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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

After spending a delightful weekend at the Life Enrichment Center near Leesburg my ecumenical batteries are recharged. Phil and Doris Drugge set up an excellent rally. The Wengers started each day with a continental breakfast and as a group we enjoyed two dinners at the campground and one at the Drugge's favorite restaurant (Cane Garden Country Club) in The Villages. Each day ended gathered around the Fire Circle for some good conversation and story-telling. Visiting The Villages (w/trolley tour) was an eye-opener as most of us did not realize how large an area it encompasses. The Villages is spread over 3 counties and 2 water management districts! If The Villages was an eye-opener then our visit to the Carriage Museum was an eye-popper! Imagine one woman collecting hundreds of horse-drawn carriages and then choosing to share them with the world. The rally concluded Sunday morning with an inspiring devotion time led by Phil that was most appropriate since we were camped on Methodist property.

Now we are looking forward to the Daytona Rally. Please note: **I personally will pay the registration fee to this rally of any member who signs up a new member or a new affiliate member prior to Oct. 22. What a deal!**

The October 22-25 Rally in Daytona Beach promises to be fun and busy. Some of the activities include a speedway tour, several museums, and dinner at the campground, several unique restaurants, the Daytona Flea Market and possibly a boat trip. All this is in addition to the wonderful camaraderie that exists in our group.

REGISTRATION: Send \$35.00 to Tom Moore, 501 Beville Rd., Daytona Beach, FL 32119 with a count of how many will be in your rig. This registration fee will cover the rally expenses, a welcoming picnic and several museum entrances. There is an additional \$10.00 per night camping fee that will be collected in Daytona. The restaurant and attractions fees will be paid as enjoyed. (Questions? Call me at 386-767-2372)

The Rally site includes electricity and water. Dumping will be available nearby. **Directions** – Eastbound: From eastbound US 92 (also known as International Speedway Blvd. or ISB) keep to the right after passing the speedway. Turn Right at the Airport Entrance which puts you on Midway Avenue. Go 800 feet then turn Left at the stoplight. This will be Richard Petty Drive. Go 600 feet on Petty then turn Right on Coral Sea Ave. Go 700 feet to the entrance of the campground which will be on your right. This campground is unique as it is on airport property and is not a typical full service campground. Look for the Yellow and White Striped Canopy and I will greet you there!!

GPS address: 270 Coral Sea Way

Plan to stay through Sunday night as we are planning to feast at a family-style Italian restaurant and draw for door prizes. Phil has just set a high bar – but I hope to meet it and jump over in DAYTONA! See ya there!

PS: PLEASE, PLEASE, **PLEASE**. If YOU haven't sent in your dues to Frank, PLEASE do it NOW. ONLY 27 of our **full** members have paid so far. Let's make Frank's job a bit easier. Thank you!

Tom Moore

Recap from Drugges:

The first edition of the "Life is Good" rally is history and by all reports it went well – maybe we're on for next year too; a beautiful place in the heart of Central Florida's horse country. I'd like to thank each attendee who pitched in to make this rally successful. Special thanks to: Dave and Betty Wenger who supplied us with coffee and doughnuts and other goodies every morning; Tom Moore cooked up a good hot dog and hamburger supper; and Doris Drugge and Betty Wenger cooked up an Italian Dinner for another night. We also enjoyed touring around the area, shopping, and stops at the local flea markets. Saturday night saw a hot game of six player "Joker" that lasted until late with the team of Dave Wenger, Ray Wilson, and Chris Allen taking home the trophy! Sunday morning I led a short prayer service with Marvin Rosenberg and Ron Allen taking part. I hope to see more folks there next year. The financial report indicates we came out exactly right on the funding. Amazing! Thanks again! Phil



