally tripped the 30 amp breaker. Went and reset the breaker and it tripped again and again for the third time. Then we checked the Standard Control Panel for the inverter and had a solid red "Fault" LED lit and the "Warning" LED was flashing. Now what to do?

A look in my Teton book showed an Inverter circuit breaker mounted on the 12 Volt Fuse panel in the basement. Well mine was not there? So I called Teton and talked to Jeremy. After several attempts, I still could not find it, so I gave up and called Xantrex. There was an error code of "195" from the control panel. I felt that the little microprocessor was just confused and no serious damage in the inverter itself. These new inverters have built in safety circuits to protect themselves. Nice feature. But the Xantrex book doesn't say how to reset the inverter.



Prosine (Xantrex) inverter 2500 has specific procedures to reset.

After talking to the service guy, he told me how to reset the inverter. This is not in the book. So wanted to share this with other Tetoners with the Prosine 2.5 Inverter/Chargers.

Basically you must disconnect the shore power, wait about 30 seconds and then push the "Bypass" switch from it's default position "on" to "Bypass" position. Leave it in the bypass position for about 30 seconds, then push it back to the "On" position again.

If that doesn't work then there is a second Reset procedure: Disconnect the shore power first, then disconnect the +12 Volt cable to the inverter, allow 30 minutes for the inverter to drain off all charges. Then re-connect the +12 volt cable and then re-connect the shore power.

Well ,after doing this, the inverter came back online and everything worked as before. Now, for all the new units that have been purchased recently (had ours 8 months), check your electrical connections. Mine were loose and the lugs were over 50% covered with electrical tape. Not a quality job of installation. These battery connections/lugs need a 100% contact and need to be solid and tight. It is too easy for the high ampere connections to generate heat and start fires.

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GENE LAVIELLE #1389

Teton Homes Responds to Dometic Refrigerator Recall

In the last issue of our newsletter, member Rita McGuffin #99 notified us of a refrigerator recall from Dometic Corp. Webmaster, Terry Nance, listed specific serial numbers and links on our club website, www.tetoners.org. Below is a notice by Nick Keller, Warranty Manager from Teton Homes, notifying us of Teton's plans and actions concerning this recall. Nick also says that he knows of no refrigerator-caused fire in a Teton. However, take this recall seriously.

In a letter, Nick says . . .

Dometic has finally released information on the refer problems. I have attached the Information supplied to Department of Transportation. The recall is from April of 1997 through May 2003. I have supplied DOT and Stericycle with the latest information on customers that we have. The cover letter DOMETIC REFRIGERATOR RECALL CAMPAIGN #06E-076 lists the serial numbers of the two models that Teton used was the NDR 1062 & RM 3862. If any of the owners want to check and see if the Model number of the refer and the Serial number are in this Recall they can check numbers in this letter.

The Recall letter will come from Stericycle, Inc., 2670 Executive Drive, STE. A, Indianapolis, IN 46241. The contact person will be Chandra Sales. *(UPDATE— repair, recall parts will be available after April 15th).*

This is for the club if you want to post it for their knowledge. I do not know how long it will be before this recall notice is sent to the owners. This is a heads up for our owners.

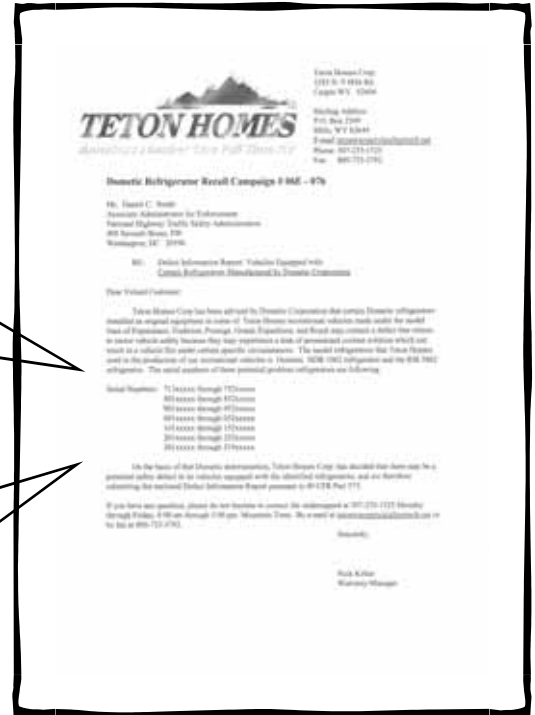
Respectfully,

Nick Keller, Warranty Mgr.
Teton Homes Corp.

