

## TENNESSEE IS CALLING RALLY REPORT

Lebanon, TN

May 21 – 23, 2022

Tennessee called for 2 years. We were able to make it this May with COVID on the decline and rules relaxed.

Mike Sanders and Gordon Owenby laid out our site assignments. Being that there were 2 to 3 outlets at a pole, it was hard to lay out these sites, but they did a great job. I greeted the members as they arrived on Saturday, and Sharron Riley led the coaches to Mike and Gordon to park them.

The first activity of the rally was for 4 first timer couples to meet with Vice President Of Membership Gary Smith. A lot of the other members joined in towards the end of the meeting. Afterward, all members went to the dinner hall for a pulled pork dinner, which included home made potato salad and baked beans.

On Sunday, we started out with a catered breakfast. After breakfast we met at the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson in Nashville for a tour. We were broken up into 2 groups. The house was beautifully restored with many period pieces inside. The gardens were also beautifully maintained. It was a 3 hour tour. Sunday evening we all enjoyed a catered dinner. All members were provided with a ticket for a prize drawing, as well as a 50/50 drawing. Half of the 50/50 was donated to the INTO rally charity. There were quite a few nice prizes won.

On Monday, we gathered in the front parking lot at 8:30 for the bus tour of Nashville. After boarding the bus, everyone received a sausage and egg biscuit, it was delicious. The bus tour started at 9:30 AM. We picked up our tour guide in Nashville. She was like the energizer bunny from the beginning to the end of the tour. We stopped a number of times to enjoy the scenery and take pictures. We stopped for lunch at 12:30 PM. About 1:30, the bus tour continued with a shorten tour of the Capitol due to construction. On the return trip to the fairgrounds, and to our surprise, our bus driver took us to the Gaylord Resort where we got out of the bus to tour the atrium. It was all beautiful. Several MI members stayed to attend the INTO rally.

With the volunteer servers and Treasurer Dick Wolfe's magic with the books, we were able to make a slight profit for this rally. Sharron and I want to thank ALL of the volunteer members for all of their help!!!

Walt and Nancy Nelson and Sharron Riley, Rally Masters