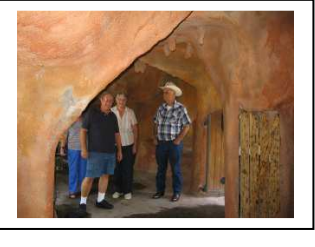
Maggie and Ray relaxing



Dinner at Cane Gardens



An Oriental Cart



Marilyn, Dave, Betty & Whit looking for Troglodytes



Trolley Ride at the Villages



Those are called hot dogs, Tom



Not done yet Marilyn



Time to relax

A note from the Wengers: We enjoyed the rally at the Villages very much. Phil had everything very well organized. He even planned a prayer time on Sunday morning, where he had various attendees reading prayers of various religions. Phil read a few prayers regarding safety for travelers. It was very thoughtful addition to our rally before we departed the campgrounds. Thanks, Phil, for a great rally! Dave & Betty

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 18 Election Luncheon, Kissimmee
(Call Tom Moore for agenda items)

December 2-7 Cracker Christmas Installation/
Volunteer Rally, Ft. Christmas, FL

February 16-21, 2010 – FL State Rally, Sarasota, FL

March 17-22, 2010 - Bluegrass – Bluegrass
Fort Christmas, FL

March 30-April 5 - Easter Rally - St. Augustine, FL

April 27-May 2 - Region 3 Rally, Charleston, SC

DUES SCHEDULE:

Affiliate Member (belongs to another unit)	\$10
International plus Unit Member	\$65
Past President FL Unit	\$55
Lifetime WBCCI Member (Unit dues only)	\$10

Make checks payable to: "WBCCI Florida Unit"
Mail to: Frank Carson, Treasurer
PO Box 135, Crosswicks, NJ 08515-0135

INTERNATIONAL - Gillette Wyoming in 2010

Earlier this month our Reg 3 President, Julian Clemens, stated they had 376 units signed up already with 750 being the breakeven point.

Travel Reports from Unit Members:

“Spotted Along the Cabot Trail” (Randy & Pat Godfrey)

We had just finished a good dinner at the Acadian Restaurant in Chéticamp, NS and were driving back to Baddeck on the Cabot Trail when we saw this Airstream parked by a house on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We looked them up in our directory and were surprised to discover that **Bob and Lane Carpenter were from the Florida Unit**. We turned around and drove up to the house. After introductions, Bob and Lane graciously showed us around their home on the shore where they spend their summers. We stayed for the sunset, said our good-byes and made our way back to camp watching for moose along the way. They said to be sure to say Hi to Pat Finn for them and see that Victor got the picture for the directory. We had to go all the way to Cape Breton Island to meet someone from the Florida Unit. What a fun and interesting trip this has been.

“Upper New York State” (Ron & Alice Archambo) Just rec'd the Aug Newsletter. Sounds like some interesting Rallies. We hope to be a bit more active this season. We are at our Alliance Church Camp in Rome NY for the summer, as we have been for upwards of 18 years. We do volunteer work here, as there is a full-time camp ministry year round. It is one of only 3 Christian camps in the central/NE part of NY State. There is fairly large lake/reservoir-- Delta shape-- hence our name: Delta Lake Bible Conf. Center. The lake impounds water used to feed the NYS Barge Canal System (the old Erie Canal). We're just north of Rome, near the former Griffiss AFB; many Air Force guys will know about that, a former SAC B-52 base. Of course, part of the reason we come north is to see 2 of our daughters and some of our grandchildren and great-grandkids. We still are full-timers, having lived in various Airstreams since 1987. We think some day this may have to change as I (Ron) will be 83 in December. Traffic on the highways has become a real hassle over the years. We will soon earn our 7th WBCCI star. We think we'll head south toward the end of Sept; eager to settle in at Land Yacht Harbor. We will contact you when we get to Melb and plan a get-together. Thanks for caring, Ron and Alice (OK, Ron & Alice, you're on!)

“Nancy Scime” Frank shared a note from Nancy stating that she has had her Airstream out almost every 2 weeks, last one with her granddaughter. She is looking forward to seeing all her friends in FL in a couple of months.

NEW MEMBERS:

Please welcome new full members into the Florida Unit.