“The model refrigerators that Teton Homes used in the production of our recreational vehicles is Dometic NDR 1062 refrigerator and the RM 3862 refrigerator. The serial numbers of these potential problem refrigerators are following.”

Serial Numbers
713xxxxx through 752xxxxx
801xxxxx through 852xxxxx
901xxxxx through 952xxxxx
001xxxxx through 152xxxxx
201xxxxx through 252xxxxx
301xxxxx through 319xxxxx

“We elect to have Dometic Corporation administer the recall of our vehicles that contain defective Dometic refrigerators. We will provide a list of the vehicles containing those refrigerators, by VIN, as well as the names and addresses of the purchasers of these vehicles, to Stericycle Incorporated . . .”



Dometic refrigerator (R) caused a fire that destroyed a motorhome (above).



Photos courtesy RV Appraisals & Investigations of America, LLC



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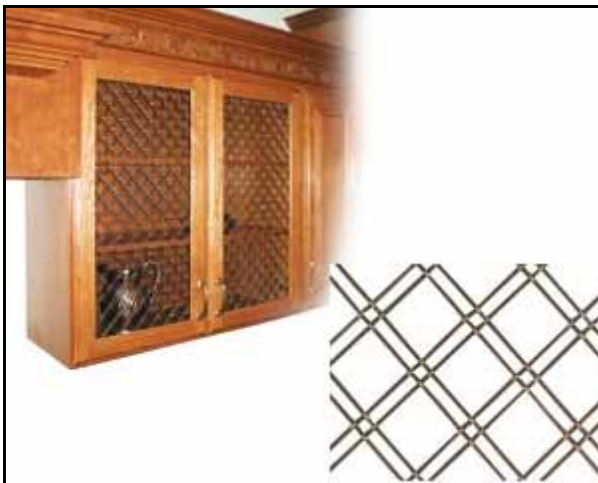
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Heat in Entertainment Cabinet

We have several electronic devices in the cabinet next to our TV. Heat has been an issue in the confined space since the beginning. During a trip to the factory we had two circular A/C grills installed in the side wall to increase air circulation—One for each shelf. The DVR and Home Theater control unit run hot so we still keep the cabinet door open when when use them. Not very attractive but functional.



Decorative wire mesh (above right) replaces glass panel to provide more air circulation.

We just visited friends with a new Travel Supreme fiver that were experiencing the same heat issue. Their solution to the cabinet door was to remove the leaded glass panel and replaced it with a dark bronze "Decorative Wire Mesh". It looked very attractive with their cherry wood, as if it was from the factory and is most functional. They found the mesh at a home improvement store. Here is a sample of a cherry wood office storage cabinet with the mesh panels <http://www.everythingofficefurniture.com/kswk-overhead-storage-1.html>.

The proportions of the mesh size to the cabinet is much larger than the one in the fiver entertainment cabinet.

Here is a sample on the web for oak wood, <http://www.antiquehardware.com/product/02383275/>.

JOHN & MARGARET SERAFIN #1116

Fee Includes . . .

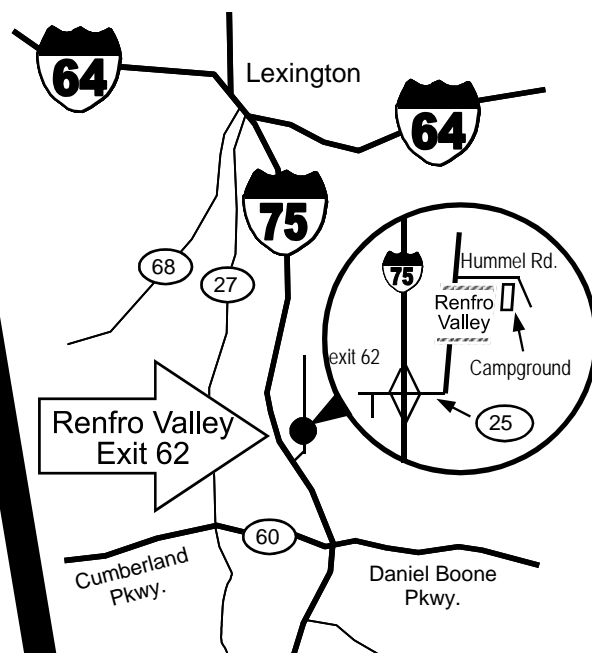
- ◆ 7 Nights of camping at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Complex campground.
- ◆ 4 dinners at Renfro Valley.
- ◆ 6 breakfasts—two “boarding house.”
- ◆ Lunch at historic Boone Tavern, Berea.
- ◆ Nightly live entertainment at Renfro Valley Entertainment Complex
- ◆ Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.
- ◆ A day in historic Berea (folk art & crafts center of Kentucky).
- ◆ The opportunity to renew friendships from all over the US and Canada, and acquire new ones.
- ◆ Souvenir rally shirt.
- ◆ A day devoted to assorted seminars and crafts.
- ◆ Teton factory representation and trailer servicing.