Mitch & Christy Greenberg,
who just purchased a 2009 Interstate motorhome!
Congrats and welcome to:
Mitch and Christy Greenberg
1010 N. Riverside Drive
Indialantic, FL 32903
Telephone # (321) 2238250
Email: mwgreenberg@cfl.rr.com, WBCCI #3607
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Brian and Teri Pahl
Who just purchased a 2009 23' Flying Cloud
2526 Holly Point Rd. East
Orange Park, FL 32073-5633
Telephone # (904) 269-2413
Email: btspahl@aol.com
WBCCI # 4099

And welcome toRobert & Carol who spent a day at the Sep Rally near the Villages and said they “liked our people” (and our people liked them). They joined our unit.

Robert and Carol Utess
8281 SW 100 Lane Road, Ocala, Florida 34481
Telephone # (352) 861-8457, WBCCI #8457

GET WELL CORNER:

(Clarke) Hello Pat, I received your email today. I have not shared my info with any one since the Easter rally. I have been diagnosed with Non Hodgkin Lymphoma. I had abdominal surgery, and the tumor was inoperable, and I am presently taking chemotherapy in the hopes of stopping the cancer. Fortunately for now it is slow growing, and the expectation is that it will go into remission. At the present time my lymphoma is incurable, so I expect to be treated from time to time. However on a brighter note Lucille and I are doing well and enjoying our lives, and going out as much as we can. We both are very hopeful and grateful for all the good things that have come our way.

I know that we have missed some unit rallies, and enjoy seeing and hearing about the unit events. When I am done with the chemotherapy, we will start to do more and see more, and come the unit functions. Till then Lucille and I send our very best regards to all the members of the Florida Unit, and we miss each and every one.

Lucille and Don Clarke tinhouse11801@aol.com

(Leggetts) Willard Pickrel reports that Earl and Helen are still in the hospital. You can send them a card to the home address.

(Carsons) Joan has had knee surgery (torn meniscus) and not feeling like walking a mile anytime soon. Joan will have Mohs surgery on her face to eliminate a large patch of skin cancer. Frank has continued to have stomach issues, but it looks like things are on the mend. (Hurry up and get well and get down here to FL.)

(The Benhams) Flora Benham reported that Don fell in a lavatory and hit his jaw on the washbasin. He was in a greater Cleveland hospital for 5 days and is now back in the trailer in Garrettsville. He was able to talk on the phone quite well. His jaw is not wired but has two metal plates in it plus stitches in his mouth. He will be consuming liquids because he can't chew for 6 weeks. He will be staying in Gville for about 2 months before being able to go back to Florida. The McMillans intend to stop to see them before returning to FL the beginning of October. Don & Flora's address is: Travelers Woods, 11922 Brosius Rd., Garrettsville, OH 44231. The McMillan's report: "We're so anxious to get home, we can taste it." (I know TR is just waiting for you two to return home also!)

(Kucowski) Joan Carson reports that Joe Kucowski is having health problems.

(The Azerados) Joan Carson reports that Phil and Phyllis have had some health problems this summer. Phyllis has surgery for breast cancer. Phil recently spent nine day in the hospital with a kidney stone. Phil was born with only one kidney. They had to cancel their trip to the International at Madison.

(Carlises) Harvey reports that Thelma will be going in the hospital for a hip replacement in October. They will not get down to Florida till January.

FOR SALE

2000 Land Yacht Airstream 35' motor home diesel pusher. There are precious few of this model on the market and thought perhaps someone in your Unit may be interested in knowing ours is now available. We are planning to change to an Airstream in a smaller package (a trailer) and are willing to consider an Airstream trailer trade-in.

Thank you.
Fred Ettline
(843) 766-9308 home
(843) 725-8896 cell
ettlinef@bellsouth.net

FLORIDA STATE RALLY: Would you like some extra parking days at this wonderful rally? Frank says he still needs help with people for Sound Equipment and Chair Movement.

37th Florida State Rally
3000 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, Florida 34237-5395
February 16 – 21, 2010
Frank Carson, Director

Welcome to the 37th Florida State Rally, sponsored by the nine WBCCI units in Florida. This is the 2nd (?) largest WBCCI Rally, and we want you to see what a Silver City looks like. Opening Ceremonies, conducted by Don Shafer, will be on Tuesday evening. The theme for the rally is Pirate invasion at Florida State Rally, and the colors are multi and black.