Teton Club International Rally Renfro Valley, Kentucky September 17 – 24, 2007

Discover Renfro Valley!

You Need to Decide . . .

1. **Headliner Show:** There will be an optional evening show, with nationally known Country singer, Ronnie Milsap. The cost is \$28.00 per ticket.
2. **Rally Shirt Size:** Shirts are “golf shirt” style. Sizes range from small to XXXL.
3. **Lunch at Boone Tavern:** Our meal at this historic hotel reflects unique menu choices from this region. Entrée choice one is a “*Kentucky Hot Brown*.” This is a toasted French loaf, topped with shaved country ham & roasted turkey, covered in a white cheddar sauce, with bacon strips & tomato. Entrée choice two is a “*Fried Green Tomato Salad*”—cornmeal encrusted tomatoes, centered around buttermilk tossed spinach, topped with grape tomatoes, shaved Romano cheese & crispy country ham strips.
4. **Appalachian Craft:** During seminar day, a local crafts person will show how to make cornhusk dolls. Those who attend will make a small cornhusk angel. There will be a small fee for materials. We need to know how many plan to attend so that we will have enough materials on hand.



Directions: From jct. of I-75 and US 25 (exit 62), go north on US 25 7/10 mile. Campground is on the right (Hummel Rd.) at the north end of the entertainment complex.



Renfro Valley

KENTUCKY'S COUNTRY MUSIC CAPITAL

18TH ANNUAL TETON CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY

September 17 - 24, 2007



Join us for a week of fun, music, comedy, southern cooking, and great friends at Renfro Valley, where Kentucky's Blue-grass meets the Appalachian mountains.

Questions - Contact:

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Davenport, FL 33837
(407) 340-2597
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Early Arrivals/Late Stays - Contact Renfro Valley directly for pre-rally and/or post rally space. Identify yourself as a TCI member.

Contact: **Renfro Valley Entertainment Center,
Renfro Valley, KY 40473
1-800-765-7464
www.renfrovalley.com**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2007

NAME: LAST _____ FIRST _____ SPOUSE/COMPANION _____
ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TCI # _____ TRAILER LENGTH _____
NUMBER OF ADULTS _____ NUMBER OF GUESTS _____ PHONE _____

THIS RALLY WILL BE THE (ENTER NUMBER) _____ **INTERNATIONAL** RALLY WE HAVE ATTENDED. ***If is your first TCI rally, you probably need club rally badges. If you do, attach a note showing names as you would like them to appear on each badge. Include the state you want on your badge If we have enough lead-time, you will receive your free badge(s) when you arrive at the rally.***

DO YOU REQUIRE ANYTHING SPECIAL DUE TO HEALTH OR OTHER CONCERNS? _____

- RALLY SHIRT SIZE: YOU _____ SPOUSE/COMPANION _____ USE (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL)
- IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE OPTIONAL RONNIE MILSAP HEADLINER SHOW (\$28 EA), HOW MANY TICKETS WILL YOU NEED? _____
- LUNCH CHOICE FOR HISTORIC BOONE TAVERN-(CIRCLE CHOICE): **YOU**---> HOT BROWN GREEN TOMATO SALAD
SPOUSE/COMPANION---> HOT BROWN GREEN TOMATO SALAD
- WILL YOU TAKE PART IN THE CORNHUSK DOLL CRAFT (FOR A SMALL FEE)? IF YES, HOW MANY PEOPLE? _____

COST: \$600 PER RIG (2 PEOPLE) \$220 EACH EXTRA PERSON \$380 PER RIG WITH 1 PERSON

NOTES: Make out your check to TCI International (U.S. Funds). Partial payments accepted as long as final payment, including optional show, is made by deadline. It may be necessary to put later registrants on sites with water and electric only (pump out provided).

- **BASIC RALLY FEE:** _____ + **RONNIE MILSAP HEADLINER TICKETS** _____ = **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** _____

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

The undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Teton Club International Club officers of any and all liabilities, claims, losses, damages, injuries and reasonable attorney fees which may rise as a result from, or relate to this rally; or the negligence, omissions or lack of care of its officers during the time period specified above. Cancellation in accordance with TCI by-laws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**MAIL TO: Carole Gilfedder, Sec/Treas.
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A&E WeatherPro Awning Wind Sensor Adjustments

About five years ago, A&E introduced its motor driven WeatherPro awning, complete with a solid state wind sensor designed to automatically close the awning after detecting sustained winds. It also included a pocket-sized wireless remote control to conveniently operate the awning from any nearby location. Advertised as, "Designed to out-think the elements," the awning also included newly designed "knee-action" folding vertical arms.

The unit is designed to retract your awning when sustained wind speeds reach approximately 18MPH. A solid state wind sensing tube is mounted on the roof. A connecting cable goes down through the roof to a controller box in the main storage compartment—generally behind the sliding utility area doors. On the left side of the control box is a small toggle switch. It enables and disables the wind sensor—necessary if the awning is going to be anchored to the ground with straps. If you forget to disable the wind sensor, and it tries to close the awning while tied down, you may well blow the 15AMP fuse in the controller box. If this happens, disable the wind sensor, and replace the fuse (a spare is usually taped inside the control box for unfortunate times like this.

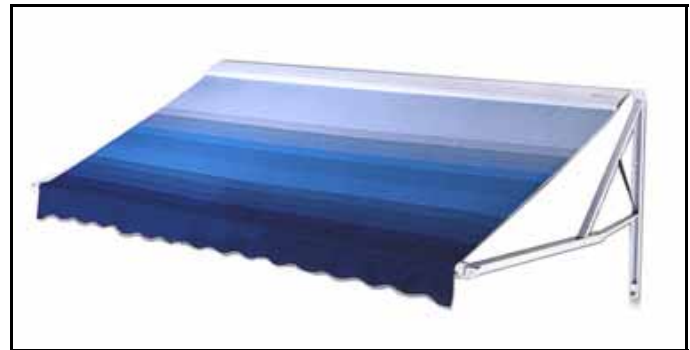
The wind sensor feature has been a problem for some owners. Some earlier roof sensors failed (according to a Dometic rep.) because they got too hot from the sun, and excessive heat destroyed the electronics inside. Later roof sensors had a reflective surface installed to help with this heat problem. Unfortunately, if the roof sensor needs to be replaced, you have to purchase the complete system, including the control box .



In addition to total failure of the wins sensor, some owners found that their awning retracted too soon—with very little wind, or too late—when, well, you know what it sounds like when those folding arms start flexing. The information below is taken from a FAX from A&E. It explains how you can "re-program" your control box so that the wind sensor will engage at a higher, or lower wind speed.

AUTOMATIC AWNING RETRACTION

"The electronic controls and the wind sensor are pre-set as a matched pair during manufacturing to retract at a wind speed of approximately 18MPH. Due to tolerances in electronic components, lengths of wires, fluctuating voltage, and the ambient temperature, this may vary plus or minus 3MPH.



Motor driven A&E WeatherPro awning with "knee-action" folding vertical arms.

The hardware of the WEATHERPRO awning is designed to flex in the wind and allow the canopy to bellow thus dissipating the wind's energy. This is most noticeable when the wind is blowing from the side of the coach, and much less noticeable from other directions. The retraction wind speed setting is adjustable as some owners have personal preference as to when retraction should occur, and wind velocity is quite subjective

To make a retraction adjustment, remove the four screws from the control box cover and lift the cover to expose the circuit board. Locate a small **red block with 5 small "dip" switches**. To turn a dip switch "ON" use a plastic ball point pen and move the dip switch upward.

WARNING! Read this entire page before attempting adjustment!

If the awning is retraction at too low of a wind speed:

- Turn on dip switch #2 only—this will add about 3MPH.
- Turn on dip switch #3 only—this will add about 6MPH.