**WE HAVE THE SPACE, WE HAVE THE CLIMATE, AND WE DEFINITELY HAVE THE
RIGHT PRICE**

This year the all inclusive price is \$175.00 per Airstream with 2 people. This includes water, rally electric, multiple dump stations on grounds and everything listed below. Remember, this rally is held in one of the most desirable locations in Florida. Sarasota has great weather in February! NO SNOW! Come on down! Try the food in our great Amish restaurants

We have moved Dawn Hammond's fabulous Bon Worth's fashion show this year to Wednesday to give the ladies time to shop for beautiful fashions at a reasonable price. The fashion show was a new addition to our program last year. We had a spectacular turnout to see our WBCCI models on the runway.

Caroline Zimmer will tell you about tours to take and places to shop. She will give directions. Learn from a long time Sarasota resident the best places to visit and shop

New this year is a pet show. Joe and Ellen McMillan will run the pet show on Saturday. Qualifications for the pet show are tails, paws and the willingness to show off. Registration for the show is on the coupon in the rear of this issue.

Once again we have the Master of Master of Ceremonies, Jack Glouner. We twisted his arm one more time. Now all you have to do is see what kind of costume BJ has come up with for him. I'm sure we will be surprised and delighted.

Also new this year will be a demonstration on trailer polishing by our own Vic Smith. If you have ever seen his trailer you know you will never need a mirror again. Vic knows how to make a vintage trailer look like a million dollars.

Camping World will be on the premises again doing both repairs and warranty work on your Airstream. They will also be staffing the store with Airstream parts.

We will have seminars, craft lessons, a hobby and craft show, games, demonstrations, top line entertainment, door prizes, ice cream, bingo, golf and dancing. There will be donuts and coffee in the morning and naturally a building full of vendors. We will have a delicious roast beef dinner Saturday evening.

We look forward to meeting you. It may be your first time at Sarasota, or perhaps you have been here before. Bob Richardson will be waiting to park you on a lot laid out by Arleigh Wells. These men and their helpers make a difficult job look easy

Please fill out the coupon in the back of this Blue Beret and mail to Randy Godfrey. Remember all registrations post marked by January 1 will be eligible to be entered into a drawing for the return of your rally fee. Max Carmichael, our Treasurer will be waiting with a check in hand for the lucky winner of our drawing.

**Florida State Rally
3000 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, Florida 34237
February 16 to 21, 2010**

**Opening ceremonies are on Tuesday evening, (one extra night of parking)
Pay prior to January 1 and you will be included in a drawing for a Free Rally Fee**

**Rally theme: Pirate Invasion at Florida State Rally
Rally Colors: Multi and Black
Lower Price for Weekend
Professional Entertainment
Hobby show, Games, Door prizes**

**Saturday evening dinner will be a Roast Beef dinner, with salad, rolls,
green beans, sweet potato with the trimmings, and ice tea and cookies**

**First Timers seminar, 2 days, Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoon
Fashion show by Dawn, Vintage Open House
Flea Market Saturday morning
Donuts and coffee each morning
Seminars
Camping World on grounds
Airstream Vehicles on Display**

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Name(s) _____ Address _____

Phone (cell?) _____ Email _____

WBCCI # ____ Unit # ____ International Officer ____ Region Officer ____

Handicap? ____ State ID placard required

Will you be entering a pet in the Pet Show ____ Yes ____ No

Airstream w/2 people: \$175.00 \$ _____

Airstream w/1 person: \$123.00 (extra person, guest \$52.00 ea.) \$ _____

Weekend rate with 2 people, Friday to Sunday, \$83.00 \$ _____

Weekend rate with 1 person \$53.00 (extra person, guest \$32.00 ea.) \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please send this registration (along with self-addressed stamped envelope) to:
Randy Godfrey, Registrar, 2148 Auburn Lakes Dr., Viera, Florida 32955-6764

Make checks payable to Florida State Rally