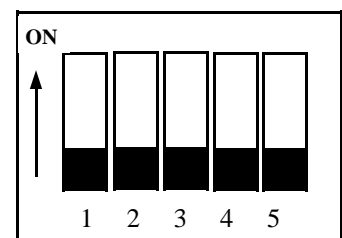
If the awning is retracting at too high of a wind speed:

- Turn on dip switches #2&4—this will subtract about 3MPH.
- Turn on dip switches #3&4—this will subtract about 6MPH.

Do not use #2 and #3 together.

Do not use #1 nor #5 at any time."

DIP Switch



GEORGE HOOPER #454

Regional News

S.E. Region Holds Mid-Winter Luncheon

Thursday Feb. 8th was a perfect day in central Florida. It was breezy, sunny and 75 degrees. A day like that is one of the reasons that so many people come to Florida for the winter. On that beautiful day, a group of Tetoners met at Homer's Buffet in Sebring for the annual South East Mid-Winter Luncheon. As always, the "family of friends" had a great time.

Although the turnout was smaller than usual, the conversation, food and pleasure of being with friends was "huge". The active discussions about RVing in general, solving basic RV problems, finding good dealers with good repair facilities and the procedures for going to the factory to have them "go over" our rigs were the highlights of the day. New members learned about upcoming rallies and everyone was encouraged to attend them – especially the next Inter-

national rally in Renfro Valley Kentucky next September.

Those in attendance were: Pat & Margaret Wortman #804, Ray & Gail Brandt #24, George & Kay Hooper #454, Richard & Sandy Horst #1401, Walt & Jo Parker #277, Harry & Joanne Knotts #1359, Richard & Jeanne Shirley #1390, Charles & Ann Wilson #996, Ervin & Laura Schrock #1407, Gary & Harriet Lonstein #975.

Next year the luncheon will be held the 6th of February at 2:00 PM, again at Homer's. For those who are thinking of attending, the restaurant is just off Rt 27, (on the east side) across from Wal-Mart. If you are going to be in Florida next year, you are within a short ride of having a great time. Route 27 is a north & south high-speed four-lane highway. Mark the date on your calendar and try to make it – you'll be glad you did. Your "Family of Friends" will be there just waiting for you.

GARY LONSTEIN #975

Tetoners Meet for Quartzsite Barbeque

Knowing there are a few Tetoners that go to Quartzsite, AZ during January, Sharon Ess and I decided to put a BBQ together for those that wanted to come. We sent out emails via the website, and the newsgroup, and George was kind enough to put it in the newsletter. Emails starting coming in, phones were ringing. What we thought would be a few people turned out to be 45! We got to see old friends that we have not seen for a few years, Jack & Mary Repplinger, and new friends that most of us have not met before: Doug Allen & Terry Lyons, Roland & Bev Thompson, Sam & Joanne Rarick—as well as, Bernie & Joann Hulsey, Howard & Caroline Miller, Ron & Barb Avery, Norm & Flo Nordin and their friends Doyle & Cel Elkins, and former Teton owner Harold Tanner, Bob & Gail Martelle, John & Sharon Martin, Forrest & Ina Ebert, Bob & Sharon Clark, Orris Mosby, Roger Lake, Ralph & Mary Hankinson, Ron &



Tetoners get together for a barbecue meal at Quartzsite.



Roger Lake #111 (L) "kids around" with Orris Mosby #707 (R) at the Quartzsite Barbecue.

Linda Kell, Tom & Linda Ferron, Ken & Phoebe Bollin, Tim & Mary Walker and their two little granddaughters (some of us got to have our 'grandma fix' being around them), John & Sharon Ess, and Bill and myself.

We had a great time, with lots of food. Isn't that what Teton get-togethers are all about—friends and food? Some referred to us as the Teton Quartzsite Rally! We also learned of a new relationship developing ?? & ??.

Hope to see you all down the road somewhere, or for sure at the Kentucky rally. From reading the latest newsletter, it is going to be a fantastic rally. Travel safe and enjoy your spring & summer.

JACQUITA DAVIS TCI #831

Logos and Mountains and Swirls, (oh my?)



Throughout its 40 years, Teton Homes has used a variety of front logos on its coaches. Early Teton RVs sported a circular mountain logo along with the name "Teton Homes." (Fig. 1). In 1987, variations of the traditional mountain scene began (Fig. 2). With slight changes, mountain scenes lasted 16 years — until 2003 when a long wavy stripe and small "Teton Homes" name appeared. By 2004, depending on model, swirls took over and now dominate the design, as in this 2007 model (Fig.4).

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